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All regular meetings will be on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm at the Township Office, unless noted otherwise.

## CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES - COMMUNITY MESSAGE



**William G. Mittas 1961 – 2022**  
Canton Township Trustee 2012 - 2022

## William Mittas Tribute Pg. 2

We lost a great one.

Our hearts are broken following the passing of Canton Township Trustee William Mittas, due to COVID-19. We extend the deepest sympathies from the township's elected officials and staff to the entire Mittas family.

Bill exemplified everything a community could hope for in a public servant and he was a great advocate and representative for Canton Township. Having been elected to office first in November 2011, Bill was just starting the third year of his third term in office. Bill loved serving our community and approached his duties with energy, fairness and passion. His sense of humor, attention to detail, leadership, and overall professionalism will be deeply missed.

First and foremost, Bill was a family man and the pride in his family was always on full display. Bill treated the Canton Township team as family also. Whether it was joking around with his fellow elected officials, contributing toward serious decisions to help make our community a better place to live and conduct business, or helping lead the precise mixing of pancake batter for community breakfasts... Bill's quick wit and absolute care in what he was doing always resulted in a positive and lasting impression.

Your township will continue to conduct business in a manner that will honor and make Trustee Mittas proud. While his voice is now gone, Bill's memory and legacy will endure and the quality person and public servant he was will not be forgotten.

## Fire Department Staffing Pg. 2



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# ADMINISTRATION NEWS

## Thank You Trustee Mittas, You Will Be Missed



Please keep the Mittas family in your thoughts and prayers ❤️



## Keith Hochadel Appointed Canton Township Trustee

Following an interactive and several step appointment selection process, the Canton Township Board of Trustees announced on January 29<sup>th</sup> the appointment of Keith Hochadel as Trustee to fill the remaining two years of the term previously held by Trustee William Mittas.



350 employees and \$22 million dollars in annual revenue. Keith was recently named Executive Director of Men's Challenge, a faith-based job readiness program serving Stark County.

The Board of Trustees, as well as township leadership, have full faith and confidence in Keith's ability as he immediately stepped in and started learning how township government works. Keith has been busy getting to know the staff, various roles and responsibilities, while becoming more familiar with the priorities and goals of Canton Township.

Personally, Keith and his wife Sarah have children attending Canton Local Schools and Keith is very much immersed in the local community. He serves on the BridgePoint Community

Services board, is an Elder at North Industry Christian Church, officiates sports, and serves as a trustee and had been a volunteer coach with Canton South Youth Baseball.

Keith brings to public office a robust resume with a proven track record of successful organizational leadership and service to the community; most recently having served as President and CEO of one of Northeast Ohio's largest substance abuse treatment and prevention as well as behavioral health providers with

It is our sincere hope the community continues to join together by offering support to Keith as we all move forward in our work to make Canton Township the very best it can be and to honor the spirit in which Trustee Mittas would have wanted to see township business continue to be conducted going forward.

## Shaffer to Again Lead Stark County Township Association

100% of the elected officials in the 17 townships within Stark County are members of the SCTA. Those members voted to retain Canton Township Trustee Mark Shaffer to serve as President for a second term. Also retained was Plain Township's Scott Haws who will serve as Vice President, Pike Township's Doug Baum who will serve as Secretary/Treasurer, and Lexington Township's Dan Moore who will serve as Executive Committeeman.

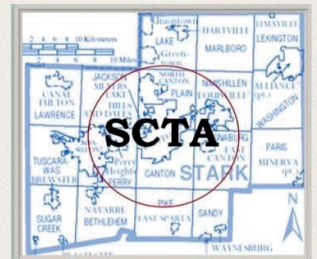
SCTA serves many roles such as advocating for common township causes at the county, state, and federal levels as well as working with the Ohio Township Association and other organizations to benefit township interests. SCTA officials also place a great deal of energy and emphasis toward bringing association members together for collaborative opportunities as well as educational opportunities. Here in Stark County the majority of the population of our residents live in a township, so it is vital the SCTA maintains an active and engaged role in seeing that the township form of government always has a seat at the table.

