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— WE'VE GOT IT —

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.

Vaccine information

There have been many questions concerning the COVID-19 vaccine and its availability in Canton. There are a variety of ways to get the vaccine: through your healthcare provider, local pharmacies, and now, Wayne County clinics throughout the region.

Wayne County recently held a vaccine clinic at the Summit on the Park that provided over 1,000 vaccinations for Canton and Plymouth residents 65 and older. It is our hope that Wayne County is able to offer additional clinics in the coming weeks. Please bookmark and check www.canton-mi.org/1277 often for the most up-to-date information on upcoming vaccine clinics, and follow @CantonGovernment on facebook where the information is posted as soon as it is available.

We must remain vigilant and continue to use the preventative strategies that have helped us slow the spread of COVID-19 pre-vaccine. Even if you've already been vaccinated, continue to help protect your community and mask up, Canton. Wearing a mask, social distancing, and washing your hands, even after receiving the vaccine, will offer the most protection for yourself and those around you as we work towards community immunity.



Canton Administration Building open by appointment only

The Canton Administration Building will continue to be closed to the public for drop-in service until **March 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.

Online eServices remain available at 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 for the most up-to-date information.

Direct office phone numbers:

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



Canton to host study session on Water and Sewer Rates

In an effort to educate residents on water and sewer rates, Canton will hold a Study Session/Public Forum on Tuesday, March 16 at 6 p.m.

The study session is designed to show residents how water and sewer rates are calculated and to answer questions regarding the 2021 rates. The session will be held over Zoom. Please check www.canton-mi.org for specific information on how to join the webinar. For more information, please call Canton's Division of Public Works at 734/397-1011.

This Month in Canton

ROADS

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A Message about roads from Trustee Sommer N. Foster



In August 2018, Canton voters approved a roads improvement plan which raises about \$5.6 million dollars annually for road repairs. Since this plan has been in effect, Canton has repaired 10.62 miles of road and we have done road improvement work in 29 subdivisions.

In February the Board of Trustees approved the following projects for 2021:

- Canton Center from Ford to Cherry Hill. Estimated cost of \$1.8 million
- Repairs on Sheldon from Cherry Hill to Ford. Estimated cost of \$1.1 million
- Repairs on Haggerty from Michigan to Van Born. Estimated cost of \$1.25 million

Additionally, we will do work in 13 subdivisions participating in our local match program at an estimated cost of \$1.25 million and unmatched local work, such as catch basin repair, at an estimated \$500,000.

We are continuing to accept applications to participate in the local subdivision match program for 2022 and 2023. If you have any questions, please email roads@canton-mi.org.

To learn more about these projects, I encourage you to visit canton-mi.org/roads. On the website, you will be able to see an interactive map of all of the projects that have been completed, the status of approved projects for 2021, estimated timelines for completion, the cost for each project, updated PASER study, and Wayne County road projects.

We get many questions about the partnership with MDOT and Canton to construct a boulevard on Ford Road. This project accounts for 15% of the Roads Improvement Plan. MDOT has about 60% of their planning process complete and are expecting to solicit bids beginning in December of 2021. This spring they will begin public outreach to our residents and business owners (especially in the DDA district) to talk about the construction phases and timing. They will also be announcing a special website, email address and phone number dedicated to information about Ford Road, so that residents and businesses can stay up-to-date on the project. Watch www.canton-mi.org and facebook for more information as it becomes available.

Time to change

This year Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14. In addition to setting your clocks ahead one hour, Deputy Fire Chief Jamie Strassner, encourages all Canton residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

“Batteries should be changed at least once a year,” says Strassner. “Choosing an annual event such as Daylight Savings Time, is a great way to remember to complete this otherwise forgettable task.”

It is a well-known fact that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives, and that you should have them installed on each floor of your residence and outside of each sleeping area. But these detectors are only as good as the battery working inside of them.

“Many homes have hard-wired detectors, but these devices still contain back-up batteries that need to be replaced,” Strassner adds.

For additional fire safety information, call the Fire Prevention Unit at 734/394-5456 or visit www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

Canton Township, in cooperation with the Wayne County Health Department and Memorial Healthcare, is offering COVID-19 testing at Heritage Park, 46202 Heritage Park Road (North Pavilion Parking Lot).

PLEASE NOTE: At this time, this site is conducting testing only.

Testing is currently available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pre-register at www.MemorialClarity.com

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Canton pavilion rental update

Think ahead to spring and summer! Canton Leisure Services is currently accepting online reservations from Canton residents for its open-air pavilions at www.cantonfun.org. Only online bookings from Canton residents will be accepted at this time.

Starting Tuesday, March 2, at 9 a.m., Canton residents may submit phone reservations by calling 734/394-5310, however online reservations are still encouraged. Online or phone reservations for non-residents will be accepted starting March 30 at 9 a.m. Payment is due at time of reservation. For rates and additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5310.

