



## HOA NEWS

*Happy holidays and season's greetings from the Board. Wishing you joy, peace and good health this holiday season and a joyous New Year.*

**Dogs** - Please clean up dog poop from the lawns when walking your pooch. Also, keep your pups on a leash; this is a Canton Ordinance and you can be ticketed.

**Parking** - THERE IS NO PARKING ON LAWNS pursuant to Canton Ordinance. Also, remember that pursuant to Canton Ordinance, please do not park in the fire lanes in the subdivision, including the two courts. 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.

**Street Tree Maintenance** - Please ensure street trees are trimmed to no lower than 7 ft. above the road.

**Drains** - 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:** For proper delivery of the newsletter, please ensure your house number is prominently displayed on your mailbox.

**NOTE:** In the Spring, the Board will be following up with letters to homeowners regarding landscaping issues. We will be looking at, for example, overgrown shrubs, weeds in streets and driveways, trees not trimmed, missing shutters, needed painting, diamond edging coming out of the ground, in front and back yards, etc.

**NOTE:** Dues Information - Dues notices are sent around December 15th. Dues are to be paid starting 1/1/2022, through 2/28/2022, and are considered late 3/1/2022 and after.

**NOTE:** Annual Meeting - Due to COVID-19 and the Delta variant, and nowhere to meet, the Annual Meeting has been postponed until further notice.

## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Make sure your natural tree has plenty of water. Needles can dry out and pose a potential fire hazard.

Keep lit holiday candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and don't forget to blow them out when you leave the room or go to sleep.

Prevent burns from hot holiday food or liquid spills, simply use the back burner of your stove and turn pot handles away from the edge.

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## WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Severe weather can be both frightening and dangerous for travelers. Winter storms, bad weather and sloppy road conditions are a factor in nearly half a million crashes and more than 2,000 road deaths every winter, according to research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Drivers should know the safety rules for dealing with winter road emergencies. AAA urges drivers to be cautious while driving in adverse weather and recommends the following tips while driving in snowy and icy conditions:

### Cold Weather Driving Tips

- ◆ Keep a bundle of cold-weather gear in your car, such as extra food and water, warm clothing, a flashlight, a glass scraper, blankets, medications, and more.
- ◆ Make certain your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.
- ◆ Keep at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle at all times.
- ◆ Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- ◆ Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface, such as on ice and snow.

### Tips for Driving in the Snow

- ◆ Stay home. Only go out if necessary. Even if you can drive well in bad weather, it's better to avoid taking unnecessary risks by venturing out.
- ◆ Drive slowly. Always adjust your speed down to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice.
- ◆ Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight and to make turns. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- ◆ Increase your following distance to five to six seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- ◆ Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- ◆ Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- ◆ Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads will just make your wheels spin. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill slowly.
- ◆ Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.

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## DID YOU KNOW . . . A Canton Fun Fact!

Ford Road is the community's main retail corridor, however, Canton's Michigan Avenue corridor is fast becoming the hot new location for retail business. This major link between I-275 and Ann Arbor features Home Depot, Dick's Sporting Goods, Target, Kohl's and more. Add to that the Canton Sports Center, and you have thousands of cars traveling Michigan Avenue on a daily basis.

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## CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES



### Ingredients:

- 2 (4 oz.) pure chocolate bars, finely chopped
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 scant Tbsp. softened butter (not margarine)

### Directions:

- Place chopped chocolate in a heat-safe bowl
- In a saucepan, heat cream until simmering
- Pour cream into bowl with chocolate, then let sit for 5 minutes (Do not stir)
- Add vanilla and softened butter
- Stir until chocolate has fully melted
- Pour into a baking pan, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1-2 hours until set
- Scoop your preferred size of dough, then roll into truffle balls
- Serve plain, or roll in cocoa powder, sprinkles or chopped nuts
- Store truffles in a tightly sealed container up to three days at room temperature or keep two weeks in the refrigerator

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## HOW TO SPOT AN IMPOSTER SCAM



### Family Imposters

"I received a message from a 'family member' asking me for money ASAP..." Scammers may hack social media accounts to impersonate a relative in need.

**How to avoid:** Before sending any money, always call your relative to confirm their actual situation.

### Financial Imposters

"Someone from my bank, who already knew some of my personal information, asked for my access code..." Scammers can spoof their caller ID number and use bits of your personal information to convince you to reveal your access code and steal your money.

**How to avoid:** Don't ever share your temporary access codes or PIN with anyone who calls you unexpectedly. Your bank or the government will never ask you for this information.

### Refund Imposters

"I got a call from an online company about a 'refund' for something I don't remember..." Scammers often impersonate well-known retail and tech support companies to gain access to your personal device or bank account.

**How to avoid:** Never give control of your device to a stranger. Never send money to anyone claiming to be from companies asking for payment or offering a refund for something you didn't order.

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**New Neighbors:**  
2482 RWDN - Muhammad Ajaml & Javeria Cheema and  
2591 Shagbark - Chouki & Dalia Doun

# NEWSLETTER

## CANTON NEWS IN BRIEF

### YARD WASTE:

Starting the week of November 1, residential yard waste will be collected on your regular collection day along with your garbage and recycling. Curbside collection of yard waste ends December 17 and will not resume until April 2022.

All garbage, recycling and yard waste must be placed at the curb by 6:30am to ensure pick-up on the scheduled pick-up day.

GFL's dedicated Canton phone line: 248-204-6757

### DATES TO REMEMBER

\* Holiday Tree Collection: First two weeks of January

\* Yard Waste Pickup: April 5 through December 17

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## INTERNET SAFETY - BE SMART (©2021 Daydream Ed.)

**S** - Safe

Ensure passwords and personal information are kept private.

**M** - Meet

Never meet with an online friend in person, even if you think you know that person well.

**A** - Accept

Do not accept emails, instant messages and friend requests from people you do not know.

**R** - Reliable

Not all of the information and people online are reliable or trustworthy. There is a lot of false information online.

**T** - Tell

Tell a trusted adult if anything online makes you feel uncomfortable.

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