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— WE'VE GOT IT —

Annual Tree Lighting Event

Kick off the holiday season with the annual Canton Tree Lighting Event. The 'official' tree will be lit in front of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, on December 3 at 6:30 p.m. and special festivities will take place both indoors and outdoors. Join us for seasonal entertainment, crafts, activities and refreshments. Visit with Santa starting at 6:30 p.m.

Also, be sure to visit our Marketplace located in the Summit Banquet Lobby for unique locally made gifts. \$5 per family can be paid onsite to participate in the indoor Tree Lighting activities.

For additional information, visit www.Cantonfun.org or call 394-5460.

Letters to Santa

This holiday season, Canton Leisure Services has made special arrangements with our friends at the North Pole and the U.S. Post Office to deliver your wish list to Santa.

Drop your letters in our North Pole Express Mailbox in the Summit on the Park lobby between November 3 and December 1. Santa asks that you print your name and address clearly so that he is able to personally reply to your letter. Each household will receive a return letter and Santa will take care of the postage. Leisure Services encourages submissions from Canton residents only.

Turkey Trot for a Good Cause

Kick off your Thanksgiving Day with an invigorating run or walk for a good cause. All ages are encouraged to participate on Thursday, November 27 during this year's 12th annual Turkey Trot for a Cause.

Register by November 10 to guarantee event t-shirt. Registration is open November 26 from 3-6 p.m. at the Summit, and November 27 starting at 8 a.m. The course of this 5K chipped-timed event will wind through scenic Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course ending with refreshments, raffles and run awards.

Help make a difference with each step you take. Proceeds will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation. For more information, call 483-5600.

Canton Launches New Websites

You may notice a small change in the look of your Focus newsletter. This update reflects the design of Canton's brand-new website, www.canton-mi.org.

Canton has launched an all-new website in order to provide better service to our residents. The information is organized in a user-friendly format, and the design is a reflection of the community's vibrant nature.

Additionally, we are looking for resident input for the creation of a mobile application of the website. If you are interested in providing feedback on what you think would be the most useful information to have at your fingertips, please visit www.canton-mi.org and tell us what you think.

Santa Breakfast

Bring the entire family to enjoy breakfast with Santa Claus! During the breakfast, kids can share their wish list with Santa, create a winter craft, and enjoy a Christmas story time. All children will receive a holiday souvenir, crayons and placemat. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras.

Tickets must be purchased in advance from November 3 through December 1, at the Summit on the Park during normal business hours. Ticket prices for ages three and under are \$4 for Canton residents and \$5 for non-residents; 4-12 year olds are \$15 for residents and \$18 for non-residents; ages 13 and up are \$19 for residents and \$23 for non-residents. Seating is reserved by table location only on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call 394-5460.

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Canton Adopts Rental Inspection Program

In an effort to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents, and to enhance the community's appearance, Canton has adopted a new Residential Rental Registration and Inspection Program.

Under the new program, all rental properties, including single family homes and condos, must be registered with Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division to make sure they conform to the recently adopted 2012 International Property Maintenance Code and Township Ordinances. The mandatory registration period is now open and all rental properties MUST be registered by Monday, December 15 or will be subject to associated penalties, fines and possible court action.

Program guidelines for single family homes and condos:

The registration fee for a rented single family home or condo is \$100; this is a one-time fee and will only be charged again if the property changes ownership. Failure to register your property by December 15 will result in a \$200 fine.

Once your property is registered, you have 30 days to schedule an inspection with the Building and Inspection Services Division; the inspection fee for a single family home or condo is \$200. Once the inspection is completed and the home is found to be, or repaired to be, in reasonable compliance with Canton's Building Codes and Ordinances, the property owner will be issued a Residential Rental Certificate of Compliance. This certificate will expire two years after the date of the initial inspection.

The registration fee must be paid at the time of registration; however, inspection fees will only be billed after the initial inspection and re-inspection (if needed) have been completed. Registration Fees can be paid by mail or in person with a check, cash or MasterCard (please note: a 2-2.5% fee will be added to MasterCard payments).