Pheasant Run Golf Club update

Don't let the cold temperatures fool you, golf season is right around the corner! Pheasant Run Golf Club has partnered with Spark Golf to create a 9-hole social golf league that is organized to be casual and fun, with a touch of friendly competition.

This Tuesday-evening league for golfers of all abilities will start May 4, 2021 at 6 p.m. Joining this league is free! League rounds are available for purchase each week or you can save money by pre-paying. Join with a partner or we can pair you with one. Play as your schedule allows, earning points based on how you finish each round throughout the season. Sign up today at www.spark.golf – choose "Detroit" and then select Pheasant Run Golf Club. For additional information, call the Pro Shop at 734/397-6460.

Virtual Canton summer camp registration day

If you are looking to make safe and supervised plans this summer for your children, look no further than Canton Leisure Services, which offers summer programs for all ages and all interests, including: day camps, preschool camps, sports camps, special needs programs, art camps, teen camps, science/educational camps and many more!

Representatives from different camps will be available to answer all of your questions on Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Since there is no in-person event this year, just call 734/394-5460 for help registering. To expedite your registration, be sure to log into your account at www.cantonfun.org before March 6, to make sure your login and password work correctly. For additional information, call 734/394-5460.

Easter Jamboree

Come have a safe and physically-distanced visit with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 27 at the Heritage Park Amphitheater during Canton's Easter Jamboree.

Participants will enjoy a quick egg hunt and musical entertainment. Sweet and warm treats will also be available on site for purchase. This special event will take place from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fees are \$5 per child for Canton residents and \$6 per child for non-residents.

For more information, please visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

In the CLS Spotlight

Canton Leisure Services is hiring!

Are you in the market for a job this summer? Canton Leisure Services is now hiring for seasonal part-time positions that are scheduled to start April-June 2021 and run throughout the summer. If you enjoy a fast-paced, exciting work environment, don't miss this opportunity to join the Canton Leisure Services team this summer. Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held on March 13, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for most positions.

Apply now at <https://canton.applicantpro.com/jobs/>. Open positions may include: Day Camp Counselors, Teen Services Staff; Lifeguards; Therapeutic Recreation Camp Staff; Park Laborers; Pheasant Run Golf Course Staff; Canton Sports Center Staff; and more! Canton Township is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Take a trip back in time with Club 55+

Canton Club 55+ has again partnered with mParks to offer this once-in-a-lifetime experience to visit Mackinac Island and stay at the famous Grand Hotel this fall. From October 5-8, step back in time and experience a way of life that has all but disappeared. Experience the charm of a horse-drawn carriage, relax in the parlor each afternoon for high tea, or enjoy a game of bocce in the lush surroundings of the tea garden. Inside, explore the Grand Hotel with its vast array of antiques, art, and other surprises. Fees for this experience start at \$810 per person, with over \$800 in savings.

To enjoy this all-inclusive, discount travel package, at least one member of your party must be 50 years of age or older. Registration is open now through May 11. Packages are limited and payment plans are available. A deposit of \$425 is due at time of registration. For more information call Club 55+ at 734/394-5485 or email club55@canton-mi.org.

Off-Season Farmers Market

Join the Canton Farmers Market for the second of three Indoor Off-Season Farmers Markets on Sunday, March 21. Visit your favorite local vendors, such as: Pick Michigan (produce, eggs, and tortillas); Kapnick Orchards (apples, apple cider, and baked goods); Simply Gourmet Fresh (salsa, chips, and gourmet butter); The Cheese People of Grand Rapids (cheese); Boblin Honey (honey); Spicegrrrl LLC (spices); The Pasta Shop Plymouth (pasta and sauce); Kapolnek Farms LLC (USDA Certified Beef); One Tough Cookie (designed sugar cookies); Sign Woodworks (unique signs and crafts); Vera's Kuntry Bakery (pies, cookies, candy and more); and Olde Crow Primitives (seasonal crafts, signs, and candles).

This Winter Market will be held in the Summit on the Park's banquet center from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please note: photo was taken at a pre-COVID

market. Masks must be worn at all times by all attending the market. The third Off-Season Market will be held on Sunday, April 18. For additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org/496. See you at the Market!



Spring Hop in Heritage Park

Families are invited to hop on over to Heritage Park on Saturday, April 10, for Canton's Spring Hop Around the Story Trail, where participants will enjoy a spring-themed story and treats along the way. Plus, children can take advantage of a special photo opportunity with Canton Leisure Services' mascot - Bartlett the Beaver!

Pre-registration for one of the time slots begins March 15. This special spring event will take place from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fees are \$3 per child for Canton residents and \$4 per child for non-residents.

For additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

Youth sports fun available

Registration for Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association (GCYBSA) baseball and softball is now underway and will end on March 15.

Programs are currently available for ages 4-18 for boys and girls ages 4-14. Discounts are available for families with three or more children who register. All games and practice fields are located in Plymouth and Canton areas.

