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## 2024 CANTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY



WHEN:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd**

WHERE:

**FAIRCREST PARK**



### MAIN EVENT

**Karri Fedor  
&  
KEROSENE**

The Voice!!!  
They'll Rock your Faces off...  
you'll love it.

\* ENTERTAINMENT \* FOOD VENDORS \*

\* FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE \* FIREWORKS \*



## Promotions & Staffing at Canton Township Fire Dept

– See Page 7



## 5 New Radar Speed Limit Signs to be installed in Canton Township

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### 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

## By The Numbers, from your Fiscal Office

### Employees:

We currently employ 46 full and part-time employees in our Administrative, Zoning, Fire and Public Works (Road) Departments plus your four elected officials.

### Property, Auto & Liability Insurance:

The total insurance premium for 2024 was \$63,475. This covers all of our properties, vehicles, equipment, and liability insurance. We purchase insurance through the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a self-insurance pool endorsed by the Ohio Township Association (OTA). The OTARMA Program is designed to provide Ohio Townships with the coverages necessary to properly protect their assets and your tax dollars.

### 2024 Budget:

Our year-end “Certificate of Estimated Resources” that is issued by the Stark County Budget Commission (comprised of our county Auditor, Treasurer and Prosecutor) was \$11,743,989. This includes revenue estimates from all sources: property taxes, levies, funds from the State of Ohio, Federal American Rescue Plan funds, grants, etc.; as well as “carryover” (funds left over from last year). The Certificate sets the “limit” on what the township can budget and spend within a calendar year.

### Payment Ledger:

Canton Township issued 1,604 separate payments in 2023. This includes all payments that we issued (typically by check) for supplies, services, equipment etc. (not including bi-weekly employee paychecks). We received 1,558 separate payments in 2023. This includes funds received from Stark County, State of Ohio, our park pavilion and Community Center rental


fees, donations, insurance payments, grants, zoning and other department fees, and interest earned.

### Take that to the bank:

We have earned over \$159,331 in interest income over the last three years by investing in the Government Insured Deposit Program offered through the Ohio Auditor of State’s office.

John E. Ring  
Fiscal Officer

Teresa Anslover  
Assistant Fiscal Officer

## EMERGENCY ALERT PROGRAM

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Emergency Alert Program. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You pick where, you pick how.

**This service was made possible through a grant from our friends at Marathon.**

**Two ways to join:**

1. Download the Everbridge app from your play store, search Canton Township OH, and complete your registration, or
2. Click on the Everbridge link located on our website homepage at [www.cantontwp-oh.gov](http://www.cantontwp-oh.gov)



# ADMINISTRATION NEWS

## Canton Township Historical Society



The Canton Township Historical Society is proud of the growth we've experienced in the past (almost) two years of our active existence. Formed in August 2021, the Society has a full roster of officers and Board Managers but is always looking for people who are interested in our township history that want to join us and become involved. Yearly membership is \$10/individual.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at either the Canton Township

Community Center or the Community Room at Canton South High School. Location of the meeting is always noted far in advance on our popular Facebook Page, Canton Township Historical Society. We also have a website [www.cantontwphistory.org](http://www.cantontwphistory.org) and you can email us at [CtwpHS@gmail.com](mailto:CtwpHS@gmail.com)

The Society's goal is to eventually have speakers at each meeting who can share history about our township, founding township families or the county in general. Popular speakers have been Richard Haldi, Larry Hackenberg and Doug Perry. Projects we're currently working on and aggressively seeking information/pictures about are: the establishment and growth of the Waco and Prairie College areas; and the development and operation of the Canton Motor Speedway. Anyone with information about either areas or places, please email us!

