

Canton welcomes new electeds

Last month, Canton welcomed a new Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and two new Trustees.

Pat Williams, after serving eight years as a Canton Trustee, is Canton Supervisor. Michael Siegrist is the new Clerk, and Dian Slavens is the new Treasurer. Additionally, new trustees include Sommer Foster and Anne Marie Graham-Hudak. Rounding out the Board are returning trustees John Anthony and Steven Sneiderman.

Please make them feel welcome as you see them around the community!

GFL Holiday collection schedule

This year, both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sunday, therefore there will be no change to GFL's collection schedule. GFL 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. 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 more information, visit www.canton-mi.org or call 866/772-8900.

Annual Tree Lighting event

Kick off the most festive time of the year at Canton's Annual Tree Lighting celebration on Wednesday, December 7 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Starting outside at 6 p.m., enjoy holiday carols, watch Santa's arrival and countdown with Canton Supervisor Pat Williams for the official lighting of the tree, sponsored by Toll Brothers.

Special festive activities will also be held indoors, including refreshments and seasonal entertainment. Activity wristbands will be available at the door for \$3 per child for Canton residents and \$4 per child for non-residents and include cookie decorating, arts and crafts, holiday shows, and a visit with Santa.

For those who would like to get a jump start on some holiday shopping, stop by the Marketplace, located in the Summit Banquet Lobby. Plus, participants can visit with live reindeer and watch the ice-carving competition. This year's vendors include: Baubles By Barb – jewelry; Bead It - wreaths, home decor, wooden palet art; Bill's Folly - vintage lamps; Bobilin Honey; Bow Wow K9 Tasty Treats; Canton Creative Works - photography and portrait art; Don't Worry Bead Happy – jewelry; Geiser-Weaver Associates - American doll clothing and accessories; The Green Lily - hot/cold packs, and body scrubs; Goanna Paper Art - greeting cards; Kristie's Kreation - hand sewn scarves, mittens, baby clothes; Lighthouse Soaps and Scent; Minfly Creations - decorative pillows; Treat the Dog; Valganics - bath soaps; and more! For more information, call 734/394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

Swim with Santa

This year, start your holiday celebration off with a splash and Swim with Santa Claus on Saturday, December 3 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Summit Aquatic Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Participants will be able to get their picture taken with Santa and share their holiday wish list, as well as enjoy splash time in the leisure pool. Tickets are available online at www.summitonthepark.org for \$14 for Summit members, \$18 for Canton residents, and \$24 for non-residents.

For additional information, call 734/394-5460.

**This
Month
in
Canton**

STATUS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Supervisor
Pat Williams

Treasurer
Dian Slavens

Clerk
Michael Siegrist

TRUSTEES

John Anthony
Sommer N. Foster
Anne Marie Graham-
Hudak
Steven Sneiderman

Tax deferment information

Tax bills will be mailed out December 1. If you do not receive a tax bill, please call 394-5130, Monday - Friday, 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 on line, in person, or through the mail. We 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

Public Safety fills two new Deputy Director positions

Following a comprehensive internal assessment process, the Canton Public Safety Department has internally promoted Christopher Stoecklein to Deputy Director of Fire, and Chad Baugh to Deputy Director of Police.

In their new roles, Stoecklein and Baugh will work under the direction of the Public Safety Director, overseeing the efficient operation of their respective departments. They will be responsible for ensuring their department's mission, vision and values are carried out through the development of staff, policy, and budget. Both departments currently employ a fairly young workforce, providing an opportunity for the Deputy Directors to empower their command staff with the ability to mentor and cultivate these young individuals to reach their maximum potential—creating quality service-oriented employees, while also developing future leaders of the agency.

"I am excited to have Deputy Director Stoecklein and Deputy Director Baugh promoted to my executive leadership team," said Public Safety Director Joshua Meier. "I am confident they will be instrumental in contributing innovative ideas to the new administration—forging the police and fire departments in a positive, progressive direction for the future."