### Stark County Township Association OFFICERS 2022/2023



213 Years of Township Government

17 Townships Representing the Majority of the Population of Stark County



# ADMINISTRATION NEWS

## Fiscal Office Responsibilities

Your Fiscal Office has various responsibilities beyond the prudent and transparent management of township funds. We have taken several important steps recently to enhance security, safety and cyber security:

- Recognizing the ever-increasing threat of cybercrime, we consulted with the Ohio Township Association's Cyber IT Risk Consultant as well as our contracted IT provider, Intech Computer Solutions. These experts were asked to evaluate the current state of security and offer recommendations to enhance our protection. As a result, Canton Township has now implemented and upgraded our systems security accordingly and will continue to evaluate needs regularly in the future.
- We contracted with KnowBe4, a leading security awareness training company, to provide ongoing web-based cyber security training to township staff and officials.
- Township Fiscal Office and Zoning Department employees recently completed CPR training, courtesy of our Fire Department's CPR Training Coordinator Cyndi Annen.
- We have ordered an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to be placed in the main hallway of the Administration building.
- Township administrative staff, elected officials and zoning board members went through an Active Shooter Training exercise on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We thank the Stark County Sheriff's Department for their support.
- In coordination with the Board of Trustees, we are appreciative of the Stark County Sheriff's Department who now provides a deputy present during public meetings.

## Canton Township 2022 Permanent Appropriations

1000	General	\$573,500
2011	Motor Vehicle	\$60,000
2021	Gasoline Tax	\$375,000
2031	Road & Bridge	\$1,050,000
2111	Fire District	\$20,000
2141	Road District	\$900,000
2181	Zoning	\$30,000
2191	Special Fire Levy 4.5	\$1,700,000
2192	Special Fire Levy 4.0	\$1,500,000
2231	Permissive Motor Vehicle	\$165,000
2273	American Rescue Plan	\$1,300,000
2281	Fire/Rescue Ambulance Billing	\$1,075,000
2401	Special Assessment (Street Lighting)	\$150,000
2903	Fire Loss Claim	\$19,860
2904	FEMA Fire Grant	\$9.48
4901	ODNR-Faircrest Park Pavilion	\$158,022

**Grand Total All Funds 2022 Permanent Appropriations**

**\$9,076,391.48**



## Quality Communication is a Priority of the Board of Trustees

A great deal of change has occurred within our township since the last printed newsletter in fall of 2021. The goal of this newsletter is, as always, to keep our community informed. We work hard to produce a few printed newsletters annually and this is, by far, the costliest form of communication when printing, mailing, and time invested is factored. Printed newsletters are also not capable of delivering developing information as quickly as community members may like.

Over the past several years the township has embraced use of social media including separate township sponsored Facebook accounts for Public Works, Fire, and our Community Center. Some elected officials utilize various social media platforms to communicate as well. We have installed electronic LED sign boards at nearly every township property where significant traffic flows by to provide township information. An investment into Constant Contact was made that enables anyone interested to sign up for regular email updates. This equates to highlights following each Board of Trustees meeting, urgent



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Canton Township Fire Department  
Canton Township Road & Park Department  
Canton Township Community Center

community updates as things pop up, as well as providing a platform to conduct surveys and source community member feedback. The township website has also received updates of similar nature.

We have also further extended our capabilities for accepting work requests for zoning and public works tasks, online, where updates on status can be made at your leisure instead of relying on a phone call. We continue to investigate additional communication platforms to keep the community engaged such as opt-

in all call technology as well as updates via text. Of course, your elected officials and staff at the township are often out in the community at various activities and events and make a point to be available for feedback

and discussion. While technology helps improve communication, there is often no replacement for genuine personal interaction. Please let us know if you have other suggestions about how communication with you about township matters may be improved.

