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SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

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SAFETY DAY

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Faircrest Park
5:00pm-8:00pm

Angello's 2U

Rak's BBQ

Poppy's Tacos

Life Is What You Bake It

QUESTIONS:

Call Township Office
(330) 484-2501



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

All regular meetings will be on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 pm at the Township Office, unless noted otherwise.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Community Center GRAND Re-Opening

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Come explore the newly renovated Community Center as the township celebrates the grand reopening with an open house. The facility recently underwent a massive refresh and reconfiguration that included new windows, new HVAC, new walls and ceilings, a new kitchen, renovated classroom, audio/visual equipment, and new restrooms.

The Township invested over \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds into updates. Explore the center and envision possible rental opportunities for organizations, business meetings, as well as for family parties and special events. Come check out the updates. We are sure you will be impressed.



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ADVERTISE WITH US

**CANTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER
ADVERTISING POLICY**

The township newsletter is published four time a year with circulation of approximately 6,200 Canton Township homes and businesses.

Fee Structure

1 Issue Commitment <i>price per issue</i>		4 Issue Commitment <i>price per issue (10% Discount)</i>	
Business Card Size	\$75.00	\$68.00	\$ 272.00 \$28 Savings
One forth (1/4) page	\$125.00	\$113.00	\$ 452.00 \$48 Savings
One half (1/2) page	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$ 900.00 \$100 Savings
Full page	\$500.00	\$450.00	\$ 1,800.00 \$200 Savings

The Canton Township Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any advertisement for publicatio. Only retail ads will be accepted.

Please contact Chaunie Skirtich at 330-484-2501 for more information or vixit our website: www.cantontwp-oh.gov to download an applicaiton.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Canton Township Historical Society

A HISTORICAL NOTE FROM YOUR CANTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Your Canton Township Historical Society is pleased to announce that, in cooperation with the Township Trustees, we will soon be placing pieces of township history within the new showcases in the updated Township Community Center. Look for them in the south hallway to the right after you enter the building.

We are always interested in adding new members and business sponsors. If you are interested in becoming a member or business sponsor, contact us at CTwpHS@gmail.com. We would love to encourage our young people to

become interested in the history of Canton Township.

We are also on the lookout for donations of materials (or cash) such as items, pictures, etc. You can maintain the originals as we can scan pictures and other things to preserve them for our collective past. Do you own or work at a long-time township business? Do you know a lot about its history? Would you be interested in recording that history? Contact us! Does your organization need someone to attend a meeting to talk about township history? We may be able to provide someone to do so. Contact us!



Did you know that Baum Street went through several name changes? Do you know about the many businesses that were in or around the village? Watch for future meeting announcements as we get settled into the new facility at the Community Center for speakers that we are planning to have at our meetings.



Hello Canton Township,
It is my honor to be your Ohio State Representative.

*Please feel free to contact me anytime via email at:
rep50@ohiohouse.gov
or by phone at 614-466-9078
with any questions or concerns.*

Matt Kishman

STARK LIBRARY

**You're Invited
to Southgate's First Birthday Party!**

Our Southgate Branch turns one!
Celebrate with us at our Southgate Branch **Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 10:00am-11:00am**. Join us for a birthday celebration with games, cake, and lots of fun for the whole family!

3025 Cleveland Ave. SW Canton, OH 44707
Inside of shopping plaza | (330) 484-6814



**Discover What's Happening at
Southgate Branch!**



There's always something exciting at Southgate!
Scan the QR code or visit StarkLibrary.org to see what's happening and discover all our upcoming events.



Delivery of Two New Ambulances Expected by End-of-Year

The fire department is getting closer to receiving two of the four ambulances that have been on a long-term back order. There has been a post-Covid industry-wide delay in the production of new ambulances.

The original order for two units was placed in the summer of 2023. At the time there was a shortage of chassis to build the ambulances on. This created a backlog for ambulance manufacturers to fulfill orders. The second two ambulances were ordered in the winter of 2024 with an expected 2027 delivery. Chassis are now available, but there is such a backlog of orders that the ambulance manufacturers cannot catch up with the production needs.

