



# FOCUS

CANTON

## Community Forum on water and sewer rates

In an effort to educate residents on water and sewer rates, Canton will be hosting a Community Forum on Wednesday, March 27 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Board Room of Canton's Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center, S.

The forum is designed to show residents how water and sewer rates are calculated and to answer questions regarding the 2019 rates. The forum is free of charge and open to the public.

For more information, please call Canton Public Works at 397-1011.

## Senior Summit--Save the date

The 2019 Senior Summit will be held on Wednesday, May 15. You will not need a ticket to attend this event; however, you must register with Canton Club 55+. if you would like to attend. Registration will begin online or in person on Monday, March 11. Look for more details about the event in the April Focus.

## Yard waste collection begins next month

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 1 and continue until December 5.

All yard waste should be placed with recyclable on the opposite side of your driveway from your refuse. Yard waste and recyclables must always be placed separately from your refuse to avoid confusion during collection.

In addition, GFL Environmental will hold the first clean-up weekend of 2019 on Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at their facility located at 42100 Van Born Road.

For more information visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call GFL at 844/464-3587.

## Report hazardous road conditions to Wayne County

Due to the number of freeze-thaw cycles experienced this year, several of the Wayne County roads located within Canton are showing signs of distress. Hazardous road conditions should be reported to the Wayne County Department of Public Services at 1-888-762-3273. Residents can also visit [www.waynecounty.com/servicerequest20](http://www.waynecounty.com/servicerequest20) to fill out an online service request.

## American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Public Meeting

Canton will hold a special public meeting to present its American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan on Thursday, March 28, at 6 p.m. in the Canton Boardroom, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. All individuals who currently reside in Canton are encouraged to attend to learn more about this plan which will include parameters that will be put into place to ensure that Canton programs, services, and facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. CART (Communication Access Real-Time Translation) services will also be provided during this public meeting, that includes real-time captioning and transcription. Individuals with disabilities requiring additional auxiliary aids or services must contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager and ADA Coordinator at 734/394-5260, via email to [humanresources@canton-mi.org](mailto:humanresources@canton-mi.org) or in writing to ATTN: ADA Transition Plan Public Meeting, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188. Participants planning to attend are encouraged to RSVP to 734/394-5260.

This Transition Plan will be available for public review online at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) starting March 4.

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in  
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# STATUS

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## Canton Road Program to begin this year

Last year, residents passed a millage for the Canton Road Program. The 20-year strategic targets for investment of the revenues derived from the millage is: Major County Roads--55%, Local County Subdivision Roads--30%, State Roads--15%. The following is an update on all projects selected for this year.

### 2019 Local Subdivision Roads Program

This year, unmatched work on local subdivision roads will be done north of Ford Road and will address catch basin and drainage fixes as well as asphalt crack and concrete joint sealing. Unmatched work will continue in 2020 in subdivisions south of Ford Road.

Matched work will not begin until 2020. However, Canton is now soliciting project ideas from Homeowner Associations and other interested resident groups to participate in next year's program. To learn more about the local match program and download the application, visit [www.canton-mi.org/roads](http://www.canton-mi.org/roads). **In order for your project to be considered for 2020 you must submit your application by April 30, 2019.**

### 2019 Ford Road Project

The Ford Road Boulevard project is also moving forward. MDOT will award the contract to for the Design Consultant in March. Once the design is complete, right-of-way acquisition will begin and construction is anticipated to start in 2022 or 2023.

### 2019 Major County Projects

To see a complete list of major county road projects that are currently out to bid and scheduled to be constructed this year, please visit [www.canton-mi.org/roads](http://www.canton-mi.org/roads).

Residents are also advised to follow Canton MSD on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cantonmsd](http://www.facebook.com/cantonmsd) and Twitter at [www.twitter.com/cantonmsd](http://www.twitter.com/cantonmsd) for up-to-date information on construction schedules and detour routes.