Visit <https://www.cantontwp-oh.gov/> and sign up to receive important township information via email!

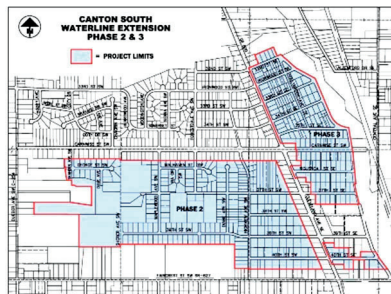
## ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

### Utility Projects

Several utility projects are ongoing, and others will be beginning within the township. Some will cause an ongoing inconvenience and others a temporary inconvenience. Your patience is appreciated.

### WATER

Over the next two years construction will be occurring as access to city water will be extended in the remaining areas south of Carnwise SW to Faircrest Street SW with Cleveland Ave. and Dueber being the east and west borders, respectively. The remaining homes on the east side of Cleveland Ave. with the Nimishillen



Creek being the east border and Faircrest SE being the south border up to the end of the allotment on the north side scheduled to receive water as part of this project.

### GAS

Dominion is nearing completion of planned replacement work on high pressure lines throughout the township that we are aware of.

### ELECTRIC

AEP continues transmission tower replacement efforts within the township.

### SANITARY SEWER

The Lincoln Way Street North Allotment sanitary sewer extension work has been ongoing and should wind down by the summer.

**ADMINISTRATION UPDATES****Comprehensive Plan**

Canton Township contracted with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to design the first ever Comprehensive Plan. Plan designers were available at 2021 Community Day to receive input, held a public meeting, and commissioned a community survey to obtain more input. The plan is near completion and plan designers will be at Community Day this year to share status updates and we expect presentation of a completed plan sometime this summer. The Board will then consider adopting the plan and prioritizing actionable outcomes.

**New Legal Counsel**

The Board of Trustees welcomed Eric Williams as our new additional legal counsel. Attorney Williams was selected after an opportunity to submit a bid was publicized, interviews conducted, and evaluation of existing legal needs reviewed. Since joining the team Attorney Williams has provided new ideas and fresh approaches to township legal matters and has been very engaged and present at all Board of Trustee meetings as well as public hearings conducted by Trustees. The contract for legal counsel service was signed through 2024.

**Important Information About The Canton Township Electric Aggregation Program**

Canton Township residents who are participating in the Township's Electric Aggregation Program, may be receiving a notification from AEP, stating that AEP has "Canceled their Generation Service Provider".

The Township's current contracted Electric Aggregation Program Rates are due to expire in May. The township's consultant, Aspen Energy, who manages our Aggregation Program, has been monitoring the energy market to "strike" a new and favorable renewal electric rate for Canton Township residents. This is completed through a type of "bidding" process.

Due to several unique circumstances that have come together at once, the current Supply Rates available (the rates that Aggregator's purchase at) are Higher than the current AEP direct rates available to our residents.

- Our consultant expects this to change in the coming months, but not soon enough to implement in time for May 2022, when our current Aggregation Program ends.
- The circumstances that led to this situation began over a year ago, with the severe cold snap that hit Texas, in addition, current world events along with increasing energy generation and transmission costs have only exacerbated the situation.

While not an ideal situation, our consultant has informed us that it will be best for the residents on our aggregation program, to go back to AEP directly for the time being, until a more favorable rate can be "struck" for our aggregation program. At that time, eligible residents will be brought back into the program...and as always, with an opportunity to Opt-Out, if they so choose.

At the end of our existing program in May, the township residents that are currently participating in the program will automatically go back to AEP and they will need to take no action for this to happen and there will be no interruption in electric service.

As a note, our consultant has informed us that Canton Township is not the only government aggregation program experiencing this issue. Most other electric aggregation programs that are also expiring around this time frame are in a similar position.

The Board of Trustees knows and understands the value this program provides for our residents. We look forward to changes in the market that will allow our consultant to "strike" a rate that will once again benefit Canton Township residents and allow them to save money on their household electric service.

