



Canton Road Millage proposal background

On July 25, 2017, the Board of Trustees established a Roads Advisory Task Force to study the infrastructure gap in road spending, identify alternative methods outside of existing funding, and include a recommendation for long-range planning.

On April 17, 2018, the Roads Task Force presented the culmination of eight months of work studying our road problems. The report indicated that to have 208 miles of local public (subdivision) roads improved and maintained would cost approximately \$93 million. Additionally, to have all 58 miles of major primary roads improved would cost roughly \$137 million.

The Board of Trustees then approved ballot language that asks residents to vote on a millage proposal that will generate roughly \$5.6 million per year for 20 years. The funds would be dedicated for a road improvement program that would remain in the community. The revenue generated would be combined with additional funding sources for annual road and right-of-way improvements and maintenance in three distinct areas.

- Major Primary Roads: 55%
- Local Roads*: 30%
- State Roads: 15%

*available to residents of public subdivisions with a local match for projects directed by the Township.

Please watch your mail in mid-June for a special edition FOCUS that will have much more in-depth information on the proposal.

In the meantime, please visit www.canton-mi.org/roads, or come to one of the Public Information Forums:

- Wednesday, June 13, 4 - 7 p.m. (Board Room)
- Wednesday, June 27, 4 - 7 p.m. (Summit on the Park- Walnut Room)
- Saturday, July 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Summit on the Park- Chestnut Room)

“Canton Color Tour” Jazz Concerts suspended for 2018

Due to funding and lack of venues, the Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has suspended the annual summer “Canton Color Tour Jazz Series.”

The DDA would like to thank all those who’ve attended the concerts through out the years as well as the many businesses who allowed the concerts to be hosted in their parking lots.

Liberty Fest volunteer opportunities

Canton Leisure Services is seeking Liberty Fest volunteers for plenty of exciting opportunities including: Canton Lions Pancake Breakfast, Welcome Booth Greeters, Adult Beverage Tent, Inflatable Obstacle Course and Liberty Run.

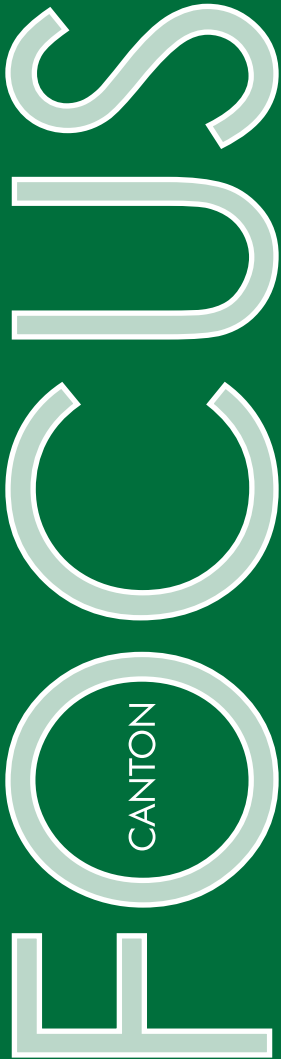
For details, call Paula Kosbe at 734/394-5191 or email pkosobe@canton-mi.org.

Liberty Fest schedule inside!

Summit Liberty Fest Membership Special

In honor of Liberty Fest, the Summit on the Park is currently offering a Liberty Fest Membership Special. Purchase an Annual Membership and save 20%! This special will be available June 1- 30, and excludes Matinee memberships, as well as any Annual Membership with payment plan. All memberships give you access to: our Fitness Center’s wide variety of cardiovascular fitness equipment and free weights; Aquatic Center; more than 60 fitness classes per week; and more!

Call Membership Services at 734/394-5460 and get started today! Offers cannot be combined with any others and are not valid on prior purchases.



This Month in Canton

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2018 LIBERTY FEST

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Canton's 27th

The countdown has begun for this year's fun-filled days as Canton's largest annual festival on Saturday, June 16. All of the action will be held at the Administration Building, just west of Canton Square. As always, entry into the festival grounds is free. For all the exciting details, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com

Thursday, June 14: 1 – 11 p.m.

Friday, June 15: 1 – 11 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy two stages jam-packed with live entertainment with local and nationally-acclaimed artists, plus strolling characters. These talented musicians and performers will thoroughly entertain you and your entire family. Don't miss these must-see performances!

