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Please be advised that dated information in this issue is subject to change based on COVID-19 conditions and recommendations. Visit www.canton-mi.org regularly for Canton's most up-to-date information.

New amenities added to Heritage Park

Canton Leisure Services is pleased to announce several recent improvements to the Heritage Park Playscape located near the north pavilion, which is behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

These upgrades include the installation of a "We-Go-Round," where children of all abilities can spin together on this wheelchair-accessible merry-go-round. This exciting amenity can be turned from the inside or outside, allowing everyone to participate in the fun.



In addition, the entire area surrounding the playground equipment has been replaced with colorful soft fall surfacing, which is a rubber material that provides safer playing conditions underneath all of the slides and climbing amenities. These new features have been installed next to the existing ADA accessible musical playground to create a modernized and inclusive playground area in Heritage Park for all ages to enjoy.

A grand-opening ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Tuesday, August 11 at 4:30 p.m. near the Heritage Park North Pavilion Playground, located off of Heritage Park Drive.

Funding for this project was made possible by a federal government Community Development Block Grant. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Canton Sports Center to open this month

Revised business operations will get underway at the Canton Sports Center starting August 1, with a range of safety measures in place to protect all participants, visitors, and staff.

The sports center will be open for tournaments and leagues, while adhering to social distancing guidelines and limiting the number of people in designated areas. Kickers Sports Bar & Grill is also open and following all State capacity and safety protocols. For more information, visit csc.canton-mi.org.

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DDA Shredding Event August 22

Canton's DDA will host a Shredding Day event on Saturday, August 22, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the IKEA parking lot, 41640 Ford Road. This event is open to Canton residents only and ID will be required.

Residents can bring up to two boxes or bags of paper to shred. There is no limit to the size of the boxes/bags; however we must be able to lift them out of your vehicle unassisted. Please note, the two box/bag limit will be strictly enforced. All documents will be shredded on site and participants should be prepared for long lines as this is expected to be a high volume event. In an effort to make this event non-contact, we ask that participants place boxes and bags in the trunk of their car. Simply pop your trunk when you pull up and workers will lift them out. For more information, please call 734/394-5184.

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A message from Supervisor Williams



As we look for new and innovative ways to serve the residents of Canton in the coming months and possibly years, I can't help but reflect on the accomplishments of the recent past. If the Board of Trustees and the township employees were able to get all of this done in a relatively short amount of time, there's no telling what the future will bring.

In the last three and a half years, we have:

- Passed Bi-Partisan Roads millage to fix Canton Roads
- Reduced water/sewer rates for the past two years after 20 years of increases
- Introduced large bin recycling
- Led Canton Community into the Rescue Recovery Program with the Conference of Western Wayne
- Significantly reduced delays at the railroad crossings
- Expanded permanent community green space for our residents
- Radically reduced unfunded liabilities for taxpayers
- Founded the Canton Cares Fund
- Continued to deliver a high level of services as we adapted operations through this unprecedented pandemic.

I'm very proud of what our team has been able to accomplish, and eagerly look forward to what's next for us as a community.

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Road construction update

The following major road projects are currently underway or will start later this month:

- Canton Center Road/ Warren Road: Construction to replace/repair the entire intersection as well as approximately 1,000 feet north of the intersection on Canton Center Road began in late July.
- Haggerty Road: Asphalt repair/replacement from Hanford to Warren Roads
- Haggerty Road: Asphalt repair/replacement from Palmer Road to Michigan Avenue
- Haggerty Road: Asphalt repair/replacement from Michigan Ave to Van Born

Advance notice boards were placed in all construction areas before projects began to notify motorists of construction start dates.

For up-to-date information on all road projects in Canton, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CantonMSD.

Boredom Buster Bags available at Canton Farmers Market

In celebration of summer, Canton Leisure Services is distributing "Boredom Buster Bags" at the Canton Farmers Market in early August (while supplies last).

These bags of summer fun are made possible by a grant from mParks, a nonprofit organization that provides advocacy, resources, and professional development opportunities to park and recreation agencies and professionals in the state of Michigan.

These drawstring bags will include a variety of items that will encourage physical movement, the creation of art, and the discovery of nature, such as a Frisbee, 9-inch ball, birdhouse kit, and more! Pet owners can also pick up a Boredom Buster Bag for their dog that contains a tennis ball, Frisbee, chew toy, and more!

Learn more at www.cantonfun.org.

The Canton Administration Building's Lower Level meeting rooms will not be available for use for the foreseeable future. Watch future issues of the FOCUS and visit www.canton-mi.org for updates on meeting room availability.

