



## Coyote sightings

Area residents have been expressing concern over the recent increase in coyote sightings around Canton. According to Michigan's Department of Natural Resources, coyotes have migrated into urban and suburban areas and are most likely to be spotted during their breeding period, which occurs in Michigan from mid-January into March.

Coyotes can look like a medium-sized German Shepherd dog from a distance, but they have long fur masking a bone structure that is slightly smaller than most domestic dogs. When running, coyotes carry their tail below the level of their backs.

Coyotes are attracted to garbage, garden vegetables and food left out for other animals. They are opportunistic, and will prey on small dogs and cats. However, coyotes are known to have an instinctive fear of people, so they rarely attack humans. Residents are advised to use caution when allowing small pets outside alone, especially from dusk until dawn.

According to the DNR, because we share the community with wild animals, a coyote sighting should not automatically be considered a cause for concern. However, residents observing a coyote acting threatening or in distress should call the police department's non-emergency line at 734/394-5400. Otherwise, residents should minimize interaction with wildlife by taking precautions in their yards and with small pets.

Residents with nuisance wildlife issues are advised to contact Varmint Police, a private wildlife management company, at 734/729-0858.

Emergency situations should always be called in to 9-1-1.

## 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.

NPWW is observed each year during the third full week of May, and 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 21 and continue through Saturday, May 27.

According to the American Public Works Association, this year's theme is "Public Works Connects Us."

As the cornerstone of civilization, public works maintain and improve the structures and services that assure a high quality of life. For Canton in particular, our Public Works employees' clean water and sanitation services keep us healthy and allow our community to grow and prosper.

NPWW is a great opportunity to thank and recognize these hard working individuals who keep our community beautiful. For more information call 734/397-1011.

## River Day to be held May 20

Canton's annual River Day Celebration will be held Saturday, May 20 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Flodin Park, on Saltz Road at Morton Taylor Road. River Day is a celebration of the rivers in the southeast Michigan region. Every year, hundreds of volunteers make a difference by helping to preserve the quality of Canton's creeks and streams.

River Day takes place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages are encouraged to participate. Volunteers are asked to meet at Flodin Park promptly at 8 a.m. Canton will have two off-site locations in need of cleaning and buses will be provided to take volunteers to the locations. On-site activities will include bird house building, nature walks and a live interactive presentation by Wildlife Safari LLC.

For more information on River Day or to pre-register for the event call 394-5150.

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# STATUS

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## A message from Supervisor Williams



This June, the Board of Trustees is having a planning session to set goals and determine Canton's priorities in the years to come.

In preparation for this process, I asked myself "what are we doing well?" and "what can we work on, both in the short-term and long-term?"

Of course, roads, roads and roads came to mind immediately. However, I know that we are doing everything in our power and using all resources available to improve our road conditions in Canton with current funding.

So now I am looking for your perspective. If you would like to provide feedback, please email me at [patrick.williams@canton-mi.org](mailto:patrick.williams@canton-mi.org) and let me know:

- a) What is Canton doing well?
- b) What can we work on?
  - a. Short-term
  - b. Long-term

Again, I realize that roads are the overriding concern in our community. But I'm sure there are other thoughts and ideas out there that we haven't heard or considered. We are committed to providing the best possible service to our residents and we want to hear what that means to all of you.

So, please feel free to send an email, give me a call at 734/394-5185, or stop for a chat when you see me around town. I look forward to hearing from you!

## Automated recycling begins in June

This summer Canton will institute a new automated recycling program that will swap out the current 18-gallon bin with a new 64-gallon cart. The larger carts are equipped with lids to promote a cleaner community and have wheels to make getting recyclables to the curb easier and more convenient. Canton also hopes the larger carts will help achieve the goal of a 21% recycling rate by the end of 2018.

Delivery of the new carts will begin the week of June 5. Crews will deliver carts to the end of each resident's driveway - residents do not need to be present to receive the cart. You may begin using your cart as soon as you get it, however it will take about three weeks to deliver all carts. If you do not receive your cart the week of June 5, please continue using your green bin until your new cart is delivered.

