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## “Canton Color Tour” Jazz Concerts

Canton’s Downtown Development Authority will kick-off the 2017 Color Block Jazz Series on Friday, July 14, with a performance by Phil Denny. All concerts will be held at Super Bowl this year on Friday nights from 7 – 9 p.m. Each week will celebrate a different color block within the district. Attendees are encouraged to come dressed in each night’s color theme for a chance to win a prize.

The concert series is brought to you by Canton’s DDA in partnership with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Leisure Services. For more information, a copy of the Jazzy Carry-Out Specials or a list of the 2017 artists visit [www.shopcanton.org](http://www.shopcanton.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 provider best able to resolve your issue.

## 4th Annual Rally on Ridge

Enjoy plenty of local eats and music at the 4th Annual Rally on Ridge event, scheduled for Tuesday, July 25 from 5:30 – 9 p.m. at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

All ages are encouraged to join us for this special fundraiser that will benefit the Canton Farmers Market. The evening will feature several popular gourmet food trucks, a beer garden for those 21 and over, live music, and fun kids’ activities. This year’s event is sponsored by Toll Brothers. For all the details, please visit [www.canton-mi.org/496](http://www.canton-mi.org/496).

## National Night Out

The Canton community is invited to attend this year’s National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Heritage Park’s North Pavilion, located behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center.

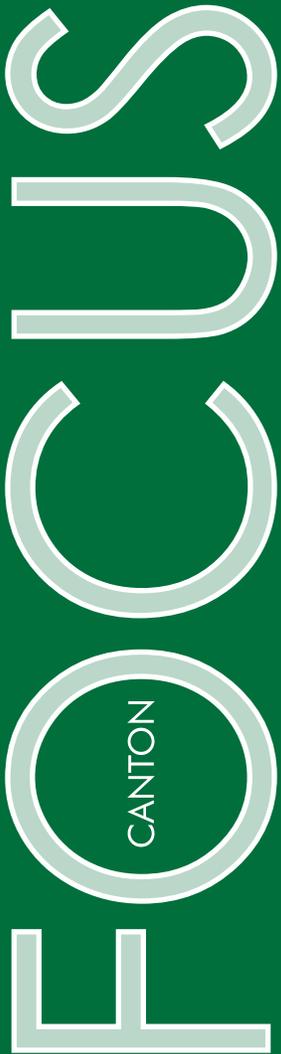
This event, hosted by Canton Police Department, Canton Public Library, Canton Response to Hate Crime Coalition (CRHCC), and Canton Leisure Services will include: children’s activities, interactive community booths, Canton Public Safety vehicle display, and refreshments.

All ages are invited to attend this free event. For more information, visit [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org).

## Family Camp-Out and Movie Night returns

On Friday, July 14, families are invited to “camp out” overnight in Heritage Park near the North Pavilion and take in a movie under the stars, featuring Disney’s/Pixar’s “Finding Dory,” (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. To participate in this overnight activity, a \$21 per tent fee must be paid on site. No advance reservation necessary. Campers and RV’s are also welcome. Please note, no electricity will be available.

Set up begins at noon on Friday, July 14. In addition to all this fun, dinner and concession items will be sold Friday evening. RV’s and tents are both welcome. For those not staying the night, there is a \$6 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).



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Month  
in  
Canton

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## A message from Supervisor Williams



Our automated recycling program has begun, and the main concern has been the fact that plastic bags are no longer collected. You are certainly not alone in your concern. We share your concern, and feel that these items are a fairly significant item in our waste-stream.

The new requirement is not coming from Canton Township or our waste hauler (GFL). The Material Recovery Facility (MRF) that all of our recycling goes to specifically told all of their customers that they would no longer accept plastic bags. This MRF facility receives materials from most of the communities in the region, so most of our neighboring communities are feeling the same pain.

