

# NEWS COUNCIL OFF

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## Police to increase patrols at local shopping centers

The Canton Police Department will be increasing its patrols at local shopping centers and stores through December 24.

In addition to regular patrols, officers will utilize bicycles and semi-marked patrol cars to maintain high-visibility in parking lots and store fronts in an attempt to deter criminal activity. Shoppers are reminded to stay alert while in stores and parking lots, and use the following basic safety precautions:

- Don't leave your purse unattended.
- Be cautious with purses and wallets. Avoid carrying a purse if possible, and keep your wallet in an inside jacket pocket.
- To discourage purse snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages. Make several smaller trips back to your vehicle.
- Lock your packages in your vehicle's trunk, or out of sight. Keep your doors locked and windows closed.
- If you feel you're being followed or watched in a parking lot, go back inside the store and ask for security.

The Canton Police Department encourages everyone to practice safe shopping habits throughout the year, with additional precautions added during the busy holiday shopping season.



## Holiday trash collection schedule

Residents are advised to make note of the GFL collection schedule during the holiday months.

**Christmas:** There will be no collection on Wednesday, December 25. All Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday collection routes will be delayed by one day.

**New Year's Day:** There will be no collection on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. All Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday collection routes will be delayed by one day that week.

All refuse, recycling and yard waste must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pick-up. All recycling must be placed separately from your refuse on the opposite side of your driveway. For more information, visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call GFL at 844/464-3587.

## Yard waste collection ends December 6

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will end on Friday, December 6, and will not resume until April, 2020.

## New online renewal process for Dog License/Dog Park membership

Dog licenses and Dog Park Memberships will expire December 31, 2019, and Dog Park key fobs will deactivate if a membership is not renewed by January 15, 2020. This year, to increase access and reduce taxpayer costs, the Clerk's Office has provided a new online renewal process.

Members will no longer receive a renewal packet by mail. Instead, residents can now type: [cantonclerk.typeform.com/to/Bgo2f0](http://cantonclerk.typeform.com/to/Bgo2f0) in their internet browser and follow the prompts to renew their license/membership online. Each dog must be renewed separately. Individuals with more than three dogs, or a service animal, should stop in at the Clerk's Office. Please note, a postcard with the online renewal link will be mailed out to current licensees. Individuals without internet access may still renew by visiting the Clerk's Office at 1150 S. Canton Center during regular business hours. Tags or fobs can be picked up at the Clerk's Office free of charge within two business days of an online renewal. Alternatively, for \$1, the Clerk's Office will mail a fob and/or license. For questions or more information, please call the Clerk's Office at 734/394-5120.

# This Month in Canton

# STATUS

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## A message from Supervisor Williams



Next month, the Board of Trustees is having a planning session to set goals and determine Canton's priorities for the years to come. In preparation for this process, I again asked myself "what are we doing well?" and "what can we work on, both in the short-term and long-term?"

The last time I asked this of our residents, the overwhelming response was, "ROADS!" We listened, and proposed a road millage to address the road conditions. Since residents voted to approve the millage, we have seen a great many road improvement projects in the community, and will continue those projects for the next 19 years.

So what's next? I am looking for your perspective. If you would like to provide feedback, please email me at patrick.williams@canton-mi.org and let me know:

- a) What is Canton doing well?
- b) What can we work on in the short-term and long-term to continuously improve delivery of services?

I am confident that there are other thoughts and ideas out there that we haven't heard or considered. We are committed to providing the best possible service to our residents and we want to hear what that means to all of you. So, please feel free to send an email or give me a call at 734/394-5185. I am also available to meet face-to-face if you would like. I look forward to hearing from you!

## Hall of Fame, Community Supporter/Achiever Nominations

Submissions are now being accepted for Canton's community awards. If you would like to nominate someone for the Canton Hall of Fame, Community Achiever, or Community Supporter, please visit [www.canton-mi.org/232](http://www.canton-mi.org/232) for a link to the nomination form. The deadline to submit is Friday, January 17.

Please call 734/394-5185 with questions.

