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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.

Fire Department Levy & Operations

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Canton Township Electric Aggregation Supplier

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Township has Filed to Acquire School

Old North Industry School



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From Your Trustees . . .

Canton Township's Comprehensive Plan points toward the importance of Southgate Commons/CSC Business Centers as a center for various businesses in that area of the township. The plan reiterates the need for the township and plaza ownership and businesses working closely together. Canton Township has enjoyed a great partnership with EMMCO, the managing entity of the plaza, that will span over 40 years this year and that relationship has never been better. We are pleased to see the plaza growing with new additions and others opting to expand as relayed in this update for the community.

Southgate Commons Update: Spring 2023

The past year has seen a flurry of activity at Southgate Commons

NEW TENANTS:

We are pleased to announce new and expanding businesses at Southgate Commons and wish them success in Canton Township

- O'Reilly Auto Parts has agreed to double the size of its store and serve as a regional location within its network of stores. This will draw customers from a significant radius. Look for the expanded store to open this fall.
- ReMax Edge Realty – Linda Reibenstein will be opening a new office at 3087 Cleveland Avenue SW this Spring.
- Lilly's Pad Child Care will be opening this summer at 3095 Cleveland Avenue SW

RENEWING TENANTS:

Southgate Commons continues to be the preferred business address serving the community. We are pleased to announce that the following businesses have recently extended their leases at Southgate Commons: KeyBank, McDonald's, Beaver Excavating, People Helping People.

SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS:

Congratulations to Dr. Nate Leggett / Canton South Eyecare who has purchased a new building in Canton South and will continue to serve the community. Southgate Commons is privileged to have been part of your business growth and we wish you well.

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS:

In 2022, we kicked off monthly Food Truck Thursdays in August and September. In 2023, we are expanding the 5 Food Truck Thursdays – see the schedule nearby. We hope to see you at Southgate this summer for fun food and camaraderie.

FALL CRAFT SHOW:

Southgate hosted its first Fall Craft Show in October 2022 and it was a rousing success. We had over 25 vendors over 2 days. We are well into the planning stages for Fall Fest 2023 scheduled for October 14th & 15th. Vendors can email Kristen@EmmcoRealtyGroup.com for information.

CSC BUSINESS CENTERS:

Southgate Commons is pleased to welcome CSC Business Centers to Canton South. CSC Business Centers offers business owners and other individuals the opportunity to find a quiet place to work away from the hustle and bustle of your dining room or local coffee shop. Private Offices, Conference Room, or dedicated desk space are available for most budgets. More information is available here at CSCBusinessCenters.com or call Kristen at 330-921-1234.

**Gather with Family & Friends
at Southgate Commons for
2nd Thursday Food Truck Nights!**



Southgate Commons:
3001 Cleveland Ave. SW
Canton, OH
In the Parking Lot

4PM - 7PM

Thursday, May 11th
Thursday, June 8th
Thursday, July 13th
Thursday, August 10th
Thursday, September 14th
Fall Fest: October 14th - 15th
(Saturday & Sunday)

Sponsored By: Southgate Commons &
CSC Business Centers
Find CSC Business Centers on Facebook!

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Q & A with your Fiscal Office

What are the main sources of revenue for Canton Township?

The main source of revenue is from property taxes. Here is a brief overview:

- Our Fire Department is largely reliant upon our fire levies. Stark County and the State of Ohio do not provide any ongoing operational funding. Quite literally: no levy = no fire department. We currently have two levies that are used to pay salaries, purchase vehicles, equipment and maintain our 3 stations. One levy is a continuous levy, while the other levy is on a 5 year renewal. Other funding sources do include EMS billings and grants. Our fire department leadership has been successful obtaining grants from the State of Ohio, FEMA and Firefighter Associations for the purchase of specific equipment or for specific staffing needs for limited time periods.
- Our Public Works Department primarily receives revenue from two sources: Unvoted “inside” millage from your property taxes and a voted levy (“outside” millage). The Public Works Department also receives funds from the State of Ohio: Gasoline Tax, Permissive Tax (from vehicle registrations) and Motor Vehicle Tax (from auto sales). The “inside” millage and levy funds are very restrictive- to be dedicated to only certain expenses and their use is closely monitored.
- Our General Fund receives property tax revenue as well as some funding from the State of Ohio’s Local Government Fund (and we are watching House Bill #1 closely as it could drastically alter funding sources and formulas). Other sources of funds include grants, permits, fees, interest, donations as well as park and hall rentals. The General Fund is used to support a variety of expenses related to zoning, park maintenance, cemetery maintenance, portions of township buildings, office equipment, vehicles and administrative salaries.

