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TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

All regular meetings will be on alternate Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at the Township Office, unless noted otherwise.



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THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON PRESENTS:
ADVANCED FIRE TRAINING DAYS
OCTOBER 4TH-OCTOBER 7TH, 2021
HOSTED BY THE CANTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT




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From Your Board of Trustees

Welcome to summer Canton Township, as we (hopefully) near the end of the pandemic...and things begin to return to "normal". 2021 has already been and will continue to be a very busy year in Canton Township.

COVID-19

We would like to take a moment to recognize and thank our amazing staff at Canton Township for their efforts and hard work over the past 14 or so months. While we had to change the way in which we operated for a time...our dedicated staff continued to come to work and do their best for the residents of Canton Township.

Our Office and Zoning staffs were there to answer the phones and answer questions, pay the township's bills, issue permits and pursue zoning violations during what turned out to be an extremely busy year.

Our Road Department continued to repair our roads and keep them clear of snow and ice to provide safe travels for our residents. Also, since this is the first newsletter since the end of winter, we want to send out a Special

Thank You to our Canton Township Road Department for their efforts during the Christmas snowstorm. Instead of being home with their families for the holiday, our road crew began their work on Christmas Eve and spent almost all of Christmas Day, keeping the township's roads safe, so the rest of us could be with our families.

Our Fire Department worked through unprecedented challenges in adjusting for the necessary COVID-19 protocols to try and keep our Fire and EMS staff safe, while still responding 24/7 to those in our community that needed their help.

We can't say enough about our Canton Township Team and we truly appreciate everything they do for us and the residents of Canton Township on a daily basis.

Return of Community Day

On Saturday, June 26th, we will see the return of Community Day, with food, music, a veteran's recognition and wrapping up the day with a brilliant fireworks display!

While there are plenty of details and information about this great family event included elsewhere in this newsletter, we want to take a moment to recognize the amazing and generous sponsors that make this event possible. In spite of just now coming out of the pandemic, in 2021 we have had more sponsors come forward and more money donated to help support this great township event. Please note the sponsors listed in this newsletter and thank them for their support of Canton Township Community Day 2021. This generosity just goes to show what a great and supportive township we have and just what makes Canton Township a special place to call home.

Township Master Plan

The Board of Trustees is focused on residential and business development in our township, to see Canton Township grow and prosper. To help guide this process, the Board of Trustees has recently contracted with Stark County Regional Planning for the development of Canton Township's first Comprehensive Plan. While in the past, smaller "land use" plans have been completed, this will be the first Comprehensive Plan for the township.

This plan will include a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats) Analysis of the township, it will look at land use, review transportation needs along with parks and green space. It will also

look at the demographics of the township and make recommendations, based on the finances of the township.

There will be opportunities for Public Input, as our Comprehensive Plan is developed. Stay tuned to our Meeting Highlights and future newsletters for more information.

Stay safe, stay healthy and enjoy your summer, Canton Township!

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Nichols, President

Mark R. Shaffer, Vice-President

William G. Mittas, Member

Canton Township Board of Trustees

From Your Board of Trustees

Good Neighbor Award

In December 2020, the Board awarded the Canton Township Good Neighbor Award to Mitchell Swihart and David & Linda Medley. They volunteered their time to lock and unlock the park gate at Community Park every day from spring until late fall 2020. Their commitment to the protection of the park is both commendable and appreciated. Mr. Swihart and the Medleys are the definition of Good Neighbors by helping to keep Community Park a safe and secure place for families and visitors to enjoy.



Extra Stark County Sheriff Patrols in Canton Township

At a spring meeting the Board approved an additional 64 hours of dedicated patrols in Canton Township to be provided by the Stark County Sheriff's Office. The Board had previously authorized 64 hours in 2020 and felt the dedicated patrols had been helpful in responding to very specific resident and business concerns. The additional patrols are provided contingent upon Sheriff's Deputies being available and willing to sign up for the extra work hour opportunities. Canton Township remains the largest township, in terms of population, within Stark County that does not have a dedicated police department or a levy to fund Sheriff deputies dedicated solely to the township.

Zoning Text Amendments

A text amendment to the Canton Township Resolution, as listed in Resolution 01-01-2021, took effect on 2/23/21. Among the changes included in this Resolution were to require a zoning permit for any fence or wall, to rename "Skill Games" as "Skill Based Amusement Machines" (to comply with the Ohio Revised Code), to require "Skill Based Amusement Machine" operators to be registered with or licensed by the Ohio Casino Control Commission and to limit Skill Based Amusement Machines as a conditionally permitted use in Industrial Zoned Districts.

