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8th Annual Brew, Brats and Bands at the Barn

Canton Leisure Services is once again joining the Canton Historical Society, Holiday Market, Liberty Street Brewing Company, Canton Brew Works and BeerFests.com to host its annual Brew, Brats, & Bands at the Barn fundraiser on Saturday, September 9, from 6-9 p.m. at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road.

Each 21 and over attendee will receive 7 beer tickets to choose from a wide-variety of specialty beers and enjoy brats with all the fixings. Participants will also receive a commemorative mug.

Entertainment will be provided by "All Directions" and "Standing Room Only." Enjoy all this while helping the Historical Society raise funds.

Tickets are just \$25 if purchased by September 8 and \$30 at the door. A Designated Driver ticket is \$10. Advance tickets are available online at www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or at the Canton Treasurer's Office and the Canton Farmers Market.

For more information, please call 734/394-5360.

GFL Holiday collection schedule

Due to the Labor Day holiday, GFL will not collect refuse, recycling, or yard waste on Monday, September 4 and all collections that week will be delayed by one day. GFL will resume their regular collection schedule on Monday, September 11.

All refuse, recycling, and yard waste must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pick-up. GFL will not pick-up refuse or recycling that is placed past the sidewalk on private property. All recycling must be placed separately from your refuse on the opposite side of your driveway.

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

Canton Center Road closure

Last month Canton Center Road was closed between Geddes Road and Michigan Avenue as part of a Wayne County construction project to remove and replace the existing concrete road.

Motorists are still asked to avoid this area and seek alternative routes. Weather permitting, this project will be completed by November.

For up-to-date information on this and other construction projects, follow Canton's Municipal Services Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cantonmsd or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/cantonmsd.

Hazardous Waste Round-up scheduled for September 9

Canton will hold its annual Hazardous Waste Round-up Saturday, September 9, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Canton's Division of Public Works Building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road, just south of Michigan Avenue. This free event is open to Canton residents only. To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not accepted, please call Canton's Public Works Division at 734/397-1011 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

If you can't make the Canton collection, Wayne County will hold its final 2017 Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, October 7, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Wayne County Community College, located at 21000 Northline Road in Taylor.

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. For more information or to obtain a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, call 734/326-3936 or visit waynecounty.com.

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A message from Supervisor Williams



A few months ago I asked for residents to provide feedback to me to let us know how they felt about Canton by identifying things outside of roads that needed attention, and to also let us know what we were doing well or had done well.

The feedback from residents was broken down between recommended long-term and short-term items that we need to focus on in the future.

In addition to the responses to my Focus article, I still receive regular phone calls and notes almost daily from folks advising my office on what is important to them. There was a correlation among many of the responses. Many believe Canton should prioritize strategic plans and budgets going forward as follows:

1. Public Safety – The good news here is we appear to be doing quite well as Canton was recently named one of the safest 100 communities in the United States by the National Council for Home Safety and Security. Canton has also historically been recognized as one of the safest communities in Michigan with populations over 75,000 by the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

2. Roads - In July, the Canton Board of Trustees approved the establishment of a Roads Advisory Task Force. The group will consist of community leaders and residents who will define a road map (pun intended) to help the Trustees navigate our roads options. The current state is not acceptable – Ford Road congestion and accidents, neighborhood streets crumbling and major arteries in significant need of repair and replacement. One thing that is known for sure is that current needs outpace the funding and solutions.

3. Connected pathways and sidewalks and preservation of green spaces throughout the community.

After the three items above, where consensus appeared to be clear, there were also several unique items or programs and projects that residents were extremely passionate about and will be taken into consideration for future planning.

I sincerely appreciate all feedback, positive and otherwise, to help us stay focused on what matters to our community.

Parked vehicles should not block sidewalks

Canton’s Traffic and Vehicle Ordinance states no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle on a sidewalk. This includes parking on the sidewalk portion of a residential driveway, therefore blocking the flow of sidewalk traffic.

Pedestrians who are hindered by a vehicle parked in a driveway blocking the sidewalk may call the Canton Police Department at 734/394-5400 to report the traffic code violation.

Be on alert for Asian long-horned beetle

Although no infestations have been confirmed in Michigan, the Michigan State University Extension Service is asking people to be on the lookout for Asian long-horned beetles, an exotic species that attacks all types of Maple trees.

Male and female beetles are over an inch long with white blotches on a black body.

Any sightings of the beetle should be reported to the MSU Extension Service at www.expert.msue.msu.edu or 888/678-3464.

“Welcome Home” kickoff event

The Canton Neighbors and Newcomers invite area women to meet your neighbors at the first event of their 46th season on Wednesday, September 13, at 7 p.m.

This free event takes place at the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road. Light refreshments are provided by Carrabba’s Restaurant.

Visit www.cantonwomen.com or call membership host, Nancy Ellenberger at 734/812-4119 or President, Mary Arrasmith at 734/837-0836 for more information.

