



## Friday night Color Tour Jazz Concert Series begins

The Canton DDA, in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, is excited to host the ninth season of the popular "Canton Color Tour" live jazz concert series. These free concerts take place in the parking lots of various shopping centers along Canton's Ford Road. Bring your lawn chair and get ready to sit back and enjoy! Share in the fun with your friends!

July 10 – Dal Bouey – JC Penney (Between Sheldon and Morton Taylor)

July 17 – Herbie Russ – IKEA (Ford and Haggerty)

July 24 – The Brothers Groove – Super Bowl (between Canton Center and Sheldon)

July 31 – Gerard Gibbs "RYZ" – Super Bowl (between Canton Center and Sheldon)

August 7 – Yancy – Super Bowl (between Canton Center and Sheldon)

August 14 – Charles and Gwen Scales – JC Penney (Between Sheldon and Morton Taylor)

August 21 – The Urban Jazz Coalition – Kroger (Ford and Canton Center)

## Fireworks ordinance reminder

Canton's Public Safety Department would like to remind residents of the ordinance regarding use of fireworks.

Canton has an ordinance in place regarding the discharge of novelties, low-impact fireworks and consumer fireworks that states:

(a) Except in the case of a permit issued by the Township, consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used by any person at any time, except on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday. On these holiday dates only, the ignition, discharge or use of consumer fireworks is permitted between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight (extended to 1 a.m. on New Year's Day), and always only in accordance with state and local law.

(b) When permitted, consumer fireworks shall not be ignited or discharged on public property, school property, church property, or property of another person without that organization's or person's written permission to use consumer fireworks on the premises.

(c) No fireworks shall be ignited or discharged within 70 feet of any building, or on any public street.

(d) Minors shall be prohibited from possessing, using, igniting or discharging consumer fireworks.

(e) No person shall use low-impact or consumer fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance or both.

## Annual Canton Grub Crawl – July 21

Reservations are now being taken for the 14th Annual Canton Grub Crawl, which will be held Tuesday, July 21. This event features local restaurants that offer free sample portions of their specialty foods throughout the evening. Drink specials will also be available for purchase. Each attendee is given a starting point at one of the participating restaurants. You'll arrive there, park, and enjoy; then move to the next restaurant.

Tickets (T-shirts) are \$35 and include transportation to and from each restaurant on the route. To reserve your T-shirt and to get more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734/453-4040 or register at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com). Space is limited; this event sells out every year!

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# NEWS

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## Summer tax bill information

Summer tax bills have been mailed out, and the last day to pay this year is Monday, September 14, 2015. Any payments received after September 14 will have a penalty added.

Senior summer tax deferments are available for individuals that qualify. A deferment allows you to pay your summer taxes without penalty or interest until February 16, 2016. To qualify, your household income cannot exceed \$40,000 in the prior (2014) year, and you must be one of the following:

- 1) 62 years of age or older, including the un-remarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death;
- 2) Paraplegic or Quadriplegic;
- 3) Eligible Serviceperson, Veteran, Widow or Widower;
- 4) Blind;
- 5) Totally and Permanently Disabled

Applications for summer tax deferment are available at the Treasurer's Office and must be filed no later than Monday, September 14. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call 734/394-5130.

## One-time Wayne County tax levy on Summer taxes

Residents may notice a special Wayne County millage of 0.9761 charged on the summer tax bills that went out July 1.

In 2010, county workers sued Wayne County for failing to put millions of dollars into the pension system. The Michigan Supreme Court decided the County is now responsible for the money that should have been paid into the retirement fund.

On May 9, 2015 a judgment of \$49 million was entered in court that will force Wayne County to pay that full amount immediately. Because the County doesn't have the full \$49 million to pay the judgment, the pension fund's lawyers have the legal go-ahead to get this special tax levy. All county taxpayers will have to pick up the tab with a surprise tax increase this summer. The County was able to offset about \$9 million of the judgment with re-appropriated funds – reducing the millage from original levy of 1.2245 to 0.9761

The one-time property tax increase will be charged on the summer tax bills that went out July 1, 2015.

