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## 2025 CANTON TOWNSHIP

# COMMUNITY DAY



WHEN:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21st**

WHERE:

**FAIRCREST PARK**



## MAIN EVENT

**Karri Fedor  
&  
KEROSENE**

The Voice!!!  
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## NOT A NEW TAX – See Page 11



## New Playground Equipment for Faircrest Park

– See Page 15

## 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

TRUSTEES  
UPDATE**2024 Progress and Future Initiatives**

One could describe 2024 as a transformative year here in Canton Township for many reasons. A couple new faces have joined the team and are working hard to serve you in various capacities. A new community Winterfest event was added and proved to be immediately successful. We returned other popular activities such as the beloved Holiday Parade, Community Day, Safety Day, and the Easter Egg hunt. Businesses, organizations, and community-member sponsorship of township-sponsored events remains strong and is core to making these efforts return each year.

The township has been busy maintaining community assets by way of facilities, grounds, and apparatus. While not a glorious adventure, certainly not always picture worthy, we value the assets taxpayers afford us to be able to deliver services to residents by prioritizing the maintenance of these items to maximize useful lifespan. In the last couple years, the reliability factor of vehicles and equipment has improved significantly. Our own facilities are now operational during power outages and other potential disasters to be able to continue delivering service to you regardless of unexpected obstacles. We continue to invest in our people who in turn provide service to you through training and remaining competitive from a pay and benefits perspective.

We found a way to keep the yard waste site alive for those community members who depended on it through privatization, despite removal of grant funding that had supported the site for decades. While the first year of operation ended with a moderate overall financial operating loss, we are hopeful in 2025 we will break even. We opened a brand-new grant funded amphitheater at what we believe was our most attended Community Day event yet. We also finally found a way to maximize grant funding opportunities to pay for the long-awaited demolition of the eyesore that was once a proud part of Canton Local School District - North Industry Elementary.

Much time was invested during 2024 planning for initiatives taking place this year. Very soon, our heavily utilized Community Center facility will be reopened and will hardly be recognizable. A complete remodel will have taken place leaving the community with a top-notch location to host parties and gatherings as well as making a great space for organization and business meetings. Our own history will be on display in partnership with the Canton Township Historical Society, who will proudly have display space in the hallways. The Township is largely utilizing American Rescue Plan funding to make this possible.

We will also continue upgrading Faircrest Park. The State of Ohio was asked by Trustees for \$632,000 in Capital Improvement dollars for various improvement initiatives and was awarded \$250,000. This will be used to purchase new playground equipment and make other necessary improvements

in 2025. The whole assortment of previously mentioned community events will return in 2025 with the additional return of the Canton Symphony Orchestra small ensemble performing July 24th at Faircrest Park. We have a few other plans for the year in the hopper that may or may not come to fruition. Stay tuned.

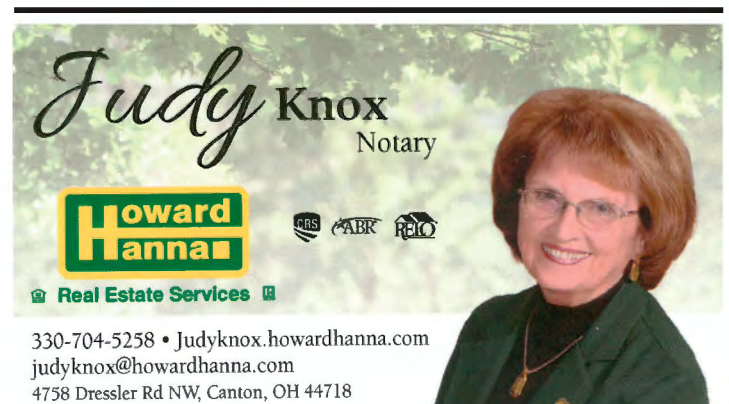
Finally this May, Canton Township voters will see on the ballot an option to renew the road levy. This is a renewal and that means the Township is not asking for an increase in funding, despite the ever-increasing cost to resurface roads and purchase equipment. The levy was first passed in 2015. Since then, Canton Township has been able to resurface 62 miles of our approximately 93 miles of roadway. At 2.9 mills per year, our levy is expected to generate \$892,000 annually if everyone pays their taxes. The owner of a \$100,000 home will continue to pay nearly \$51 per year.

The 2024 price of asphalt paving, just one mile of roadway, was \$215,000. This permits the Township to resurface a couple miles per year. To finish the remaining 31 miles of roadway, all with new asphalt, would cost nearly \$6.6 million dollars. The Board of Trustees felt this was not the time to ask our taxpayers for more money to speed up the pace by which our roads are being paved. If the road levy is not renewed the fact is there will be no other revenue source to continue road resurfacing efforts and that work will stop. This has been discussed many times during public meetings when residents wonder what the road levy covers.