My home’s value has gone up according to the Stark County Auditor- so I’m paying more for those levies, right?

- Not really. Levy revenue is remarkably stable. The total revenue derived from each property is essentially frozen at the time that the levy goes into effect and valuation increases have little impact. (New construction of residential and commercial properties do contribute to increases). The challenge in our township is that expenses for wages, fuel, utilities, vehicles, equipment, parts have increased and significantly outpaced our income. We have been very resourceful but we will from time to time request an increase...just so we can keep our heads above water and deliver the same level of service to our residents.
- You can easily access information regarding your property taxes by accessing our county auditor’s web site: starkcountyohio.gov/government/offices/auditor/

Does our township receive interest or dividend income on its bank balances?

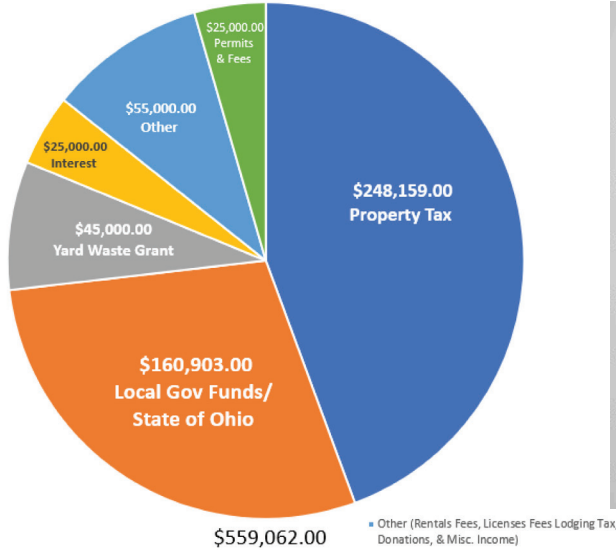
- Yes. Two years ago, we started moving funds to a very safe investment program overseen by the State of Ohio Treasurer’s Office (Meeder Investment’s Government Insured Deposit Program). Interest rates have increased recently after years and years of abnormally low rates (don’t we all know!) and this has benefitted our township- we’ve earned almost \$50,000.00 in interest and much of that has been within the last year. We also keep an operating balance at a local bank but as typical with demand deposit accounts, it pays very little interest.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 330-484-2501.

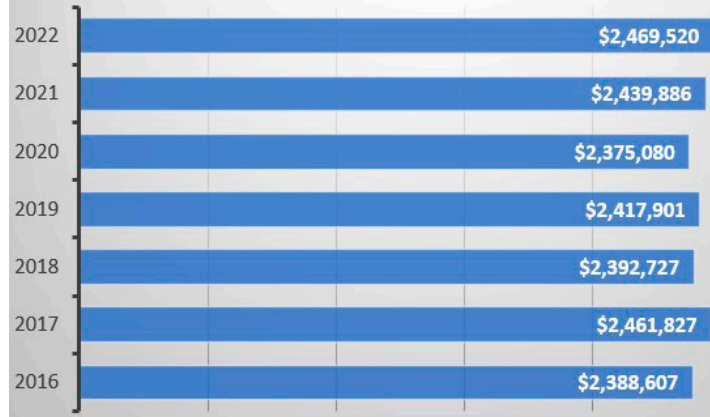
John Ring, Fiscal Officer
Teresa Anslover, Assistant Fiscal Officer

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

CANTON TOWNSHIP 2023 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET



ANNUAL REVENUE FROM FIRE LEVIES



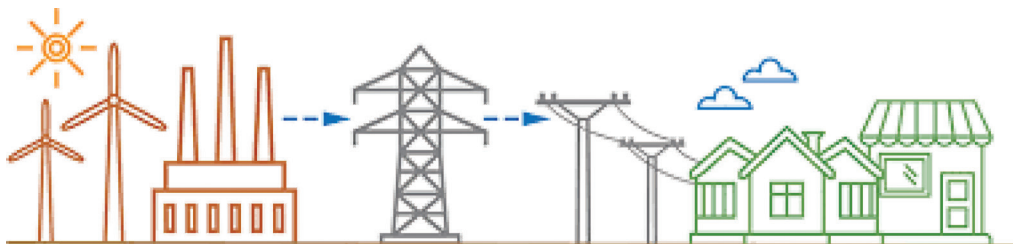
Canton Township Electric Aggregation Supplier