For more information or to register, visit www.gcybsa.com, email gcybsa@canton-mi.org or call 734/394-5358.

Adult Softball update

As the calendar edges closer to spring, it's time to reserve your spot in the Canton Sports Center Adult Softball's Co-Ed or Men's weekly double-header leagues.

Game days are Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. League fees include USSSA games, Worth Super Gold Dot softballs, 14 games, plus playoffs.

Visit csc.canton-mi.org for details. Call 734/483-5600 to find out how your business can spend a day at the Park or to learn more about the Canton Sports Center's Banner Promo program.

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



Canton to conduct a Recycling Quality Improvement Program this spring

This spring, Canton will be conducting a Recycling Quality Improvement Program to help eliminate contamination in curbside carts.

Contamination occurs when non-recyclables are placed in carts and can include anything from food waste to plastic bags. Recycling loads with contamination are rejected from the recycling facility and sent to the landfill. By recycling correctly, residents can help extend the life of the landfill. Once the landfill fills up, Canton will have to haul waste to a further facility which will dramatically increase collection costs to residents. Similar inspection programs around the country have reduced the amount of contamination by an average of 35%.

Beginning April 19, crews will begin inspecting residential recycling carts placed at the curb. It will be a non-invasive search with crew members simply lifting the lid to glance inside. Crews will be specifically looking for the following contaminants:

- Garbage or bagged recyclables.
- Plastic bags or plastic wrap.
- Tanglers: cords, hoses or chains.
- Food or liquid (this includes greasy pizza boxes). Please rinse off containers and cans before placing in the cart.
- Hazardous waste.
- Needles.

If any of these contaminants are in your cart, you will receive a warning tag listing the specific contaminate found. If they are still in your cart during the next inspection, your cart will be rejected and left at the curb. Collection can resume the following week, as long as all contaminants are removed from the cart. This is an eight-week program with each home in Canton being inspected four times.

This program is being funded by a grant from EGLE and The Recycling Partnership. To view a list of what is and is not accepted visit, www.canton-mi.org/230.

Treasurer Slavens' Corner



Happy March! After a long snowy February, everyone is looking forward to spring. The Treasurer's office was busy with winter tax collection and the challenges faced during COVID closure. The Treasurer's office was safely open a few days, for cash tax collection. Many of our residents used the many ways to pay their taxes: drop box, mail, online, IVR and direct deposit. I appreciate the hard work and patience from my staff and the residents during this challenging time. As you know winter taxes were due February 16, at 4:30 p.m. After that time a 3% penalty fee was added to any unpaid tax bill. On March 1, delinquent real property taxes are turned over to Wayne County.

Many residents are curious as to how we determine our water and sewer rates. Water and sewer rates are approved annually by the Canton Township Board with an amendment, based on staff recommendation.

During the March 16 Canton Township Board study session, Directors will review the water rate study. This session will give a comprehensive explanation on how our water and sewer rates are set. I have found this to be a very helpful session and I encourage our residents to attend via Zoom. Specific information on how to attend can be found at www.canton-mi.org.

As we enter March, nationally recognized as Women's history month and the beginning of spring, I wish you and yours the best.

It is always my honor and privilege to be your Township Treasurer. Please feel free to call my office with any questions or concerns.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

- 1** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 2** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m. See website location.
- 6** Camp Registration 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Virtual-From Your Home.
- 9** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m. See website location.
- 16** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m. See website for location.
- 17** DDA Meeting 8 a.m.
- 17** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Summit Banquet Center.
- 23** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m. See website for location
- 23** Easter Bunny Express. 6 – 8 p.m. Your neighborhood.
- 25** Easter Bunny Express. 6 – 8 p.m. Your neighborhood.
- 30** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m. See website for location.

APRIL

- 1** Easter Bunny Express. 6 - 8 p.m. Your Neighborhood
- 2** Good Friday. Administration Building closed.
- 6** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 10** Spring Hop. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 13** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 14** Adult Softball Spring League begins. 5 p.m. Canton Sports Center.

Canton's MSD offers online services

Residents and contractors can save themselves a trip to Canton's Building and Inspection Services front desk by using the link below to complete the following online services:

- Apply for trade permits
- Register as a contractor
- Pay permit fees
- Check the status of reviews/inspections
- Search for information related to a property

To access these online services visit <https://emsd.canton-mi.org/cityviewportal>.

Yard waste collection begins next month

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 5. All yard waste should be placed with recyclables on the opposite side of your driveway from your refuse.

Yard waste and recyclables must always be placed separately from your refuse to avoid confusion during collection.

In addition, GFL Environmental USA will hold the first clean-up weekend of 2021 on Saturday, April 24, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., at their facility located at 42100 Van Born Road.

For questions or more information on refuse, recycling and yard waste collection visit www.canton-mi.org or call GFL at 844/464-3587.