



HOA NEWS



'Tis the season to get ready to get out the shovels, snow blowers, winter coats and gloves. During this holiday season, please be safe and stay healthy.

River Day - Just a heads-up the HOA will host a River Day for the RiverWoods Subdivision only coming in the Spring 2021.

Dues Information - Annual dues will remain at \$300.00 and are due on or before February 28, 2021.

Annual Meeting - Due to COVID-19 and the rising number in coronavirus cases and nowhere to meet, the Annual Meeting has been postponed until next year.

Parking - Remember that 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.

Next Meeting - TBD.

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, etc.

KIDS - TIPS FOR REMOTE LEARNING

- ++Maintain A Morning Routine - Wake kids up with enough time to eat, dress and get mentally prepared for schoolwork.
- ++Optimize Their Space - Make sure chairs give support to back and feet and position screens at a comfortable eye level.
- ++Take Breaks - Give lots of breaks for physical activity.
- ++Communicate With Teachers - Let teachers know of any challenges your child is facing.

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DID YOU KNOW . . . A Canton Fun Fact!

LANDFILL CONSTRUCTION

Canton became the first community in Michigan to utilize a host community agreement to facilitate the construction of a landfill. In exchange for not fighting the development, the community would receive annual financial benefits. These royalties were used for capital improvement projects only, such as parkland purchase, park improvements, facilities, roads and recycling. Sauk Trails, South of Michigan Avenue, was thus constructed. (©2006-2020 Canton Township, MI and its representatives. All rights reserved.)



SAFE DRIVING TIPS FOR THE CHANGE IN SEASON

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, 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: Grade school may look a bit different this year with virtual classes, but there will still be buses on the road, so be alert and slow down when driving near bus stops. (©2020 AAA. All Rights Reserved.)



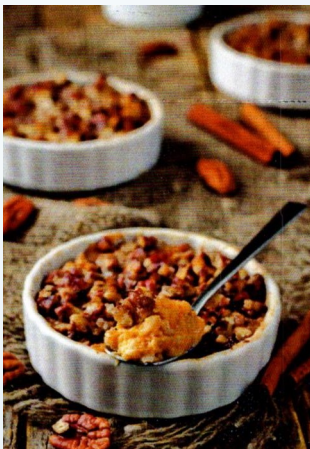
MINI SWEET POTATO CASSEROLES

Ingredients:

6-8 large sweet potatoes, baked
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
3/4 cup almond milk
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 Tbs. coconut sugar

For the Topping:

1/4 cup rolled oats
1/4 cup almond flour
1 cup pecan pieces
5 Tbs. butter
5 Tbs. coconut sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. cinnamon



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350° F. Coat 8 ramekins with cooking spray and place on baking sheet. Slice sweet potatoes in half, scoop pulp into a large bowl and discard skins. Add cinnamon, almond milk, nutmeg, vanilla extract and coconut sugar. Whip sweet potato mixture with a hand mixer until smooth. Divide evenly into prepared ramekins.

In a separate bowl, mix together all topping ingredients. Sprinkle on top of each ramekin. Bake 20-25 minutes until tops are golden brown. Serve warm. Enjoy!

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HEALTH—4 HEALTH BENEFITS OF CINNAMON



Not only is cinnamon a popular ingredient in fall and winter recipes, it's also high in health benefits. Regular consumption of the fragrant spice could contribute to your overall wellness in the following ways:

- ◇ Cinnamon contains polyphenols, which are powerful antioxidants that help fight against damage from free radicals in the body.
- ◇ This ancient spice has been known to lower blood sugar by increasing the body's sensitivity to insulin and decreasing the amount of glucose absorbed into the bloodstream after eating.
- ◇ Regular intake may decrease the risk of heart disease by reducing bad cholesterol levels and lowering blood pressure.
- ◇ Cinnamon has antimicrobial and antifungal properties. In fact, the spice was historically used to preserve foods. It can also promote the healing of wounds and help clear up lung congestion.

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New Neighbors:

Please welcome our new neighbor at 47740 River Woods Drive—Amanda Cholak



NEWSLETTER



CANTON NEWS IN BRIEF

YARD WASTE:

Collection of yard waste ends on Friday, December 18. It will resume in April 2021.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:

Winter Wonderland Walks—Head to Pheasant Run Golf Course December 4 - December 6 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM for a very special two-mile walk.

Canton's Virtual Tree Lighting—Join Canton's Leisure Services virtually on Facebook on December 2 at 6:30 PM to light up the night.

Santa Comes to Town—Share your favorite winter season tradition for a chance to have Santa Claus visit your neighborhood on December 10 or December 17 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. (©2020 Canton Focus, November 2020 Volume 32—Issue 11. All rights reserved.)

TIPS FOR YOUR HOME



Recycling - Because plastic bags are unacceptable items to use to contain our recyclables, use lawn bags. Place your recycling in a lawn bag and then place the bag in the recycle bin. Lawn bags are constructed of paper, are acceptable items for recycling and are a great way to contain your recyclables to prevent recycling items from coming out of the bin when the bin is lifted.



Shower Drains - Tired of your shower drain getting clogged with hair and having to call a plumber to snake the drain? Use a piece of mesh sponge. Cut a piece of mesh sponge and wrap around the bottom of the shower drain. This will trap any hair, preventing it from entering the drain, and will maintain the flow of water. If you wash your hair in the shower, discard the piece of mesh after a week or when water flowing into the drain slows.