Canton Township has chosen Dynegy to be the preferred electricity supplier for you and your neighbors through its Electric Aggregation Program, assuming you are not already contracted with another provider. In November 2015, a majority of the voters approved an electric aggregation program to try and provide cost savings to residents and another “option.” With the deal that has been approved, a guaranteed, fixed rate of 6.79 ¢ per kWh through your June 2026 meter read will result. You would continue to receive one monthly bill from your local utility, AEP Ohio. You’ll notice that Dynegy would show as a line item for the supply portion on your bill.

If you have any questions regarding the program, call Dynegy at 888-682-2170. Please do not contact Canton Township as we will not be able to provide you with any specifics about your options.

Opt-out letters will be mailed by Dynegy on April 17, 2023. The opt out period ends May 8, 2023. The program begins May 31, 2023, for June 1st meter reads.

AEP Ohio will send you a confirmation letter after your enrollment is finalized. If you don’t want to participate, return the portion of the letter you will receive or just call Dynegy at 888-682-2170 by May 8, 2023. If you choose to opt out of the program at this time, or if you choose to leave the program later, you will be served by AEP Ohio under its standard service offer or until you choose an alternative supplier of electric service. If you switch back to your utility, you may not be served under the same rates, terms, and conditions that apply to other customers served by your utility. To learn more about the program, please see the terms and conditions at <https://www.dynegy.com/municipal-aggregation/communities-we-serve/Ohio/canton>.



Fire Department Levy & Operations FAQs



- 1) **What is a Mill/Millage?** This is \$1 per \$1,000 of a property's taxable value.
- 2) **How is my "taxable value" calculated?** You take the Auditor's market value x .35 x # of mills/ 1,000: Ex: \$100,000 x .35 x 4mills/ 1,000 = \$140.00 annually.
- 3) **Is the Mill Value the same everywhere?** No, the value of a mill is different for each community based on property values. For example: Canton Township 1 mill produces \$412,545 versus Perry Township \$714,668 and Plain Township \$986,375.
- 4) **How much is this levy request for?** CTFD is seeking a replacement of our five-year renewable levy of 4.0 mill with an additional 1.9 mill totaling 5.9 mill. This will equate to an average increase of \$12.00 month for a median value home of \$105,600.
- 5) **When was the last levy increase passed?** The last approved increase in funding was this levy in 2013 with a renewal in 2018. This levy is currently still supplying funding based on 2013 property evaluations.
- 6) **Are there other funding sources for the department?** Yes, there is a continuous levy that was passed in 2001 and the department "soft bills" for EMS calls.
- 7) **Does Canton Township Fire Department use volunteers?** No, unfortunately the use of volunteer firefighters stopped in 2013. This was due to lack of interest, training requirements, and time constraints. We currently utilize part-time and full-time staff.
- 8) **How is the department staffed?** We strive to staff

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seven personnel a day, two at each of our three stations and one shift commander at station one. This is based on a three-platoon 24/7 schedule. The department operates short staffed 80% of the time meaning that only six or less are on duty/covering three districts.

9) Why not hire more full-time personnel? This has become a complicated issue based on several factors: We have had a full-time turnover rate of 73% (11) since 2019. Nine of these left for higher wage departments. Fewer people are entering the profession, which reduces available qualified candidates to fill vacancies. CTFD wages tend to be among the lowest of other county departments.

10) What will the increase in funding provide? The department would add three additional personnel to each shift. This funding would provide for maintaining our current levels of daily staffing across operations and administration. Our