Thursday, June 14:

Special sensory hours return and will be held Thursday only from 1-3 p.m., where carnival ride and Midway games lights and music will be turned off for festival-goers who are sensitive to large crowds and certain stimuli. Join our annual [Zumba Party](#) starting at 7 p.m. at the Canton LIVE! Stage. As always, we'll provide the music and instructors – just come ready to move. Remember to bring a water bottle. This year's Zumba event is free! Heritage Park Amphitheater highlights include: [Tommy Vale](#), who will take us down memory lane playing favorite oldies from 5-6:30 p.m., and [The Prolifics](#) will perform starting at 8 p.m., covering all your favorite Motown hits..

Friday, June 15:

Canton LIVE! Stage highlights include: [Big Time Cheer](#), an all-star cheerleading squad, will perform energetic routines 4:30-5 p.m.; and [Farmington School of Rock](#) will get the crowd hopping with covers of all your favorite rock classics.

Amphitheater Stage entertainment will feature: [Alexandra N'Transit](#), performing powerful Rock and Blues jams from 5-7 p.m. and the [Magic Bus](#) will pay tribute to the era of Woodstock with a special performance from 8-10 p.m., featuring psychedelic rock music of the 60s and 70s.

Saturday, June 16:

Canton LIVE! Stage highlights include: [International Festival](#) Cultural performances and displays from 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage's Multicultural Committee. Featured cultures from around the world, include: Irish, Indian, Chinese, Sri Lankan, and many more; plus [Atomic Radio](#) will take the stage from 8-10 p.m. performing today's top 40 hits.

Amphitheater Stage highlights include: [Wine & Canvas](#), a drop-in paint 'n pour class from 2-8 p.m., where ages 21 and over can enjoy an adult beverage in the beer/wine tent and create a mini-canvas for just \$5 (Classes are held at the top of every hour); [Sonic Freeway](#) will take the stage from 4-5:30 p.m., performing the hottest dance hits; [The Scott Martin Band](#) will perform Rock and Country favorites from 6:15-7:30 p.m.; and [The Feelgood Band](#) will hit the stage from 8-10 p.m. playing popular tunes from the 80s and 90s.

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To receive Festival weather and emergency updates, text LIBFEST to 84483. Please remember that no pets, rollerblades or skateboards are allowed. Check your bike at one of our free bike corrals.

Annual Liberty Fest

Year's Liberty Fest! Area residents are invited to join us for three annual community festival returns Thursday, June 14, through Saturday, June 16, will take place in Heritage Park, located behind the Canton Convention Center on Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Summit Parkway. Admission and parking are FREE! This year's major festival sponsors are: Liberty Financial Credit Union; Todd Wenzel; and Twisted Rooster. Visit cantonlibertyfest.com.

FIREWORKS!

Saturday at dusk

Bring your lawn chairs, friends, and family - there isn't a bad spot in the park to view the show!

Friday, June 15: 1 – 11 p.m.

Saturday, June 16: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.

CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS/TICKETS

Discounted single-day wristbands are available for \$23 and can be used for any full day if purchased at www.cantonlibertyfest.com before June 14, at noon. Wristbands will be available for purchase on-site for \$27 on Thursday, \$30 on Friday, and \$30 on Saturday. Purchase a three-day all-ride Megaband for \$60 – available ONLINE ONLY and must be purchased prior to June 14 at noon. Online sales require a \$.99 per transaction fee. Single ride tickets are also available for purchase onsite for 4 tickets for \$5 or a sheet of 50 tickets for \$50. Each ride takes 2-5 tickets each. All sales are final.

FESTIVAL FOOD and DRINK

Enjoy all your festival favorites, including: corn dogs, elephant ears, kettle corn, pretzels and much more. With so many options, you'll be able to find what you like for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

The **Taste of Liberty Fest**, sponsored by Twisted Rooster, as well as the **Beer and Wine Garden**, will be located near the Amphitheater. Stop by the Taste of Liberty Fest for signature menu items from area restaurants from 4-11 p.m. on Friday and 12-11 p.m. on Saturday. Enjoy a refreshing adult beverage Thursday and Friday from 4-10 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Hosted by the Canton Rotary Club and the Plymouth-Canton Optimist Club. Plus, patrons can enjoy relaxed seating and lawn games. Must be 21 years of age to purchase beverages.

