



30 YEARS

Coffee with the Trustees

The Canton Board of Trustees has begun a new series of informal meetings one Saturday per month. Each "Coffee with the Trustees" event throughout the year will be attended by three members of the Board, and is a great opportunity for residents to share concerns, ask questions and learn more about what is happening in Canton.

Currently, the "Coffee with the Trustees" schedule is as follows:

Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. Tim Horton's, 45135 Ford Road

Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m. Biggy Coffee, 45430 Ford Road

Saturday, September 22, 9 a.m. Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road

Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m. Tim Horton's, 45135 Ford Road

Saturday, November 17, 9 a.m. Biggy Coffee, 45430 Ford Road

Saturday, December 15, 9 a.m. Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road

**Senior Summit is now on May 30!
Call 734/394-5485 to register**

Shredding Day, May 17

Canton will host a Shredding Day on May 17, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the north pavilion, located west of the Fire Station on Heritage Park Drive.

Residents can bring up to two boxes or bags of paper to shred. There is no limit to the size of the boxes/bags; however you must be able to lift them out of your vehicle unassisted. Please be prepared to wait, as this popular service generates a lot of participation.

Please call 734/394-5185 with any questions.

Garage sale signs

With garage sale season upon us, residents are reminded that signs are not permitted in any road right-of-way (the area between the sidewalk and the street). Signs placed in this area are subject to being removed and disposed of. Garage sale signs may be located on private property, with permission of the property owner. Further questions about the legal placement of signs can be directed to the Ordinance Enforcement Unit at 394-5335.

Safety tips for pedestrians

As we enter into the warmer months, the Canton Police Department would like to remind everyone rollerblading, jogging, or walking, and particularly those pushing strollers, to use the sidewalk. Too often, individuals are injured or killed while walking or riding in the street. If a sidewalk is not available, pedestrians should walk on the left side of the street, facing traffic. Cyclists should always ride with the flow of traffic.

River Day to be held May 19

Canton's annual River Day will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Lower Rouge River Trailhead, located off Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue.

River Day takes place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages are encouraged to participate. Volunteers are asked to meet at the trailhead at 8 a.m. On-site activities will include bird house building, nature walks, a scavenger hunt and an interactive live animal presentation. All volunteers will receive a light breakfast and a hot dog lunch. River Day shirts will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to pre-register for the event, please call 734/394-5150.

This Month in Canton

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A message from Supervisor Williams



Architects help is wanted to fill to open appointed Commission/ Board positions for Canton's Building Board of Appeals and also for a Dangerous Building Hearing Officer.

These opportunities have been created due to the recent notice of resignation by Architect Joseph Philips, who has faithfully served our community so well since 1998. He has allowed me some time to find replacements before he fully retires from service to Canton.

Mr. Philips has decided to relinquish many of his personal and professional extracurricular activities and numerous board appointments to spend more time with his family.

Per Canton's Building Official Rob Creamer, "Mr. Philip's professionalism, patience and empathy for the different situations he has had to face with Canton residents has been second to none. Many dangerous building hearings end up in Circuit Court, when the building owners do not feel they are getting a fair shake at their hearing. In the last two years alone, there have been 25 hearings in which none of the participants have chosen to appeal his decision. Mr. Philips has performed an outstanding service for our community for 20 years, and his record and reputation speaks for itself."

Canton is going to need help to find a qualified replacement. Special thanks go out from myself and from my predecessors to Mr. Philips for his years of service.

I am requesting resumes to narrow the field of interested candidates and to set-up interviews for potential appointees. Interested parties should review Canton's ordinance and the State Construction Code (PA 230 of 1972) for further information on the positions.

Additional information is available online at www.canton-mi.org.

Send Resumes to:

Canton Supervisor Pat Williams, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan 48188

Or email patrick.williams@canton-mi.org

Help "Stamp Out Hunger"

The Canton Post Office will be conducting its 26th annual Food Drive on Saturday, May 12.

