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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.

Canton's Annual Fishing Derby

One of Canton's longest-running traditions returns on Saturday, May 1, with a new look! Join us at the ponds of Heritage Park from either 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or 1 - 4 p.m. for this family-friendly event.

Fees are \$7 for Canton residents and \$9 for non-residents. Tickets are available for purchase starting April 19 at www.cantonfun.org. Pre-registration is required. Please note: face masks are also required to attend and social distancing will be observed. For additional information, please visit www.cantonfun.org or watch the Leisure Services Facebook page @ [cantonfun](https://www.facebook.com/cantonfun) for details.



Administration Building opens on April 5

Canton's Administration Building will fully re-open to the public on Monday, April 5. Visitors will be screened upon entering, and will be required to wear masks and observe social distancing.

The Lower Level meeting rooms, however, will not be available for use for the foreseeable future.

Yard waste collection begins April 5

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 5 and continue until December 17. 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 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.

Hall of Fame/Community Achiever/Community Supporter nominations

Submissions are now being accepted for Canton's community awards. If you would like to nominate someone for the Canton Hall of Fame, Community Achiever, or Community Supporter, please visit www.canton-mi.org/232 for a link to the nomination form. The deadline to submit is Friday, May 7.

Please call 734/394-5185 with questions.

Last Off-Season Farmers Market

Make plans to visit the final off-season Winter Farmers Market on Sunday, April 18 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Banquet Center of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Join over a dozen vendors offering a wide assortment of Michigan grown and made products, including: honey, produce grown in hoop houses, baked goods, jams, artisan cheese and breads, and hand-crafted items. Please note: face masks are required to attend. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org/496.



This Month in Canton

COVID-19

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A Message from Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak



Hello Neighbors,

I hope you continue to stay safe and socially distanced as we work hard to make sure that we can deliver vaccines to residents.

A lot has happened in the last few weeks in regards to vaccine availability. In early March, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and Commissioner Melissa Daub secured a large number of doses for residents of both Canton and Plymouth. As of this writing, March 16, we have been able to facilitate the vaccinations of over 6,500 area residents in the last month. We are hopeful that there are more clinics planned for the months ahead.

We are currently implementing new appointment software, so that as more vaccine is made available, residents are able to make, confirm and, if needed, cancel appointments themselves. Please bookmark www.canton-mi.org/1277 for future clinic information, as well as follow us on facebook at www.facebook.com/CantonGovernment. Please also continue to look out for neighbors who may need assistance in registering for vaccinations, and continue to work with your primary care physician or local pharmacies for appointments that also may open up on a day-to-day basis. We are all in this together as a community.

In the meantime, the state has opened up a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Ford Field in Detroit that began on March 24. Sign-up is available through these three options:

1. Online at clinic.meijer.com/register/CL2021
2. Text EndCOVID to 75049
3. Call the MDHHS COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 (press 1)

Residents who don't have access to the internet or need assistance navigating through the registration process can use the MDHHS COVID-19 Hotline to register. Call Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. It is expected that the call center will have long wait times, so calling is recommended only for people who cannot register online or by text. The vaccine will be offered at no cost, and insurance is not required, nor will it be requested at the vaccination center. Any Michigan resident who is currently eligible to receive the vaccine under the MDHHS vaccine prioritization guidance will be able to register for an appointment.

Bark in the Park

On Sunday, May 16, dog owners and their pets are encouraged to attend "Bark in the Park" at the Canton Dog Park, located on Denton Road, just north of Cherry Hill Road.

From 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. participants along with their four-legged friends can enjoy live entertainment, as well as purchase merchandise and receive free give-a-ways from local pet supply and service vendors. Both members of the Dog Park and non-members are encouraged to let their dogs experience this off-leash dog park during the free event. *Note non-dog park members must show proof of up-to-date vaccination for rabies and DHLPP, which is signed by an accredited veterinarian.

The event is free for all ages, although due to the pandemic, pre-registration for a time slot is required beginning April 15 at www.cantonfun.org.

Please note elements of the event may have required modifications due to shifts in the pandemic.

For additional information, call 734/394-5460.

DID YOU KNOW?

Canton's website, www.canton-mi.org, can be translated into other languages? Simply click on the Select Language button on the bottom left of any page, and you can translate into over 100 different languages.

