

Canton Board to hold Study Session on automated recycling collection

Canton's Board of Trustees will hold a study session on January 17 to explore the possibility of implementing an automated recycling collection program in 2017. Canton looked into an automated system after a township-wide survey indicated the majority of residents would be in favor of switching to 64-gallon carts from the existing 18-gallon bins.

If implemented, the new carts would hold nearly four times as much as the current bins and the attached lid would limit exposure of recyclables to inclement weather. The larger carts would also encourage more recycling, thereby saving valuable landfill space over the long term. Total cost per resident to implement the program, including the purchase of the carts by the Township, equates to an additional \$13 per year.

The study session will begin at 7 p.m. in the Board Room, located on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building. The study session is open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend in order to learn about the proposed system and get questions answered.

For more information, call 394-5160.

Holiday tree pick-up January 2-13

GFL Environmental will only offer curbside pick-up of natural Christmas trees from January 2-13. Please place your tree at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on your regular refuse collection day with all stands, lights and ornaments removed.

After January 13, trees will no longer be accepted at the curb.

Canton receives AAA bond rating

Canton was recently advised by Fitch Ratings, Inc. rating service that the township's credit rating has been set at AAA, with a stable outlook.

"The ratings reflect the continued commitment to financial excellence by the Board of Trustees, directors and staff," said Wendy Trumbull, Canton's Finance and Budget Director. "Canton has maintained a sound financial base while continuing to provide, and improve, service to residents."

According to Fitch, the ratings also reflect Canton's "ample revenue raising and expenditure flexibility, strong gap-closing capacity, conservative financial management practices, and low long-term liability burden."

By maintaining or improving bond ratings, Canton is able to receive lower interest rates when required to finance necessary projects, as well as any future debt issuance.

Dog Park and Dog License renewals

The Clerk's Office is now issuing 2017 Dog Licenses and Dog Park permits. All 2016 licenses and permits expired on December 31. Current rabies and distemper vaccinations are required for dog licenses and dog park memberships. Application can be made in person or by downloading the forms from www.canton-mi.org and mailing documentation and fees to Canton Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI. 48188. Attention: Dog License.

Please note that access to the Canton Dog Park via electronic gate access key fobs will be discontinued for any member who does not renew their membership by April 1. New Dog Park members are required to submit a refundable key fob security deposit of \$20 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 more information, please visit www.canton-mi.org or call 734/394-5310.

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A message from Supervisor Williams

On November 22, 2016, I was sworn in as Canton's Supervisor. I am taking the reins from Supervisor Phil LaJoy who served as Canton's Supervisor for the last eight years with great honor and distinction. I am very happy to report that Supervisor LaJoy and I had the luxury of working together for several days to ensure a smooth and efficient transition of responsibility.



Serving as a Canton Trustee the past eight years gave me insight into the inner workings of our community. However, as the Supervisor, I am rapidly gaining a greater appreciation of the efforts of my predecessors and the work they have done over the years to make Canton such a great place to live.

It is my intention to work hard for all of Canton's residents over the next four years to maintain One Canton for all residents. One Canton for all stakeholders to be able to fully enjoy everything Canton has to offer in terms of a safe and vibrant community.

In the short and long term my priorities are to focus on these Canton issues:

- The new water-storage facility and shifting Canton's waste water treatment completely to Ypsilanti. The end goal is to slow the rate of increase of future water-sewer rates.
- To continue the level of services Canton residents have come to expect.
- To continue efforts to develop a strong relationship between the newly reshaped Township Board, neighboring communities and staff.
- To work closely with Wayne County on efforts to improve our roads.
- Consider all potential Ford Road improvements that may reduce accidents.

If, at any time, you have questions or concerns related to Canton, please call my office at 734/394-5185.

Snow emergencies in Canton

A snow emergency is declared for the purpose of clearing streets for snow removal and allowing accessibility for Public Safety vehicle response. In declaring a snow emergency, consideration must be given to the amount of snow fall and/or severity of weather, along with the ability to commit department resources to ensure compliance.

Canton Public Safety declares a snow emergency when snow accumulation of generally five inches or more is predicted. The following prevailing weather conditions are also taken into consideration:

- Duration of the snow event
- High winds, drifting, blizzard-like conditions
- Warming conditions
- Sleet, freezing rain, etc.

During a snow emergency parking is prohibited on all streets in Canton to provide adequate access for plows and emergency vehicles. Voluntary compliance is appreciated, but the traffic order does provide for enforcement action to be taken, up to and including, vehicles being ticketed and/or towed.

For more information contact Kathy Rich at 734/394-5357, or at krich@canton-mi.org.

Did you know that Canton's new Simple Recycling program collected 30,295 pounds of material in November?

Simple Recycling is a for-profit recycler committed to offering residents the easiest way to keep usable materials from the landfill.

The program is free of charge and began in November, 2016.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Earn Summit Bucks

Be sure to take advantage of the Summit's special promotion and earn \$10 worth of Summit Bucks for every \$50 you spend on eligible purchases now - January 15. Summit Bucks can be redeemed for eligible Memberships and Health and Wellness purchases through January 31.

