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Online meeting room reservations

Canton 501(c) (3) groups now have the ability to reserve their rooms through the Canton website at www.canton-mi.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Canton-Administration-Building-28.

Located on this page are instructions called 'Online Meeting Room Reservations' that can help guide you through booking your rooms. Please refer to the Meeting Room Guidelines to review the room policy before submitting your requests.

If you are in need of additional help, we are providing a workshop on Friday, December 4, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. and Friday, December 11 from 9 - 10:30 a.m., in the IT room located on the third floor of the Administration Building. The rooms are booked on a first-come first-served basis.

For more information, please call Jessica at 394-5185 or email jbunjik@canton-mi.org.

Rizzo holiday collection schedule

This year, both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Friday, therefore there will be no change to Rizzo's collection schedule. Rizzo will be collecting Monday-Thursday 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. Rizzo 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 Rizzo at 866/772-8900.

Be smart: Drive sober

With the holiday season upon us, the Canton Police Department would like to remind motorists of the importance of making the decision to drive sober every day. Canton police officers patrol the roads with the intent of deterring drunk driving that could result in an accident causing serious injury or death.

In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for impaired driving with a .08 blood alcohol content or higher. An impaired driving conviction can come with assorted penalties including driver's license sanctions, fines, legal fees, driver responsibility fees, court costs and higher insurance rates.

"Our message to drivers is simple, be smart—if you're going to be drinking alcohol, designate a sober driver or have a plan in place that does not include driving under the influence," says Special Services Sgt. Jim Harrison.

Canton Historical Society Annual Christmas Tea

Take a step back in time and enjoy a holiday afternoon tea at Canton's historical Bartlett-Travis House on Saturday, December 12 from 1 - 3 p.m. Relax and enjoy the venue, conversation, special music by harpist Laurel Federbush, and, of course, the tea and wonderful foods.

Guests will be served an assortment of teas, mini-quiches, soup, sandwiches, breads with spreads, fruit salad, and desserts.

Information about the historical house decorated in circa 1900 will be offered, as well as unique displays from the Canton Historical Society's Museum collections. Guests will be encouraged to tour the house following the tea.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are available only at the Summit on the Park. Don't wait--the 3rd Annual Christmas Tea is limited to 20 guests.

This Month in Canton

SENIOR EXEMPTION

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Tax bill information

Tax bills will be mailed out Tuesday, December 1. If you do not receive a tax bill, call the Treasurer's Office at 394-5130, Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please keep your tax bill copies to assist you in filing your State and Federal income taxes. Taxes may be paid online, in person, or through the mail. The Treasurer's Office will accept cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard and Discover. A charge for using credit cards of 2.5% is levied for taxes; \$3.95 is added for Debit Cards.

Qualifying disabled veterans must file their exemption paperwork annually before the last day of February with the Canton Assessor's Office. Form 5107 and other disabled Veteran's property tax exemption information is available at www.canton-mi.org/287.

Most small businesses are exempt from personal property taxes. If your business assets are valued at less than \$80,000 (\$40,000 taxable value), you are exempt from Personal Property Taxes. You must file annually, before February 10 each year to qualify for the exemption. More information is available at www.canton-mi.org/287.

Senior Tax Deferment forms are available at the Treasurer's Office. You may call or come in and pick up a form. Copies of your 2015 Mi1040CR (State income tax form) must accompany your application for deferment. To qualify for a Senior Deferment you must:

- Be 62 years of age or older (including the non remarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death);
- Be an eligible service person, veteran, or widow / widower;
- Be totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or hemiplegic;
- Have a total household income of \$40,000 or less.

EXPO applications now available

Applications to participate in Canton's 2016 Home Improvement Expo are now available. Space is filling up fast so vendors are encouraged to return their applications as soon as possible.

The 2016 Expo will be held March 5 and 6, and is an excellent opportunity for home improvement businesses and builders to promote their products by hosting a display booth.

Applications are available on Canton's website at www.canton-mi.org or by calling Canton's Building and Inspection Services at 394-5200.

Completed applications can be sent to 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 no later than December 18.

Every dollar matched by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities

Thanks to the generosity of Pulte Homes, every donation made to the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities during the month of December will be matched (up to \$25,000).

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities encourages the development of the arts in our community. The Partnership is creating a one-of-a-kind Pure Michigan® destination by transforming a 14-acre national historic site in Cherry Hill Village into a visual arts complex called the Village Arts Factory.

In 1944, Henry Ford opened his final Village Industry at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads in Cherry Hill Village where he housed, trained and employed disabled WWII veterans. The Partnership will carry on the history of the property by providing art and healing programs for local veterans in the fully refurbished original dormitory.

With the dormitory completely funded, new donations will support the renovation of the Ford Factory, which will house an arts and education center. In addition, the Village Arts Factory will offer studio space for local artists, acres of paths, a sculpture garden, a micro-brewery and more.

Be a part of history. Giving forms are available at: www.partnershipforarts.org. You can give online, mail a contribution to: P.O. Box 871722, Canton, MI 48187 or call 734/765-7061.

Thank you for your community support!

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Summit fitness classes

Whether you are new to fitness, someone 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.

