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Public Safety to host local law enforcement community forum

The Public Safety Department is hosting an open forum bringing members of the community and law enforcement together to discuss topics of interest in Canton. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 31, from 7- 9 p.m., in the PDC Room at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton.

An assembled panel of representatives from various branches of our local law enforcement system including Canton's Police Department, 35th District Court, and our local prosecutor's office will field questions from the audience regarding the legal system and their respective agency's responsibilities to the community.

"There is a growing anxiety nationwide between communities and law enforcement—by opening a dialogue now, we hope to build a bridge of unity between law enforcement and the residents and organizations of Canton," said Todd Mutchler, Director of Canton Public Safety.

This is a free event, open to the public. For additional information, call the department at 394-5400.

MDOT and County to hold public meeting on Lotz Road paving and Ford Road improvements

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Wayne County Department of Public Service will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 4 from 5 - 7 p.m. in Canton's Summit on the Park Walnut Room to discuss improvements to Ford Road and the paving of Lotz Road.

MDOT plans to make improvements along Ford Road from Lotz Road to Marlowe Street beginning this spring. Construction on this project is anticipated to be completed by early fall, weather permitting. Wayne County will begin paving Lotz Road from Cherry Hill Road to Ford Road this spring and construction on this project is anticipated to be completed by the end of this year.

Public input and participation at this meeting is strongly encouraged. The meeting will be an open house format. There will be no formal presentation but numerous stations will be available for you to get information on the project or to talk with project team members.

For more information on the meeting, please call Canton's Engineering Services at 394-5150.

Chamber Auction features Kentucky Derby theme

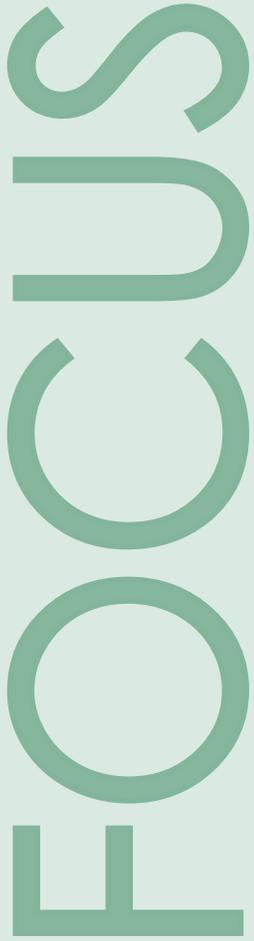
All are welcome to the Canton Chamber of Commerce's 28th Annual Dinner Auction that will be held on Saturday, April 18, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fundraiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The "Kentucky Derby, A Night at the Races" theme brings the Kentucky Derby to the Canton Chamber featuring cash prize horse races. Raffle tickets are on sale now to win two American Airlines tickets anywhere in the Continental US for \$5! The winner will be drawn the night of the auction.

Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public. Your admission includes: open bar, strolling dinner, entertainment and the opportunity to participate in both the Live and Raffle auctions. For more information, please contact the Chamber at 453-4040.

This year's Auction is proudly sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford, Inc. and Oakwood Healthcare System.

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Citizens Police Academy

The Canton Police Department is planning a new Citizens Police Academy for individuals who are interested in acquiring insight and knowledge on how the Police Department works to serve the Canton community.

Individuals attending the academy will be educated on the policies and operational procedures of the department through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Students' personal knowledge on law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system will be enhanced, as well as their understanding of the training and education required for police officers to effectively handle the challenges of police work.

"Academy participants will gain insight into the difficult challenges law enforcement personnel face on a daily basis through interesting and informative instruction," said Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler.

The overall mission of the Citizens Police Academy is to develop positive relationships between citizens and police officers, enhancing cooperation, understanding, and general good will.

"We recognize the value of transparency in police work, and believe in the age-old concept of the police are the public and the public are the police," said Mutchler.

"The Department conducted several well-received Citizen Police Academy classes in the early 1980's, and we feel the timing is right to reinstate this program for residents," adds Mutchler.

Canton Police Department's Citizens Police Academy will be held for six weeks on Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m., from April 23 – May 28, (with one Saturday morning session on May 23).

Class size is limited for this free program. Applicant requirements include the following:

- Age 21 and over
- Live or work in Canton
- No felony convictions; no misdemeanor convictions in the past 3 years
- Applicants subject to a background check

Applications are available online at www.cantonpublicsafety.org, or in person at the front desk of the Canton Police Department located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Applications will be accepted from March 1–15. Questions can be directed to Staff Operations Sgt. James Harrison, 394-5411.

Yard waste collection begins next month

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 6 and continue until December 3. 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. Recycling placed in clear plastic bags and set next to refuse will be considered household waste.