## Sign up for e-bills

Canton's Water Billing department has begun to accept enrollment for e-bills. Anyone interested in enrolling may go online and sign up through eUtilities. Residents who enroll will be notified via email on the first of the month that their water/sewer bill is due. If you opt for email notification, you will NOT receive a paper bill. Please visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) and click on the E-Services button on the bottom of the page

## Canton Cares Fund thanks 2019 donors

Canton proudly recognizes the 2019 Canton Cares Donors. Their generosity enables us to fulfill many needs within the community by enhancing our programs and recognizing our hard workers. Those who have benefited from donations include: Public Safety Responders, Senior Citizens, Canton Teen & Youth, Clerk's Scholarship and many more. Thank you again to the 2019 donors:

- Al's Asphalt
- American House Residences
- Bovitz CPA & Prof. Resource Alliance
- Brookhaven Manor
- Canton Employees
- Canton Rotary Foundation
- Chicks 4 Charity
- Comcast
- Crystal Creek
- Glenn Abbey
- ITC
- Kelli Lauria & Steven Sneiderman
- Kerr, Russell and Weber, PLC
- Michael Siegrist
- MJC Companies
- MSA Delivery Service
- N.A. Mans & Sons
- Pacific Oil Resources, Inc.
- Plymouth Rock Lodge
- Regency at Canton
- Spalding Dedecker
- St. Mary Mercy Livonia
- Trudy & Gene Szatkowski
- U of M Kellogg Eye Center
- Waltonwood Senior Living
- Woodhaven Retirement Community

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Village Theater New Year's Eve Celebration

On December 31, at 7 p.m. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will welcome back the Detroit Circus to celebrate New Year's Eve. Back by popular demand, this talented troupe will amaze audience members with high-flying aerial antics on fabric and trapeze, fire dancing, stilt walking, acrobatics, and more! These jaw-dropping performances are sure to thrill fans of all ages. A pre-show will also feature a sparkling grape juice toast in the lobby with activities suitable for all ages. Following the performance there will be an early kid-friendly countdown to 2020! Please note: this is an animal-free circus.

Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased at the door or in advance at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org), by phone at 734/394-5300, or in person Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road

For additional information, please visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

## Canton Club 55+ Holiday Party

Come celebrate the holidays at Canton Club 55+ on Thursday, December 12, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Summit. Tickets are \$17 for Summit members, \$19 for Canton residents, and \$24 for non-residents. Tickets must be purchased by December 5. For more information, call 734/394-5485.

## In the CLS Spotlight

### Lifeguard class and positions now available

Are you looking for a part-time job? Then join the Summit on the Park's Lifeguard Staff! We are currently looking for staff to cover morning, day, and evening shifts. These part-time positions offer hours ideal for students, second job seekers, retirees and more. Some employee perks include: flexible scheduling; great pay; FREE Membership to the Summit's Fitness Center; and a friendly work environment. Apply online today at <https://canton.applicantpro.com/jobs/>.

Not certified yet? The Summit on the Park is currently offering FREE training! Our next lifeguard class will run December 6-8, and 14-15, from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. each day (with the exception of December 6th's class time of 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.). A January Lifeguard Training course will also be held January 10-12, and 18-19, from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. each day. Register today at [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org). For more information, call the Summit Aquatic staff at 734/394-5488. Canton Township is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

## Live Well Canton 2020

What can be accomplished in the expanse of a year? What sort of change can we affect? What sort of transformation are we capable of? As an individual? As a community? That's what a new year often calls for...the close of one chapter and the fresh start of another. With this sentiment in mind, Canton Supervisor Pat Williams poses a challenge to this community. In partnership with Canton's Leisure Services Department, we will commit to 12 months of healthy, incremental changes, to the many different corners of our very busy lives. Through the new Live Well Canton initiative, we'll explore ways to take advantage of this community's plentiful parks, trails, facilities, and resources in an effort to live a healthier, more balanced life, taking time to focus on our mind, body, environment, and our community.

Supervisor Williams hopes you'll join him as we kick off this renewed commitment to our wellness this January, as the first month focuses on healthy weight management and the transition away from sedentary tendencies this time of year. Check out the Summit on the Park's membership specials, spend some time looking through the multitude of opportunities to get moving in the latest DISCOVER brochure, follow Canton Leisure Services on Facebook for goal-setting worksheets, 30-day fitness challenges and more. Ready to commit to 12 months to a healthier you and a healthier Canton? Check out the Live Well Canton webpage at [www.canton-mi.org/1270](http://www.canton-mi.org/1270) for more details and to join the movement! We're in this together!