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Back-to-School Summit membership special

Make the Summit on the Park your fitness and recreation destination! From September 9-30, sign up for an Annual Membership and save 10%. This special offer includes Annual Individual, Couples, Family and Kid's Corner memberships (excluding Matinee and payment plans) and is only available at the Summit front desk.

For more information, visit our website at www.summitonthepark.org or call membership services at 734/394-5460.

Registration for Fall classes underway

Looking to try something new this fall and winter? Look no further than the wide variety of classes offered through Canton Leisure Services for all ages and abilities. Whether you'd like to expand your knowledge of painting, cooking, or take in a specialty fitness class, check out the Fall/Winter 2017 Discover Brochure online at www.cantonfun.org and register or sign up in person at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

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

Take the Fit Family Challenge

Canton Leisure Services invites families to start the new school year off on the right foot and register for the Fit Family Challenge.

This free program offers special activities each month that are aimed at getting participants of all ages moving together in fun new ways. Track your family's activity throughout the month and have the opportunity to win cool prizes!

For more information about this free family program, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Save the Date!

- September 22: Fall Kick-Off Event
Family Fitness Pre-Testing
6-8 p.m. – Summit on the Park
- October 16-20: Families may bring a guest to enjoy Summit amenities.
(Fitness Center/Aquatic Center/etc.)
- November: Turkey Tri of Family Fun, where families compete in three games to earn points for prizes.

Let Fellows Creek Golf Club host your next event

Did you know that Fellows Creek Golf Club can host your birthday party, wedding/baby shower, retirement or work holiday party or even your wedding reception? Our Banquet facility can easily hold up to 220 guests with a full-size dance floor and up to 300 guests without it! For more information, call 734/728-1300 ext 4 or visit www.fellowscreekgolf.com.

In the CLS Spotlight

Fall fun for all ages

As the days shorten, temperatures start to cool off, and the summer foliage starts to change to its autumn palette, there are still plenty of outdoor activities for the whole family to take advantage of this September. Canton's 10 public parks offer a variety of playgrounds, athletic fields, disc golf, sand volleyball, tennis courts, dedicated Pickleball courts and plenty of great picnic spots. Canton's trail system is inviting to walkers, bikers and runners of all ages. There is much to explore along the Lower Rouge Trail or ITC Corridor, which also connect with I-275 Metro Trail and other local pathways. Be sure to take part in a host of fun events and activities that fall brings, including the following opportunities:

- Fit Family Challenge: September 22 Kickoff Event at the Summit on the Park
- Canton Farmers Market: Sundays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Preservation Park
- Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn: September 9 in Preservation Park

For additional information on these and additional outdoor activities, please visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Canton Farmers Market Fall offerings

September at the Farmers Market means the fall harvest will start rolling in.

Check out these special activities planned at the September Markets: Cooking with Chef Greg Richards on September 3 and 17; Chef Jesse Nemeth on September 10, and Chef Kristi on September 24; Master Gardener Fall Plant Exchange will run Sept 17 and 24; the Recreation Station Bouncer will be onsite September 10 (weather permitting), and Library Story Times will be held on September 10 at 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.

All of this and more every Sunday, now through October 15 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; rain or shine in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road. Check out the Farmers Market web page at www.cantonfun.org/496 for all your Market information or like us on Facebook. See you at the Market!

Village Theater Update

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill's 2017-2018 season promises a mix of fairy tale, fantasy, nostalgia and vintage pop culture, with several must-see performances.

Tickets for the season are on sale now at www.cantonvillagetheater.org, by calling 734/394-5300, or in person at The Village Theater Box Office Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Must-See Shows, include:

- Saturday, November 25: The Underwater Bubble Show
- Sunday, December 31: Detroit Circus
- Saturday, January 20: Simon & Garfunkel Central Park Experience
- Saturday, February 3: An Afternoon with Groucho
- Saturday, February 24: Brady Rymer's Children's Show
- Saturday, March 31: The Second City Tour – Look Both Ways Before You Talk

Check out the 2017-2018 performance schedule online and get your tickets today! For additional information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Sweetest Day "Dueling Pianos"

Community Financial Credit Union is proud to present "An Evening of Dueling Pianos" on Saturday, October 21, at The Village Theater for a fundraiser to benefit the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with a welcome reception that will include sample-size pizza from area pizzerias, including: Rose's Restaurant, Palermo Pizzeria and Restaurant and Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza. Then at 8 p.m., enjoy a fun-filled evening of music and laughter with some amazing pianists. Specialty craft beers will also be available for purchase at a cash bar for this one night only!

Tickets are \$25 per person, and can be purchased at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 394-5300.

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

Calling all golfers!