~ Your Canton Township Trustees – Mark Shaffer, Chris Nichols and Keith Hochadel



## ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

**American Rescue Plan Act Funds**

Canton Township received \$1.3M in funds from the American Rescue Plan, related to the Covid 19 pandemic. The rules for use of these funds have adjusted periodically since first being made available. Over the coming months township officials will be meeting to begin planning specific uses of these funds that meet eligibility requirements.

**State of Ohio Capital Budget Requests**

Your elected officials submitted a successful first ever capital budget grant request translating into \$250,000 used to build the new Faircrest Park shelter/restrooms. During the current budget cycle, the Board of Trustees submitted a request for \$350,000 to provide for necessary updates at the Community Center. The Board believes the Community Center can become a centerpiece of the community serving many more residents for various functions and events with this additional investment. The Board also submitted an additional \$370,000 request for continued Faircrest Park improvements that could include a performance stage, armed services/veteran's memorial, as well as an onsite storage building. We hope to hear of positive news regarding these requests sometime this summer.

**Looking Forward to Our Future**

There is no doubt the past seven months proved to be very active and challenging here at the township, since the sudden loss of our friend and colleague, Trustee Bill Mittas. We could not be prouder of how the community came together to support the Mittas family and continues to support the Mittas family. That is a sure sign of the impact Bill had on so many. We were also equally proud of the community for displaying a high level of engagement during the Trustee appointment process as it was designed to be extremely transparent. Having two handfuls of quality individuals step forward willing to fill Bill's seat, for the remainder of his term, was impressive as well. Now that our township team is fully assembled, while the COVID pandemic is not as widespread, additional events such as Community Day and Safety Day are planned in the future, and many positive projects and initiatives are underway across our township – we all look forward to the future we will continue to build together. We hope to see everyone at an event soon!

Sincerely,  
Mark, Chris, and Keith

**A Note from Stark County Sheriff George T. Maier:**

It is that time of year where many of us find ourselves looking forward to Spring and Summer. I am feeling a sense of excitement and relief as it appears the pandemic is beginning to ease in our community. We still can not let our guard down and need to continue taking steps to protect ourselves and our loved ones from COVID-19. As your Sheriff, I have stressed the importance of community engagement and transparency. I try to ensure the community

has an awareness of what the Stark County Sheriff's Office does to support our community and the resources we have available. I also think it is imperative that we continue to be transparent and responsive to the public about what we are doing at the Stark County Sheriff's Office.

While disappointing, it was understandable that many community events were cancelled during the pandemic. Our staff was saddened and dismayed that these events had to be postponed because we thoroughly enjoy spending this

time with the public! I am thrilled to announce that we are tentatively resuming our Coffee with a Cop series. Our first meeting in over a year was at McDonald's, 112 Dueber Ave. SW on March 17, 2022, where we had a great turn out! Additional events are already being planned. We will also be hosting various training courses, open to the public, at the Stark County Law Enforcement Training Center at 143 First St. SE in Massillon throughout the year. To find the latest events and classes being offered, follow the Stark County Sheriff's Office on Facebook or download our free mobile app on any smartphone to see our media releases listing community events. If you would like to suggest or offer a location for a Coffee with a Cop event, please contact our Director of Community Engagement, Michaela Madison, at 376@starksheriff.org or 330-430-3889.

These events are very important to our office. We need input, both positive and negative, from the citizens of this county so that we can always evaluate our operations and make improvements where we may have missed the mark. We strive to have a great relationship with the citizens of our county and hope to evolve and fit the needs of this community as we try to promote a safer Canton Township and Stark County.

Thank you!