Eligible purchases include: Summit Memberships, and eligible Health & Wellness offerings (including Registered Fitness Classes, Personal Training Packages and Wellness Coaching Packages). Find all Summit Bucks details online at www.summitonthepark.org. 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.

Winter Markets return to Summit banquet lobby

The first of three monthly Winter Markets will be held on Sunday, February 26 in the Summit on the Park lobby, 46000 Summit Parkway. Markets are also scheduled for March 19 and April 23 at the Summit; all with special winter market hours from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Over 20 local vendors will be featured at the first Market of the winter season. Michigan goods available include spinach, kale, greens, apples, cider, sauces, honey, granola, pasture raised meats, a variety of baked goods, artisan cheese and bread, dressings, frozen falafel, sauerkraut, pasties, hand-crafted soap and more.

For more information, check out our website at www.cantonfun.org as well as www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket.

Pheasant Run Golf Club update

Seeking a great venue to host your golf league? Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500 Summit Parkway, provides three challenging nines to entertain your league members. Leagues at Pheasant Run receive many great benefits such as Pro Shop and food and beverage discounts, as well as green fee specials and discounted range fees on your scheduled league day. Our Fore Star Grill provides a great post-round back drop to enjoy a beverage along with an entrée from our fantastic menu.

For more information, visit www.golfprgc.org.

In the CLS Spotlight

Get into the fun of stitching for a good cause

The Canton community has many talented and creative individuals who are stitching, knitting and crafting handmade items for so many to enjoy. At Canton Club 55+, located in the Summit on the Park, groups gather regularly to make crafts that are shared with family, friends and those in need. The Afghan Club spend hours making blankets for Veterans' Haven, Inc., as well as hats, scarves and mittens for those in need throughout our community. Another dedicated group that meets regularly is the Handcrafters group, who whip up favors for homebound seniors, as well as winter wear for the Canton Goodfellows. Additionally, many of the artisans from these groups participate in one-day events like Little Stitches of Hope. At this event, participants donate their time and talents to sew dresses out of pillow cases for the children of central Africa. The time, dedication and talent that is being poured in to these projects is commendable. If you would like information on how to get involved or make a donation of supplies to any of these groups, please call 734/394-5485 or email sdiago@canton-mi.org.

- Little Stitches of Hope: January 31 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Afghan/Dishcloth Club: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Handcrafters: Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

The Village Theater in the spotlight

Start the New Year off with some unforgettable entertainment at The Village Theater on January 16, when **Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** through song, dance and inspiring words. This tribute to the life and legacy of this civil rights leader is presented by the Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sub-Committee, and Canton Township. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a cookies and punch reception that is open to the public. The main stage program is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. This year's keynote address will be presented by Monica L. Merritt, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Workman Elementary School Choir under the direction of Keri L. Mueller; Interfaith Community Outreach (ICO) Choir directed by Inderjeet Talwar; along with a presentation by spoken word artist, Khadega Mohammed. Tickets are just \$2 at the door. For additional information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734/394-5300.

There's fun for the entire family when **Larry Callahan and Selected of God** perform at Canton's Village Theater on Saturday, January 21, at 7 p.m. This world renowned community Gospel Choir, from the Detroit Area, has performed with many major artists, including the award-winning Chrysler 200 SuperBowl commercial with Eminem and America's Got Talent. Selected of God has performed across the United States and internationally for the Nike France All-Star Basketball Game. The choir will be in full concert at The Village Theater, along with their special guest, the 40+ member **Detroit Youth Choir.** Join them, Saturday, January 21, at the Village Theater for an awesome night of traditional and contemporary Gospel music. Tickets are just \$15.

Back by popular demand, the **Cashore Marionettes** return to Canton's Village Theater on Saturday, February 4 at 2 and 7 p.m. Experience two amazing performances featuring this internationally acclaimed group who take puppetry to the ultimate level. "Simple Gifts," is a family-friendly performance featuring a series of touching portrayals and poignant scenes from everyday life. Tickets are \$12 each. "Life in Motion," features a portrayal of characters that is powerful, entertaining and a one-of-a-kind evening for adults and children ages 12 and older. Tickets are \$15 for all ages. Get your tickets online today at www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Summit swim meets

On January 21, come join us for a fun-filled Swim Meet at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. This event, which will start at 6 p.m., is for those looking to get onto a competitive swim team or just looking to let loose of a little energy.

Participants must currently be in Summit Swim School level 4 or above or in our Competitive Prep Swim Team. Registration fee is just \$10. Sign up by January 9 online at www.summitonthepark.org. For additional information, call the Summit Swim School at 734/394-5467.

Bartlett's Kids Club update

If you are looking for ways to get your kids off the couch this winter, check out Bartlett's Kids Club's Family Fun Days, which will be held at the Summit on the Park on the third Saturday of each month. These special activity days will focus on family time.

