



NEWS CANTON FOCUS

Coffee with a Cop

The Canton Police Department has scheduled a Coffee with a Cop session for Friday, May 22, from 9-11 a.m., at the Summit on the Park Senior Center

These on-going sessions are open to the public and provide a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the Department's work in Canton's neighborhoods and business districts. Coffee with a Cop is intended to build relationships, allowing for a relaxed one-on-one interaction.

The Canton Police Department is looking for businesses or organizations willing to host a session of Coffee with a Cop this year. Requirements to host a two-hour session of Coffee with a Cop include:

- Canton location
- Open to the public
- Coffee is provided for attendees

If you have a business or organization interested in hosting a two-hour session of Coffee with a Cop, call the Police Department at 394-5401.

Liberty Fest coming attractions

The countdown for this year's Liberty Fest has begun! Canton's 24th Annual Liberty Fest is scheduled to take place Thursday, June 18 through Saturday, June 20 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, American's Most Wanted Car Show, a spectacular fireworks display and much more!

Festival-goers who can't get enough of their favorite carnival rides can **purchase discounted ride wristbands online** at www.cantonlibertyfest.com now through Thursday, June 18 at 12 p.m. The Megaband will give you unlimited access to all wristband-approved rides, during all three days of the event, for just \$55. Megabands can only be purchased in advance online. Single-day unlimited ride wristbands that are valid for any one day are \$20 each online before the Festival and at the carnival will cost \$22 for Thursday, \$25 for Friday, and \$28 on Saturday. All discounted wristband online sales will end promptly on Thursday, June 18, at 12 p.m.

Run, walk, stroll and celebrate your freedom at the **Canton Liberty Run 5K, 10K and 1 Mile** on Saturday, June 20. 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, a pancake breakfast courtesy of the Canton Lion's Club, T-Shirt, and finishers' medals for all distances! **NEW theme for 2015: Red, White, Blue and Don't forget your TUTU!** Visit www.cantonlibertyrun.com for additional details. For more information on events and attractions, please visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call 394-5460.

Bark in the Park

Dog owners and their pets are invited to Bark in the Park on Sunday, May 17 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Participants can enjoy live entertainment as well as purchase merchandise and receive free give-aways from local vendors. Both members of the Dog Park and non-members are encouraged to let their dogs experience the off-leash dog park during this free event. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about the Canton Dog Park, meet other pet owners, and give dogs the opportunity to become more socialized.

Please note: Non-dog park members must show proof of up-to-date vaccination for rabies and distemper, which must be signed by an accredited veterinarian. The Canton Dog Park is located at Denton Road, north of Cherry Hill. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

**This
Month
in
Canton**

SAVE LOCAL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Supervisor
Phil LaJoy

Treasurer
Melissa McLaughlin

Clerk
Terry Bennett

TRUSTEES

John Anthony
Steven Sneideman
Pat Williams
Tom Yack

Seatbelt Enforcement Zones

This year the Canton Police Department will once again have extra patrols on duty specifically enforcing seatbelt use by drivers and passengers. Seatbelt Enforcement Zones will be set-up several times throughout the year with signs posted alerting passing motorists of the enforcement in progress. In Michigan, state law requires:

- All front seat passengers to be buckled up
- All passengers under age 16 to be buckled up
- All children under age 8, or shorter than 4'9" to be in an approved child safety restraint (booster) seat

Michigan's safety belt law allows police officers to stop a motorist solely for not wearing a safety belt in the front seat of a vehicle. Police officers can also stop a motorist if children ages 4 -15 are not properly restrained, no matter where they are riding in a vehicle.

The objective of the special enforcement is to increase compliance with Michigan's safety belt and child passenger safety laws, as well as to educate the public—seatbelt use saves lives.

For more information call the Police Department at 394-5400.

Saving money makes a lot of 'cents'

Save Local Now is an iPhone and Android app brought to you by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Consumers have access to exclusive offers from their favorite businesses. Canton residents and tourists alike can use Save Local Now to access deals and events where they shop, eat and play from any browser on any device. Visit www.cantonchamber.com (click on the Save Local tab) or download the free SLN app on your iPhone or Android.

