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Canton's Home Expo comes to the Summit March 7 and 8

Canton's annual Home Improvement Expo will be held next month on Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Summit on the Park.

Highlights at this year's Expo include: free parking and refreshments; live broadcasts from special guest stars Murray Gula, Host of "Your Home with Murray Gula" on 1130 WDFN and Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor" from 1600 WAAM; live wood carving demonstrations; a hands-on children's project center; and multiple raffles throughout the weekend, including wood projects made by Canton Construction along with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters.

If you plan on attending this year's Expo, make sure you stop by a welcome station and pick up a free Expo Advertisement Booklet. The booklet is filled with vendor coupons, a map of the show, workshop schedules and several home improvement tips. All Expo attendees will also receive a free, reusable canvas bag. If you attended last year's event and still have your bag, make sure you reuse it for this year's event.

The Expo is free of charge and hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. For more information, please call Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division at 394-5200.

Tax Payment Reminder

Just a reminder to residents that taxes are due by Tuesday, February 17.

The last day for 2014 taxes to be paid at the Canton Treasurer's Office is Friday, February 28. After that, taxes must be paid at the Wayne County Treasurer's Office, and penalties and interest will be applied (3% penalty applies to Winter; 6% interest applies to Summer plus the 3% penalty).

Winter tax deferment for seniors with household incomes of \$40,000 or under will be available at the Treasurer's Office. They must be filed no later than February 17, and you must meet the state criteria to qualify.

Qualified disabled Veterans must submit their property tax exemptions no later than February 27 - no exceptions. Small businesses with personal property with taxable value of \$40,000 or less must file their tax exemption paperwork no later than February 10 - no exceptions.

Please call the Canton Treasurer's Office at 394-5130 with any questions.

Canton Community Foundation's 25th Anniversary Gala

The coming year marks the Canton Community Foundation's 25th year. To celebrate this grand event they will be hosting an Anniversary Gala Saturday, March 7, at the exquisite Henry Ford Museum. Guests are invited to browse the museum, while enjoying music from both the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra and local favorite Steve King and the Dittilies.

The talented chefs at the Henry Ford are preparing an incredible meal, along with all Michigan-made wines, beers and desserts. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be given to the Partnership for the Arts to help them in their quest to raise funds for their Village Arts Factory. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Tickets are on sale now for \$175 per person. Please contact Beth Meade at bmeade@cantonfoundation.org or 495-1200 for more information.

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Easter Bunny Headed to Canton

Celebrate Easter at Canton Leisure Services' two eggstra-special events on Saturday, March 28.

Start by enjoying the Easter Bunny Breakfast and special time with your favorite furry egg-toting friend from 9 - 11 a.m. Ticket prices are:

- Ages 13 and up
\$15 for residents
\$18 for non-residents
- Ages 4-12
\$10 for residents
\$12 for non-residents
- Ages 3 and under
\$4 for residents
\$5 for non-residents

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Get your tickets starting February 21. Registration will end Monday, March 21. For additional details about the event and the full menu, please visit www.cantonfun.org

The fun continues with the Easter Eggstravaganza on the same day from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The whole family will enjoy morning activities, including: a Petting Zoo, the Easter Bunny, and outside egg hunts, weather permitting.

A \$5 fee per family will be required on site to participate. No advanced registration is necessary. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

A Call for Artists To Exhibit at The Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is still accepting proposals for the 2016 exhibition season. The deadline for submission is March 23. We are interested in exhibiting both local and regional artists in all medias of artwork.

Artists' submissions can be sent via email to villagetheater@canton-mi.org or by U.S. Mail. Artists must submit: high quality digital images or slides, contact information, current resume/ biography, artist statement, and availability.

For more information, or to download an application, please visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

The Second City Comedy Show Coming Soon

Experience an evening of smart, cutting edge comedy when The Second City Touring Company performs at The Village Theater on Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

Don't miss this legendary comedy troupe's latest act featuring the next generation of the best and brightest talent creating hilarious sketch comedy and the Second City's trademark improvisation live on stage.

Tickets are on sale for \$25 each. Get your tickets now at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 394-5460.

Canton Winter Farmers Markets Scheduled

The first of three special Winter Farmers Markets featuring over 20 vendors will be held on Sunday, February 8, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Summit on the Park Banquet Lobby, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Local goods available will include seasonal produce grown in a hoop house, honey, sauces, granola, frozen berries, cider, jams, pasture raised meats, pasties, dog treats, baked goods, artisan cheese and bread, hand-crafted soap, dressings, soy candles and more. Pick up lunch on the way out of the Market from Market vendor Qais Truck!

Join Chef Kristi Zebrowski of Grace Savory & Sweet and learn some tips for creating Simple Soups! Market Kids will be creating a bird craft and can also hunt for the bird hidden in the Market then get a sweet treat at our Canton Leisure Services info table when it is found.

