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## Annual Tree Lighting event

Kick off the most festive time of the year at Canton's Annual Tree Lighting celebration on Wednesday, December 5 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, located at 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 countdown with Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams for the official lighting of the tree, which will be held outside the Banquet Center Entrance. Plus Santa's live reindeer will also be onsite for all to see.

Special festive activities will also be held indoors, including refreshments provided by Busch's Fresh Food Market; free henna body art; and seasonal entertainment. Participants can experience "Holidays from Around the World" and learn other holiday traditions with crafts from several different countries. In the spirit of the holiday season, admission into this event is free. For more information, call 734/394-5460 or visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## GFL Holiday collection schedule

Due to both Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Tuesday this year, all Monday collections will stay the same. However, if your collection day falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday it will be delayed by one day the week of Christmas and New Year's.

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](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call GFL at 844/464-3587.

## Recycling carts belong to Canton

Residents are advised that the 64-gallon Canton recycling carts are owned by Canton and each one is assigned to a homeowner's address. If you move, please leave the cart at your current address for the next homeowner.

For anyone wishing to purchase a second cart, the cost is \$75 and you can do so by calling Canton's Public Works Division at 734/397-1011.

## Still time to ensure "No Child Without a Christmas"

The Canton Goodfellows would like to thank everyone who has sponsored a child this year for the incredible support. For those who may have missed the opportunity to sponsor a child, there is still a need for new, unwrapped toys or gift cards. Donations can be delivered by December 9 to the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Looking for donation ideas? If you're in need of gift ideas, be sure to visit the Summit's Aquatic Center hallway and pick up a reminder gift tag with donation instructions. Additional contributions can also be mailed to the Canton Goodfellows, P.O. Box 87532, Canton, MI 48187. Help bring a smile to a child's face this holiday season. For more information, visit [www.cantongoodfellows.org](http://www.cantongoodfellows.org).

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## A message from Supervisor Williams

I am very happy that Families Against Narcotics (FAN) chose Canton to be the home base of their Western Wayne County operations. FAN is an organization dedicated to eliminating the stigma associated with addiction and providing families struggling with the disease with support and resources. Opioid/heroin abuse is very real in Canton and has a devastating impact on our community. We have lost too many lives to overdose. Canton is not alone or unique in dealing with this epidemic, but I am optimistic that efforts in our community will make for a brighter future as we expand our partnerships and relationships with those on the front lines in our region.

In addition to the partnership with FAN, Canton's role in the Conference of Western Wayne helped to create the Western Wayne Rescue Recovery Program, which is a partnership between area public safety departments, Growth Works and St. Mary's Hospital. The program helps users find support for recovery, and employs trained individuals, who are themselves recovering addicts, to travel to local police stations and St. Mary's, day or night, to counsel addicts who are seeking help. The program also includes detoxification treatment, long-term coaching and resources to help those in recovery find medical and dental care, life-skills training and support for furthering their educations and careers. The Rescue Recovery Program has been in place for six months, and, of the more than 100 individuals suffering from addiction encountered, an overwhelming majority have accepted assistance from the program. Also, this past July, Canton's Police Department began carrying Narcan in all of their patrol vehicles, and within the first week our officers administered doses and saved lives.

We would like everyone to understand the severity of this epidemic and help us work to eliminate the negative stigma of addiction.

For the majority of families affected by addiction, it is uncharted territory. FAN will provide a customized network and support system to help families navigate through the turbulence created by addiction, and I encourage our residents in need to take advantage of these options presented by FAN and the Rescue Recovery Program, whose Wayne County Chapter meets monthly in Canton.

For more details, visit [www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org](http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org) and [www.gwcares.org](http://www.gwcares.org)



## Annual Butterfly Ball returns

Canton's popular Valentine's tradition returns on February 8 and 9 to the Summit on the Park, offering plenty of special memories! Dads and daughters can enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the balloon drop that caps off the festivities.

Choose from three dances that are set to take place in the Summit Gymnasium: February 8 at 6 p.m.; and February 9 at 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. Semiformal or dressy-casual attire is recommended.

Tickets are on sale at the Summit on the Park December 3 through February 1. Each participant is required to have a ticket. Tickets are just \$11 for residents and \$14 for non-residents.

For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 394-5460.

## HOA contact updates

New subdivision? New HOA president? New HOA website? Please e-mail Bina Shah at [bshah@canton-mi.org](mailto:bshah@canton-mi.org) or call 734/394-5185 to update any HOA changes your subdivision might have.