Carts should be placed on your driveway apron and not in the street. They should also be placed on the opposite side of your drive from your refuse, leaving at least 6" around the cart so the mechanical arm on the truck can easily fit around the cart. Hinges and handles should face towards your residence with the lifting bar facing the street. Once you receive the cart, your 18-gallon bin and clear plastic bags will no longer be accepted at the curb. All recyclables must be inside the cart. Anything left on the side of the cart will not be picked up. Carts are for recyclables only; yard waste will not be accepted inside the cart. Please continue to put yard waste in 32-gallon containers or yard waste bags.

On non-collection days carts should be stored inside your garage or under your carport. If you do not have a garage or carport or do not have adequate room, then please store it beside your residence. Your Homeowners' Association may have additional rules about placement that you will need to comply with.

Although the carts are new, residential collection days and materials accepted will not change. For convenience, each cart will have a list of acceptable items printed on the lid.

The new carts will be owned by Canton; however homeowners will be responsible for the care of the cart. All damage must be immediately reported to GFL services at 866/772-8900. If the damage was caused by the collection vehicle or the operator, then GFL will replace the cart at no charge. If damage or theft is from any other cause, the resident will be responsible for replacement.

For more information on the new automated recycling service, please call GFL at 866/772-8900 or to visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) to view a list of frequently asked questions.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Katherine's Catering to host Mother's Day Brunch

On Sunday, May 14, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., celebrate the special mothers in your life with a delicious brunch prepared by Katherine's Catering at the Summit on the Park.

Menu includes: Chocolate Banana Bread French Toast Bread Pudding; Omelette Station; Mini Danish Pastry Assortment; Roasted Vegetable and Quinoa Salad; Carved Farm Stand Sirloin; Chicago Style Pizza; Carved Spiral Honey Glazed Ham; and many more delicious options! Mimosas and Bloody Marys will also be available at our cash bar.

Brunch prices are \$24.95 per adult and \$11.95 for children 6-10 years of age. Kids 5 and under are free. Tax and gratuity not included in ticket prices. Cash gratuities will be accepted at the time of service.

Please reserve seats for everyone in your party based on the desired timeframe. Reservations can be made through Monday, May 8 at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) – just search "Mother's Day Brunch at the Summit." For more information, visit [www.katherines.com](http://www.katherines.com), email [information@katherines.com](mailto:information@katherines.com) or call 734/930-4270.

## Try ExpressRide today!

If you work in downtown Ann Arbor or at the University of Michigan, then ExpressRide may be for you! ExpressRide, brought to you by The Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, is a non-stop service from Canton to downtown Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan Central and Medical Campuses.

You can board the ExpressRide from a free, convenient Park & Ride lot in Canton. ExpressRide lets you forget about parking, traffic, and pollution, and the buses have free wi-fi and comfortable seating. When boarding the bus, have your pass, ticket or cash fare ready for the driver.

A one-way cash fare is \$6.25; a ten-ride ticket is \$62.50; a 30-day commuter pass is \$125. Employees of some businesses are eligible for discounted passes. For more information, including route details, please visit [myexpressride.org](http://myexpressride.org).

## Pheasant Run introduces USGA Play9 Series

On the ninth day of each month, from May through October, Pheasant Run will be holding special events as part of the USGA Play9 initiative. The focus of this program is to encourage everyone to get out and Play9. On Tuesday May 9, pay just \$25 for 9 holes of golf, range balls, hotdog, chips and a fountain drink. This offer is good for the entire day on May 9. For additional information, visit [www.golfprgc.org](http://www.golfprgc.org) or call 734/397-6460.

## In the CLS Spotlight

### Liberty Festival coming attractions

Anticipation is building for Canton's 26th Annual Liberty Festival, which is scheduled to take place Thursday, June 15 through Saturday, June 17 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, featuring a taste of Liberty Fest and a variety of food trucks, a spectacular fireworks display and much, much more!

Lace up your sneakers to run, walk, or stroll the Canton Liberty Run 5K, 10K and 1 Mile courses through neighborhood streets and the natural beauty of the Lower Rouge Trail. A portion of your entry fee will help fund recreation and trail improvements in Canton.

