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New on-line renewal process for Dog License/Dog Park Membership

Just a reminder that dog licenses and Dog Park memberships expired December 31, 2019, and Dog Park key fobs will deactivate if a membership is not renewed by January 15. This year, to increase access and reduce taxpayer costs, the Clerk's Office has provided a new online renewal process.

Members will no longer receive a renewal packet by mail. Instead, they can now visit www.canton-mi.org/209 to renew their license/membership online. Each dog must be renewed separately. Individuals with more than three dogs, or a service animal, should stop in at the Clerk's Office for renewal.

Individuals without internet access may still renew by visiting the Clerk's Office at 1150 S. Canton Center during regular business hours. Tags or fobs can be picked up at the Clerk's Office free of charge within two business days of an online renewal. Alternatively, for \$1, the Clerk's Office can mail a fob and/or license. For questions or more information, please call the Clerk's Office at 734/394-5120.



GFL holiday tree pick-up January 2-10

GFL Environmental USA will only offer curb-side pick-up of natural Christmas trees from January 2-10.

Please place your tree at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on your regular trash collection day with all stands, lights and ornaments removed. After January 10, trees will no longer be accepted at the curb.

For more information on Christmas tree pick-ups, call GFL at 844/464-3587.

Hall of Fame, Community Supporter/Achiever Nominations

Submissions are now being accepted for Canton's community awards. If you would like to nominate someone for the Canton Hall of Fame, Community Achiever, or Community Supporter, please visit www.canton-mi.org/232 for a link to the nomination form. The deadline to submit is Friday, January 17.

Please call 734/394-5185 with questions.



This Month in Canton

Live Well Canton 2020: January Highlights

Area residents are encouraged to join Canton's newest health and wellness initiative, Live Well Canton 2020, which will bring residents monthly wellness themes throughout the year aimed to introduce or reacquaint them with important community resources, facilities, and programs, all with a focus on good health. January's goal is to begin to address the more sedentary lifestyle that so many American's often fall into.

Find all of January's activities online at www.canton-mi.org/1270, or call the Summit front desk at 734/394-5460.

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A message from Supervisor Williams



As we begin a new year, we are currently looking to fill vacancies on both our Tax Board of Review, as well as our Cultural Commission.

If you are a Canton resident and are interested in serving on either of these two boards, please email a resume and a letter of interest to ahughesdon@canton-mi.org, or send a hard copy to my office at:

1150 Canton Center S.
Canton, MI 48188

We will continue to call for residents to serve on our various boards, commissions, and committees throughout the year. It is a great way to connect with your neighbors and make a difference in our community.

On a separate note, you may know that this is a census year. And it is important to know that it is much more than a head count. It provides a picture of our nation that helps determine where to build schools, hospitals and businesses. It determines how federal funding is distributed and how congressional seats are apportioned. It also helps to see how our community has changed over time, allowing us to adjust to the needs of our residents. I am hoping you can all spread the word on the importance of getting an accurate count for our community.

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics.

Election Inspectors needed

The Clerk's Office is preparing for the 2020 election season, and is now accepting applications for the position of precinct inspector. The position of precinct inspector is limited to working on designated election days in the Charter Township of Canton. Inspectors must be a qualified, registered voter within Wayne County and a United States citizen. Each inspector is required to attend at least one in-person training that typically lasts 2-3 hours.

Precinct inspectors must be able to: Work closely with others; assemble simple voting stations; read and write legibly in the English language; perform simple math calculations; follow instructions provided by the precinct chairperson; possess inter-personal skills to work with a diverse community population; attend an educational training program (mandatory prior to working an election).

Election Inspectors are paid for their service! Below is a list of the typical rates of pay for a full day: \$155-Election Inspector, \$180-Vice Chair, \$190 Chairperson, \$20 per mandatory training session. Chairpersons may get an additional \$20 for use of their cell phone on Election Day. Additional pay or increased rates may be available for specialized positions or Inspectors that undergo special training.

If interested, please visit www.canton-mi.org/223 and fill out an application today!

March election update

On Tuesday, March 10, the Presidential Primary will be held Township-wide. Voting locations and registration status can be checked at www.mi.gov/vote. All absentee ballots are due back by March 10, before 8 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Those voting by mail or in person will be required to request a ballot type. State law provides for three ballot types to choose from: Republican Ballot with Proposals, Democratic Ballot with Proposals, and Proposal Only Ballot. Selecting a ballot type does not commit a voter to any political party, or have any relation to any other election; it is simply informing which ballot the voter would like to receive for this election.

If a ballot choice is not made, a voter will be unable to receive a ballot. Anyone voting by mail must be sure to check the box indicating ballot choice. For the best service, carefully review the application before returning it to ensure a Republican, Democratic, or Proposal Ballot has been selected.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Village Theater Call For Artists

The Gallery@VT would like to invite area artists to apply for a group or solo art exhibition for the 2021 season. The Village Theater is interested in featuring a diverse group of artists of all mediums. Submission will be juried by an exhibition committee comprised of local artists, arts professionals, and art educators. Please be advised that you are ineligible if you have had a Solo Exhibition at the Gallery@VT within the last five years. Submissions are due by April 8, 2020.

