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# FOCUS

FOCUS is published monthly to provide Canton residents with information on issues and events in the community. If you have any comments contact:

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR JANUARY

- 1** New Year's Day. Administration Building closed.
- 4** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 5** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m. See website for location.
- 12** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m. See website for location.
- 12** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 19** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m. See website for location.
- 20** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Summit Banquet Center.
- 26** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m. See website for location.
- 30** Family Road Rally. 3 - 5 p.m. Summit on the Park.

## FEBRUARY

- 1** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 2** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m. See website for location.
- 5-6** Butterfly Ball. 4 - 8 p.m. Summit on the Park
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### Personal Training opportunities

Start your 2021 resolutions off on the right foot with personal training sessions at the Summit on the Park! A variety of personal training packages are available, with the number of sessions ranging from one to 25. Our trainers specialize in areas, such as: weight loss, sport specific, strength, cardio, and balance training. Plus, use Discount Code: TRAIN10 for 10% off any personal training package purchased in the month of January.

These one-on-one sessions can be held in person or virtually via Zoom. Call 734/394-5460 for more information.

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Virtual Celebration

The Canton community is invited to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 18, by watching a special video featuring highlights from previous Canton MLK Day celebrations. Presented by the Canton Commission on Culture, Arts, and Heritage, this special video compilation will feature performances, panel discussions, and additional tributes to the fallen civil rights leader. Tune it to watch online at Canton Leisure Services' Facebook Page @cantonfun anytime after 12 p.m. or on Canton Cable on Channel 12 on Comcast or Channel 10 on WOW. For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

### Ice and snow removal

Public Safety's Ordinance Enforcement Unit reminds property owners of Canton's ordinance, stating that no person shall permit ice or an accumulation of snow to remain on any sidewalk adjacent to a lot or parcel—occupied or unoccupied—for a period longer than 72 hours after the ice or snow has formed or fallen. This does not include sidewalks to the rear of a lot or parcel. Sidewalk snow removal issues should be directed to the Public Safety Department at 734/394-5400.

# SUMMER



## This Month in Canton

### Canton Administration Building open by appointment only

The Canton Administration Building will continue to be closed to the public for drop-in service until January 31. Many services remain by appointment only. Call 734/394-5100 or one of the direct numbers below to request an appointment for in-person service. All Canton staff are following CDC safety guidelines as we continue to work to provide service to our residents. Visitors who have appointments will be screened upon entering and required to wear a mask.

Online eServices remain available at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org). Also, residents are encouraged to use the drop box located outside of the main entrance to the Administration Building to drop off payments and applications.

As always, refer to [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) for the most up-to-date information.

Direct office phone numbers:

- Treasurer's Office: 734/394-5130
- Clerk's Office: 734/394-5120
- Building Services: 734/394-5200
- Planning Services: 734/394-5170
- Engineering Services: 734/394-5150
- Public Works: 734/397-1011
- Leisure Services: 734/394-5360
- Supervisor's Office: 734/394-5185

### On-line services available to residents

Canton strives to service its residents in modern and efficient ways by providing on-line services to all residents. By utilizing on-line services, residents can pay property taxes and water bills, schedule inspections, check the status of permits and inspections, and submit service requests to Wayne County all from home.

To access these tools, visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) and click the eServices icon located on the front page of the website.

### GFL Christmas tree pick-up January 4-15

GFL Environmental USA will only offer curb-side pick-up of natural Christmas trees from January 4-15. Please place your tree at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on your regular refuse collection day with all stands, lights and ornaments removed. After January 15, trees will no longer be accepted at the curb. For more information, call GFL at 844/464-3587.

### Modified Butterfly Ball

Join us for a shortened version of your favorite night out with the little girls in your life as Canton's Butterfly Ball returns on Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6 from 5 - 8 p.m. Schedule a 15-minute session to hit your personal dance floor with your date, where you'll also have your annual keepsake photo taken for an additional fee. When you leave, the fun won't end since you'll get to take home a Butterfly Ball Box that includes: butterfly souvenir, butterfly craft and more.