If you would like to donate non-perishable food items on that day, place the items by your mailbox and your letter carrier will pick them up for you. The food collected is donated to the Salvation Army.

For more information, please call Gloria at 734/223-2968.

Canton observes National Public Works Week

In honor of National Public Works Week (NPWW), Canton would like to recognize the men and women who make up Canton's Public Works Division.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association in 1960, NPWW is observed each year during the third full week of May. This year's celebration will begin Sunday, May 20 and continue through Saturday, May 26.

NPWW is a great opportunity to thank and recognize these hard working individuals who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services that keep our community beautiful.

Calling all local artists and creative entrepreneurs!

The Partnership for the Arts & Humanities is now accepting "letters of commitment" from those looking for studio space to lease. The plans are to begin construction renovations this fall on the Arts Warehouse, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road. This building will have approximately 16,000 square feet available. The Arts Warehouse is one of three structures located on the Village Arts Factory 14-acre parcel.

Visit www.partnershipforarts.org or call 734/765-7061 for more details.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

On stage at The Village Theater

Canton Acts of Culture Week returns to The Village Theater May 12 –19. Check out these special events during this week-long celebration of the arts!

May 8: The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra under the director of Hektor Qyteti and Joanna Goldstein present their Spring concert, featuring over 130 talented students in five ensembles.

May 12: Tim Kubart, 2016 Grammy Award Winner for 'Best Children's Album' and host, producer, writer for Sprout Channel's-'Sunny Side Up', performs an engaging, interactive set of original songs and stories.

May 17 – 20: "Heaven Help Me" is the story of three surviving Holloway brothers, whose string of casual eateries are losing money and in order to save the family business, oldest brother Sam wants to sell the only remaining joint property, a valuable waterfront house in Rockaway Beach, N.Y.

May 18: Acts of Fashion 2018 returns! This fashion-filled event includes a runway show and shopping experience, showcasing fashions from Metro-Detroit designers and boutiques, while also including special performances.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at www.cantonvillagetheater.org, by phone 734/394-5300, or in person Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Want a stress-free ride to work?

Do you work in downtown Ann Arbor or at the University of Michigan? ExpressRide may be for you! ExpressRide, brought to you by The Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, is a non-stop service from Canton to Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan Central and Medical Campuses. Board the ExpressRide from a free, Park & Ride lot right in Canton. A one-way cash fare is only \$6.25. Become a regular rider and you can use a ten-ride ticket for \$62.50 or a 30-day unlimited ride commuter pass for just \$125. Check with your employer, as employees of some businesses are eligible for discounted passes! For more information, including route details, please visit myexpressride.org

Volunteers needed for Meals on Wheels

Weekly scheduled volunteers are needed to deliver meals to homebound residents for the Meals on Wheels program, which operates out of the auxiliary kitchen at the Summit on the Park, Monday-Friday.

Program enrollment is increasing and a new route will be established once weekly volunteers are in place. This volunteer commitment is approximately 1.5 hours per week. Substitute drivers are also being sought for the program.

For more information, contact Paula Kosbe at 734/394-5191 or pkosbe@canton-mi.org.

In the CLS Spotlight

Liberty Festival coming attractions

The countdown has begun for Canton's 27th Annual Liberty Festival, which is scheduled to take place Thursday, June 14 through Saturday, June 16 on the grounds of Heritage Park, located behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This year's event will feature three fun-filled days of great entertainment, exciting rides and Midway games, delicious food, a Car and Truck show, a spectacular fireworks display and much, much more!

Lace up your sneakers to run, walk, or stroll the Canton Liberty Run 5K, 10K and 1-Mile courses through neighborhood streets and the natural beauty of the Lower Rouge Trail. A portion of your entry fee will help fund recreation and trail improvements in Canton.