Enjoy the warming weather and we hope to see you at a community event in the near future!

Respectfully,

Mark Shaffer, President  
Christopher Nichols, Vice President  
Keith Hochadel, Member  
Canton Township Board of Trustees



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## ADMINISTRATION NEWS

**Fiscal Office Q & A****John E. Ring, Fiscal Officer - Chauni Skirtich, Administrative Assistant to the Fiscal Officer**

**Q:** There have been several building and remodeling projects at various township properties. How does Canton Township pay for these projects?

**A:** The Township has been successful obtaining three grants from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources over the last few years. Two of these grants have largely funded the recent Faircrest Park pavilion and amphitheater projects. Very soon you will see the result of a 3rd ODNR grant- a beautiful new playground at Faircrest Park. The Community Center project is being funded largely by the American Rescue Plan funds that the Township had received previously.

**Q:** I heard the Road Levy is coming up for renewal in May. My home's value increased quite a bit according to the Stark County Auditor. Will my taxes go up more as a result of this levy being renewed?

**A:** No. Renewal levy dollars are not adjusted for property valuation changes per Ohio law. Therefore, property owners will not pay more in successive years for the levy. Providing the same level of road maintenance and repair in the face

of ever-increasing costs for materials and supplies while levy revenue remains flat over the years does is challenging. The Township does not otherwise have funds to budget for resurfacing our streets without the Road Levy.

**Q:** There have been several news stories in the last few years about various government entities being victimized by hackers. What does Canton Township do to protect its computer systems?

**A:** Our accounting software is the Ohio State Auditor's Uniform Accounting Network which is a very secure, sophisticated system. We also, partner with a local IT company that provides tech support as well as monitoring, system back-up and email filtering. The Township also contracts with a firm to provide ongoing online training modules for all employees and officials who have township computer access. Trainings are on various topics such as phishing, email security and general computer safety. This firm also tests our employees' propensity to open harmful emails with ongoing simulated phishing attacks.

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## GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

The Canton Township Board of Trustees has created the Canton Township Good Neighbor Award to recognize people or businesses in Canton Township who go above and beyond the call of being a good neighbor and help make our community a better place to call home, raise a family and do business.

**The Canton Township Trustees are pleased to award**

***Mr. Nick Justice***

**with the Canton Township Good Neighbor Award**

Nick's positive demeanor and servant attitude can be witnessed in any of a number of community events including sporting events. He currently serves as President of the Canton South Athletic Booster Club, which he devotes hundreds of hours to each year. If he's not serving the public directly at events, he is working hard behind the scenes managing monthly meetings, ordering and picking up supplies, and planning fundraisers that directly benefit the families within our community.

Nick's service to the community goes beyond school-related events. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and also owns HW Machine of Canton, located in Canton Township. Nick once bought a bar in the township that had a long history of concerns including repeated law enforcement visits, zoning violations, scrutiny and legal actions through state agencies. Nick acquired this building and land and subsequently razed it saving the Township thousands of dollars and eliminating the nuisance from the neighborhood completely!

Recently one of Nick's neighbors experienced some medical challenges and could not mow his lawn - so Nick happily does it for him! On top of running a business, donating hours each week for school related events, and helping neighbors; he finds time for family too. He is helping his son renovate his new home! In fact, at many events you will find not only Nick, but also his son Zach and his daughter Alexis donating their time right alongside him - having learned the importance of giving back to their community even as young adults. Nick is the perfect example of a "Good Neighbor" - he gives, and gives, wanting no attention drawn to his contributions toward the greater good. *Nominated by Brandi Noll*

***Congratulations and thank you for helping to make Canton Township a  
Proud, Family and Neighborly Community.***

***October 1, 2024***

Keith J. Hochadel  
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Mark R. Shaffer  
Vice President

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# CANTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION NEWS



## SHERIFF

## ERIC WEISBURN

### STARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dear Friends,

I am honored to introduce myself as your new Stark County Sheriff. With a lifelong commitment to public service, I began my law enforcement career in 1991 when I was hired by the Stark County Sheriff's Office. I started in the Corrections Division, then transitioned to road patrol, working across the county. I had the privilege of becoming the first School Resource Officer assigned to Plain Local Schools and later joined the Detective Bureau, where I was promoted to Sergeant. In that role, I supervised deputies throughout the county.



In 2016, I was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred back to the Corrections Division, where I served as Assistant Jail Administrator until my retirement in 2022 after 31 years of dedicated service.