Gather your favorite red, white and blue gear and make your way to the starting line! Entry includes a free beer at the Canton Rotary Club's Adult Beverage Tent, T-Shirt, and finisher's medals for all distances! NEW theme for 2017: Stars, Stripes and Sparkles! Come decked out in your favorite Red, White, Blue and Sparkling apparel! Join us June 17. Visit [www.cantonlibertyrun.com](http://www.cantonlibertyrun.com) for additional details. For more information on events and attractions, please visit [www.cantonlibertyfest.com](http://www.cantonlibertyfest.com) or call 734/394-5460.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Canton Farmers Market Opening Day

Preservation Park will be bustling with local growers, food producers and artisans on Sunday, May 14, as the Canton Farmers Market kicks off its regular season.

The Farmers Market will be held every Sunday through October 12 (closed July 2) from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., rain or shine, at 500 N. Ridge Road.

Artist Bob Skon will be playing music on the porch. Kids can enjoy a craft and the bounce house, as well as story time with the Canton Public Library; plus the annual perennial exchange begins.

Additional highlights at the Farmers Market for rest of May include: May 21 - Music with Ms. Carissa and a cooking demo with Chef Greg. May 28 activities include: Cooking with Chef Jesse, Bounce House, plus Canton Public Library's Story Time. The Canton Farmers Market is being sponsored by All Saints Catholic School for the second season in a row.

For more Market details, visit [www.canton-mi.org/496](http://www.canton-mi.org/496) or like us on Facebook.

## Canton celebrates National Trails Day

Join us at the Lower Rouge Trailhead (located at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road) on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., as part of National Trails Day.

Scheduled activities include: self-guided hiking along the beautiful Rouge River, educational displays and talks on outdoor photography, Leave No Trace principles, local wildlife and bird watching, recycling information, trail biking and running details and a 'Make-It-Yourself' Trail-Mix station!

This is a FREE, family and pet friendly event to raise awareness of the Lower Rouge Trail system. For additional information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734/394-5460.

## Healthy Summer Kick-Off event returns

St. Joseph Mercy Health System is teaming up with Canton Leisure Services to offer its annual Healthy Summer Kick-Off on May 20 from 12 - 3 p.m. Join St. Joe's health reporter Lila Lazarus for this strolling, family-friendly event being held at St. Joseph Mercy Canton, 1600 S. Canton Center Road. Activities include: free health screenings: Arctic Edge Street Hockey; Digital Fingerprinting; Family Exercise Mini Sessions; Free Bike Helmets and Fittings (supply limited to first 200 kids); Rock Climbing Wall; Teddy Bear Clinic; and more. For more information, visit [stjoeshealth.org/healthy-kick-off](http://stjoeshealth.org/healthy-kick-off).

## On Stage at The Village Theater

The world's leading mentalist, **Banachek**, will visit The Village Theater on May 20 and 21. His performance is an exhilarating journey into the unknown, offering a mindblowing display of incredible feats, ESP, and impossible prediction. Banachek will introduce mystery after mystery to the audience demonstrating effects that defy reason. We invite you to join our investigation. The impossible is performed with the assistance of skeptics and true believers randomly selected. Reaching into their minds and their pasts, in ways that are inexplicable, Banachek charms and amazes nightly. How often in the theater do you really experience wonders? Tickets are \$20.

Canton Acts of Culture Week returns to The Village Theater May 1 - 7. On May 2, enjoy the **Michigan Philharmonic Spring Concert**. Under the direction of String Coach and Conductor Hektor Qyteti and Michigan Philharmonic Conductor, Nan Washburn 115 students ranging in age 8 - 18 perform classical music from historic to contemporary repertoire.

On May 6, the **Canton Concert Band** present's "Let's Dance!" Join Canton Concert Band as they tour dance styles of the 20th century from the flapper era to disco fever and more!

On May 7 see the **Acts of Fashion 2017 Fashion Show**. This fashion-filled event includes a fashion runway show and shopping experience, showcasing fashions from Metro-Detroit designers and boutiques, while also including special performances by local and national talent!

Tickets for these events and more can be purchased at the door or in advance at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org), or in person M-F from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, please call 734/394-5300.

## 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



## Fire Board of Appeals position open

Resumes are being accepted during the month of May for an open position on Canton's Fire Board of Appeals. The opening is for a General Industry or Business Representative with a minimum of seven years experience in the field.

