



Municipal Services Department earns national accreditation

Canton's Municipal Services Department (MSD) has been awarded the prestigious American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation designation. The program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry, as contained in the APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual.

Canton's MSD has been working on its accreditation process since October of 2014. In November of 2017, the department was visited by a review team made up of public works professionals from Kansas, Washington and Missouri. During the site visit, the review team completed a thorough evaluation of operations.

"The Accreditation proves we've dedicated ourselves to concepts of improvement and in-depth self-assessment of department policies, procedures and practices," said MSD Director Tim Faas. "The heroes of this prestigious APWA award are the many staff who work tirelessly to provide exceptional public services that support and maintain the safety and quality of life for the community."

Canton's MSD becomes the 133rd agency in North America to be awarded accreditation, and the second in Michigan.

Registration begins for Citizens Police Academy

The Canton Police Department is planning its next Citizens Police Academy for those who are interested in learning how the police department works to serve the community.

Attendees will learn about the policies and operational procedures of the department through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Students' knowledge of law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system will be enhanced, as well as their understanding of the training and education required for police officers to effectively handle the challenges of police work.

"We are including the mini-Fire Academy again this session," said Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier. "Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy two additional weeks of cross-over sessions with the Fire Department," Meier added.

This year's Citizens Police Academy will be held on Thursdays from 6 – 9 p.m., for eight weeks, April 12 – May 31.

Class size is limited for this free program. Applicant requirements include the following:

- Canton residents only
- Age 21 and over
- No felony convictions; no misdemeanor convictions in the past three years
- Background check

Applications will be accepted online from February 1 – 28, at www.cantonpublicsafety.org, or in person at the front desk of the Canton Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center. Call Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink at 734/394-5194 with questions.

Chamber Wine Tasting

Canton Chamber of Commerce's Wine Tasting will be held on Friday, February 9, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Summit on the Park. This event is hosted by Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber. Fifty percent of all proceeds will benefit the LiveLikeMax Foundation; information on which can be found at www.livelikemax.org.

Tickets are \$35 per person and \$40 at the door. Must be 21 to attend. A limited number of tickets are available. Call the Chamber office at 734/453-4040 or purchase online at www.cantonchamber.com.

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Plowing and salting of Canton's roads

Winter is here, and many residents have been inquiring as to who is responsible for plowing and salting the roads in Canton. Because Canton is a township, and not a city, it is not responsible for any roads in the community.

LOCAL ROADS

Most subdivision streets are maintained by contactors working for neighborhood Homeowners Associations (HOA). Subdivision roads owned by Wayne County are considered Priority Level V (lowest). Snow removal on these roads will not begin until there is an accumulation of more than 6" and travel is difficult. Work on these roads will only be done during regular work hours without using overtime.

STATE and COUNTY ROADS

Plowing-related questions on non-residential public roads should be forwarded to the Wayne County Department of Public Service (DPS) at 1-888-ROAD-CREW. Due to the lack of funding resources, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Wayne County DPS will continue with a reduced level of service during winter maintenance operations. Again this winter, state highways throughout Michigan will be designated either Priority Service Level I or II.

Wayne County provides MDOT with services on three state-owned highways that bisect Canton; I-275, Michigan Avenue (US-12), and Ford Road (M-153). I-275 has been designated Priority Service Level I Route, the highest level of service, while most of Ford Road and Michigan Avenue have been designated Priority Service Level II.

During snow events on Priority I routes, County maintenance crews will work to clear ice and snow off 75% of the pavement both during and after a snow event, using overtime if necessary. On Priority Level II routes, County crews will work to clear most snow and ice from roads. At a minimum, roads will be cleared for one wheel-track in each direction by the conclusion of a snow event. The remainder of the snow and ice on Level II routes will be cleared as soon as possible after the snow event, without working overtime. Although Level II routes will be passable, they will not necessarily be completely clear until sometime after snow has stopped accumulating.

