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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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Canton Police Department's Statement of Support

The Canton Police Department stands against injustice and works every day to serve our community. We have been working for over 20 years toward developing a workforce with the mindset and skills to build a foundation of public trust and service, with a genuine commitment to our racially, economically, politically, socially, and religiously diverse community.

We have built a progressive monthly legal training model for our police employees, which focuses on the use of force and Fourth Amendment criminal law. Our educational and training pieces have extended into mental health de-escalation protocols and practices. Our agency has actively trained police officers on implicit bias. Specifically, our cultural diversity and cultural competency training has not only helped our officers understand the implicit bias, but has helped propel our agency as one of the most progressive policing agencies in the region. Further, we train tirelessly on measures to mitigate the use of force, allowing us to rely on non-lethal force methods to bring safe resolutions.

We are proud of our partnerships within our community and region, specifically to our Canton Coalition for Inclusive Communities team, which is a partnership of a diverse group of community and regional leaders. Further, our Community Engagement Team has been very active with ALPACT, which is Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust. In 2019, our Community Engagement Team participated or initiated nearly 200 events with many different groups within our community and region. In 2019, we began a juvenile diversion program, which was started in partnership with Growth Works. In our support of indigent criminal defense and the MIDC recommendations, our agency has taken action to improve defendant representation and learned how we can play a role with overall criminal justice reform, including our bond reform efforts with the 35th District Court.

The Canton Police Department stands for justice and continues to find solutions to maintain public support in service to our citizens and, most importantly, to be impartial to ensure our citizens feel safe and can thrive. Our mutual trust with the citizens of our community is the cornerstone to our success. As always, we are here to serve the Canton community, support all of our residents and visitors, and protect life.

Take a walk, run, or bike ride through Canton's parks and trails

Area residents are encouraged to hit the trails and paths located in Canton's Parks. With nine parks and the Lower Rouge Recreation Trail, there are plenty of opportunities for you to explore the great outdoors while getting active and having fun!

Park visitors are encouraged to practice social distancing; stay home if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, and sanitize and wash your hands often. Visit www.cantonfun.org/147 for park locations.

It's not too late to fill out the 2020 Census!
Call 844/330-2020 or visit www.2020census.gov for online sign up

FOCUS



This Month in Canton

July 4th Fireworks ordinance

The Canton Public Safety Department reminds residents of the Michigan law and Canton ordinance state the following in regard to July 4th holiday fireworks:

(a) The discharge of novelties, low-impact fireworks and consumer fireworks are permitted Monday, June 29 - Saturday, July 4, from 11 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

(b) Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited or discharged on public property, school property, church property, or property of another person without that organization's or person's written permission to use consumer fireworks on the premises.

(c) Minors shall be prohibited from possessing, using, igniting or discharging consumer fireworks.

(d) No person shall use low-impact or consumer fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance or both.

Unlawful use of fireworks can be reported to the department's non-emergency line at 734/394-5400, at the auto attendant dial 2, then 1. Emergencies should be called in to 911. Violators are subject to a civil infraction, punishable by a fine of \$1,000.

DDA Shredding Event August 22

Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will hold a Shred Event on Saturday, August 22, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the IKEA parking lot, 41640 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. Please note, the two box/bag limit will be strictly enforced. All documents will be shredded on site and participants should be prepared for long lines as this is expected to be a high volume event.

For questions about the event, please call the DDA office at 734/394-5184.

All 2020 Hazardous Waste Collections cancelled

Wayne County has canceled all household hazardous waste collections for 2020. That includes the collection scheduled for August 8.

Canton's annual Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up scheduled for Saturday, September 12, has also been canceled.

Residents are encouraged to participate in Canton Cleanups held at the GFL facility on scheduled Saturdays. The next event will take place Saturday, August 22, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Coronavirus relief increases available CDBG funds

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Canton received funds to increase Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations for the year. The additional funds can be used to provide rental assistance and help towards mortgage payments for those residents who qualify. While the additional Canton funds are only to be used for rent and mortgage assistance, Wayne Metro Community Action Agency is administering a variety of other CARES Relief and Recovery services.

For more information, and to find out if you qualify, please visit www.waynemetro.org/CARES or call the Wayne Metro CONNECT Center at 313/388-9799.

STATEWIDE

A message from Supervisor Williams



We, as a state, are beginning our journey towards the reopening of restaurants, retail and other services as restrictions are being lifted.

Many of the community's restaurants, bars and stores have reopened, or are in the process of reopening. To assist with their success, the Board of Trustees recently passed a resolution making it easier to obtain permits for outdoor dining and outdoor retail sales. I encourage you to support our Canton businesses as you venture out. Even if you are not quite ready to dine in, there are many carry-out options available. ShopCanton.org has an extensive list of what local restaurants and retail have to offer as far as dining and shopping options. Please check it out when you have a chance.