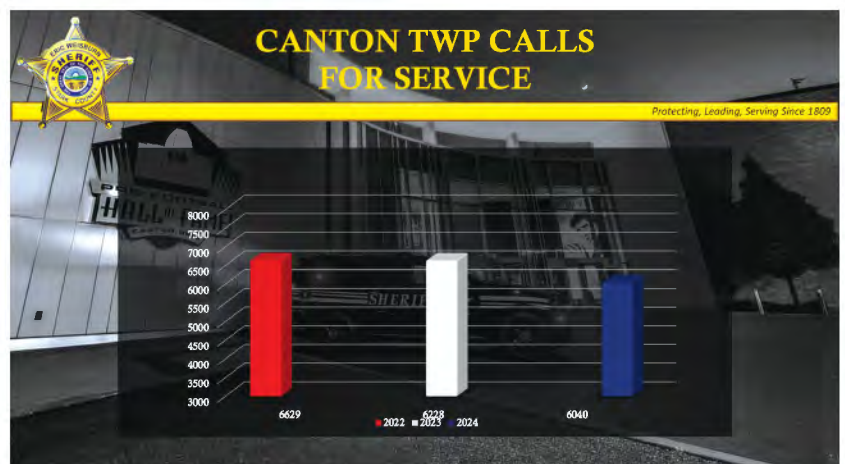
I am proud to live in Plain Township with my wife, Erica, and we are excited to be part of a vibrant and forward-thinking community.

I am deeply honored to have been elected to the role of Sheriff of our county, and my office's continued collaboration with Canton Township is crucial to our shared vision of keeping our citizens safe and protected. My leadership team brings more than 100 years of combined experience within the Sheriff's Office, and we are all committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our county and its residents.

I would like to update the community on the status of crime in your area. In 2024, the Stark County Sheriff's Office responded to 6,040 calls for service in Canton Township. Of those, 4% were related to assaults, domestics, or sex offenses, a slight increase compared to 2023 and the same as 2022. Looking at non-violent and property crimes, 148 incidents of theft were reported, a 20% reduction compared to 2023 and 32% less compared to 2022.

As we approach the spring and summer months, we often see an increase in reckless driving and speeding complaints. To help keep everyone safe, I strongly urge Canton Township citizens to slow down, drive safely, and obey the traffic laws.

Thank you,



# Canton Township Historical Society



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on the Web



Find us here  
on Facebook



## A HISTORICAL NOTE FROM YOUR CANTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The village of North Industry has been called "Slab Town" for many years. And, over the years there have been many reasons suggested as to just how that nick name came to be given to the village.

The historical note is that the reason for "Slab Town" came from a source that was not even in the village.

At one time there had been a lumber mill on the east side of the creek on the south side of Baum Street. When the mill was working at full steam, many workers would be hired. Some of them had no place to stay so they used the first cut of wood off a fresh tree, called a slab, and built themselves shanties to live in. This shanty area where they built their little homes was called "Slab Town".

Since the mill was associated with and very near the village, the two names became interchangeable.



Pastor Suzanah Johnson

### North Industry

#### United Methodist Church

155 Faircrest Street, SW, Canton, OH 44706

Email: [nindustryumc@att.net](mailto:nindustryumc@att.net) Phone 330-484-3283

Worship Service: Sunday 10:30 am

**Do good. Do no Harm.**

**Stay in Love with God.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**



**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](mailto:rep50@ohiohouse.gov)**  
**or by phone at 614.466.9078**  
**with any questions or concerns.**

*Matt Kishman*



# ADMINISTRATION NEWS

## Long-Awaited Community Center Renovations are Nearing Completion

Since acquiring the former Amos McDannel building in 2011, via auction, from Canton Local School District, the Township has used the facility as a community center and for fire operations. Over the years, as funds were available, necessary improvements were made to flooring, HVAC, roof repairs and so on. In 2016, the fire department

moved their administration office into a renovated portion of the facility. In March of 2020, the fire department opened its newly constructed fire station adjoined to the north side of the facility. This completed a long-envisioned project of having the department's offices, fire station, and training facilities all in one location.

Funding repairs and improvements to the community center has been difficult due to the lack of a separate capital improvement funding source for the facility. The general fund supports the operations with money generated from rental fees. The American Rescue Plan funds that the Township received from the federal government in 2021-22 afforded the Township the opportunity to improve this important community asset.

In December of 2024, CCI Commercial Construction LLC. was the winning bid and awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$529,215.00. The cafeteria/community room, kitchen and storage areas are being fully remodeled along with classroom renovation and substantial

### 2024

#### Community Center Usage

Monthly Bingo	
Board of Elections Polling Location	
Meetings.....	119
Special Events.....	85
Athletic Events in the Gym.....	105

hallway improvements, including beautiful new lighted display cases. We look forward to collaborating with the Canton Township Historical Society by permitting their use of a display case and sharing important history related to our township. Additional improvements include new

windows, HVAC, and audio/visual technology, as well as two new restrooms added adjacent to the cafeteria. This extensive project should be completed by June. Already a popular and growing venue choice among our residents, we look forward to presenting much improved spaces for rental. Contact Lisa McCoy, our Community Center Coordinator at 330-806-6039 for rates and availability.