## Public Safety fills two new community-oriented positions

The Public Safety Department recently filled two new positions designated to enhance services provided to the community. Canton welcomes Fire Marshal John Oltman, and Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink to their new roles.

Fire Marshal John Oltman will be leading the Fire Prevention Division. The overall goal of the division is to ensure building fire code compliance, along with providing public education programs. Fire Marshal Oltman can be reached at 734/394-5456 or [joltman@canton-mi.org](mailto:joltman@canton-mi.org).

Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink will be providing a variety of public education and crime prevention programs for homeowners, business owners, and community groups. She has plans to revitalize Canton's Community Watch and Business Watch programs, as well as to provide security surveys for establishments when requested. Esselink will also take on the role of recruiter for the department. Officer Esselink can be reached at 734/394-5194, or [pesselink@canton-mi.org](mailto:pesselink@canton-mi.org).

## Call DTE in the event of a power outage

In the event of a power outage Canton is asking residents to call Detroit Edison at 800/477-4747. Residents may also use that number to report downed power lines.

To report a natural gas leak or emergency, please call DTE at 800/947-5000.

The only utility Canton is responsible for is water and sewer, so by using these numbers you will put yourself in direct contact with the service provider best able to resolve your issue.

# FOCUS

## Preservation Park Master Plan input sought

Canton Leisure Serves invites residents to provide feedback on the recent updates to the 2015 Preservation Park Master Plan Map Draft.

This can be done by either visiting the information booth at the Canton Farmers Market on July 19 and 26 or by taking an online survey at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) by July 31. Preservation Park, located at 500 North Ridge Road, is currently home to several Historical Buildings, Community Gardens, the Canton Farmers Market, and Canton Dog Park. For additional information, please call 734/394-5310.

## Family Field Day

Unleash your inner child and join us for fun activities and a little friendly competition that the whole family can enjoy during Canton Leisure Services First Annual Family Field Day.

The fun will take place on Friday, August 7, near the Heritage Park Amphitheater starting at 7 p.m. Featured activities include old favorites, such as: potato sack races, shoe kicks, and our new exciting inflatable obstacle course. This is a great photo opportunity, so remember to bring your camera.

The \$10 per family fee can be paid on-site. No preregistration required. The fun continues following the Family Field Day with a special showing of Disney's movie "Frozen" (rated PG) in the park on the big screen. Food, snacks, and popcorn will also be available for purchase on site. Can't make it to the Family Field Day? Just come for the free movie! For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## Family Camp-Out and Movie Night returns

On Friday, July 17, families are invited to "camp out" overnight in Heritage Park and take in a movie under the stars, featuring "The Lego Movie," (rated PG).

Plenty of fun activities have been planned before the feature starting at 6 p.m., including: games, activities and entertainment for the entire family. In addition, dinner and concession items will be sold Friday evening.

To participate in this overnight activity, a \$20 per tent fee must be paid on site. No advance registration is necessary. Campers and RV's are also welcome. Please note, no electricity will be available.

Setup begins at noon on Friday, July 17. For those not staying the night, there is a \$5 per person fee to take part in the evening's activities. Canoeing on Friday and a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning will be available for a nominal fee. For details, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## In the CLS Spotlight

### Developing golfers at all ages and stages

Golf is a lifelong sport that can be enjoyed by individuals of all ages. The growth of kids' and women's golf continues to take over area courses and because of that both of Canton's local golf clubs are offering programs geared toward player development. To help expand golfing opportunities to area youth, Pheasant Run Golf Club is allowing kids to play free when accompanied by a paying adult. Valid Monday - Friday anytime and Saturday - Sunday after 1 p.m. Families are encouraged to introduce their children to the game of golf, as it teaches them patience, concentration and discipline. For more information, visit [www.golfprgc.org](http://www.golfprgc.org).

Fellows Creek Golf Club currently offers "Women on Course," a national membership and event program presented by Billy Casper Golf. This program provides a welcome setting to build friendships and enjoy the business and social advantages of golf. Watch for a variety of Women on Course events for all levels including clinics to improve your game, on-course play, and social gatherings for pure fun! For more details, visit [www.fellowscreekgolf.com](http://www.fellowscreekgolf.com).

