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— WE'VE GOT IT —

Bites for the Barn

Gather around the table with your neighbors and enjoy delicious small plate eats from local chefs and food trucks, quench your thirst with several beer and wine options, listen to some music and support local artists at Canton's new community dinner nights, which will be held monthly throughout the summer. The first al fresco dinner will be held on Tuesday, July 13 from 6-8 p.m. at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road.

Table registrations and payment is required in advance at www.cantonfun.org. Per Person Fee: \$35R/\$46 NR (tickets include 4-5 small plates; beer and wine sold separately). Please note: Tables will be configured for eight individuals. To be seated at the same table, participants must register together on the same transaction. Seating assignments and priority seating is determined by registration date on a first-come, first-served basis.

This inaugural event will highlight "SUNDAY BRUNCH," featuring:

- Great Lakes Confections - Mini Donuts;
- Truckin Waffles - Chick'n & Waffles;
- Grace Savory and Sweet - Breakfast Scramble;
- Tapped - Avocado Toast;
- Meltdown Creamery - Ice Cream Dessert;
- Maraschinos Pub - Beer and Wine (additional fee). Musical entertainment will be provided by Bob Skon. Future Bites for the Barn include: August 3 and September 14.

Learn more at www.cantonfun.org.

July 4th Holiday Fireworks

The Public Safety Department reminds residents of the Michigan law and Canton Township ordinance that state:

(a) The discharge of novelties, low-impact fireworks and consumer fireworks are permitted June 29 - 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 Public Safety Department's non-emergency line at 734/394-5400, at the auto attendant dial 2, then 1. Emergency situations should be called in to 911.

Violators are subject to a civil infraction, punishable by a fine of \$1,000.

7th Annual Rally on Ridge

Enjoy local eats and music at the 7th Annual Rally on Ridge event, held on Saturday, July 24, from 4 – 9 p.m. as food trucks will line Ridge Road between Uptown Avenue and Cherry Hill Road. All ages are encouraged to join us for this special fundraiser that will benefit the Canton Farmers Market. The evening will feature several popular gourmet food trucks, live local musicians, and a Beer Garden area.

Do you have a food truck and are interested in participating in this year's event? Contact the Farmers Market at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org. Come out for a great night with great food to support the Canton Farmers Market! For all the details, visit www.canton-mi.org/496.



This Month in Canton

S U P E R V I S O R S

A Message from Supervisor Graham-Hudak



Hello Neighbors,
I was sad to see the loss of our Cady-Boyer barn to a fire over Memorial Day weekend. Many of you have asked about the plan for replacing it. We are currently working with the insurance company for removal of debris. Once that is completed, we will begin developing plans for the future.

As our facilities continue the reopening process, I wanted everyone to know that Canton Township is still looking for part-time workers in many positions. Jobs are open for both seasonal and year-round employment. You can check our website for details: <https://canton.applicantpro.com/jobs/>

We are continuing to work with GFL on trash, recycling and compost pickup. They are experiencing resource issues and have stated they will continue to work overtime to pick up compost by the end of each week. I have had a chance to speak with many residents regarding our refuse collection, and I appreciate your information and feedback. We are in constant contact with GFL, and publish updates publicly through our website and Municipal Services Facebook page. You can find updates at www.canton-mi.org, and www.facebook.com/cantonmsd/

As Independence Day approaches, it is good to not only know the rules and ordinances related to fireworks in our community, but also to brush up on fireworks safety in general. Please reference the article on the front page of this newsletter developed by our Public Safety department. I encourage you to please read it thoroughly, it will answer many questions you may have.

Please have a happy and safe fourth of July.

Tell us what you think of your Public Safety Department

Now is the time to rate your Police and Fire Departments. During the month of July, Canton Public Safety is offering citizens the opportunity to evaluate the department's police, fire, emergency medical, and ordinance services.

The survey can be accessed directly at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021CPSD> or through the department's website at www.cantonpublicsafety.org, under Spotlights on the homepage.

Survey results will be reviewed by Public Safety officials to identify any potential issues or areas of concern. The results will also be taken into consideration as the department gathers information for its next Five-Year Strategic Plan.

Results of the survey will be available to the public later in the year on the department's website, Canton FOCUS newsletter, and various local and social media outlets.

Building Inspections now done online

As of June 1, all inspections MUST be scheduled online. Canton's Automated Phone System is no longer available. For step-by-step instructions on how to schedule an inspection online, visit www.canton-mi.org/1024.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Canton Board of Trustees recently passed a resolution declaring May 2021 as Asian American and Pacific Islanders Month in Canton Township and another commemorating June 19, 2021, as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in Canton Township.