## Severe Weather Awareness

This year, Michigan's Severe Weather Awareness week is March 24 – 31, and will include a statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, March 27, at 1 p.m. This is a departure from Canton's usual outdoor warning siren test which is held on the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. (March – November).

The average lead time for a tornado warning is 10 -15 minutes, which is why Michigan residents are encouraged to make a plan before a tornado strikes.

Create an emergency preparedness kit for your home that includes the following:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- A three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Infant formula and diapers (if applicable)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Dust mask/cotton t-shirt to help filter the air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food

Develop a communications plan with family members living in your home so you know how to get to a safe place. Be sure the plan also addresses the following:

- Where you will meet up if separated?
  - How you will contact each other?
- Be aware of the danger signs indicating a tornado:
- Dark, often greenish sky
  - Large hail
  - A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)
  - Loud roar, similar to a freight train

If you see approaching storms or any of these signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.

For more information call Emergency Management Coordinator William Hayes at 734/394-5357 or email [whayes@canton-mi.org](mailto:whayes@canton-mi.org).

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Village Theater in the Spotlight

The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, will host the **2019 Chinese Spring Festival** on Saturday, March 23, at 7 p.m., in recognition of a tradition that is thousands of years old. Audience members of all ages will enjoy an evening of Folk and Classical dances performed by area Chinese schools, as well as beautiful vocal performances with solo performances by Xuan Gao, Shubo Fang of the Peking Opera, and Shuping Ma of the Italian Opera. The evening will also feature the Canton Philharmonic Choir, Michigan Chinese Choir and March Wind Choir. Additionally, the show will showcase instrumentalists on Pipa and Guzheng. A pre-show reception, held at 6 p.m., will feature displays on Peking Opera presented by PCCLC, MNCCS, and Annhua Chinese School of Ann Arbor. This program is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage and members of the Chinese Festival Subcommittee. Tickets are just \$5.

**The Second City Tour Company** makes a popular return to continue its sold out record at The Village Theater on April 13. Edgy, thought-provoking and always spectacularly funny, The Second City will present "It's Not You, It's Me" at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are just \$35. After celebrating nearly six decades of producing cutting-edge revues and launching the careers of generation after generation of comedy's best and brightest, The Second City touring company is sure to deliver an amazing evening of hilarity.

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

## In the CLS Spotlight

### Canton camp and class registration day

If you are looking to make great plans this summer for your children, look no further than Canton Leisure Services. Be sure to check out our summer programs for all ages and all interests during the Annual Camp and Class Registration Day on Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Stop in and learn about all of the fun day, week-long, and month-long summer camps, including: preschool camps, athletic camps, special needs programs, art and science camps, and much more. Most camp registrations begin online at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) and at the Camp and Class Registration Day starting at 10 a.m. Make sure to sign up early, many camps fill up quickly. Don't spend your summer on the waitlist!

Learn about available camps and classes online in the Spring/Summer 2019 Discover Brochure, which can be found at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org). For additional information, please call 734/394-5460.

## Pheasant Run Golf Club update

Golf season is right around the corner! Come visit Pheasant Run Golf Club at the Michigan Golf Show at the Suburban Collection Showcase in Novi on Friday, March 8, through Sunday, March 10. For additional details, check out [www.michiganangolfshow.com](http://www.michiganangolfshow.com).

Stop by booth #532 for great deals on close-out apparel, as well as details about Pheasant Run's upcoming season. Not long after that, Pheasant Run will open for the season – weather permitting. So dust off your clubs, and get ready for some beautiful spring golf at discounted rates. For more information call the Pro Shop at 734/397-6460.

## Mom To Mom Sale

Calling all moms! If you're looking for some great bargains, be sure to come to Canton Leisure Services Mom To Mom Sale on Saturday, March 16, from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Summit on the Park. Find over 65 booths featuring gently used baby and kids clothing, shoes, and more.

Admission is \$2 from 8 - 9 a.m. and \$1 from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

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## Canton Farmers Market celebrates March is Reading Month

The Winter Farmers Market returns on Sunday, March 24, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Summit on the Park Banquet lobby, 46000 Summit Parkway.