Fire Board of Appeals has positions open

Resumes are being accepted during the month of February for two open positions on Canton's Fire Board of Appeals. One opening is for a Fire Professional with a minimum of 10 years' experience, and one opening for a Commercial Design Professional with a minimum of five years' experience.

The Fire Board of Appeals hears and decides appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the fire code official relative to the application and interpretation of fire codes.

Interested individuals should submit a resume to Canton Fire Marshal John Oltman at joltman@canton-mi.org, or 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. Resumes must be received by February 28. For more information, please call Fire Marshal John Oltman at 734/394-5456.

2018 Frog and Toad Survey training sessions scheduled

Frog and Toad Survey training sessions for those interested in monitoring the health of the Rouge River will begin this month. Three sessions have been planned:

- Saturday, February 17, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

- Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Farmington Hills City Council Chambers, 31555 W. 11 Mile.

- Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile.

Training sessions are open to anyone, child or adult, who is concerned about the environment and wants to play an active role in monitoring its health. The sessions are free and pre-registration is required.

To register, call the Friends of the Rouge at 313/792-9621 or visit www.therouge.org.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Take ExpressRide today!

ExpressRide, brought to you by The Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, is non-stop service from Canton to downtown Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan Central and Medical Campuses. You can board the ExpressRide from a free, convenient Park & Ride lot right in Canton.

There are so many benefits of ExpressRide. It lets you forget about parking, traffic, and pollution, and the buses have free wi-fi and comfortable seating. When boarding the bus, have your pass, ticket or cash fare ready for the driver. A one-way cash fare is \$6.25. However, if you ride regularly, you can purchase a ten-ride ticket for \$62.50 or a 30-day commuter pass for \$125. Check with your employer, because employees of some businesses are eligible for discounted passes.

For more information, including route details, please visit myexpressride.org.

Canton Lions Euchre fundraiser

All skill levels of Euchre players are welcome to join the fun on Saturday, February 24, at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd. There is a \$20 entrance fee, and doors open at 6 p.m. Register by February 20 to MiCantonLionsEuchre@gmail.com or call 734/844-3949.

Village Theater in the spotlight

Enjoy a very special afternoon of hilarity as award-winning actor/director/playwright Frank Ferrante recreates his PBS, New York and London-acclaimed portrayal of legendary comedian Groucho Marx at The Village Theater on Saturday, February 3, at 2 p.m. The two-act comedy consists of the best Groucho one-liners, anecdotes, and songs. Plus, the audience literally becomes part of the show as Ferrante ad-libs his way throughout the performance in grand Groucho style! Don't miss this perfect show for all ages!

Get your whole family groovin' on February 24, at 2 p.m. with three-time Children's Grammy Award nominee, Brady Rymer! Don't miss his rootsy, pop and rock performance that has won numerous critical acclaim and national awards.

Life is a Cabaret - A live musical fundraiser featuring Broadway tunes will be held on February 7. Hosted by Relay for Life, in partnership with Women's Life Society Chapter 827, Chicks for Charity, this special event will feature a reception at 6 p.m. and a performance at 7 p.m. Enjoy delicious desserts and a Cold Stone Creamery Ice Cream Bar; all while bidding on the Silent Auction. Cash Bar will also be available. All proceeds and donations will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Canton and Plymouth to attack cancer from every angle. Relay For Life of Canton and Plymouth will take place on May 19, in Canton's Heritage Park.

Get your tickets for these performances and more online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

In the CLS Spotlight

We're hiring! You belong here!

It's never too early to start thinking about a summer job. Canton Leisure Services is now hiring for seasonal part-time positions that are scheduled to start April-June 2018 and run through summer. If you enjoy a fast-paced, exciting work environment, don't miss this opportunity to join the Canton Leisure Services team. Interviews will be conducted on March 17 for most positions.