The ambulances we are replacing were originally purchased in 2002...yes 23 years ago! Three of the units underwent a "re-mount" in 2014. This is when



Conceptual rendering of our future ambulances

the ambulance box is removed and placed on a new chassis. But even these three units are now eleven years old. And that 2002 unit is still in service!!! Our strong preventative maintenance program and on-site dedicated mechanic and shop has enabled the department to stretch the life of these units until we can get them replaced.

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Canton Ohio 44707



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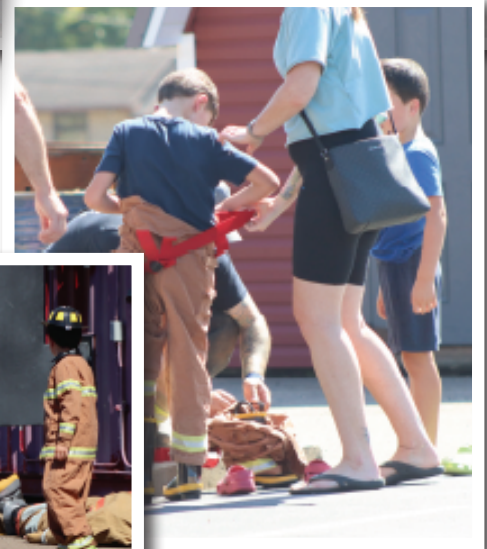
FIRE DEPT. NEWS

Canton Township Fire Department

SAFETY DAY

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 • 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

- Station Open House
- Food
- Health Representatives
- Bouncy Houses
- Demonstrations
- Car Seat Inspection
- Military Vehicles
- Community Resources
- Red Cross
- Sheriff's Office-Child ID's
- Narcan Education
- Face Painting
- Smokey the Bear
- Stark Parks
- Medical Helicopter



ISSUE 12 – ROAD LEVY RENEWAL***PASSED . . . Thank you for your continued support*****Canton Township Road Levy...**

The May 6th ballot had the road renewal levy. Thank you to everyone that went out and supported this. The Road Levy is the only source of funding for ongoing road resurfacing. This 2.9 mil renewal levy will allow the Township to continue resurfacing roads over the next 5 years. This funding is essential in restoring the roads throughout Canton Township. Everyone wants a smooth road, and this is how it happens. Thank you again for supporting the levy which will provide resurfacing of the roads you drive on everyday.

What resurfacing has been done in 2025 . . .

The 2025 Asphalt Paving project has been completed for the year. The project consisted of the milling and re-asphalting of 3.86 miles of streets throughout the Township. Superior Paving was awarded the bid for the project at \$627,000.

What is still to come in 2025...

The 2025 Chip Seal project is on its way. The bid was awarded to Geauga Highway Co in the amount of \$95,302.00 for 5 miles of roads and stone will be purchased from National Limestone directly by the Township at the cost of approximately \$26,000 which brings the project cost to just over \$121,000.

Crack Sealing...

The Public Works Department has been out crack sealing various streets throughout the Township. When done, they will have installed 13.5 tons of sealing material which will help keep water out of the asphalt in turn prolonging its lifespan. The cost of that material came to \$23,000 this year.

Other projects...

Along with the routine summer work of maintaining signs, guardrails, mowing right of ways, ditching, patching potholes, cleaning and flushing of catch basins and culverts, trimming trees, and whatever else comes their way, the Public Works Department had 3 large culvert replacement projects they completed. The three projects included a culvert replacement on 9th St NW, culvert replacement on Cheyenne SE, and several culverts on Prairie College St SW. Just those three culvert jobs have amounted to a combine cost of \$80,000. They have also completed numerous smaller culvert jobs throughout the Township but these were the three major projects for the year.

***Storm Water Pollution Prevention Tips – What Can You Do?***

- Never allow any chemicals, yard wastes or any other materials to be washed down or put into storm drains. These drains may bypass the wastewater treatment plant and go directly to lakes or rivers.
- If you must buy an item that is potentially hazardous, be sure to buy only as much as you need, and follow the instructions on the label for proper use, storage, and disposal. Save unused materials for a local household hazardous waste collection event. For more information, contact your local solid waste management district. For district contact information, visit Ohio EPA's Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsiwm/pages/recycpro.aspx or call (614) 644-2621.
- Use a garbage can for trash and recycle reusable materials. Improperly discarded trash may be carried by runoff into the storm sewer.