The upcoming market will feature a variety of items available for purchase, including: Michigan-grown produce, apples, cider, salsa, sauces, jam, honey, baked goods, cheese, tea, spices, and hand-crafted artisan items. This market will also feature the food truck, Simply Spanish, who will be onsite offering traditional Spanish sandwiches and paella. The Canton Public Library will also have an activity, as well as storytimes for the kids to help celebrate March is Reading Month. During this indoor market, Bridge Card and Double Up Food Bucks transactions will also be accepted. Tokens may be purchased at the Canton Leisure Services table.

The final Off-Season Market will take place on Sunday, April 14, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The regular season open-air markets are scheduled to begin on Sunday, May 12, at Preservation Park.

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!

## Youth-led peace walk

On Saturday, April 27, participants of The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center will host a youth-led walk against violence and hate, in partnership with Canton Public Safety, called "Together Towards Tomorrow."

The walk, to be held from 1 – 2:30 p.m., is intended to be a peaceful demonstration of participants' commitment to a community and a future filled with peace and tolerance. This free event will also bring attention to issues affecting area youth, including: bullying, gun violence, mental health, and more. The event will include an inspiring guest speaker, music, and poster-making for the walk around the large pond. Onsite T-Shirt sales will benefit the Youth Advisory Council Endowment Fund, which grants money to other youth organizations in the community that make a difference. Youth of all ages are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## Important Dog Park reminder

Access to the Canton Dog Park via electronic gate key fobs will be discontinued for any Dog Park member who has not renewed their membership by April 1.

Annual membership fees are \$25 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. New Dog Park members are required to submit a refundable key fob security deposit of \$20 at time of registration that will be refunded when membership is discontinued and the key fob is returned. Only one key fob per household will be issued.

For additional information, please visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734/394-5310.

## Canton Community Gardens

If you are looking for space to grow your own produce, Canton Leisure Services has a great opportunity for you to give your green thumb a try!

Applications are now being accepted for the Canton Community Gardens, which are located in the east gardens near the Canton Dog Park and west gardens at Preservation Park near the barn. Three plot sizes are available for rent: Medium (4' x 6'), Large (8' x 10'), and Extra Large (10' x 18') on a first-come, first-served basis.

For additional information or to get started, email the Farmers Market team at [cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org](mailto:cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org) to request an application. For additional information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## Youth sports fun available

Registration for Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association (GCYBSA) baseball and softball is now underway and will end on March 15. Programs are currently available for ages 4-18 for boys and girls ages 4-14. Discounts are available for families with three or more children who register.

All games and practice fields are located in Plymouth and Canton areas.

For more information or to register, visit [www.gcybsa.com](http://www.gcybsa.com), email [gcybsa@canton-mi.org](mailto:gcybsa@canton-mi.org) 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

## Family-Friendly Easter Events

Bring the kids out to Heritage Park on Saturday, April 13, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor Easter and spring-themed activities! Maximize your experience by registering for the Easter Bunny Breakfast, which takes place in the Summit's Grand Ballroom from 9 – 11 a.m. Tickets for the breakfast will be on sale at the Summit front desk from March 11 - April 5. Tickets for residents are: \$16 for ages 13 and up, \$11 for ages 4-12, and \$5 for ages three and under. Tickets for non-residents are \$19 for ages 13 and up, \$13 for ages 4-12, and \$6 for ages three and under. Please note that tickets for the breakfast will not be sold at the door.

No pre-registration is necessary for the Easter Eggstravaganza; however, there is a \$4 resident and \$5 non-resident fee per child which can be paid for at the event's information booths. Continuous egg hunts will be held in two age categories to help keep the "hunting" fair for even our littlest participants. Allow some extra time for parking, as historically this is a well-attended event. The grounds tend to be very wet in early spring, so please dress accordingly.

