

Hedging Our Bets On the Move Always Advancing to Better Serve the HOA

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HAPPY FALL! It's time for pumpkins, caramel apples, hayrides, apple cider and delicious donuts.



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.

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 an emergency.

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 top of the drains. This ensures the continuous flow of water into the drains and will prevent potential backups.

NOTE: All homeowners have paid and are current on their dues. And our storm sewer was inspected and is in very good shape.

NOTE: The Board will be following up with letters to homeowners regarding landscaping and property 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.

It's also a good idea to secure your container lids and tie up trash bags; this prevents trash from being scattered around the sub when it's windy and keeps our sub beautiful.

LAWN & PROPERTY 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
- Clean weeds from the streets in front of your house

HANDY QUICK TIPS

Wine Cork Caulk Saver:

 \Rightarrow Synthetic wine corks are great for sealing partially used tubes of caulk. Drill a 5/16" hole into the cork about 1" deep. The cork fits perfectly and makes an airtight seal.

Six-Pack Shop Organizer:

 \Rightarrow Six-pack cartons are useful for storing and transporting items like spray paint, lubricants and caulk. (©2022 family handyman. https:// www.familyhandyman.com. All rights reserved.)

DID YOU KNOW A Canton Fun Fact! HISTORY OF BARTLETT-TRAVIS HOUSE



The early version of this house was a story and a half "Greek Revival" cottage, typical of "2nd generation houses" built in Canton in the 1840s, and was first owned by Thomas and Maria Bartlett. This house was located at the corner of Warren and Canton Center Roads. In 1908, William and Martha Travis bought the house. They and their descendants owned this sprawling house until the 1930's. The Travis family added the modern "Colonial Revival" wrap around porch onto the house around 1919. (©2022 Canton Today, Pg. 35. All rights reserved.)

SAFETY (JOGGING & WALKING)

It's important as a pedestrian to be vigilant and pay attention to your surroundings - especially at night or whenever you're jogging or walking alone. The following guidelines can help you stay safe:

- \Rightarrow Jog or walk with a friend. If you can, bring someone you trust with you.
- \Rightarrow Stick to familiar territory. Knowing where you are and where you're going will save you from getting lost.
- \Rightarrow Avoid secluded areas, especially at night. If you're out and about after dark, stick to well-lit and populated areas.
- \Rightarrow Always carry your phone. You never know when you may need to call for help in the event of an emergency.
- \Rightarrow Wear bright or reflective clothing. Again, this is especially important at night. As a pedestrian, you need to be seen by drivers.
- Face oncoming traffic. You need to see what's coming toward you.
- ⇒ Don't wear headphones. If you're zoned out listening to music, you're not paying attention to your surroundings. You're more likely to bump into people, trip, walk into traffic or become a target for theft or attack.
- \Rightarrow Carry a whistle. Use it to alert people in the vicinity if you ever feel that you're in danger. The loud sound and extra attention can help ward off attackers or stalkers.
- \Rightarrow **Report suspicious activity.** If you're ever approached by someone who makes you feel unsafe or otherwise find yourself in a situation that makes you feel uncomfortable, call the Canton police at 734-394-5400. If it's an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 spaghetti squash, cut lengthwise and seeded 2 Tbsp. avocado oil, divided
- 1 tsp. kosher salt, divided
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 tsp. pepper, divided
- 1 lb. Brussels sprouts, halved
- 4 cloves garlic, minced 1 tsp. lemon juice 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 3/4 cup shredded parmesan cheese, divided

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400° F. Drizzle 1 Tbsp. oil over squash halves and season with 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Place squash cut-side up on a baking pan. Add Brussels sprouts, garlic, lemon juice, 1 Tbsp. oil, red pepper flakes, 1/2 tsp. salt, and 1/4 tsp. pepper to a large bowl and mix. Spread on a separate baking pan. Place both pans in oven and bake 45-60 minutes or until squash is fork-tender. Shred squash into strands using a fork. Transfer squash strands to serving dish and mix in 1/2 cup parmesan. Top with sprouts mixture and garnish with remaining Parmesan. Enjoy!