Help "Stamp Out Hunger"

The Canton Post Office will be conducting its 22nd annual food drive on Saturday, May 9.

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, serving Canton, Plymouth, Belleville and Northville.

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. NPWW is designed to call attention to the importance of public works in the community and enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society--the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication. This year's celebration will begin Sunday, May 17 and continue through Saturday, May 23.

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.

Second annual Girls Night Out

On Thursday, June 4 from 5-10 p.m., the Canton Chamber of Commerce presents the perfect opportunity for ladies to check out some of the great businesses in the community. Each attendee will have a fun night of socializing, shopping, discounts, refreshments, and other special prizes. The evening will end with a Girls Night Out after party at Buffalo Wild Wings.

Tickets are \$20 per person. A limited number of tickets will be sold and reservations are required. Please call the Chamber at 453-4040 to register.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Pheasant Run Golf Club Update

Regular season rates at Pheasant Run will go into effect on Monday, May 4. For a full listing of rates and programs, please visit our website at www.golfprgc.org.

Remember, Canton residents can save \$5 on 18-hole green fees and \$2 on 9-hole green fees.

For those looking to start their golfing careers, please check out our beginner clinics taught by PGA Professionals. We'll make sure to get you started on the right foot. Plus, a few spots are still available in our Monday Ladies League.

For additional information on leagues and other programs, please call the Pro Shop at 397-6460.

Fellows Creek Golf Club Update

May means memberships at Fellows Creek Golf Club! For the first time in over a decade, we are proud to offer memberships to our residents and guests. Starting at only \$650, don't miss this valuable opportunity.

It's also Booking Season! Call Brian at 734/728-1300 x 4 to book your graduation, birthday or retirement party, now before spots are all booked up.

For additional information, visit www.fellowscreekgolf.com.

Farmers Market Opening Day

Preservation Park will be bustling with local growers, food producers and artisans on Sunday, May 17, as the Canton Farmers Market kicks off its regular season. The Farmers Market will be held every Sunday through October 18 (closed July 5) from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., rain or shine, at 500 N. Ridge Road.

Artist Bob Skon will be singing and playing music on the porch, so grab some lunch from Qais Truck's new menu featuring the Twisted Mitten and enjoy music on the front lawn of the Bartlett-Travis House.

Chef Kristi Zebrowski will also be cooking with seasonal produce and the Farmers Market Master Gardener Volunteer group will be presenting displays and information on seed starting. Kids can enjoy a craft and the bounce house. Additional highlights at the Farmers Market for rest of May include: May 24 - Annual Perennial Exchange, Music with Ms. Carissa, Chef Kristi featuring Salad School and May 31 - Perennial Exchange continues, Chef Kristi featuring Salad School, Bounce House, plus Canton Public Library Story Time.

Here is what you can expect to find this month: honey, greens, asparagus, potted plants, pasture-raised meats, pasties, baked goods (gluten-free, vegan, sugar-free), artisan cheese, gluten-free baking mixes, jams, salsa, kettle corn, dog treats, hand-crafted soap and more. Remember, since we're a local farmers market no bananas or pineapples are available. For details, visit www.cantonfun.org under programs then Farmers Market. Also like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket.

In the CLS Spotlight

Water Safety

May is National Water Safety Awareness Month and is an excellent time for you and your family to review important safety information in and around the water. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), unintentional drowning is the fifth leading cause of death in the U.S. Learning to swim and learning CPR are key steps in Water Safety, however it is also important to practice a few others:

- Instill the importance of water safety without instilling fear in your child.
- Supervise children 100% of the time around water: avoid distractions like books and cell phones; and install locked gates around pools and hot tubs.
- Water wings, rings, and lounge chairs are there for play, but should never be used as a safety tool.
- Participate in the Summit on the Park's FREE Water Safety Day on May 16 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Check out www.cantonfun.org for all the details!

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Free outdoor fitness classes

Take your exercise routine into the open air this summer with a variety of outdoor fitness classes where you can work out for free!