SUMMIT
e-WASTE
RECYCLING SOLUTIONS



Canton Township Resident Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 4th 8:00 a.m.- noon

Canton Township Administration Building

4711 Central Ave SE

What to bring

- Tires – must be off rim
- Scrap metal
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Household debris- no garbage

**Township staff will be on hand to assist with unloading*

Electronics Recycling

- Desktop Computers & Monitors
- Printers- All Types & Sizes
- Cell Phones, PDAs & Mobile Devices
- Telephones & Phone Systems
- Modems, Routers & Servers
- DVD Players, VCRs & Stereos
- Game Consoles & Radios
- Cables, Wires & Power Adapters
- Ink & Toner Cartridges
- Anything that plugs in or uses batteries
- Televisions

****There will be a charge for each CRT “tube” TV dropped off. \$10 for 12” and smaller and \$20 for anything over 12”. Screens are measured diagonally. All forms of payment are accepted, but ask if cash please have exact change.**

What NOT to bring

- Batteries
- Appliances containing freon
- Oils/ antifreeze
- Pesticides/ Herbicides
- Paint of any kind
- Chemicals
- Construction debris
- Light Bulbs
- Railroad/ landscape ties
- Propane tanks

It's time to clean out your garage, yard, and basement and help keep Canton Township looking its best.

This free event is open to Canton Township residents only and provides a safe, convenient way to dispose of unwanted household items.

This event is for Canton Township Residents only. *Proof of residency will be required.* For questions regarding the event, please call the Public Works office at (330) 484-2501.

Canton Township Zoning Nuisance Totals

- The Canton Township Zoning Department has sent 72 Zoning Nuisance letters for Trash & Debris, 33 letters for Inoperable Junk Vehicles, and 31 letters for Property Zoning Infractions. Currently we have deemed 84 properties as nuisances and added them to our Canton Township Nuisance List. We have worked to bring 64 of those properties back into zoning compliance. Our office has made zoning corrections to several properties this year. All costs and expenses of properties zoning corrections incurred by Canton Township Zoning are assessed to that property owner's tax duplicate.
- The Canton Township Zoning Department has sent 290 High Grass Nuisance Mowing notices out, with 205 corrections by the property owners, and 85 corrective mowing by the Township. The cost expense for the Township to mow these delinquent properties will be forwarded to that property owner's tax duplicate and applied as a lien. (As of 8/22/25)

Zoning Permit Reminders

- ✓ All accessory buildings, sheds, and pools on your property require zoning review and permitting. Zoning requires property setbacks on placement for these accessory items.
- ✓ Chickens are not permitted on Township properties of less than one (1) acre of property.
- ✓ Zoning permits are required prior to placement or construction on property in Canton Township for any and all new construction, porches, patios, decks, garages, fences, structure additions, signs, carports, and solar panels. Should you have any questions on if you may need a zoning permit, please contact the zoning office at 330- 484 -2501.

Do you have unlicensed vehicles on your property?

Section 300.4(v) Parking and Storage of Certain Vehicles: No person shall park, store, or leave, or permit the parking or storing of any unlicensed motor vehicle or any vehicle in a rusted, wrecked, junk, partially dismantled, inoperative or abandoned condition. Whether attended or not, upon any property within the Township unless the same is completely **enclosed within a building**, unless otherwise specifically permitted by these regulations.



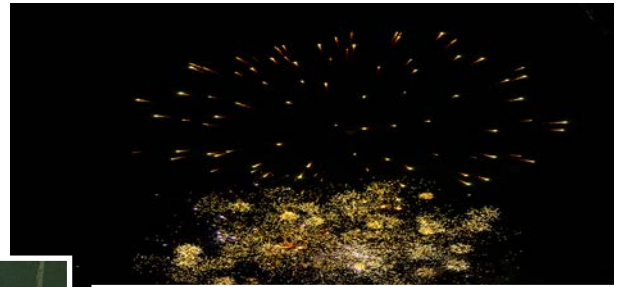
Faircrest Park Playground Equipment

As part of the ongoing evolution of Faircrest Park, your Canton Township Board of Trustees were awarded a grant for \$250,000 from FY 25/26 State of Ohio Capital funding. This funding was used to purchase and install new playground equipment. The new equipment installation was finished in June and seems to be a hit.



