



HOA NEWS



The Board wishes all the residents of the RiverWoods Subdivision a Merry Holiday and bright and beautiful New Year.

NOTE: *If you received a letter regarding replacing your tree(s) and it wasn't replaced by said date, your late fees will be included in your dues statement. If you have any concerns and/or questions, feel free to email the Board.*

Reminder: *There is no dumping of limbs and/or branches in any of the common areas.*

Dues Info. - *Dues have remained the same for 2025. Annual dues are \$325.00 and are due on or before February 28, 2025.*

Annual Meeting - *The Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2025, in the Canton Admin. Bldg. on Canton Center Road.*

Parking - *There is no parking on either of the Courts (Shagbark & Pond View) at any time by residents or guests. Pursuant to Canton Ordinance, please do not park in the fire lanes of the subdivision; guests should be advised as well. Having a vehicle parked in a fire lane could be dangerous if emergency vehicles were trying to gain entrance for a fire or EMS situation. Also, there is no parking on the lawn, as this is also against Canton Ordinance.*

NOTE: *Please install 3-4 reflectors and/or sticks for the snow plow to prevent damage to your lawn or sprinkler heads from the plow truck.*

Drains - *Please clear the leaves and debris from the drains. This ensures the continuous flow of water into the drains and will prevent potential backups.*

FUTURE HOA MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 - Room E, 7:00-9:00 PM

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 - Room A, 7:00-9:00 PM

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - Room A, 7:00-9:00 PM

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 - Room A, 7:00-9:00 PM



WINTER DRIVING REMINDERS

The changing season and falling leaves may be beautiful, but can pose a hazard to you and your vehicle:

Slippery Roads: Wet leaves can be just as slick as ice. Slow down when driving over large patches of leaves and increase your distance from the car ahead of you. If you do skid on wet leaves, don't panic and don't slam on your brakes. Instead, steer in the direction you want to go and release the gas pedal.

Camouflaged Potholes and People: It's more difficult to spot potholes, road debris and the curb when leaves are strewn across the road. Slow down to avoid hitting something that could damage your car and never drive over a large pile of leaves as kids and dogs may be playing in them.

Fire Hazards: Dry leaves can ignite from the heat of your car's exhaust system or catalytic converter. To avoid this, don't park on a pile of leaves.

Daylight: Daylight savings time has ended and you will begin driving in the dark more often. Maintain a speed that allows you to stop for an obstacle at the far reaches of your headlights.

More Fog: As the air begins to cool, the chance of fog increases. When driving in fog, reduce your speed in order to increase your reaction time. Driving with your low-beam headlights helps you more clearly see the roadway.

Roaming Deer: You're more likely to cross paths with deer during the fall and winter, which is their mating season. Stay especially alert at dawn and dusk, when deer are most active. If you can't avoid hitting a deer, don't swerve—but do brake firmly and stay in your lane.

School Buses: There are buses on the road, so be alert and slow down when driving near bus stops. (©2020 AAA. All Rights Reserved.)

DID YOU KNOW . . . A Canton Fun Fact!



THE HISTORY OF CANTON: New England Settlers

The opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 brought settlers from New England. Settlers were met by heavy forests and many animals, including bear, wolf, lynx and fox. Early settlers engaged in self-sustaining farming. Farm-produced food and products provided the family with sustaining food and extra goods could be sold or bartered for goods, services or cash. The typical Canton farm family owned six or eight milk cows, hogs for marketing, chickens for eggs or meat and a few sheep. (©2006-2024 Canton Township, MI and its representatives. All rights reserved)

BELLY WARMING BEEF STEW

Ingredients:



- * 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- * ¾ cup peas, optional
- * ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- * ½ teaspoon salt
- * ½ teaspoon black pepper
- * 3 tablespoons olive oil
- * 1 onion chopped
- * 6 cups beef broth
- * 1 lb. potatoes peeled and cubed
- * 4 carrots cut into 1" pieces
- * 4 ribs celery cut into 1" pieces
- * 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- * 1 teaspoon dried rosemary or 1 sprig fresh
- * 2 lb. stewing beef trimmed and cubed
- * 2 tablespoons water or as needed

Directions:

Combine flour, garlic powder, salt & pepper. Toss beef in flour mixture. Heat olive oil in a large Dutch oven or pot. Cook the beef and onions until browned. Add beef broth while scraping up any brown bits in the pan. Stir in all remaining ingredients except for peas, cornstarch and water. Reduce heat to medium low, cover and simmer 1 hour or until beef is tender (up to 90 minutes). Mix equal parts cornstarch and water to create a slurry. Slowly add the slurry to the boiling stew to reach desired consistency (you may not need all of the slurry, if you'd like a thicker stew, you can add extra). Stir in peas and simmer 5-10 minutes before serving. Season with salt & pepper to taste. Enjoy!!! (©2024 Spend With Pennies. All rights reserved.)

GAMES FOR A SHARPER MIND



We can't control the number of years flipping by on the calendar, but there are things we can do to improve our quality of life as we age. Besides healthy habits like working out and eating well, it's important to challenge our minds with exercises of their own. In other words, we need to keep our brains in shape just like our muscles. There are some activities that stimulate the mind at any stage of life and are especially helpful as we grow older.

CARDS AND BOARD GAMES

- * Games like Bridge, Scrabble or Mahjong can stimulate cognitive function while providing vital social interaction.

WORD AND NUMBER GAMES

- * Daily crossword puzzles, Sudoku, Wordle, and other brainteasers are effective tools for keeping sharp.

ONLINE BRAIN GAMES AND APPS

- * Mental exercises like Lumosity, Peak and BrainHQ keep your mind engaged. With progressively increasing difficulty, these platforms ensure games remain fresh.

EMBRACING NEW SKILLS

- * Whether it's learning a new language, engaging in volunteer work, or mastering skills like cooking, knitting or dancing, these challenging pursuits can help keep our brains engaged.
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New Neighbors:

New neighbors have moved into the subdivision at 2539 Pond View Ct., 47716 RiverWoods Drive, 2481 RiverWoods Drive North, 47537 RiverWoods Drive, and 47669 RiverWoods Drive.



NEWSLETTER



CANTON NEWS YOU CAN USE

PRIORITY WASTE COLLECTION:

No collection on Christmas or New Year's Day. All collections will be delayed by 1 day.

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will end on Friday, December 20, 2024, and will not resume until April 2025.

HOLIDAYS IN HERITAGE PARK:



Through December 31, take a winter walk around the scenic pond in Canton's Heritage Park from 5 PM - 8:30 PM. All ages are welcome to stroll through the park and enjoy the sights and sounds of the season located behind the Canton Administration Building.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SAFETY



The Canton Police Department will be increasing patrols at local shopping centers and stores now through December 24.

In addition to regular patrols, police officers will use bicycles and semi-marked patrol cars to maintain high visibility in parking lots and store fronts to deter criminal activity.

Shoppers are encouraged to stay alert and be aware of their surroundings and their belongings at all times and to shop with others. The chance of being victimized drops dramatically when you are with a companion. If there are three or more people together, the chance of being targeted for crime is 90% less than when alone.

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