\*The Canton Township Historical Society is not an entity of Canton Township government\*

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Canton Ohio 44707



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## 2024 CANTON TOWNSHIP



### Faircrest Park • June 22, 2024 EVENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

Event Sponsor's Name

(Business, Organization or Individual)

Name of Contact Person

Mailing Address

Email

Phone Number

**\*Event Packages are available. Please call us to discuss sponsoring the fireworks, band, or stage\***

**Event Patron Level:**

- Grand Patron \$1,000
- Super Patron \$750
- Supporting Patron \$500
- General Patron \$250
- Misc. Donation \$\_\_\_\_\_

\*We can accept checks made payable to Canton Township or simply call to pay by credit card (transaction fee applies). For additional information or questions about packages, please call Canton Township (330) 484-2501.



# CANTON LOCAL NEWS



## CANTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

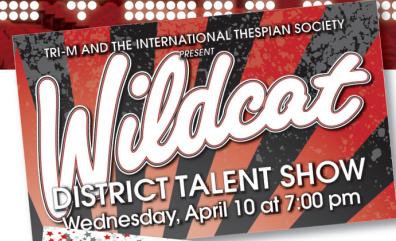
PRESENTS

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wildcat District Talent Show .....April 10 7:00pm
- Founder's Day 200th Anniversary Event ...April 19 5:30pm
- Senior Showcase.....April 25 7:00pm
- Little Shop of Horrors ..... May 10 & 11 7:00pm
- CSHS Band Spring Pops Concert..... May 13 7:00pm
- CSMS Choir Concert ..... May 14 8:00pm
- CSHS Choir Concert..... May 15 7:00pm
- Mitch Rossell..... May 17 7:00pm
- Grades 5-8 Band Pops Concert ..... May 22 7:00pm
- Class of 2024 Graduation ..... May 24 7:00pm

All Events At CSHS Performing Arts Center  
600 Faircrest Street SE Canton, Ohio 44707

More details at [cantonlocal.org](http://cantonlocal.org)



## CANTON SOUTH ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

### Patron Drive

The Canton South Athletic Booster Club has begun its annual Patron Drive! The cost to become a patron is \$5.00. All patrons will be recognized in the home football programs. Deadline July 24, 2024. The patron drive supports all athletic teams.

Complete the form below, drop off at CSHS or at the Booster table at Community Day (6/22) or mail with payment to:

Canton South Athletic Booster Club PO Box 80348, Canton OH 44708.



Name as it should appear \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



## GEORGE T. MAIER

### Stark County Sheriff

Stark County Safety Building • 4500 Atlantic Blvd NE • Canton, OH 44705-4374  
 Administrative Offices • (330) 430-3800 • Fax (330) 430-3844 • [www.starkcountyohio.gov/sheriff](http://www.starkcountyohio.gov/sheriff)

Jail Division • (330) 430-3668 • Fax (330) 451-1309

Court Services Division • 110 Central Plaza S., Suite 301 • Canton, OH 44702 • (330) 451-7425 • Fax (330) 451-7050

Dog Warden Division • 1801 Mahoning Rd. NE • Canton, OH 44705 • (330) 451-2343

Dear Friends,

As we begin 2024, I wanted to take some time to inform the Canton Township community of a program that I recently implemented at the Stark County Sheriff's Office through the SPIDR Tech Company. As your Sheriff, continuous improvement and transparency are significant priorities for me. The SPIDR Tech company helps us all in both of those areas. For those residents that have called us over the past couple of months, you may have experienced some of what this program is about. Most people who place a call for service with the Stark County Sheriff's Office will receive a communication from our office that is generated by the SPIDR Tech program in the form of a text message. Residents can expect to get updates that their call was received and further updates when a deputy is dispatched to address their issue. We know that your time is valuable and this communication is important. Out of safety concerns for both residents and deputies, there are a few types of serious calls that do not receive these messages. Sometimes, the element of surprise is important in our line of work.