Their reason hinges on two primary factors: First, the thin plastic bags are binding their rotary separation tables and contaminating other materials; Second, there is absolutely no market for this material (so there is an economic factor involved). I was told that they used to sell all of their baled thin plastic to foreign countries at \$20/ton. Unfortunately, the market no longer exists, and hasn't for quite a while. Although thin plastics such as plastic bags, Ziplocs and wrapping can be used in composite decking, railings, and outdoor play equipment, end users don't need to pay for the material when they can get all they need for free from the in-store recycling programs. That is why we are suggesting that residents return the bags to some of the large retail stores such as Meijer, Kroger, Target, Lowe's, Home Depot, and Wal-Mart, which all have plastic bag collection bins. Some residents have also switched to paper grocery bags or reusable totes.

Overall, we have had a very positive response to the automated recycling program and we thank residents for participating.

## Canton Fireworks Ordinance reminder

The Canton Public Safety Department reminds residents of the Township's ordinance 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 days only, the ignition, discharge or use of consumer fireworks is permitted between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight; and always only in accordance with state and local laws.

(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.

Township Ordinance also prohibits the sale, storage or use of sky lanterns in Canton.

"In the best interest of public safety and resident wellness, police officers will be using a zero tolerance approach to observed fireworks violations," said Deputy Chief Craig Wilsher.

Unlawful use of fireworks can be reported to the Public Safety Department's non-emergency line at 734/394-5400, at the auto attendant dial 2, then 1. Emergency situations should be called in to 911.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Yoga In the Park returns to benefit Wounded Warrior Project

“Yoga in the Park” with Dan Nevins is coming back for a second year! Join us for an inspirational outdoor yoga session on Saturday, July 22 at 9 a.m. in Heritage Park, which will once again be led by Dan Nevins, a nationally recognized Wounded Warrior featured on CBS News. Dan Nevins credits the practice of yoga for turning his life around after losing both of his legs in Iraq.

All proceeds from this event, sponsored by Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles of Canton, MI and Canton Leisure Services, will go to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

Tickets are \$35 online and will be \$45 the day of the event. Tickets are currently on sale now at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/canton>; just search Dan Nevins. In the event of inclement weather, the session will be moved inside the Summit.

Participants will receive a tax statement at the end of 2017 stating the portion of their donation that is tax deductible. Learn more about Dan Nevins’ incredible story at [www.dannevins.com](http://www.dannevins.com).

For additional information, please call 734/394-5460.

## Village Theater ushers wanted

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is seeking new volunteer ushers for the 2017-2018 theatre season! If you have ever wanted to work at a Performing Arts Center, or have a passion for the Arts, now is your chance to get involved in your community. Sign up to be a volunteer usher and see some great performances for free!

Mandatory training will be held on Friday, July 21, at 6 p.m. or Wednesday, August 9, at 5:30 p.m. Sign up for a training session by calling 734/394-5308. Usher training will be held at The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Volunteer positions are contingent upon successful completion of a background check. For additional information, visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

## Celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month

Join in the celebration as Canton Leisure Services showcases outdoor recreational opportunities with a full schedule of fun events and activities for the whole family all month long. Get into the summer spirit and take in a free concert in the park, go for a hike on the Lower Rouge Trail, cool off at the Heritage Park or Flodin Splash Playgrounds, or just “Get Your Play On.”

There are plenty of activities to choose from that won’t hurt your wallet. Share your favorite Parks and Recreation moments using #PlayOnJuly. Visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) for additional details and Play On this summer!

## In the CLS Spotlight

### Canton Cultural Commission seeks Board members

Are you passionate about the arts, cultural diversity and history? If so, you’re just the person the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage is looking for. We have openings for Commissioners who are willing to promote and support the incredible cultural, arts and heritage programs in the Canton community.

The Canton Cultural Commission hosts year-round programs for people of all ages through Canton Leisure Services and The Village Theater with support from local businesses and the community. Members serve three-year terms. As a volunteer commissioner, you must be willing to attend quarterly meetings (Feb, May, Aug, Nov) and volunteer to help with and attend many of the community arts and cultural programs we present.