Canton Historical Society to host Holiday Tea

Area residents are encouraged to take part in the Canton Historical Society's fourth annual Christmas Tea at the Bartlett-Travis House, one of Canton's oldest homes that will be decorated for the season in circa 1900 holiday finery.

This special event will take place on Saturday, December 17, starting at 1 p.m. at 500 N. Ridge Road. Guests will enjoy an assortment of teas, min-quiches, sandwiches, and desserts. Entertainment will be provided by harpist Laurel Federbush. Seating is limited, so get your tickets today. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased only at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. For more information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Annual Butterfly Ball returns

Canton's very popular Valentine's tradition returns this February 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 10 at 6:30 p.m.; and February 11 at 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. All three dances will be held in the Summit Gymnasium. 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, 2017.

Tickets are just \$10.50 for residents and \$13.50 for non-residents. Dads and daughters, regardless of age, are required to purchase a ticket to attend. Keepsake photos will be available for an additional cost.

This 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.

Holiday Celebration at Canton Club 55+

Area seniors are invited to a special Holiday Celebration on Wednesday, December 14 from 12 – 3 p.m. in the Summit Banquet Center's Walnut Room, featuring a delicious luncheon prepared by the Summit's onsite caterer - Katherine's Catering.

This very popular event will include a fabulous luncheon, Hot Chocolate Bar, photo wall, a chance to win prizes, plus sounds of the season.

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

Discounted Golf Annual Passes still available

Get unlimited golf in 2017 at Pheasant Run. Purchase an Annual Pass at Pheasant Run Golf Club now through December 16, 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 us online at www.golfprgc.org.

In the CLS Spotlight

Staying active all Winter

Remaining active throughout the winter months is important in reducing stress, warding off the winter blues, and keeping up your energy levels. While it may take a little extra effort to get motivated, once you take those steps, it will make a huge difference in your lifestyle!

Throughout the winter, Leisure Services encourages you to hike a local trail, go sledding, ice skate, or take your fitness routines indoors to the Summit on the Park. There are lots of options including daily fitness classes, heated pools, gymnasium, and a walking/jogging track. Additionally, there are monthly activities taking place through the Fit Family Challenge.

Learn more about these opportunities at www.summitonthepark.org. Whether you like to stay indoors or out, December serves as a great month to try new things. Whatever your fitness preference, Canton Leisure Services wishes you a happy, warm, healthy, and active winter!

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Boys Lacrosse grades 3-8 sign-up underway

Registration for Spring Boys Lacrosse is now open. No experience necessary. 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 or call 734/483-5600.

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®, yoga and more! Class costs vary based on program and length. Registration can be done online 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. Learn how you can focus on fitness at the Summit on the Park at www.summitonthepark.org or call 734/394-5460.

GCYBSA Spring Registration

Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA) Spring Registration will run from January 10 through March 15, 2017 for girls and boys ages 4-18.

Programs include: Small Ball, T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Kid Pitch, and Girls Softball. For more information, please visit www.GCYBSA.com

Canton Winter Farmers Markets return

Canton will once again be holding Winter Farmers Markets at the Summit on the Park on Sunday, February 28, March 19 and April 23 with special Winter hours, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Local vendors will be offering their Michigan grown and produced foods, as well as crafts and merchandise during these monthly Winter Markets. Local goods that will be available, include: honey, jam, farm eggs, cider, meat, apples, sauces, baked goods, artisan cheese and bread, seasonal produce grown in hoop houses and more.

Check out our Facebook page for updates at www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket or www.cantonfun.org for more information. See you at these Winter Markets!

Birthday Party discounts

The Summit on the Park is currently offering anyone who registers for swim lessons from now through June 16, 2017, a 10% discount on a Summit on the Park Birthday Party. Party must be scheduled within the time frame listed above in order to receive the discount. This 10% discount is only available for Birthday Party services paid in advance and not valid on services paid for the day of the party. To qualify for the discount, Birthday Party recipient must be enrolled and participate in swim lessons during offer timeline. Offer not valid with any other discounts or promotions. Swim lesson receipt must be presented to redeem discount. For additional information, visit www.summitonthepark.org or call 734/394-5460.