## Chief Morabito Honored for Crisis Intervention Work

During the annual Crime Prevention Breakfast held on March 26th, Assistant Chief Rick Morabito was presented with the *CIT Champion of the Year Award for 2025*.

In 2023, under the direction of Chief Morabito, Canton Township partnered with Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery (StarkMAHR), Coleman Crisis, Stark County Sheriff's Office, and Veterans Services Commission to establish a **Linkage to Care Program**. This program laid the groundwork for fire and EMS 1st responders to have the ability to link individuals encountered to 3rd party professional services for mental health, substance abuse disorders, and veteran assistance programs.

The Linkage to Care Program has further expanded into an educational series for 1st responders interacting with individuals in crisis. This pilot program has now expanded to

include additional Stark County agencies which include Alliance City, Canton City, Jackson Township, and Massillon City fire departments. Congratulations to Chief Morabito for receiving this well deserved award. Great work Chief.

*Below is the presentation speech delivered by Delaney Green from StarkMAHR.*



### CIT Champion of the Year Presentation:

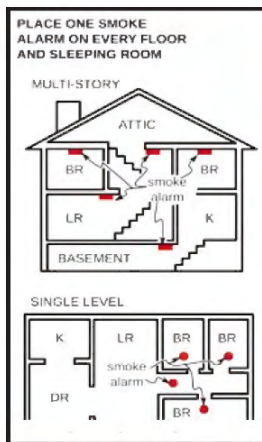
Nominees for CIT Champion of the year are dedicated, persuasive and compassionate advocates for the Stark County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program. This award is designed to honor an individual who has gone above and beyond to promote CIT training and principles in Stark County or regionally. A CIT Champion advocates for those living in Stark County who may encounter a CIT-trained officer, effectively works to build partnerships and awareness of CIT within Stark County and more.

Assistant Fire Chief Rick Morabito of Canton Township Fire Department has been a huge advocate for the CIT program amongst Fire and EMS personnel in Stark County, being instrumental in bringing CIT Training and CIT forms to the fire/EMS population. Canton Twp is the first fire/EMS department to come on board and utilize CIT forms and that's thanks to the support and advocacy of Assistant Chief Rick Morabito and Chief Smith. Rick has been at the lead of developing a harm reduction, linkage to care, and CIT program Model at Canton Township Fire. This program has been the first of its kind in the fire/EMS community for our County. He has been able to utilize resources available within Stark County and working to tailor a program that brings all services together to better serve those at-risk populations we encounter in our communities.

Rick has taken an active role with StarkMHAR to assist with trainings to further the reach of the program and the number of programs which are offered through Stark County. Rick volunteered to become a certified Anti-Stigma trainer where he will be leading a series of Anti-Stigma trainings for first responders. Rick is described as "championing the values of CIT and always voiced his belief in getting individuals connected to care after a Fire/EMS encounter." Through Rick's efforts, many Stark County fire/EMS personnel will be trained in CIT programs who otherwise may not have had the opportunities to do so.

## Smoke Alarms

Anyone needing smoke alarms installed, please contact Mike Beachy at the fire administration office 330-484-6165. We will supply the alarms and schedule a time to come out and do the installation. Please remember to test and change your batteries in your current alarms.





# Know your OHIO Outdoor Fire Laws

## Ohio Revised Code 1503-18 Regarding Kindled Fires

ORC 1503.18 is under the authority of the Ohio Division of Forestry.

This law prohibits outdoor open burning statewide in unincorporated areas during the months of March, April, May, October, and November between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm.

This ban includes burning of yard waste, trash, and debris, even in a proper burn barrel.

During Spring, wildfire danger is high before plants have turned green, and in Fall, Fire danger is high due to abundant dry leaves and dead grass. Warm, windy weather in both seasons also contribute to elevated fire risk. Always be sure to use a proper burn barrel when burning outdoors during legal hours.

**Call your fire department for info about local burning regulations.**

Call ODNR Forestry at 877-247-8733 with questions



## Ohio Administrative Code 3745-19 Regarding Outdoor Burning

ORC 3745-19 is enforced by the Ohio EPA

**EPA notification is required for many types of open burns in Ohio.**

Call 614-644-2270 with questions or visit: [www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.aspx) for complete rules and to find your local EPA office or air pollution control agency.