Fees are just \$8 per person for Canton residents and \$10 per person for non; each person must have a ticket. Butterfly Ball Boxes can also be purchased separately for \$5 each for those not interested in attending the dance; pick up will occur at the Summit on the Park at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 5. Registration at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org). For more information, call 734/394-5460.

# SEWELL

## A Message from the Canton Board of Trustees



In an effort to keep our residents and employees safe, and following the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Order, we have modified the way we are doing business at the Canton Administration Building. We are currently closed to the public for walk-ins, but many services are available by appointment only in order to ensure social distancing. We have also facilitated remote work wherever and whenever possible for the majority of our employees.

Please visit the Canton website, [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) often, as that will provide you with the most up-to-date information available for hours of all of our facilities, as well as any remote activities we are offering. You may also want to follow us on facebook at Canton Township Government.

Rest assured, our Police and Fire Departments are working full-force keeping Canton safe and providing emergency assistance, and our Public Works folks are keeping our water and sewer systems functioning smoothly. But, please understand, that these essential services most often require face-to-face contact. Therefore, we are asking you to please wear a mask to protect yourselves and those who serve you. It is crucial to stay vigilant for these next few months until a vaccine becomes available. We've come so far together and we are almost there!

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## Snow Emergencies in Canton

A snow emergency is declared for the purpose of clearing streets for snow removal and allowing accessibility for Public Safety vehicle response. In declaring a snow emergency, consideration must be given to the amount of snow fall and/or severity of weather, along with the ability to commit department resources to ensure compliance.

Canton Public Safety declares a snow emergency when snow accumulation of generally five inches or more is predicted. The following prevailing weather conditions are also taken into consideration:

- Duration of the snow event
- High winds, drifting, blizzard-like conditions
- Warming conditions
- Sleet, freezing rain, etc.

During a snow emergency parking is prohibited on all streets in Canton to provide adequate access for plows and emergency vehicles. Voluntary compliance is sought, but the traffic order does provide for enforcement action to be taken up to and including vehicles being ticketed and/or towed. For more information call the Public Safety Department at 734/394-5400.

## CDBG 5-Year Plan survey

During the coming months, Canton will be developing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 5-Year Consolidated Plan. Public input is an essential part of this process. Residents will have the opportunity to complete an online survey that will ask your ideas about what you view as priorities for Canton. The results will be used to inform community leaders on the allocation and use of CDBG grant funds.

The survey can be accessed online until February 1, at the following link: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/xbq2ydd](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/xbq2ydd). A link to the survey can also be found at [www.canton-mi.org/654](http://www.canton-mi.org/654).

If you do not have internet access and would like a paper survey, please call Mike Sheppard at 734/394-5230.

All answers will be confidential and no identifying information will be shared or reported. We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your input.

## 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

**Public Works**  
734/397-1011

**Engineering (roads)**  
734/394-5150

**GFL (trash collection)**  
844/464-3587



## Know before you throw

With the holidays over and a New Year beginning, many are looking to reduce waste in their homes by recycling. Before throwing an item into your recycling cart, please make sure it's acceptable. Recycling contamination occurs when unacceptable items are put into your cart, or when items are not properly cleaned, such as when food residue remains on a plastic yogurt container. Recycling loads with contamination are rejected from the recycling facility which is why Canton is asking residents to be vigilant in their recycling efforts.

Styrofoam is a common contaminate that is seen often this time of year. Many holiday gifts come packed in it and restaurants frequently use Styrofoam containers for carryout. Even though it may have a recycling triangle on it, please keep it out of your cart. There are two reasons Styrofoam isn't allowed in recycle carts: density and contamination. Polystyrene foam is 95% air so it is not cost-effective to store or ship. It is often contaminated with food or drink, and it is difficult to clean because it is so porous. Remember that recycling uses energy for transport and processing. There is no point in recycling if you use more energy than you save.

