

# FOCUS

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## Canton Leisure Services is hiring!

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 2020 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 this summer. Interviews will be conducted in March for most positions. Open positions may include:

- Lifeguards
- Summer Camp Counselors/ Supervisors
- Therapeutic Recreation Camp Staff
- Parks Laborers
- Pheasant Run Golf Course Staff
- Canton Sports Center Staff
- Teen Services Staff
- And more!

Apply now at <http://canton.applicantpro.com/jobs>. Canton Township is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

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

## Election Inspectors needed

The Clerk's Office is in need of Election Inspectors! Election Inspectors are the poll workers who assist voters in the polling location and count absentee ballots. Please help by joining the process and sign up at [www.canton-mi.org/209](http://www.canton-mi.org/209). This is a paid position, and the Clerk's Office will need workers for the August and November elections. It's a great way to be a part of the process! Visit the website for rates of pay, to apply online, and to view inspector manuals.

## Fair Housing presentation

On Thursday April 23, from 6-8 p.m. at Canton's Administration Building, NLSM (Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan) Elder Law and Advocacy Center will offer a free presentation on Fair Housing. Whether you are a landlord or tenant, learn why it is important to know your rights and duties.

It is unlawful to discriminate when renting, buying or financing. Learn about your legal rights. Discrimination is illegal.

Attorneys will be on site to offer free one-on-one legal consultations on other civil matters for eligible Canton residents.

Refreshments will also be provided. Please call Mike Sheppard at 734/394-5225 to register.

## Save the date for River Day

Canton's annual River Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 16 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Look for the location and more information on this event in the March FOCUS.

## Canton Off-Season Farmers Markets return

The first of three special Off-Season Farmers Markets, featuring a variety of local vendors, will be held on Sunday, February 23, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, located at 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. Visit popular local vendors such as: Boblin Honey, Pick Michigan, and The Cheese People for your food and produce needs. Market patrons will be able to stock up on their favorite market merchandise, plus a fun activity for the kids will be available. Additional Off-Season Markets will be held March 22 and April 26.

For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org/496](http://www.cantonfun.org/496) or join the Canton Farmers Market facebook page.



# This Month in Canton

# S U P E R V I S O R S

## A message from Supervisor Williams



Last month, I touched on the need for residents to volunteer their time to serve on our many and varied boards and commissions.

Below is a complete list of all the opportunities to serve:

- Building Board of Appeals
- Board of Ethics
- Commission for Culture, Arts, & Heritage
- Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council
- Canton Historical Society
- Downtown Development Authority Board
- Historic District Commission
- Leisure Services Advisory Committee
- Merit Commission
- Planning Commission
- Senior Advisory Council
- Tax Board of Review
- Zoning Board of Appeals

If serving on any of these boards and commissions sounds interesting, please visit [www.canton-mi.org/590](http://www.canton-mi.org/590) to download and fill out an application. The application will be reviewed by a committee that will conduct a short interview and then make a recommendation for appointment to the Canton Board of Trustees.

For more information on boards and commissions, or if you have any other questions, please call my office anytime at 734/394-5185.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## Chamber Wine Tasting event

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's Annual Wine Tasting is scheduled for Friday, March 13, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Summit on the Park. The event features wine, beer and delicious hors d'oeuvres compliments of Holiday Market. This event is hosted by Holiday Market along with the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Fifty percent of all proceeds will benefit the LiveLikeMax Foundation, which brings awareness to the importance of healthy heart checks and provides them FREE to all high school athletes. For more information about this foundation, please visit [www.livelikemax.org](http://www.livelikemax.org).

Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased by calling the Chamber office at 734/453-4040 or at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com). Tickets can also be purchased at Holiday Market. This event is sponsored by Beaumont and Jack Demmer Ford.

## Registration begins for Citizens Police Academy

The Canton Public Safety Department is preparing for its next Citizens Police Academy, which is designed to provide insight and knowledge on how the police department works to serve the Canton community.

Attendees will be educated on the policies and operational procedures of the department through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Students' personal knowledge on 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.

The mission of the Citizens Police Academy is to develop positive relationships between citizens and police officers, enhancing cooperation, understanding, and good will. This year's eight-week academy will be held on Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m., from April 16 - June 4. 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
- Applicants subject to a background check

Applications will be accepted online from February 1 - 29, at [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org), or in person at the Canton Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center. Call Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink at 734/394-5194 for more information.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Luck O' the Arts Fundraiser

The Partnership for Arts and Humanities and Community Financial Credit Union are proud to present a night of music and dance featuring the Canton Concert Band and Central City Dance. Join us Saturday, March 7, for the Luck O' the Arts at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill to benefit the Village Arts Factory, Canton's new community arts center.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with a welcome reception and the show begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person for adults and \$15 for those 12 and under. Purchase your tickets today at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or by calling 734/394-5300.