You can view these, and all of the resolutions passed by the Board in 2021, at www.canton-mi.org/206.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Canton's Pride OUTside

Canton is celebrating PRIDE month with a special LGBTQ+ Pride OUTside event that will take place on Friday, July 9, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, located behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

All ages are welcome at this FREE inclusive event that is sponsored by: Sweetwaters Coffee and Tea of Canton and Red Head Salon. Program features include: keynote speaker Jay Kaplan from the ACLU; a concert by Detroit Singout Choir; DJ Zaneta; community resources and partners, local vendors, food trucks, beer and wine. Make sure to show your rainbow pride! For additional information, please visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

Village Theater Call For Artists

The Gallery@VT would once again like to invite area artists to apply for a group or solo art exhibition for the 2022 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 five years. Submissions are due by July 30. For submission information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Spray Day with Canton Fire and Police

Cool off with Canton's Fire and Police Department on Thursday July 15, from 12:30 - 2 p.m., at this special pop-up splash pad at the Summit on the Park's west parking lot, 46000 Summit Parkway!

Fire trucks and hydrants will be spraying all participants, so come in your bathing suit and be ready for fun! Shoes, flip flops or water shoes are required to participate. Shaved ice will also be sold onsite.

Pre-registration is required to participate in this FREE event at www.cantonfun.org/register. All ages are welcome to take advantage of this unique way to cool down! Please note, only those who will be getting wet are asked to register. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org/678.

'Tuesdays Are Terrific' Concert Series

This summer, come Rock Out at these FREE concerts, sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union. Meet your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of music, food and fun at the Heritage Park Amphitheater from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from July 13 - August 10. All ages welcome to attend. Additional support provided by these generous partners: Canton Public Library, Busch's Fresh Food Market, and Kona Ice. All concerts are weather dependent.

For additional information, please visit www.cantonfun.org/722 for the full concert schedule or call 734/394-5460.

In the CLS Spotlight

Become a Junior Park Pro

Canton Leisure Services invites area children to become an official Canton Junior Park Pro this summer just by touring 10 local parks, snapping a fun action photo, and sharing their experiences. Participants are encouraged to explore Canton's neighborhood parks now through August 31, to earn a customized pin for each location visited.

Becoming a Junior Park Pro is as easy as one, two, three! 1) Visit a Canton Park. 2) Take a picture. 3) Email the fun photo, along with the participant's address to laura.mortier@canton-mi.org to earn a pin! All ages are welcome to participate in this free park program. After you visit each park and submit your photo, you will earn a customized park pin that will be mailed to you. Visit five parks and earn a Canton Lanyard to collect your pins on. Visit all 10 and receive Junior Park Pro Status with a certificate and special pin to complete your collection. For more information on becoming a Junior Park Pro, please visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Thursday Night Live Concert Series returns

Area residents are invited to experience another summer of free music at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, featuring a weekly dose of fresh air and family-friendly fun! This year's Thursday Night Live Concert Series, sponsored by Canton Community Financial, include: a variety of weekly food vendors; a Beer and Wine Garden sponsored by Maraschinos Pub, with 100% of sales going to Second Chance At Life – a local non-profit group that helps Michigan families with medical transplant costs; and more.

The July schedule includes:

July 8: The Oneders - The World's Best One Hit Wonders;

July 15: Kari Holmes – Country Favorites;

July 22: The Third Degree - Rock Hits;

July 29: JOVI - Bon Jovi Tribute.

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are weather dependent. For more information, call 734/394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

Canton Farmers Market

Warmer weather will bring lots of produce to the Market, which is now in full swing. Head to Preservation Park every Sunday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. through October 17, for fresh locally-grown produce, meats, cheeses and much more!

The Market, located at 500 N. Ridge Road, will also host various food trucks, chefs for cooking demos, and local musicians to create an afternoon of fun for the entire family! Food assistance is proudly accepted at the Market. Stop by the information booth to redeem SNAP benefits and Double Up Food Bucks. For more information, go to www.canton-mi.org/496. See you at the Market!

It's Park and Recreation Month

Since 1985, America has recognized July as the nation's official Park and Recreation Month. This month is the perfect time to see what your local parks and recreation have to offer and to share your stories with us by sending pictures of you and your family utilizing Canton's outdoor amenities.

Email your photos to Dave.Harris@canton-mi.org for a chance for them to appear on Canton Community Television. Join the fun by visiting www.cantonfun.org and www.facebook.com/cantonfun for the latest outdoor programs available this summer. Also, be sure to share your favorite Parks and Recreation moments using #CantonFun and #OurParkAndRecStory.

For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Family Movie Camp-out

On Friday, July 16, families are invited to "camp out" overnight in Independence Park and take in a movie under the stars, featuring "The Croods: A New Age" (Rated PG) at dusk. Plenty of fun activities will be available before the movie, beginning at 6 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. To participate in this overnight activity, a \$25 per tent fee must be paid in advance online at www.cantonfun.org. Set up begins on Friday, July 16 at 4 p.m. Tents and RV's are both welcome. Please note, no electricity or RV hookups will be available. For those not staying the night, there is a \$7 per person wristband fee to take part in the evening's activities. Dinner and concession items will be sold Friday evening, as well as breakfast items on Saturday morning.