The Canton Firefighters' #2289 Charity Foundation will host "**Box Alarm BBQ**," a gourmet BBQ food truck, on site at the Amphitheater all day on Saturday starting at 11 a.m., in place of their annual Spaghetti Dinner.

Saturday morning's 23rd annual **Canton Lions Club Pancake Breakfast** will be held from 7-11 a.m. at the Amphitheater (whiles supplies last), featuring world famous Chris Cakes flipping pancakes high onto plates for those brave enough to catch one. Also, meet a variety of fun characters from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Car enthusiasts will enjoy the **Liberty Fest Car and Truck Show** on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., presented in partnership with United Street Machine Association Customs and Rods. A special **Firefly Drone Show** will be held on Friday at 9:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. **Meet and Greet a Clydesdale Horse** on Friday and Saturday from 1-8 p.m. An **Inflatable Obstacle Course** will be available for participants of all ages to compete in unlimited timed-runs from 5-9 p.m. on Thursday and 1-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com for special fitness challenges.

Misting stations will be available throughout the park giving festival-goers a chance to cool off. **Walk on the Wild Side**, featuring **Oasis Animals** all day Friday and Saturday, lets you get up close and personal with some barnyard animals.

Canton Club 55+ will host its **Liberty Fest Picnic for seniors** on Thursday, June 14 from 5-7 p.m. at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. Participants will enjoy a picnic-style meal, fun interactive games, ice cream buffet provided by Heartland of Canton, plus transportation to the Concert in the Park - all for just \$9 for Summit Members, \$10 for Canton residents or \$12 for non-residents. For details, call 734/394-5485.

Marketplace: Check out merchandise from local artisans, crafters, businesses and vendors around the large pond on Friday from 4 p.m. to dusk and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to dusk.

Canton's annual **Liberty Run** is back! Take part in this 7th annual Liberty Fest 5K, 10K and 1 Mile Runs on Saturday, June 16. Leisure Services is once again teaming up with Running Fit of Ann Arbor; plus, a portion of all entry fees will benefit Canton trails. Find all the details about these Stars, Stripes and Shades runs at cantonlibertyrun.com.

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Public forum on Opioid epidemic

On Wednesday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m., the Public Safety Department is hosting a Public Forum on the Heroin/Opioid epidemic and its impact on our community. The Forum will be held in the Board Room of the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Police and Fire officials will be joined by guest speakers from the DEA, 35th District Court, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Growth Works to cover the objectives of:

- Understanding Opioid addiction
- The Opioid epidemic's impact on our community
- Strategies for tackling Opioid issues, including opportunities for recovery and healing for addicts and their families

A question and answer session involving all speakers will conclude the evening.

The forum is open to anyone interested in increasing their knowledge and understanding of this troubling, trending topic.

Sign up for Nixle

The Public Safety Department encourages residents to sign up for Nixle, an electronic method of receiving alerts regarding incidents that may potentially impact the safety of residents in our community.

Unlike social media, Nixle is strictly information-based, used for important advisories, community updates, and official information impacting the Canton community.

To opt-in for text messages, text your zip code to 888777.

For additional information or to sign-up for alternate methods of notifications, visit www.nixle.com.

Treasurer Slavens Corner

Summer is upon us and I am sending a friendly reminder about water use, along with a few helpful savings tips to our residents. With careful planning and monitoring throughout the summer, you will have better control over your summer watering bill. Check your water consumption by reading the meter, found in your basement, before and after a watering cycle.

Michigan State University recommends light, frequent watering which reaches the grassroots. A green lawn in Michigan needs 0.5 to 1.5 inches of water per week. Keeping your grass blade three inches in length after cutting, promotes root growth and shades out weeds. Do not run your sprinkler during the heat of the day, and adjust your sprinkler so you do not water the sidewalk, driveway and streets. Water your outdoor plants early in the morning, and you will need less water since the cooler morning temperatures mean losing less water to evaporation. It is not a good idea to water in the evenings, since this can promote mold growth.

A few saving tips for residents, in your home: Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. The amount of water that comes out of the average faucet is 2.5 gallons per minute. Do not let all that water go down the drain while you brush so turn off the faucet after you wet your brush, and leave it off until it's time to rinse. Turn the tap off during hand washing. You do not need the water running while you're scrubbing your hands, save a few gallons of water by turning off the faucet after you wet your hands until you need to rinse. Keep a water container in your refrigerator for drinking instead of running tap water; you will have a nice cool glass of water and you can save on water usage.