### EPA Basics for Homeowners

**Materials NEVER to be burned at any time or any place in Ohio:**

1. Food Waste
2. Dead Animals
3. Materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt, or made from petroleum

### **OTHER RESTRICTIONS:**

1. Fires must be more than 1000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building
2. No burning when air pollution alert, warning, or emergency is in effect
3. Fire/smoke cannot obscure visibility on roadway, railways, or airfields
4. No waste generated off the premises may be burned
5. No burning within village or city limits or restricted areas

**FOLLOW OPEN BURNING LAWS!  
AVOID CITATION!  
BE SAFE!**

Cooperative Educaiton



## Caring for our Elderly At-Risk Residents

In 2024, Canton Township Fire Department responded to 1,985 EMS related calls. Additionally, the department responded to 209 patient lift assist calls. Of these calls 1,245 patients fell in the age group of 55 and over.

According to the most recent US census, there are 5,261 households in Canton Township. Of these households, 2,319 have residents that are aged 60 and older and 300 homes have residents who are 60 and older living alone. Because of this, Canton Township has participated in and offered to our residents The Safe Home Program.

The Safe Home Program was established to assist our residents in evaluating the safety of their homes. The primary focus will be assisting the elderly with trip and fall prevention, medication education, and general questions/concerns. We will have a representative meet with the resident and/or family members to evaluate each individual situation. We will then make recommendations and discuss resources that are available to assist with each individual situation.

If you would like further information on this program or to set up an in-home evaluation, please contact Michael at fire administration 330-484-6165





## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

## ISSUE 12 / ROAD LEVY RENEWAL

**WHY CANTON TOWNSHIP NEEDS A ROAD LEVY...**

The May 6th ballot will have a road renewal levy. NOT A NEW TAX. NOT AN INCREASE. The Road Levy is the source of funding for ongoing road resurfacing. If the levy is not renewed, road resurfacing will not continue. This is a 2.9 mil, five-year renewal levy, commencing in 2025. This would CONTINUE to cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$50.91 per year and generate \$892,000 per year.

This funding is essential in restoring the roads throughout Canton Township. Everyone wants a smooth road, and this is how it happens.

**WHAT HAS BEEN DONE...**

The first ever road levy in Canton Township was voted on and passed in 2015. There were no roads resurfaced for 10 years prior to that. We started resurfacing roads immediately and have continued each year since. In 2019, the Road Levy was renewed which provided another 5 years of resurfacing funding in which we continued to use that money to resurface our roads. To date, we have resurfaced 62 of our 93 miles of roads.

**WHY HASN'T MY STREET BEEN PAVED? I PAY MY TAXES...**

Well, that question is simple. There is only so much money each year to work with. The Township is no different than your personal checkbook. We cannot spend more money than we take in.

The funds received through the Canton Township Road Levy are dedicated to resurfacing Township roads. Those funds are used to pay for asphalt paving projects, chip seal projects, crack sealing, stripping, and large area patching.

Each year the roads are evaluated, and a resurfacing plan is put in place with available funds in mind. We look at roads that need resurfacing and the location of those roads. We try to cluster roads together to save money on the contractor moving equipment from area to area. We also look at main roads versus side roads, dead ends, and cul-de-sacs.

**WHAT IS PLANNED FOR 2025...**

The Public Works Director has already submitted the 2025 Asphalt Paving Project and the 2025 Chip Seal Project. Both projects have been approved and will go out for competitive bid.

**The Asphalt Project for this year includes:**

Ashmont Ave SW	49th St SW	48th St SW	Honeymont St SW	Brand Ave NW
Oak Dr NW	Roslyn Ave NW	Bellflower Ave NW	9th St NW	10 St NW
Hillsboro Ave SE	Ridgeside Cir SE	Channelside SE	Chagrin Ave SW	
Rip Ave SW	Bravado St SW	Coty Dr SW		

There are also several streets that are listed as alternates. If the pricing comes in lower than expected, then these streets can be added on:

Rebel St SW	Bobby Ave SW	33rd St SW	Charlene Ave SW	Anna Ruth SW
Loyal St SW				

**The Chip Seal Project for this year includes:**

Fields Ave SW	Crestpark St SW	Highwood Ave SW	Rexdale Ave SW	
Plainfield Ave SW	46th St SW	Paradise St SW	Cloverhill St SW	27th St SW
38th St SW	39th St SW	Hannibal Ave SW	Varley Ave SW	Etna St SW
Pekin Ave SE	Shale St SE	Starkey St SE	Eastport Ave SE	Donora Ave NE