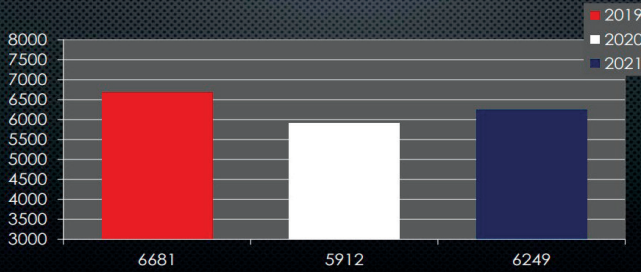


## Stark County Sheriff Reports on 2021 Crime Activity

### CANTON TOWNSHIP CALLS FOR SERVICE



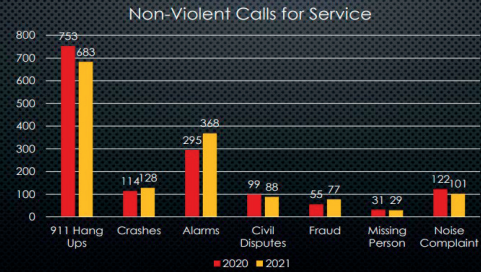
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### 2021 NON-VIOLENT CANTON TOWNSHIP CALLS



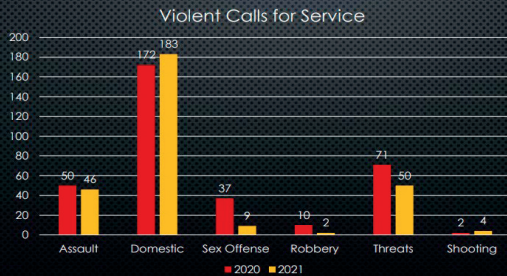
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### CANTON TOWNSHIP VIOLENT CALLS FOR SERVICE 2021



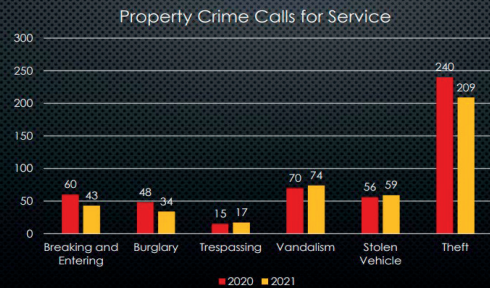
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### 2021 CANTON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY CRIMES



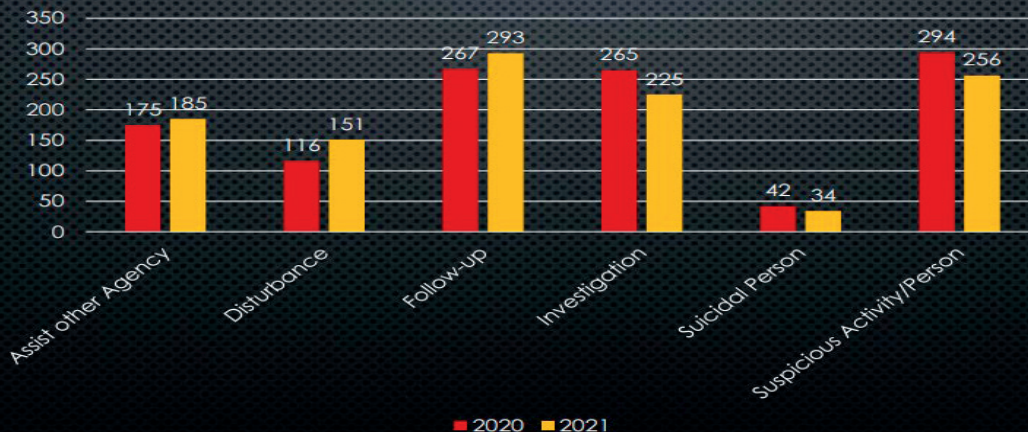
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### 2021 CANTON TOWNSHIP MISCELLANEOUS CALLS FOR SERVICE



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## FIRE DEPT. NEWS

**2021 Fire Department Summary**

**TRAINING HOURS FOR THE YEAR:** The department conducted 2,210 hours of training. This was completed in conjunction with Covid restrictions. Trainings consisted of everything from fire gear inspections to specialty trainings such as rope/water rescue.

