

Public input needed on DDA Master Plan

Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is looking for public input to provide ideas and opinions about the DDA District.

The DDA District is located on both sides of Ford Road between Canton's eastern boundary and just west of Canton Center Road. The District is home to more than 250 businesses, and provides residents and visitors with opportunities to shop and dine at major retailers, boutiques, specialty stores, restaurants, entertainment venues, sports activities, and special events.

The purpose of the survey is to gather the public's ideas about how to make the DDA District a more desirable place to visit, and expand its offerings to the community and the region. All input will be used to revise the DDA Master Plan, which guides development, streetscape and roadway improvements, and programming of the District into the future.

The online survey is available at www.canton-mi.org from Friday, July 1 through Sunday, July 31. The DDA would like to encourage those taking the survey to share it with neighbors, family and friends who live in Canton or who visit Ford Road. The survey is short and will only take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

To obtain a hard copy of the survey, please call 394-5184.

CSX train issues

In the past few months, there have been several instances where trains have blocked crossings for unreasonable amounts of time. While we are actively working with CSX and the Michigan Railroad Association on resolving the situation, in the event of a train blockage residents are encouraged to inform CSX Railroad directly by calling the following:

734/453-1234 ext. 438

877/835-5279

Because trains are solely regulated by the federal government, residents should also call our Federal Legislators and inform them of the blockages. Contact:

Sen. Debbie Stabenow: 313/961-4330

Sen. Gary Peters: 202/224-6221

Congressman Dave Trott: 248/528-0711

Safety tips for pedestrians

As we enter summer, the Canton Police Department would like to remind everyone rollerblading, jogging, or walking, and particularly those pushing strollers, to use the sidewalk. Every year many 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. For more information, please call 394-5400.

15th Annual Canton Grub Crawl – July 19

Reservations are now being taken for the 15th Annual Canton Grub Crawl, which will be held on Tuesday, July 19. In honor of the event's 15th Anniversary, each participant will have a chance to win a Grub Crawl t-shirt quilt commemorating 15 years of Grub Crawl. New this year, there will be a Grub Crawl Cash Cab that will not only take you from one restaurant destination to the next, but will also feature trivia and cash prizes.

Tickets (t-shirts) are \$35 and include transportation to and from each restaurant on the route. To reserve your t-shirt and to get more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 453-4040 or register online at www.cantonchamber.com. Space is limited; this event sells out every year!

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Summer tax bill information

Summer tax bills have been mailed out. If you haven't received yours, please call the Treasurer's Office and they will be sure to get your bill out to you. Summer tax bills are payable without penalty by September 14, 2016. After September 14, a 1% penalty will be added monthly to your bill.

Senior summer tax deferments are available for qualifying individuals. A deferment allows you to pay your summer taxes without penalty or interest until February 14, 2017. To qualify, your household income cannot exceed \$40,000 in the prior year, and you must be one of the following:

- 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death;
- Paraplegic, hemiplegic or quadriplegic;
- Eligible service person, veteran, widow or widower of a disabled service person or veteran;
- Blind;
- Totally and permanently disabled

Applications for summer tax deferment are available at the Treasurer's Office, and must be filed no later than September 14. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call the Treasurer's Office at 734/394-5130.

Contact DTE in the event of a power outage

In the event of a power outage Canton is asking residents to call Detroit Edison at 800/477-4747. Residents may also use that number to report downed power lines.

To report a natural gas leak or emergency, call DTE at 800/947-5000.

The only utility Canton is responsible for is water and sewer so by using these numbers you will put yourself in direct contact with the service provider best able to resolve your issue.

Coyote sightings in Canton

For the past few years, residents have been noticing an increased number of coyotes in the community.

According to Michigan's Department of Natural Resources, coyotes can be found throughout the state, in both urban and suburban areas, including subdivisions. Coyotes are active day and night; however peak activity usually occurs at sunrise and sunset.