In addition, Canton Waste Recycling will hold the first clean-up weekend of the year on Friday, April 24, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 25, from 8 - 11 a.m. at their facility located at 42100 Van Born Road.

For questions or more information on refuse, recycling and yard waste collection, please visit www.canton-mi.org or call Canton Waste Recycling at 397-5801.

Winter Farmers Markets

Two more Canton Winter Farmers Markets will be held at the Summit on the Park, on Sunday, March 15 and April 19. Join over 20 vendors from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. offering Michigan-grown and -made products

See Chef Paul Penney in action Cooking at the Market as he presents a 'Healthy Twist on Comfort Foods' from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. on March 15.

Also during the Winter Markets, help Canton's Open Door Ministry Food Pantry during our Pasta Drive. Drop off a box or two of dry pasta during the Market to lend a hand restocking the Pantry's shelves. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

For additional details, visit www.CantonFun.org under Programs, Farmers Market, then Off Season Markets. See you at the Market!

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Coming soon to Canton's Village Theater

Enjoy a special 2015 Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday, March 7 from 7 - 9 p.m. This unique event, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage's Multicultural Subcommittee, will offer traditional performances of Chinese music and dance. A punch and cookie reception will begin at 6 p.m. and tickets are just \$2 at the door.

For one night only, a dozen high-energy, globe-trotting dueling piano veterans will come together at the Village Theater on Saturday, April 4 starting at 7 p.m. Laugh and sing along as Dueling Piano's International All Star Cast will have you dancing in the aisles. Best of all, the audience is the star of the show – shouting out requests, bantering with performers and having the time of their lives. This show is presented by Dueling Pianos International in cooperation with the Village Theater and will be videotaped. Videotaped portions of the audience and performance may be used for future promotional purposes. All seats are \$15. Purchase your tickets online at www.CantonVillageTheater.org by April 2, for only \$12 per ticket.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, call 394-5300.

Youth baseball and softball leagues

Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will accept registration for Spring 2015 season now through March 15.

Players ages 4-18 are invited to sign up at www.gcybsa.com. For more information call Wendy Mullen at 394-5358 or email gcybsa@canton-mi.org

Canton Camp Fair update

Check out Leisure Services summer programs for all ages and all interests during our Annual Camp Fair.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Summit on the Park. Learn about all of the fun day-, week-, and month-long summer camps, including: preschool camps, athletic camps, special needs programs, art and science camps, and more.

If you are new to the area or looking for your first Summer Camp experience, call 394-5474 to schedule an appointment at the Camp Fair with a Summer Camp Concierge to help you find 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. 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, call 394-5460.

In the CLS Spotlight

Volunteers Serving Canton

Canton residents have shown a deep commitment to giving back to others in our community. Each year, an average of 27,000 volunteer hours are assigned by Canton Leisure Services. These volunteers support local events, facility projects and area organizations. Some of the biggest projects completed in the past year include Liberty Fest, Canton Goodfellows, The Emergency Food Assistance Program, and The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Thank you to those that have given back to our Canton Community.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities in our area, visit www.cantonfun.org.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Clean up your diet

Learn the benefits of “Clean Cooking and Clean Eating” in this upcoming class at the Summit on the Park on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Ages 14 and up can find out how lean bodies are made in the kitchen. Learn how to prepare and fuel yourself with clean foods to get your body to that next level. Class participants will be given a clean diet guide and tips on how to better prepare your healthier food. Class fee is \$12M/\$14R/\$18NR. Register online at www.Cantonfun.org today!

Looking to get back on the golf course?

With spring right around the corner, it's time to start thinking golf again! Join us at the Suburban Collection Showplace March 6 - 8 for the Michigan Golf Show. Pheasant Run's booth will showcase apparel, league and outing information, rates, programs and our popular show specials. Save on two-round, four-round and 10-round prepaid golf cards sold on-site at a special discount price.

If you can't make the golf show, be sure to join us when the course opens. Pheasant Run Golf Course is set to open on Saturday, March 28, weather permitting. Good Golfing!

Fellows Creek Golf Club update

Fellows Creek is proud to now offer Year-Round Memberships! That's right, starting at only \$650 you can golf to your heart's desire, receive great discounts course-wide, and discover why Fellows Creek Golf Club is Canton's best kept secret!

For additional information, call 728-1300 or visit www.FellowsCreekGolf.com. Sign up is also underway for Tuesday Morning Senior 55+ Coed and Friday Morning Women's Golf leagues starting in April at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

For more information, call Canton Sports Center 394-5600.

Make Music with Ms. Carissa

Looking for a way to add family-friendly music into your children's lives? Then “Boogie Bonding with Ms. Carissa” is the perfect fit!

Join Early Childhood Music Specialist Ms. Carissa for a family style class perfect for little ones under 5 who are ready to make some music playing instruments.