Entry includes a free beer at the Canton Rotary Club's Adult Beverage Tent, T-Shirt, and finisher's medals for all distances! NEW theme for 2018: Stars, Stripes and Shades! Come decked out in your favorite Red, White, Blue apparel and don't forget the shades. Join us June 16. Visit www.cantonlibertyrun.com for additional details. For more information on events and attractions, please visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call 734/394-5460.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Pheasant Run Golf Club update

Pheasant Run Golf Club staffs golf professionals for your lesson and learning needs. Staff is on hand seven days a week to provide instruction. Lessons include individual, couple or group formats. Taught by eye with video analysis is available with instructor Scott Kuhn, PGA Associate.

Call or email Scott at 734/394-5342 or skuhn@canton-mi.org and get started today!

Fellows Creek update

The staff at Fellows Creek Golf Club and Banquet love to host events throughout the year. Fellows Creek can host graduation parties, banquets, business meetings, weddings, and much more.

In May, Fellows Creek will also host two in-house events: Mother's Day Brunch and the Spring Senior Golf Scramble. The Mother's Day Brunch will be held on Sunday, May 13, and will include a wide array of breakfast and lunch selections. This brunch will begin at 10 a.m. and will cost \$25 for adults, \$15 for children ages 5 to 12, and will be free for children under 5 years of age.

Register by calling the golf course or visiting the events page at FellowsCreekGolf.com. The Spring Senior Golf Scramble will take place on Thursday, May 24, with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m., and will cost \$28 for public players or \$25 for Canton Residents. This event is designed for individual players over the age of 55 to play 18 holes with the lowest two scores winning prizes. There will also be a closest-to-the pin contest, lunch during the scramble, and snacks after the round.

To learn more or to register please call the golf shop at 734/728-1300 or visit the Events page at www.FellowsCreekGolf.com.

Farmers Market Opening Day

Preservation Park will be bustling with local growers, food producers and artisans on Sunday, May 13, as the Canton Farmers Market kicks off its regular season.

The Farmers Market will be held every Sunday through October 14 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., rain or shine, at 500 N. Ridge Road. Enjoy live music a free kids' craft as well as special themes for each market day.

Additional highlights at the Farmers Market for rest of May include: Annual Perennial Exchange at the Master Gardener booth May 13, 20, and 27. Visitors can bring a plant, take a plant or take a plant and leave a small donation. Plants that are brought must be in good shape and labeled, if possible.

For details, visit www.canton-mi.org/496 or like us on Facebook. See you at the Market!

Healthy Summer Kick-Off event

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is teaming up with Canton Leisure Services to offer its annual Healthy Summer Kick-Off on May 19 from 1 - 4 p.m. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon during this family-friendly event at St. Joseph Mercy Canton, 1600 S. Canton Center Road.

The event offers a number of free health screenings and free family fun including: Digital Fingerprinting; Family Exercise Mini Sessions; Rock Climbing Wall; Teddy Bear Clinic; and more. Plus enter for a chance to win prizes. For more information, visit stjoeshealth.org/healthy-kick-off.

Mother's Day Brunch at the Summit

On Sunday, May 13, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., come celebrate the special mothers in your life with a delicious brunch prepared by Katherine's Catering at the Summit on the Park. Menu includes: Crème Brulee French Toast; Omelette Station; Cajun Brown Sugar Bacon; Assorted Salads; Green Beans; Carving Station: Macaroni and Cheese; and many more delicious options! A cash bar will also be available.

Brunch prices are \$25.95 per adult and \$12.95 for children 6-10 years of age. Kids 5 and under are free. Tax, reservation service fee, and gratuity not included in ticket prices. Cash gratuities will be accepted at the time of service. Please reserve seats for everyone in your party based on the desired timeframe. Reservations can be made through Tuesday, May 8 at <https://summitmothersdaybrunch.brownpapertickets.com>. For more information, visit www.katherines.com, email information@katherines.com or call 734/930-4270.