**EMS calls for 2021:** Calls increased 10% from 2020 (1,935 from 1,769)

**Non-EMS related calls:** Calls increased 17.5% from 2020 (898 from 740)

**Fire Prevention Division:** 286 business inspections, 50 home visits with 100 smoke alarms installed, 800 elementary school student contacts, and various other prevention and education activities.

**STAFFING:**

1. Current pool of applicants has been steadily decreasing over the past three years.
2. Our part-time staff has decreased from 30 members to our current 14 over the past two years.
3. We continue to lose both part-time and full-time members to full-time jobs elsewhere with higher wages. Nine full-time employees have left over the past 24 months.
4. Our overtime budget has increased approximately 200% over the past three years.
5. We are projecting the first half of May to have 419 hours of overtime to fill open shifts and the possibility of not being able to fully staff the fire stations. If this holds true, we will have reached our overtime budget for this year.

## **Canton Township Voters Approved a New Fire Levy in 2013**

### **What has Been Accomplished Since**

*In 2013, your fire department asked for, and received, additional financial support from our community. We are now in year ten of this levy and we thought we would share some highlights of what we have accomplished with this funding*



- Built a new \$1.8M fire station in our busiest district.
- The Meyers Lake Station (Sta. #3) staffed 24/7 with two personnel
- We increased our full-time fire/medic staffing from nine to sixteen
- We refurbished three 2002 ambulances to extend their life span
- Consolidated our fire administration office to the community center
- Replaced a 26 year old ladder truck with grant assistance
- Purchased a new fire engine to replace a 21 year-old engine
- Refurbished a 2006 fire engine to extend its life longer until replacement

- Updated stations to better accommodate full-time staffing
- Live-fire training facility added to our training grounds
- Added a full-time, cross-trained fire department mechanic
- Added a full-time assistant fire chief
- Vehicle exhaust systems added to all stations
- New fire engine arriving in June 2022



## Cost Saving Measures

*The department has taken many steps to reduce expenses and to find alternative funding sources to make your tax dollars extend even farther. With other financial resources, such as grants, we would not have been able to accomplish many of the listed projects.*

- We have sought after and received many grants. Since 2014, these grants have provided a combined total of \$1,326,207 to our budget. These grants have covered a large portion of the cost for a new ladder truck, individual turnout gear, power cots, new SCBA's, station exhaust capture systems, a live fire training facility, and miscellaneous fire and EMS equipment.
- We consolidated from seven buildings to three. We now have a combined fire administration office, training facility, fire station, and the Community Center all in one facility. Additionally, we operate a fire station in the Waco area and Meyers Lake area.
- We have eliminated/sold outdated and unused equipment. Older high-maintenance equipment has been replaced. We are now functioning with fewer but more efficient vehicles and equipment.
- We sent three of our 2002 ambulances back in to have a new chassis put under them and the boxes refurbished. This process, at a cost of \$78,000, extended the life span of the unit another ten years. We will get over twenty years of service from these units. Units are normally replaced around ten years. A new ambulance averages about \$270,000.
- We have transitioned to remote trainings and meetings when possible. This has saved on fuel and wear and tear on our vehicles, while also reducing response times.
- We have joined purchasing consortiums that enable us to participate in group buying power for supplies, equipment, and health insurance.

## The Next 10 Years...

Although we have completed many projects over the last ten years, the department still has many needs to address especially regarding equipment, technology, and staffing.

Industry standards as well as federal guidelines continually need addressed. For instance, fire turnout gear has a ten-year life expectancy set by the NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency). Additionally, tires on emergency vehicles are mandated to be replaced every seven years regardless of miles or wear on those tires. One fire truck can cost thousands of dollars to replace a full set of tires. As we can all relate, the current inflation factor is having a major impact on the fire department budget.