The Fire Board of Appeals hears and decides appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the fire code official relative to the application and interpretation of fire codes.

Individuals interested in the position should submit a resume by email or mail to Canton Fire Marshal John Oltman at joltman@canton-mi.org, or 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. Resumes must be received by May 31.

For more information, please call Fire Marshal John Oltman at 734/394-5456.

## 4th Annual Girls Night Out

On Thursday, June 8 from 6 - 9 p.m., the Canton Chamber of Commerce presents Girls Night Out and it's better than ever! This is 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 Fellows Creek Golf Club, which will feature a special purse raffle. Ladies will have the chance to bid on the handbag of their choice. Handbags will be new or gently used.

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.

## Treasurer Slavens Corner

In April, the Board of Trustees approved the 2017 Water and Sewer rates for Canton.

Effective May 1, consumption rates will be billed at: \$5.96/1,000 gallons for water; \$6.87/1,000 gallons for sewage, for a total consumption cost of \$12.83, resulting in an average increase of 2.7% on a typical customer's bill. This reflects the wholesale increases from Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and YCUA. Canton adheres to a "True Cost-of-Service" model in determining annual rates for sewer and water services.

A Water and Sewer Rate Study was completed and adopted in 2007 to ensure the sustainability and safety of the hundreds of miles of sewer and water utilities that serve our customers. It was determined that fixed charges were necessary to recover a portion of the costs that do not vary with the amount of water consumed or sewer usage. This includes the cost for system operation and maintenance, certain customer distribution related expenses, meter reading, billing and collections. The new "true cost-of-service" rate structure separates usage costs from these "fixed" costs.

You can estimate what your consumption should be if you figure about 5,000 gallons per quarter, per household member, during non-irrigation/watering months.

Careful planning and monitoring throughout the summer can result in better control over summer watering bills. An average sprinkler head can use 2 gallons/minute. If your system has 20 heads and you run it for 20 minutes every day the result is 24,000 gallons in a month or 72,000 gallons in a quarter! Check your water consumption by reading your meter at the beginning of a watering cycle, and again at the end. This will tell you exactly how much water is being used by your irrigation system, and you can adjust your watering accordingly.

Did you know: Your garden hose can pump out 600 gallons of water or more in only a few hours. Most showers use 5-10 gallons of water per minute. Most washing machines use 40 or more gallons of water per load. Standard dishwashers use about 6 gallons of water per load.

As a courtesy to our residents, we audit the water meter reads every cycle looking for reads that are "out of the ordinary." Those that register extremely high usage will receive a "Courtesy Letter" from Canton, alerting you to a potential problem. Solving problems early can save you money. Call 734/394-5240 if you have any questions.



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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

### MAY

- 1** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 2** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 4** Mother Son Dance – SOLD OUT
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- 5** Canton Clean-Up – Recycling Only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. GFL Environmental 42100 Van Born. Call 866/772-8900.
- 6** Fishing Derby. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 9** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 11** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 16** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 17** DDA Board of Directors Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 17** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 20** Canton Cleanup and Recycling 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. GFL Environmental 42100 Van Born. Call 866/772-8900.
- 21** Bark in the Park. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dog Park.
- 23** Board of Trustees Meeting. Canceled.
- 29** Memorial Day. Canton Administration Building closed.
- 30** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.

## VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

### MAY ART EXHIBITION:

“Present” featuring artists: Tom Livo, Carl George, and Andrew Langlois

### MAY 2

Michigan Philharmonic Spring Concert. 7 p.m. \$15/person. For tickets call 734/451-2112.

### MAY 6

Let’s Dance! Canton Concert Band. 7 p.m. \$10 - \$12/person.

### MAY 7

2017 Acts of Fashion. 4 p.m. \$17/person.

### MAY 11-13

The Snow White Variety Show. By Brian B. Taylor. Spotlight on Youth Various Times. \$10 – 12/person.

### MAY 13

Frank 102- A Salute to Old Blue Eyes. KBR Marketing. 7 p.m. \$15 - \$20/person.

### MAY 18-21

Nana’s Naughty Knickers. By Katherine DiSaviano. Various times. \$15 - \$16/person.

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

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