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— WE'VE GOT IT —

Please be advised that dated information in this issue is subject to change based on COVID-19 conditions and recommendations. Visit www.canton-mi.org regularly for Canton's most up-to-date information.

Applications for Local Road Match Program can be submitted June 1

Beginning June 1, Canton's Engineering Services Division will begin accepting applications from Homeowner Associations and other interested resident groups to participate in the 2022 Local Road Match Program. In an effort to help educate residents on how the program works, we've developed the following list of FAQs. Answers to these questions and more can be found at www.canton-mi.org/roads:

- What is the local match program?
- How are applications submitted?
- What if I'm not in an HOA, can I still submit a project?
- How much money will my homeowner group need to contribute?
- What does the project cost include?
- What if my group doesn't know the size of the project?
- Can my homeowner group submit multiple projects for 2022?
- When will you need the check for the matching funds?
- Do I need to provide anything besides a check for the matching funds?

Liberty Fest canceled

In response to the latest guidelines from state of Michigan public health officials and in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Canton Township is officially canceling its 2021 Liberty Fest for the second year in a row due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Rest assured that Canton is making plans to host an alternate community celebration as soon as conditions will allow, hopefully later this fall, that may include a fireworks display.

For the latest updates, visit www.cantonfun.org.

River Day, May 15

Canton's River Day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Flodin Park. For a list of this year's activities, visit www.canton-mi.org/247. Please note, all volunteers will be asked to wear masks and socially distance themselves during the event.

Due to COVID, there will be no t-shirts this year and registration MUST be done before the event at <https://therouge.org/rouge-rescue/>. For up-to-date information, including cancellation notices, follow us at www.facebook.com/CantonMSD.



Canton Farmers Market Opening Day

The Canton Farmers Market regular outdoor season kicks off on Sunday, May 9, offering locally-sourced products directly from the farm to you! Stop in any time between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and find fresh seasonal vegetables, apples, baked goods, cheese, spices, jams, honey, handcrafted artisan items and more!

This outdoor market is open rain or shine every Sunday through October 17 (except July 4 and September 5), from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road. Please note: all market-goers, including children ages 5 and up, are required to wear a face mask to attend the market.

For additional information, please visit www.cantonfun.org/496, as well as www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket. See you at the Market!

This Month in Canton

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A Message from Supervisor Graham-Hudak



I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather! We are very thankful for the warmer temperatures, as it means we can look forward to enjoying all of the many outdoor activities our community has to offer. Please consider outdoor dining at one of Canton's many restaurants. Sunshine and fresh air can do wonders! Good things are still happening in Canton amidst this global pandemic. Treasurer Dian Slavens has some good news for residents in her column about water rates, and the Board just approved goals and strategies for the next four years which include: Welcoming Community, Healthy Ecosystem, Quality Infrastructure, Organizational Climate & Culture and Financial Stability. More to come soon as employee teams work to align actions!

Canton has also partnered with both Kroger Pharmacy and Wayne County to provide weekly vaccination clinics for our residents. Every department and functional area of our organization has pitched in one way or another to make these clinics happen, and I am very happy to report that we are on schedule to have vaccinated 13,000 residents by the end of April. However, vaccinations are not enough. As COVID cases skyrocket, I am once again obligated to urge residents to be vigilant in mask wearing, social distancing and in following other recommended safety guidelines. It takes a village to help each other and we are asking for volunteers to help us at the vaccination clinics. Please volunteer at www.canton-mi.org/582.

I understand that we are all suffering from COVID fatigue. I look forward to the day when this column is nothing but good news about all of the great things happening in our township. But for now, I am also asking that we all show some patience and understanding to our neighbors, fast food workers, store clerks, and others as we go about our day. A little kindness can go a long way.

Have a great May, and Happy Mothers' Day!

Clerk's Office wins national award

The Canton Clerk's Office is proud to announce that the United States Election Assistance Commission has awarded the Clerk's Office with a Clearinghouse Award in the category of "Outstanding Innovation in Election Cybersecurity & Technology." The award recognizes the Clerk's hard work in implementing new technology and software to reduce wait times at the Clerk's Office while providing better service.

Hazardous waste disposal options

When it comes to properly disposing of hazardous waste, Canton residents can use the following options:

ERG Environmental Services, located at 1340 Merriman Road in Livonia offers year-round hazardous waste disposal for a fee of .75 cents per pound with a minimum fee of \$20. For more information, please call ERG at 734/437-9650.

Canton residents can also dispose of limited hazardous waste items at scheduled Canton Cleanup events. To view the 2021 cleanup schedule, visit www.canton-mi.org/917.

Canton will also hold a Hazardous Household Waste event on Saturday, September 11, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Public Works Building, 4847 Sheldon. This free event is open to Canton residents only. To obtain a detailed list of what will and will not be accepted, please visit www.canton-mi.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can sign up to receive notifications from Canton Township? Simply click "I Want To" on the homepage menu, and you can sign up to receive emergency alerts, eNewsletters, enroll in autopay and more!