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

## Mom to Mom sale next month

If you're looking for some great bargains, come to Canton Leisure Services' Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, March 21, at the Summit on the Park. Find over 65 booths featuring gently used baby and kids' clothing, shoes, and more from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 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](http://www.cantonfun.org)

## 2020 Canton Chili Cook Off

Calling all area restaurants! Here's your chance to prove that you make the best chili around by entering the 2020 Canton Chili Cook Off on Sunday, February 23, from 1-4 p.m. at the Summit on the Park.

This special event, hosted by Women's Life Insurance Society Chapter 827/Chicks for Charity, will specifically benefit Canton Police and Fire Departments through the Canton Cares Fund, which is overseen by the Canton Community Foundation. **Area residents are encouraged to come out and vote for your favorite recipe!**

Tickets are \$20 for those 13 and up and \$5 for those 12 and under. Admission includes Chili Sampling and soft drinks.

Hot dogs and additional full servings of chili are available for purchase for \$2 each. A cash bar will also be available onsite.

For more information, visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

## Golf Leagues now forming

Pheasant Run Golf Club is now registering players for Senior Men's and Ladies' golf leagues for the 2020 season. League play will start in early May. Each week, two teams of two players will play nine holes and rotate times to play in different groups. Participants can either select their partner or Pheasant Run will find a partner for you.

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

## In the CLS Spotlight

### Canton Smoking Ban Park Ordinance clarification

As of January 1, 2020, all of Canton Leisure Services facilities and parks are now smoke-free properties except for Pheasant Run Golf Club and Fellows Creek Golf Club. Smoking will continue to be permitted on these courses, due to the limited impact to others enjoying course amenities. Smoking at Pheasant Run and Fellows Creek Golf Clubs will continue to be restricted inside their club houses, as well as at their outdoor food-service dining areas. Under the ordinance, smoking is defined as the use of tobacco, marijuana, or any other of its derivatives, or the use of vapor products or nicotine alternatives.

Canton Parks affected by this smoking ban include: Barchester Park, Freedom Park, Flodin Park, Griffin Park, Heritage Park, Independence Park, Kopper Park, Patriot Park, Preservation Park, Victory Park, as well as the Canton Dog Park. Learn more about these parks and their amenities online at [www.cantonfun.org/147](http://www.cantonfun.org/147). For additional information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call the Canton Parks Office at 734/394-5310.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Village Theater in the spotlight

Bring the whole family and dive in the magic of the underwater world of Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure on Sunday, February 16, at 6 p.m. The creators of Erth's Dinosaur Zoo Live will take you on an all new adventure to the bottom of the ocean. During this immersive experience, all ages are invited to explore unknown ocean depths where prehistoric marine reptiles lived eons ago-and maybe still live today! Erth shows are at the forefront of family entertainment, using actors, technology, puppets, science and imagination to create an amazing visual experience that connects young audiences to the real science of paleontology.

Regular tickets are \$30, VIP tickets are \$50 and 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, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

VIP ticket includes: one premium seat in the front rows; exclusive pre-show meet and greet with a show puppeteer and one creatures, photo taking encouraged; and an official Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure merchandise item. VIP activities begin at 4:30 p.m. Performance begins at 6 p.m.

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

## Take ExpressRide today!

If you work in downtown Ann Arbor or at the University of Michigan, then ExpressRide may be for you! ExpressRide, brought to you by The Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, is a 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 in Canton. Commuting by ExpressRide lets you forget about parking, traffic, and pollution, and the buses have free Wi-Fi and comfortable seating. A one-way cash fare is only \$6.25, a ten-ride ticket is \$62.50 or a 30-day unlimited ride commuter pass is just \$125.

Check with your employer, as employees of some businesses are eligible for discounted passes! For new route schedule information, please visit [www.myexpressride.org](http://www.myexpressride.org).

LIVE WELL  
CANTON 2020



## February's Live Well Canton 2020 programs

Area residents are invited to join Canton's new community wellness initiative, Live Well Canton 2020, as we kick-off our second month filled with exciting opportunities. February's goal highlights the importance of heart health. Did you know that on average, Americans sit for 11 hours a day?! And more than 600,000 people die of heart disease in the U.S. every year – that's 1 in every 4 deaths! But, the good news is there are a lot of things that can be done to change up our more sedentary lifestyles. That, with a mixture of mindful eating and managing stress, can literally add years to our lives! This month watch for Canton Leisure Service's Step Challenge, a Free Skating Night at Arctic Edge, Free Health Screenings, Special Saturdays at the community center with discounted drop-in rates, or shop with Canton Farmers Market vendor, Pick Michigan, at the Summit on the Park on February 5, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

With an end goal of helping all of our residents, family, and friends live longer, more active lives, Leisure Services invites you to join us this month and every month as we aim to #LiveWellCanton2020. Find additional information at [www.cantonfun.org/1270](http://www.cantonfun.org/1270) and follow on social media by liking the Canton Leisure Services Facebook page.

## Canton Pavilion online rentals

Think ahead to spring and summer! Starting February 3, at 9 a.m., Canton Leisure Services will begin accepting online reservations from Canton residents for its open-air pavilions at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org). Only online bookings from Canton residents will be accepted at this time. Starting March 2, 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 31. Payment is due at time of reservation. For rates and additional information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734/394-5310.

