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Easter Bunny headed to Canton

Bring the kids out to Heritage Park on Saturday, April 1, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. to enjoy a variety of Easter and spring-themed activities!

Maximize your experience by registering for the Easter Bunny Breakfast, which takes place just prior to this event in the Summit's Grand Ballroom from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.! Tickets for the breakfast are on sale now at the Summit Front Desk through March 28 at 8 p.m. Please note that tickets for the breakfast will not be sold at the door. No pre-registration is necessary for the Easter Eggstravaganza; however, there is a \$3 resident and \$4 non-resident fee per child which can be paid for at the event's information booths.

Continuous egg hunts will be held between 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in two age categories to help keep the "hunting" fair for even our littlest participants. Please allow some extra time for parking, as historically this is a well-attended event. The grounds tend to be very

wet in early spring, so please dress accordingly.

For additional information about both of the special Easter events, visit www.cantonfun.org prior to the events for a complete schedule of events.



Yard waste collection begins next month

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 3 and continue until November 30. All yard waste should be placed with recyclable 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.

In addition, GFL Environmental USA will hold the first clean-up weekend of 2017 on Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at their facility located at 42100 Van Born Road.

For questions or more information on refuse, recycling and yard waste collection visit www.canton-mi.org or call GFL at 866/772-8900.

A Salute to Canton

Submissions are now being accepted for Canton's community awards. If you would like to nominate someone for the Canton Hall of Fame, Community Achiever, or Community Supporter, please visit www.canton-mi.org/232 for a link to the nomination form.

The deadline to submit is Friday, March 31. Please call 394-5185 with questions.

2017 Frog and Toad Survey training scheduled

Canton will host a Frog and Toad Survey training session for those interested in monitoring the health of the Rouge River on Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Summit on the Park.

The session will focus on frog and toad identification skills in order to help volunteers determine different species out in the field. Frogs and toads are considered excellent indicators of the environmental quality around us. The more species a site can support, the better the habitat.

The training session is free and open to anyone, child or adult, who is concerned about the environment and wants to play an active role in monitoring its health.

Pre-registration is required by calling the Friends of the Rouge at 313/792-9621 or visiting www.therouge.org.

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This Month in Canton

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A message from Supervisor Williams

Canton's roads are our number one issue today! Sadly, roads will remain a problem for some time. Especially with this winter's wildly swinging temperatures between freeze and thaw that exacerbate the pothole problems. We are receiving phone calls and emails daily from frustrated residents and business owners. We are all feeling the pain of Canton's embarrassing and at times dangerous road conditions.



I have been meeting with County officials, including County Executive Mr. Warren Evans, sharing with them personally our concerns. Unlike the past, combative tactics that have not paid off for Canton, I am trying a novel approach to work very hard to develop positive relationships with the County. Whereby we can, hopefully, work together as a team to address Canton's very real roads issues.

It is my current understanding that Canton Center between Michigan and Geddes, and Warren between Beck and Canton Center are budgeted to be repaired in 2017. Based on the "Wayne County" road's budget – my hope is that we will see road crews in the spring/summer replacing the worst sections.

You can help us communicate with Wayne County directly by asking for priority to be given to Canton's roads. Residents now have an effective way to have their voices heard as well by logging their complaints onto Wayne County's website at www.waynecounty.com/servicerequest20/.

This link can also be found on Canton's homepage, www.canton-mi.org. This process automatically creates and dispatches a service request at the county level.

Alternatively, residents can call 888/ROADCREW (888/762-3273) to report any hazardous road conditions.

I am hopeful that we can all work together to help make Canton's roads a priority for Wayne County.

Time to change clocks, batteries

This year Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12. In addition to setting your clocks ahead one hour, Deputy Fire Chief Jamie Strassner, encourages all Canton residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

"Batteries should be changed at least once a year," says Strassner. "Choosing an annual event such as Daylight Savings Time, is a great way to remember to complete this otherwise forgettable task."

It is a fact that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives, and you should have them installed on each floor of your residence and outside of each sleeping area. But these detectors are only as good as the battery working inside of them.

"Many homes have hard-wired detectors, but these devices still contain back-up batteries that need to be replaced," Strassner adds.

For additional fire safety information, call the Fire Prevention Unit at 394-5456 or visit their web page at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

Fair Housing Presentation

On Thursday, April 27, 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.

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 394-5225 to register.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Village Theater Call for Artists

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is now accepting proposals for our 2018 exhibition season, and seeking exhibiting artists in all mediums. The deadline for submissions is April 12, 2017.

The exhibition committee is comprised of local artists and art educators, and will make the final decisions on the 2018 exhibition season. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is a premier performing arts center in Southeast Michigan. On average, 5,000 people visit the theater each month.

For details, please visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org under Artists' Resources. Completed 2018 Art Exhibition Packets may be delivered to The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187 or emailed to villagetheater@canton-mi.org.

