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Yard Waste collection begins this month

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 2 and continue until November 29. 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.

For questions or more information on yard waste collection visit www.canton-mi.org or call GFL Environmental Services at 844/464-3587.

5th Annual Girls Night Out

On Thursday, May 10, from 6-9 p.m., the Canton Chamber of Commerce presents Springtime in Paris Girls Night Out. It's better than ever this year and all under one roof! The entire event will be held at Fellows Creek Golf Club and some of your favorite Canton businesses will be there.

Tickets are \$20 per person. A limited number of tickets will be sold and reservations are required. Please call the Chamber at 453-4040 to register.

Senior Summit moved to May

Canton's annual Senior Summit, usually held in September, will now be held on Wednesday, May 30 this year. Renovations taking place at the Summit this fall necessitated a change in date.

The event will offer: vendor exhibits, health screenings, presentations, goody bags, lunch and bingo. A light breakfast will also be provided. Participants do not need a ticket for this year's event; however, registration is required.

To register, or for more information, call 734/394-5485 or 734/394-5185.

Public Safety's Youth Academy

The Public Safety Department will be host a one-week summer program for Canton teens age 13-17 years old, providing a fun, interactive learning experience on the professions of Police Officer and Firefighter. Students will gain knowledge on law enforcement procedures, as well as firefighting and emergency medical service.

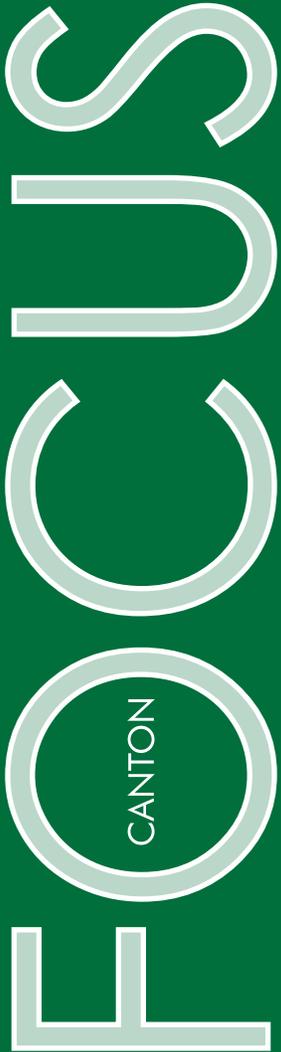
The session will be held from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday, June 18 – Friday, June 22. Applications are being accepted in April, and are available online at www.cantonpublicsafety.org. Email questions to communityrelations@canton-mi.org.

New ShopCanton app

The Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) invites visitors and residents to explore Canton's Ford Road and beyond with ease, thanks to the handy new mobile app. The ShopCanton Guide app, which is available on both IOS and Android devices, is an enhancement to the ShopCanton Guide magazine, published twice a year in the spring and fall.

The free mobile app features a directory to easily find diverse dining, entertainment, and shopping on Ford Road and beyond. Users can save with coupons and browse the magazine. They can bookmark favorites, learn ShopCanton Insider local tips, and engage with local tips of their own. Push notifications keep users aware of special events happening in the community.

Download the app by April 14, for a chance to win a \$100 gift card. Winner will be announced on: [Facebook.com/ShopCanton](https://www.facebook.com/ShopCanton); [Twitter.com/ShopCanton](https://twitter.com/ShopCanton); [Instagram.com/ShopCanton](https://www.instagram.com/ShopCanton); and ShopCanton.org



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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 online portal for plan review and inspection services. To check the status of your permit simply visit 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 on obtaining a permit please call Building and Inspection Services at 734/394-5200.

Shredding Day, May 17

Back by popular demand, Canton will again be hosting a Shredding Day event on May 17.

A shredding truck will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the north pavilion, located west of the Fire Station on Heritage Park Drive, off of Canton Center.

Canton residents can bring up to two boxes or bags of paper to shred. There is no limit to the size of the boxes/bags; however you must be able to lift them out of your vehicle unassisted. Documents will be shredded on site. Please be prepared to wait as this popular service generates a lot of participation.

Please call the Supervisor's office at 734/394-5185 with any questions.

