

# Hedging Our Bets

On the Move

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# **HOA NEWS**



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

<u>NOTE</u>: If you didn't replace your tree, you will be getting a notice. Also, there is no dumping of limbs and/or branches in the common areas.

<u>Dues Info.</u> - Dues have increased for 2024. Annual dues will be \$325.00 and are due on or before February 29, 2024.

<u>Annual Meeting</u> - The Annual Meeting will be scheduled for next year in the spring.

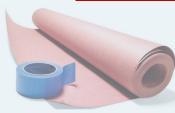
Parking - There is no parking on either of the Courts (Shagbark & Pond View) at any time by residents or guests. Pursuant to Canton Ordinance, please do not park in the fire lanes of the subdivision; guests should be advised as well. Having a vehicle parked in a fire lane could be dangerous if emergency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

<u>NOTE</u>: Please install reflectors and/or sticks for the snow plow to prevent damage to your lawn from the plow truck.

<u>Drains</u> - If you have drains in front of or on the side of your home, or in your backyard, please clear the leaves and debris from the drains. This ensures the continuous flow of water into the drains and will prevent potential backups.

**NOTE:** Join NextDoor to ask for recommendations, give recommendations, inquire about things happening in our community, etc. - <a href="https://nextdoor.com/q/w6srkm1xt/">https://nextdoor.com/q/w6srkm1xt/</a>

# **QUICK TIPS - FLOOR PROTECTION**



Canvas or plastic drop cloths are slippery on hard flooring like wood or tile. For protection that stays put, you can't beat rosin paper. Just tape sheets together and tape the perimeter to the floor. Be sure to vacuum before you lay the paper; grit trapped

under the paper can lead to floor scratches. A single layer will protect against paint drips, but wipe up larger spills before they can soak through. For remodeling projects, tape down two or more layers. You can find rolls of rosin paper at home centers. (©2023 Home Service Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.)



# REMINDER ABOUT SAFE DRIVING THIS WINTER

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 ORIGIN OF HAGGERTY ROAD:







John Strong Haggerty was born August 22, 1866, in Greenfield Township, Wayne County, Michigan. He was a founding and longtime member of the Wayne County Road Commission and for whom Haggerty Road was named. He was responsible for being the first to use concrete for roads. In 1916, Mr. Haggerty purchased the Carleton brick and tile yard located on Canton Center Road between Michigan Ave. and Palmer Road. He also owned a brick company in Springwells, Michigan. Springwells is now part of Dearborn. (©2023 Canton Today. All rights reserved.)

# An Old Favorite For Those Chilly Days Creamy Chicken and Wild Rice Soup



# Ingredients:

- ♦ ½ cup butter
- 1 finely chopped onion
- ♦ ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup sliced carrots
- ½ lb. fresh sliced mushrooms
- ♦ ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ♦ 6 cups chicken broth
- ♦ 2 cups cooked wild rice
  - 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken

breasts, cooked and cubed

- ½ tsp. salt and ground black pepper
- ♦ ½ tsp. curry powder, mustard powder and dried parsley
- ♦ 1 cup slivered almonds
- ♦ 2 cups half-and-half

#### **Directions:**

Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the onion, celery and carrots and sauté for 5 minutes. Add the mushrooms and sauté for 2 more minutes. Add the flour and stir well. Gradually pour in the chicken broth, stirring constantly, until all has been added. Bring just to a boil, reduce heat to low and let simmer. Add the rice, chicken, salt, curry powder, mustard powder, parsley, black pepper, and almonds. Allow to heat through, then pour in the half-and-half. Let simmer for 1 to 2 hours. (Do not boil). Enjoy!

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#### **BEWARE OF IMPOSTERS**

# Tips to Stay Safe From Scammers:



- \* Don't fall for a fake. Imposters can come in all different shapes and sizes, from banks, real estate and utility companies to family members and government agencies. These fraudsters use pressure tactics to create a false sense of urgency. They may tell you they'll disconnect your electricity, you're late with a payment or your benefits will be discontinued if you don't act now.
- \* If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Beware of anyone promising you high returns, low risk and "golden" opportunities. Take the time to ask questions that can keep you from getting scammed. Fraudsters will create a false sense of urgency to get you to act. Don't fall for it!
- \* Avoid grandparent scams. If someone claims to be a family member, verify with that family member by calling them directly. If you think your grandchild needs help, contact them directly, not by email, social media or text, or call their parents before sending money unintentionally to a scammer.
- \* Never share your passwords or PIN. Keep your passwords and PINs a secret, even from close friends, family and relatives. It's never a good idea to share your login information.
- \* Protect yourself from phishing emails. Pay attention to any email claiming to be a bill or a security alert. If anything looks odd such as misspelled words, your name not appearing on the email, links that don't appear to go to the right place, requests for you to "verify" account or personal information, delete the message and report it. (©2023 USAA. All rights reserved.)



### **New Neighbors:**

New neighbors have moved into the subdivision at the corner of River Woods Drive and Siever Drive - Hasan Nazeer & Tanveer Zaidi



# NEWSLETTER



# **CANTON NEWS YOU CAN USE**

# **YARD WASTE:**

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will end on Friday, December 15, 2023, and will not resume until April 2024.

# **REMINDER - BE AWARE OF 'PORCH PIRATES':**

The Police Department reminds residents that with the upcoming holiday season comes a noted increase of "Porch Pirates" stealing packages that have been delivered to porches. Here are some suggestions for safe online deliveries:

- Track deliveries and ask a neighbor or friend to pick up the package if you won't be home.
- 2. Set delivery to your place of business or a friend's or relative's home that will be at home to accept it.
- 3. Request that packages be placed in an out-of-sight location.
- 4. Use an alternate access pick-up point option.
- 5. Request "signature required" through the delivery service.

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# **REPORTING AN INJURED ANIMAL**



No matter what animal you come across, you should first contact a professional who can best advise you on your specific situation.
Resources to contact include the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Michigan State University's Veterinary Medical Center and local wildlife rehabilitators:

The MDNR can be reached at (517) 284-9453. The MDNR also collects reports of sick or dead birds or mammals through an online form.

Michigan State University's Veterinary Medical Center can be reached.

Michigan State University's Veterinary Medical Center can be reached at (517) 353-5420.

Director—Danette Murphy

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To find a licensed wildlife rehabilitator near you, look in the MDNR's directory. (©2023 freep.com. All rights reserved.)

RiverWoods Subdivision/Board Members:

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Missed or Misdirected Mail - Call Lee Thompson—313-226-8607

Road Complaints: www.waynecounty.com/servicerequest20/ or call: 888-762-3273