For more information, join our Canton Farmers Market Facebook page or you can go to www.cantonfun.org under Programs, Farmers Market then Off-Season Markets.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Canton Camp Fair on March 14

Even in the cold of winter, Canton Leisure Services can help you create a great summer plan for your kids. Be sure to check out our summer programs for all ages and all interests during our Camp Fair on Saturday, March 14, at the Summit on the Park. Learn about all of our summer offerings from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., including: Day Camps, Preschool Camps, Sport Camps, Special Needs Programs, Art Camps, Science/ Education Camps, and many more. Plus, there will also be games, activities, food and a bounce-house.

If you are new to the area or looking for your first Summer Camp experience, call us at 734/394-5474 to schedule an appointment at the Camp Fair with a Summer Camp Concierge to help in your search for that perfect Summer Camp. Most camp registrations and early bird pricing begins online at www.cantonfun.org and at the Camp Fair starting at 10 a.m.

Make sure to sign up early, many camps fill up quickly. For more information, call 394-5460.

Spring and Summer Class Registration

Canton residents can register online at Cantonfun.org for Canton Leisure Services Early Bird classes starting Wednesday, March 4 at 5 p.m.

All participants (residents and non-residents) can also register in person starting March 14 at 10 a.m. during the Camp Fair at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Learn about available programs and classes online in the Spring/Summer 2015 Discover Brochure, which can be found at www.cantonfun.org.

For more information, please call 394-5460.

Mid-Winter Break and Spring Break Drop-In Camp

The BLOCK Youth and Teen Center is inviting kids ages 11-17 to spend their vacation with us during the Plymouth-Canton Schools Mid-Winter Break February 16 - 20 and Spring Break April 6 - 10 from 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

This is a drop-in camp, so no pre-registration is required. Fees are \$25 a day for Canton residents and \$30 for non-residents. Participants can enjoy fun daily activities along with the BLOCK's café, lounge, pool table, air hockey table, video games, and more. Also remember, It is not too late to register for our After School programs!

Please call 398-5570 for more information.

Seasonal Part-Time Positions Available in Canton

Thinking about a summer job? Canton Leisure Services is now hiring for seasonal part-time positions that start in April-June 2015. If you enjoy a fast-paced, exciting work environment, don't miss this opportunity to join a great team this summer! Students, here's your chance to gain valuable work experience in your field of study.

Apply now at <http://canton.applicantpro.com/jobs/>. Open positions, which will be posted until filled, include: Pheasant Run Golf Course Staff; Parks Staff; Lifeguards; Summer Camp Counselors; Summer Camp Supervisors; Therapeutic Recreation Camp Staff; Village Theater Staff; Canton Sports Center Staff; and more! Canton Township is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

For more information, call 394-5260.

Canton Pavilion Online Rentals

Think ahead to spring and summer! Starting February 9 at 9 a.m., Canton Leisure Services will begin accepting online reservations from Canton residents for its open-air pavilions at Cantonfun.org. Only online bookings from Canton residents will be accepted during this first week of the new reservation season.

Starting February 17 at 8:30 a.m., Canton residents may submit phone reservations by calling 394-5310, however online reservations are still encouraged. Online or phone reservations for non-residents will be accepted starting April 1. Payment is due at time of reservation.

For rates and additional information, please visit www.cantonfun.org or call 394-5310.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Wet and Wild Pool Games

What better way to beat cabin fever than by taking part in the Summit Aquatic Center's Wet and Wild Pool Games?

The whole family will enjoy a night of water games on Tuesday, February 17 starting at 6 p.m. Fun water challenges will include: the sponge game, obstacle course, frozen suit challenge and more! Plus, the top family will receive a four-pack of super-soaker guns.

Program fees per family are: \$20 for Members, \$25 for Canton residents, and \$30 for non-residents. Registration ends February 16. Families need to remember their bathing suits. Sign up today at www.cantonfun.org.

Youth Cricket

Canton Sports Center is looking for players and Volunteer Coaches interested in Youth Cricket.

A meeting will be held February 26 at 7 p.m. in Arts 1 of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Please register in advance by emailing cott@canton-mi.org or by calling the Canton Sports Center at 483-5600

Dog Park Membership Update

The Canton Dog Park would like to remind current members that access to the Dog Park via electronic gate access key fobs will be discontinued for any Canton Dog Park member who has not renewed their Dog Park membership by April 1, 2015. Dog Park membership can be renewed at the Clerk's Office.

Interested in becoming a member? New Dog Park members are required to submit a current Rabies certificate and current DHLPP (Distemper) certificate. Annual membership fees are \$25 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. In addition, a refundable key fob security deposit of \$20 is required at the time of registration that will be returned when membership is discontinued and the key fob is returned. Only one key fob per household will be issued.

For additional membership information, visit www.canton-mi.org or call 394-5310.

Valentine's High Tea

Community members of all ages are encouraged to attend the Canton Club 55+ Valentine's High Tea Event on Wednesday, February 11 from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Summit on the Park's Maple Room, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Registration for this Valentine's Day High Tea is \$18 for Canton residents and \$23 for non-residents. Sign up today at www.cantonfun.org or by calling 394-5485.

Park Master Plan Update

Canton residents are invited to attend a Patriot Park Master Plan Open House on February 25 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Summit on the Park. Residents can stop in any time during the open house and will be given the opportunity to provide feedback to the recent updates to the plan.

