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Canton's Home Expo comes to the Summit March 5 and 6

Canton's annual Home Improvement Expo will be held next month on Saturday, March 5 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Highlights at this year's Expo include: free parking and refreshments; a live broadcast from Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor" on 1600 WAAM; live wood carving demonstrations; a childrens' hands-on project center; and multiple raffles throughout the weekend, including wood projects made by Canton Construction along with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters.

If you plan on attending this year's Expo, make sure you stop by a welcome station and pick up a free Expo Advertisement Booklet. The booklet is filled with vendor coupons, a map of the show and several home improvement tips.

The Expo is free of charge and hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers.

For more information, please call Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division at 394-5200.

Precinct Inspectors needed for election season

If you have ever wondered how to become more active in your community, look no further. The Canton Clerk's Department is now accepting applications for Precinct Inspectors.

Precinct Inspectors are limited to working on designated election days in Canton. Precinct Inspectors must be a registered voter of the State of Michigan. They cannot be a challenger, candidate, member of a candidate's immediate family, or a member of the County Board of Canvassers. Anyone convicted of a felony or an election crime may not serve. Those interested must fill out the application in their handwriting and be willing to declare a political party affiliation.

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

Attendance at an Educational Training program is mandatory prior to working an election.

Application packets may be picked up in the Clerk's office during regular business hours (Mon - Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). For additional information or to request a packet by mail please call 394-5120.

Summit 20th Anniversary community celebration

The entire Canton Community is invited to celebrate 20 years of our great facility on Sunday, February 28 from 1:30-6 p.m. Stop by the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, to partake in all the festivities including fun "Under the Big Top" for children in the gym with carnival games, a magician, and more from 1:30-4 p.m. There will also be a free open swim from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Raffles and giveaways (including the chance to win an Annual Individual Membership), as well as free food and refreshments will be available, while supplies last.

The Summit Re-Dedication Ceremony at 4 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom will be followed by Dueling Pianos, refreshments and a cash bar. Free entry to the building will be available during these times. For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit www.summitonthepark.org or call 394-5460.

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Michigan's Presidential Primary FAQs

1. When is the Presidential Primary?
March 8, 2016.

2. Do I have to be a registered with the Republican or Democrat Party to participate in the Primary?

No. Any Michigan registered voter may participate in the primary. You must make a choice of the ballot type you will be voting on Election Day. You will choose to vote either a Republican ballot or a Democratic ballot. Each party ballot will contain the option to vote for the listed candidates or a non-committed choice. There is no ballot without Presidential Primary in Canton Township. No local candidates or any proposals are on this March ballot. The Canton Clerk's office has no record of any party preference associated with your voter registration.

3. When I select a party ballot for March, does that mean I have to vote the same party in August and November?

No. The selection made by a voter in the March Presidential Primary has no bearing on how a person votes later in the year.

4. Will my ballot selection be made public?

Yes, by law a public list must be made available that includes the Presidential Primary ballot type a voter selected to vote on March 8, 2016. This information is provided by the State of Michigan, Secretary of State, Bureau of Elections and not the local Clerk's Office. To be clear; only the political party ballot selection will be made public. There is no way to track or know the candidates that you voted for.

5. Did the legislature just eliminate straight-ticket voting?

Yes, the Michigan Legislature did eliminate straight-ticket voting. Straight-ticket voting was only an option in November General Elections. So, in November 2016, you will be selecting the candidate you wish to vote for on a race by race, party by party option. The ballot in November is likely to be multiple pages.

Need more information? Visit www.Michigan.gov/vote or www.Michigan.gov/elections.

Ice and snow removal

Public Safety's Ordinance Enforcement Unit reminds property owners of Canton's ordinance stating that no person shall permit ice or an accumulation of snow to remain on any sidewalk adjacent to a lot or parcel—occupied or unoccupied—for a period longer than 72 hours after the ice or snow has formed or fallen. This does not include sidewalks to the rear of a lot or parcel.

Sidewalk snow removal issues should be directed to the Public Safety Department at 394-5400.

Summit Banquet Center packages by Katherine's Catering

Nestled in the heart of Canton, the Summit is a popular event space for your upcoming meeting, wedding or special event. Summit on the Park's Grand Ballroom features cathedral ceilings, sweeping glass chandeliers and floor to ceiling windows.

During your event, guests can wander outside to the lovely furnished patio spaces. An extra bonus to this venue is the availability of the picturesque Wedding Gazebo, a private ceremony site overlooking Heritage Park's wooded scenery and pond.

Katherine's Catering, Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center's exclusive caterer, offers a variety of menus and services. Known for delicious food and expert hospitality, the Katherine's event planning staff, culinary team and professional servers will take care of you from the first conversation to the day of your unforgettable event.

Mention the Canton Focus and receive a special 5% discount on food and beverage for your upcoming event. Call Laura Przybylo at 734/394-5486 or email laura@katherines.com to start planning your event at Summit on the Park!

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Seasonal part-time positions available in Canton

Thinking about a summer job? Canton Leisure Services is now hiring for seasonal part-time positions that start April-June 2016.