If you're looking to consistently maintain an optimal level of physical wellbeing, choose from a wide array of registered specialty fitness classes that will keep you on track to meet your fitness goals. Choose from: cardio cycling, Zumba®, Tai Chi, yoga and more! Class costs vary based on program and length.

Seniors, don't miss the Yoga Gold Registered Fitness class starting in January, which will utilize chairs for stability and will focus on simple, repetitive moves.

Registration can be done online at www.summitonthepark.org or in person at the Summit. See what classes are currently available at www.canton-mi.org/Discover. 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.

Learn how you can focus on fitness at the Summit on the Park at www.summitonthepark.org or call 394-5460.

Summit Recreational Swim Team

Are you looking to get your child into swim team shape? Join our Summit Recreational Swim Team and learn what it takes to be part of a team. Swimmers ages 6 -17 who are currently in levels 5 and 6 can register now for the Winter Session 1 which runs January 4 – February 13.

Participants will work on their stroke technique, endurance, learn how to properly warm up, stretch, and cool down muscles and use various training equipment. Practices will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:45 - 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:45 – 10 a.m.

Participant must have passed level 4 to join this class. Call an Aquatic Coordinator at 394-5371 if you are in need of a swim level test. Receive a 10% discount when you sign up for more than one class per week. For additional information, visit www.summitonthepark.org.

Now hiring

The Summit on the Park is currently hiring lifeguards. Flexible hours are available in all shifts that are great for college students or second-job seekers.

Effective January 1, the starting rate for the Lifeguard position is \$11 per hour. Plus, all Summit employees have free access to gym/fitness center. Apply today online at <http://canton.applicantpro.com/jobs>. Canton Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For additional information, call 394-5467.

In the CLS Spotlight

Creating Great Experiences

Each and every day Canton Leisure Services continues to embrace its tag line "Creating Great Experiences." It is something that you can experience with each special event that takes place right here in our community.

Over the years we have witnessed so many children grow up dancing at our Daddy Daughter Dances, traversing the Trick-or-Treat Trail, and chatting with Santa Claus at our annual Tree Lighting event.

As 2015 comes to a close, we want to thank each of our Canton families for helping to make each event very special. Your energy and enthusiasm is something that we hope to capture as we head in to a new year celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Summit on the Park and the 25th Anniversary of Canton's Liberty Fest. These milestones are only a fraction of the excitement we have in-store for you in 2016. The New Year will bring more dancing, laughter, tasty treats, smiling faces, and hopefully your continued support and participation in Canton's events, programs and activities!

Stay in-touch with us and all the fun in-store at www.cantonfun.org.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Volleyball teams now forming

Volleyball registration is now open for six-person teams in Coed Recreational Leagues that will play on Sunday evenings starting January 3 at the Summit on the Park.

For league pricing and other information, please call the Canton Sports Center at 483-5600 or email coralee.ott@canton-mi.org.

GCYBSA Spring Registration

Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA) Spring Registration will run from January 10 - March 15, for girls and boys ages 4-18. Programs include: Small Ball, T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Boys Baseball, and Girls Softball.

For more information, visit www.GCYBSA.com.

Teen Night Out at The BLOCK

If you know an 11 to 17 year old who's looking for a fun night out with friends, then be sure to send them to The BLOCK Youth and Teen Center every Friday night.

Teen Nights Out are designed just for teens and take place from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m., with drop off and pick up at The BLOCK, located in the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

All events meet or take place at The BLOCK and are on a drop-in basis. Some events do require pre-registration and onsite registration promptly ends at 6:45 p.m. Upcoming events planned for this winter include: Ice Skating, Summit Swim, Winter Dance, Valentine's Day Party, Mall Madness and more! Visit www.cantonfun.org for all the details! For more information, call 398-5570.

Discounted Golf annual passes still available

Purchase an Annual Pass at Pheasant Run Golf Club between now and December 18, and save 10% off the full pass price. Annual golf passes allow for unlimited golf with car and range use throughout the year. Passes are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

For more details, call the Pro Shop at 397-6460 or visit www.golfprgc.org.

Holiday Celebration at Canton Club 55+

Seniors, mark your calendars for a special Holiday Celebration on Wednesday, December 16 at from 12 – 4 p.m. in the Summit Banquet Center's Grand Ballroom featuring a delicious luncheon prepared by the Summit's onsite caterer - Katherine's Catering.

This very popular event will include a fabulous luncheon, door prizes, a raffle to benefit the Canton Goodfellows, plus sounds of the season provided by the PCCS Choir.

Tickets are available at the Summit Front Desk or at Club 55+ and are \$19 for residents and \$24 for non-residents. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made within 24 hours of the event.

For more information, please call Canton Club 55+ at 394-5485.

Summit preschool and youth classes

If you're looking for a fun preschool class for your little one, you'll want to bring them all aboard **Train Time**, held on Fridays starting December 4 through December 18 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Summit.

Participants will learn everything they've ever wanted to know about trains. From Thomas to the Polar Express we'll have stories, crafts, activities and more.

Fees are \$41 for Summit Members, \$44 for residents, and \$50 for non-residents. Drop-off class -- no adult participation needed.