Canton's "Feet on the Street" Recycling Quality Improvement Program begins April 19

This month, Canton will launch a "Feet on the Street" recycling cart-tagging program to provide approximately 28,000 households with personalized and real-time recycling education and feedback. The goal of this program is to reduce the amount of contamination found in residential recycling 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 contamination by an average of 35%.

Crews will be looking for the following contaminants:

- **Pizza boxes**
- **Garbage or bagged recyclables**
- **Plastic bags or plastic wrap**
- **Tanglers: cords, hoses or chains**
- **Food or liquid--please rinse off containers and cans**
- **Hazardous waste**
- **Needles**

Starting on April 19, Feet on the Street 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. If any of these contaminants are in your cart, you will receive an orange warning tag listing the specific contaminate found. If they are still in your cart during the next inspection, you will receive a red rejection tag and your cart will be left at the curb. Curbside 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. Because the community is so large, it will be divided in half. The first half will be inspected April 19 – May 14 with the second half inspected May 17 – June 11.

All residents participating in the program will receive the post card, seen below, in the mail with a list of what is and is not acceptable.



Residents are encouraged to follow Canton's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cantongovernment for more information or email questions to municipalservices@canton-mi.org.

"Recycling properly not only saves our taxpayers money by reducing the cost of processing at the materials recovery facility, but supports jobs and improves the health of the environment," said Canton Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said. "We know Canton residents want to recycle the right way. Through this Feet on the Street campaign, we are providing them customized, immediate feedback to do just that."

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, please visit www.canton-mi.org/230

PLEASE NOTE: In preparation for this program, a sort of Canton's recycling loads was done to determine the contamination rate and what the top issues were. Pizza boxes, bagged recycling and Styrofoam (such as egg cartons and packing material) were found to be the top contaminants. Please keep these items out of your cart.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Pheasant Run Golf Club spring programs

Are you looking for a great way to learn the game of golf? Pheasant Run Golf Club's 'Get Golf Ready' is designed to give beginning golfers a basic understanding of golf fundamentals, etiquette, and the rules of the game. Players will also experience on-course instruction. Fees are just \$99 per student. Sessions will run Thursday evenings from May 6 through June 3 from 6-7 p.m.

'Golf for Women' was designed to support women entering the game and will teach participants everything they'll need to play in just a few lessons. Participants will gain insight into techniques regarding chipping, putting, full swing, half swing, and bunker play, as well as the fundamental guidelines regarding the use and maintenance of golf equipment, keeping score, and navigating the course, among others. Sessions will be held Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. from May 4 through June 1 for just \$99 per student.

Call Pheasant Run Golf Club at 734/397-6460 to sign up today.

Summer Camps still available

Canton Leisure Services offers summer programs for all ages and all interests including day camps, preschool camps, sports camps, special needs programs, art camps, science/educational camps and many more! Registration is currently underway online at www.cantonfun.org. Some camps may already be at capacity, so call 734/394-5460 for alternate camp suggestions.

Fellows Creek Golf Tournament

On Friday, May 14, Fellows Creek Golf Club will host a 9-Hole, Par 3 Tournament starting at 5:30 p.m.

This 9-hole event is designed for two-player teams. The winning team will earn a prize, and every hole will have closest-to-the-pin prizes. This event is \$35 per player and will include a box-style dinner before the round and desserts after the round. One of our 9-hole courses will be turned into nine Par 3s ranging from short to long, but with the majority near 150 yards from tee to green.

This tournament will be fun for golfers of all skill levels. Grab your buddy, your spouse, or even that random guy you see at work and come out for a good time. Registration is required at fellowscreekgolf.com/events. Some event alterations may be necessary due to State/Federal regulations at the time of the event.

If you have questions please contact the course at 734/728-1300 or info@fellowscreekgolf.com.

Canton Spring Story Hop

On Saturday, April 10, head over to Heritage Park for Canton Leisure Services' Spring Hop Around the Story Trail. From 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., participants can enjoy a spring story and treats along the way, as well as a photo opportunity with our mascot, Bartlett the Beaver!