Important Canton Phone Numbers

Administration Building
734/394-5100

Public Safety (non-emergency)
734/394-5400

Supervisor's Office
734/394-5185

Clerk's Office
734/394-5120

Treasurer's Office
734/394-5130

Water Billing
734/394-5240

Summit on the Park
734/394-5460

Building and Inspection Services
734/394-5200

Ordinance Enforcement
734/394-5335

Village Theater at Cherry Hill
734/394-5300

GFL (refuse collection)
844/464-3587

Canton Public Library
734/397-0999



Canton Discover update

Canton Leisure Services is a proud provider of family events and activities, as well as health and wellness and additional recreational opportunities for our community.

In response to the global health crisis, we have decided to not publish a Fall and Winter Discover Brochure activity guide. To better address our community's programming needs in this ever-changing environment, Canton Leisure Services will be announcing all new programming opportunities online at www.canton-mi.org/1286.

All of these programs will be developed to allow for social distancing, intermittent sanitation, and the wearing of face masks.

Look for exciting new virtual and in-person recreational programs and events to be rolled out on an ongoing basis starting in August. As we move forward, watch for new programs to be announced each month, with registration beginning once posted. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

CDBG funds available

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Canton received funds to increase Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations for the year. The additional funds can be used to provide rental assistance and help towards mortgage payments for those residents who qualify.

While the additional Canton funds are only to be used for rent and mortgage assistance, Wayne Metro Community Action Agency is administering a variety of other CARES Relief and Recovery services, including: Food and Income Support; Emergency Plumbing Repairs; Property Tax Assistance; Water and Energy Assistance; and Funeral Assistance.

To find out if you qualify, please visit www.waynemetro.org/CARES or call the Wayne Metro CONNECT Center at 313/388-9799.

Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Happy August! I hope everyone is enjoying Michigan's warm and sunny summer in a safe way. I also want to thank everyone for their patience during these challenging times. My team has been working hard, while having to take furlough days, to keep up with customer service.

Watering your lawn and garden, as well as cleaning the outside of your home and car during the summer months, will often register higher water usage. All water flowing through your water meter is billable so it is important to keep an eye on your water usage, making sure it is water you are actually using and not a leak. Checking your water meter when water is not in use is a good way to see if you have a leak. If the meter registers water movement, which means water is being used somewhere, you may have a leak. Another way to detect a slow leak is writing down the last four digits on your meter (or taking a picture) and returning hours later to make sure the numbers have not changed. It is important to make sure no one has used any water when checking for slow leaks.

We are now a year into bi-monthly billing, which results in lower bills and fewer delinquencies. A quick reminder that homes north of Ford Road receive their bills on even months (12 December, 2 February, 4 April, 6 June...) and they are due the last Wednesday of that even month. Homes south of Ford Road receive their bills on the odd months (1 January, 3 March, 5 May, 7 July...) and they are due on the last Wednesday of that odd month.

Summer taxes were mailed out on July 1 and are due September 14. *At time of print* Treasury and Water Billing will be open to the public Tuesday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. You may call our office 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

I hope you continue to have a safe and enjoyable summer. If you ever have questions or concerns, please call my office at 734/394-5130.



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Canton Farmers Market update

The Canton Farmers Market regular season is now underway every Sunday from now through October 25, at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Rd.

This open-air market will take place rain or shine with COVID-19 safety guidelines in place to provide a safe and stress-free environment, where shoppers can take advantage of fresh food and local merchandise this market season. All vendors, market staff, and market-goers are required to follow Executive Orders regarding face masks. In addition, the market shopping area will be fenced off with only one entrance and exit, located off of Ridge Road. Hand sanitizer will be available at these locations. Market-goers are asked to follow the directional signage, as well as social distancing protocols. As current Executive Order gatherings' size limitations remain in place, market-goers may be asked to cue and wait before accessing the market grounds depending on crowd sizes.

Market-goers are encouraged to bring their own market bags from home. Please remember to not touch products before they are purchased, but instead to point and allow the vendor to handle to products instead.

Please note that no cooking demonstrations, food sampling, kids' craft, or live music will be available. For additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org/496. See you at the Market!

Phragmites information

In the April FOCUS, published at the very early stages of COVID times, we featured an article on invasive phragmites and promised an educational campaign this summer. Unfortunately, the global pandemic has resulted in fewer Canton staff working fewer hours, so that campaign will not be happening. However, you may visit http://www.uprcd.org/downloads/deqoglaisguidephragbookemail_212418_7_2.pdf which has all of the information you could ever want on phragmites.

Thank you for your understanding!

Canton Annual Hazardous Waste Collection canceled

Canton's annual Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up scheduled for Saturday, September 12, has been canceled.

Residents are encouraged to participate in Canton Clean-Up dates held at the GFL facility on scheduled Saturdays. The next event will take place Saturday, August 22, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

During Canton Clean-Up, residents are limited to ONE TRIP PER HOUSEHOLD. Residents are also responsible for unloading their own items and placing them in the dumpster. GFL employees will not be able to assist.

For more information on Canton Clean-Up or to view a list of dates, please visit www.canton-mi.org/917.

It's not too late to fill out the 2020 Census!

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for online sign up.

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