Moms can also get in on the action. Sign up for “Mommy's Making Music” and learn to play simple songs on the ukulele and give the gift of music to your child. Both of these five-week courses start April 18, at the Summit. Class fees are \$55M/\$60R/\$78NR.

Sign up today at www.Cantonfun.org.

Important Dog Park reminder

Access to the Canton Dog Park via electronic gate key fobs will be discontinued for any Dog Park member who has not renewed their membership by April 1.

Annual membership fees are \$25 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. New Dog Park members are required to submit a refundable key fob security deposit of \$20 at time of registration that will be refunded when membership is discontinued and the key fob is returned. Only one key fob per household will be issued.

For additional information, please visit Cantonfun.org or call 394-5310.

Seasonal part-time positions available

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 may include: Lifeguards; Summer Camp Counselors; Summer Camp Supervisors; 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.

For more information, call 394-5260.

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

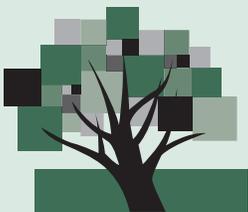
Water Billing
394-5240

Summit on the Park
394-5460

Ordinance Enforcement
394-5335

Canton Waste Recycling
397-5801

Canton Public Library
397-0999



Hall of Fame nomination forms now available

Nominations for Canton's Hall of Fame, Community Achiever, and Community Supporter Awards are now available at the Canton Supervisor's Office, Canton Chamber of Commerce, and on Canton's website, www.canton-mi.org.

Forms are due back to the Supervisor's Office by Friday, March 27. This year's ceremony will be in early May. For more information, call 394-5185.

Easter Bunny to visit Canton

Celebrate Easter at Canton Leisure Services' Easter Bunny Breakfast, which is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 28, from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Summit on the Park's Grand Ballroom, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Enjoy a tasty buffet that will include all your favorite breakfast items. Children will also have the opportunity to visit with the furry guest of honor during the event. Remember to bring your camera for this great photo opportunity.

Tickets are available for \$15 resident or \$18 non-resident for ages 13 and up for; \$10 for residents or \$12 for non-residents for ages 4 to 12, and for children 3 years of age and under for \$4 resident or \$5 non-resident. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Get your tickets now because registration will end on March 21.

The Easter fun will continue on Saturday, March 28 during our annual Easter Eggstravaganza from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in beautiful Heritage Park, as well as the Summit on the Park's Gym. This annual event will give children 11 and under a chance to part in an outside Easter egg hunt, weather permitting, as well as enjoy some special activities, crafts and entertainment in the Summit Gym. No pre-registration is required for this event, but there is a \$5 fee per family.

For more information, please visit www.Cantonfun.org.

Canton Acts of Culture Week returns

Canton's Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage is proud to present the 5th annual Canton Acts of Culture Week April 24 - May 3, 2015. This community celebration will feature a variety of cultural offerings at various locations throughout Canton. Watch for a complete calendar of events at www.CantonFun.org starting April 1. For more information, please call 394-5362.

Fair Housing presentation

On Tuesday, April 21, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, NLSM (Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan) Elder Law and Advocacy Center will offer a free presentation on Fair Housing. Whether you are a landlord or tenant, learn why it is important to know your rights and duties.

It is unlawful to discriminate when renting, buying or financing. Learn about your legal rights. Discrimination is illegal.

Attorneys will also be on site to offer free one-on-one legal consultations on other civil matters for eligible Canton residents.

Refreshments will be provided. Please call Mike Sheppard at 394-5225 to register.

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

Canton's annual Home Improvement Expo will be held 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 Canton's Summit on the Park.

A complete list of the vendors, the Expo layout, and workshop schedule can all be downloaded at www.canton-mi.org. 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.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

- 2** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 3** Board of Trustees Meeting. Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 7** Home Improvement Expo. Summit. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 8** Home Improvement Expo. Summit. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 10** Board of Trustees Meeting. Canceled
- 12** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 - 9 p.m.
- 14** Camp Fair - Summit on the Park. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 15** Winter Market - Summit on the Park. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 17** Board of Trustees Meeting. Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 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.
- 18** Leisure Services Advisory Committee Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 23** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 24** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 28** Easter Bunny Breakfast. 9 - 11 a.m.
- 31** Board of Trustees Meeting. Study Session. Canceled

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

MARCH 6

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

MARCH 7

A Chinese New Year Celebration. Canton Cultural Commission Multicultural Committee. 7 p.m.

MARCH 14

Second City - SOLD OUT

MARCH 18-22

Casserole Casanova. Spotlight Still Got It Players. Various times. \$16.

MARCH 19-22

Princess Whatsername. Spotlight on Youth. Various times. \$15.

MARCH 26-29

Mary Poppins. Forever After Productions. Various times. \$17.

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