## 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



## March Election update

The Clerk's Office is busy preparing for the March 10 Presidential Primary Election and has some essential information for voters prior to Election Day:

1. Absentee voters must complete Step #1 on the application. This indicates what ballot type to mail. Each voter may receive one of the ballot types: Democratic ballot with local proposals, Republican ballot with local proposals, or a ballot that has local proposals only. Anyone voting in person will also have to make the same selection at the polls.

2. Anyone who would like to avoid waiting in line may stop by the office and pick up an absentee ballot. Every voter is legally allowed to utilize absentee ballots. Once done voting, drop the ballot in the drop boxes or return them by mail. ALL BALLOT ENVELOPES MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID! Voters should read all the provided instructions carefully.

3. All absentee ballots get counted, and the results available on election night include absentee votes. Every vote is processed and counted.

4. Ballot status can be tracked at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote). Other available information includes precinct location, sample ballot, and registration status.

5. All polls will be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10.

6. A government photo ID is required to vote at the polls, or to pick up an absentee ballot. Individuals without an ID may sign an affidavit and are able to vote.

7. Individuals can now register to vote online! Simply go to [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) until February 24 and register to vote in the March election. After February 24, potential voters must stop in the Clerk's Office and register with proof of residency and a photo ID.

8. Miss out on the benefits of the permanent AV list (vote by mail voters) for March? Sign up today on the website and automatically receive an application for an absentee ballot (ballot by mail) every election. Voters can also stop by the Clerk's Office with a photo ID to sign up and receive a ballot for March.

## Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Happy February from the Treasurer's Office. You can pay your winter tax without penalty until February 14. A 3% penalty fee is added on February 15 through February 28. The Treasurer's Office is open Monday-Friday, 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, through the mail, via interactive voice response (1-833-697-1710) or the 24-hour safety drop box located on the outside wall, by the entrance into the administration building. On March 1, delinquent real property taxes are turned over to the Wayne County Treasurer, who will add a 4% administration fee plus interest of 1% per month.

Winter deferment is available for residents who meet the requirements:

- Age 62 or older (or the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death)
- eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower of a veteran or serviceperson; permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or hemiplegic;
- AND total household income in the prior taxable year did not exceed \$40,000. The deferment application is available at the Treasurer's Office. You must turn in the application by February 14. Please call 734/394-5130 if you have questions.

If you sign up for e-bill you will receive an e-mail notification that your water/sewer bill is ready to view, and you will NOT receive a paper water/sewer bill. Once you receive your e-bill notification you can log into E-Utilities, which has a link to Pay Connexion, the online way to pay your water bill.

Additionally, with the unusual weather and rain this winter, it is important to monitor your sump pump and back up sump pump to keep your basement from flooding.

As always, we continue to work on improving services for our residents. If you ever have questions or concerns please call my office at 734/394-5130



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\*Community Calendar and Village Theater schedule are subject to change. Check with sponsors to confirm date and information.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 3** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 4** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 5** Historic District Commission. 7 p.m. Cherry Hill School.
- 7** Butterfly Ball. 6 – 8 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 8** Butterfly Ball. 2 – 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 11** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 13** Commission for Arts, Culture, and Heritage. 7 – 9 p.m.
- 14** Winter Taxes Due. All Day.
- 17** President’s Day. Administration Building closed.
- 18** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 19** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 19** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit on the Park. Chestnut Room.
- 26** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

### MARCH

- 2** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 3** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 4** Historic District Commission. 7 p.m. Cherry Hill School .
- 7** Camp and Class Registration. 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit on the Park.

## VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

### FEBRUARY ART EXHIBITION

Melissa Sheffer & Ted Ramsay - Aesthetic Layers of Meaning. Reception February 8. Free and open to the public. 7– 9 p.m.

### FEBRUARY 5--SOLD OUT!

Life is a Cabaret – LIVE From The Starlight Lounge. American Cancer Society Inc.

### FEBRUARY 8

Kid’s Charity Comedy Show. Connection Church. 2 p.m. \$12 - \$25.

### FEBRUARY 14-16

Glengarry Glen Ross (Biltmore Studio). Evalino Productions. Fri-Sat at 7:30 p.m. Sat - Sun at 2 p.m. \$16 - \$18.

### FEBRUARY 15--SOLD OUT!

Let It Be-Beatles! Michigan Philharmonic.

### FEBRUARY 16

Erth’s Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure. 6 p.m. \$30 - \$50.

### FEBRUARY 22

#Listen. Kimberly Beard. 6:30 p.m. \$20 - \$25.

### FEBRUARY 28

Comedy Night at The Village Theater. Justin Siekierka. 7:30 p.m. \$14 - \$16.

### FEBRUARY 29

Dress Shirt Monologue. 7:30 p.m. \$27.

### MARCH 1

6th Annual Bollywood Bash. Bollyburn Dancers. 3 p.m. \$14 - \$19.