Capital improvements, equipment replacement, and staffing tops our list of needs as we look forward to the immediate and future needs of department. Some projects we are planning for include:



- We are in the process of planning the replacement of our three front-line ambulances. These 21 year old units, which we have already been refurbished have passed their life expectancy. The current cost a new unit is about \$270,000. We will need to purchase three of these over the next few years. Current market conditions are placing a 2-year lead time on new units.
- Emergency generators for stations 1 & 3.
- Staffing continues to be an ongoing issue. Additional plans are in place to increase our full-time staff to help shore up and secure our daily staffing and reduce overtime.
- Continued increases in the cost of operating the department, regarding supplies, maintenance, fuel, insurance, etc.... will need to be mitigated as our current budget will allow.



## Fire Department Tidbits



The fire department recently held a promotional ceremony for three newly promoted lieutenants. Congratulations to Jonathan Peters, Dane Whitsett, and Michael Edwards. An awards portion was part of the event to honor several members for special achievements within the department as well as length of service awards.



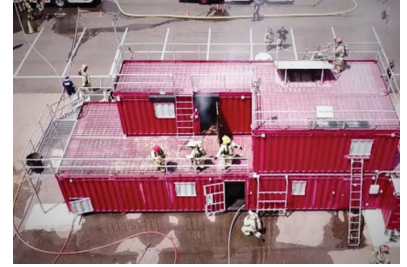
## Safety Day is Returning This Fall, October 1<sup>st</sup>

After a couple year break, due to COVID restrictions, our annual Safety Day is returning. We have lots of new and exciting plans in place and look forward to hosting the community at our fire complex on 38<sup>th</sup> Street.



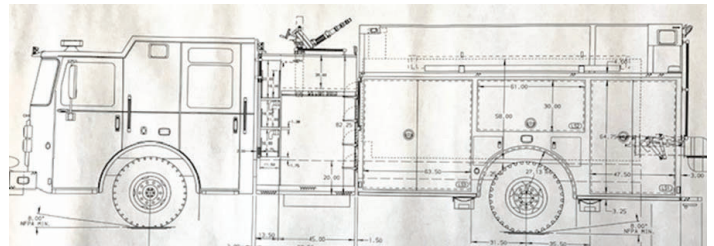
## Partnership with University of Akron Continues

In 2021, Canton Township Fire Department entered into an agreement with University of Akron Fire Training Program. This relationship is continuing as we work on the 2022 Advanced Fire Training Days class and other specialized training topics for firefighters from around the region.



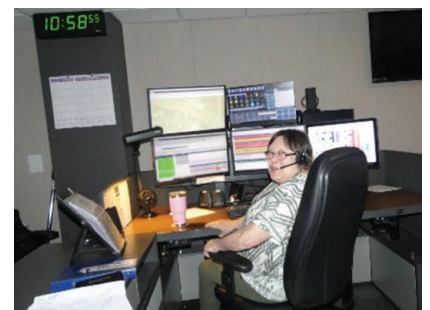
## New Pumper/Tanker

The new pumper/tanker is on schedule, and we anticipate a June delivery of the truck. This new truck will be assigned to Station #2 on Waynesburg Drive.



## Sheriff's Office Dispatch Contract Renewed

The fire department has recently renewed its contract the Stark County Sheriff's Office for dispatching emergency runs for the fire department. Calls to 911 are dispatched directly by the 911 dispatcher. Calls are no longer transferred to a private dispatch center. This has eliminated time lost in transferring a call and the possibility of calls dropping.



# FIRE DEPT. NEWS

## Fire Department has Full-time Mechanic on Staff

The fire department has a full-time cross trained mechanic on staff. Jeff Yerian handles most vehicle maintenance and building maintenance for us. There are very few jobs that require offsite repairs resulting in large savings to our maintenance budget. Jeff is also a firefighter/EMT and can assist with calls when things get busy.



## How is Canton Township Staffed

The fire department currently is set up to have seven personnel on duty 24 hours a day/seven day a week to staff our three stations. This includes 1 full-time shift commander, 4 full-time fire/medics and two part-time fire/medics. We also have one full-time fire prevention person on day shift as well as our chief and assistant chief.