Trustees to Seek Feedback on Master Plan

The Board of Trustees value the opinions of our residents and businesses. An online survey will be available on the Canton Township website beginning June 26th. We encourage everyone to read through the Comprehensive Plan and then take the survey. *Let your opinion be heard!!!*

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Thank you to Canton South student Faith Taylor (also a member of NHS) for her design of the 2021 Community Day Flyer. Also, Thank You to Canton South teacher Chris Bergert and the Canton South National Honor Society members for committing to assist the Canton Township Public Works Department with the placement of the American Flags that will line Faircrest Street SW from before Community Day, through the 4th of July. The flags are being generously provided by Steve Toohey of Operation Flags of Freedom.



CANTON TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY DAY

SATURDAY JUNE 26, 2021 | 5 PM
FAIRCREST PARK

ENTERTAINMENT | FOOD | TRANSPORTATION

5 PM CANTON SOUTH ALUMNI BAND PERFORMANCE

7 PM NASHVILLE RECORDING ARTIST RICKY LEE & THE MUSTANGS

FIREWORK SHOW TO END THE NIGHT

FOOD TRUCKS

COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE SERVICE

TO AND FROM PARKING AREA AT FAIRCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL PROVIDED BY LED TRANSPORTATION

BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET TO ENJOY THE SHOWS!

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Special THANK YOU to our 2021 Community Day Sponsors

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A Note from Stark County Sheriff George T. Maier:



Dear Friends,

Another cold winter season is in the books and we are moving into Spring with its more pleasant temperatures. As weather conditions improve, people begin enjoying the outdoors and working in their yards. I would like to encourage everyone to take steps to safeguard your property while doing so. Please be

sure to secure your home if you will be outside and unable to see the doors to your home. Keep garage doors closed when you go inside for the evening and secure valuable yard equipment when not in use. As the weather warms, people also tend to leave car windows down. Remember not to leave valuables such as electronics, wallets, purses and firearms in plain view in unsecured vehicles. With the nicer weather comes more people moving around outdoors, including criminals looking for people and situations to take advantage of.

I encourage you to consider recording serial numbers

or permanently marking yard equipment, tools and other valuables so it can be identified if you ever have to report something stolen. If you would like, you can register your property through the LEADS Online system at reportit.leadsonline.com. Report It is a citizen property inventory system that is purchased as a service to the community and investigative tool for the Stark County Sheriff's Office. The system allows for a safe, secure and free place to record your property information so it can be retrieved in the event of a theft. The Stark County Sheriff's Office does not have access to this information unless you report it stolen and an investigation is started. In the event a registered item is reported as stolen in the system, it can be a valuable tool to help law enforcement locate the item. It helps law enforcement identify the owner of property that we recover during investigations. The system provides your detailed account of the item to us for investigation as well as flagging items should they appear at a participating pawn shop. The system allows for many types of property such as jewelry, electronics, credit cards and tools to be entered along with a few photos. Our office has used this program for several years and had many successes with it. I hope you will consider utilizing this system.

Please have a wonderful, healthy Spring season and stay safe!

George T. Maier

NEW BUSINESSES

Welcome to Canton Township!

T & J Auto

1324 Raff Road • Unit B & C

(330) 904-5026

Finesse Customs

3920 12th Street NW

(330) 259-7429

Fire Department Partners with University of Akron



We are pleased to announce a partnership that has been created between the CTFD and the University of Akron's (UA) Fire Program. The program plans to utilize the CTFD Fire Training Grounds to host UA's annual "Advanced Training Days" in October of this year, and potentially annually for years to come. This valuable hands-on training for firefighters will help educate firefighters from the area and afar with tactical firefighting techniques and strategies that will help them perform their jobs more effectively.

A special thanks to our Trustees for supporting this mission, along with the UA's efforts for bringing this and additional programs to the Canton Township community and our department. "Training and preparing our people to effectively handle the low frequency/high risk calls is imperative to the service mission we are built on, here at Canton Township, this is what separates our agency from the rest", states Rick Morabito, Assistant Fire Chief and Training Officer of the CTFD. The UA shares this passion and vision for the members of the fire service, thus, enabling a great working partnership.