For submission information, please visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Pheasant Run Golf Club update

Looking for a great new location for your golf league? Pheasant Run Golf Club is the answer. Pheasant Run has three unique nines that will provide great variety for your league.

Leagues also receive many great benefits: pro shop, food and beverage discounts, pre/post-league green fee specials, and free range balls on your league night. Enjoy our Fore Star Grill with its great outdoor patio and a full menu with weekly specials. You can also catch all your favorite sports teams on our large screen TVs.

For more information, please visit www.golfprgc.org or call 734/397-6460.

Village Theater special event

Area residents are invited to attend a special event on January 20, at 7 p.m. to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Presented by the Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, as well as members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sub-Committee and Canton Township, "Celebrate Dr. King's Legacy" is a musical project that celebrates the world's greatest cultural icons through biographical hip hop songs. Each chapter of the series captures the legacy of a positive and influential iconic figure in a documentary-style music video.

This engagement is supported by the Arts Midwest Touring Fund, a program of Arts Midwest that is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional contributions from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Crane Group.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door or in advance online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org, by phone at 734/394-5300, or in person Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Part-time positions available

Are you looking to start off the New Year with a new part-time job? Then join the Summit on the Park's or The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center's staff! Canton is currently looking for lifeguards, facility assistants and teen services staff to cover a variety of shifts. These part-time positions offer hours ideal for students, second job seekers and retirees. Apply online today at <https://canton.applicantpro.com/jobs/>. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org. Canton Township is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

In the CLS Spotlight

Canton Parks Smoking Ban Ordinance now in effect

Starting January 1, 2020, Canton Township has banned smoking in its parks, as well as on Canton Leisure Services facility properties with minor exemptions. This revision to the Canton Code of Ordinances' Chapter 50 Parks and Recreation section prohibits smoking of tobacco and other substances, as well as the use of vaping products on properties and open spaces. Smoking will only be permitted by adults at Pheasant Run Golf Club and Fellows Creek Golf Club in designated smoking areas. These amendments to the Canton Parks Ordinance were put into effect in an effort to support public health and ensure more enjoyable experiences for all visitors to Canton's parks and open spaces.

For additional information, please call the Canton Park Office at 734/394-5310 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Winter Farmers Markets return to Summit on the Park

Dust off your snow boots and come stock up on Michigan-made goodies and locally grown produce as the first of three Winter Farmers Markets will be held on Sunday, February 23 in the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Markets are also scheduled for March 22 and April 26 at the Summit - all with special winter market hours from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. A variety of vendors will be featured during these off-season markets offering Michigan goods, such as: hoop house produce, apples, cider, sauces, honey, granola, a variety of baked goods, sauces, hand-crafted soap and more. Experience all the things you love about our Summer Markets, just indoors!

For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org, as well as [FB/cantonfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket).

Annual Butterfly Ball returns

Canton's very popular Valentine's tradition returns on February 7 and 8 to the Summit on the Park, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories! Dads and daughters can enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the highly anticipated balloon drop that caps off the festivities.

Choose from three dances that are set to take place in the Summit Gymnasium: February 7 at 6 p.m., and February 8 at 2 p.m. (the Saturday 6 p.m. dance is sold out). Semiformal or dressy-casual attire is recommended. Tickets are on sale now and will end on February 1. Each participant is required to have a ticket for entry. Tickets are just \$11 for residents and \$14 for non-residents. These dances traditionally sell out, so be sure to purchase tickets early.

For more information, please visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

Personal Training

Start your 2020 resolution with personal training at the Summit on the Park! For the month of January enjoy 10% off your personal training package! Our trainers specialize in areas such as: weight loss, sport specific, strength, cardio, and balance training. Don't delay, meet your new trainer today! Learn more at www.summitonthepark.org or call 734/394-5460.

Summit fitness classes

Give yourself the gift of fitness this holiday season! Let the Summit's dedicated fitness instructors guide you on your health and wellness journey with our next session of Registered Group Fitness classes beginning the week of January 5. Unwind from the holiday bustle with Yoga or burn off those cookies with Cycle and Strength. Choose from: cardio cycling, Zumba®, yoga and more!

Class costs vary based on program and length. Register at www.summitonthepark.org or in person at the Summit. Check out what classes are currently available. Current Summit members receive a 10% discount off these registered classes in addition to access to over 60 additional free fitness classes on a first-come, first-served basis.

Find your passion for fitness and register today at www.summitonthepark.org or call 734/394-5460.

Free Tax Counseling available

Appointments for Tax Counseling Services for low to moderate income adults, with special focus on seniors, will be taken beginning January 7, at Canton Club 55+.