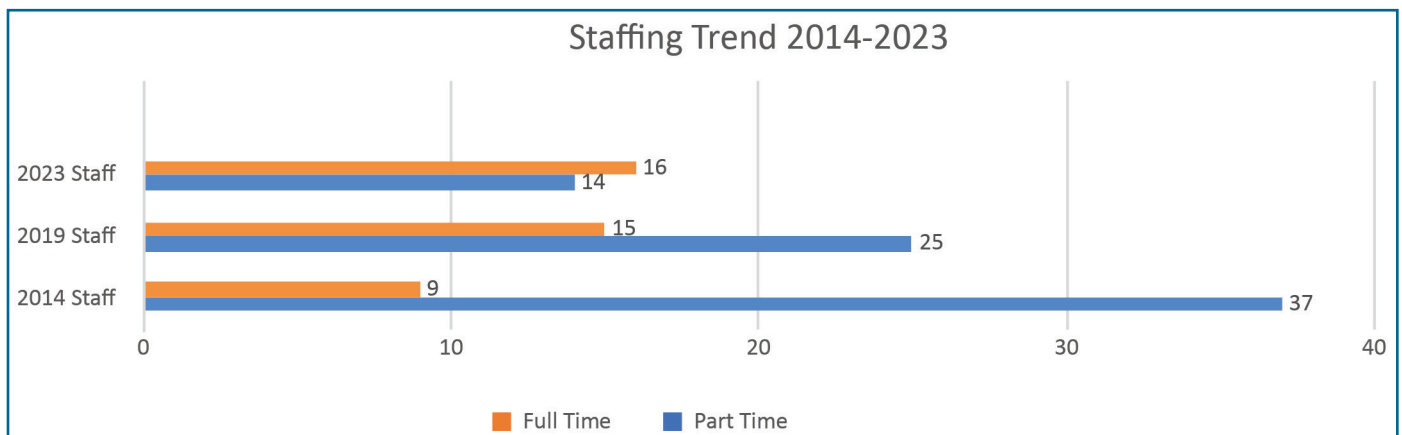
current staff wages would need to be addressed to become competitive with other agencies to achieve workforce retention. The department is currently in need of replacing its fleet of ambulances which have increased in cost by more than 50% (\$150,000 in 2013 to \$300,000). Our current ambulances were originally purchased in 2002 and refurbished in 2014.

11) Are you increasing daily staffing? No, the additional full-time staffing would only ensure that we are maintaining our seven-person per day level with less reliance on part-time members to accomplish. This equates to firefighter and operational safety allowing us to continue our excellent service model record.

12) What if the department does not receive additional funding? The department will continue to struggle with retention of current staff and recruiting replacements. Soft billing of residents may cease and revert to full collection of charges for service for residents. Staffing levels may fall to a point that on some days, for a 24-hour period, a fire station will be closed.

If there is something that was not addressed that you would like to know or just want further information; please reach out via the following:

- Chief Chris Smith 330-484-6165
- C.smith@cantontwp-oh.gov
- Or stop by 210 38th St SE Canton 44707



- A 62% turnover rate in part-time members; Reduction from 37 to 14 available members
- Full-time staff increased from 9 to 16; as part-time members reduced funds were reallocated.

From The Chief...

With the conclusion of 2022, I reflect on the year and the work the members of the department have done. We have continued to provide a high level of service for our community with the many challenges we face. This is a testament to the men and women of the fire department from the office staff to shift members.

2022 IN REVIEW:

Call Volume

- 2,631 calls for service
 - 1,892 EMS related calls
 - 739 non-EMS and fire related calls

TRAINING:

- 1,526 hours of training
 - 411 EMS
 - 972 Fire & TROT
 - 143 other

FIRE PREVENTION:

- 264 building inspections
- 37 Safe Home inspections
- 5 KNOX boxes installs
- 14 fire drills
- Participated in 17 community outreach events
- Direct contact made with over 2,100 members of the community

CPR TRAINING CENTER:

- We oversee 8 training sites and 19 eCard locations
- Currently have 250 instructors under our training center
- In 2022, we oversaw the certification of 3,753 CPR, AED, and first aid students



Fire Department Receives Power Load Cot Systems

The department recently had a Stryker Power Load Cot System installed in each of our four ambulances. These load systems were purchased through a grant we were awarded last year by the AFG program. This grant covered 95% of the \$282,600 project with included the power load, power cot, and 5-year warranty and maintenance plan.

The load systems have proven to be a valuable tool in preventing injuries to crews and to patients, especially when working with larger patients and fewer crew members. The purchase of this equipment would never have been possible if not for being awarded this grant. In the future when we are able to replace our ambulances, these systems will be transferred to the new units.

Canton Township Public Works

When you have some time, please look at our website. We provide information to our residents about various things which include permit requirements, proper mailbox placement, damaged mailbox policy, culvert pipe and ditching guidelines, and more.

You will also find our Year End Reports. You can look through our reports and see what was accomplished in Canton Township. These reports will give you an overall understanding of what has taken place and where money is being spent.

Have a question, concern, complaint, or just want to talk? All our contact information can be found there as well. We enjoy interacting with our businesses and residents and are always here for you.