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Boys Lacrosse free demo day and Spring registration

Boys in grades 2-8 are invited to check out Lacrosse with a free mini-clinic on Friday, December 13, from 5-7 p.m. at Summit on the Park Gym. Check out equipment, and get information or register for the upcoming Winter Clinic and Spring league. Participants will enjoy a chance to win a lacrosse stick or Winter clinic entry.

Registration for Spring Boys Lacrosse is now open. No experience necessary. With limited spots available, players are encouraged to register before December 31, 2019. Registration fee includes custom uniform, local league play and tournaments. Payment plan available. For more information, visit [csc.canton-mi.org](http://csc.canton-mi.org) or call 734/483-5600.

## Summit New Year Membership Special

Are you planning to kick off the New Year with fitness as a top priority for you and your family? Then be sure to take advantage of special savings with the Summit's New Year Membership Special. From January 1-31, save 10% off all Annual Membership packages, including: Individual, Student, Senior, Couples, Family, and Kids' Corner memberships.

Family Memberships are only available for purchase at the Summit front desk. For pricing and more information, visit [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org) or call 734/394-5460.

## Annual Butterfly Ball returns

Canton's very popular Valentine's tradition returns to the Summit on the Park on February 7 and 8, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories! Dads and daughters can enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the highly-anticipated-balloon drop that caps off the festivities.

Choose from three dances that will take place in the Summit Gymnasium: February 7 at 6 p.m.; and February 8 at 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. Semiformal or dressy-casual attire is recommended. Ticket are on sale starting December 2 at 9 a.m., and will end on February 1. Purchase tickets at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or at the Summit front desk. Each participant is required to have a ticket for entry. Tickets are just \$11 for residents and \$14 for non-residents. For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734/394-5460.

## Get unlimited golf in 2020 at Pheasant Run

Purchase an Annual Pass at Pheasant Run Golf Club before December 20, and save 10% off the pass price. Annual golf passes allow for unlimited golf with cart and range use throughout the year. Passes are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

For additional details, please call the Pro Shop at 734/397-6460, or visit [www.golfprgc.org](http://www.golfprgc.org).

## Summit Personal Training and fitness classes

Whether you are new to fitness, someone looking to take your training to the extreme, or someone in-between, the Summit on the Park offers a wide variety of fitness and wellness programs to fit your needs, including Personal Training.

Don't wait, get your New Year's resolution started today! Meet with one of our personal trainers and get your health and fitness goals met. Our trainers specialize in: weight loss, sport specific, senior balance and strength, and youth fitness! If you are looking for a single session, multi-session, or group training, we have packages to meet your every need!

For additional information, please visit [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org) or call 734/394-5460.

## Volleyball Leagues Forming

Registration is now open for 6 person teams in Coed Recreational Volleyball Leagues that will play on Sunday evenings for 10 weeks starting January 5, at the Summit on the Park.

For more information on team registration, or if you are an individual looking for a team, please call the Canton Sports Center at 734/483-5600. Register today at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## Important Canton Phone Numbers

**Administration Building**  
734/394-5100

**Public Safety**  
(non-emergency)  
734/394-5400

**Supervisor's Office**  
734/394-5185

**Clerk's Office**  
734/394-5120

**Treasurer's Office**  
734/394-5130

**Water Billing**  
734/394-5240

**Summit on the Park**  
734/394-5460

**Ordinance Enforcement**  
734/394-5335

**GFL (refuse collection)**  
844/464-3587

**Canton Public Library**  
734/397-0999

**Village Theater at  
Cherry Hill**  
734/394-5300



## Canton Goodfellows "No Child without a Christmas"

The Canton Goodfellows and Canton Leisure Services are teaming up to help brighten the holidays for Canton's neediest children, and have a number of ways for residents to participate:

- Join the "No Child without a Christmas 5K" Run/Walk. This event will be held on Sunday, December 8, at the Summit on the Park. For more details, including registration and sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.ezrunevents.com/xmas-5k-run-walk](http://www.ezrunevents.com/xmas-5k-run-walk).

- Bring in a new, unwrapped toy or gift card to the Summit on the Park or to the Leisure Services administrative offices located in the Canton Administration Building.

- Donate by visiting [www.cantongoodfellows.org](http://www.cantongoodfellows.org), or mail a check to Canton Goodfellows, P.O. Box 87532, Canton, MI 48187.

For more information, please visit [www.cantongoodfellows.org](http://www.cantongoodfellows.org).