An additional valuable tool associated with this new program is the ability to send a survey to evaluate our deputies' service. About twenty-four hours after the call for service is completed, residents can expect to receive an additional message with a link to complete a brief survey. The goal of the survey is to help us assess the performance and professionalism of our deputies and communication technicians. While only a few short questions, we take the results seriously and carefully review all of the responses. The information gathered is valuable and fits within the goals of greater transparency and continuous improvement. The community input has already helped us identify areas that we can do better. So far, the results have helped us provide better information to the public with our response and also helped us address ways we can improve communication with our residents. I have the utmost confidence in the professionalism, integrity and courage of the men and women who work at the Stark County Sheriff's Office to serve your community. SPIDR Tech has validated that opinion but also given us additional tools to better serve you. Below is a recent report generated by the SPIDR Tech program to show where your Sheriff's Office is trending.

Also noteworthy is my appointment by the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association as their President in 2024. This is an esteemed position appointed by the other 87 sheriffs in the state of Ohio. The association is an organization of the Ohio Sheriffs and assists in the prompt exchange of information pertaining to duties, methods and official practice of its members in the enforcement and execution of state law. It is truly an honor to serve in this capacity with my colleagues and help mold the direction of the association for the next year.

Be safe,

## New Multi-Use Vehicle Placed in Service

The fire department recently acquired a 2023 Dodge Ram multi-use vehicle from Industrial Equipment in Bartow, Florida. Over the last two months, our department mechanic has been readying the vehicle to fit our needs. The truck was purchased for \$139,500.

This unit will serve as our grass/brush fire truck as well as our water rescue equipment vehicle. It has plenty of compartment space to carry all the equipment necessary to manage grass/brush fires while also carrying the necessary equipment for



water and ice rescues. The truck will also tow our new rescue boats that we acquired last year through a grant. We look forward to many years of service from this new vehicle.

## Department has Been Busy Preparing for Staffing Increase

The passage of our replacement fire levy last Spring by our residents has allowed the department to begin addressing its severe staffing issues and to begin planning for aging equipment.

The department has recently completed a competitive recruiting process and has hired eight additional full-time fire/medics. The additional staff will allow us to have eight full-time fire/medics assigned to each of the three shifts. We will now be able to maintain our daily on-duty staffing level of seven without relying on overtime depending on part-time staff. Obtaining and retaining part-time staff has been an ongoing problem in the fire industry. Our new full-time recruits will begin their shifts on April 7th.

oaths to Captains Dane Whitsett and Michael Edwards, and to Lieutenant Michael Henkel. Captain Whitsett will be leading 3rd shift with Lieutenant Henkel serving 3rd shift as well. Captain Edwards will be leading 1st shift. These promotions fill vacancies in our leadership team. All three officers began their new roles January 1st.



As part of the process of shoring up our staffing and aligning our shift leadership for the future, we conducted a promotional ceremony for two captain positions and one lieutenant position. During our December awards ceremony, Trustee Nichols administered the



### CANTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING POLICY

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

#### Fee Structure

| 1 Issue Commitment    |          | 4 Issue Commitment             |             |               |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| price per issue       |          | price per issue (10% Discount) |             |               |
| Business Card Size    | \$75.00  | \$68.00                        | \$ 272.00   | \$28 Savings  |
| One fourth (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 publication. Only retail ads will be accepted.

Please contact Teresa Anslver at 330-484-2501 for more information or visit our website: [www.cantontwp-oh.gov](http://www.cantontwp-oh.gov) to download an application.



## We Have Award-Winning Employees!!

Canton Township has the privilege of having not one, but two employees recognized by the industry for their contributions to their community and department, and for their work excellence and drive to educate themselves to serve us all even better. Fire Inspector Michael Beachy and Fire Mechanic Jeff Yerian were both honored in separate ceremonies that independently recognized them in their respective fields.



**Fire Safety Inspector Beachy** received the Dave DeMeo Award at the 2023 Stark County Firefighters Fire

Prevention Breakfast. This award goes to a Stark County fire prevention officer for their work in fire prevention and education.



**Fire Mechanic Jeff Yerian** received the Emergency Vehicle Technician of the Year Award for 2023 which was presented by the Ohio Association of Emergency Vehicles Technicians. Jeff was selected by an OAEVT committee to be recognized for his ongoing work performance, field expertise, and his desire to continue to pursue additional EVT certifications and trainings

that increase his knowledge base.