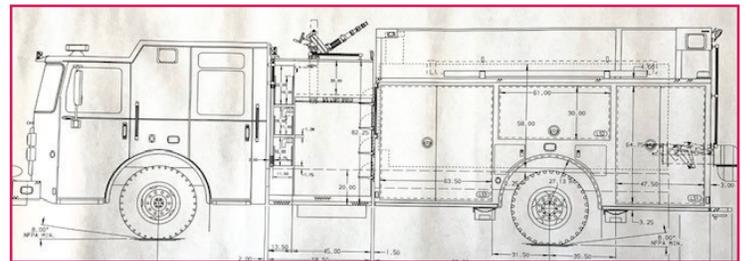
Fire Department to Purchase New Pumper/Tanker

The fire department has entered into a contract to purchase a Pumper/Tanker from Pierce Manufacturing. This truck will replace two pieces of equipment in the departments fleet. The current Tender is a 2005 unit and its primary purpose is to serve as a back-up engine and provide water in non-hydrant areas of the township, or on mutual aid calls to neighboring communities. The 2005 unit will be sold after delivery of the new truck.

The new pumper/tanker will also replace a 2006 frontline engine, which will be placed into reserve status. The 2006 engine was refurbished in 2016 and has 90,000 miles on it, which is high mileage for a front-line piece of fire equipment. The reduced usage and wear and tear of being placed into reserve status will allow for this truck to serve the township as a back-up piece of equipment for many years to come.

The new Pumper/Tanker will serve as a dual role/purpose apparatus. The truck will carry 1,800 gallons of water, as opposed to the 750 gallons of water carried by our current Tender. This truck will also have a full complement of all firefighting equipment to serve as a front-line engine.

The decision to purchase this apparatus was made based on the need of the department as well as an analysis of current costs vs future costs. With the Board of Trustees approval and support, we are able to fulfill an important equipment need while also saving \$30,596 by making this purchase now and avoiding a price increase caused primarily by rising construction material costs. The cost of this apparatus will be \$534,621. This new truck will be housed at Station Two, in Waco.



We thank the community for their continued support and allowing your fire department to continue to provide superior and efficient services to the Canton Township community

FIRE DEPT. NEWS

Is Your Address Visible?

The fire department is once again asking our residents and businesses to please go outside and look at their building and their mailboxes to check the visibility of their addresses. It can be exceedingly difficult at times, especially at night, to find a location when there is no clearly visible address. The fire department can potentially waste valuable minutes searching for address numbers while someone is anxiously awaiting our help.

Check the visibility of your address numbers to make sure they can be seen in daylight and especially at night. Make sure that if your numbers are on the side of a rural street mailbox, the numbers are posted on both sides of the mailbox.

For your convenience, the township offers blue and white address signs that are highly reflective. These signs are available for a small cost from the township office. A few minutes of your time will help ensure that the Fire Department doesn't waste valuable minutes looking for your address during your time of need.



PARKS DEPT. NEWS

Faircrest Park American Flag Depository

In the fall of 2020, Canton South Senior Nathan Cordes constructed an American Flag Depository in the park as his Eagle Scout project. Nathan worked with the Board of Trustees for the location, secured monetary and material donations, coordinated the installation and completed the project with help from his Troop, family, and friends. Great job Nathan and Thank You for giving back to our community.