Interested residents should send a resume and letter of interest outlining your background in the arts to Mary Falzon, Canton Leisure Services, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188 or email [mary.falzon@canton-mi.org](mailto:mary.falzon@canton-mi.org). Applications will be accepted through August 31. For more information, email [culturalcommission@canton-mi.org](mailto:culturalcommission@canton-mi.org).

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Michigan Shakespeare Festival coming to Canton

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is teaming up with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival to bring several special performances to



Canton this summer. From July 28 - August 13, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival will present its 2017 Season lineup at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Don't miss these quality productions, featuring respected and professional Equity Actors. Performances are as follows:

**The Taming of The Shrew by William Shakespeare (July 28, 30, August 5, 10, 11)**

Wealthy merchant Baptista Minola has a dilemma to arrange marriages for his daughters or not. His youngest, the vivacious Bianca, is as desired as his eldest, the headstrong Katherine, is feared. So the Paduan patriarch hatches a brilliant plan: no one will marry Bianca until Katherine herself has been to the altar.

**The Tragedy of Julius Caesar By William Shakespeare (July 29, August 3, 4, 6, 12)**

Julius Caesar – conqueror, statesman, lover, politician - has been named Dictator for Life by the Roman Senate. Fearing Caesar's rise will doom the Republic, a conspiracy forms to kill the great man. A play with never-ending modern parallels –Julius Caesar, is a political thriller with ultimate stakes.

**The Seagull by Anton Chekhov (July 29, August 5, 12, 13)**

Anton Chekhov's satiric comedy, "The Seagull," skewers our views of art and entertainment, and where the two of them intersect. A darkly funny domestic comedy set at the turn of the last century, MSF's 2017 production of The Seagull is adapted from a new original translation.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org), by phone 734/394-5300, or in person M-F from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at The Village Theater.

## Pheasant Run Nine, Wine and Dine

Couples are encouraged to come and enjoy this great event! Pheasant Run will host a nine hole scramble for partners, with a 5:30 p.m. shotgun start, followed by a post-round buffet dinner with unique wine pairings.

These special events will be held July 21 and August 25 at Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500 Summit Parkway.

Sign up today online at [www.golfprgc.org](http://www.golfprgc.org) or call 734/397-6460.

## Pheasant Run Golf update

Pheasant Run Junior Golf Academy returns Wednesdays starting July 12 for five consecutive weeks from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. providing lessons, range time, and nine holes.

Junior golfers of all levels are welcome to join and will learn the fundamental techniques of pitching, putting, chipping, and the full swing. This program will also cover safety, etiquette, course management and proper pace of play. Each day students will spend time learning the game of golf and then have an opportunity to take those skills to the golf course. Lunch is provided at each session.

This popular course is just \$269. Don't miss this great opportunity to introduce your kids to the life-long benefits of the game of golf. For more information about this program, call the Pheasant Run Pro Shop at 397-6460 or visit [www.golfprgc.org](http://www.golfprgc.org).

## Operation Care Package now underway

Help thank our deployed troops and wounded soldiers for their service by donating items and letters of support during the Summit's Operation Care Package collection drive.

All month long, we are collecting items to be included in care packages that will be distributed by Operation Care Package Michigan, an area non-profit organization. Items may be dropped off at the Summit on the Park's lobby, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. For a list of acceptable personal care, donation items, please visit [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org).

For more information, visit [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.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

**GFL (refuse collection)**  
866/772-8900

**Canton Public Library**  
397-0999

**Village Theater at  
Cherry Hill**  
394-5300



## Technology Committee forming

Canton is looking for residents interested in participating in a Technology Committee Task Force with a focus on autonomous vehicle technology. Canton is situated at an excellent vantage point to attract high technology companies to work on these endeavors due to its location near MCity, American Center for Mobility at Willow Run, Ford Motor Company and General Motors.

