



HAPPY SPRING!
(Spring Maintenance Checklist Below)
HOA Reminders



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, untrimmed trees, missing shutters, needed painting, diamond edging coming out of the ground, in front and back yards, etc.

NOTE: DUES ARE CONSIDERED LATE 3/1/2022 AND AFTER.

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

LAWN MAINTENANCE:

- ◆ Weeds and grass growing in driveways need to be cleared
- ◆ Tree debris needs to be cleared from street
- ◆ Weeds need to be pulled from around street trees
- ◆ Bricks/pavers around trees need to be maintained

TEN TIPS FOR FIRE SAFETY



- 1** Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- 2** Test smoke alarms monthly. Replace batteries at least once a year.
- 3** Have a family fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.
- 4** If there's a fire in your home, get out, dial 911 and don't go back inside.
- 5** Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- 6** Use flashlights during power outages, not candles.
- 7** Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- 8** Turn off space heaters when you leave the room and don't leave them unattended.
- 9** Only use smoking materials outside.
- 10** Keep flammable items away from anything that can get hot, such as space heaters.

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SKILLET LASAGNA

Ingredients:

- 1 Tbsp. avocado oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 3/4 lb. ground beef
- 1/4 lb. ground Italian sausage or other meat
- 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- 8 whole lasagna noodles, broken
- 1 (28 oz.) can crushed tomatoes
- 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup Ricotta cheese
- 4 oz. Mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced

Directions:

Heat oil in a large skillet. Cook onion and garlic over medium heat, stirring often. Add beef and sausage, then cook until browned. Stir in red pepper flakes. Salt and pepper to taste. Evenly layer broken noodles over meat. Pour tomatoes, sauce and water over top. Stir and bring to a simmer. Lower heat to medium-low and cook for 20-24 minutes, stirring occasionally until noodles are cooked. Turn heat to low and spoon dollops of Ricotta on top. Add Mozzarella, cover with lid and let cheese melt for 5 minutes, then serve. Enjoy! (©2022 The Personal Marketing Co. (TPMC). All rights reserved.)

SPRING

- Check your home's exterior for winter storm damage.
- Have a professional tend to any trees that look unhealthy.
- Check outdoor play equipment for damage.
- Clean gutters in preparation for spring rain.
- Put down spring lawn fertilizer and preemergent weed preventers.
- Install any window screens stored during the winter.
- Prep mowers and trimmers (replace spark plugs, sharpen blades, refuel, etc.).
- Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when you set your clocks to daylight saving time.
- Schedule annual maintenance for your air conditioning.
- Test your sump pump.

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DID YOU KNOW . . . A Canton Fun Fact!

Population Growth -

Canton's population remained relatively stable until the late 1960s when Holiday Park, a new subdivision, was developed South of Joy and East of the now constructed I-275. The first new subdivisions were located along the eastside of Sheldon Road, from Joy to Ford. These first new subdivisions included 900 lot Windsor Park and 1000 lot Carriage Hills subdivision to the South. These subdivisions were completed in the early 70s. (©2006-2022 Canton Township, MI and its representatives. All rights reserved.)

Happy Body, Healthy Choices

5 Tips to Better Health



Drink More Water.

At Least 8 Glasses a Day.



Eat Fruit b4 Breakfast.

Jump Start Your Day with Great Nutrition.



Add Vegetables to Every Meal.

3-5 Servings a Day.



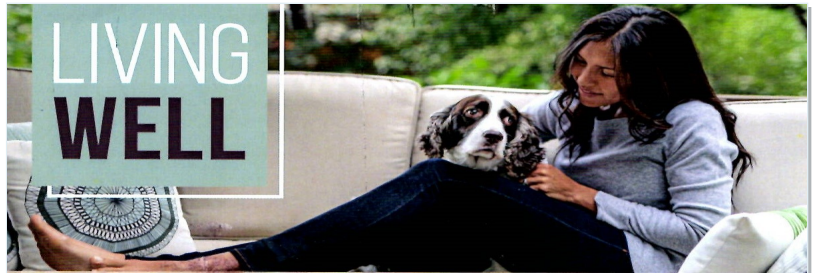
Walk for 30 Minutes Daily.

Start with 10 Minutes a Day.



Explore Meatless Meals.

Try Vegetarian Meals from different Cultures.



COMBAT MENTAL HEALTH MYTHS WITH FACTS

There has been an uptick in ads for mental health services and apps in recent months. This increased awareness has helped bring the following facts to light:

1. **Mental Health Conditions Are Common** - One in five adults in the U.S. lives with a mental health condition.
2. **Mental Illness Isn't A Weakness** - Just as a broken wrist or diabetes aren't caused by a character flaw, neither is mental illness. These symptoms don't disappear just because someone tries harder or changes their attitude.
3. **Medications Aren't "Happy Pills"** - Those who suffer from mental illness often need medication to reduce symptoms.
4. **Most People With Mental Illness Aren't Violent** - In fact, they are more likely to have been victims of violence.
5. **Veterans Aren't The Only Ones Who Get PTSD** - Many people experience post-traumatic stress disorder after significant trauma or abuse.

For more information, check out NAMI.org. (National Alliance on Mental Illness). If in a crisis situation, dial 911. (©2022 The Personal Marketing Co. (TPMC). All rights reserved.)



New Neighbors:

No new neighbors have moved into the subdivision.

NEWSLETTER

SNEEZE-FREE PLANTS FOR ALLERGY SEASON

If you love gardening, but hate the allergies and hay fever that plants can cause, consider adding hypoallergenic plants inside and outside your home to include the following:

Evergreen Clematis

Trailing vines, like clematis, are a good, low-irritant alternative. Both the evergreen and hybrid versions can reach great heights and have multi-colored blooms.

Fall Phlox

Try fall phlox which comes in a variety of beautiful colors and is not related to ragweed; which is good for allergy sufferers.

Lavender

Lavender offers calming aromas without causing sneezing fits commonly associated with chamomile.

Rosemary

Enjoy the looks, taste and aroma of rosemary without getting watery eyes and a scratchy throat. (©2022 The Personal Marketing Co. (TPMC). All rights reserved.)

TIPS ABOUT FILING A HOMEOWNERS CLAIM

It's good to know your homeowner's insurance can provide a dome of protection should something break or malfunction. But it's not always in your best interest to file a claim and here are some reasons why:

The claim is related to a maintenance issue - If you haven't maintained your roof, fence or plumbing and damage occurs, a claim may be denied.

The expense is close to your deductible - If the cost of your claim is nearly as much as your deductible, it may be wise to pay for the repairs yourself to avoid a possible premium increase.

You're filing multiple claims - Filing multiple claims within a short amount of time may put your policy renewal at risk.

The claim is for something not covered by your policy - Filing a claim for something your policy doesn't cover can also lead to higher premiums. (©2022 The Personal Marketing Co. (TPMC). All rights reserved.)



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