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## “Sounds of Summer” Thursday Night Concert Series

The popular Thursday Night Concert Series continues to offer great entertainment in the Heritage Park Amphitheater all summer long. Bring the whole family and enjoy these free concerts held Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. through August 13.

This concert series is generously sponsored in part by Community Financial Credit Union. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or folding chairs.

**July 16:** Howlin’ Mercy – Blues/Rock covers

**July 23:** Phoenix Theory – Hits from the 70’s, 80’s, 90’s and today

**July 30:** Allen as Tim and the Dance Hall Rockers – Country

**August 6:** Greg Jaqua – Elvis Presley Tribute and Oldies

**August 13:** Dan Rafferty Band – Top 40

Concerts are weather-permitting. For more information on these and other summer entertainment series including School House Rock, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## Michigan Shakespeare Festival debuts in Canton

If you revel in the elaborate language and bawdy humor of the Great Bard, then be sure to catch the Michigan Shakespeare Festival from July 29 - August 16, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. This festival brings high-quality theatrical productions to Canton, drawing respected actors and theatre patrons from across the nation. Get your tickets today at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or call 734/394-5300 for more information.

## Call for Artists: 23rd Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition

Artists are invited to participate in a juried exhibition from October 2 - 31, 2015 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Entry forms are available at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org), and the deadline is August 24.

Presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage, the goals of this exhibit include bringing quality art to the Canton community, as well as providing highly talented artists with opportunities to present their work locally.

For additional information, call 734/394-5300.

## Canton Farmers Market keeps it fresh

Warm weather brings lots of produce! This month, come and visit the Canton Farmers Market for raspberries, cherries, fresh greens, apples, and more. The Market features local vendors with Michigan-made artisan crafts, honey, produce, fresh cheese, and handmade baked goods.

Stop by the Market every Sunday until October 18, (closed July 5) from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. rain or shine in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road. On rainy days, look for us in the Cady-Boyer Barn!

Featured this month at the Market are local favorites singing on the porch, including: Mark Reitenga, Dan Mazur, and Ryan Brake. Kids can enjoy a craft weekly, and the Canton Public Library’s Storytime and the bouncer on select dates. The Master Gardeners are also available every market to answer all your gardening questions.

For more details and an updated weekly schedule, please visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org). See you at the Market!

## Rally on Ridge returns to Cherry Hill

Enjoy plenty of local eats and music at the 2nd Annual Rally on Ridge event, which will be held on Tuesday, July 28 from 5 – 8 p.m.

Just head to the Cherry Hill School Lawn at the corner of Ridge Road and Cherry Hill for this fundraiser benefitting the Canton Farmers Market. All ages are encouraged to attend.

The evening will feature several food trucks, live local musicians, and lawn games. BINGO will also be available in the Cherry Hill School House. Be sure to check out the Summer Camps’ Michigan-themed artwork showcased in the School House. Come out for a great night with great food to support the Canton Farmers Market!

For all the details, please visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## 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  
(Rizzo Environmental  
Services)  
866/772-8900

Canton Public Library  
397-0999



## DTE starts Vegetation Management Program

DTE Energy is continuing its Vegetation Management Program this year in order to provide safe, reliable energy to residents. The work is designed to reduce tree-related power outages and avoid safety concerns.

The work will be performed by a professional tree-trimming company starting in mid-to-late July. DTE has scheduled tree pruning and removal in areas just south of Joy Road from Beck to Haggerty Roads and on the north end of Canton Center Road north of the Sheldon Center intersection.

DTE Energy will contact affected customers to notify them of any necessary tree pruning or removal prior to beginning work. If residents have any questions after receiving notification of tree work, please call DTE at 313/235-4141 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

## Water Quality Report contains valuable information

Canton's 2014 Water Quality Report is available online at [www.canton-mi.org/cantonwaterreport](http://www.canton-mi.org/cantonwaterreport). Home and business owners are encouraged to read the report, which contains valuable information about where Canton's water comes from and the treatment process it goes through.

