



# S U M M E R

CANTON

## Community Connection Day for special populations

Local families with at-risk and special populations are invited to meet and mingle with Canton police officers and firefighter/paramedics at Canton's first Community Connection Day. This free event will be held on Saturday, April 29, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Community Connection Day is intended to dispel fears and myths special populations may associate with lights, sirens and uniformed public safety personnel. The event will be very interactive and hands-on, allowing attendees the opportunity to look/sit in police and fire vehicles, as well as talk with police officers and firefighters.

No preregistration is needed for this open event, sponsored by Building Bridges and Contemporary Dentistry. This event, presented by Canton Leisure Services, Canton Public Safety, and Plymouth-Canton schools, will feature an expo area of resource-related vendors and organizations. For details, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org)

## Annual Fishing Derby

The Heritage Park ponds will once again be stocked with rainbow trout and hybrid blue gill for this family-friendly Fishing Derby, which will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. No fishing license is required and all ages are welcome!

A limited quantity of worms/bait will be available for purchase. Make sure to bring your own fishing pole! Onsite registration for each participant/fishing ribbon is \$6 for residents and \$8 for non-residents. Each participant has a three fish limit. For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## River Day set for May 20

Canton's annual River Day Celebration will be held Saturday, May 20 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Flodin Park, located on Saltz Road at Morton Taylor Road. River Day is a celebration of the rivers in the southeast Michigan region. Every year, hundreds of volunteers help to preserve the quality of Canton's creeks and streams.

River Day takes place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages including residents, students and scout troops are encouraged to participate. Volunteers are asked to meet at Flodin Park promptly at 8 a.m. Canton will have two or three off-site locations in need of cleaning and buses will be provided to take volunteers to the locations. On-site activities will include bird house building, nature walks and a live interactive presentation on exotic animals.

For more information or to pre-register for the event, call 394-5150.



## Yard waste collection begins this month

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 3 and continue until November 30. 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. Any container over 32 gallons and weighing more than 50 pounds will be left at the curb.

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](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call GFL at 866/772-8900.

# This Month in Canton

# S U B U R B S I D E

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## A message from Supervisor Williams

Residents know what a great place Canton is to raise a family. In large part what makes Canton so special is that we recognize and celebrate the unique ethnic, cultural and religious diversity of our community.

I have been approached on more than one occasion with a concern that is sadly gaining steam within our local Muslim, Middle Eastern and South Asian community. This concern is based on the non-stop rhetoric we are all hearing on the national news combined with very real violent crimes that have occurred around the nation.

The concern of the South Asian community was brought to my attention by Mr. Anand Kumar, a Canton resident and the owner/producer of [www.miindia.com](http://www.miindia.com), a website that serves as the main source of information for the Asian Indian community in Southeastern Michigan.

“Our community is extremely concerned about safety following the hate crimes in Kansas and Seattle during the past few days. Nearly all families of Indian origin have received calls from India asking about our safety.”

I also spoke with the President of the Muslim Community of the Western Suburbs, Mr. Haaris Ahmad, regarding the national incidents against Muslims and other groups and he noted the increased security measures that the Muslim community has taken.

“Our community has taken the necessary precautions given the circumstances and we realize that we are not the only community with concerns. We are proud to be part of a diverse community in Canton and we will continue to work with the Township to make it a place for everybody.”

Canton remains steadfast in our commitment to be welcoming to all our residents. Canton hereby reaffirms its commitment to equal opportunity for all residents to be free from harassment or intimidation.

Our Public Safety Department has been and continues to meet with various groups throughout Canton wherever and whenever requested. Canton also continues to be one of the safest communities in the nation with populations over 75,000.

If you are victim of, or witness to, any behavior that is unacceptable please do not hesitate to call the Canton Public Safety Department immediately at 911 in the case of an emergency or at the non-emergency number, 734/394-5400.



## Wayne County Hazardous Waste Collection April 22

The Wayne County Department of Public Service will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Romulus Civic Center, 11111 Wayne Road.

For more information on the collection or to obtain a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, call 734/326-3936 or visit [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com).

## Public Safety invites you to stay informed

The Public Safety Department offers several easy options to stay informed on emergency happenings in the community:

- Like the department's Facebook page at Canton Public Safety Department
- Follow the department on Twitter @CantonPSD
- Sign up for community alerts on Nixle.com
- Sign up for notifications from Canton via Notify Me (available @ [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://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.

Attorneys will also offer free one-on-one legal consultations for eligible Canton residents. Refreshments will be provided. Please call 394-5225 to register.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## PGA Junior League at Pheasant Run Golf Club

Spring has finally arrived! Pheasant Run's golf course is in great shape and ready to challenge your game.