Canton's Supervisor's office is a main source for residents and title companies to call to get the most up-to-date information for HOA contacts. Please visit [www.canton-mi.org/675](http://www.canton-mi.org/675) to see if your information is correct and let us know if it is accurate or if it needs to be updated.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Village Theater Winter highlights

Try something different this season and see "The Most Explosive Christmas Show Around Town" at The Village Theater from December 13 – 16. Canton's number one holiday show, "The Christmas Broadway Spectacular" will celebrate the magic of Christmas like never before with an all-new, unforgettable experience as Santa Claus, Mrs. C, and Ellie take center stage with a cast of some of the best performers in the area. Get a sneak-peek at what REALLY happens in the North Pole as Santa's head elf, Ellie, and the rest of the jolly elves pack Santa's sleigh for the BIG night.

Tickets are \$24 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 Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Also, save the date for the Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage's annual "Canton Celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr." event on Monday, January 21, 2019. This event features a special key note speaker and a performance from Dodson's Elementary School choir. Tickets are \$2/person or \$5/family.

## Get unlimited golf in 2019 at Pheasant Run Golf Club

Purchase an Annual Pass at Pheasant Run Golf Club before December 19, and save 10% off the full 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, call the Pro Shop at 734/397-6460 or visit [www.golfprgc.org](http://www.golfprgc.org).

## Shop to give to Canton Cares Fund

Finish up, or even start, your holiday shopping at the Canton location of Benefit Twice Outlet Store, where 10% of the sales from December 10-13 will go to support the Canton Cares fund just by showing your copy of the Canton FOCUS.

The Canton Cares Fund provides financial support for Canton Township-sponsored programs assisting seniors, veterans, youth and the disabled. In addition, this fund also assists Canton residents following natural disasters, or significant personal loss, as well as programs recognizing heroic or "above-and-beyond the call of duty." For more information, visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

## Volleyball leagues forming

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

For more information on team registration, or if you are an individual looking for a team, call the Canton Sports Center at 734/483-5600.

## In the CLS Spotlight

### Detroit Circus returns to Canton

Back by popular demand, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill welcomes The Detroit Circus on New Year's Eve. Audience members will be amazed by 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, sparkling grape juice toast in the lobby with activities suitable for all ages will be held from 6-6:40 p.m. The performance is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Following the performance, an early kid-friendly countdown will ring in 2019! Please note, this is an animal-free circus. Get your tickets today at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org)! For more information, call 734/394-5300.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Canton Senior Advisory Council position now available

The Canton Senior Advisory Council (SAC) is now accepting applications for At-Large Member positions to serve on this volunteer council for a one-year term from January - December 2019. The council meets bi-monthly (January, March, May, July, September, November) on the third Monday at 11:30 a.m., at the Summit on the Park. SAC members promote the enrichment of the lives of individuals' age 55+ who reside in Canton, regardless of income, religion, nationality, physical or mental disability. Interested Canton residents ages 55 and above may request an application by emailing [club55@canton-mi.org](mailto:club55@canton-mi.org) or stopping by Club 55+ front desk to pick one up. Applications will be accepted through December 10. For more information, call Canton Club 55+ at 734/394-5485.

## Boys Lacrosse grades 2-8 sign-up underway

Be a part of one of the fastest growing sports in the world. Registration is open for new and experienced players for Spring Lacrosse league play. Players will play 10-12 league games and two tournaments. With limited spots available, players are encouraged to register before December 31. Registration fee includes custom uniform, local league play and tournaments. Payment plan available.

Register at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734/483-5600.

## Swim across a Great Lake

From January 1-June 30, take the Swim Across a Great Lake Challenge and swim the length of Lake Erie at the Summit Aquatic Center. Participants will have the flexibility to choose when they swim the 57 miles, or 4,013 lengths of the pool, during hours of operation. The fee is \$30 to take this challenge. Swimmers who complete the challenge will receive a t-shirt. Participants must be members of the Summit in order to take the challenge due to facility access. Register online today at [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org)

## Personal training and fitness classes offered at the Summit

Whether you are new to fitness, 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:

- 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!

- Registered Fitness Classes: From December 16 – January 5, Summit on the Park members are able to take a handful of our registered classes for free! These classes include: Barre, Beginner Yoga, Gentle Yoga, MELT, Spartan Strong, and TRX Fusion. We will also be offering an Introduction to TRX on Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. and Fridays at 9:15 a.m., where individuals can learn the basics of the TRX Suspension Trainer before registering for a full class. In addition, there will also be an Introduction to Aerial Yoga where participants can get to know the yoga hammock and what a class would entail. If you are not a Summit member, you can drop in for the day and try these and our other group fitness offerings for \$7 for residents or \$15 for non-residents. For additional information, visit [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org) or call 734/394-5460.