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HOME IMPROVEMENT - TOP 5 HOME IMPROVEMENT TIPS



Home improvement is something that we all think about when it comes to our houses. Here are 5 top home improvement tips:

One, plan long-term and have a long-term goal for your home. What do you want your

home to look like? What projects do you want to complete? In what order do you need to complete the projects?

Two, figure out your budget. Figure out how much money you plan on putting into your home improvement projects.

Three, be patient. We tend to be over-thinkers and overachievers which leads us to sometimes cut corners which results in possible project mishandling. Understand a real timeline for your project and move forward one step at a time.

Four, do your research. Google is a great resource, but make sure you're utilizing contractors who are professionals in the field of home improvement.

Five, make sure to hire the right contractor. The right contractor will not only get the job done right but will also find ways to save on costs for material and labor. The perfect contractor will be knowledgeable and be able to answer all of your questions and get all of your demands and needs met. (©2022 Somerset Painting & Home Improvements. All rights reserved.)

KEEP KIDS HEALTHY

Remember the three Fs for your child's fitness: Family, Fun and Free Family - If you want your child to move more, you've got to be the role model and get the whole family involved. Choose outings that focus on movement:

- Family bike ride to a favorite destination the public library, your local ice cream stand, the tennis courts, the baseball field to play catch.
- Rent a paddle boat or canoe at your local metro or county park.
- Involve your children in the family garden, digging and planting.
- Hike together in a state or county park.

Fun - Think about your own motivation when faced with a workout. You're more likely to go to an exercise class if you like the instructor, go with a friend or love the activity. Kids are no different:

- Let them invite a friend.
- Choose a favorite sport or activity.
- Shoot baskets at the park or grab some bait and a fishing pole and fish off the dock at your favorite metro park.
- Exercise together as a family and share your goals with each other. Make it about beating your own reps or times from the previous session. Celebrate success together.

Free - Fitness doesn't have to cost money. It can be as simple as walking to run an errand instead of driving:

- Play with your kids. Teach them how to play freeze tag or a rousing game of hide-and-seek in the yard.
- Visit a favorite playground.
- Teach your child how to fly a kite or throw a Frisbee.
- A little sidewalk chalk and a four-square or hopscotch game are more thrilling when you play with your kids.

Your participation can be the easiest way to introduce your child to an active lifestyle. (©2022 Canton Today, Pg. 35. All rights reserved.)



New Neighbors:

No new neighbors have moved into the subdivision.

NEWSLETTER

VENDOR REVIEWS

Trillium Diversified Services, LLC 12654 Ten Mile Road, Unit D South Lyon, MI 48178 Contact Person: Pete or Don 877-392-3792 www.trilliumservices.com office@trilliumservices.com

Service provided: power washed, resanded and sealed paver walkway Invoicing is online through PayPal, but you can pay with Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover card. Amount down is 25% (although Pete would accept 10% down; you would have to call to ask and mail a check though).

Rating: Five stars. It takes 1 day for each step. I had to call back Trillium to advise the pavers did not look sealed. No problem, Pete said. I sent him a couple of pictures and someone came out to apply the sealant again. The pavers look great (the best they have ever looked) and there is a one-year warranty on the workmanship.

Caveat: The sealant will kill the grass around the area, so ask if something can be done to protect the grass.*

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Canton Holiday Artisan Market will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 :00 p.m. in the Summit on the Park Banquet lobby.

Kick start your holiday shopping with local artisans including many of the Canton Farmers Market favorites. There will also be a food truck available for lunch.

And don't forget about Canton's Farmers Market going on now every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through October 16. You can find apples, pumpkins, donuts, mums, local seasonal produce, farm eggs, baked goods, honey jam and more. (©2022 Canton Today, Pg. 30. All rights reserved.)