



# Happy New Year!

## Annual Butterfly Ball returns

Canton's very popular Valentine's tradition returns on February 8 and 9 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 that are set to take place in the Summit Gymnasium: February 8 at 6 p.m.; and February 9 at 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. Semiformal or dressy-casual attire is recommended. Ticket sales end on February 1 and each participant is required to have a ticket for entry. Tickets are just \$11 for residents and \$14 for non-residents. These dances traditionally sell out, so be sure to purchase tickets early.

For additional information, please visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734/394-5460.

## GFL holiday tree pick-up January 2-10

GFL Environmental USA will only offer curb-side pick-up of natural Christmas trees from January 2-10.

Please place your tree at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on your regular refuse collection day with all stands, lights and ornaments removed. After January 10, trees will no longer be accepted at the curb.

For more information on tree pick-ups, call GFL at 844/464-3587.

## Salute To Canton Award nominees sought

Submissions are now being accepted for Canton's Community Awards. If you would like to nominate someone for the Canton Hall of Fame, Community Achiever, or Community Supporter award, please visit [www.canton-mi.org/232](http://www.canton-mi.org/232) for a link to the nomination form.

The deadline to submit is Friday, January 18. Please call 734/394-5185 with questions.

## Snow emergencies in Canton

A snow emergency is declared for the purpose of clearing streets for snow removal and allowing accessibility for Public Safety vehicle response. Canton Public Safety declares a snow emergency when snow accumulation of generally five inches or more is predicted. The following prevailing weather conditions are also taken into consideration:

- Duration of the snow event
- High winds, drifting, blizzard-like conditions
- Warming conditions
- Sleet, freezing rain, etc.

During a snow emergency parking is prohibited on all streets in Canton to provide adequate access for plows and emergency vehicles. Voluntary compliance is sought, but the traffic order does provide for enforcement action to be taken up to and including vehicles being ticketed and/or towed. For more information, call 734/394-5400.

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## Plowing and salting Canton's roads

Now that the roads millage has been approved, many residents have been inquiring as to who is responsible for plowing and salting the roads in Canton. It is important for residents to know that millage funds DO NOT cover plowing and pothole filling.

### LOCAL ROADS

Most subdivision streets are maintained by contactors working for neighborhood Homeowners Associations (HOA). Subdivision roads owned by Wayne County are considered Priority Level V (lowest). Snow removal on these roads will not begin until there is an accumulation of more than 6" and travel is difficult. Work on these roads will only be done during regular work hours without using overtime.

### STATE and COUNTY ROADS

Plowing-related questions on non-residential public roads should be forwarded to the Wayne County Department of Public Service (DPS) at 1-888-ROAD-CREW. Due to the lack of funding resources, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Wayne County DPS will continue with a reduced level of service during winter maintenance operations. Again this winter, state highways throughout Michigan will be designated either Priority Service Level I or II.

Wayne County provides MDOT with services on three state-owned highways that bisect Canton: I-275, Michigan Avenue (US-12), and Ford Road (M-153). I-275 has been designated Priority Service Level I Route, the highest level of service, while most of Ford Road and Michigan Avenue have been designated Priority Service Level II.

During snow events on Priority I routes, County maintenance crews will work to clear ice and snow off 75% of the pavement both during and after a snow event, using overtime if necessary. On Priority Level II routes, County crews will work to clear most snow and ice from roads. At a minimum, roads will be cleared for one wheel-track in each direction by the conclusion of a snow event. The remainder of the snow and ice on Level II routes will be cleared as soon as possible after the snow event, without working overtime. Although Level II routes will be passable, they will not necessarily be completely clear until sometime after snow has stopped accumulating.

## Citizens Police Academy coming soon

Application information for the next session of Canton's Citizens Police Academy will be published in the February 2019 FOCUS newsletter. Information and an online application will also be available in February at [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org).