Community Day 2025

Canton Township Community Day 2025 was another great success with approximately 3,000 attendees. A big thank you goes out to all our sponsors which without them this event would not be possible. Also thank you to our Township employees and volunteers, community vendors, and local Boy Scouts for making this a day to remember. We greatly appreciate our long-time grand sponsor LED Transportation, for safely shuttling attendees all evening. Once in the park, visitors enjoyed a variety of food trucks, facepainting, balloon art, bounce houses, and activities from community vendors. Karri Fedor and Kerosine returned this year for a live performance and the night concluded with a spectacular, low aerial fireworks display.



PARKS/COMMUNITY

THANK YOU to our 2025 Community Day Sponsors

Grand Patron Sponsors \$1,000



Your Elected Officials
 Mark Shaffer, Trustee
 Christopher Nichols, Trustee
 Keith Hochadel, Trustee
 John Ring, Fiscal Officer
 Personal funds utilized. No taxpayer dollars used.



Super Patron Sponsors \$750



Milhoan Asphalt Maintenance Inc.
 Paving, Sealcoating, Stripping, and Asphalt Repairs

Supporting Patrons \$500



SOL Harris/Day Architecture
www.solharrisday.com



ADELMAN'S



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General Patrons \$250



Vince Russo Concrete LLC



GWI General Contracting



Dick Fritz Tire & Brake

All Nations Tabernacle 

Dean & Penny Bednarz

Tracy Stadelman

Dan & Judy Gill

Al & Angela Brown

Chuck & Vera Shaffer

Dr. Dale & Patience Rush

Bill Wright

Gary & Jeanne Hussar

Miscellaneous Donations

Chris & Christine Scarpino

Canton South AARP

Vicki & Noah Mittas

Todd & Tracy Miller

Randy & Susie Hein

Jim & Nancy Abbott

Chris & Tamra Neisel

Jim Zuccaro

Dan & Chauni Skirtich

Save the Date
Canton Township Community Day
Saturday, June 20th, 2026
Faircrest Park

PARKS / COMMUNITY

A YEAR IN REVIEW - COMMUNITY EVENTS ...

WINTER FEST 2024



EASTER EGG HUNT 2025



COMMUNITY DAY 2025



CANTON TOWNSHIP & CANTON LOCAL SCHOOLS
Community
**HOLIDAY PARADE
& WINTERFEST**

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Holiday Parade 4:30pm

North on Cleveland Ave. S. from 45th/Ridge to Southgate Commons

Winterfest 6:30pm

Special event at Faircrest Park immediately following the parade

❄️ **Music & Live Entertainment** ❄️ **Tree Lighting** ❄️ **Santa Claus**
❄️ **Photos** ❄️ **Refreshments & Food Trucks** ❄️ **Fireworks**

Cantontwpholidayparade.com

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Email: cantontwpcommunityparade@gmail.com



CANTON TOWNSHIP PARKS / COMMUNITY



Ho Ho Ho! It's that time of year again!

We are excited to announce the return of the Canton Township Holiday Parade and Winterfest on Saturday, December 6, 2025 — two fantastic events celebrating one great community! We hope you will join us as a Sponsor, Participant, or both.

Our evening **Holiday Parade** will begin at 4:30 PM and travel north on Cleveland Ave from 45th St SW/ Ridge to Southgate Commons. As with last year's parade, you have a variety of ways to participate - please review the enclosed entry form for details. If you wish to rent a float, we are once again partnering with Creative Floats. You may share a float with another organization or even "donate" a rented float to a civic or community organization. Please note that parade space is limited- last year we had approximately 70 units- which is close to our capacity- so **please return the registration/sponsorship form or scan the QR Code and register online ASAP!** We expect to be at capacity by late summer, and possibly earlier. Entries will be accepted on a "first-come, first served" basis. We'll confirm receipt of your registration and provide some preliminary rules and instructions.