2022-2023 Winter Season Snow & Ice Control



- Total material (salt) expense \$104,687.37 (only salt used, not what is in storage)
- Grand Total of \$193,266.02

Each season is different and so are the costs associated with them. There are also additional expenses that are not included: routine maintenance of the plows, spreaders, and vehicles after each use, cleaning of the equipment after each use, repairs when needed, and maintaining the salt storage. Currently we have approx. \$70,000.00 worth of salt stored at the Public Works Facility that is waiting to be used, which is about 1,000 tons.

The season is coming to an end. The equipment is being cleaned for the final time and getting prepped to be put into storage until fall. Your Public Works team has done another outstanding job in keeping the streets of Canton Township safe for public travel. Here are some totals to look over so you see what goes into keeping our streets safe when snow and ice hit our area.

- Dispatched a total of 20 times this season.
- Total labor expenses \$28,174.85 (regular and overtime)
- Total equipment expenses \$60,403.80 (includes normal wear and tear, and fuel)

It is always nice to look out your window in the morning and know that your street is passable so you can get to work or wherever you need to go. Remember that there is a lot of work that goes into prepping vehicles and equipment before the season begins, watching and waiting for the weather to hit, collaboration of multiple weather services and trying to figure out which one might be right, early mornings and late nights checking streets, and STRESS.

Canton Township Road Levy Dollars at Work

This year we will have two paving projects being completed before July. With the extension of the 2022 project and the addition of the 2023 project, a lot of streets will resurfaced. In total, both projects came to \$1,098,483.00. The list of streets is provided on page 9. If your street is not listed, please know that it is coming.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

2022 Project Streets*

Deville NW
 15th St NW
 16th St NW
 Sally Anne NW
 33rd St SW (Dueber to Berrywood)
 Berrywood SW
 Somerset SW
 Ashway SE
 Atwood SE
 Bywood SE
 Fairknoll SE
 Sierra SW
 Ironwood SW (Forestdale to Woodington)
 Grovewood Cir SW
 Woodington SW
 Peerless Cir SW
 Maplewood SW (Carnwise North)
 Forestdale SW (Carnwise North)



**Contractor was unable to complete in 2022, to be paved in 2023.*

2023 Project Streets

Shaheen SW
 George SW
 Dave SW
 Maplewood SW (Carnwise South)
 37th St SW
 Malhaven SW
 Ira Circle SW
 Diane SW
 Forestdale SW (Carnwise South)
 38th St SW
 Springvale SW (off 39th St)
 Highview SW (Carnwise South)
 32nd St SE
 Ironwood SE
 33rd St SE
 34th St SE
 35th St SE
 Carnwise SE
 Figueroa SE
 37th St SE
 39th St SE
 40th St SE
 Hollybrook SE (All)

PARKS DEPT. NEWS

CANTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

Faircrest Park • June 24, 2023
 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.

As spring approaches, our parks will be coming to life. Please get out and enjoy the outdoors. We have two parks to enjoy with activities at both locations. Look for more information in our next newsletter about what is happening and upcoming events.

If you are planning any sort of get together this year, please consider renting one of our locations for your event. Information can be found on our website at www.cantontwp-oh.gov or by calling our office at 330-484-2501.

We ask that when using any of the Township owned properties that you respect the property and the next people to use them. Rules and regulations are in place for your safety and the safety of everyone using the facilities. Cameras are in use at all of our locations and monitored 24 hours a day.

COMMUNITY PARK • FAIRCREST PARK

Short Term Rental Properties

The Board of Trustees approved text amendments to the Canton Township Zoning Resolution to promote the safety and general welfare of all township residents, while striving to protect the integrity of our residential neighborhoods. These amendments require short-term rental property owners to apply for a conditional use permit, obtain a fire inspection, and remit a quarterly lodging excise tax.



Old North Industry School

Township has Filed to Acquire School

The Board of Trustees has filed a TAAP application with the Stark County Land Bank to acquire the old North Industry school building at 4805 Wiseland Ave SE with the purpose of tearing the building down.

Above Ground Structure Permits

The Zoning Department would also like to emphasize that any time you are planning any type of construction or installing any above ground structure (pool, fence, shed, deck, etc.) a zoning permit would be required. Please contact the Zoning Department prior to installation if you have a question.