In urban areas like Canton, coyotes are attracted to garbage, garden vegetables and pet foods. Coyotes are opportunistic, and will prey on unattended small dogs and cats. However, because coyotes are known to have an instinctive fear of people, coyotes rarely attack humans. According to public health authorities, bites from snakes, rodents and dogs are a far greater possibility than from a coyote.

To assist in minimizing a potential conflict with a coyote:

- Never approach or touch a coyote;
- Eliminate all outside food sources, especially pet food;
- Put garbage out the morning of pick-up;
- Clear out wood and brush piles--they are a habitat for mice and may attract coyotes;
- Do not allow pets to roam freely when coyotes are present—consider keeping pets indoors or accompany them outside, especially at night.

Because we share the community with a variety of non-domesticated animals, a coyote sighting should not automatically be considered a cause for concern, and does not need to be reported to the police department.

"If residents feel they are in danger of a coyote, or if they observe a coyote in obvious distress, they should contact the police department," says Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink. "Otherwise, residents are encouraged to follow the tips provided to minimize interaction with wildlife."

To report a coyote in obvious distress or causing a public threat, call the Police Department's non-emergency line at 734/394-5400. For emergency situations call 911.

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Operation Care Package now underway

Help thank our deployed troops and wounded soldiers for their service by donating items and letters of support during the Summit's Operation Care Package collection drive.

All month long, we are collecting items to be included in care packages that will be distributed by Operation Care Package Michigan, an area non-profit organization.

In addition, letter-writing stations will be set up in the Summit on the Park lobby, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, for anyone who would like to write a message of support for our troops. For more information, visit www.summitonthepark.org.

National Night Out

The Canton community is invited to attend this year's National Night Out featuring Canton's Annual 'Not In Our Town' Community Peace Rally on Tuesday, August 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Heritage Park, located behind the Canton Administration building at 1150 S. Canton Center.

This community event, hosted by the Canton Police Department, Canton Public Library, Canton Response to Hate Crime Coalition (CRHCC), and Canton Leisure Services will include activities such as: candlelight vigil, musical entertainment, guest speakers, refreshments, and children's activities. All ages are invited to attend this free event promoting inclusion and tolerance that will celebrate Canton's pride and appreciation of its diverse population. For additional information, please visit www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

Family camp-out and movie night returns

On Friday, July 15, families are invited to "camp out" overnight in Heritage Park near the North Pavilion and take in a movie under the stars, featuring Disney's/Pixar's "Inside Out," (Rated PG).

Plenty of fun activities have been planned before the feature starting at 6 p.m., including: games, activities and entertainment for the entire family.

To participate in this overnight activity, a \$20 per tent fee must be paid on site. No advance reservation necessary. Campers and RV's are also welcome. Please note, no electricity will be available. Set up begins at noon on Friday, July 15. In addition to all this fun, dinner and concession items will be sold Friday evening. For those not staying the night, there is a \$5 per person fee to take part in the evening's activities. Canoeing on Friday and a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning will be available for a nominal fee.

For details, please visit www.cantonfun.org.

In the CLS Spotlight

Celebrate Parks and Recreation Month

Since 1985, America has recognized July as the nation's official Park and Recreation Month. In 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives even officially mandated July as "Park and Recreation Month." To mark the occasion, Canton will be celebrating the super powers of parks and recreation, in conjunction with hundreds of agencies across the country, by illustrating all the ways these local community resources add value to our daily lives. Join in the celebration all month-long and visit www.cantonfun.org and www.facebook.com/cantonfun for the latest super Parks and Rec programs for you to take advantage of. Also, be sure to share your favorite Parks and Recreation moments using #CantonFun and #SuperJuly.

- Kids Golf Month at Pheasant Run Golf Club
- Farmers Market: Sundays, July 10 - October 16
- Family Movie Camp Out: July 15-16
- Yappy Hour at the Dog Park: July 23
- 3rd Annual Rally on Ridge: July 26

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Canton Farmers Market

Warm weather brings lots of produce to the Market. This month, visit the Market for strawberries, raspberries, fresh greens, apples, and more. The Market features local vendors with Michigan-made artisan crafts, honey, produce, fresh cheese, and baked goods.