Recently, Canton Trustees and staff toured MCity and rode in an autonomous vehicle. We



know that many Canton residents offer expertise in this, and other technology, and this is a great opportunity to work together to determine a strategy that would help identify what Canton needs to do to welcome economic development related to these emerging technologies.

The group will begin meeting in late summer/early fall. Look for more information in the August Focus newsletter.

## Tick warning

Michigan's tick population continues to rise and the Canton Park Office is encouraging residents to exercise caution when taking part in outdoor activities and implement the following strategies for preventing tick bites:

- Avoid wooded and bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.
- Stay in open spaces or on trails when walking in the woods.
- Wear long pants, long sleeves and long socks if walking through wooded areas.
- Check skin for ticks after being outdoors.
- Keep grass areas near home clean and free of leaf litter, tall grass and other shrubbery that may attract tick-bearing animals.
- Examine household pets for ticks after they go outside.

For additional information, visit the Centers for Disease Control's Tickborne Disease Prevention website at [www.cdc.gov/ticks](http://www.cdc.gov/ticks).

## Treasurer Slavens Corner

Summer is upon us and your summer tax bill is coming soon. Please be on the lookout for your Summer Tax Bill, which should be in your mail box the beginning of July. If you have not received your bill by July 17, please contact my office. Summer tax payments can be paid July 3, 2017 through September 14, 2017. September 14, 2017 is the last day to pay your summer taxes without interest or penalty. After this date an interest charge of 1% will be added per month.

There are various ways to pay your property taxes, including:

At our 24-hour drop box: Our drop box is located outside the main entrance of the Canton Administration Building. Please include the bill number or the property tax ID number on your check so that we may be sure to credit the right property. Please do not submit cash through the drop box.

At the window: We are open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Online payment: [www.canton-mi.org/296/Online-Tax-Bill-Payment](http://www.canton-mi.org/296/Online-Tax-Bill-Payment)

By mail: Send your check/money order to:

Canton Township Treasurer  
P.O. Box 87010  
Canton, MI 48187

We accept cash, personal checks, bank checks, MasterCard, Discover, and Visa. There is a \$3.95 charge for debit/credit card use under \$160 and a 2.5% charge for credit card payments over \$160. This charge is levied by the banks.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to call my office at 734/394-5130.



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# FOCUS

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JULY

- 4** Holiday. Administration Building Closed.
- 4** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 6** Thursday Night Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 10** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 11** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 13** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 13** Thursday Night Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 14** Family Movie Campout. Heritage Park 11 a.m. -11 a.m.
- 14** Canton Color Tour Jazz Series. 7 p.m. Super Bowl.
- 17** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 18** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 19** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 20** Thursday Night Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 21** Canton Color Tour Jazz Series. 7 p.m. Super Bowl.
- 25** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 27** Thursday Night Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 28** Canton Clean-up. Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 28** Canton Color Tour Jazz Series. 7 p.m. Super Bowl.

## VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

### JULY ART EXHIBITION:

Interpretations II: Growing Old on the Streets. A Collaborative Exhibit with Photographer Tim Tonachella and 21 Metro Area artists. Reception on July 7. 7 p.m. Free.

### JULY 1

Danse D'Amour Dance Studio Recital. 3 p.m. \$18/person.

### JULY 10

Club A.B.L.E. Talent Show. 10:30 a.m. Free.

### JULY 15

Spend the Evening with Kris 'Tanto' Paronto. Partnership for the Arts Fundraiser. 7 p.m. \$100-\$150.

### JULY 23

ALFIO in Concert! Two-time Emmy nominated vocalist performing a tribute to Sinatra, Presley, and Bocelli. 6 p.m. \$47, \$57, and VIP Tickets \$75.

### JULY 28-AUGUST 13

Michigan Shakespeare Festival presents: The Taming of the Shrew and The Tragedy of Julius Caesar, both by William Shakespeare, and The Seagull by Anton Chekhov. Various Times \$35 - 40/person.

**For tickets, visit**  
**[www.cantonvillagetheater.com](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.com)**  
**or call 394-5300 ext. 3**

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