Congratulations to both of these outstanding employees.

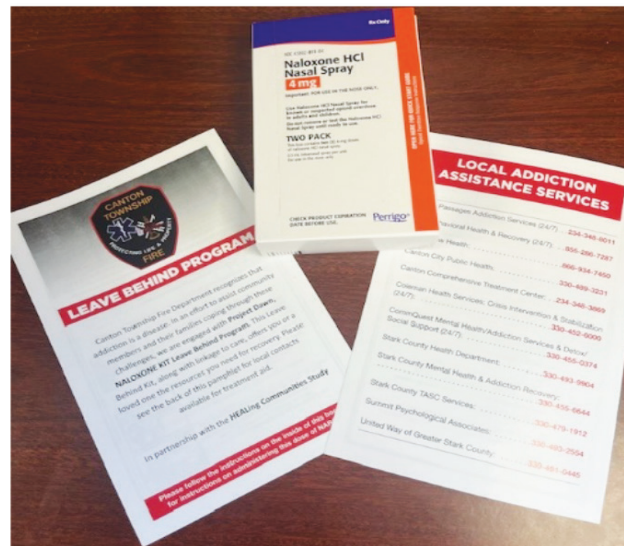
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## Canton Township Partners with Community Addiction Program

With the ongoing opioid related overdose calls, and the increase in addiction related services, Canton Township has partnered with the HEALing Communities Study to offer the **NALOXONE KIT Leave Behind Program**.

This program-funded project provides the department with doses of NARCAN and a handout that instructs how to administer the dose as well as a list of community resources and services to aid yourself or a family member that may be dealing with addiction. Crews will make these available to patients and their families when we respond to overdose related incidents.



## 2023 Stats for Review

### STAFFING EXPERIENCE

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Administrative & Support Staff | 131 Total Years |
| Full-time Fire/Medics          | 149 Total Years |
| Part-time Fire/Medic & EMTs    | 99 Total Years  |

### RUN VOLUME

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Fire &amp; EMS Calls</b> | <b>2,590</b> |
| EMS Related Calls                 | 1,939        |
| Fire Related                      |              |
| Structure Fires                   | 70           |
| HAZMAT Related                    | 56           |
| False Alarms                      | 119          |
| Service Related                   | 254          |
| Miscellaneous                     | 152          |

### DEPARTMENT TRAINING

**Total Training Hours for the Department 2,927**

Includes the following categories:

- Basic Fire & EMS Training
- Communications Lab
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Course
- Winter Operations & Chimney Fire
- Apparatus Pumping Operations
- Refinery Operations
- Search and Rescue
- Technical Rescue Including Water Rescue, Extrication & Rope Rescue

### FIRE PREVENTION

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Annual Commercial Building Inspections       | 331                   |
| New Business Inspections                     | 18                    |
| Foster Home & Daycare Inspections            | 9                     |
| Safe Home Surveys                            | 40                    |
| Number of Installed Smoke Alarms             | 69                    |
| Multiple Prevention Events                   | 2,000+ people reached |
| Multiple Business Walk-Throughs and Preplans |                       |

### AHA CPR TRAINING CENTER

Canton Township's American Heart Association training center oversees 226 instructors, 19 eCard locations and 8 training sites. We provided the certifications for the following:

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| BLS Provider                       | 2,540 |
| Heartsaver First Aid               | 71    |
| Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED       | 993   |
| Heartsaver CPR                     | 462   |
| Heartsaver K-12 Schools            | 233   |
| Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid CPR | 43    |