## Residential cross connections tested in 2020

Under the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, the MDEQ institutes rules to protect drinking water and to prevent cross connections that may contaminate public drinking water systems. All communities are required to implement a program for removal of ALL existing cross connections and the prevention of all future cross connections.

Canton currently requires cross connection testing on commercial and industrial facilities due to their perceived greater risk of contaminants. While testing of these facilities will continue, Canton is now required to address the residential sector. Most residential contamination risks come from the large number of underground irrigation systems. Starting in 2020, those systems will be required to have their backflow devices tested and submit the results at least once every five years.

It's estimated that over 11,000 homes in Canton have underground irrigation systems and will need to have their backflow devices tested. Due to this large number, and the limited number of certified testing companies, Canton has proposed a five-year rotational schedule for inspection and testing. Canton will be divided into five areas and will require the first area to obtain inspections/testing in 2020.

Starting in early 2019, residents will see more information, including the final boundaries and schedules for testing. For questions, please call Public Works at 397-1011.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## The Village Theater in the spotlight

The Canton community will once again honor the memory and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special tribute on Monday, January 21, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The public is invited to attend a punch and cookie reception to begin at 6 p.m., and the main program at 6:30 p.m. This special event will feature key note speaker, Martin A. Philbert, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan. There will also be a special performance by Dodson's Elementary School choir. Tickets are only available at the door for \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

For additional information, please visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or call 734/394-5300.

## Village Theater Call For Artists

The Gallery@VT would like to invite area artists to apply for a group or solo art exhibition for the 2020 season. The Village Theater is interested in featuring a diverse group of artists of all mediums. Submission will be juried by an exhibition committee comprised of local artists, arts professionals, and art educators.

Please be advised that you are ineligible if you have had a Solo Exhibition at the Gallery@VT within the last 5 years. Submissions are due by April 11, 2019. For submission information, visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

## Dog Park and Dog License renewals

The Clerk's Office is now issuing 2019 Dog Licenses and Dog Park permits. All 2018 licenses and permits expire on December 31, 2018. Current rabies and distemper vaccinations are required for dog licenses and dog park memberships. Application can be made in person during business hours or by downloading the forms from [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) and mailing documentation and fees to Canton Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI. 48188. Attention: Dog License.

Please note that access to the Canton Dog Park via electronic gate access key fobs will be discontinued for any Canton Dog Park member who does not renew their Dog Park membership by April 1. New Dog Park members are required to submit a refundable key fob security deposit of \$20 at the time of registration that will be returned when membership is discontinued and the key fob is returned. Only one key fob per household will be issued.

For more information, visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call 734/394-5310.

## Club 55+ Special Events

This February, Club 55+ will host a Hawaiian Luau and Valentine's Day celebrations at the Summit on the Park. On Wednesday, February 6, come dressed in your brightest Hawaiian gear from 1-2:30 p.m. Enjoy activities, snacks and more in the Maple Room. Fees are: \$6 for Summit members; \$7 for Canton residents, and \$9 for non-residents. Preregistration is required by January 30. Celebrate Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 13 at 11 a.m. in the Chestnut room. Enjoy finger foods, desserts, special activities, followed by a romantic comedy movie at 1 p.m. Fees are \$9 for Summit members, \$10 for Canton residents, and \$13 for non-residents. To register, please call 734/394-5485.

## In the CLS Spotlight

### Summit New Year Membership Special

Are you planning to kick off the New Year with fitness as a top priority for you and your family? Then be sure to take advantage of special savings with the Summit's New Year Membership Special.

From January 1 - 31, save 10% off of Individual and Family Annual Memberships, as well as Annual Kids' Corner Memberships (excluding Matinee Memberships). In addition, the application fee and the first month's payment will be waived for those signing up for an Annual Membership with the Payment Plan option with a 12-month commitment. For additional information, visit [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org) or call 734/394-5460.