Winterfest will open at 6:30PM at Faircrest Park. Plans for Winterfest will again include a special visit from Santa Claus, special stage performances, roving entertainers, music, singing by Sounds of South, face painting, crafts, a bonfire, a tree lighting ceremony all capped off by a fireworks display! We'll have food trucks and other refreshments available. Attendance last year far exceeded our expectations.

We are offering the following sponsorship opportunities for Winterfest:

- Platinum Sponsor – \$500
- Gold Sponsor – \$300
- Friends of Winterfest – \$100

For more details, please refer to the enclosed sponsorship form. We're proud to share that last year we did a fantastic job recognizing our sponsors in both the Canton Local and Canton Township newsletters, on marquee signs throughout the community, banners at Winterfest, and across social media.

For your convenience the enclosed form can be used for Parade registration or Winterfest sponsorship, or both!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you.

Sincerely,

The 2025 Canton Township / Canton Local Holiday Parade Committee

Questions?

Email: Cantontwpcommunityparade@gmail.com

Website: Cantontwpholidayparade.com

FB: [cantontwpholidayparade](https://www.facebook.com/cantontwpholidayparade)

CANTON TOWNSHIP PARKS / COMMUNITY



Thank you for your interest in participating in the Community Holiday Parade and Winterfest
on Saturday, December 6, 2025!

Entry Name: _____

OR

Contact Name: _____

Day of Parade Phone # _____

Contact Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____



QR Code for sign up form

Sponsorship

☐ \$500 Platinum

- Large logo on Banner at Winterfest
- Large logo on Event Website & Facebook
- Large logo on Marquee Sign at CSHS and listing on Canton Township Digital Signs

☐ \$300 Gold

- Small logo on Banner at Winterfest
- Small logo on Event Website & Facebook
- Small logo on Marquee Sign at CSHS and listing on Canton Township Digital Signs

☐ \$100 Friends

- Listing on Banner at Winterfest
- Listing on Event Website & Facebook

Parade Registration

Float Entry / Rental

- ☐ Full float with our own riders
- ☐ Share a float with another business or organization*
- ☐ Sponsor a float for use by a group or organization*
- ☐ We will be using a personal float
- ☐ Other _____

*Committee can assist, coordinate

Parade Entry (you may check more than one)

- ☐ Trailer Pulled Behind Vehicle
- ☐ Multiple Vehicles Riding Together
- ☐ Single Vehicle (car, truck, etc.)
- ☐ Walkers
- ☐ Marching Band

Number of people in your unit: _____

Number of vehicles participating: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Sponsors, please make check payable to: Holiday Parade and Winterfest Committee

Return form and/or send payment: Attn. John Ring, Canton Township

4711 Central Ave SE - Canton, OH 44707

CANTON TOWNSHIP

CANTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Canton Local Schools Presents



THE STAGE MUSICAL

BASED ON THE  FILM

NOV. 7, 2025 - 7PM

NOV. 8, 2025 - 7PM

NOV. 9, 2025 - 3PM



Tickets available online (debit/credit) and at the door
one-hour before each show (cash/debit/credit)
\$12 Adults / \$10 Students and Senior Citizens

tinyurl.com/CLSEventTickets

CSHS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
600 FAIRCREST ST SE



Upcoming Events EVENTS @ CSHS PAC

October 22, 2025

CSHS Finale Marching
Band Concert, 7 pm

November 11, 2025

FMES Veterans
Celebration, 5:30 pm
@FMES

November 7-9, 2025

Grades 6-12 Musical
"TARZAN"

December 6, 2025

Canton Twp
Holiday Parade
Marching Band, 4:30 pm
45th to Southgate

December 8, 2025

FMES Holiday
Sing-a-Long
Kindergarten, 6 pm
Grade 1, 7 pm

December 9, 2025

Winter Band
6-12 Concert, 7 pm

December 10, 2025

CSMS Winter
Choir Concert, 7 pm

December 15, 2025

CSHS Winter
Choir Concert, 7pm

**All events are held at the
Canton South Performing Arts Center,
unless otherwise noted!**