# SOUND THE ALARM

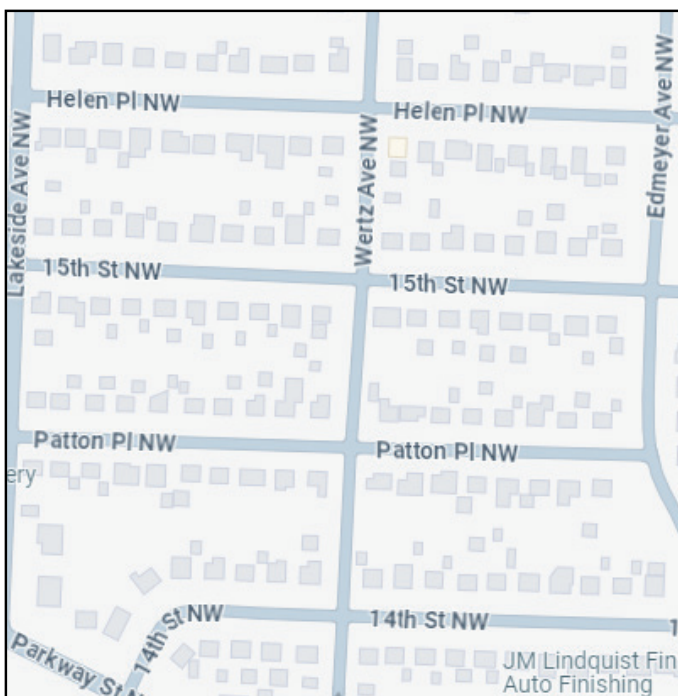
Save a Life

## *Sound the Alarm Walk Scheduled for May 4th*

The American Red Cross, in conjunction with Canton Township Fire Department, will be going door-to-door offering to install free smoke alarms. There is no cost to our residents for this service and the canvassing will be done by local volunteers.

Any resident or business that would like to volunteer to help, either financially or with canvassing, should contact Fire Inspector Michael Beachy in our fire prevention department.

**(330)-484-6165 ext. 107**



This year, The Red Cross has selected the following NW area for canvassing.

14th, Patton, 15th,  
& Helen between  
Lakeside & Edmeyer.



# PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Check the Township Website in April for the  
2023 Canton Township Public Works Annual Report  
[www.cantontwp-oh.gov](http://www.cantontwp-oh.gov)

## Community University Education Purchasing Association Regional Council of Governments



Canton Township has recently joined the Community University Education Purchasing Association Regional Council of Governments. Also known as the COG-CUE.

### WHAT IS CUE?

CUE is a professional, non-profit association that makes it possible for public, non-profit entities to save substantial sums of money through volume collective purchasing.

Currently the CUE bids out the purchasing of salt for over 47 different members. With volume in numbers, they can obtain lower prices on what we pay for salt. Historically we have been part of the Stark County Salt Purchasing Co-Op. In January it was announced that our current Co-Op, through the Stark County Engineer, will be cancelled and we need to look into other options. Canton Township, the Stark County Engineer, and 9 other Stark County Townships have joined the CUE.



## The Public Works Department Replaces a Truck

The Public Works Department recently purchased a used 2019 Ford F-450 from AutoNation in North Canton for \$55,961. This truck replaced a 2003 Ford F-350 which was sold on GovDeals. You will see this truck throughout the Township performing various tasks on our roads and in our parks.

*Welcome to the Team!*

**Anthony Ruess  
and  
Cody Jones**

**Welcome to the Public Works team!**





## New Speed Limit Signs

Being a Township, we do not have the authority in the State of Ohio to establish speed limits nor do we have the authority to enforce them. The Ohio Department of Transportation, aka ODOT, is the entity responsible for establishing speed limits. What they set is passed onto the Township through the County Engineer. The Stark County Sheriff or Ohio State Patrol are the Law Enforcement agencies that can enforce them.

Canton Township receives numerous complaints about speeding and most of the time our hands are tied about what to do other than refer the complaints to the Sheriff's office. This past fall

the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of five (5) radar signs at the cost of \$17,226. These signs were purchased in hopes that they could remind drivers of their driving speed.

Currently Carnwise, Highview, and Forestdale have signs installed. The last two will be installed this spring.

Along with these the Township still has our "Speed Trailer" which is our portable speed sign. During the months of April through November you can request this sign be placed in any area of the Township. To request the portable sign, please call the Township office.

