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— WE'VE GOT IT —

Canton to host Annual Hazardous Waste Collection on September 7

Canton will hold its annual Hazardous Waste Round-Up on Saturday, September 7, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Canton's Division of Public Works, 4847 Sheldon Road, just south of Michigan Avenue. This free event is open to Canton residents only and ID will be required. To obtain a detailed list of what will, and will not, be accepted, please call Canton's Division of Public Works at 397-1011 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

The final dates for the 2019 Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collections will be Saturday, August 10, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Westland Shopping Center, located on Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard in Westland and Saturday, October 29, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Wayne County Community College, 21000 Northline Road in Taylor.

These free events are open to Wayne County residents only and are excellent opportunities to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste. For more information or to obtain a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, call 734/326-3936 or visit waynecounty.com.



10th Annual Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn

This popular fall event returns to Preservation Park on Saturday, September 7 from 6 - 9 p.m. Ages 21 and over are encouraged to attend

this special fundraiser that will benefit the Canton Historical Society.



This unique beer tasting event, scheduled to take place at the Cady-Boyer Barn located at 500 N. Ridge Road, will include seven beer tasting tickets to select from a wide variety of specialty craft beers, brats with fixings, and live entertainment. Tickets are \$25 in advance through September 1 and \$30 at the door.

Sponsors include: Canton Leisure Services, Holiday Market, Liberty Street Brewing Company, Canton Brew Works, Alphagraphics, and Beerfests.com.

Get your tickets at the Canton Treasurer's Office, Summit on the Park, and Canton Farmers Market or online at beerfests.com. Remember, designated driver tickets are just \$10. Must be 21 and over to attend. For additional details, call 734/394-5310.

National Night Out returns to Heritage Park

On Tuesday, August 6, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., residents throughout Canton are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend a fun evening in the park with neighbors, celebrating National Night Out.

The event, hosted by the Canton Public Safety, Leisure Services and the Canton Public Library will be held at the north pavilion area of Heritage Park. There will be food, music, crafts and fun activities for kids including an interactive touch-a-truck Public Safety vehicle display.

The Canton Public Safety Department is committed to making National Night Out a time for our community to stand together with your neighbors and celebrate our great community.

Neighborhoods/groups interested in attending this event should contact Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink at 734/394-5194 or pesselink@canton-mi.org.

**This
Month
in
Canton**

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A message from Supervisor Williams



A couple years back, I wrote about the many community volunteer opportunities we have in Canton. I still find that there are a lot of folks out there who are ready to be more actively involved in the community, but don't know where to start.

Volunteerism and community involvement is critically important to keeping Canton vibrant and strong. Engaging in the community can be as simple as becoming a volunteer for Canton at any of our events and programs throughout the year, or for any one of the number of community-based organizations that exist in Canton. Volunteering can be a few hours a year or making longer-term commitments to serve on one of the many commissions, committees and boards within Canton. Openings will be advertised in the Focus when they occur, such as the one we've included for the Partnership for the Arts.

If you have ever thought about becoming a member of a community-based organization, consider joining the newly formed Kiwanis Club of Canton, which meets twice a month at 6 p.m. at the Summit on the Park. Other opportunities include: the Lions Club, Women's Giving Circle, Canton Newcomers, Canton Goodfellows, Canton Historical Society, Rotary Club, Friends of the Canton Library, and many other local organizations that are always looking for active members to grow and promote their causes.

I firmly believe that volunteering improves mental health and contributes to higher levels of happiness, self-esteem, self-worth and life satisfaction.

Anyone interested in becoming more involved, please call either Paula Kosbe, Canton's Volunteer Coordinator, at 734/394-5191 or my office directly at 734/394-5185. Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older.

If at any time you have any other questions or concerns related to Canton, please call my office at 734/394-5185.

Partnership for the Arts & Humanities board openings

The Partnership for the Arts & Humanities is looking for residents who have a passion for art, historic preservation, veterans' services, education or entertainment, to serve on their volunteer board. The Partnership is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that encourages the development of cultural arts and humanities. The Partnership is currently preserving an historic Henry Ford Village Industry and repurposing an industrial warehouse in Cherry Hill Village to create a regional visual arts destination called the Village Arts Factory. For more details, visit www.partnershipforarts.org.

The Partnership holds board meetings on the third Tuesday of every other month. Other board responsibilities include: attending and promoting two annual events, committee meetings and fundraising.

Interested residents should send a resume' and letter of interest outlining their background in the above areas, as well as previous community involvement and fundraising experience, to: Jill Engel, Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, P.O. Box 871722, Canton, MI 48187. Resumes will be accepted through August 16. For more information, email Jill Engel at jengel@partnershipforarts.org or call 734/765-7061.

Back to School Bash

Celebrate back-to-school days at the Heritage Park amphitheater, on Saturday, August 24 from 1- 4 p.m. This free event, presented by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Canton Leisure Services, will offer a variety of student performances and showcases. In addition, schools, community groups, clubs, and area resource centers will be providing valuable information to position your children for success in the coming school year. Participants can also enjoy giveaways, food, games, and some great deals and Early Bird pricing for Fall Leisure Services classes and programs.