For more information on the new program, please call Building and Inspection Services at 394-5205.

2015 Administration Building Meeting Room Reservations are Now Available Online

Canton 501 (c)(3) groups now have the availability to reserve their rooms through the Canton website at www.canton-mi.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Canton-Administration-Building-28.

Choose a room based on your needs and click on the room icon to make your request. Once your request has been submitted, you will receive an email stating your room has been approved or denied. Make sure to keep track of the email since this is now your confirmation.

Please note, rooms for 2015 will not be approved until November 19, 2014. However, you can submit them at any time. The rooms are booked on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, please call Jessica at 394-5185.

EXPO Applications now available

Applications to participate in Canton's 2015 Home Improvement Expo are now available. Space is filling up fast so vendors are encouraged to return their applications as soon as possible.

The 2015 Expo will be held at the Summit on the Park on March 7 and 8, and is an excellent opportunity for home improvement businesses and builders to promote their products by hosting a display booth.

Applications are available on the Canton website at www.canton-mi.org or by calling Canton's Building and Inspection Services at 394-5200.

Completed applications can be sent to 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, no later than Thursday, December 18.

For more information on the Home Improvement Expo, please call Building and Inspection Services at 394-5205.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Canton Mobility Transportation's Inclement Weather Policy

Canton residents 62 years of age and older or those temporarily or permanently disabled can take advantage of low-cost transportation services currently provided by Canton Mobility Transportation.

To ensure the safety of the Canton Mobility riders, an inclement weather policy has been adopted. All Priority Two and Three rides will be canceled, if the Plymouth/Canton School District closes due to inclement weather. Priority One trips scheduled for medical appointments or employment would be asked to reschedule. If the trip is a necessity and cannot be rescheduled, the ride will be accommodated.

For more information, please call Canton Mobility Transportation at 888/539-9879.

Canton's Fall Harvest Market

Be sure to visit Canton's Harvest Market on Sunday, November 23 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for all your Thanksgiving celebration needs! Local vendors will be onsite both indoors and outside the Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road, with all your Market favorites during this special pre-Thanksgiving Market.

Turkeys are available for \$3.99 per pound and are 15 pounds and up, free range, chemical-free, non-injected and very fresh. For more information, visit Cantongoodfellows.org.

"No Child without a Christmas"

The Canton Goodfellows and Canton Leisure Services are teaming up to help brighten the holidays for Canton's neediest children.

Please show your support and: "adopt" a child or an entire family; bring in a new, unwrapped toy or gift card to the Summit on the Park or to the Leisure Services administrative offices located in the Canton Administration Building; contribute to the food drive at Holiday Market in Canton on Friday, Nov. 21 – Sunday, Nov. 23; or volunteer your time during one of the many opportunities. To volunteer, please call 394-5191. For more information, visit www.cantongoodfellows.org.

Fellows Creek Golf Club news

Did you know Fellows Creek Golf and Banquet Club is open ALL YEAR ROUND to host your holiday parties and special occasion get-togethers?

Located at 2936 S. Lotz Road, Fellows Creek has the most affordable Golf Course experience you can find with dinners as low as \$9.95. Call 728-1300 ext. 4 today or visit www.fellowscreekgolf.com!

Get Unlimited Golf in 2015 With a Pheasant Run Annual Pass

Purchase an Annual Pass at Pheasant Run Golf Club between November 1 and December 19, and save 10% off the full pass price. Annual golf passes allow for unlimited golf with cart and range use throughout the year. Passes are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

For more details, call the Pro Shop at 397-6460 or visit www.golfprgc.org

Gourmet Thanksgiving Dinners Available

Katherine's Catering, the Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center's exclusive caterer, is offering a 10-person Thanksgiving Dinner package for just \$180! With so much going on this time of year, we've made it easier to celebrate and enjoy time with your family.

Dinner includes: turkey, salad, sides and even a pumpkin pie for dessert! For more details including substitutions, add-ons, additional pricing and pick-up/delivery information, please visit our website at www.katherines.com/menus/thanksgiving2014/.