If you enjoy a fast-paced, exciting work environment, don't miss this opportunity to join a great team this summer! Students, here's your chance to gain valuable work experience in your field of study.

Apply now at <http://canton.applicantpro.com/jobs/>. Open positions, which will be posted until filled, include: Pheasant Run Golf Course Staff; Parks Staff; Lifeguards; Summer Camp Counselors; Jr. Day Camp Counselors; Day Camp Counselors; Summer Camp Supervisors; Therapeutic Recreation Camp Staff; Special Event Coordinators; Village Theater Staff; Canton Sports Center Staff; and more!

Canton Township is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. For more information, call 394-5260.

Summit's second annual indoor triathlon

Registration is currently underway for the second annual 'Conquer the Summit' Indoor Triathlon that is scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 29 starting at 7 a.m.

Participants will complete heats in swimming, biking, and running with 10-minute transition times between each event. Swimming will take place in the 25-yard lap pool. Biking will be held on upright stationary bikes. Running will be done on treadmills. Participants must provide their own swimsuit, swim caps, goggles, biking and running clothing.

Registration fees are: \$35 for Summit Members; \$40 for Canton residents; and \$45 for non-residents. For details on available heat times and to register online, visit www.summitonthepark.org. For additional information, call 394-5460.

March yoga madness challenge

Kick-start your yoga practice with the Summit's 30 Day Yoga Challenge! Beginners to experts ages 14 and up are encouraged to participate from March 1- 30.

Register for this special program online at www.cantonfun.org or in person at the Summit on the Park. Fees are \$60 for Summit members; \$67 for Canton Residents; and \$87 for non-residents.

For additional rules and information, visit www.summitonthepark.org or call 394-5460.

In the CLS Spotlight

Take the plunge to be Summer swim ready

Learning to swim is one of the most important skills that a child or adult can acquire. According to the Center for Disease Control, "drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States."

By taking swim lessons, participants learn how to build confidence around water, right themselves in deep water, and build strength and stamina to perform different strokes. It may be frigid outside, but winter is the perfect time to get indoors and swimming. Participants can improve their skills prior to spring break trips and summer vacations. For parents who send their children to summer camp, it is reassuring to know that their child can swim on their own during the camp trips to the pool.

The Summit on the Park Swim School offers a variety of swim lesson options including private lessons, group session-based lessons and group on-going lessons. These classes are designed to help participants create solid building blocks to progress through the swimming program. Whether your goal is to be on a swim team, swim for fitness, or just be more confident in the water, take the plunge to be a stronger swimmer today. For more information, please visit www.summitonthepark.org.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Ben Daniels Band to perform at Village Theater

Experience an evening of high-energy rock and roll when The Ben Daniels Band takes the stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Saturday, February 20 at 8 p.m.

Don't miss these talented musicians performing Americana, blues, jazz and rock. With five CDs under their belt, the Ben Daniels Band has toured notable venues throughout Michigan, New York City, Washington D.C. and Nashville. Be there as Ben Daniels, the son of actor Jeff Daniels, and his group keep the party hopping all night long.

Tickets are on sale now for \$15 each. Get your tickets now at www.cantonvillage theater.org or by calling 394-5300.

Camp Fair coming soon

Even in the cold of winter, Canton Leisure Services can help you create a great summer plan for your kids. Be sure to check out our summer programs for all ages and all interests during our Camp Fair on Saturday, March 12, at the Summit on the Park.

Learn about all of our summer offerings from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., including: Day Camps, Preschool Camps, Sport Camps, Special Needs Programs, Art Camps, Science/Education Camps, and many more! Representatives from different camps will be available to answer all of your questions in the Summit Grand Ballroom, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Many popular camps fill up fast, so you won't want to miss out. Both parents and children are welcome, kids' activities will also be provided. Registration for most camps begins at the Camp Fair and online at www.cantonfun.org at 10 a.m. on March 12. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Golf leagues at Pheasant Run

Golf leagues at Pheasant Run receive many great benefits such as pro shop and food/beverage discounts, pre/post-league green fee specials and discounted range fees on your scheduled league day. Our Fore Star Grill features refreshing beverages and great food.

For more information, please call the Pro Shop at 397-6460.

Snowball Co-Ed Tournament and Think Spring Softball Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 20 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. as two exciting events return to the Canton Sports Center, located at 46555 W. Michigan Avenue.

The Canton Snowball Co-Ed Tournament features an outdoor Chicago Style Softball tournament with a WRIF Celebrity Team, a live broadcast, and great prizes. Kicker's Bar & Grill will also host indoor games, cocktail specials and a full service menu.

Think Spring Softball Day is a SPECIAL REGISTRATION slot at the Canton Sports Center. Any team that registers on February 20 between 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. by phone, in person or on-line is eligible to win a FREE league registration, a set of team jerseys, red wing tickets, concert tickets and more... all valued at over \$1500.

Leagues are available Sundays-Fridays from April-October. For more information or to register, visit csc.canton-mi.org or call 483-5600.