River Day to be held Saturday, May 19

Canton's annual River Day event will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Lower Rouge River Trailhead, located off Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue. Every year, hundreds of volunteers make a difference by helping 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 the trailhead at 8 a.m. On-site activities will include bird house building, nature walks, a scavenger hunt, and a live animal interactive presentation. All volunteers will receive a light breakfast and a hot dog lunch. River Day shirts will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on River Day or to pre-register for the event, please call 734/394-5150.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Summit summer shape up membership special

If you know someone who's looking for a short-term fitness center membership to get them in shape for the summer, be sure tell them to take advantage of the Summit on the Park's 'Shape Up For Summer' membership special and save!

From April 2 – May 31, Canton residents can purchase a three-month individual membership for just \$106. The non-resident special rate is \$136 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 734/394-5460.

Annual Fishing Derby

The Heritage Park ponds will be once again be stocked with rainbow trout and hybrid blue gill for the return of this family-friendly annual event, held on Saturday, May 5 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 just \$7 for residents and \$9 for non-residents. Each participant has a three fish limit. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

In the CLS Spotlight

Celebrate 8th Annual Canton Acts of Culture Week

Next month, Canton will once again showcase arts and culture during the 8th annual Canton Acts of Culture Week, which will run May 12-20, 2018. 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.

A special "Acts of Fashion Show" is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Get your tickets now at www.CantonVillageTheater.org for \$15 each. For details, visit www.actsoffashion.com.

Bring the entire family for an entertaining afternoon of music as the Canton Concert Band presents "Silver Screen Soundtracks," on Sunday, May 20, at 4 p.m. at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are just \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and youth. For additional information on any of the above events, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Village Theater performance in the spring spotlight

Kiran Ahluwalia will present "LOVEfest: Welcome the Stranger," bringing exceptional performances of both traditional and modern arts from the Sikh and Muslim cultures to create a positive curiosity at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Kiran Ahluwalia's LOVEfest combines the talents of sacred and secular artists from both Muslim and Sikh traditions.

Featuring the passionate vocals of Kiran Ahluwalia (from India), inspired Arabic songwriting of Souad Massi (Algeria), combined with traditional Sikh temple singers and the colorful whirling of Egyptian Tanoura Sufi dancers. Get tickets at www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Trivia Fundraiser

Chicks 4 Charity will be hosting a special trivia fundraiser on Thursday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m. to benefit Canton's Lead #LikeAGirl scholarship program. Teams of up to six people will compete for cash prizes at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Register by April 26, by downloading the form at www.cantonfun.org. For more information, call Nancy at 734/358-4280.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Get Golf Ready – A fun affordable introduction to golf

Are you looking for a great way to learn the game of golf? Get Golf Ready is designed to teach everything you'll need to play golf in just a few lessons. Each session will focus on the various golf skills you will use while playing this great game. In addition to learning the basics, you will be guided onto the golf course to put your skills into action in a casual friendly setting. Tuesday and Thursday sessions will begin in May. Call Pheasant Run Golf Club at 734/697-6460 to sign up today!

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 21, at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Find over 65 booths featuring gently-used baby and kids clothing, shoes, and more from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - all at a fraction of the cost! Admission is \$2 from 8 - 9 a.m. and \$1 from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Summit on the Park Preschool Summer Camp Savings

Get in on the fun and enroll your little one in a combination of specialty summer camps that are chock full of challenging, energetic and creative activities. Sign up for three weeks of Summit Preschool Summer Camps and get a fourth week *Free! Choose your free week from a select list of Summit Preschool week-long camps, including:

- Camp You & Me
- Art Through the Ages
- Pond-A-Palooza
- Space Camp
- Heroes in Our Community
- Silly Science

Lowest-priced camp will be considered "the FREE Week." To receive this special promotion, all four weeks must be registered at the same time for the same participant by calling the Preschool Desk at 734/394-5374.

Election Workers Needed!

Ever wondered how to become more active in your community? Look no further! The Canton Clerk's Office is now accepting applications for the position of Precinct Inspector.

Inspectors are needed for the Aug. 7 and Nov. 6 elections. Applicants must be able to work closely with others, assemble simple voting stations, read and write legibly, perform basic math calculations, follow instructions provided by the Chairperson and possess inter-personal skills to work with a diverse population. Experience using a computer with a windows based format is required.

Canton's pay scale for working the election is: Chairperson- \$190, Vice-Chair or Electronic Pollbook Inspector- \$180, Inspector- \$160 and Greeter- \$150.

Attendance at an Educational Training program is mandatory prior to working an election and you will be compensated \$20. All inspectors over 17 years of age must be a registered voter of the State of Michigan. Anyone convicted of a felony or an election crime may not serve. They must fill out the application in their own handwriting and be willing to declare a political party affiliation.