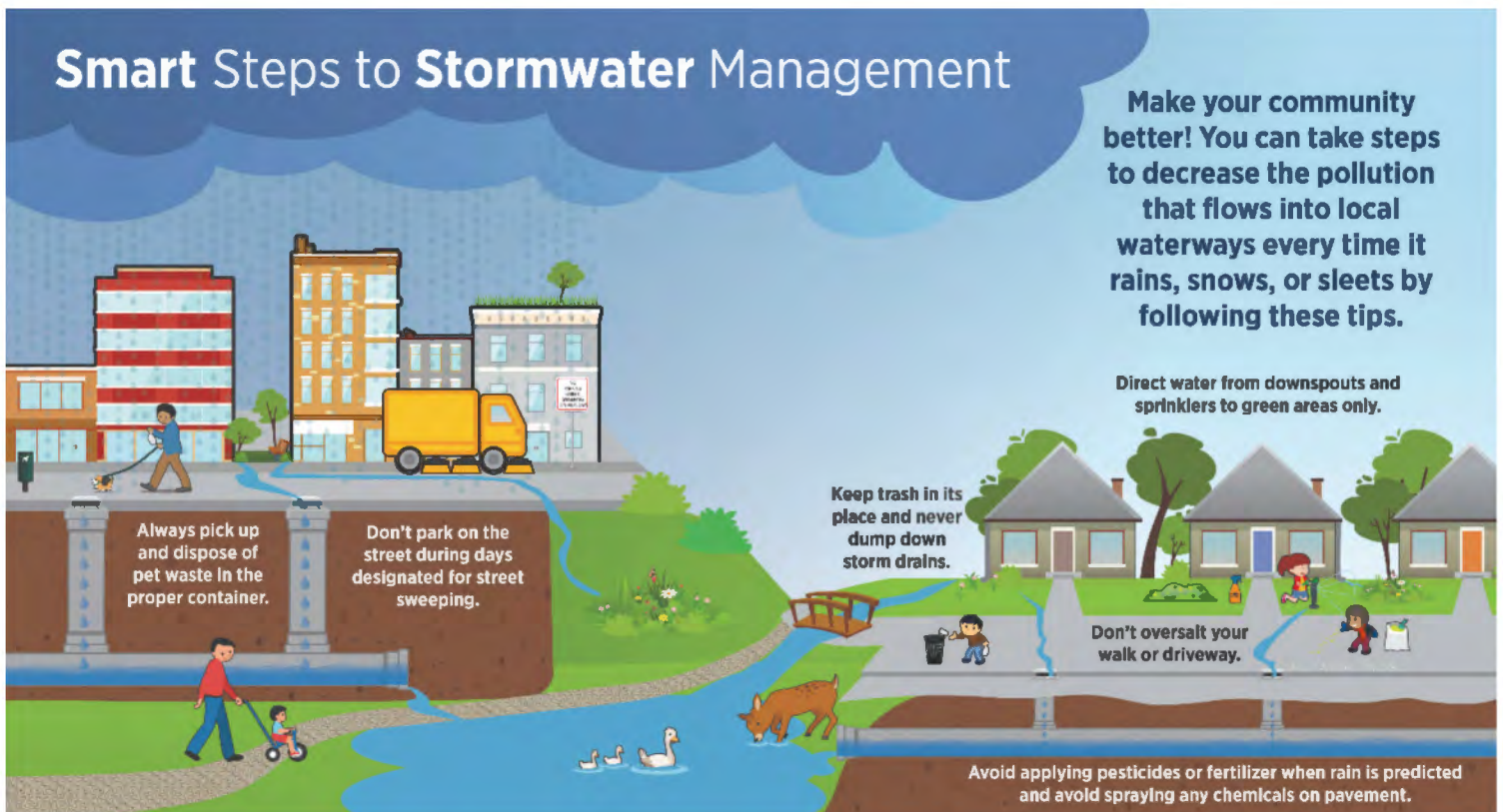
## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

**31 MILES OF RESURFACING LEFT TO GO...**

Of the 93 miles of roads we maintain, 62 of those miles have been resurfaced since 2015. That leaves us with 31 untouched miles. Based on our 2024 resurfacing pricing of \$215,000 per mile of road (which does not include storm water system repairs, signage upgrades, road striping if needed, or concrete curb and gutter if currently installed); it will cost \$6,665,000 to finish the remaining roads. Historically the prices have risen each year and there is no reason to think that would change; so in the end that \$6.6 million estimate will be higher.

At the current resurfacing pricing and what our Road Levy is estimated to produce, we will be able to resurface a maximum of 4 miles per year. That equates to another 8 years before all roads are resurfaced. Also keep in mind that heavily traveled roads that have already been resurfaced will have to be redone sooner. Resurfacing is a constant, there will always be roads that need to be done, and the funds produced by the Road Levy allow us to keep chipping away little by little.

## Smart Steps to Stormwater Management



## Where Stormwater Flows, Everything Goes



## Canton Township Board of Trustees 2024 YARD WASTE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TOTAL INCOME:	\$	65,076.69
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	69,557.24
Yard Waste (Loss)- Covered by the General Fund		\$ (4,480.55)



## Where do my taxes go...

Here is a breakdown of the taxes you pay and how they are distributed throughout Canton Township and Stark County.