For more information, call 734/394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Important program registration information

Registration for classes offered through Canton Leisure Services begins on August 14 at 5 p.m. To prepare for registering with our new CivicRec registration system, past participants are asked to update their account information as soon as possible.

To get started, please call the Summit on the Park at 734/394-5460 to request a login. Then, visit www.cantonfun.org and select Register for a Program and follow the directions on the site. Once completed, you will be able to register for classes and programs. **From August 14-20, use code EARLY10 and save 10%, where applicable.**

First time taking a Leisure Services class or program? Just create your new account prior to registering at www.cantonfun.org by selecting the Register for Programs icon. Walk-in registration will begin on August 21 at 10 a.m. Don't delay and get ready to register today.

For additional information, please visit www.cantonfun.org.

Theater ushers wanted!

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is seeking new volunteer ushers for the 2019-2020 theatre season! The Village Theater ushers play a key role in providing top customer service, so it's essential for all of our ushers to treat every interaction as an opportunity to leave a positive impression of our theater.

Why become an usher?

- Ushers will get to see shows free of charge during their volunteer shifts
 - 50% ticket discounts are available to ushers for most shows on the day of the performance
 - It's a great way to meet new people! Usher recognition, socials, holiday parties, and special trips are just a few of the fun ways that we connect!
 - New Youth Usher opportunities are available for ages 14-17, offering a unique community service experience.
 - Support the arts, learn more about theatre, build customer service skills, and make new friends.
- Join our team! For more information or to sign up for a training date, please contact Usher Coordinator Danielle Bolton at danielle.bolton@canton-mi.org or 734/394-5300 and leave a message regarding your interest. For additional information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

In the CLS Spotlight

Heritage Park Story Trail coming soon!

Starting late summer, visitors to Heritage Park will be able to read a book as they travel the newly installed Story Trail around Heritage Park's large pond. Presented in partnership by Canton Leisure Services, Canton Public Library, and Blue Cross Blue Shield, the Story Trail consists of pages of a featured book that are posted over several stations throughout the park. Readers will work through the story as they travel the trail visiting the seven permanent story stations. The story will begin at station one, located in the park on the path near the west end of the Canton Public Library. All stations will also include a map directing readers to the next story installment.

The first book to debut on the story trail will be "The Bear and the Piano" by David Litchfield, which tells the story of a little bear who discovers a piano in the forest; a Braille version of the story may also be checked out at the Summit on the Park front desk. This combination of literature and exercise in nature is available year-round, as new dynamic and colorful story will be featured on the trail every few months. In addition, book selections will align with Canton Leisure Services and Canton Public Library current programs and initiatives. Additional Story Trail sponsors include: Canton Historical Society, Canton Lions Club, Domino's, Fast Signs, Friends of the Canton Public Library, IHA Canton Pediatrics-Heritage Park, Nephrology and Critical Care PLLC, and Sweetwaters Coffee and Tea.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Tick warning

Michigan's tick population is reportedly on the rise and the Canton Parks Office is warning residents that there have been several reported cases of ticks found on individuals who had visited Patriot Park and Flodin Park. Residents are encouraged to exercise caution when gardening, hiking or taking part in other outdoor activities. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Free Screening of "The Lego Movie 2"

To keep the summer fun going, Canton Leisure Services is offering a free screening of "The Lego Movie 2" (Rated PG) at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Monday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets will be required to attend this free family-friendly movie, so get them before they're gone at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

For more information, please visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

ExpressRide...My Ride to Work!

Do you work in downtown Ann Arbor or at the University of Michigan? 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 right in Canton. Commuting by ExpressRide lets you forget about parking, traffic, and pollution, and the buses have free wi-fi and comfortable seating.

A one-way cash fare is only \$6.25. Become a regular rider and you can use a ten-ride ticket for \$62.50 or a 30-day unlimited ride commuter pass for just \$125. Check with your employer, because employees of some businesses are eligible for discounted passes! For more information, including route details, please visit myexpressride.org.

Michigan Shakespeare Festival returns to Canton's Village Theater

The 2019 Michigan Shakespeare Festival will be in residence at The Village Theater from August 2-18, starting with its performance of Shakespeare's King Lear.

The rest of the dynamic season consists of Shakespeare's Two Gentlemen of Verona and Edmond Rostand's Cyrano de Bergerac.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at www.cantonvillagetheater.org, by phone at 734/394-5300, or in person Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Get your tickets today to see this professional Equity Theater Company, which has been recognized as the official Shakespeare Festival for the State of Michigan, at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734/394-5300 for more information.

Annual Family Field Day and Movie in the Park

Area families are invited to test their athletic prowess at the North end of Heritage Park on Friday, August 9, starting at 7 p.m. during this fun family health and wellness opportunity!