The report also includes: information about lead and tips to ensure reduction in lead consumption from your plumbing system; information about substances that may be found in source water; and information on Canton's voluntary outdoor water use restrictions.

For questions or to obtain additional copies please call Canton Public Works at 397-1011.

## CCF's 26th Annual Jack Demmer Ford Golf Outing

The Canton Community Foundation will host its 26th annual golf outing, "The Jack Demmer Ford Golf Outing," on Thursday, August 13. This premier outing includes 18 holes at Pheasant Run Golf Club, lunch at the turn, contests, complimentary beverages, a fabulous dinner banquet, and exciting awards and prizes. To register, call 734/495-1200 or email [bmeade@cantonfoundation.org](mailto:bmeade@cantonfoundation.org).

## Canton asks residents to obey HAWK signals

Motorist are advised that Canton's new HAWK signals are now active and failure to obey them will result in costly fines and points on your driver's license. Canton installed the new signals last summer in an effort to increase pedestrian safety. The signals can be found at following locations:

- Palmer Road at the ITC Trail crossing
- Cherry Hill Road at the ITC Trail crossing

To view an instructional video on how the new signals work visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or visit us on Facebook at [facebook.com/cantonmsd](http://facebook.com/cantonmsd).

## Canton Historical Society exhibit

The Canton Historical Society invites you to check out its current exhibit, "Straight-laced? Loosening up the Secrets of Petticoats and Drawers at the Turn of the Century."

The exhibit runs through August 23. Museum hours are Tuesdays, 1 - 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 6 - 8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. as well as by appointment by calling 734/397-0088. The Museum is located at 1022 Canton Center Road. For more information, visit [CantonHistoricalSociety.org](http://CantonHistoricalSociety.org).

## Canton Lions Membership Drive

The Canton Lions Club is hosting a Membership Drive on Wednesday, July 29, at 6 p.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

The Canton Lions meet on the fourth Monday at 6 p.m. at Rose's Restaurant. For additional information, please call Lion Bill VanWinkle 734/254-9404 or email [govbill1@wowway.com](mailto:govbill1@wowway.com).



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COMMUNITY  
CALENDAR

JULY

- 3** Holiday - Administration Building Closed.
- 6** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 7** Board of Trustees Meeting. Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 8** School House Rock Series – Dodson Elementary School. 6:30 p.m.
- 9** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 9** Thursday Night Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park Amphitheater.
- 10** Canton Clean-up. Recycling Only. 42100 VanBorn. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 10** Canton Color Tour Jazz Series. 7 p.m. JCPenney.
- 12** Canton Farmers Market. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Preservation Park.
- 14** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 15** DDA Board of Directors Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 15** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 16** Thursday Night Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park Amphitheater.
- 17-18** Family Night Camp Out. 12 p.m. – 11:55 a.m. Heritage Park.
- 17** Canton Color Tour Jazz Series. 7 p.m. IKEA.
- 19** Canton Farmers Market. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Preservation Park.
- 21** Board of Trustees Meeting. Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 22** School House Rock Series – Bentley Elementary School. 6:30 p.m.
- 23** Thursday Night Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park Amphitheater.
- 24** Canton Clean-up and Recycling. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 VanBorn.
- 24** Canton Color Tour Jazz Series. 7 p.m. Super Bowl.
- 25** CWR Clean-up and Recycling. 8 – 11 a.m. 42100 VanBorn.
- 25** Yappy Hour. 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Dog Park
- 26** Canton Farmers Market. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Preservation Park.
- 27** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 28** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 28** Rally on the Ridge. 6:30 p.m. Cherry Hill School.
- 30** Thursday Night Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park Amphitheater.
- 31** Canton Color Tour Jazz Series. 7 p.m. Super Bowl.

VILLAGE THEATER  
SCHEDULE

JULY 9-12

The Wizard of Oz. Spotlight on Youth. 2 and 7 p.m. \$15.

JULY 29

The Rivals. Michigan Shakespeare Festival. 2 p.m. \$36/33/16.

JULY 30-31

A Midsummer Night's Dream. Michigan Shakespeare Festival. 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices vary.