To view a complete list of what is, and is not, accepted in your recycling cart, please visit [www.canton-mi.org/230](http://www.canton-mi.org/230).

## Winter Farmers Markets return to Summit on the Park

Dig out your market totes and save the date to stock up on Michigan-made goodies and locally grown produce as the first of three Winter Farmers Markets will be held on Sunday, February 21 in the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Markets are also scheduled for March 21 and April 18 at the Summit - all with market hours from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. A variety of vendors will be offering Michigan goods, such as: hoop house produce, apples, cider, sauces, honey, granola, a variety of baked goods, sauces, hand-crafted soap and more. Experience all the things you love about our Summer Markets, just indoors - if permitted. For additional information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org), as well as [www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket). See you at the Market!

## Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Happy New Year! Although 2020 was a challenging year, I am hopeful 2021 will be better and brighter for everyone.

The Canton Administration Building remains closed to the public through January 31. Health and safety remain a top priority for our residents and staff as we move through the COVID pandemic.

We continue to collect property taxes through the drop box, mail, IVR, auto-pay and online. This information can be found on the backside of your bill or on our website. If you would like a receipt please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment.

This past year we implemented AUTO-PAY for property taxes. This program is working out well for many residents. When enrolled in auto-pay, the Treasurer's office will withdraw your summer tax on the due date (September 14) and winter tax either December 31 or on the February due date, which ever you choose.

Winter property taxes are due Tuesday, February 16, 2021, without penalty.

We continue to collect water/sewer bills through the drop box, mail, IVR, auto-pay and online. This information can be found on the backside of your water/sewer bill or on our website. If you would also like a receipt please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment.

Wishing you and yours a very Happy New Year! We look forward to the day we can open our doors to the public again, to see all of our wonderful residents.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Summit New Year Membership Special

If you are planning to kick off the New Year with fitness as a top priority for you and your family, then take advantage of special savings with the Summit's New Year Membership Special. From January 1-15, save 15% off of the following Annual Membership packages: Individual, Student, Senior, Couples, and Family memberships. Purchase online at [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org) with code: NY15. Please note that Family Memberships are only available for purchase at the Summit front desk. Memberships can be also purchased now but activated when members feel more comfortable returning to the Summit. For pricing, visit [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org).

## Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues

Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA) will accept registration for its Spring 2021 season from January 10 through March 31, for girls and boys ages 4-18. Programs include: Small Ball, T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Kid Pitch, and Girls Softball. Additional details and online registration is available at [www.gcybsa.com](http://www.gcybsa.com)

For more information, call Wendy Mullen at 734/394-5358 or email [gcybsa@canton-mi.org](mailto:gcybsa@canton-mi.org).

## COVID Resource Center Hotline

As a reminder, the Canton COVID-19 Hotline 734/394-5440 is still accepting donations to assist those in need within the Canton community. The Center is designed to receive and coordinate offers of help from those in the position to provide assistance. In order to respond to these requests, Canton Leisure Services and representative volunteers are offering a 'porch pick-up' of non-perishable items, including Depends, and other toiletries.

If you are in a position to donate these items, please call 734/394-5440 or email [leisure@canton-mi.org](mailto:leisure@canton-mi.org) with your address. A Resource Center representative will return each call with follow up questions and information, and all calls will be logged and tracked.

## Tax counseling no longer available

Due to COVID-19, Canton Club 55+ is no longer able to continue its free tax aid program through AARP for qualifying seniors this tax season. A number of free online tax filing programs are available, including: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/> and [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (just select 'Do Your Taxes For Free').

Please note that these services may have income or age limits. In addition, visit [aarp.org](http://aarp.org) and click on Information for You: Tax Aide at the bottom of the page to find additional recommendations. Visit [www.cantonfun.org/476](http://www.cantonfun.org/476) for additional information.