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

SEMCOG ParkFinder app

SEMCOG's Southeast Michigan ParkFinder is now available as a mobile app that makes it easier than ever to explore recreation opportunities throughout the seven-county region.

Available free-of-charge on Apple's App Store and the Google Play store, this app enables users to search for over 2,600 parks within Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties. This interactive map features everything from neighborhood playgrounds to state and national parks. Learn more at <https://maps.semco.org/ParkFinder/>

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Canton's water system is safe

Canton would like to assure all residents and business owners that we take the safety of our water supply system very seriously.

Each year, Canton issues a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that gives a detailed analysis about where Canton's water comes from and the treatment process it goes through. It also gives consumers detailed information about the quality of their drinking water. The 2017 report can be downloaded at www.canton-mi.org/CantonWaterReport.

If you have any questions, please call Canton's Division of Public Works at 734/397-1011.

Clerk's Comments

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 August 7 and November 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 interpersonal 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. Workers will be compensated \$20 for attending training. All inspectors over 17 years old must be a registered voter of the State of Michigan. Anyone convicted of a felony or an election crime may not serve. Applicants must fill out the application in their 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.

Wayne County Hazardous Waste Collection scheduled for June 9

The Wayne County Department of Public Service will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, June 9 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, located at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn.

This free event is open to Wayne County residents only and is an excellent opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

For more information on the collection or to obtain a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, please visit www.waynecounty.com.

"Walk, Talk, and Yoga In the Park" returns to benefit Wounded Warrior Project

Join us for the "Lynn M. Bentley Memorial Walk, Talk and Yoga Event To Benefit The Wounded Warrior Project" on Saturday, July 28 at 9 a.m. in Heritage Park. The event will be led by Dan Nevins, a nationally recognized Wounded Warrior featured on CBS News.

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.

Dan Nevins credits the practice of yoga for turning his life around after losing both of his legs in Iraq. Join him for this special inspirational event in Heritage Park.

Tickets are \$20 online and will be \$25 the week of the event and \$30 the day of the event. Tickets are currently on sale now at www.cantonfun.org; just search Dan Nevins. Participants will receive a tax statement at the end of the 2018 stating the portion of their donation that is tax deductible. Learn more about Dan Nevins' incredible story at www.dannevins.com.

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



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

- 2** National Trails Day. Lower Rouge Trail. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 4** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 5** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 6** Public Forum on Opioid Epidemic. 6:30 p.m. Canton Administration Building.
- 8** Canton Clean-Up. Recycling Only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 12** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 14** Liberty Fest. 1 – 11 p.m.
- 14** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 15** Liberty Fest. 1 – 11 p.m.
- 16** Coffee with the Trustees. 9 – 10 a.m. Biggy Coffee.
- 16** Liberty Fest. 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
- 19** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 20** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 20** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 23** Canton Clean-Up and Recycling. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 26** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 28** Thursday Night Concert. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

JUNE ART EXHIBITION:

“Through My Eyes: Mental Illness Re-imagined”
Bailee Soper - Photography. Reception June 4.
Free and open to the public. 7 – 9 p.m.

JUNE 1

Friday Night Live. Danse D’Amour Dance
Studio annual dance recital. 7 p.m. \$15 - \$20.

JUNE 2

80’s Party: 2nd Chance Prom featuring Square Pegz. 7:30 p.m. \$25 - \$30.

JUNE 9

‘Night at the Movies’ Triple Threat Dance & Theater Company. 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. \$22.

JUNE 11

Future Stars 2018 - Recital. The Dance Academy
6 p.m. \$7.

JUNE 15-16

Michigan Dance Alliance Recital.
Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. \$18.

JUNE 19-21

Metro Dance and Music Recital 2018.
6:30 p.m. \$10 (Wednesday-Music Recital).
\$20 (Tuesday and Thursday-Dance Recital).

JUNE 22-23

Dance Beat. 7 p.m. Free.

JUNE 29-JULY 1

“Oldest Living Confederate Widow: Her Confession” Better Than Ever Productions.
Fri - Sat 7 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. \$16 - \$18.