For boys and girls ages 8-14, Pheasant Run offers a PGA Junior League. Like other recreational youth sports, participants wear numbered jerseys and play on teams with friends. Players compete under the direction of a PGA Professional Captain in a popular two-person scramble format which reinforces the team concept and creates a nurturing environment for learning the game.

Register by May 1, online at [www.pgajlg.com/register](http://www.pgajlg.com/register). For additional information, call the Pheasant Run Pro Shop at 734/397-6460. To stay up with the latest news and events at Pheasant Run Golf Club, visit [www.golfprgc.com](http://www.golfprgc.com).

## Summit 'Summer Shape Up' membership special

Do you know someone who's looking for a short-term fitness center membership to get them in shape for the summer? Then be sure tell them to take advantage of the Summit on the Park's 'Shape Up For Summer' membership special and save! From April 1 – May 31, Canton residents can purchase a 3-month individual membership for just \$105. The non-resident special rate is \$135 for a 3-month individual membership.

This offer cannot be combined with any others and is not valid on prior purchases. Now's the perfect time to get started on the path to health and fitness with a Summit on the Park membership. For more information, call Membership Services at 394-5460.

## Mom To Mom Sale

Calling all moms! If you're looking for some great bargains, be sure to come to Canton Leisure Services Mom To Mom Sale on Saturday, April 22 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Find over 65 booths featuring gently used baby and kids clothing, shoes, and everything from videos to car seats, baby bottles to raincoats, cribs to stroller in the gym from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. - all at a fraction of the cost! Admission is \$2 from 8 - 9 a.m. and \$1 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. For additional information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## In the CLS Spotlight

### Celebrate 7th Annual Canton Acts of Culture Week

Canton will once again showcase arts and culture during the 7th annual Canton Acts of Culture Week from April 29 – May 7. This exciting week-long celebration, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, will feature a variety of cultural offerings available at various locations throughout Canton. Community members are encouraged to "sample" the variety of events, including the following special presentations.

Bring the entire family to see the **Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra's Spring Concert** on Tuesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$15 for adults and seniors and \$5 for students. Purchase yours today online at [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org) or by calling the Michigan Philharmonic at 734/451-2112.

Put on your dancing shoes and enjoy a special evening featuring a variety of toe-tapping music as the **Canton Concert Band presents "Let's Dance,"** on Saturday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are just \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and youth.

A special **"Acts of Fashion Show"** is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, at 4 p.m. at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Get your tickets now at [www.CantonVillageTheater.org](http://www.CantonVillageTheater.org) for \$17 each. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the WWII Veteran's Dormitory and The Village Arts Factory. For details, visit [www.actsoffashion.com](http://www.actsoffashion.com). For additional information on any of the above events, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Last Winter Farmers Market this month

Make plans to visit the final indoor Winter Farmers Market of the 2017 season on Sunday, April 23 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Banquet Lobby of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Join over a dozen vendors offering a wide assortment of Michigan grown and made products, including: honey, produce grown in hoop houses, baked goods, jams, artisan cheese and breads, and hand crafted items.

Seniors ages 55 and above are encouraged to participate in the Healthy Food Connect: Canton program that was specifically designed to help better connect Canton area seniors to fresh, nutritious, local food. Interested seniors may schedule an orientation with the market staff 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!

In addition, the Canton Farmers Market will have weekly cooking demonstrations. For more information or to schedule an orientation, contact the Farmers Market Manager by emailing [cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org](mailto:cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org) or calling 734/394-5375 and take advantage of this special program today!

The Canton Farmers Market will kick off its regular season on Sunday, May 14, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road. For additional details, visit [www.canton-mi.org/496](http://www.canton-mi.org/496). See you at the Market!

## Village Theater Gallery Call for Artists

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, a premier performing arts center located in Canton's own Cherry Hill Village, is currently accepting proposals for solo or group exhibitions for our 2018 exhibition season. The deadline for submissions is April 12.

All media will be considered. The Village Theater's exhibition committee, comprised of local artists and art educators, will make the final decisions on the 2018 exhibition season. Deliver your 2018 Exhibition entry form to The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187 or email your submissions to [villagetheater@canton-mi.org](mailto:villagetheater@canton-mi.org).

Our gallery is free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., during public performances and by calling 734/394-5300 for an appointment. For additional information and entry forms, visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

## Catch this sizzling lineup at The Village Theater

Things are heating up this spring at Canton's Village Theater. Be sure to catch Spotlight Player's production of "Hello, Dolly!" on April 1, 7-8 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on April 2 and 9 at 2 p.m. This fan-favorite has been one of musical theater's great successes and tells the story of a gregarious widower and matchmaker, Dolly Gallagher Levi, who creates a stir wherever she goes. Fun for the whole family, it is chock full of memorable songs, including "Before the Parade Passes By," "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," "Hello, Dolly!" and "It Only Takes A Moment." Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and youth.