Stop by the Market every Sunday until October 16, (closed July 3) from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. rain or shine in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

This season's Market Kids Activities are sponsored by All Saints Catholic School. For more details and an updated weekly schedule, visit www.canton-mi.org/496.

While you're at the Market, be sure to visit the Bartlett-Travis House, which is set up for a 1920's home wedding display through August 2016, courtesy of the Canton Historical Society.

Also, remember to catch their exhibit "A Diverse Township" now through July 30, at the Canton Historical Museum, located at 1022 S. Canton Center Road. Visit the museum to learn more about the cultures and the people who surround you in your community. For details, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Yoga In the Park to benefit Wounded Warrior Project

Join us for an inspirational outdoor yoga session on Saturday, July 30 at 9 a.m. in Heritage Park, which will be led by Dan Nevins, a nationally recognized Wounded Warrior.

All proceeds from this event, sponsored by Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles of Livonia, MI and Canton Leisure Services, will go to benefit Wounded Warrior Project. Dan Nevins credits the practice of yoga for turning his life around after losing both of his legs in Iraq. Join him for this special yoga session in Heritage Park.

Tickets are \$35 online and will be \$45 the day of the event. Ticket price includes a Wounded Warrior Project yoga mat and carrying bag and Wounded Warrior support bracelet; while supplies last. Tickets are currently on sale now at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/canton>; just search Nevins. Participants will receive a tax statement at the end of 2016 stating the portion of their donation that is tax deductible. Learn more about Dan Nevins' story at www.dannevins.com. For additional information, call 394-5360.

3rd annual Rally on Ridge event grows

Enjoy local eats and music at the 3rd Annual Rally on Ridge, held on Tuesday, July 26 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at both Cherry Hill School and Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

All ages are invited to this fundraiser to benefit the Canton Farmers Market featuring more than a dozen popular food trucks and vendors, live local musicians, and children's activities. This year's sponsors include the Regner Team of Edward Jones and Bright Side Dental. Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available. Look for our "Tiny Diners Courtyard" food and activities for kids at the Cherry Hill School, and visit vendors featuring gourmet items for more adventurous eaters at Preservation Park. For all the details, please visit www.canton-mi.org/496.

Michigan Shakespeare Festival

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is once again teaming up with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival to bring several special performances to Canton this summer. From July 29 - August 12, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival will present its 2016 Season lineup at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Don't miss these superb productions, featuring respected and professional Equity Actors. Get your tickets today at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 394-5300 for more information.

Family golf month at Pheasant Run Golf Club

All month long, bring your kids to the course and they can play for free! One child, age 17 and under, can play for free with each paid adult. Offer is valid in July on weekends and holidays after 5 p.m. Don't miss 'Bring Your Kids to the Range Month.' This month, all kids 17 and under will receive a free medium bucket (50 balls) when a parent purchases a medium bucket. For more information, visit www.golfprgc.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

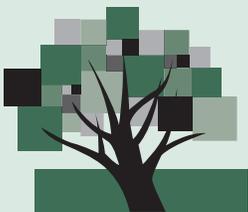
Water Billing
394-5240

Summit on the Park
394-5460

Ordinance Enforcement
394-5335

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

Canton Public Library
397-0999



"Canton Color Tour" jazz concerts begin

Canton's Downtown Development Authority's Color Tour Jazz Concert Series begins this month and takes place on Friday nights from 7 – 9 p.m. at various locations along Canton's Ford Road. The 2016 schedule is as follows:

- July 8: Demetrius Nabors
IKEA
- July 15: Althea Renee
Super Bowl Lanes
- July 22: Lin Rountree
Home Depot
- July 29: Randy Scott
JCPenney
- August 5: Penny Wells
Home Depot
- August 12: Tim Bowman
Super Bowl Lanes

The concert series is brought to you by Canton's DDA, in partnership with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Leisure Services.