Pre-registration is required, so sign up for a time slot at www.cantonfun.org today! Fees are \$3 per child for Canton residents and \$4 per child for non-residents. Please note: face masks are required to attend and social distancing will be observed. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

In the CLS Spotlight

'How Do You Spell C.A.N.T.O.N.?' contest

Need a reason to get out and explore or spend more time with your family, friends, neighbors, teammates and colleagues? Well here's something fun for all ages! From April 1 through September 6, the Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage is holding a special contest called 'How Do You Spell C.A.N.T.O.N.?' Participants are encouraged to explore Canton with everything it has to offer to create a unique sign spelling out C.A.N.T.O.N. Entries can use letters from buildings, landscapes, art, signs, etc. You name it - the sky is the limit! Entries will also be accepted in other languages.

For contest rules and registration information, please visit www.canton-mi.org/181.

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



Spring clean-up around your yard

As yards around Canton undergo spring clean-up, residents are reminded that township ordinance prohibits the burning of grass, leaves and yard waste. Grass clippings, leaves and garden waste must be placed in 30-gallon paper yard waste bags or 32-gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles, labeled "Yard Waste."

Twigs, branches, brush, pruning/wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, 1½ inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. No more than six bundles per week should be placed out for pick-up.

All yard waste and recyclables should be placed separately from trash on your regularly scheduled pick-up day. Also, be sure to secure trash and recycling containers, as spring winds can "relocate" them very quickly!

River Day is on May 15

Canton's annual River Day will be held on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. - Noon at Flodin Park, located on Saltz Road at Morton Taylor Road. River Day is a celebration of the rivers in the southeast Michigan region and this year's event will focus on environmental education.

River Day takes place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages including residents, students and scout troops are encouraged to participate. Volunteers will be asked to wear masks and socially distance themselves during the event. Activities are still being planned and will be announced in next month's FOCUS Newsletter.

Due to COVID, there will be no t-shirts this year and registration must be done prior to the event, as there will be no on-site registration. Volunteers can register by calling 734/394-5160.

Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Happy April, Happy Spring!

Each year, recommendations are prepared by the Municipal Service Director, the Finance Director and their staff, on the proposed water and sewer rates. The details behind the recommendations were presented to the Board and the public at a study session on March 16, and can be viewed on our website.

Know your number! The average household uses 3,300 gallons of water per household member per billing cycle, during non-irrigation/watering months. An average household with five people living in the home will, on average, have a quarterly bill with 16,000 gallons of use during non-irrigation months. It is always a good idea to monitor your household water use. Reading your water meter, which is located in the basement, and keeping track of how much you and your household use will help keep track of any unusual water usage. This can also be helpful in detecting leaks. In just 10 minutes, you can search your home for leaks and crack down on water waste. Many common household leaks are quick to find and easy to fix. Worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, an overset humidifier on your furnace, a leak in your water heater, and leaking showerheads all are easily correctable and can save on your water bill. So put on your detective hat, lace up your running shoes, and take this challenge to detect and chase down leaks.

With warmer weather approaching it is important to remember that your irrigation system also increases your water usage. Reading your meter before and after running your irrigation system, gives you an idea of how much water is used during one cycle of watering your lawn and garden. Sprinkler heads can use up to five gallons of water per minute and garden hose can use up to 23 gallons of water per minute. Know your number!

As we move into April and National Autism Awareness month I hope you and yours have a safe, enjoyable month.

If you ever have questions please feel free to call my office at 734-394-5130





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

- 1** Easter Bunny Express. 6 - 8 p.m. Your Neighborhood.
- 2** Good Friday. Administration Building closed.
- 5** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 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.
- 18** Off-Season Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 20** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 21** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 734/394-5185.
- 27** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

MAY

- 1** Fishing Derby. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 3** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 4** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 11** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 16** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 18** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 25** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing continues to be available at Heritage Park, 46202 Heritage Park Road (North Pavilion parking lot).

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

Stay informed on the go

The Public Safety Department offers several easy options to stay informed on emergency happenings in the community:

- Find the department’s Facebook page at Canton Public Safety Department
- Follow the department on Twitter @CantonPSD
- Sign up for community alerts on Nixle.com
- Sign up for notifications from Canton via Notify Me (available @ www.cantonpublicsafety.org)

Mom to Mom Sale returns

Are your kids’ clothing and toys taking up too much space in your basement? Sell your gently used items and go home with some money in your pocket at Canton’s Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the parking lot of the Summit on the Park.

Booth sales begin online on April 12 starting at 10 a.m. at www.cantonfun.org. Please note, due to the changing COVID-19 guidelines, elements of this event may change and will be updated at www.cantonfun.org.