Meals On Wheels volunteers needed

The Meals on Wheels program is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to Canton's homebound residents.

Volunteers will pick up meals at 10 a.m. in the at the Summit on the Park. This is generally a 1½ hour commitment, one day a week. A driver's license and background check will be required. To volunteer, please call 394-5191.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Canton salutes area Service Men and Women

Canton will once again continue its tradition of honoring area servicemen and women who have served or are currently serving in military service during our "Salute To Service" event.

Join us on Tuesday, November 11, as we salute all veterans, living and deceased and those currently serving in harm's way at this special Veterans Day celebration at The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and this FREE event will begin at 7 p.m. This year's keynote speaker will be Mr. Alexander Jefferson, Lt. Col. (Ret.) of the Tuskegee Airmen, Detroit Chapter. In addition to the formal presentation, items for service men and women will be collected for the Michigan Military Moms, including: hand and foot warmers; foot and body powder; dark socks; disposable razors; Q-tips; Beef Jerky and hot chocolate.

Additionally, other military memorabilia will also be on display during the event. Visit www.Cantonfun.org for additional event details. For more information, please call 394-5460.

Summit Membership Promotion

Summit members are invited to "Refer A Friend" and you'll both save! From November 1, through January 31, 2015, for every referred friend who purchases an annual membership, you both will receive one month's free membership.

The Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, is a 90,000 plus square-foot facility featuring a fitness center, aquatic center, gymnasium, aerobic studio, racquetball court, indoor track, dry sauna, steam room and much more.

Learn how to make the Summit on the Park your fitness and recreation destination at www.summitonthepark.org. For more information, call Membership Services at 394-5460.

International Festival to celebrate cultural diversity

Experience music, dance, and drama from around the world when Canton's International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Saturday, November 15.

This cultural and educational festival, which will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., offers participants entertainment and experiences celebrating diverse customs and traditions on The Village Theater's main stage. Countries represented this year, include: China, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Polynesia, Tahiti, and the United States. Numerous cultural exhibits will be featured in the lobby and cultural items will be available for purchase during the event. Enjoy an International Sweets Table where favorite International desserts from area shops and bakeries will be available.

This event is presented by the all volunteer Multicultural Committee of Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage and sponsored in part by a grant from Community Financial "Summer of Sharing" program. Bring the whole family and travel the globe through music, dance and more! Tickets are just \$2 at the door. For more information, visit www.Cantonvillagetheater.org.

Canton Historical Museum's Grand Re-Opening

The Canton Historical Museum will celebrate its Grand Re-Opening on Wednesday, November 12 with a festive Open House from 6-8 p.m., presented by the Canton Historical Society. A special ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled to take place promptly at 6:30 p.m. and light refreshments will also be available.

Celebrating its 130th anniversary, this former one-room School House is located at 1022 S. Canton Center Road on the corner of Canton Center Road and Heritage Park Drive. Still in its original location, the Canton Historical Museum will reopen to the public with a newly-installed exhibition of Canton communication tools through the ages during regular Museum hours: Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m.; Thursdays from 5-8 p.m.; and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For additional information, please visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call 397-0088 for group tour details.

Important Canton Phone Numbers

Administration Building
394-5100

Public Safety
(non-emergency)
394-5400

Supervisor's Office
394-5185

Clerk's Office
394-5120

Treasurer's Office
394-5130

Water Billing
394-5240

Summit on the Park
394-5460

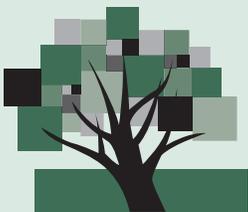
Ordinance Enforcement
394-5335

Canton Waste Recycling
397-5801

Administration Building closings

Canton's Administration Building will be closed the following days in 2014 (in addition to observed holidays):

Friday, November 14



Police to Increase Patrols at Local Shopping Centers

Canton's Police Department will be increasing patrols at local shopping centers and stores beginning Friday, November 28 through December 24.