Canton Lions seeking new players and cheerleaders

Area boys and girls 7-14 years of age who are interested in football and cheerleading are encouraged to register for the Canton Lions Junior Football and Cheerleading starting March 1.

For additional information, visit www.lionsfootballcheer.com or check them out on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/cantonlions.football.cheer.

In the CLS Spotlight

Liberty Festival 5K, 10K and 1 Mile

Join us at The Canton Liberty Run, June 17. Celebrate your freedom at the Liberty Festival 5K, 10K and one mile, and be a part of something BIG! Run, walk or stroll the beautiful 3.1 mile or 6.2 mile flat, fast and accurate courses through neighborhood streets and the natural beauty of the Lower Rouge Trail.

Liberty Run entry includes a shirt, finisher's medals for all distances, and theme awards! 2017 Theme...Stars, Stripes and Sparkles. A portion of your entry fee will help fund recreation and trail improvement in Canton.

Yes, you can do this! With the training schedules found here: <http://cantonlibertyrun.com/index.php/training> anyone can be ready to line up and finish this event! Gather your favorite red, white and blue gear and make your way to the starting line! Enter early and save at cantonlibertyrun.com

"Spring" into The Village Theater

The Partnership for the Arts & Humanities will host its annual winter fundraiser at the Village Theater with a performance of **"Old Time Rock-n-Roll" featuring Steve King and the Dittilies** on March 4. Doors open at 7 p.m. with a welcome reception that will include sample size treats from local restaurants. Following the reception get ready for hit songs from the 1940s through present, spiced with current comedy. Tickets are \$35 per person.

The annual Chinese New Year and spring celebration, **Canton's Chinese Spring Festival**, begins at 7 p.m. at The Village Theater on March 11. The festival features classical, traditional, folk, and modern dances and performances with Chinese instruments. The festival will also feature the area's finest choirs under the direction of **Ms. Shuping Ma**, who has performed throughout the U.S. and China. Tickets are \$5 per person.

The Village Theater will host the **Detroit All Star Bands Showcase** on March 25 at 7 p.m. An eclectic mix of Pop, Rock, Funk, Motown performed by the best bands in and around the Motor City. Performers include **Dueling Pianos International, Speed Painter Dave Santia, Skyline** and the **Backstreet Horns, Parallel Fifth** and MORE! Tickets are \$15 per person.

Tickets for these events and more can be purchased at the door or in advance at www.cantonvillagetheater.org, by phone at 734/394-5300, or in person Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI, 48187.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Winter Farmers Markets Update

Two more Canton Winter Farmers Markets will be held at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, on Sunday, March 19 and April 23.

Join a variety of vendors from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., who offer a wide assortment of Michigan-grown and -made products, including: honey, produce, baked goods, jams, artisan cheese and breads, and hand crafted items. For additional details, visit www.canton-mi.org/496.

Attention seniors! The Canton Farmers Market was recently awarded a grant to launch its Healthy Food Connect: Canton program to help better connect Canton seniors, who are 55 years of age and older, to fresh, nutritious, local food.

Interested seniors may schedule an orientation to receive a one-on-one tour of the Farmers Market and information about the food assistance programs currently accepted at the markets. The first 300 Healthy Food Connect participants to attend a scheduled orientation will receive \$5 in Market Bucks to purchase eligible food products at the market. Monthly drawings for prizes will also be held for those who attend the market, so be sure to check in with the market staff each time you attend!

The Canton Farmers Market will also have weekly cooking demonstrations. Recipe cards will also be available so you can recreate each culinary masterpiece at home. In addition, the Canton Farmers Market is partnering with HVA Mobility Transportation to provide FREE transportation for qualifying individuals to and from our winter and regular season markets. Participants can schedule their transportation directly with HVA's Call Center Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. by calling 734/477-6404. Trips to the Canton Farmers Market will not deduct from your weekly trip allotment.

For more information or to schedule an orientation, email cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org or call 734/394-5375 and take advantage of this special program today! See you at the Market!

Pheasant Run Golf Club update

Golf season is right around the corner! Come visit Pheasant Run Golf Club at the Michigan Golf Show in Novi on Friday, March 10 – Sunday, March 12. Stop in for great deals on clothing and apparel, as well as show specials on golf. There will also be hourly drawings for free golf, so don't miss it.

Not long after that, Pheasant Run will open for the season. So dust off your clubs, and get ready for some beautiful spring golf at discounted rates. For more information call the Pro Shop at 734/397-6460.

Spring adult softball registration now open

Over 300 teams enjoy the double-header leagues played at Canton's premier softball complex, featuring 12 lighted fields, covered dugouts and full-service Sports Bar and Grill. The Canton Sports Center is located at 46555 Michigan Avenue.

Leagues are available Sundays-Fridays from April-October. For more information or to register, visit csc.canton-mi.org or call 734/483-5600.