On Saturday, December 12, children ages 3-7 can run, run, as fast as they can, because we're going to play with the Gingerbread Man! From 10 – 11:30 a.m., participants in **Jolly Gingerbread Jamboree** will spend the morning building a preschool-friendly house of sweets, read the story of the Gingerbread Man and even meet the real thing. Drop-off class -- no adult participation needed.

Fees are \$20 for residents and \$24 for non-residents. To register or for additional information on these or other preschool classes, visit www.cantonfun.org.

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

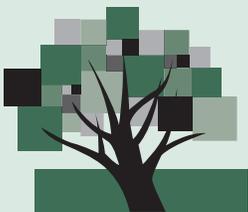
Water Billing
394-5240

Summit on the Park
394-5460

Ordinance Enforcement
394-5335

Canton Waste Recycling
(Rizzo Environmental
Services)
866/772-8900

Canton Public Library
397-0999



Support the Canton Goodfellows

This year's annual "No Child Without a Christmas" campaign is in full swing and the Canton Goodfellows still need additional support to continue serving families in need.

Please consider making a donation to this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization who serve individuals right here in Canton. Checks may be made payable to Canton Goodfellows and mailed to P.O. Box 87532, Canton, MI 48187 or visit cantongoodfellows.com. To find out more, call the Canton Goodfellows by email: cantongoodfellows@gmail.com.

Detroit Circus returns to Canton

Back by popular demand, the Detroit Circus returns to Canton's Village Theater for a special New Year's Eve performance on Thursday, December 31 at 7 p.m.

See high flying aerial antics on fabric and the trapeze; fire dancing and eating; stilt walking and stilt acrobatics; and feats of mind-bending strength. Enjoy special pre-show activities featuring face painting, temporary tattoos, and strolling circus entertainers starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for all ages. Admission includes: popcorn, a non-alcoholic beverage and Pre-Show activities. Tickets to the theater make the perfect holiday gift.

Get your tickets today at www.cantonvillagetheater.org! For more information, call 394-5300.

Earn Summit Bucks in January

Earn \$10 worth of Summit Bucks for every \$50 you spend on eligible purchases January 1 -31, 2016 at the Summit on the Park. Summit Bucks can be redeemed for eligible Memberships and Health and Wellness purchases through February 28, 2016.

Eligible purchases include: Summit Memberships, Swim Lessons and eligible Health & Wellness Offerings (including Registered Fitness Classes, Personal Training Packages and Wellness Coaching Packages). Find all Summit Bucks details online at www.summitonthepark.org.

Public Safety reminds pedestrians to be safe

With hectic schedules and longer nights, people are finding the only time to jog or walk the dog is either in the darkness of early mornings or evenings.

If you are a pedestrian in the dark, it is recommended you consider how well you can be seen by drivers on the road before you head outdoors. Reflective clothing and/or accessories would give drivers a heads up of your presence. Carrying or wearing some kind of visible flashlight would also assist in visibility for drivers as well as for yourself.

Annual Butterfly Ball tickets

Canton's very popular Valentine's tradition returns on February 5 and 6 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: February 5 at 6:30 p.m.; and February 6 at 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. All three dances will all be held in the Summit Gymnasium this year. **Tickets are on sale now** for Canton residents and will be available to non-residents starting January 18. **All ticket sales will end on February 1.** Tickets are just \$10.25 for residents and \$13.25 for non-residents.

Dads and daughters, regardless of age, are required to purchase a ticket to attend, and moms wanting to attend or view the festivities will also be required to purchase a ticket. Please note that there will be no corsage pre-sale.

This annual event has sold out in the past, so be sure to purchase tickets early. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call 394-5460.



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FOCUS

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 1** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 2** Annual Tree Lighting. 6 – 8:30 p.m.
*New location--by Summit Banquet entrance.
- 3** Curbside collection of yard waste ends.
- 5** Breakfast with Santa. 9 – 11 a.m.
Summit on the Park.
- 5** Christmas in the Village. Cherry Hill Village. For more info email social@mychv.com.
- 7** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 8** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 10** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 11** Rizzo Environmental Services: Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 14** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 15** December Board of Review. 3:30 p.m.
- 15** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 16** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Call 394-5185.
- 22** Board of Trustees Meeting. Canceled
- 24** Christmas Eve. Administration Building Closed.
- 25** Christmas Day. Administration Building Closed.
- 29** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 31** New Year's Eve. Administration Building Closed.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 8

Winter Concert by the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. \$15.

DECEMBER 11-13

A Fairy Tale Christmas Carol. Spotlight on Youth. \$12.

DECEMBER 12

Let the Holidays Begin! A Time for Family, Friends, and Beautiful Music. Canton Concert Band. 7 p.m. \$12.

DECEMBER 17-20

Central City Christmas Spectacular. Central City Dance. Various times. \$23.

DECEMBER 26

Aaron Radatz Holiday Magic Show. 5 and 7 p.m. \$24.

DECEMBER 31

Detroit Circus. New Year's Eve fun for your entire family! 6 p.m. \$20.

**For tickets visit
cantonvillagetheater.com or call
394-5300.**

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