All ages can participate in our Family Field Day featured events, such as old favorites like potato sack races, shoe kicks, three-legged races and wheelbarrow races. No pre-registration required. The \$13 per family fee for Canton residents and \$15 per family for non-residents must be paid on-site; cash only.

Following the Family Field Day, participants can watch "How to Train Your Dragon 3" (Rated PG) in the park on the big screen. Food, snacks, and popcorn will also be available for purchase on site.

Can't make it to the Family Field Day? Just come for the FREE movie at dusk. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.



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



Canton Trail Fund created

Summer is prime time to enjoy the outdoors and Canton has some great trails to enjoy a walk, jog or bike ride with family and friends.



For a map of trails in Canton, visit www.canton-mi.org/149.

A new fund has been established at the Canton Community Foundation, in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services, that is directed toward maintaining and expanding the trail network in the community.

Enjoy Canton's trails now and in the future. Support the Canton Trail Fund with your own donation today at www.cantonfoundation.org. Call 734/495-1200 or email info@cantonfoundation.org.

"Know It Before You Throw It"

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has launched a "Know It Before You Throw It," statewide education campaign to better inform Michigan residents on what can – and cannot – be recycled and how to recycle correctly.

EGLE's goal is to promote awareness of cleaner recycling practices to reduce the amount of contaminated materials improperly going into recycling bins. Contamination occurs when non-recyclables are placed in the carts which can include anything from food waste to plastic bags. Recycling loads with any contamination are automatically rejected from the recycling facility.

To kick off the campaign, EGLE introduced the Michigan Recycling Raccoon Squad, a six-member team of recycling champions who will serve as EGLE's education ambassadors.

For more information on the "Know It Before You Throw It" campaign, visit RecyclingRaccoons.org.

Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Happy August! I hope everyone is enjoying Michigan's warm and sunny summer.

Watering your lawn and garden, as well as cleaning the outside of your home and car during the summer months, will often register higher water usage. All water flowing through your water meter is billable so it is important to keep an eye on your water usage, making sure it is water you are actually using and not a leak. Checking your water meter when no water is in use is a good way to see if you have a leak. If the meter registers water movement, which means water is being used somewhere, you may have a leak. Another way to detect a slow leak is writing down the last four digits on your meter (or taking a picture) and retuning hours later to make sure the numbers have not changed. It is important to make sure no one has used any water when checking for a slow leak.

A quick reminder of our bi-monthly (every other month) billing; expect your bill in the beginning of the month and the due date is always the last Wednesday of the same month. If you do not receive your bill you may call our office, look online or sign up for eUtilities, which is a great resource.

Check out our newly redesigned website, www.canton-mi.org, where we have a lot of helpful information: UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER BILL, A CLOSER LOOK AT YOUR SUMMER TAX BILL, etc.....

Summer taxes were mailed out on July 1 and are due September 16. The Treasurer's office is open 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. We have late hours on Tuesdays during August, 8:30 a.m.- 6 p.m. This is a pilot program to see if there is a need for later hours.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. If you ever have questions, please call my office at 734/394-5131.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 1** Thursday Night LIVE Concert. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 2** Cardboard Boat Races. 6 – 8:30 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 5** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 6** Tuesdays are Terrific. 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 6** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 6** National Night Out. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 8** Thursday Night LIVE Concert. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 8** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 9** Canton Clean-up. Recycling only. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 9** Family Field Day. 7 – 11 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 13** Tuesdays are Terrific. 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 13** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 15** Thursday Night LIVE Concert. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 20** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 21** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 21** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 24** Canton Clean-up and Recycling. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 24** Back to School Bash. 1 – 4 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 27** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

VILLAGE THEATER

SCHEDULE

AUGUST ART EXHIBITION

J. Susan Aitken – “Contemporary Luminescence: Beauty of Color & Light” Paintings. Reception August 1. Free and open to the public. 7 – 9 p.m.

AUGUST ART WORKSHOP

Easy Faux Stained Glass. August 14. 6-8 p.m. \$14.

AUGUST 2

Opening Night of King Lear. Michigan Shakespeare Festival. 7:30 p.m. \$35 - 40. Also performs 8/4, 8/10, 8/15, 8/17 (times vary).

AUGUST 3

Opening Night of Two Gentleman of Verona. Michigan Shakespeare Festival. 2 p.m. \$35 - \$40. Also performs 8/8, 8/9, 8/11, 8/17 (times vary).

AUGUST 3

Opening Night of Cyrano De Bergerac. Michigan Shakespeare Festival. 7:30 p.m. \$35 - \$40. Also performs 8/10, 8/16, 8/18 (times vary).

AUGUST 20

Canton Idol 2019. BeckRidge Productions. 7 p.m. \$12.

AUGUST 21

Lip Sync Battle 2019. 7 p.m. \$12.

AUGUST 23

Satinder Sartaa Live. 8 p.m. \$35 - \$200.

AUGUST 23-25

One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest. Evalino Productions. 7:30 p.m. (Friday and Saturday) 2 p.m. (Sunday). \$16 - \$18.

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