Appraised Value (100%)		Assessed Value (35%)	
Year 2025			
Appraised Land	\$26,200	Assessed Land	\$9,170
Appraised Building	\$189,200	Assessed Building	\$66,220
Appraised Total	\$215,400	Assessed Total	\$75,390

In this example, the property is worth \$215,400 in which you pay taxes on 35% of that value or \$75,390. Based on the Stark County Auditor's tax detail, the taxes being paid will be \$2,567.02 in 2025.

Now let us look at how that \$2,567.02 in taxes is divided up. This breakdown is based on a property in Canton Township/Canton Local School District. Properties that are part of Canton Township/Canton City Schools may have slightly varying numbers when it comes to the school taxes.

Stark County General Fund	\$126.55
Stark County 9-1-1 System	\$2.87
Stark County Developmental Disabilities	\$140.03
Stark County Alcohol Drug Addiction	\$30.32
Stark County Children Services	\$58.44
Stark County Park District    Stark Parks	\$30.32
Stark County District Library    Library	\$82.30
Canton Local School District    Current Expenses	\$568.7
Canton Local School District    Current Expenses	\$282.58
Canton Local School District    General Fund	\$299.12
Canton Local School District    Permanent Improvement	\$55.55
Canton Local School District    Bond Issue	\$228.31
Canton Township    General Fund	\$34.51
Canton Township    Fire Department	\$415.42
Canton Township    Road & Bridge	\$115.05
<b>Canton Township    Road Levy</b>	<b>\$94.87*</b>

### \*Did you Know...

- Canton Township has 93.117 miles of roads
- The approximate lifespan of a newly paved road is 7-10 years
- To pave 1 mile of road TODAY costs a little over \$215,000
- To pave 1 mile of road in 2015 when the levy was first voted in cost \$100,000
- To pave all 93 miles of roads would cost around 18.6 million dollars
- To chip seal 1 mile of road TODAY costs a little over \$16,000
- Chip Seal lasts just as long as asphalt with a much lower cost

## What has your Public Works Department been up to...

Do you want to know what the Public Works Department did in 2024? Check out our 2024 Annual Report which is located on the Township website at [www.cantontwp-oh.gov](http://www.cantontwp-oh.gov)

## Winter Update....



### What did winter cost us...

Your Public Works Department was out a total of 47 times checking, and treating roads for snow/ice. That all comes with the following costs:

<i>1744 Labor Hours</i>	<i>\$62,732.00</i>
<i>3263 tons of salt</i>	<i>\$173,092.00</i>
<i>158 tons of grit</i>	<i>\$1,524.00</i>
<i>Equipment usage/fuel</i>	<i>\$125,957.00</i>
<i>This all adds up to the total of</i>	<i>\$363,305.00</i>

### Old North Industry School Demolition:

Canton Township acquired North Industry School located at 4805 Wiseland Ave SE. The asbestos abatement and demolition of the school was completed in 2024. The cost of the asbestos abatement and demolition was \$326,507. Of this total, 87.5% will be paid through the State of Ohio and the Stark County Land Reutilization Corp. The Township portion of 12.5% will be paid through American Rescue Plan Funds.



The 2024 Zoning Year- End report can be found on the Canton Township website under the Zoning tab. [Cantontwp-oh.gov](http://Cantontwp-oh.gov)





## ZONING NEWS

**Door to Door Transient Vendor**

IN ORDER TO CUT DOWN ON INTERRUPTIONS FROM DOOR TO DOOR SALES, KNOW THE FOLLOWING...

- Transient Vendors are required to visibly display a Transient Vendor Permit Badge issued by Canton Township that lists the permit number, company name, issue and expiration date. The permit badges are issued by the township following the review of the completed Transient Vendor Permit Application, that includes a background check.
- Persons selling items for any project sponsored by an elementary, middle, and or high school, and/ or churches, and/ or youth sports groups are exempt from obtaining this permit.

**Example of our Transient Vendor Permit****Transient Vendor Permit**

Permit #10000

Company Name: One Company  
Ron Burgundy

Issue Date: February 25, 2022

Permit Expires: March 25, 2022

## PARKS DEPT. NEWS

**New Gates at Faircrest and Community Park...**

Gates have been installed with automatic openers at both of our parks. The gates will be open from dawn till dusk in an attempt to keep unwanted activities out of our parks throughout the night.

**Summer Serenades in the Park:**

**July 24th, 2025, 6:30pm**

The Canton Symphony Orchestra is partnering once again with Stark Parks to bring you the 11th annual Summer Serenades in the Park Concert Series, now featuring new partner locations!