Attention all Lumber Jacks and Jills! Bartlett's Kids Club is going to 'Channel the Flannel' in January with plenty of lumberjack fun and games. Break out your best flannel shirt and be sure not to 'Feed the bears' on January 21 from noon to 1:30 p.m. In addition, don't forget that the water hole will be open afterward for open swim in the Aquatic Center. Pre-registration is required. This event is FREE for all Summit on the Park members, \$3 per child for Canton residents, and \$4 per child for non-residents. Visit www.summitonthepark.org to learn more about each month's themed-activity.

Club 55+ Valentine's Day Afternoon Tea

Area seniors are encouraged to attend a special Valentine's Day Afternoon Tea at Club 55+ on Wednesday, February 8 from 1-3 p.m. Enjoy finger sandwiches, scones, desserts and, of course, tea.

For additional information or to register for the event, please call Canton Club 55+ at 734/394-5485.

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

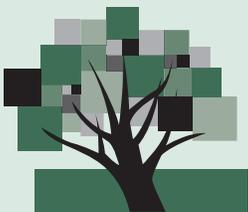
Summit on the Park
394-5460

Ordinance Enforcement
394-5335

GFL (refuse collection)
866/772-8900

Canton Public Library
397-0999

Village Theater at
Cherry Hill
394-5300



Chamber Wine and Beer Tasting event returns

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Holiday Market, presents the Second Annual Wine and Beer Tasting on Friday, February 17, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, 46000 Summit Parkway.

The event features wine, beer and delicious hors d'oeuvres, compliments of Holiday Market. Fifty percent of all proceeds will benefit the LiveLikeMax Foundation. This foundation was created after the passing of Max Pardington to bring awareness to the importance of healthy heart checks and to make them available to all high school students free of charge.

Tickets are \$35 per person in advance and \$40 at the door. Must be 21 to attend. A limited number of spaces available. Call the Chamber at 453-4040 or purchase online at www.cantonchamber.com.

Annual Butterfly Ball returns

Canton's very popular Valentine's tradition returns on February 10 and 11 to the Summit on the Park, offering



a unique experience and plenty of special memories! Dads and daughters can enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the highly-anticipated-balloon drop that caps off the festivities.

Choose from three dances that are set to take place in the Summit Gymnasium: February 10 at 6:30 p.m.; and February 11 at 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Semiformal or dressy-casual attire is recommended. Ticket sales end on February 1 and each participant is required to have a ticket for entry. Tickets are just \$10.50 for residents and \$13.50 for non-residents.

These dances traditionally sell out, so be sure to purchase tickets early. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call 394-5460.

Fire hydrant snow removal

When heavy snow falls, fire hydrants can become buried. If you have a hydrant on or near your property, the Fire Department is asking for your assistance in clearing the snow away from it.

Because every second counts when fighting a fire, having the hydrant visible and accessible to firefighters arriving on a scene could make a big difference when time is of the essence.

The Canton Post Office is also requesting that residents clear snow from around their mailboxes to ensure prompt delivery of mail.

Homeowner Association updates requested

Canton continually works to keep an updated list of Homeowner Associations, the current president and/or management company, and the related contact information. If you sit on your HOA Board and have NOT updated your contact information (or are not sure if it has been updated), please call 734/394-5185 or e-mail tcraighead@canton-mi.org with the following information:

- Subdivision/Condo Assoc. name
- HOA Contact Name (and Title)
- Address (street, zip) Please provide the P.O. Box used to mail dues, if applicable
- Phone, email, website (if applicable)

We would also like the following information, if it applies:

- Management Company (along with address, phone, contact person and contact email)

**Please indicate who/what information you would like us to post on our website.



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

FOCUS

FOCUS is published monthly to provide Canton residents with information on issues and events in the community. If you have any comments contact:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 2** Canton Administrations Building Closed. New Year's Day observed.
- 3** Board of Trustees Study Session. TBD.
- 9** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 10** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 12** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 16** Canton Administration Building Closed. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- 17** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 18** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 18** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit Chestnut Room. Call 394-5185.
- 23** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 24** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 31** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 6** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 6** Park Pavilion rentals begin – online rentals only. 9 a.m.
- 7** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 9** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 14** Winter Taxes Due.
- 14** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 15** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

JANUARY ART EXHIBITION:

“Simply Human”
Drawings and Paintings by Nina Ashraf Asmi

JANUARY 13-15

Canton One Act Festival 2017
TLC Productions. Various times.
\$15.

JANUARY 16

Canton Celebrates Dr. King.
Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. 6 p.m. \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

JANUARY 21

Larry Callahan and Selected of God
Concert. 7 p.m. \$15.

FEBRUARY 4

Simple Gifts-The Cashore Marionettes
2 p.m. \$12. Life in Motion. 7 p.m. \$15.

FEBRUARY 24-25

Breathe. A True Story. Brennen Reeves
7:30 p.m. \$22.

**For tickets, visit
cantonvillagetheater.com or
call 394-5300 ext. 3**

Auditorium temperatures are kept between 68-72 degrees. Please dress accordingly.