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Mother/Son Dance to be held at NEW location

Celebrate Mother's Day in a special way on Saturday, May 22! Moms, Aunts, Grandmothers, and more are invited to attend an afternoon of dancing and memory-making with their favorite little guy(s) from 1-3 p.m. or 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the new Preservation Park outdoor pavilion and the Cady-Boyer Barn, 500 N. Ridge Rd. All ages require a ticket and can be purchased at www.cantonfun.org until May 19.

NEW THIS YEAR! These special dances will be held outdoors and will feature a "Beach Party" theme, so feel free to dress the part! In the event of inclement weather, the rain date will take place on June 5.

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

Bark in the Park returns

On Saturday, May 16, dog owners and their pets are encouraged to attend "Bark in the Park" at the Canton Dog Park, located on Denton Road, just north of Cherry Hill Road. From 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. participants along with their pets can enjoy live entertainment and more. This event is FREE, although due to COVID-19, pre-registration for a timeslot is required at www.cantonfun.org. Please note: Non-dog park members must show proof of up-to-date vaccination for rabies and DHLPP to attend.

In the CLS Spotlight

Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage update

This month take time to celebrate the arts during the 10th annual Canton Acts of Culture Week, which will run May 1-7. Due to pandemic restrictions, this week-long celebration, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, will feature a special compilation of cultural offerings on Canton Community Television (CCTV).

The Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage also wants to know Who's Your Local Hero? The COVID pandemic disrupted the lives of many, but it also showed us some true local heroes. In a time of darkness, many people were the light and now it's time to shine the spotlight on them! Every month the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage will recognize a Canton Township Hero, who has displayed acts of kindness, hard work and dedication going above and beyond the call of duty and tie them to one of the many celebrated holidays throughout the year. For additional information, including replay times and nomination forms, please visit www.canton-mi.org/181.

Summit 'Spring into Fitness' Membership Special

From May 1 - 15, the Summit on the Park is offering a "Spring into Fitness" membership special, where you can purchase a three-month membership and get one additional month FREE! Choose from the following packages: Individual, Family, Student, Senior, or Couples online at www.summitonthepark.org. Family Memberships are only available at the Summit front desk.

Summit outdoor fitness returns!

With warmer weather comes the return of outdoor fitness classes at the Summit! Spring and summer fitness will feature indoor and outdoor options with strength, cardio, yoga, and senior-based classes. All fitness classes are free for Summit members. Non-members can take advantage of our outdoor fitness classes for only \$5 per class for Canton residents. For more information and to register, visit www.summitonthepark.org or call 734/394-5460.

Mom to Mom Sale

If you're looking for some great bargains, come to Canton Leisure Services' Mom To Mom Sale on Saturday, May 15, in the parking lot of the Summit on the Park. Find over 60 booths featuring gently used baby and kids clothing, shoes, and more from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Interested in selling some items? Booth sales are currently underway at www.canton-mi.org. Due to the changing COVID-19 guidelines, elements of this event may change and will be updated at www.cantonfun.org.

Canton's "Feet on the Street" Recycling Quality Improvement Program

Canton's Feet on the Street program began last month. The goal of this program is to reduce the amount of contamination found in residential recycling carts.

In an effort to help residents recycle properly, we've developed the following FAQs:

Why can't I put clean pizza boxes in?

Unfortunately, the paper mill where the pizza boxes are taken will not accept the boxes. We used to allow clean pizza boxes, but too many people were still throwing greasy pizza boxes in their carts. Because so many people abused this rule, we can no longer accept any pizza boxes.

Why can't bagged recyclables go in?

The assembly line at the materials recovery facility moves very fast. Employees don't have time to grab bags off of the conveyor belt and open them. Any bagged recyclables will be thrown away.

Is shredded paper accepted?

No – we see a lot of shredded paper placed in bags and put in the cart. Please do NOT do this. Paper needs to be placed in the cart whole. The fine pieces can get stuck in a machine and shut down the line. If you have shredded paper, call your local schools. Many of them have paper recovery bins that will allow shredded paper.

Why are plastic bags not allowed?

When plastic bags get mixed in with other recyclables, they're difficult to sort out, and often jam or damage the machines at materials recovery facilities and slow down the recycling process. Therefore, we do not accept plastic bags or plastic wrap in our curbside program.

Why can't I recycle propane tanks and batteries?

These are considered hazardous material and can cause fires or explosions in the recycling facility. For the safety of all staff, please keep these items out of your cart. These items should be taken to hazardous waste collections. Canton's annual event will take place on Saturday, September 11 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Public Works Building located at 4847 Sheldon Road.

What about paper towel, can that go in the cart?

No – paper towel, toilet paper and tissue can NOT go in the cart. Please dispose of these items in your regular trash.

Why can't I recycle construction material such as wood?

Construction material is not allowed curbside. Large wood pieces are too large for the machine and can damage recycling equipment. Please take these items to a Canton Cleanup. To view the schedule visit www.canton-mi.org/917

Can I leave cardboard boxes outside of my cart?

No – all cardboard and paperboard boxes must be broken down and placed inside the cart. Anything left outside the cart will not be collected.