Canton Activity Crew returns

Are you looking for fun and unique activities for your children ages 5-15 to take part in this summer? Canton Activity Crew can provide memorable fun in its supervised drop-in program, which includes a mix of organized sports, activities, crafts, and theme-days for area youth in designated community parks from June 19 - August 11.

Children must be 5 years old as of June 19 to participate--no exceptions. Early Bird Registration will begin online March 11 at 10 a.m. and will end on June 18 with a one-time registration fee for this summer of \$30 for residents for the first child, and \$25 for each additional child. Registration will be available onsite starting June 19 at the playground site for \$35 for residents for the first child and \$30 for each additional child.

For non-residents wishing to register, the onsite fee will be \$46 for the first child, and \$39 for each additional child. Please note that cash only will be collected onsite. Site Lists will be available on June 1. For more information, please call 734/394-5460.

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



Residents urged to report hazardous road conditions to Wayne County

Hazardous road conditions should be reported to the Wayne County Department of Public Services - Roads Division at 1-888-762-3273. Residents can call this number 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to report any form of road hazard, including potholes. Residents can also visit www.waynecounty.com/servicerequest20 to fill out an online service request.

Because Canton is a township and not a city, it is not responsible for any of the 375 miles of road in the community. In Canton, nine percent of the roads are owned by the State, 68 percent are owned by the County, and the remaining 23 percent are owned by private Homeowner Associations.

By not owning the roads, Canton avoids legal liability, and regional maintenance operations on the road system saves money. For example, Wayne County buys supplies, vehicles, salt, etc. in bulk, therefore providing more services for less money than Canton would pay on its own.

For up-to-date information on road construction projects in Canton, follow Canton's Municipal Services Department on Facebook and Twitter at facebook.com/cantonmsd and twitter.com/cantonmsd.

Historical Society seeks board members

The Canton Historical Society is seeking persons interested in history and that would like to keep Canton's history alive for future generations.

There are two board member positions open. The term is for three years (2017-2020). The board is made up community-minded volunteers who have an interest in the local community and its history.

The board meets the third Monday of each month at the Canton Administration Building from 7 - 9 p.m.

If interested, and for more information on the Historical Society, please visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Scholarship opportunities available

The Michigan Townships Association administers a scholarship fund established in memory of Robert R. Robinson, former executive director of the association. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to help students in Michigan who are preparing for a career in public administration.

The scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis, as determined by the applicant's academic achievement, community involvement and commitment to a career in local government administration. Applicants must be a junior, senior or graduate student in a Michigan college or university.

Applications can be found at www.michigantownships.org/scholarship.asp.

The Canton Lions Club also offers scholarships for those students who either have a sight or hearing impairment, or are working towards a degree in the sight or hearing field. Please email cantonlionsclubinternational.com or call Nancy at 734/358-4280 for an application.

Treasurer's Corner

As you know, winter taxes were due at the end of the business day on Tuesday, February 14. After that time a penalty fee of 3% was added to any unpaid tax bill. On March 1, delinquent real property taxes were turned over to Wayne County.

On another note, many Canton residents are curious about how we get our water and sewer rates. To answer those questions, Canton will be hosting a Community Forum on Wednesday, March 29 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of Canton's Administration Building.

The forum is designed to show residents how water and sewer rates are calculated and to answer questions regarding the 2017 rates. The forum is free of charge and open to the public.

If you have any questions on your taxes or water bills, call the Treasurer's office at 734/394-5130.



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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

MARCH

- 1** State of the Township. 11:30 a.m. Village Theater. \$25.
- 6** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 7** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 9** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 10** Canton Clean-up – Recycling only 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born. Call 866/772-8900.
- 11** Camp and Class Registration. 10 – 12 p.m.
- 13** March Board of Review. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 -4 p.m. Administration Building Board Room.
- 14** March Board of Review. 1 – 4:30 p.m. Administration Building Board Room. 6 – 9 p.m. Location TBD.
- 14** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 15** March Board of Review. 1 – 4:30 p.m. and 6 – 9 p.m. Administration Building Board Room.
- 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.
- 18** Frog and Toad Survey Training Workshop. Summit on the Park. 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 21** Board of Trustees Study Session.
- 28** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

MARCH ART EXHIBITION:

“Large Vision” by Jon Lange
Large vibrant acrylic airbrush paintings that are rarely displayed.

MARCH 4

Old Time Rock-n-Roll featuring Steve King and the Dittilies. Partnership for the Arts. 7 p.m. Reception. 8 p.m. \$35.

MARCH 9-12

Fairy Tale Courtroom. Spotlight Youth Players. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. \$16.

MARCH 11

Chinese Spring Festival 2017. Canton Cultural Commission Multicultural Committee. 7 p.m. \$5.

MARCH 16-19

Singin’ In the Rain Jr.
Produced by Special Arrangement with Music Theater International.

MARCH 25

Detroit All Star Bands Showcase
7 p.m. \$15.

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

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