A great way to enjoy September's cooler weather is to play 9 or 18 holes of golf at one of Canton's premier outdoor destinations. Pheasant Run Golf Club, located at 46500 Summit Parkway, offers challenging golf at all skill levels at a great price. For rates and to reserve a tee time, visit www.golfprgc.org or call 734/397-6460.

Spring Boys Lacrosse

Registration for Boys Spring Lacrosse is now open for all returning players and new Canton residents. New non-resident players may register starting October 1.

Players must supply their own equipment. Uniform is included in fees, which are \$300 for Canton residents and \$360 for non-residents.

For additional information, call the Canton Sports Center at 734/483-5600 or visit csc.canton-mi.org.

**Don't forget--Senior Summit
on September 11.
Call 734/394-5485 to register.**

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)
866/772-8900

Canton Public Library
397-0999

Village Theater at
Cherry Hill
394-5300



Friends of the Rouge looking for public input to help reduce pollution

Friends of the Rouge is looking for resident input to better understand home and lawn care activities near Johnson Creek and Tonquish Creek, tributaries to the Rouge River. The insight from residents is critical and will help promote a healthy Rouge River.

To participate, please visit TheRouge.org/NPS-Survey. The survey is brief and should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

Lilley Road Bridge update

Following an inspection recommending the replacement of the Lilley Road Bridge, the Wayne County Department of Public Services' Roads Division has closed the bridge indefinitely. The bridge was closed on April 20 for an in-depth inspection, which revealed deterioration to steel members, the concrete deck, and concrete abutments. As a result, the County's consultant recommended the bridge be replaced.

The Wayne County Roads Division will be issuing a request for proposal for the replacement design. Once construction begins, it is estimated that replacement can take approximately one year. Replacement costs are estimated to be \$1.9 million.

Residents may call the Wayne County Roads Division at 888/ROAD-CREW for updates.

County Commissioner holds office hours in Canton

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone will hold office hours in Canton from 10 - 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center. Constituents will have the opportunity to meet with Commissioner Barone to discuss matters of concern within the community.

Treasurer Slavens Corner

Residential water/sewer bills are due quarterly. Quarterly billing is a project that I am working on changing to bi-monthly water/sewer billing, which will allow for smoother budgeting along with earlier detection of any plumbing leaks.

Currently, water/sewer bills are mailed out every three months. Canton water/sewer bills are separated into three zones (called Ledgers) that we bill. Each zone or Ledger has payments due the last Wednesday of a month. Here are the due dates for each area:

Ledger 1 (South of Palmer)
11/29/17; 2/28/18; 5/30/18; 8/29/18

Ledger 2 (North of Ford Rd)
10/25/17; 1/31/18; 4/25/18; 7/25/18

Ledger 3 (S of Ford & N of Palmer)
9/27/17; 12/27/17; 3/28/18; 6/27/18

I hope having this schedule will help as a reminder to pay your water bill in a timely manner. If you ever have any questions about your bill, please call my office at 734/394-5240.

Here are a few fun facts about water:

1. Water makes up 66% of the human body.
2. 70% of the human brain is water.
3. Each day we lose a little more than a cup of water when we exhale.

Have fun and be safe. Remember to stay hydrated!

Schools are back in session – drive safely!

The Canton Police Department reminds motorists to use caution on the roads as schools are back in session this month.

Police officers will be focusing on traffic laws pertaining to school buses, school crosswalks and reduced speed limits in school zones. When approaching school crosswalks, vehicles are required to stop as soon as a crossing guard steps onto the roadway. Drivers are required to stop for flashing lights on a school bus, regardless of the number of lanes on the road. The only exception is a divided boulevard-type highway, such as Michigan Avenue. To report on-going driver violations at a bus stop or crosswalk, call the Police Department at 734/394-5400.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 4** Labor Day. Administration Building closed.
- 5** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled
- 9** Canton's Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 4847 Sheldon Rd – Canton DPW. 734-397-1011
- 11** Canton Senior Summit. Summit Banquet Center. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 11** Planning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.
- 12** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 14** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 14** 2017 Summer Tax Bills Due.
- 15** Canton Clean-Up: Recycling only 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 19** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 20** DDA Board of Directors Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 20** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 26** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 30** Canton Clean-Up and Recycling. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.

OCTOBER

- 2** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 3** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 10** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER ART EXHIBITION:

September Artist: Sharlene Welton, Paintings
Exhibition Dates: 9/1/17 – 9/27/17
Title: "Home"

SEPTEMBER 7-10

Better Than Ever Production's "Women Are From Venus, Men Are From Uranus" 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$18-\$16/person

SEPTEMBER 15-24

Spotlight Players "Anything Goes" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. \$18-\$16/person

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 1

Spotlight Players "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr." 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. \$16-\$14/person

SEPTEMBER 30

Michigan Philharmonic "A Bit of Beethoven and Blue Jeans" 7:30 p.m. \$35-\$10

For tickets, visit
www.cantonvillagetheater.org
or call 734/394-5300 ext. 3

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