Don't miss the 37th annual Dance Recital of the Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers on Saturday, April 22 starting at 2 p.m. This special event features children's Polish folkdance ensembles from Wayne, Oakland, and Livingston counties. Tickets are just \$12 for an afternoon of Polish culture.

Limitless Praise presents 'Overflow' on Saturday, April 29 at 5:30 p.m. This special production encourage audience members to dance and give God glory and come see the overflow that will take place. Tickets are \$15 for adults and seniors and \$13 for youth.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or call 734/394-5300..

## 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



## Severe Weather Awareness Week April 16-22

Canton Public Safety's Emergency Management Office is promoting Michigan's Severe Weather Awareness Week by encouraging everyone to review thunderstorm, lightening and tornado safety precautions.

"The best time to prepare for severe weather is before it happens," says Emergency Management Planner Kathy Rich.

"Have a plan in place that includes everyone in your family knowing where to go and what to do during severe weather."

Canton will be participating in a statewide outdoor warning siren test being held on Wednesday, April 19, at 1 p.m. This will be in addition to the monthly siren testing Canton conducts at 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month, March through November.

Additional information on severe weather safety and the outdoor warning siren system can be found under the Emergency Management tab on [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org).

## "Country Western" Chamber Auction

All are welcome to the Canton Chamber of Commerce's 30th annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, April 29, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fundraiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and this year's theme is "Country Western."

Tickets are \$75 per person and include: open bar, strolling dinner, entertainment and the opportunity to participate in the live and raffle auctions. For more information, please call the Chamber at 453-4040. This year's auction is sponsored by Beaumont Healthcare Center - Canton, and Jack Demmer Ford, Inc.

## Building permits needed for home improvement projects

Now that the weather is turning warmer, many homeowners are looking to start home improvement projects. If you are making any additions or improvements to your property, it is important to check if permits are required.

You will need to obtain a permit if you are building an addition such as a room or sunroom, making an alteration to your home such as windows, siding or basement remodeling, if you're building a shed, detached garage or deck or if you're putting in a pool or installing a sprinkler system. You will also need to obtain a permit if you are adding or altering electrical, plumbing, heating or air conditioning. If you are hiring a professional to do the work make sure they obtain the proper permits.

Residents and contractors can check the status of a permit by using Canton's on-line portal for plan review and inspection services. To check the status of your permit simply visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) and select E-Services on the front page of the website. Then select "On-Line Portal for Plan Review and Inspection Services Status. Next you will select "Building Department Status and Fees." You will need to enter the project address or the permit number into the required field. Once you find the permit you're looking for click on "permit status."

There are five different status categories:

**Pending:** Applications and plans have been distributed and are in queue to be reviewed.

**In Plan Check:** Plans are actively being reviewed, individual reviews will be visible when completed.

**Returned for Corrections:** Once all reviews are complete, requested revisions are sent to the applicant via standard mail and/or email.

**Awaiting Processing:** The plans have been approved and are waiting to be processed. Permit clerks will notify applicants by email and/or phone that the permit is ready for issuance. Outstanding permit fees are given at this time.

**Issued:** Permit has been issued. Permits will be mailed out if the application was received by mail.

Please note, the permit review process takes 15 business days. For more information please call Building and Inspection Services at 394-5200.



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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

### APRIL

- 1** Easter Eggstravaganza. 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- 1** Easter Bunny Breakfast – SOLD OUT 9 – 11 a.m.
- 3** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 4** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 7** Canton Clean-up – Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born. Call 866/772-8900.
- 11** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 13** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 14** Good Friday. Administration Offices closed.
- 18** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 19** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 19** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 22** Canton Clean-up and Recycling. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born. Call 866/772-8900.
- 22** Mom to Mom Sale. 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit Gym (East Side).
- 24** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 25** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

## VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

### APRIL ART EXHIBITION:

“Loose Threads – Three Fiber Artists Stitching it Together” Featuring Artists: Jan Waller, Leann Meixner, and Joan Potter Thomas

Artist Reception: Thursday, April 13, 7 - 9 p.m. (Free and open to the public)

### APRIL 1-2, 7-9

“Hello Dolly!” Spotlight Players. Various times. \$18-\$16

### APRIL 22

Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers Lodge 53--37th Annual Dance Recital. 2 p.m. \$12.

### APRIL 28-29

“The Mind of Martin.” Rob Martin. 8 p.m. \$10. Tickets available to public April 21.

### APRIL 29

‘Overflow.’ Limitless Praise. 5:30 p.m. \$15-\$13.

### MAY 2

Michigan Philharmonic Spring Concert. 7 p.m. \$15-\$5

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

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