## Annual Tree Lighting

Kick off the most festive time of the year at Canton's Annual Tree Lighting celebration on Wednesday, December 4 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Join us for a magical evening as Santa and his reindeer make a special stop in Canton. Starting outside at 6 p.m., enjoy holiday carols, watch Santa's arrival and a countdown to the official lighting of the tree. Special festive activities will also be held indoors, including refreshments provided by Busch's Fresh Food Market, a holiday craft, seasonal entertainment, and children of all ages will be able to have their picture taken with Santa and the Grinch. Participants can also experience 'Holidays from Around the World' and learn other holiday traditions from several countries. In the spirit of the holiday season, admission into this event is free. For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Winter is upon us and your winter property taxes will be coming soon. Winter property taxes cover you from December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020. Bills will be mailed out December 1, and must be paid by February 14, 2020, to avoid penalty or interest. If you do not receive your winter tax bill, please call my office at 734/394-5130. Keep in mind, tax bills are not forwarded so if you are going out of town during tax season, please call our office. We can mail your bill to a temporary address.

There are various ways you may pay your tax bill including:

- Our 24-hour drop box, located outside the main entrance of the Canton Administration Building.

- At the Treasurer's window, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- By mail: Canton Township Treasurer, P.O. Box 87010, Canton, Michigan 48187

- Online at [www.canton-mi.org/296](http://www.canton-mi.org/296)

Your winter property taxes cover:

- Regional Educational Service Agency-Intermediate School District, Wayne

- County, Wayne County Jail, Huron Clinton

- Metropolitan Authority, Wayne County

- Parks, Canton Township, Canton Police,

- Canton Fire, Library, Canton Road millage,

- Wayne County Community College (for

- the Van Buren and Wayne-Westland school

- districts only) Detroit Zoo, Detroit Institute

- of Arts, Administration Fee, Solid Waste Fee.

There may be additional line items on your tax

statement pertaining to special assessments.

Please contact our office if you have questions

regarding these items.

For your payment we accept cash, bank

checks, MasterCard, Visa and Discover.

There is a \$3.95 charge for debit/credit card

payments under \$160, and a 2.5% charge for

credit card payments over \$160. This charge is

levied by the banks.

As always, if you ever have questions or

concerns regarding your tax bill or water bill,

please contact my office. With winter upon us

and soon the holidays, I wish you and yours

a safe and happy holiday and the very best in

the New Year.



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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

### DECEMBER

- 2** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 3** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 4** Tree Lighting. 6 – 8:30 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 7** Santa Breakfast. 9 – 11 a.m. Summit on the Park.
- 10** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 12** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 12** Art Workshop. Watercolor Ornaments. 6 p.m. Village Theater. \$20.
- 17** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 18** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit Banquet Center.
- 24** Christmas Eve. Administration Building closed.
- 24** Board of Trustees Meeting. Canceled.
- 25** Christmas Day. Administration Building closed.
- 31** New Year's Eve. Administration Building closed.
- 31** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.

### JANUARY

- 1** New Years Day. Administration Building closed.
- 8** Historic District Commission meeting. 7 p.m. Cherry Hill School.

## VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

### DECEMBER ART EXHIBITION

Christine Walters – My Favorite Things and Vidya Krishnan - Charvi Jewelry. Reception December 3. 7– 9 p.m. December 2: Art, Coffee & Donuts at the Gallery. 10 a.m. FREE EVENT.

### DECEMBER 5-8

Miracle on 34th Street. Spotlight Players. Thur - Sat at 7:30 p.m. and Sat-Sun at 2 p.m. \$15 - \$18.

### DECEMBER 10

Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Winter Concert. 7 p.m. \$5 - \$15.

### DECEMBER 12-15 (Biltmore Studio)

It's A Wonderful Worldful of Christmas. Spotlight on Youth. Thur-Sat at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. \$15.

### DECEMBER 13

Unlocking Christmas – A Holiday Musical. Metro Dance and Music. 7 p.m. \$15.

### DECEMBER 14

The Polar Express – Sensory Sensitive Family Showing. Rated G. 10 a.m. \$5.

### DECEMBER 14

Dashing Thru the Snow. Canton Concert Band. 7 p.m. Meet Santa at 6:15 p.m. \$8 - \$12.

### DECEMBER 19 – 22

The Christmas Broadway Spectacular "The Most Explosive Christmas Show Around Town" Central City Dance. Various Times. \$24.

### DECEMBER 28

Aaron Radatz Holiday Magic Show. 7 p.m. \$18 - \$22.