ZONING PERMITS:



Canton Township residents and businesses were busy this year. We issued 195 permits and renewals. We also had fourteen zoning appeals and five reclassifications of property applications in 2022.

Residential Uses

Single Family Dwelling	10
Garage	8
Accessory Buildings	34
Alterations/ Additions to Dwelling	3
Decks/Patios/Porches	15
Swimming Pools	13
Conditional Use Permits	3
Home Occupation Permits	12
Property Splits	1
Conditional Use Renewals	20
Fence	39

Commercial Uses

Alterations/ Additions	4
Certificate of Conformance	8
Signs	21
New Commercial Structures	2
Transient Vendor	2

Appeals and Applications

Board of Zoning Appeals	14 Appeals
Zoning Commission – Reclassification of property, Text Amendments	5 Hearings

INSIDE

CANTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

EVERY CHILD. EVERY MINUTE. EVERY DAY. WWW.CANTONLOCAL.ORG

Congratulations to the Wildcat Class of 2023!

The Canton South Class of 2023 commencement ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2023.

Weather permitting, graduation will be held outside at Canton South Brechbuhler Stadium at 7:00 pm. However, in the event of unfavorable weather, graduation will move to the Canton South Red Ash Gymnasium. Check cantonlocal.org for updates and ticket information.

Register your Little 'Cat Preschool

Registration for 2023-2024 school year is now open for the Wildcat Preschool Program offered by Canton Local Schools and the Stark County ESC at Faircrest Memorial Elementary School. Availability is limited and based on a first-come-first-serve. Call Paige Parsons at 330-484-8022 between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm to pre-register or get additional information.

Kindergarten

Children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2023, can attend kindergarten in the Canton Local School District for the 2023-2024 school year. Children must live in the district to enroll. Parents new to the district can begin the process online at tinyurl.com/CLSDnewstudents.

CSAFF Calls for Hall of Distinction Nominations

Nominees must meet the eligibility requirements as defined by the Canton South Alumni and Friends Foundation. Those selected into the Hall of Distinction will be memorialized with a permanent likeness and inscriptions at Canton South High School.

Application packets are available at Canton Local Administration Building and online tinyurl.com/CSHallOfDistinction. If you are unable to pick up a packet or access online, call 330-484-8019.

Nominations must be received by April 30.

CANTON LOCAL SCHOOLS
Proudly Presents
• Successful Nashville country music singer, songwriter.
• Recently opened for Garth Brooks on his stadium tour.
• Wrote Garth Brooks' last 4 singles including #1 "Ask Me How I Know."

Mitch Russell

In Concert
Saturday, May 13
7:00 p.m.
Canton South High School
600 Faircrest Street SE Canton
Tickets \$20 online only
Plus processing fee
\$5 Canton Local student ticket
Limited number available
Presented with support from

Scan for tickets
or go to cantonlocal.org

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CANTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

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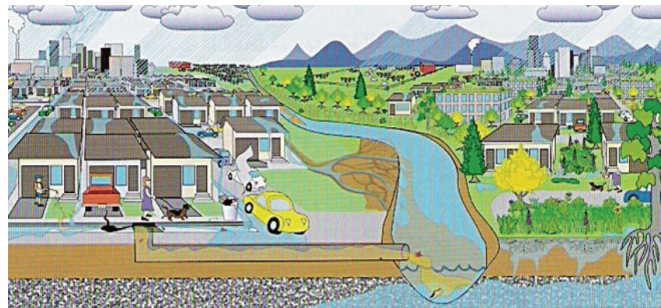
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JMN Journal

Debbe and Jerry Davidson
Dr. Dale and Patience Rush

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What is Storm Water?



Storm water is defined as the flow of water that results from precipitation which occurs immediately following a rainfall event or results from a snowmelt. When a rainfall event occurs, the precipitation is “absorbed” by the environment. The water may soak into the soil recharging groundwater supplies, while some is taken up by plants, and some is evaporated into the atmosphere. All the other water that flows or runs off the land is considered storm water. Unfortunately, as development increases, the ability of our environment to perform its natural process of “absorption” decreases. This is because the natural landscape that was once able to absorb clean storm water is covered by impervious surface. Impervious surface is simply a surface that water is unable to penetrate. Rooftops, driveways, and roads are all examples of impervious surfaces. Increased impervious surface results in both an increased amount of storm water runoff and an increased chance for pollution to enter our waterways through our storm sewer systems. This type of pollution that results from storm water runoff is called non-point source pollution.