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Pheasant Run Golf Club update

Seeking a great venue to host your golf league? Pheasant Run Golf Club, located at 46500 Summit Parkway, features three unique nines to provide great variety to your league. Golf leagues at Pheasant Run receive many great benefits, such as Pro Shop and food and beverage discounts, as well as pre/post-league green fee specials and free range balls on your league day. Enjoy our Fore Star Grill, with its great outdoor patio and a full menu featuring weekly specials. Catch all your favorite sports action on our large screen TVs.

For additional information, visit [www.golfprgc.org](http://www.golfprgc.org) or call 734/397-6460.

## Special Scout programs

Two unique Scout Events will be held at the Summit on the Park this month that are sure to provide plenty of fun, as well as Fun patches. Girl Scouts Flip Flops, Fitness and Fun event will be held on Saturday, January 12 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., offering Cardio drumming, Zumba, swimming, games, snacks, and more! A special Cub/Boy Scout Shark Attack event will be held on Saturday, January 26 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., featuring a "fin"-tastic afternoon full of shark-themed fun, games, snacks and swimming.

Each event is \$15 per person and will be held in the Summit Gym and Aquatic Center. Participants are reminded to bring a swimsuit, towel, and flip flops. For Troop/Den/Pack or multiple registrations, call 734/394-5374.

## Boys Spring Lacrosse leagues now forming

Final registration for Boys Spring Lacrosse Leagues for 3rd – 8th grades is currently underway. Both new and experienced players are welcome. Participants are required to provide their own equipment.

Season runs March - May 2019. Register by calling 734/483-5600 or visit [csc.cantonmi.org](http://csc.cantonmi.org) for additional information.

## Winter Farmers Markets return to Summit Banquet lobby

The first of three Winter Farmers Markets will be held on Sunday, February 24 in the Summit on the Park lobby, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Markets are also scheduled for March 24 and April 14 at the Summit -- all with special hours from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

A variety of vendors will be featured during these off-season markets offering Michigan goods, such as: hoop house produce, apples, cider, sauces, honey, granola, a variety of baked goods, sauces, hand-crafted soap and more.

For additional information, please visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org), as well as [www.fb/cantonfarmersmarket](http://www.fb/cantonfarmersmarket).

See you at the Market!

## Free Tax Counseling available

Appointments for Tax Counseling Services for low to moderate income adults, with special focus on seniors, will be taken beginning January 3, at Canton Club 55+. This tax program will begin on February 4 and will continue every Monday and Tuesday through April 16 from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, for those who qualify.

This AARP-sponsored program has morning and early afternoon appointments available with a volunteer tax counselor. Be sure to mention if you will be applying for a waiver of penalty for payment of property taxes at the time you make your appointment. In addition, joint return appointments must be scheduled for mornings only. Neither Canton Township, the individual tax counselors, nor AARP assume liability for tax preparation. Call Canton Club 55+ at 734/394-5485 to schedule an appointment today!

## Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues

Registration for baseball and softball will begin January 10 and end on March 15, 2019.

Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association offers programs for boys ages 4-18 and girls ages 4-14. Discounts are available for families with three or more registered children. All games and practice fields are in the Plymouth-Canton area. For details or to register, visit [www.gcybsa.com](http://www.gcybsa.com) or call 734/394-5358.



## Important Canton Phone Numbers

**Administration Building**  
734/394-5100

**Public Safety (non-emergency)**  
734/394-5400

**Supervisor's Office**  
734/394-5185

**Clerk's Office**  
734/394-5120

**Treasurer's Office**  
734/394-5130

**Water Billing**  
734/394-5240

**Summit on the Park**  
734/394-5460

**Ordinance Enforcement**  
734/394-5335

**GFL (refuse collection)**  
844/464-3587

**Canton Public Library**  
734/397-0999

**Village Theater at Cherry Hill**  
734/394-5300



## "Life is a Cabaret" to benefit American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Join us at the Village Theater on Wednesday, February 6 at 7 p.m. for LIGHTS, CAMERA, CURE, an event that makes a difference! This energetic and multi-dimensional performance is a live musical fundraiser featuring Broadway tunes, hosted by the American Cancer Society in partnership with Women's Life Society Chapter 827, Chicks for Charity.