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 8 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 734/483-5600.

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

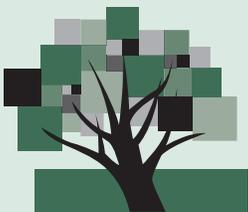
Summit on the Park
394-5460

Ordinance Enforcement
394-5335

GFL (refuse collection)
866/772-8900

Canton Public Library
397-0999

Village Theater at Cherry Hill
394-5300



Every dollar matched

Thanks to the generosity of Gil-Mar Manufacturing and Iron Mountain, every donation made to the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities during the month of December will be matched (up to \$20,000)!

The funds will be put to good use removing the existing roof and restoring the original flat roof of the Ford Factory. This 14-acre nationally historic site in Cherry Hill Village is being transformed 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. With the dormitory completely funded, your donation will support the renovation of the Ford Factory, which will house an arts and education center. In addition, the Village Arts Factory will offer healing programs for veterans, studio space for local artists, acres of paths, a sculpture garden, and a micro-brewery.

Donate today! Giving forms are available at www.partnershipforarts.org. Donate online or mail a contribution to: P.O. Box 871722, Canton, MI 48187 or call 734/765-7061.

Thank you for your community support!

Detroit Circus returns to Canton

And now for something the entire family will enjoy, the Detroit Circus returns to Canton's Village Theater for a special New Year's Eve performance on Saturday, December 31 starting 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 734/394-5300.

Lock your parked vehicles

Whether out and about, or parked at your residence, the Police Department reminds residents to always lock your vehicles. Thefts of items such as wallets, laptops, and electronics from parked vehicles continue to be a prevalent crime in the community—often with entry gained through an unlocked door. The best defense against becoming a victim of theft is to lock up and keep valuables out of plain view.

Winter Gala at the Henry Ford Museum to benefit the Partnership for the Arts

Iron Mountain is proud to present "It Takes a Village" gala to celebrate the progress of the Village Arts Factory. Join the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities on Saturday, January 28, from 6:30 p.m. until midnight at The Henry Ford for a fundraiser that will honor and bring area communities together as one.

The night will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres and the gifted voice of Grace Rembinski. Then at 8 p.m., enjoy a delicious plated dinner prepared by the talented chefs at The Henry Ford. Followed by "downtown desserts" and dancing with live music from Sinjon Smith, that will keep you on the dance floor all night with a wide variety of your all-time favorites. The museum is OURS for the entire event, so you can take a stroll any time! Tickets are \$150 per person or \$1000 for a table of 8.

Purchase individual tickets on-line at: <http://partnershipforarts.org/event/it-takes-a-village-winter-gala/>

To purchase a table, or pay by cash/check for an individual ticket, please contact Jill Engel at 734/765-7061 or jengel@partnershipforarts.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 3** Breakfast with Santa. 9 – 11 a.m. Summit on the Park.
- 5** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 6** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 7** Tree Lighting. 6 – 8:30 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 8** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 13** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 19** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 20** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 21** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 21** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 23** Administration Building Closed.
- 26** Administration Building Closed.
- 27** Board of Trustees Meeting. Canceled.
- 30** Administration Building Closed.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER ARTIST

Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild.

DECEMBER 3

Christmas Around the World 2016. Metro Dance and Music. 2 and 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 4

Aaron Radatz Holiday Magic Show. 1 and 4 p.m. \$24

DECEMBER 6

Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra-Winter Concert. 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 8-11

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa. Spotlight on Youth. \$12

DECEMBER 10

Warmth, Wonder & Wishes. Canton Concert Band. 7 p.m. \$12.

DECEMBER 15-18

The Christmas Broadway Spectacular. Central City Dance. \$24

DECEMBER 27

Free Tap Workshop. Spotlight on Youth. 6 p.m.

DECEMBER 31

Detroit Circus. 7 p.m. \$20. Pre-show activities at 6 p.m.



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

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