

HAPPY SPRING!



Spring is here, but with all the snow, it seems as though winter has never left us. Make time to get out in the sunshine and do the most important thing of all—make memories with your family that will last for many seasons to come.

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 - 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.

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.

In light of the recent extension of the STAY AT HOME ORDER by Governor Whitmer, the monthly board meetings at the township administration building are cancelled until further notice.

*****PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO THAT THE BOARD CAN MAKE IT EASIER AND MORE COST EFFICIENT TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AND THE NEWSLETTER TO THE RESIDENTS OF RIVERWOODS*****

TWO QUICK TIPS

*Keep buttons in place for good: before wearing new clothing, seal the thread by applying clear nail polish at the front and back of each button. Allow 5 minutes to dry and you're done.

*If your workout clothes or the kids' sports uniforms have a noticeable sweaty smell, soak them in a baking soda solution. Mix 1 cup of baking soda in a sink full of water, add the clothes and let them soak for about an hour. Stir them around periodically. (©2018 Hudson, Ink Corp. All rights reserved.)

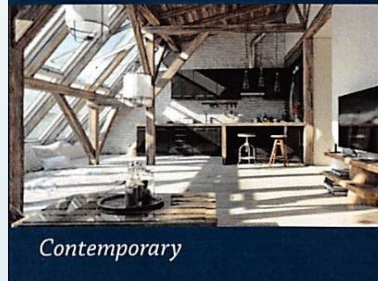
DID YOU KNOW . . . A Canton Fun Fact!

CONTINUAL GROWTH - In the early 1970s, some new and existing Canton residents shared the desire to maintain the rural atmosphere of Canton. The group met for over a year before gathering enough signatures to place a "farmland preservation" millage before the electorate. The 4% mill tax increase would have permitted the township to purchase from farmers their right to develop their land for new housing. The farmer would still own their land and have a right to farm, however, they would be precluded from selling their land for development. The "farmland preservation" millage was placed before the voters twice and voters rejected it. The Canton community's residents understood that Canton would continue to grow. (©2006-2020 Canton Township, MI and its representatives. All rights reserved.)

MODERN OR CONTEMPORARY: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



Modern



Contemporary

Modern:

A modern style of home focuses on straight lines and limited details. Honesty and simplicity are characteristics of modern architecture. Some other traits include:

- ◆ rectangular exteriors with flat roofs
- ◆ open floor plans
- ◆ changes in elevation, such as split levels
- ◆ monochromatic color palettes
- ◆ limited decorations

Contemporary:

This style of house may combine traits from several design styles, ranging from traditional to modern. Contemporary architecture is constantly evolving and are characterized by:

- ◆ curves or sweeping lines
- ◆ asymmetrical shapes
- ◆ mixed materials of wood, stone and brick
- ◆ a combination of indoor-outdoor spaces
- ◆ large windows and skylights

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BEEF POT ROAST

Ingredients:

- 2-4 lb beef chuck roast
- 1 tsp each salt and pepper
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, cut into large pieces
- 5 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
- 5 carrots, peeled and cut into 1" pieces
- 3 celery stalks, cut into 1 1/2" pieces
- 4 cups beef broth
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1 tsp dried rosemary
- 1 1/2 tsp dried thyme
- 1 1/2 lb potatoes, peeled and cut into 1" pieces



Directions:

Season beef well with salt and pepper. Roll beef in flour. Sear beef. Sauté onion and garlic, then deglaze the skillet or pot with 1 cup of broth. Tip everything into a slow cooker, with remaining beef broth, carrots and celery. Sprinkle with dried rosemary and thyme then slow cook 8 hours on low. Add the potatoes partway through cooking and by the time the potatoes are cooked, the beef will be meltingly tender! Enjoy!. (©2020 RecipeTin Eats. All Rights Reserved.)

SPRING CLEANING CHECKLIST



Kitchen

- Wipe down cabinets.
- Clean windows.
- Deep clean stovetop, oven and microwave.
- Clean out fridge and pantry. Remove everything from the shelves and wipe down inside. As you return items, throw away any expired food, as well as spices that have been open longer than a year.
- Remove everything from countertops and thoroughly scrub counters and backsplash.
- Sweep and mop floors.



Living Room

- Clean out fireplace.
- Dust ceiling fans, furniture and electronics.
- Wash or vacuum window treatments.
- Clean windows.
- Freshen couches and chairs. Vacuum and use upholstery cleaner where needed. Rotate the placement of couch cushions.
- Wipe down baseboards and crown molding.
- Vacuum and steam clean carpets.



Bedroom

- Remove all bedding and sort into five piles: mattress pads, fitted sheets, flat sheets, blankets, and comforters. Wash in that order so you can make the beds as each load is completed.
- Wash or vacuum window treatments.
- Clean mirrors and windows.
- Dust furniture with microfiber cloths.
- Wipe down baseboards and crown molding.
- Vacuum and steam clean carpets.



Bathroom

- Spray surfaces of tubs, showers and toilets with a heavy-duty cleaner, then allow to soak while you finish the next three items on the bathroom checklist. Return to rinse surfaces before completing the fifth item.
- Clean mirrors, windows and sinks.
- Wipe down walls.
- Clean baseboards and vacuum or mop floors.
- Wash towels and throw rugs.

SAFE SHOPPING IS IMPORTANT TO US

Below you will find COVID-19 guidance for grocery shopping



Stay home if you're sick

Consider food or meal delivery; have family or friends shop for you.

Go shopping at less busy times

Shop for your family, not with your family.



Use sanitizing wipes

to clean and disinfect shopping carts and baskets.

Keep social distance while in store

6 feet or 2 arm-length from other shoppers and store staff.



Use hand sanitizer

to wipe your hands before and after shopping.

Refrain from using reusable bags



Use credit/debit cards or tap and pay

for purchases to reduce the risk of transmission through cash.

Wash your hands

when you return home and after putting items away



New Neighbors:

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

NEWSLETTER

CULTIVATE JOY DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

Now is the perfect time to begin new habits and finding more joy in everyday life is important. Joy reduces stress and is linked to a healthy immune system, mental productivity and longevity. In times of stress, take several deep breaths, calm your mind and express gratitude for something in your life. Do things that you enjoy to bring you joy. Figure out what you love doing. Making time for small enjoyable moments every day will help to improve your mood and your overall outlook on life. (©2020 The Personal Marketing Co. (TPMC). All rights reserved.)

FAST FIX-REMOVING REFRIGERATOR ODORS

Keeping a fresh box of opened baking soda in your fridge will help absorb odors that accumulate over time. If an odor is persistent, you'll need to discard any spoiled or expired food. Remove and wash shelves, bins and trays. Clean the interior of the fridge with a mixture of 1 cup baking soda to one gallon of warm water. (©2020 Hudson, Ink Corp. All rights reserved.)

STAY SAFE AND AVOID SCAMS

Spam Text Messages and Phishing

Scammers send fake text messages to trick you into giving them your personal information, such as your password, account number or Social Security number by promising free prizes, gift cards, coupons or low interest credit cards. This information can be used to gain access to your email, bank, or other accounts and to apply for tax refunds. Scammers also send fake messages that say they have some information about your account, a transaction or a fictitious FedEx or Post Office package.

What to Do About Spam Text Messages

If you get a text message that you weren't expecting and it asks you to give some personal information, don't click on any links. Legitimate companies won't ask for information about your account by text. If you think the message might be real, contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real. Never use the information in the text message. (©2020 Federal Trade Commission. All rights reserved.)

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