## Holiday Celebration at Club 55+

Area seniors are invited to a special Holiday Celebration on Wednesday, December 12 from 12 – 3 p.m. in the Summit Banquet Center, featuring a delicious luncheon. This very popular event will celebrate the holidays with friends, family, food and prizes. Join us for an afternoon filled with entertainment, conversation and activities.

Participants are asked to please register by December 5. Tickets are available at the Summit Front Desk or at Club 55+ and are \$17 for Summit members, \$19 for residents and \$24 for non-residents.

This event is sponsored in part by Regency of Canton and Heartland. For more information, please call Canton Club 55+ at 734/394-5485.

## 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



## Police Department to focus on impaired drivers this holiday season

In an effort to keep the roadways safe this holiday season, the Canton Police Department is conducting special traffic enforcements directed at identifying motorists who are driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. These enforcements began in November and will continue into early January.

Along with this special traffic enforcement, the department is utilizing all media methods available to educate the public on the dangers of impaired driving, and encouraging them to take advantage of alternate methods of travel if they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"By advertising our directed enforcement efforts, we are attempting to discourage drivers from getting behind the wheel and potentially causing harm, or even death, to themselves and/or other motorists on the road," said Chad Baugh, Deputy Director of Police.

## Community Emergency Response Team seeking new volunteers

Canton Public Safety's Emergency Management Division is seeking volunteers to join its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT Program educates about disaster preparedness, and trains in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. Members are also encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

A new Basic CERT class is now forming. For information, contact William Hayes, Emergency Management Coordinator, at [whayes@canton-mi.org](mailto:whayes@canton-mi.org), or 734/394-5357.

## Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Winter is upon us and your winter property tax bill will be mailed out December 1. Winter tax bills must be paid, to avoid penalty or interest, by February 14, 2019. If you do not receive your bill, please call my office at 734/394-5130. Tax Bills are not forwarded, so if you are going out of town during tax season, please call our office and 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 Treasurers window: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- By mail: Canton Township Treasurer, P.O. Box 87010, Canton Michigan 48187
- By phone: 1-833/679-1710 (\*2.49% charge for credit card payment)
- Online at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org)

For your payment we accept cash, bank checks, MasterCard, Visa and Discover. There is a \$3.95 charge for debt/credit card payments under \$160 and a 2.5% charge for credit card payments over \$160. \*This charge is levied by the banks.

Your winter property taxes are a one-year tax, covering:

- Regional Educational Service
- Agency-Intermediate School District, Wayne County, Wayne County Jail, Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, Wayne County Parks, Canton Township, Canton Township Police, Canton Township Fire, Canton Public Library, Canton Township Roads, 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 (garbage service)

There may be additional line items on your tax statement pertaining to special assessments. Please call our office at 734/394-5130 if you have questions.

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

- 1** Breakfast with Santa. 9 – 11 a.m. Summit on the Park.
- 3** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 4** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 5** Tree Lighting. 6 - 8:30 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 11** December Board of Review. 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- 11** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 13** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 15** Coffee with the Trustees. 9 – 10 a.m. Panera. Ford Rd.
- 18** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 19** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit. Call 394-5185.
- 24** Christmas Eve. Administration Building Closed.
- 25** Christmas Day. Administration Building Closed.
- 25** Board of Trustees Meeting. Canceled.
- 31** New Year's Eve. Administration Building Closed.

**Tickets: [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org)  
or 734/394-5300 ext. 3**

## VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

### DECEMBER ART EXHIBITION:

"Jeremy Rheault - Paintings"  
Reception December 5. Free. 7 – 9:30 p.m.

### DECEMBER 1-2

It's a Wonderful Life. Spotlight Players.  
Various times. \$16 - \$18.

### DECEMBER 4

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

### DECEMBER 6-9

Jingle Jury. Spotlight on Youth. (Biltmore Studio). Various times. \$12.

### DECEMBER 7

"North Pole News" A holiday musical. Metro Dance and Music. 7 p.m. \$15.

### DECEMBER 8

Making Spirits Bright. Canton Concert Band. 7 p.m. \$10 - \$12.

### DECEMBER 13-16

The Christmas Broadway Spectacular 2018  
Central City Dance. Various times. \$24.

### DECEMBER 20

New Adventures of Tale to Tale. Presented in Russian. 6:30 p.m. \$40 - \$65.

### DECEMBER 22

Aaron Radatz Holiday Magic Show. 7 p.m. \$20 - \$24.

### DECEMBER 31

Detroit Circus 2018. 7 p.m. (pre-show activities 6 – 6:40 p.m.) \$22.