As weather conditions continue to pose ground-condition challenges, please watch for updates on the Family Movie Camp Out at www.cantonfun.org.

B.L.O.C.K. Afterschool Program

Since 2001, The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center has provided after school and youth development programs for thousands of teens in our community.

The B.L.O.C.K. (Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids) is a hip 3,000 square foot, state-of-the-art center that offers a safe, supervised and social setting for teens ages 11-17. Registration for The B.L.O.C.K.'s Afterschool Membership for the 2021-2022 school year opens to the public starting July 20.

Visit cantonfun.org/theblock for additional information and pricing details, or call 734/398-5570.

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



Cady-Boyer Barn destroyed by fire

A fire on Sunday, May 30, destroyed the Cady-Boyer Barn, located at 500 N. Ridge Road in Preservation Park. Firefighters battled the blaze, which engulfed the wooden building quickly, for over an hour but the entire structure was lost.

After a thorough investigation, it was determined that the fire was caused by a combination of the careless use of ground fireworks (specifically colored smoke bombs) and the burning of paper as part of the creation of a social media post.

While the fire was unintentional, this incident serves as a strong reminder that even small novelty fireworks can cause significant damage. Fireworks of all types should be kept at a safe distance from structures, should never be handled by someone under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and should only be used under close adult supervision. Although the destruction of the Cady-Boyer Barn is a significant loss to the Canton community, the Township is grateful that no individuals were hurt, and that none of the other historic structures at Preservation Park were damaged.

Revive 275

This summer, MDOT will begin a large-scale construction project named "Revive 275," aimed at improving and rebuilding 23.5 miles of I-275 from Will Carleton Road to Six Mile Road. The project is anticipated to start in July with construction taking place over the next four years.

All information related to this project, including closures and detours, can be found on the project website at <https://revive275.org>.

Treasurer Slavens' Corner



Summer is upon us and that means your summer tax bill should be in your mailbox the beginning of July. If you have not received your bill by July 15, please call my office at 734/394-5130. Summer tax payments can be paid July 1 - September 14. After that, 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: located outside the main entrance of the Administration Building. Please include the bill number or the property tax ID number on your check. Please do not submit cash in the drop box.

Treasurer's window: Monday - Friday, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We accept cash, personal checks, bank checks, MasterCard, Discover and Visa. The bank levies a \$3.95 charge for debit/credit card use under \$160 and a 2.5% charge for credit card payments over \$160.

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

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

Pay 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, 2022.

1. 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.

2. Property classified or used as agricultural property can also be eligible for deferment under specific conditions.

If you meet any of these conditions, please visit our office no later than September 16 and we will prepare a Deferment form. You must bring proof of your household income from 2020 (typically your 1040 form).



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

- 2** Independence Day (observed). Administration Offices Closed.
- 5** Independence Day (observed). Administration Offices Closed.
- 6** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 8** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 12** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 13** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 20** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 21** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Summit on the Park. Call 734/394-5185 for information.
- 21** Leisure Services Advisory Committee. 7 p.m.
- 27** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

AUGUST

- 2** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 3** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 10** Board of Trustees Board Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 12** Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage. 7 p.m.
- 12** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 17** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.

Golf Course safety reminder

With golf season underway, we ask anyone other than golf course patrons to please refrain from walking on golf course cart paths or being on the course unless you are a paid guest. Although the golf course is an inviting place, it can be a very dangerous area to be walking around on. Golf balls can travel up to 300 yards in the air, meaning you may not see one coming. There are also a number of blind areas where a golf cart may not see you. In addition, individuals on the course can be a distraction to golfers playing their sport.

For the safety of all, we ask that you refrain from being on the golf course or any of the cart paths. Canton has plenty of walking paths and trails within close proximity that offer a great change of scenery.

For information on these scenic paths and trails, please visit www.cantonfun.org.

Partnership for the Arts event

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities will hold a hybrid in person/virtual fundraiser "An Evening for the Arts" on July 29, at Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill. All of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to support the Village Arts Factory.

For those who would like to attend in person, the evening will include a strolling dinner, live entertainment and an exciting array of silent auction items. A limited number of tickets are available for the in-person experience at \$75 each. If you would like to also attend the afterglow party at Marachinos Pub, just purchase the next level tickets at \$100 per person. For art supporters who are not yet ready to venture out, you can still get in on the fun online. Tickets for the virtual experience are \$25 each and include a link to view the on-stage entertainment performed that night, and to place bids in the online auction. Check out www.villageartsfactory.com/an-evening-for-the-arts for updates and links to purchase tickets.