Canton Township Community Park

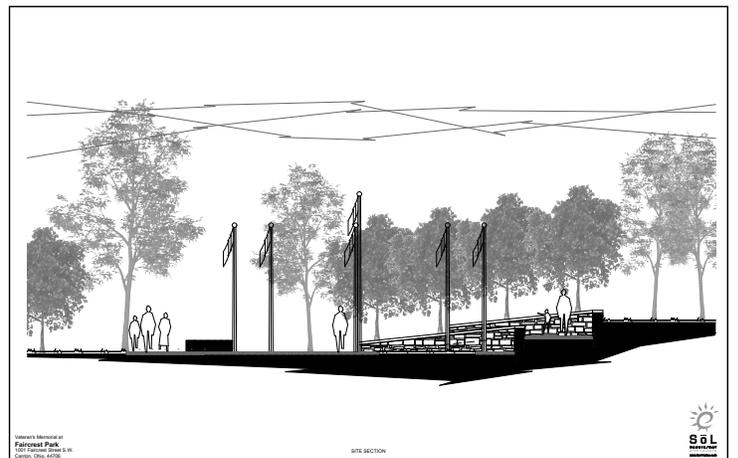
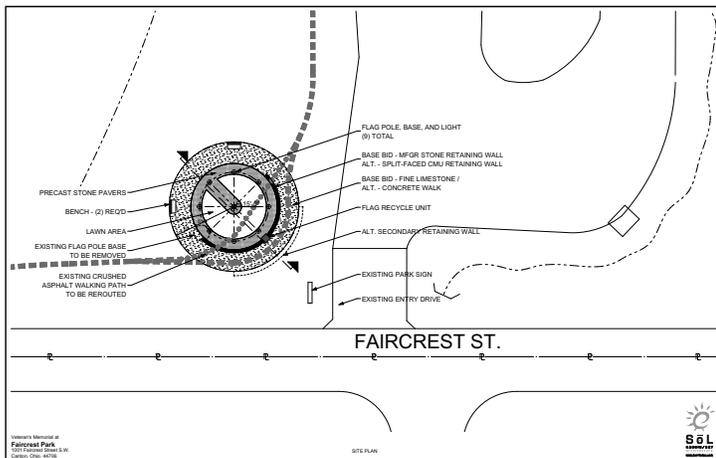
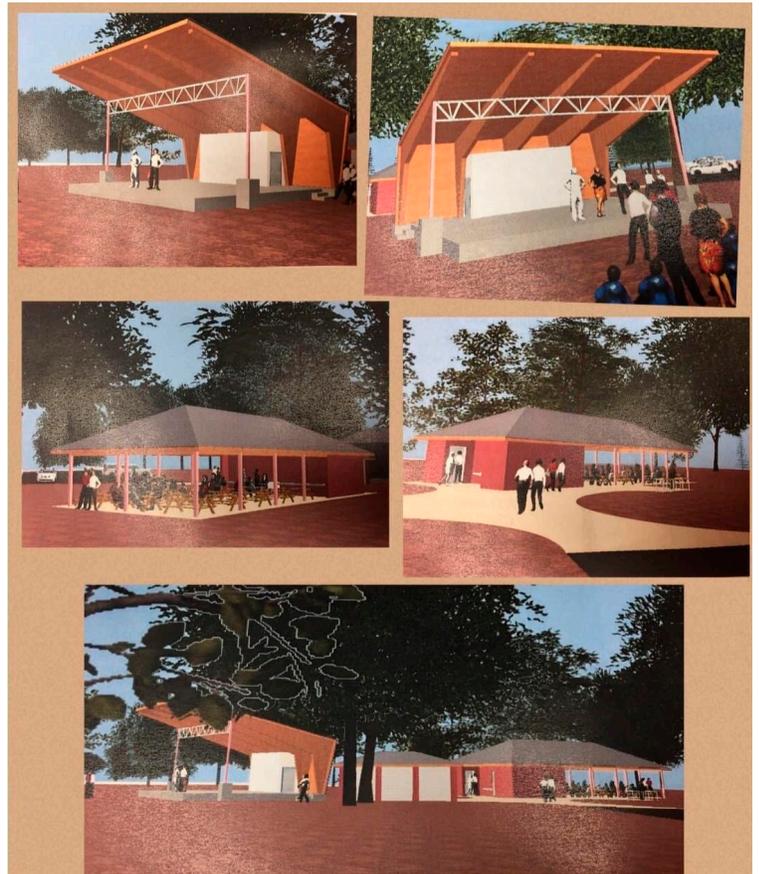
Due to the increasing frequency of vandalism at Community Park on Oyer Street, the Board of Trustees authorized the installation of surveillance cameras in the fall of 2020. There are several cameras that cover key areas of the park which have been regular targets for vandals, along with one that captures every vehicle in and out of the park. Since the installation of the cameras, the township has seen a decrease in vandalism in the park and the associated costs related to the cleanup and repairs. The township contributes this decrease to people knowing they have a higher chance of being identified and caught.

Canton Township Faircrest Park

Big things are on the way for Faircrest Park. The return of Community Day in 2021 will be the first event. Also in the works are a new larger picnic shelter with attached public restrooms, a roof structure installed over the park stage and also a Township Veterans/Armed Forces Memorial.

The Board of Trustees applied for a Capital Improvement Grant from the State of Ohio and was awarded \$250,000 through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The township is currently working with Sol Harris Day Architects on the design of all three areas. Architectural drawings and contractor bid documents should be done by late summer. We are still unsure of when construction might start due to the increase in material prices and the current extended time frame in securing some materials.

If you would be interested in contributing to any of the mentioned projects, please contact the township office.