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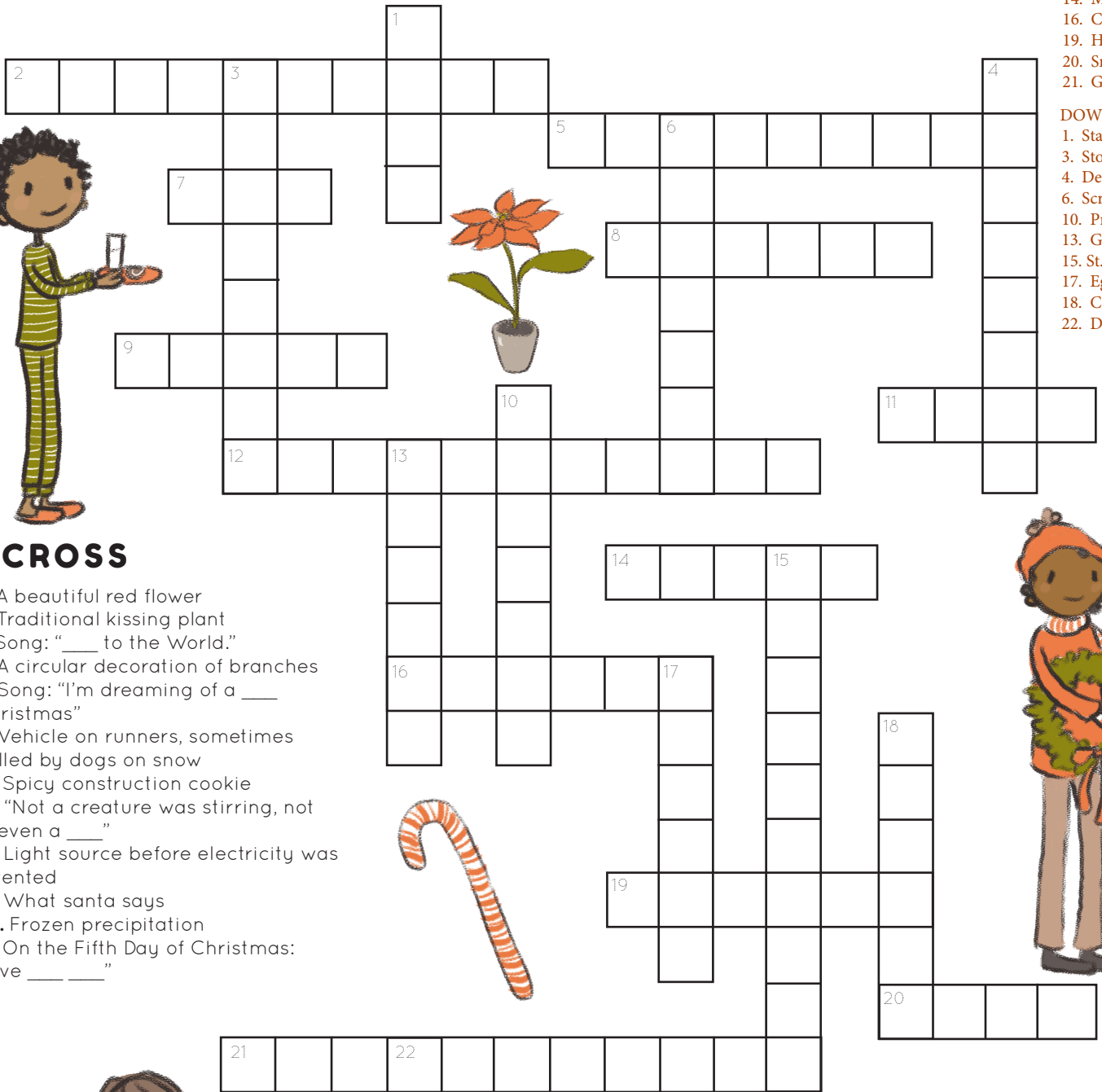


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CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

- ACROSS:
 2. Poinsettia
 5. Mistletoe
 7. Joy
 8. Wreath
 9. White
 11. Sley
 12. Gingerbread
 14. Mouse
 16. Candle
 19. Ho, Ho, Ho
 20. Snow
 21. Golden Rings

- DOWN:
 1. Star
 3. Stocking
 4. December
 6. Scrooge
 10. Present
 13. Grinch
 15. St. Nicholas
 17. Egg Nog
 18. Carols
 22. Dickens



ACROSS

2. A beautiful red flower
5. Traditional kissing plant
7. Song: "___ to the World."
8. A circular decoration of branches
9. Song: "I'm dreaming of a ___ Christmas"
11. Vehicle on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs on snow
12. Spicy construction cookie
14. "Not a creature was stirring, not even a ___"
16. Light source before electricity was invented
19. What santa says
20. Frozen precipitation
21. On the Fifth Day of Christmas: "Five ___"

DOWN

1. A common decoration at the top of a Christmas tree
3. If you were naughty, you might only get coal in this
4. Christmas month
6. He had visits from the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future
10. Synonym for gift
13. He "stole" Christmas
15. Another name for Santa
17. Creamy holiday drink
18. Sung by strolling singers
22. He wrote the book, "A Christmas Carol": Charles ___