Application packets may be picked up in the Clerk's office during regular business hours. For additional information or to request a packet by mail, please call 734/394-5120.

Community Connection Day

Area residents with disabilities and their families are invited to get know Canton Public Safety First Responders during this FREE event on Saturday, April 14 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Meet first responders including: Canton's police officers, paramedics, firefighters and more. Community Connection Day participants of all ages will enjoy a hands-on public safety display. This program is presented in partnership with Canton Public Safety, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and Canton Therapeutic Recreation.

For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5367.

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



Severe weather awareness

This year, April 8-14 is designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan. It is important to understand the characteristics of severe weather as well as the terms used in order to protect yourself and your family.

According to the National Weather Service, a severe thunderstorm is a storm capable of producing hail one inch or larger or wind gusts over 58 mph, while a tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm down to the ground.

You will often hear the terms watch or warning in conjunction with severe weather. A watch means that conditions are favorable for the development of a severe thunderstorm or tornado. A warning indicates that severe weather or a tornado has been reported and there is imminent danger. You should seek immediate shelter when you are made aware of a warning.

There are 16 outdoor warning sirens strategically placed throughout the community. The sirens will be activated for any one of the following reasons:

- A tornado warning
- Severe winds of 70 mph or more
- A public safety event that warrants an immediate notification such as an industrial accident, nuclear plant disaster, or an act of terrorism or warfare

Public Safety officials ask that residents use a media source for information and leave the 911 and dispatch lines open for emergency calls only.

Now is the time to prepare for severe weather. Canton Emergency Management is offering these tips to help keep you safe.

- **Make a plan:** Be sure you and your family have a plan to go to a safe interior room at home, school, or business on a lower level away from windows, skylights and glass doors
- **Stay informed:** Listen to local radio and TV stations for further updates
- **Stay alert:** Watch for changing weather conditions and take appropriate action
- **Prepare a disaster supply kit** for your home, vehicle and office

For more information, please visit www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Happy Spring, let us hope that April showers will bring May flowers! With spring here many residents will begin to get their outdoor equipment as well as their irrigation system ready and tuned up for the summer. Irrigation leaks can be a terrible culprit to your water bill if undetected. It is important to check for leaks and broken sprinkler heads when starting up your irrigation system and throughout the summer. Monitoring your water usage before and after running your sprinkler system is also helpful; you can monitor your usage by looking at your water meter before and after running your irrigation system. If you have your irrigation system on a timer it is important to keep track of how often you are watering your lawn. Monitoring your water usage is a proactive way to limit high water bills.

On March 1, delinquent property taxes were turned over to the Wayne County Treasurer's office. You can make a payment online; pay by phone, 313/224-5990; pay in person at 400 Monroe, 5th Floor: Detroit, Michigan 48226; pay by mail: Eric Sabree Wayne County Treasurer; 400 Monroe, 5th Floor; Detroit, Michigan; or by using the delinquent tax payment kiosks.

If you ever have questions, please call my office at 734/394-5130

Coffee Hours with Barone, Pagan

Coffee Hour at the Canton Administration Building with Commissioner Joe Barone will be held on Thursday, April 26 at 10 a.m. in Lower Level Room B.

Representative Kristy Pagan will be onsite Monday, April 23, at 7 p.m.



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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

- 3** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 9** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 10** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 11** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 12** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 13** Canton Clean-Up. Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born Road.
- 17** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 18** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit. Call 394-5185.
- 21** Mom to Mom Sale. 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 22** Canton Farmers Market. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 24** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7p.m.
- 28** Canton Clean-up and Recycling. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born Road.

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- 1** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 4** Canton Clean-Up. Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born Road.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

APRIL ART EXHIBITION:

Paintings by Haydar Alyasiry. Reception April 9 at 7 p.m. Free.

APRIL 7

Detroit Dance Race. Art Lab J. 6 p.m. \$10 - \$15.

APRIL 13-15

The Cemetery Club by Ivan Menchell (Biltmore Studio). Better Than Ever Productions. Fri-Sat at 7 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. \$16 - \$18.

APRIL 15

Kiran Ahluwalia presents LoveFest: Welcome the Stranger. 7 p.m. \$28.

APRIL 21

Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers 38th Annual Recital. 2 p.m. \$12.

APRIL 27- MAY 6

Annie. Based upon the popular Harold Gray comic strip Little Orphan Annie, with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, and book by Thomas Meehan Friday and Saturdays 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. \$16 - \$18.

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

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