To register for the open house please call 394-5360. To view a copy of the master plan please visit www.cantonfun.org.

Adult Softball Leagues Now Forming

The Canton Sports Center is once again offering adult double-header softball leagues at our 12-diamond complex, located at 46555 West Michigan Avenue.

Registration is now open for Session I for leagues including: recreational, corporate, church and competitive teams.

Visit Canton Sports Center on February 28 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for THINK SPRING DAY. The first 20 teams to register for Spring leagues get discounts and gift certificates. WRIF radio will be onsite hosting a Snowball Tournament and WORTH will be demonstrating sports equipment..

Take advantage of our convenient payment plan with just a \$100 credit card deposit to hold a spot. Register today! Remember to Like us on Facebook for daily softball updates.

Senior Golf League Now Forming

Pheasant Run's senior golf league is now registering players for the 2015 season. League play starts Monday, May 11 and runs 15 weeks.

For information, please call the Pro Shop at 397-6460.

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

Canton Public Library
397-0999



Road Construction Update

The following Wayne County road construction projects have been planned for 2015 and are anticipated to start in late spring or early summer:

- Beck Road: This project includes reconstructing Beck Road from Warren Road to Ann Arbor Road.
- Lilley Road: Repairs will be made to Lilley Road between Warren to Joy Roads.
- Cherry Hill Road: Cherry Hill will be widened to three lanes from Canton Center Road to Beck Road.
- Lotz Road: Lotz Road will be paved from Ford Road to Cherry Hill Road.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has scheduled the following projects for the 2015 construction season:

- Ford Road: Operational improvements will be made on Ford Road between Lotz and Haggerty. Bike paths and pedestrian crossings will be added along east and westbound Ford Road.
- Michigan Avenue (US-12): MDOT will be completing various signal and pedestrian crossing modifications.

A public meeting to discuss the Lotz Road paving and Ford Road improvement will take place in February. Visit www.canton-mi.org for a time and date.

For up-to-date information on construction projects follow us on [facebook.com/cantonmsd](https://www.facebook.com/cantonmsd) and twitter.com/cantonmsd or visit www.canton-mi.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 394-5400.

Police Warn of Current Crime Trend: Thefts From Residential Garages Left Open or Unlocked

The Police Department is putting residents on notice of a current crime trend occurring in the community. Over the past two months, there have been continual reports of thefts from open or unlocked residential garages. Items such as snow blowers, leaf blowers, power tools, power washers, generators, and tires have been taken. The thefts are occurring throughout the day: morning, afternoon and evening.

Police officers in marked and unmarked vehicles are patrolling residential neighborhoods, and in some high activity areas, notifying residents to close their garage doors.

"Thieves are using the open and unlocked garages as an opportunity to steal basically anything of worth they can walk away with," says Special Services Lieutenant Craig Wilsher. "The best way to avoid becoming a victim is to close and lock your garage and side utility doors," Wilsher adds.

Residents who observe suspicious activity in their neighborhoods are asked to call the Canton Police Department at 394-5400.

"Shop Local, Eat Global"

If you enjoy gourmet globe-trotting in your own backyard, check out the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors Club, which is launching a new "Shop Local, Eat Global" interest group on February 28. Member Karen Landers, a Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM), will guide small groups through area specialty markets to discover a variety of foods from around the world. Participants will learn ways to expand their culinary repertoire with products from different countries and cuisines sold locally.

"Shop Local, Eat Global" is just one of 20 interest groups offered by the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors. If you have a special interest in something, chances are that others do too.

For more information, please visit CantonWomen.com



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 2** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 3** Board of Trustees--Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 6** Butterfly Ball – Daddy/Daughter Dance. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 7** Butterfly Ball – Daddy/Daughter Dance. 2 – 4 p.m., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 8** Winter Market. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Summit Lobby.
- 10** Board of Trustees--Board Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 12** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 16** President’s Day: Administration Building Closed.
- 17** Board of Trustees – Study Session, Canceled.
- 17** Winter Taxes Due.
- 18** DDA Board of Directors Meeting 8 a.m.
- 18** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 21** American Heart Association Benefit Gala. 7 p.m. Summit on the Park. Call 313/701-5634 or visit eventbrite.com
- 24** Board of Trustees Meeting 7 p.m.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 1-8

Forever After Productions
“Fiddler on the Roof.”
Various times. Call 734/547-5156.

FEBRUARY 13

The Miracles Revue from Las Vegas with Mark Scott. Special Guests: The Stubbs Girls, The Family of Levi Stubbs. 7 p.m. \$31.

FEBRUARY 14

Michigan Philharmonic – Motown to Mamma Mia (60s & 70s). 7:30 p.m. Call 734/451-2112.

FEBRUARY 20-22, 27- MARCH 1

Spotlight Players. “Get Smart”
8 p.m./2 p.m. \$18/\$16.

MARCH 6

Old Time Rock-n-Roll featuring Steve King & the Dittilies. Partnership for the Arts Benefit Concert. 7 p.m. \$35.

**For show or ticket information,
visit cantonvillageheater.org
or call 394-5300**