## In the CLS Spotlight

### Summit Virtual Fitness Classes

All Summit on the Park group fitness classes have now transitioned to "Stay Fit, Stay Home, Stay Virtual" classes that any adult can take. Summit members will have complete access to all virtual group fitness classes FREE of charge as part of their current Summit membership. Canton residents and non-residents can purchase a four-week virtual membership package, which will provide unlimited access to all of the Summit on the Park's virtual fitness classes.

Choose from a variety of sessions, including: Yoga, Strength-Based classes, Zumba, Step, BEST (senior-focused classes), and more - all taught by the Summit's group fitness instructors via Zoom. Registration is required for all of these classes, which will provide a Zoom link at the bottom of the second page of your receipt. Register for this package today! Once registered for the four-week virtual fitness class package, please remember to register for individual Virtual classes to receive the Zoom link and password. Fees for the Stay Fit, Stay Home, Stay Virtual Membership package are just: \$20 for Canton residents and \$25 for non-residents. For additional details, visit [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org) or call 734/394-5460.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## BINGO and Brunch

Area residents are invited to stay in their pajamas and head over to the Summit on the Park for some family fun BINGO and Brunch on Saturday, February 27!

Registration includes at least 10 games of BINGO, a pre-boxed continental breakfast and prizes! This family-friendly event will be held from 9 - 10:30 a.m. in the Summit on the Park Banquet Center. Please note that there is a limit of five people per group for physical distancing. An additional session will be held from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Summit on the Park Parking Lot for a drive-in experience through your radio! Select which time slot and option will work best for your family!

Per person fees are just \$8 for Canton residents and \$10 per person for non-residents. Registration opens January 15. Please note that the 9 a.m. timeslot may have to be changed to a drive-in experience, due to shifts in the pandemic.

For additional information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734/394-5460.

## Canton eSports now available

Calling all gamers! The Summit on the Park is partnering with Mission Control to offer the Canton community digital recreation eSports. Participants of all ages can put their skills to the test in this eSports Rec League. Play on PS4, Xbox, Switch, or PC and compete against your friends or family.

Fees are just \$10 per league for a seven-week regular season (five-week regular season, plus two-week playoff). Registration is now underway. eSports sign up is easy! Just download the Mission Control GG app on your smartphone and select 'Canton Leisure Sports' as the organization.

Register today! For additional information, call 734/394-5460.

## The B.L.O.C.K. and Beyond

Are you looking for innovative ways to keep your child active weekdays after school? Then check out The B.L.O.C.K. and Beyond program that offers teens ages 11-17 a variety of fun and safe options in virtual formats. Buy a membership or just pay a drop-in fee for programs such as: art lessons, cooking classes, science experiments, tutoring, social hours and more! Participants will be able to engage in a supportive online environment in classes designed specifically for teens.

Register today for these super fun and creative sessions. Visit [www.cantonfun.org/146](http://www.cantonfun.org/146) for program schedules and times.

## Boys Spring Lacrosse Leagues now forming

Final registration for Boys Spring Lacrosse Leagues for 2nd – 8th grades is currently underway. Both new and experienced players are welcome. Participants are required to provide their own equipment. Season runs March - May 2021.

Register by calling 734/483-5600 or visit [csc.canton-mi.org](http://csc.canton-mi.org) for additional information.

## Canton Club 55+ Update

Attention seniors! Canton Club 55+ continues to offer virtual programs that can also be enjoyed over the phone or in-person in an outdoor setting. These exciting new programs will focus on keeping individuals engaged, connected, and safe throughout the winter. Find additional details on the Canton Club 55+ Facebook page [www.facebook.com/cantonclub55](http://www.facebook.com/cantonclub55).

Seniors in need of a resource or those with questions may contact the Club 55+ staff Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. by calling 734/394-5485 or emailing [club55@canton-mi.org](mailto:club55@canton-mi.org). Find more information at [www.cantonfun.org/476](http://www.cantonfun.org/476).

 Happy New Year!