

HAPPY SPRING!



Spring is right around the corner. It's time to get started on freshening up the yard by cleaning up leaves and other debris, trimming rose bushes, pruning trees and trimming bushes and hedges.

Get out to Canton's Off-Season Farmers Markets held March 22 and April 26 to stock up on your favorite fresh produce and other market goodies.

Friendly Reminders:

Dues - Annual dues of \$300.00 are now overdue. Please submit your dues, if you have not already done so, as soon as possible.

Next Meeting - Monday, March 16, 2020.

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

Drains - If you are a homeowner with drains in front of or on the side of your home, please clear the leaves from the drains. This ensures the continuous flow of water into the drains.

HOA Meetings - Meetings are held every second Monday of the month, unless otherwise announced, in the Administration Bldg. at Canton Center and Civic Center.

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

YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS SOON

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 1 and continue through December 4. All yard waste should be placed with recyclables on the opposite side of your driveway from your garbage. Yard waste and recyclables must always be placed separately from your garbage to avoid confusion during collection. GFL Environmental will hold the first clean-up day of 2020 on Saturday, April 25 from 10 AM to 4 PM at their facility located at 42100 Van Born Road. For more information, call GFL at (844) 464-3587. (©2020 Canton Focus, March 2020 Volume 32— Issue 3. All rights reserved.)



HOME IMPROVEMENTS: KITCHEN CABINETS



- * One of the best ways to change the look in your kitchen is to refresh your cabinets. When deciding between paint or stain, it's important to look at factors such as appearance, durability, budget and return on investment.
- * Decide if you want a smooth finish of paint or the natural look of wood grain. Paint will mask imperfections and create a sleek, modern appearance. Stain highlights texture, which can enhance wood's natural beauty.
- * Next, consider how much water your cabinets will encounter from splashes from the sink and moisture in the air. Paint is more resistant to water than stain. However, it's more prone to chipping and peeling.
- * Your budget will always be a factor in making your final decision. Paint typically costs 10-15% more up front. It also may result in higher labor costs or more of your time if extra coats are required.
- * When selling your home, neutral colors are usually attractive to home buyers. Stain's classic, natural appearance can also offer a high return on investment. (©2020 The Personal Marketing Co. (TPMC). All rights reserved.)

EGGLESS CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup water
- 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/8 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- Fresh raspberries and blueberries (optional)
- Chocolate shavings



Directions:

Place water and sugar in a small saucepan over high heat and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and add chocolate chips, salt and cinnamon. Stir until melted. Let cool to room temperature. When chocolate has cooled, use the whisk attachment of a stand mixer or an electric hand mixer to beat whipping cream for 3-5 minutes or until stiff peaks form. Add a large spoonful of whipped cream to chocolate and stir to combine. Gently fold chocolate mixture into the remaining whipped cream until completely combined. Divide mousse into 4 bowls and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Garnish with berries and chocolate shavings if desired. Enjoy! (©2020 The Personal Marketing Co. (TPMC). All rights reserved.)

DID YOU KNOW . . . A Canton Fun Fact! THE IMPORTANCE OF GEDDES ROAD

In 1829, before Michigan became a state, the territorial government authorized a survey of a route north of the Detroit to Chicago Road, known today as Michigan Avenue. This road began in Canton Township near the intersection today known as Michigan Avenue, Sheldon Road and Geddes Road. The road was originally called Territorial Road. Territorial Road was renamed as South Territorial Road and sometime after 1930, the name was changed to Geddes Road. Geddes Road was a major contributor to Michigan's population increase by more than 250% between 1830 and 1840. (©2020 Canton Today. All rights reserved.)

FOUR TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR MONEY SAFE

Protect your money and your sensitive information. Phishing scams are increasing and consumers continue to be targeted. Your financial institution should take every available precaution to protect your money and secure your personal information. If you receive an email or phone call requesting confidential information or verification or asks you to sign into your account, it is not from the bank or credit union. If you have already shared information or clicked on a suspicious link in an email, please contact your financial institution immediately.

- 1) Never click on email links that look like they connect you directly to online banking. Always visit the financial institution from your browser and access online banking through its home page. You can also use your mobile device to access the bank or credit union's secure mobile banking app.
- 2) Banks or credit unions will never call, email or text you to verify your online banking username, password, PIN number, text messages or routing information. If you are contacted by any phone number, email, or via text, and are asked for this information, please do not share any information and contact your bank or credit union directly.
- 3) Sign up for text alerts in online banking and get notified every time a transaction occurs. To sign-up, log into your online banking account and set-up email alerts.
- 4) Use a strong password that is unique and includes a combination of numbers, letters, uppercase and lowercase, and special characters. It is recommended that 14 characters or more be used. (©2020 Lake Michigan Credit Union. All rights reserved.)

SAFE COMPUTING ADVICE



A. Do not charge your phone or other mobile devices using public USB charging ports.

Public charging ports have the potential of planting malware onto your mobile devices.

B. Be wary of using no brand or off brand flash drives, USB drives, thumb drives, jump drives, keyboards or mice; especially those that are given away in public forums.

USB ports present a vulnerability, as malware could be implanted onto the chipset.

C. Use a password keeper to keep your passwords safe.

A password keeper will help you keep track of the multiple pins and passwords we use in everyday life.

D. Keep your mobile devices updated with the most current software.

The safest mobile device is the one that is always updated.

E. Do not use public Wi-Fi.

Using public Wi-Fi can provide hackers a way to get into your devices.

F. Turn off unnecessary wireless connections when not in use, such as Bluetooth and wireless network connections.

Leaving wireless connections on can pose a security risk in that it could allow others to remotely connect to your devices and perform malicious tasks.



New Neighbors:

Welcome our new neighbors on Shagbark!
Paul Yoon-Lee and Min Yoon-Lee

NEWSLETTER

REIN IN THE DISTRACTIONS

Experts say that there's no such thing as multitasking. You're just switching back and forth from one task to the other and not focusing fully on either. Most people recognize that multitasking can be dangerous (e.g. texting and driving). It's not the speed of the vehicle that's the problem, however. Accidents with injury can occur even when texting and walking. Our brains simply aren't wired for this kind of divided attention. If you're doing 2 things at once to save time, you will lose time when you have to redo both tasks. (©2020 Hudson, Ink. All rights reserved.)

FAST FIX

Toothpaste "middle squeezers" are experienced at pushing out that last bit from the tube. But even if you start at the bottom, it's easy to slip up and press the middle of the tube. To avoid squeezing the middle of the tube, place a binder clip or metal chip clip at the bottom of the tube. Fold the tube over and move the clip up as you go. (©2020 Hudson, Ink. All rights reserved.)

HOME ADVICE: HOUSEHOLD EYESORES

Every home has a handful of necessary, but unattractive items you would rather not show off to your guests:

⇒ Conceal cords from a wall-mounted TV by stacking colorful hardback books on the console or mantel below.

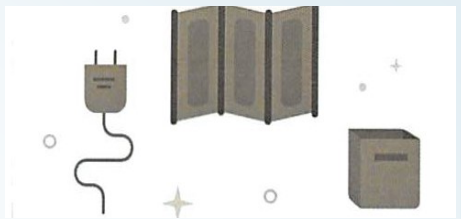
⇒ Use trendy baskets to store toys, pet items or extra toilet paper.

⇒ Drill holes in the back of a desk drawer to thread cords through them for a discreet charging station for your small electronics.

⇒ Hide your washer and dryer from view with a pretty room divider.

⇒ Conceal an unattractive circuit breaker box without limiting access to it by attaching small hinges to a canvas painting and mounting it on the wall.

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