For more information, please visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org). Volunteer opportunities are available for both events. To volunteer, please call 734/394-5191 or email [pkosbe@canton-mi.org](mailto:pkosbe@canton-mi.org).

## Canton DDA to host Shredding Event May 4

Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will host a Shredding Day Event on Saturday, May 4 from 8 – 11 a.m. in the Super Bowl parking lot, located at 45100 Ford Road. This event is open to Canton residents only and ID will be required. Residents can bring up to two boxes or bags of paper to shred. There is no limit to the size of the boxes/bags; however you must be able to lift them out of your vehicle unassisted.

Call 734/394-5184 for more information.

## Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Happy March! After a long, cold and icy winter everyone is ready for a beautiful Michigan Spring.

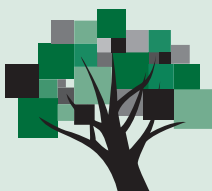
The Treasurer's office was busy with customer service this past month. I appreciate the dedication and hard work that our Treasurer's office has shown to our residents. As you know, winter taxes were due at the end of the business day February 14, at 4:30 p.m. After that time a 3% penalty fee was added to any unpaid tax bill. On March 1, delinquent real property taxes are turned over to Wayne County.

Water billing has a new on-line resource for our residents called "eUtilities." This allows residents to view their account summary, current and past bills, analysis of their water consumption, a full history of their account along with a link back to our online bill pay. Residents can find the "eUtilities" on the water billing page of the Canton website [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org). To set up an account you will need your account number and the name as it appears on your bill. We find the addition of "eUtilities" to be another helpful tool for Canton Township Residents.

A quick reminder that bi-monthly (every other month) billing will begin in May. You would have received a yellow letter, insert, with your last water bill. The letter gave a short explanation of the changes that will occur along with the dates you should expect your water bill and the due date of your water bills.

**Canton will be hosting a Community Forum on water/sewer rates; Wednesday, March 27 at 6 pm in the Board Room. This forum is designed to show residents how water and sewer rates are calculated as well as to answer questions residents may have regarding the 2019 rates. I encourage residents to attend this forum, it is extremely helpful in understanding water/sewer rates.**

As always, we continue to work on improving services for our Canton residents. If you ever have questions or concerns, please call my office at 734/394-5130





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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### MARCH

- 4** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 5** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 9** Camp Registration: Summit. 10 – 12 p.m.
- 11** March Board of Review. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., 1 – 4:30 p.m.
- 12** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 12-13** March Board of Review. 1 – 4:30 p.m., 6 – 9 p.m.
- 14** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 15** Canton Clean-up. Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 16** Mom to Mom Sale. 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 19** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 20** DDA Board of Directors Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 20** State of the Township . 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Village Theater.
- 20** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. Summit on the Park. Chestnut Room. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 734/394-5185..
- 26** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

## VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

### MARCH ART EXHIBITION

Fabric of My Life. Mixed Media Fibers by Boisali Biswas. Reception March 5. 7 – 9 p.m. Free.

### MARCH 2

Don't Stop Believing – An 80s Tribute. Partnership for the Arts. 8 p.m. (Reception at 7 p.m.) \$30.

### MARCH 7 - 10

The Jungle Book. Spotlight Players. Thu-Sat 7:30 p.m., Sat./Sun. 2 p.m. \$14 - \$16.

### MARCH 8

5th Annual Bollywood Bash. BollyBurn Dancers. 7 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

### MARCH 9

Stewart Goodyear. Chamber Music Society of Detroit. 7:30 p.m. \$25 - \$45.

### MARCH 15-16

H.M.S. Pinafore. Main Street Opera Theater. 7:30 p.m. \$15 - \$25.

### MARCH 23

2019 Chinese Spring Festival. Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. 7 p.m. \$5.

### MARCH 29-31, APRIL 5-7

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Spotlight Players. Fri/Sat at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. \$16 - \$18

### MARCH 30

A Brit of Magic Starring Keith Fields and Lady Sarah. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$20.

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