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)
844/464-3587

Canton Public Library
397-0999

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



Clerk's Comments Election Workers Needed!

The Canton Clerk's Office is now accepting applications for the position of Precinct Inspector.

Inspectors are needed for the Aug. 7 and Nov. 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 inter-personal 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 and you will be compensated \$20. 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 his/her 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 more information or to request a packet by mail please call 734/394-5120.

Precinct changes/new voting locations

This is a reminder that the Canton Election Commission has made changes to precinct boundaries and voting locations. Please pay close attention to the new card, should you receive one. It is not a duplicate and indicates that you may be voting at a different location in the next election.

Canton will see an overall reduction from 42 to 40 voter precincts and 24 to 19 polling locations, reducing the costs of future elections.

If you do not receive a new ID card you are not impacted by this change. Additional information can be found online at www.canton-mi.org/221. If you have questions, please call 734/394-5120.

Treasurer Slavens' Corner

In April, Canton Board of Trustees approved the 2018 Water and Sewer Rates for Canton Township. Each year recommendations are prepared by the Municipal Services Director, the Finance Director and their staff, on the proposed water and sewer rates. This year their recommendation resulted in an average decrease of 6.35% on a typical bill. The recommendations were presented to the Board at a study session on March 20, and at a Community Rate Forum held on March 28.

I am happy to report that effective May 1, consumption rates will be: \$6.11/1,000 gallons for water; \$5.80/1,000 gallons for sewage, for a total cost of \$11.91 per 1,000 gallons (total cost in 2017 was \$12.83 per 1,000 gallons). The new rates take effect on all customers' bills starting May 1, and represent an average quarterly reduction of 6.35%. This is great news for our residents.

Reading your water meter, which is located in the basement, and keeping track of how much your household uses will help identify any unusual water usage. In just 10 minutes, you can search your home for leaks and crack down on water waste. Worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, an overset humidifier on your furnace, a leak in your water heater, and leaking showerheads all are easily correctable and can save on your water bill. So put on your detective hat, lace up your running shoes, and take this 10-minute challenge to detect and chase down leaks.

With summer approaching it is important to remember that your irrigation system also increases your water usage. Reading your meter before and after running your irrigation system gives you an idea of how much water is used during one cycle of watering your lawn and garden. Sprinkler heads can use up to 5 gallons of water per minute and a garden hose can use up to 23 gallons of water per minute. Know your number!

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



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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

MAY

- 1** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 4** Canton Clean-Up. Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born Road.
- 5** Mother Son Dance. 2 – 4 p.m. Summit.
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- 7** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 8** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 9** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 10** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 15** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 16** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit. Call 394-5185.
- 19** Canton Cleanup and Recycling. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 20** Bark in the Park. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dog Park.
- 22** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 28** Canton Administration Building closed. Memorial Day.
- 29** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

MAY ART EXHIBITION:

“A World of Animals” by Nick Bair - Paintings and Drawings. Reception May 2. 7 p.m. Free.

MAY 4-6

Annie. Friday and Saturday. 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. \$7 - \$18.

MAY 8

Michigan Philharmonic Spring 2018 Youth Concert. 7 p.m. \$5 - \$15.

MAY 10

‘Watch Me Rise’ Artistic Expressions Dance Co. 6:30 p.m. \$2 - \$10.

MAY 12

Tim Kubart. Host of Sprout Channel’s ‘Sunny Side Up’ 2 p.m. \$12 - \$15.

MAY 17-20

“Heaven Help Me” Spotlight Players. Thur- Fri 7:30 p.m., Sat 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Sun 2 p.m. \$16 - \$18.

MAY 18

Acts of Fashion 2018. 7:30 p.m. \$15.

MAY 20

Silver Screen Soundtracks. Canton Concert Band. 4 p.m. \$10 - \$12.

MAY 25-26

Call Waiting. JHines Comedy
Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 3 p.m., 7 p.m.
\$10 - \$15.