From June 22 through late August, Summit fitness staff will be holding free classes at the Heritage Park amphitheater for all ages. Take advantage of: Hi Lo Cardio at 7 p.m. on Mondays; Yoga at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays; Bartlett's Boot Camp at 11 a.m. for children ages 5-10 with a parent on Wednesdays; Boot Camp at 12 p.m. on Thursdays; and Kickboxing at 9 a.m. on Fridays. No registration necessary. Proper fitness attire required.

For more information, call 394-5460.

Summer camp opportunities

Spots are still available for Canton Leisure Services' variety of summer camps for preschoolers, youth, teen and special needs.

Check out our half-day camps, one-week camps, or all summer-long camps. Plus, these popular camps are back: The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center Summer Stay-Cation (ages 11-17); Canton Activity Crew- Drop in Playground Program (ages 5-15); Camp Leisure Club (ages 15 and up with special needs) and Camp A.B.L.E. (ages 8-14 with special needs). Preschool, Science, Youth Sports Camps and more are also available!

Find these along with more information on all of our summer camps at www.cantonfun.org.

2nd Annual Fashion Show

Join us for a special fashion show at the Summit on the Park on Thursday, May 14 from 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Fashions will be provided by Suzanne's Ladies Apparel of Kimball Township and will be available for purchase after the show. Sponsors of this year's show include: Canton Club 55+; Regency at Canton; and Comfort Keepers. This fashion show also includes a light luncheon.

Tickets are \$12 for Canton residents and \$17 for non-residents and are available online at www.cantonfun.org

Community garden spots

Canton Leisure Services has a few 8 x 10 community garden plots available for rent during the 2015 season.

These ground-level plots can be cultivated from May 8 through October 8 for just \$40. Spaces are limited. All gardens must maintain organic growing practices.

Gardens are located at Preservation Park, near the Canton Dog Park. Register for a garden spot online at www.cantonfun.org. For more information, email julie.allen@canton-mi.org.

Summit Water Safety Awareness Day

Join us in celebrating National Water Safety Month by attending a special Water Safety Day on Saturday, May 16 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Summit Aquatic Center.

Numerous stations will be set up where children and adults can learn about the dangers associated with being around water. Each station will be designed so that the whole family can participate. Participants will also learn how to help someone even if they don't know how to swim.

The first 100 participants will receive a free pair of sunglasses. Be sure to bring a swimsuit and towel. Don't miss our Rubber Duck Race, where winners will receive a Swim Outlet gift card, free group swim lesson, or private swim lesson.

For more information about this free event and to register, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Summit "Summer Shape Up" membership special

It's time to 'Shape Up For Summer' with a great Summit membership special. From now through June 30, Canton residents can purchase a 3-month Individual Membership for just \$99. The non-resident special rate is \$129 for a 3-month Individual Membership.

This offer cannot be combined with any others and is not valid on prior purchases. Now's the perfect time to get started on the path to better health and fitness with a Summit on the Park membership.

For more information, call Membership Services at 394-5460.

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

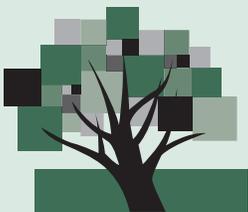
Water Billing
394-5240

Summit on the Park
394-5460

Ordinance Enforcement
394-5335

Canton Waste Recycling
397-5801

Canton Public Library
397-0999



Water rates to increase 8.6%

Effective May 1, Canton's water and sewer rates will be increased by 8.6%. As in previous years, the increase is necessary in order to keep the rates in line with pricing that recovers the cost of purchasing water from DWSD and maintaining clean and safe water for our customers.

Under the new rates, water rates will be charged \$5.58 per 1,000 gallons and sewer rates will be charged \$6.06 per 1,000 gallons. All water bills sent out after May 1 will be calculated using the new rates.

For more information on Canton's water and sewer charges, please call Water Billing at 394-5240.

River Day to be held May 30

Canton's annual River Day event will be held on Saturday, May 30, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Lower Rouge River Trailhead, located off Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue. The event will take place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages including residents, students, and scout troops are encouraged to participate.

River Day activities will include: learning about the environment; especially healthy rivers and trail clean-up. There will be a large group planting activity and birdhouse building. Volunteers should come dressed for the weather, jeans and boots are recommended. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring gardening tools from home. Please make sure tools are clearly labeled with your name and address on them.