How can I get more information on recycling?

To view a list of what is and is not accepted curbside visit www.canton-mi.org/230. You can also email questions to municipalservices@canton-mi.org or follow us at [facebook.com/CantonMSD](https://www.facebook.com/CantonMSD).

We have also scheduled a webinar on recycling for Thursday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. GFL's education specialist will show attendees how to properly recycle and there will be a Q&A sessions for all participants.

Registration to attend the webinar is mandatory and can be done at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XcYRobSpQcM8aaQ61yhDbQ

Feet on the Street is an eight-week program with each home in Canton being inspected four times. Because the community is so large, it was divided in half. The first half is being inspected April 19 – May 14 with the second half inspected May 17 – June 11.

Questions can be directed to 734/397-1011 or emailed to municipalservices@canton-mi.org.

For more information make sure you follow us at [facebook.com/CantonMSD](https://www.facebook.com/CantonMSD).

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

Public Works
734/397-1011

Engineering (roads)
734/394-5150

GFL (trash collection)
844/464-3587



Committee members needed

Currently, Canton is looking for residents to serve on two committees: the Canton Cares Fund Advisory Committee and the Technology Committee.

The Canton Cares Fund Advisory Committee focuses on reviewing requests and advising on the proper use of the Canton Cares Fund. Members must be a Canton resident and willing to serve a three-year term with quarterly meetings. The Canton Cares Fund is a 501(c)(3) program in partnership with the Canton Community Foundation that assists families in need following a disaster as well as supports areas within the Township.

The Technology Committee will work to review technology available externally in the township and to develop a strategy to meet the Canton Board of Trustees goals and objectives as a smart sustainable township. This group will meet monthly at a minimum until the strategy is developed. It will then be determined as to the frequency of subsequent meetings.

Interested residents should fill out an application at www.canton-mi.org/590 by Friday, May 28.

Canton ADA Public Meeting

Canton Township will hold an online public meeting to provide an update on its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan on Tuesday, May 11, at 3 p.m.

To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, protect public health, and provide essential protections to Canton residents, this public meeting will be conducted by video teleconference in accordance with Michigan law.

Interested residents can find a meeting link at www.canton-mi.org/217

For more information, please visit www.canton-mi.org.

Treasurer Slavens' Corner



Township Hall is now open to the public and it has been wonderful to see our residents in person, even behind the masks.

In April, the Board of Trustees approved the 2021 Water and Sewer Rates for Canton Township. Each year, recommendations are prepared by the Municipal Director, the Finance Director and their staff, on the proposed water and sewer rates. This year their recommendation resulted in an average decrease of 10.95%, on a typical customer's bill. I am happy to report that effective May 1, consumption rates will be \$6.36/1000 gallons for water; \$3.89/1000 gallons for sewer, for a total cost of \$10.25/1000 gallons.

As we are happy to report the changes in water/sewer fees, we are asking residents to continue monitoring their water meters for any leaks. Leaky faucets, toilets, water heaters and spickets can be costly if left unrepaired.

A few helpful hints for savings in water use: run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher; keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator for drinking instead of running the tap for cold water; turn the faucet off while shaving, washing up and brushing teeth; shorten your shower one or two minutes; use low-flow shower heads; do not sprinkle lawns in the heat of the day and adjust sprinklers so they do not water the sidewalk, driveway and street; set mower blades to the highest setting to decrease evaporation; and mulch around shrubs and garden plants to minimize evaporation. We can all do our part in keeping water rates low by watering your grass, running your dishwasher and laundry machine during the non-peak hours of the day.

As we continue to face challenges in this month of May and recognize National Mental Health Awareness Month, we can also look to May for many things to be grateful for: the start of summer, flowers blooming, and Mother's Day.

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



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

- 1** Fishing Derby. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 1-7** Canton Acts of Culture Week. CCTV. Visit www.canton-mi.org/181.
- 3** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 4** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 11** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 16** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit on the Park. Call 734/394-5185 for information.
- 18** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 25** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

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- 1** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 7** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 8** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 15** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 16** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit on the Park. Call 734/394-5185 for information
- 22** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 28** Summer Palooza. 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 29** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.

Support the Canton Trail Fund



With the onset of warmer temperatures, many residents will be out walking, riding and strolling the many trails throughout the community.

The Canton Trail Fund is designed to provide grants to Canton Township for the building and maintaining of public bike and walking trails within the township. The intention of the fund is to be a supplement to existing and proposed future trail improvements, maintenance, expansion and capital construction activities of the Township.

Visit www.localimpactalliance.org/funds/canton/designated-funds/canton-trail-fund

Virtual Neighborhood Know-How scheduled for May 13

Join the Canton Supervisor's office for the first ever virtual Neighborhood Know How! Major topics to be covered will include roads, lighting, and ordinance concerns during the pandemic.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m.

Please email sgloster@canton-mi.org to register, and a zoom link will be sent to you for the event.

COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing continues to be available at Heritage Park, 46202 Heritage Park Road (North Pavilion parking lot).

Testing is currently available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pre-register at www.MemorialClarity.com