Open positions may include:

- Lifeguards
- Summer Camp Counselors
- Summer Camp Supervisors
- Therapeutic Recreation Camp Staff
- Parks Laborers
- Pheasant Run Golf Course Staff
- Canton Sports Center Staff

Apply now at <http://canton.applicantpro.com/jobs/>. Canton is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. For more information, visit www.canton-mi.org.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

The Village Theater welcomes Bob Seger Tribute Band

MSA Delivery Service and Jack Demmer Ford are proud to present "Against the Wind," featuring Live Bullet Detroit- a Tribute to Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band. Join us Saturday, March 3, at The Village Theater for a fundraiser to benefit the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with a welcome reception that will include sample-sized appetizers from local restaurants. Then at 8 p.m., get ready for the sounds of your favorite classic "Seger" songs.

Tickets are \$30 per person, including reception, and can be purchased at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 734/394-5300.

Please help support the construction of the Village Arts Factory by contributing to the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Visit www.partnershipforarts.org for more details and giving forms or call 734/765-7061.

Canton off-season Farmers Markets

The wait is finally over as the first of three special Off-Season Farmers Markets, featuring a variety of local vendors, will be held on Sunday, February 25, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Summit on the Park Banquet Lobby, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Thanks to hoop houses and cold storage, several farmers will be able to provide fresh produce during Canton's off season farmers markets. Additional items will include baked goods, artisan cheese, hand-crafted items, and more.

Patrons will be able to enjoy food truck lunch options, as well as a fun activity for the kids. Additional Off-Season Markets will be held March 25 and April 22.

For more information, join our Canton Farmers Market Facebook page or visit www.cantonfun.org under Programs, Farmers Market then Off-Season Markets.

Fellows Creek Golf Club update

Fellows Creek Golf Club and Banquet Center is hiring for banquet staff, bar staff, pro shop staff, and grounds maintenance.

Applications can be picked up at the facility any day from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., or call 734/728-1300 x.5 to reach the General Manager, Jeff LeBlanc.

The true golf season is just around the corner, and events are happening year-round. Fellows Creek Golf Club will also host its annual St. Patty's Golf Scramble on Saturday, March 17, at 10 a.m. This golf outing will be an 18-hole scramble for teams of four. The entry fee of \$45 (discount available for Canton residents) includes golf, two drink tickets, lunch during the round, snacks after, and prizes for closest-to-pin and winning team. For more details, visit fellowscreekgolf.com or call 734/728-1300 x.7.

Canton Pavilion online rentals

Think ahead to spring and summer! Starting February 5, at 9 a.m., Canton Leisure Services will begin accepting online reservations from Canton residents for its open-air pavilions at www.cantonfun.org.

Only online bookings from Canton residents will be accepted at this time. Starting March 1, at 9 a.m., Canton residents may submit phone reservations by calling 734/394-5310, however online reservations are still encouraged.

Online or phone reservations for non-residents will be accepted starting March 27. Payment is due at time of reservation. For rates and additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5310.

Easter Bunny headed to Canton

Preparations are underway for this year's Easter events in Canton! Bring the kids out to Heritage Park on Saturday, March 24, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. to enjoy a variety of Easter and spring-themed activities! Wristbands will be sold onsite for \$4 per child for Canton residents and \$5 per child for non-residents.

Maximize your experience by registering for the Easter Bunny Breakfast, which takes place just prior to this event from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.! Tickets for the breakfast are on sale starting February 19 at the Summit Front Desk through March 19.

Please note that tickets for the breakfast will not be sold at the door.

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)
844/464-3587

Canton Public Library
397-0999

Village Theater at
Cherry Hill
394-5300



Clerk's Comments

Precinct changes and new voting locations

The Canton Election Commission has made changes to precinct boundaries and voting locations. Those affected will be mailed a new voter identification card, which indicates the new precinct number and the polling location. Approximately 18,000 voters are affected by this change.

Please pay close attention to the new card, should you receive one. It is not a duplicate and indicates that you may be voting at a different location in the next election.