Registration will begin promptly at 8 a.m. Please note, volunteers will be provided with a River Day T-shirt and a small breakfast served on a first-come, first-served basis.

River Day is hosted by Canton's Engineering Services Division and sponsored by Friends of the Rouge. For more information on River Day or to pre-register for the event call 394-5150.

Be a part of history and volunteer

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities is committed to expanding the arts in western Wayne and eastern Washtenaw counties. In August of 2012, they acquired a 14-acre parcel in Canton's historic Cherry Hill Village District. This picturesque, rural settlement was the site of Henry Ford's last, most unique and least publicized village industry. The vision is clear--transform this nationally registered historic site into a regional arts and culture destination that will support and encourage arts, education, historic preservation, veteran services, entertainment and recreation.

On Sunday, May 31, the Partnership will host its second community volunteer day from 1-5 p.m. in Cherry Hill Village at 50625 Cherry Hill Road. There are many jobs that need to be accomplished, including interior demolition in the Veteran's Dormitory and Ford Factory, as well as exterior landscape and river clean-up. This work will assist the Partnership in preparing to begin renovations and construction this year for the Village Arts Factory. Volunteers are encouraged to bring yard tools and equipment from home, making sure they are clearly labeled with your name.

Please RSVP to Jill Engel at: jengel@partnershipforarts.org by Wednesday, May 27 so that we may ensure the proper amount of refreshments for all those planning to attend. For more details on the Village Arts Factory Community Volunteer Day, call 765-7061 or go to: www.partnershipforarts.org.

Medical emergencies call 9-1-1

Just a reminder, the Canton Fire Department has Advanced Life Support ambulances in service 24/7, with paramedics ready to respond to your emergency medical needs.

If you are experiencing a medical emergency, dial 9-1-1 immediately.



POSTAL CUSTOMER

PRST STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 253
Westland, MI

1150 Canton Center South
Canton, Michigan 48188

*Community Calendar and Village Theater schedule are subject to change. Check with sponsors to confirm date and information.

FOCUS

FOCUS is published monthly to provide Canton residents with information on issues and events in the community. If you have any comments contact:

EDITOR
Kristen Thomas
394-5229
kthomas@canton-mi.org

CONTRIBUTORS
Barb Caruso
Amy Colligan
Peg Stevens

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

- 1** Canton Waste Recycling. Recycling Only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 397-5801.
- 2** Family Fishing Derby. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 2** Healthy Summer Kick-Off. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. St. Joseph Mercy Canton.
- 4** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 5** Board of Trustees Meeting. Study Session. Canceled
- 7** Annual Mother/Son Dance. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 8** Canton Waste Recycling. Recycling Only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 397-5801.
- 8** Annual Mother/Son Dance. SOLD OUT. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 12** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 14** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 15** Canton Clean-up. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Canton Waste Recycling. Call 397-5801.
- 16** Canton Clean-up. 8 - 11 a.m. Canton Waste Recycling. Call 397-5801.
- 17** Bark in the Park. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dog Park.
- 17** Farmers Market. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Preservation Park.
- 18** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 19** Board of Trustees Meeting. Study Session. Canceled
- 20** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.

- 22** Coffee with a Cop. 9 - 11 a.m. Summit Senior Center.
- 24** Farmers Market. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Preservation Park.
- 25** Canton Administration Building Closed. Memorial Day Holiday.
- 26** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 31** Farmers Market. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Preservation Park

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

MAY 7-9

12 Dancing Princesses. Spotlight on Youth. 7 p.m. \$10.

MAY 9

Acts of Fashion Show. 7 p.m. \$12.

MAY 16

Null Paradox. 8 p.m. \$27.

MAY 17

The Diamonds and guest Bobby Valli. Star Tributes from Las Vegas. 7 p.m. \$31.

MAY 25

Because of the Brave - A Memorial Day Tribute. BeckRidge Chorale. \$10.

MAY 30

Ladies Legends Tour--An evening with the Original Vandellas and Peggy March. 7:30 p.m. \$30.

MAY 31

A Princess Tea Party. Spotlight on Youth. 7 p.m. \$12.