## What is Asphalt Crack Sealing?



Crack sealing is the process of placing an adhesive sealant into cracks on the pavement surface, preventing the

infiltration of moisture and non-compressible materials into the pavement.

### DOES CANTON TOWNSHIP CRACK SEAL?

The answer is yes. Crack sealing is a maintenance step in preserving the asphalt road surface and extending the life of the asphalt. The Public Works Department has crack sealed in the past by either hiring an outside company to do the work for us or performs the work in-house. Last fall, the Public Works crew was out crack sealing streets that were paved 2 to 3 years ago to help preserve them. We purchased approximately 8,000 pounds of crack seal, melted it down at 350 degrees, used an air compressor to clean out the cracks, and filled them with sealant. The crack seal project in 2023 cost \$13,085.63. Looking ahead into 2024, we are anticipating to double that amount by our crew.

## Changes Coming to Canton Township's Yard Waste Site

The Canton Township Yard Waste Site is undergoing major changes. The Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Recycling District has historically, through grants, funded the money needed to haul all the yard waste from our site to a compost facility. We have heard rumors that this funding was going to be discontinued and the current sites would either have to close or be funded 100 percent by the local host. Those rumors were confirmed in February when the Recycling District announced that all funding will end in 2025.

In 2023 Canton Township was awarded \$40,300 in grant funding from the Recycling District. We exceeded that dollar amount in early October but remained open based on the Recycling District's communication to us that they would reimburse the Township for all hauling expenses over the awarded grant amount. When we closed the site on December 31st and all bills were paid we exceeded our grant amount by an additional \$14,225 for a total of \$54,525.



*Yard Waste Site Continued*

Jackson, Lake, and Plain Township have all converted their Yard Waste Sites over to private sites that require a paid, yearly subscription to use. The advantage of their private sites is it is only for their residents. You must live within their jurisdiction to purchase the key card to enter their site. This makes the sites more manageable than before, reduces the amount of waste produced, and helps keep out the commercial businesses who have been abusing the sites for years.

Canton Township, along with Nimishillen Township, have chosen to privatize in 2024. The Recycling District has offered us a one-time payment of up to \$40,300 (our last grant amount) to help offset the Township’s cost to update our site with a new entrance gate, exit gate, cameras, and a key card system. Our Public Works Department, along with outside vendors, have already

started the installation of several of the new components which are expected to cost around \$47,000. The location of the site will remain where it has always been, but there will be a new flow of traffic in and out of the facility.

Residents that wish to use the Yard Waste Site will have to obtain a Key Card from the Township Administration Building at the rate of \$40.00 per year/season. As this will be new for everyone involved, we do not have everything in place at this time to say exactly when we will start selling key cards or when the site will open for the season. Please watch our website at [www.cantontwp-oh.gov](http://www.cantontwp-oh.gov) for more information or follow us on our Facebook page- Canton Township Road and Parks Department.

## Winter Update....

Your Public Works Team did another fantastic job keeping the streets safe for all travelers throughout the winter.

Canton Township does not maintain all streets that run through the Township. There are many streets that are maintained by the Stark County Engineer or ODOT. If you ever have a concern, please reach out to us.

With winter coming to an end here are a couple comparisons between the 2022/23 season and the 2023/24 season.



|                          | 2022/23                | 2023/24                |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Tons of Salt Used</b> | <b>1,371 tons</b>      | <b>1,774 tons</b>      |
| <b>Cost of Salt Used</b> | <b>\$91,388</b>        | <b>\$103,846</b>       |
| <b>Cost to Buy Salt</b>  | <b>\$66.42 per ton</b> | <b>\$67.76 per ton</b> |
| <b>Man Hours on Road</b> | <b>778 hours</b>       | <b>753 hours</b>       |
| <b>Labor Cost</b>        | <b>\$25,299</b>        | <b>\$25,306</b>        |
| <b>Times called out</b>  | <b>17</b>              | <b>20</b>              |



## FAIRCREST PARK

### WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

Have you driven past the park and noticed a new fence?