This tax program will begin on February 3 and will continue every Monday and Tuesday through April 13 from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, for those who qualify. This AARP-sponsored program has morning and early afternoon appointments available with a volunteer tax counselor. Be sure to mention if you will be applying for a waiver of penalty for payment of property taxes at the time you make your appointment. In addition, joint return appointments must be scheduled for mornings only.

Neither Canton Township, the individual tax counselors, nor AARP assume liability for tax preparation.

Call Canton Club 55+ at 734/394-5485 to schedule your appointment.

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



Voting Rights and the Census informational meeting

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County and Canton Clerk Michael Siegrist invite you to attend an informational meeting concerning voting rights and the 2020 Census. On Wednesday, February 12, at 7 p.m., in the Chestnut Room at the Canton Summit, learn about new voting rights for Michigan citizens that were voted into law thanks to the passage of Proposal 2 in the November, 2018 election. Find out about no-reason absentee voting, last minute voter registration, straight party ticket voting and more.

Additionally, learn about the who, what, when and where of the 2020 Census and why it is important for all Michigan residents to be counted.

"Live from the Starlight Lounge" benefits the American Cancer Society Relay For Life

Do you love Sinatra, Bennett, Darin, and King Cole? Journey into a night club where every musical era is represented: swing, jazz, big band, lounge, Rat Pack, pop, and maybe even a few present day surprises.

Join us at the Village Theater on Wednesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. for the 3rd Annual Music Cabaret Fundraiser, "Live From the Star Light Lounge," an event that educates, entertains, and saves.

This show, under the musical direction of Kevin Ryan, will include a live band with special guest trombonist Bugs Beddow as well as a cast of amazingly talented individuals and special appearances from some local celebs. DanceBeat will add to the fun with their unique and vibrant dance stylings.

Enjoy a delicious dessert and sweet treats bar, featuring Cold Stone Creamery ice cream, while trying your luck at our Prize Pull, 50/50 and more. A cash bar will be available.

All proceeds and donations from the event will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Canton and Plymouth.

Pre-show reception is at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available now at www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Happy New Year! The first e-bill notification for those residents previously enrolled for January bills (all residential homes south of Ford Rd.) were sent out January 1, 2020. Notification e-bills for residents north of Ford Road will be sent out February 1. If you opt for email notification, you will NOT receive a paper water/sewer bill. To enroll, please visit www.canton-mi.org, click on the eServices button on the bottom of the page, then click on eUtilities. Please note that eUtilities is a Canton Township site to view your water/sewer usage, history and bill. To enroll, just sign up using a user name and password which is separate from Chase Bank's Pay Connexion. Pay Connexion is JP Morgan website to pay your bill online.

Winter Taxes have been mailed out and will be due February 14, 2020.

The Treasurer's Office has had many questions regarding property taxes, especially from new homeowners. Property taxes are levied on your taxable value, which is issued by the Assessor's Office every February. Residents will receive a letter from the Assessor's Office in late February, regarding their taxable value. This is how your property tax is calculated for the year:

Taxable value x millage rate, divided by 1,000.

**For new homeowners it is important to know that your taxable value is uncapped the year following the transfer of ownership (sale) of a property; therefore, the "Taxable Value" equals the "Assessed Value."

As we enter 2020, I wish you and yours a wonderful New Year!

If you ever have questions or concerns, please 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

JANUARY

- 1** New Year's Day Observed. Administration Building closed.
- 3** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 7** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 8** Historic District Commission. 7 p.m. Cherry Hill School.
- 14** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 15** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 15** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit on the Park Chestnut Room.
- 15** Leisure Services Advisory Council. 7 p.m. Summit on the Park Arts II.
- 20** Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Administration Building closed.
- 21** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 28** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

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.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

JANUARY ART EXHIBITION

Jennifer Farina – Watercolor Paintings
Reception on January 9. Free and open to the public. 7– 9 p.m.

JANUARY ART WORKSHOP

Art & Poetry – January 22, 6 p.m. \$20.
Art, Coffee & Donuts at the Gallery – A behind the scenes look at the current Exhibition- January 6 and February 3 at 10 a.m. Free.

JANUARY 5

Smallfoot Movie (rated PG) – Sensory Sensitive Family Showing. 3 p.m. \$5.

JANUARY 19

Alice in Wonderland. 6 p.m. \$15.
Add on Event: Mad Hatter's Tea and Alice in Wonderland VIP Ticket Package. Includes ticket and access to Pre-Show Tea. 4 p.m. \$27.

JANUARY 20

Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Shaun Boothe: The Unauthorized Biography Series. Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sub-Committee. 7 p.m. \$15.

JANUARY 25

Gryphon Trio. Chamber Music Society of Detroit. 7:30 p.m. \$10 - \$45.

FEBRUARY 1

Ralph Breaks the Internet (rated PG) – Sensory Sensitive Family Showing. 10 a.m. \$5.

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