The performance includes a live band, a cast of amazingly talented individuals, and special appearances from some local celebs! Dance performances by local studios make for a completely inspirational and WOW-ing night! Enjoy a delicious dessert and sweet treats bar featuring a Cold Stone Creamery ice cream sundae bar while bidding on the silent auction. A cash bar will be available.

All proceeds and donations from the event will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Canton and Plymouth as they attack cancer from every angle. Pre-show reception 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at [www.cantonvillage theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage theater.org).

## A fond farewell to a local favorite benefits Partnership for the Arts

Join the Partnership for the Arts on Friday, January 11 from 6:30 - 10 p.m. to pay tribute to the Hillside Inn, Ernesto's and The Courthouse Grill. Share your favorite memories of events and special occasions attended over the past 88 years at Plymouth's longest continuing restaurant. Get dressed up in your best cocktail attire and enjoy a strolling dinner and wine tasting. Then raise your glass for one final toast to this community icon.

Tickets are \$50 per person with 100% of the event proceeds being donated to the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities' National Historic Veterans Dormitory.

Purchase your tickets online today at [www.partnershipforarts.org](http://www.partnershipforarts.org) or call Jill Engel at 734/765-7061.

## Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Happy New Year! It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Canton Township Treasurer. I hope the best for you and yours in the New Year.

The Treasurer's Office has been busy helping our residents with tax payments and answering questions. Winter property taxes were mailed out December 1. You have until February 14 to pay your taxes without penalty. After that, a 3% penalty fee is added on February 15 through February 28. On March 1, delinquent real property taxes are turned over to the Wayne County Treasurer. The Wayne County Treasurer will add a 4% administration fee plus interest of 1% per month.

The Treasurer's Office is open for business Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., unless there is an observed holiday and the administration building is closed.

Canton Township also has a safety drop box for bills, located at the entrance of the administration building. This drop box is available 24 hours a day and allows folks to pay their current taxes and water bills any time.

The Water Billing Department has been busy answering questions and listening to concerns about summer water bills. We have also been working closely with Municipal Services, the Finance Department and the Department of Public Works regarding bimonthly water bills. We will begin the bimonthly billing in May of 2019. We will be sending out information about your water/sewer bill and bimonthly billing in the near future (next few months). Please look for our information in the insert of your water/sewer bill, Canton Focus, Facebook and our website.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please call my office at 734/394-5130.

All the best in 2019!



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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

### JANUARY

- 1** New Year's Day Observed. Canton Administration Building Closed.
- 1** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 7** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 8** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 10** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 15** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 16** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 16** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit. Call 394-5185.
- 21** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Canton Administration Building Closed.

### FEBUARY

- 4** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 5** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 8** Butterfly Ball. Summit on the Park. 6 – 8 p.m.
- 9** Butterfly Ball. Summit on the Park. 2 – 4 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m.
- 12** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 14** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 14** Winter Taxes Due.
- 18** President's Day. Administration Building Closed.

## VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

### JANUARY ART EXHIBITION

"All of the Tree" January 3-30. Featuring works by Jennifer Lanzilotti and Stephen Kolpacke. Reception January 8. Free and open to the public. 7 – 9 p.m.

### JANUARY 11-12

Our Town. Plymouth Christian Academy. 7 p.m. \$12 - \$15.

### JANUARY 19

Aeolus Quartet and Franklin Cohen Chamber Music Society of Detroit. 7:30 p.m. \$10 - \$45.

### JANUARY 21

Canton Celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. 6:30 p.m. \$2/ person, \$5/family. Tickets available at the door.

### JANUARY 23

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Wind Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. \$6.

### FEBRUARY 6

Lights, Camera, Cure - A Benefit Musical Cabaret. American Cancer Society. 7 p.m. \$25.

### Tickets:

[www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org)  
or 734/394-5300 ext. 3

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