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

2021 Faircrest St SE Bridge Replacement



Canton Township and the Stark County Engineer have teamed up to work together on the construction of a replacement bridge on Faircrest St. SE over the Nimishillen Creek. This project will also include the resurfacing of Faircrest St. SE between Central Ave. and Belden Ave. along with the resurfacing of Central Ave. between Faircrest and Baum.

A joint Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant for Canton Township and Stark County, will cover 74% of the \$933,618 project cost. The balance of the project will be covered by Canton Township and Stark County road funds. The project started on June 1st and is expected to be completed about August 14, 2021. Local detours are in place for businesses and residents to make their way around the project.

Another improvement related to this project was the County and Township working with the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway to replace the R/R crossing on Faircrest St. SE. This much-needed project had to be finished before Faircrest SE could be resurfaced in August, after the bridge replacement is finished. This

project required Faircrest St. to be closed for 5 days while the work was performed. The R/R crossing project was completed in May.

Loader

The Public Works Department has recently purchased a new Case 621G wheel loader that will replace our current 2009 loader, which has experienced a number of mechanical issues. The new loader is expected to be delivered by summer and the old loader will be traded in to reduce the cost to the township. This loader plays a vital role in the day-to-day operations of the Road Department by loading salt for snow and ice control in the winter, loading yard waste material into dumpsters for removal during the yard waste season and loading miscellaneous materials throughout the year for the numerous projects being done around the Township.



Please Keep Your Grass in Your Yard

Please do not blow grass clippings onto the street. If you do, we ask that you be courteous to others using the street and clean it up. Besides looking bad, grass clippings can get into the storm water system and create problems. In addition, clippings have the potential to cause an accident, which in turn could result in the property owner being liable for injuries.



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

2020/2021 Snow/Ice Season Recap

As the weather warms up, we'd like to wrap up the 2020/2021 winter season, which was a busy one for the Public Works Department. Keeping the streets of Canton Township safe is a 24/7 job. The crew of eight is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, throughout the winter season. None of the crew can stray far from home because they never know when they will be needed. There are many missed meals with family, missed holiday celebrations and other events, not to mention reduced sleep, to ensure our streets are kept as safe as possible for the traveling public.



Our first time out for the 2020/2021 season was on December 1st. We were out a combined total of 30 times between salting and plowing. Along the way, we spread 2,650 tons of salt on township roads at a cost of \$175,015.

Public Works Department personnel put in 438 regular hours and 1,189 overtime hours on our roads to keep them safe. That works out to 1,627 total hours on our roads.

Included in our crew of 8 personnel are the full-time and part-time mechanics. Randy and Steve both have their own plow routes to maintain every time we get called out, but they also have the responsibility to keep our plows and trucks operating and safe. All of the employees pitch in when and where they can, but these two do a remarkable job of keeping our equipment on the road. Day, night, or bitter cold these two guys keep us moving forward.

Season	Reg Hrs.	OT hrs.	Tons Used	# of Events	Salt Cost
2018/2019	582	676	2,285	32	\$155,883
2019/2020	199	465	1,744	17	\$118,976
2020/2021	438	1,189	2,650	30	\$175,015

Road Right of Ways in Canton Township

The road right of ways in Canton Township can be used for a multitude of things; underground utilities, utility poles, signage, ditches, and culverts for stormwater are just a few. Right of ways vary from road to road but in most cases are a minimum of 50 feet wide or 25 feet each way from the centerline. The right of way belongs to the property owner but are able to be used by utility companies and government for specific purposes.

Canton Township requires that a right of way permit be submitted to the Public Works Office for any work that is going to be done within the right of way by any homeowner or contractor. This helps us manage our storm water system and possibly eliminates damage to it and also helps us manage our roads.

The biggest issue we see is the installation of concrete driveways. Concrete is not permitted in the right of way on streets without curb and gutter. Concrete driveways need to stop at the right of way and an asphalt apron needs to be installed.



If you or your contractor has any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department. We will come out and advise you on what can and can not be done.

Yard Waste • 2021 Operating Days:

Wednesday, Saturday, and Sundays • 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM

Canton Township has once again received an operating grant from the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District for the 2021 season, in the amount of \$45,680. This helps us cover the cost of having the yard waste material hauled to a composting facility.

This site is for residential yard waste only. **NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING.** Residential yard waste consists of lawn clippings, tree limbs/branches and other organic vegetation from around your yard. This site does **NOT** accept any type of household trash, railroad ties, landscaping timbers, concrete, brick, rocks, pallets, construction debris, food waste, plastic or any other non-organic materials.