Canton Lip Sync contest announced

Canton will host its first Epic Lip Sync Battle at the Village Theatre on Saturday, April 30 at 7 p.m. This event is brought to you by the Canton Youth Advisory Council, which is comprised of 20 high school students who are dedicated to promoting youth and serving the Canton community. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door or online at the Village Theatre.

The Lip Sync Battle is for all ages and allows entry as a solo act or with a group. Entry fees are \$10 for a solo act and \$15 for a group. Judging will be based on creativity, appropriateness, movement/dancing and more. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top solo act and top group act. The remaining proceeds will go to the Canton Youth Advisory Council's endowment fund which allows the council to grant money to other area youth organizations in need.

If you are interested in competing in this epic battle, download our application at www.cantonfun.org starting February 10. Applications are due by April 1. For additional information, call 398-5570.

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

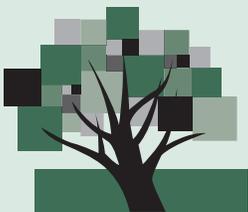
Water Billing
394-5240

Summit on the Park
394-5460

Ordinance Enforcement
394-5335

Canton Waste Recycling
(Rizzo Environmental
Services)
866/772-8900

Canton Public Library
397-0999



Canton Winter Farmers Markets scheduled

The wait is finally over as the first of three special Winter Farmers Markets featuring over a dozen vendors will be held on Sunday, February 28, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Summit on the Park Banquet Lobby, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Local goods available will include: seasonal produce grown in hoop houses, baked goods, farm-raised meats, hand-crafted items, and more. Additional Winter Markets will be held March 20 and April 17.

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

Easter Bunny headed to Canton

Celebrate Easter at Canton Leisure Services' two eggstra-special events on Saturday, March 19. Start by enjoying the [Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast](#) and special time with your favorite fluffy egg-toting friend from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Summit Grand Ballroom.

Tickets prices are: R\$15.25/NR\$18.25 for ages 13 and up, R\$10.25/NR\$12.25 for ages 4-12, and R\$4.25/NR\$5.25 for 3 years of age and under. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Summit front desk starting February 12 and will end on March 12 at 8 p.m.

For additional details about the event and the full menu, please visit www.cantonfun.org

The fun continues on the same day with the [Easter Eggstravaganza](#) from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The whole family will enjoy a morning filled with spring-themed activities, including: visits with the Easter Bunny and outside egg hunts, weather permitting.

No advanced registration is necessary; however there is a \$3R/\$4NR fee per child which can be paid for at the event's information booths. Continuous egg hunts will be held between 10:30am-12:30pm in two age categories to help keep the "hunting" fair for even our littlest participants. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Definition of a "Snow Emergency" in Canton

Canton declares a Snow Emergency for the purpose of clearing streets for snow removal and allowing accessibility of streets for Public Safety vehicle response.

A Snow Emergency is declared by the Director of Public Safety when snow amounts of generally 5" or more are predicted. Several other factors such as high winds and ice are also considered.

During a Snow Emergency, vehicles should not be parked on Township roads and side streets. An Emergency Traffic Order can accompany a Snow Emergency, resulting in the ticketing and/or towing of non-compliant vehicles.

For further questions, call the Public Safety Department at 394-5400.

Canton Pavilion online rentals

Think ahead to spring and summer! Starting February 8, 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 during the first two weeks of the new reservation season.

Starting February 22 at 9 a.m., Canton residents may submit phone reservations by calling 394-5310, however online reservations are still encouraged.

Online or phone reservations for non-residents will be accepted starting April 1. Payment is due at time of reservation.

For rates and additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5310.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 1** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 2** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 8** Park Pavilion rentals begin. 9 a.m.
- 9** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 11** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 15** President's Day. Administration Building Closed.
- 16** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 16** Winter Taxes Due.
- 17** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 17** The Emergency Food Assistance Program – Chestnut Room. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 22** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 23** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

MARCH

- 1** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 5** Home Improvement Expo. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 6** Home Improvement Expo. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 8** Presidential Primary. 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- 8** Board of Trustees Meeting. Canceled
- 10** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 12** Camp Fair. 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit on the Park

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 12

Bottle Rocket Cararet in Concert!
John Latini and Jamie-Sue Seal.
Smokin' Sleddog Records. 7:30 p.m.
\$20.

FEBRUARY 13

Broadway Valentine. Michigan
Philharmonic. 7:30 p.m. \$30/\$25/\$10

FEBRUARY 20

Ben Daniels Band. 8 p.m. \$15

FEBRUARY 26

PCEP Dance Team Showcase. 7 p.m. \$15.

MARCH 5

Old Time Rock-n-Roll featuring Steve
King and the Dittlies. Partnership for the
Arts. 8 p.m. \$30.

MARCH 6

Siusan O'Rourke & Zig Zeitler in Concert
and The Stonecross Band! Smokin'
Sleddog Records. 7:30 p.m. \$20.

**For tickets, visit
cantonvillagetheater.com or call
394-5300.**

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