The changes will allow Canton to absorb up to 5,000 new voters from residential development, streamline the cost of administering elections, reduce travel distance and time for more voters, and decrease the likelihood of lines on Election Day. Canton will see an overall reduction from 42 to 40 voter precincts and 24 to 19 polling locations.

If you do not receive a new ID card, you are not impacted by this change. Additional information can be found at www.canton-mi.org/221. If you have questions, please call 734/394-5120.

Canton highlighted for transparency

A recent WDET Detroit Public Radio investigation of 129 local governments in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties found that Canton was one of only eight communities who provide digital Freedom of Information Act request (FOIA) filing options.

Canton was one of three communities who provided the information from the analysis for no charge, and was the first community to respond.

Canton has prioritized public accountability and oversight by ensuring that a user-friendly, form exists providing easy access to the information residents need. We are proud to be a regional leader in government accountability and transparency.

Treasurer Slavens Corner

Happy February from the Treasurer's office. With the very cold temperatures we have had many residents experience cloudy water, caused by tiny air bubbles in the water. Since cold water can hold more dissolved oxygen, this type of cloudiness occurs more often in the winter. As the water warms in the plumbing inside the home, the dissolved oxygen must be given off, thus the tiny air bubbles. Aerators on faucets add more air into the water, making it even cloudier.

Our team has been busy collecting winter taxes, and we have had many calls regarding pre-payment of 2018 taxes. We do not collect pre-payment for future taxes. The assessed values and millage rates have not been set and we have not authorized lien to collect these taxes.

Winter taxes may be paid without penalty until February 14; a 3% penalty fee is added on February 15 - February 28. The Treasurer's office is open Mon - Fri, 8:30 a.m - 4:30 p.m unless there is an observed holiday and the Administration Building is closed. You may also pay your taxes online, by mail or at the 24-hour safety drop box located on the wall next to the entrance of the Administration Building. On March 1, delinquent real property taxes are turned over to the Wayne County Treasurer. The Wayne County Treasurer will add a 4% administration fee plus interest of 1% per month.

If you ever have questions or concerns please call my office at 734/394-5130. We are always happy to help.

County Commissioner holds Business Hour

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone will hold a business hour on Thursday, February 15, from 10 - 11:30 a.m., in the Lower Level Meeting Room B in the Administration Building.

Senator Colbeck holds Business Hour

Senator Patrick Colbeck will hold a business hour on Tuesday, February 27, from 6 - 7 p.m., in the Lower Level Meeting Room B in the Administration Building.



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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 FEBRUARY

- 3** Coffee with a Cop. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. St. Michael Lutheran Church. 7000 N. Sheldon Road.
- 5** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 6** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 7** Newcomers and Neighbors meeting. 7 p.m. Sunflower Clubhouse. 45800 Hanford. Call 734/812-4119.
- 8** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 9** Butterfly Ball. 6 – 8 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 10** Butterfly Ball. 2 – 4 p.m., 6 – 8 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 13** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 14** Winter Taxes Due.
- 19** President's Day. Administration Building Closed.
- 20** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 21** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 21** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit on the Park Chestnut Room. Call 394-5185.
- 27** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

MARCH

- 5** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 6** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY ART EXHIBITION:
"Brushes, Pen, and Pencils" by Ray Gross.
February 1-26. Reception on February 8. 7 p.m. Free.

FEBRUARY 3

Frank Ferrante in An Afternoon with Groucho Marx. 2 p.m. \$30 adult/\$25 senior and youth.

FEBRUARY 7

Life is a Cabaret. American Cancer Society Inc. 6 p.m. reception and 7 p.m. performance. \$22.

FEBRUARY 10

Rock, Pop, and Soul. Michigan Philharmonic 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. \$25 - \$30.

FEBRUARY 23

What !? Two Magicians Telling the Truth (Biltmore Studio). Keith Fields and George Tait. 7:30 p.m. \$15.

FEBRUARY 24

Brady Rymer. 2 p.m. \$12 - \$15.

**Tickets: www.cantonvillagetheater.org
or 734/394-5300 ext. 3**

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