Our yard waste site is monitored 24/7 with security cameras. When illegally dumped materials are found, the Stark County Sheriff's office is notified and the offenders can be prosecuted.

In 2020 our Yard Waste facility received 1,735 tons of yard waste which cost \$45,110 in hauling expense to the composting facility.

Looking to the future, the Waste Management District is looking at possibly discontinuing grant funding for local yard waste sites. The Canton Township Board of Trustees along with other township personnel are considering several possibilities to be able to keep this widely used service available to our community. As more information becomes available, it will be shared with the community.

Canton Township Recycle Drop Off

Canton Township in conjunction with the Stark-Wayne-Tuscarawas Recycling District provides a drop off location for the "recyclers" in our community. Unfortunately, our site gets abused by residents that do not know how or what they can recycle and drop off at the township. We advise you to visit the Recycling District's website, timetorecycle.org to get the most up to date information about recycling. Please notice the pictures of the bins for what is acceptable.



ZONING NEWS

2020 - A Busy Year in Zoning, Even in a Pandemic (Most Numbers Up from 2019)

PERMITS

- 119Residential Permits for New Homes, Additions, Decks and Pools
- 38Commercial Permits for Additions, Conformance and Signs
- 15Zoning Appeals

NUISANCES

- 103Nuisance Properties Investigated
- 20Nuisance Property Cleanups Completed (vs. 9 in 2019)
 - 2.53 Tons of Tires Cleaned Up and Recycled
 - 42.27 Tons of Trash & Debris Removed from Nuisance Properties
- 219Properties Contacted for High Grass
- 149High Grass Properties Mowed by the Township (vs. 121 in 2019)

**Show your Canton Township Pride
by Keeping your Property Cleaned Up and Mowed**

Spring is the beginning of yardwork season. The Canton Township zoning code prohibits grass and weeds to be above 8 inches in height.
Let's keep our Township and neighborhoods looking great!

Work is still continuing on several properties in the Township

- 1. 2465 Waynesburg** – Working with the Stark County Land Bank to acquire the property, raze the building and clean up the property for resale.
- 2. 3516 Prairie College** - Working with the County to acquire the property, raze the building and prepare it for resale.
- 3. 2347 Prairie College** – The owners of this property continue to make progress on cleaning up the trash and junk vehicles. The Zoning Department is working to set deadlines for the owners to reach specific benchmarks in their cleanup effort, to ensure progress continues.
- 4. 2901 – 24th St. SE** – This property has been an eyesore for some time, but the cleanup process is complicated by owners who have passed away and a question of subsequent ownership currently unresolved. We are assessing all of our options to bring this property into compliance.



Big Paving Year for Canton Township

This summer, thanks to the continued support of our residents for the Canton Township Road Levy, **over 8.6 miles** of Canton Township's 98 total miles of road will be paved. When work begins later this summer, residents in all 4 quadrants of the township (SW, SE, NE and NW) will see roads being grinded down and paved.

2021 Canton Township Road Paving List

Section	Street	From	To
NW	12th	Roslyn	13th
NW	14th	Broad	Parkway
NW	15th	Broad	Lakeside
NW	16th	Broad	Lakeside
NW	17th	Broad	Lakeside
NW	17th	Whipple	dead end
NE	3rd	Glavera	Burkhart
SW	46th	Cleveland	dead end
SW	51st	Clardell	dead end
SW	51st	Cleveland	dead end
SW	52nd	Cleveland	53rd
NW	Bausher	12th	13th
NE	Burkhart	Lincoln	dead end
SE	Central	Faircrest	Baum
SE	Central	Millerton	city limit
SW	Clardell	46th	53rd
NW	Edmeyer	14th	17th
SE	Faircrest	Central	Belden
SW	Frey	53rd	cul-de-sac
NE	Glavera	Lincoln	dead end
NE	Glynhaven	Lincoln	dead end
SE	Harvest Cir	Shaker Valley	cul-de-sac
NW	Helen	Broad	Lakeside
SW	Hillport	48th	Yoder
NW	Joseph	Edmeyer	dead end
NW	Northpark	13th	Parkway
SE	Old Trail	Tamara	cul-de-sac
NW	Patton	Edmeyer	Lakeside
SE	Shaker Valley	Cheyenne	cul-de-sac
SE	Tamara	Faircrest	dead end
NW	Werz	12th	17th
SW	Yoder	46th	48th
TOTAL MILES OF ROAD - 2021 PAVING			8.654