For more information or to get a copy of the Jazzy Carry-Out Specials, please visit www.shopcanton.org.

Water Quality Report contains valuable information

Canton's 2015 Water Quality Report is now available on-line at www.canton-mi.org/CantonWaterReport. Home and business owners are encouraged to carefully read the report, which contains valuable information about where Canton's water comes from and the treatment process it goes through.

For questions regarding the report or to obtain additional copies, call Canton Public Works at 397-1011.

Fireworks ordinance reminder

The Canton Public Safety Department reminds residents of the Township's ordinance regarding the discharge of novelties, low-impact fireworks and consumer fireworks that states:

(a) Except in the case of a permit issued by the township, consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used by any person at any time, except on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday. On these holiday dates only, the ignition, discharge or use of consumer fireworks is permitted between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight; and always only in accordance with state and local law.

(b) When permitted, consumer fireworks shall not be ignited or discharged on public property, school property, church property, or property of another person without that organization's or person's written permission to use consumer fireworks on the premises.

(c) No fireworks shall be ignited or discharged within 70 feet of any building, or on any public street.

(d) Minors shall be prohibited from possessing, using, igniting or discharging consumer fireworks.

(e) No person shall use low-impact or consumer fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance or both.

Township Ordinance also prohibits the sale, storage or use of sky lanterns in Canton.

During the upcoming holiday weekend, the police department will have additional officers on duty to respond to all fireworks complaints reported.

"Last year the department received an abundance of fireworks complaints; this year, by assigning officers to the special enforcement, it will allow shift officers to remain on task with their regular patrol duties," says Deputy Chief Scott Hilden.

"In the best interest of public safety and resident wellness, police officers will be using a zero tolerance approach to observed fireworks violations," Hilden adds.

Unlawful discharging of fireworks can be reported to the Public Safety Department's non-emergency line at 734/394-5400, at the auto attendant dial 2, then 1. Emergency situations should be called in to 911.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY

- 4** Holiday. Administration Building Closed.
- 7** Thursday Night Concert. Wonder Boys. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 8** Canton Color Tour Jazz Series: Demetrius (Krayon) Nabors. 7 p.m. IKEA.
- 11** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 12** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 13** School House Rock. Ms. Carissa. 6:30 p.m.
- 14** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 14** Thursday Night Concert. Steve King & the Dittilies. Heritage Park. 7:30 p.m.
- 15** Canton Color Tour Jazz Series: Althea Renee. 7 p.m. Super Bowl Lanes.
- 15** Family Movie Campout. Heritage Park.
- 20** DDA Board of Directors Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 20** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 21** Thursday Night Concert. Gratitude Steel Band. Heritage Park. 7:30 p.m.
- 22** Canton Color Tour Jazz Series: Linn Roundtree. Home Depot. 7 p.m.
- 23** Yappy Hour. Dog Park. 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 26** Rally on the Ridge. Preservation Park 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 26** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 27** School House Rock. Luau with Loretta and Friends. 6:30 p.m.
- 28** Thursday Night Concert. The Favorites. Heritage Park. 7:30 p.m.
- 29** Canton Clean-Up- Recycling Only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 VanBorn.
- 29** Canton Color Tour Jazz Series: Andy Snitzer. JCPenney. 7 p.m.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE JULY ART EXHIBIT

Tim Péwé "Literally Figurative"
Sculptures.

JULY 14-17

Music Man Jr. Spotlight on Youth.
2 and 7 p.m. \$15.

JULY 22

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Neighborhood
Concert Series. Beethoven's First. 8 p.m.

JULY 29

As You Like It. Michigan Shakespeare
Festival. 7:30 p.m. \$40.

JULY 30

The Killer Angels - play by Karen Tarjan,
based on novel by Michael Shaara.
Michigan Shakespeare Festival. 2 p.m. \$40.

JULY 30

King Richard II. Michigan Shakespeare
Festival. 7:30 p.m. \$40.

JULY 31

As You Like It. Michigan Shakespeare
Festival. 2 p.m. \$40.

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

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