In addition to regular patrols, police officers will utilize bicycles and semi-marked patrol cars to maintain high-visibility in parking lots and store fronts in an attempt to deter criminal activity.

Shoppers are reminded to stay alert while in stores and parking lots. The following basic safety precautions are being offered to shoppers:

- Don't leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart.
- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Avoid carrying a purse if possible, and keep your wallet in an inside jacket pocket.
- To discourage purse snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages. Make several smaller trips back to your vehicle.
- Lock your packages and bags in your vehicle's trunk. Keep your doors locked and windows closed.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard to ask for help if they become separated from you. They should never go to the parking lot alone.
- If you feel you're being followed or watched in a parking lot, go back inside the store and ask for security.

Canton Police Department encourages everyone to practice safe shopping habits throughout the year, taking additional precautions during the busy holiday shopping season.

Additional safety tips can be found on the department's website at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

CWR Yard Waste Collection Ends December 4

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will end December 4 and will not resume until April, 2015. All yard waste should be placed with your recyclables separately from your trash on your regular trash collection day.

Twigs, branches, and wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, not exceeding 1½ inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Bundles are limited to six bundles a week.

Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste must be placed in 30-gallon paper yard waste bags or 32-gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles marked "YARD WASTE." Stickers for reusable container are available at Canton Treasurer's Office. Please note, dirt and clay are unacceptable yard waste items, if either are placed in the bag or receptacle, CWR will leave the yard waste behind.

Containers weighing over 50 pounds or that are over 32 gallons will not be accepted. All of the yard waste collected in Canton is delivered to the Veolia Regional Yard Waste Compost Site in Salem Township. At the facility, yard waste is screened and placed in long wind-rows which facilitate the natural decomposition of the yard waste into reusable compost.

In addition to the end of the yard-waste collection season, CWR will also be using the following holiday collection schedule:

November: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, CWR will not collect refuse, recycling or yard waste on Thursday, November 27. Residents whose collection date falls on the 27th will have their refuse, recycling and yard-waste collected on Friday, November 28.

December/January: CWR will not pick-up on Thursday, December 25 or Thursday, January 1. Thursday collections will be moved to Friday, December 26 and Friday, January 2. CWR will resume their regular pick-up schedule on Monday, January 5.

All refuse, recycling and yard waste must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pick-up. CWR will not pick-up refuse or recycling that is placed past the sidewalk on private property. All recycling must be placed separately from your refuse on the opposite side of your driveway. For more information on solid waste collection, visit www.canton-mi.org or call CWR at 397-5801.



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*Community Calendar and Village Theater schedule are subject to change. Check with sponsors to confirm date and information.

FOCUS

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COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 3** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 4** Board of Trustees - Study Session. Canceled
- 7** Canton Waste Recycling: Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 397-5801.
- 11** Veteran's Day: Administration Building closed.
- 11** Board of Trustees - Board Meeting. Canceled.
- 13** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 14** Furlough Day. Administration Building closed.
- 17** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 17** Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 18** Board of Trustees - Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 19** DDA Board of Directors Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 19** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 19** Leisure Services Advisory Committee Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 23** Canton Harvest Market – Cady-Boyer Barn. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 24** Merit Commission Meeting. Canceled.
- 25** Board of Trustees - Board Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 27** Thanksgiving Day: Administration Building closed.
- 28** Day after Thanksgiving: Administration Building closed.

VILLAGE THEATER

SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 1

- Canton Concert Band –
- The Haunting of Canton Hallows. 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7

- K & M Productions presents "An Evening of Motown and Doo-Wop." 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7-8

- Millennium Broadway Cabaret Triple Threat DTC. 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 8

- Michigan Philharmonic – American POPSical. 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 11

- Canton's Salute to Service – Veteran's Day event. 6 p.m. displays. 7 p.m. program.

NOVEMBER 14-23

- Spotlight Players Studio Show – Steel Magnolias. Various times.

NOVEMBER 15

- Canton International Festival. 11:30 a.m - 5 p.m.

NOVEMBER 22

- Star Tributes from Las Vegas. Beatles Toppermost Tribute. 7 p.m.