If not, check it out. All the old, rotting posts were removed last fall and a new split rail fence was installed. What a difference!

Have you noticed the large ditch that run beside the parking area is gone?

The decision was made to install culvert pipe under the parking area and fill in the ditch. The ditch was becoming a safety concern for visitors to the park along with the park maintenance



### WHAT IS COMING

There is an area that has a ground water issue, so some french drains will be added to help dry it out. The area is around one of the disc golf baskets so this will make it nicer for golfers that visit and play the course.

The new split rail fence that was installed in the fall still has dirt around the posts. That will all be cleaned up and slag put around them to manage the weeds and save the maintenance crew time with trimming around them.

And the big addition in "24" will be the construction of an amphitheater. The Township received a \$300,000 Capital Grant from the State of Ohio to fund this project. CCI Commercial Construction Inc. was awarded the bid in the amount of \$272,940. A few changes had to be made by the structural engineers and we chose to powder-coat all the steel which increased the total amount to \$287,908. We will be breaking ground in March and completion will be around the beginning of June. That will be just in time to break in the new amphitheater during Community Day 24. We would like to thank Matt at CCI for all of his work with this project so far and can't wait to see it finished.

## COMMUNITY PARK • 2901 Oyer St SE

Some improvements are underway for the park in 2024:

1. The picnic pavilion is getting some much-needed attention with the installation of a ceiling to keep the birds out, new paint, and lighting.
2. New security lighting has been purchased and will be installed soon.
3. The white vinyl fence and entrance gates will be replaced this year.
4. The walking track will have repairs done where needed.
5. There will be some drainage added by the ball fields to help with the ground water.

There may also be some other small projects going on as time allows.

## Park Pavilion Rentals

Canton Township Park pavilions are available for rental. Please check the township website under parks and recreation to view the park calendar and information regard the rental process. For questions, please call the administration office (330) 484-2501.

## Zoning News

Congratulations to Mike Hanshaw on his retirement from Canton Township. Mike has worked for the Zoning Department since 2015. He started out as a part time Zoning Assistant and moved into the Zoning Director role. Prior to that, he served on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Thank you for your service to the Township, and we wish you the best in your retirement.

- Todd Miller was hired as Canton Township's new Zoning Compliance Director replacing Mike Hanshaw, as he retires at the end of March. The extensive interview process included many quality applicants and representation from the Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, the Chairpersons from the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, and Assistant Zoning Director. We congratulate Todd and welcome him to our team!
- The Board of Trustees recently approved text amendments to the Canton Township Zoning Resolution. These text amendments were reviewed and recommended for approval by Stark County Regional Planning and Zoning Commission.

The first related to the regulation of short-term rentals as a conditionally permitted use. The intent of this revised article is to protect the integrity of residential neighborhoods while allowing property owners to receive

compensation from rental of a dwelling to help maintain the dwelling.

The second related to accessory solar energy systems. The purpose of this regulation is to promote the safe, effective, and efficient use of accessory solar energy systems installed to reduce the on-site consumption of the utility-supplied electricity. A zoning permit would be required from the Zoning Department prior to any new installation.

- In December, the Board of Trustees passed Resolution 12-02-23 to prohibit adult-use cannabis operators, medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries within Canton Township.
- In 2023, the Township mowed 101 high grass nuisance parcels resulting in assessments added to tax duplicate of properties totaling \$53,650. The full 2023 Zoning Year End report can be viewed on the Canton Township website.
- Nuisance property concerns can be reported through a link on the Canton Township website (Zoning tab: Nuisance information). The Citizen Service Request allows residents to report problems online, add comments, and upload pictures. If contact information is provided, a follow-up from the office will be provided.



# Canton Township Community Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Faircrest Park*

**10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt**

**Ages 2 years old-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

(Staggered start for each age group)

*Parking at Faircrest Park with overflow at Faircrest Memorial Elementary School*

**Hosted by:**

**Canton Township  
North Industry UMC  
Peace Lutheran**



Township Office:  
(330) 484-2501

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