Pack your chairs, blankets, and a picnic, and enjoy a performance by a small ensemble at Faircrest Park.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be canceled. For updates, please visit [starkparks.com/serenades](http://starkparks.com/serenades) or [cantonsymphony.org](http://cantonsymphony.org) on the day of the concert. This event is supported by The Mary Renkert Wendling Foundation.

**Construction at the park...**

With different events throughout the year being held at Faircrest Park the storage of materials and supplies has become an issue. We plan on enclosing the small pavilion, the structure closest to the amphitheater. This will allow for some much-needed storage and provide us a snack stand for future activities.

**Coming soon to Faircrest Park...**

Board of Trustees were awarded \$250,000 for FY 25/26 State of Ohio Capital funding. This funding is being used to purchase new playground equipment. The picture below is the final design. Installation will begin in May and should be completed by Community Day 2025.



# PARKS DEPT. NEWS



2025 CANTON TOWNSHIP

# COMMUNITY DAY



WHEN:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21st**

WHERE:

**FAIRCREST PARK**



**MAIN EVENT**

**Karri Fedor  
&  
KEROSENE**

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

**\* ENTERTAINMENT \* FOOD VENDORS \*  
\* SHUTTLE SERVICE \* FIREWORKS**

## CANTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

Faircrest Park • June 21, 2025  
FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT



**EVENT PATRON LEVELS:**

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

For additional information or questions call  
Canton Township (330) 484-2501.

**Don't miss out  
on your  
opportunity to  
sponsor this  
family friendly  
event!**



## 2025 CANTON TOWNSHIP



**Faircrest Park • June 21, 2025**

### ***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:**

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- ☐ Super Patron \$750
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- ☐ 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 Township actively solicits event sponsorship opportunities just twice annually. One opportunity is Community Day. The second is our Holiday Parade plus WinterFest event, scheduled for December 6, 2025. We appreciate your consideration as historically strong community support and participation has made the continuation of these events possible.

# COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

## Return of Holiday Parade + Brand New WinterFest

What do you get when you combine collaboration, great attendance, great participation, and exceptional community sponsorship support? The answer is easy! A desire to bring back both events in 2025! Mark your calendar for December 6, 2025.

On behalf of the committee who organized both events as well as the sponsoring entities of Canton Township and Canton Local School District, we thank the community for putting an exceptional foot forward by showing up to enjoy these events, while so many others actively participated in multiple ways. Whether you watched, performed, organized a parade unit, or donated toward sponsorship, we would like to express our gratitude. Both events were a resounding success, far exceeding our expectations!

This year's parade featured nearly 70 units, delighting attendees of all ages and showcasing the incredible spirit of our community. WinterFest was equally spectacular, with a packed evening that included pictures with Santa, live entertainment, a petting zoo, tree lighting, balloon artist, magician, face painting, the Grinch, and crafts. A particular highlight was the addition of a crowd's favorite and spectacular holiday themed firework display, made possible by strong sponsorship support.

These events created unforgettable memories for Canton Township families, guests and visitors. If you didn't have a chance to attend an event, we hope you received positive feedback from someone who did and will consider joining us this year.





## CANTON TOWNSHIP &amp; CANTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

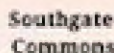
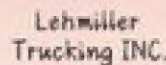


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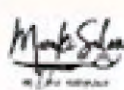
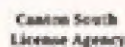
# HOLIDAY PARADE & WINTERFEST

Thank you for making our events a huge success!

Platinum sponsors:



Gold sponsors:



Friends of Winterfest sponsors:

Abbott Electric • Aman's Collision Center • Aunt Aylee / Bird House • Bull Country Compost • Canton South AARP  
 • Canton South Dental • Scott & Edie Hamilton • Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank • Hein Family • Peking Restaurant  
 • Pizza Oven • ProFootball HoF • John and Donna Ring • Southgate School Boosters • Thirsty Cattle Saloon

**Save the date: December 6, 2025**



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✦ The Musical ✦

 *One Weekend Only!*

**MAY 9, 2025 - 7PM**

**MAY 10, 2025 - 7PM**

**MAY 11, 2025 - 3PM**



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

**CSHS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
600 FAIRCREST ST SE**



## Upcoming Events EVENTS @ CSHS PAC

May 9-11, 2025

Hairspray the Musical  
*See ad for times*

May 14, 2025

CSHS Spring  
Choir Concert, 7pm

May 5, 2025

FMES Music Celebration  
Grade 2, 6pm  
Grade 3, 6:45pm

May 19, 2025

CSMS Spring  
Choir Concert, 7pm

May 8, 2025

CSHS Spring Band  
Pops Concert, 7pm

May 21, 2025

CSHS Spring Band  
Pops Concert, 7pm



## FMES Art Show

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025  
5:30-7:00 p.m.**

**FMES Gym**  
All students have art on display