We have reopened the Canton Administration Building to the public on a limited basis. A portion of the first floor will be accessible to the public on Tuesday – Thursday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. All visitors will be screened upon entering. There will be a limit of 10 visitors allowed in the main lobby at any given time, and all must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Service windows will be open at the Clerk's and Treasurer's offices. All other departments will provide limited service in the Board Room. At this time, we do not have a date set for a full reopening of the Administration Building.

Additionally, we will continue to hold Board of Trustees meetings via teleconference video until further notice.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we move to reopen the community safely and thoughtfully.

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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 additional information, visit the Michigan Department of Community Health's website at www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases

Be mindful of water usage during summer months

Residents are reminded to keep an eye on outdoor water use, as the more water used, the higher the water bill.

During the State shut down, in-home appointments for meter problems were suspended. We are starting to slowly re-engage that part of our service and have begun to make appointments with residents to go into their homes for meter repairs. If you have an appointment with our DPW, please be mindful of social distancing, wear a mask, and have only one adult present during the visit.

Residents asked to call DTE in the event of a power outage

In the event of a power outage residents should call Detroit Edison at 800/477-4747. Residents may also use that number to report downed power lines.

To report a natural gas leak or emergency, please call DTE at 800/947-5000.

By using these numbers you will put yourself in direct contact with the service provider best able to resolve your issue.

The Canton Administration Building's Lower Level meeting rooms will not be available for use for the foreseeable future. Watch future issues of the Focus and visit www.canton-mi.org for updates on meeting room availability.

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

Building and Inspection Services
734/394-5200

Ordinance Enforcement
734/394-5335

Village Theater at Cherry Hill
734/394-5300

GFL (refuse collection)
844/464-3587

Canton Public Library
734/397-0999



Leisure Services Update

As Canton remains committed to helping contain the spread of COVID-19, the Canton Township Leadership Team and Full-Time Elected Officials have determined the following:

- The Canton Farmers Market will resume on Sunday, July 12, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road, with new COVID-19 safety protocols and restrictions in place. This open-air market will run every Sunday, rain or shine, through October 25.

- All parks and trails remain open. Park playgrounds, and washroom facilities have also re-opened. As a reminder, playground equipment is not cleaned or sanitized. Please also note that restrooms are cleaned once per day, so park visitors should use both at their own discretion. Park users are urged to follow CDC protocols and recommended social distancing guidelines.

- Pheasant Run and Fellows Creek Golf Clubs are open with safety protocols in place at both courses, based on current Executive Orders, to create a stress-free environment.

- All Recreation programs, classes, and events, with the exception of the Canton Farmers Market, are canceled through the summer. This includes all summer camps, programs, community events, and concerts. Please note: Individuals registered for a class, program, or camp that has been canceled or suspended will automatically be refunded.

For the latest on facility updates on the Summit on the Park, the Canton Sports Center, splash playgrounds, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton Club 55+, and The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, visit www.cantonfun.org or www.canton-mi.org/COVID19.

Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Summer is upon us and your summer tax bill should be in your mailbox the beginning of July. If you have not received your bill by July 15, please contact my office. Summer tax payments can be paid July 1 - September 14 without interest or penalty. After this date an interest charge of 1% will be added per month.

There are a variety of ways to pay your property taxes. They include:

- 24-hour drop box: Our drop box is located outside the main entrance of the Canton Administration Building. Please include the bill number or the property tax ID number on your check so that we may be sure to credit the right property. Please do not submit cash through the drop box.

- Treasurer's window: We are open Tuesday-Thursday, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. ***Please note: at the time of printing these are our hours—opening hours and days may change.**

- We accept cash, personal checks, bank checks, MasterCard, Discover and Visa. There is a \$3.95 charge for debit/credit card use under \$160 and a 2.5% charge for credit card payments over \$160. This charge is levied by the banks.

- Online: www.canton-mi.org/296

- By mail: send check or money order to: Canton Treasurer; P.O. Box 87010; Canton, MI, 48187

- By phone with Interactive Voice Response: 1-833-679-1710

- If you meet the following conditions, you may defer your property taxes, penalty-free, until February 14, 2021.

- Age 62 or older (or the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death) eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower of a veteran or serviceperson; permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or hemiplegic; AND total household income in the prior taxable year did not exceed \$40,000.

- Property classified or used as agricultural can also be eligible under specific conditions.

Please stop by the Treasurer's office if you meet any of these conditions and we will prepare a Summer Tax Deferral form. You must bring proof of your household income from 2019 (typically your 1040 form). Forms must be submitted to the Treasurer's Office no later than September 14.