As with most departments, staffing is proving to be one of the most challenging aspects of daily operations. Over the years, the number of available firefighters and paramedics to hire from has drastically been reduced. This shortage has been having an ever-increasing impact on our ability to maintain daily staffing.

### Recruitment and Retention...

Recruiting new firefighters has been only half the battle. Once we get them hired, through probation, and training, we have the retention side to maintain. With the current shortage of firefighters to hire from, employees now have the advantage. Every department is scrambling to fill positions. Employees now can float from department to department as they seek better pay, location, incentives, and so on. Many departments are hiring employees away from other departments via lateral transfers.

### Here are some various facts on Canton Township hiring over the last few years.

*Since 2013: We have hired 107 part-time fire/medics.*

*Of the 107 hires, 100 are no longer with us for various reasons*

- 31 left for full-time jobs elsewhere
- 34 left for personal/other reasons
- 17 were promoted to full-time with Canton Township  
(10 have left for full-time jobs elsewhere)
- 12 could not meet the minimum requirements or complete probation
- 5 retired

### Training a New Recruit...

When we bring on a recruit, there is large amount of training and expense involved to get the recruit ready to work shifts and respond to calls. **Currently the cost involved with bringing on a recruit is \$6,600.** This encompasses background checks, physicals, and uniforms. Additionally, this includes the manpower expense for everyone from the assistant chief, assistant training officer, additional staff overtime expense, and a 40-hour orientation program. When we add in the additional expense for the recruit to do ride-along training it becomes very costly to train a recruit. If you look at the 100 hires that have left Canton Township and multiply that by the \$6,600, we have lost over \$600,000 in training expenses.



## FIRE PREVENTION

### Safety Inspections – 2022

We have completed 100 annual fire inspections this year and thirty-eight re-inspections.

### Safe Home Program

We have completed 11 home safety inspections and all are safe with working smoke alarms. We completed assembly of a patient lift for a resident. The smoke alarms were provided by the Red Cross, at no cost for the fire department.



### Since our partnership with the Red Cross.

Year 2019	Homes visited 51	Smoke alarms installed 116
Year 2020	Homes visited 40	Smoke alarms installed 78
Year 2021	Homes visited 50	Smoke alarms installed 93

### Safety Education

Letters are sent out to the businesses from the National Fire Safety Council for donations for the Fire Pup Program, a 5013C company where we get our safety literature from. It is distributed to our daycares and the Canton Local School District.

We do offer to Canton Township businesses, daycares, and other organizations, safety talks, fire extinguisher training, CPR, and first aid classes.

1. We participated with Walker kindergarten registration this year.
2. Safety Valentine cards sent out to all our daycares and for Walker Kindergarten.
3. Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts station tour.

To date we have encountered / delivered safety messages to over 900 students and adults.



## Canton Township Yard Waste Site

2022 Operating Days: Wednesday, Saturday, and Sundays

9:00 am until 7:00 pm

Canton Township has received an operating grant for the 2022 season from the Stark- Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District in the amount of \$45,100. This helps us cover the cost of having the yard waste material hauled to a composting facility.

This site is for residential yard waste only. **NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING.** Residential yard waste is lawn clippings, tree limbs/branches, and other organic vegetation from around your yard. This site does NOT accept any type of household trash, railroad ties, landscaping timbers, concrete, brick, rocks, pallets, construction debris, food waste, plastic, or any other non-organic material.

Our yard waste site is monitored 24/7 with cameras. When illegally dumped materials are found the Stark County Sheriff's office is notified and offenders can be prosecuted.

In 2021 our facility loaded out 1,590 tons of yard waste which attributed to \$40,300 in hauling expenses.

Looking to the future... The Waste Management District is looking at discontinuing grant funding for our yard waste site. The Canton Township Board of Trustees along with other Township personnel are looking at several possibilities to be able to keep this service available to our community. As information becomes available it will be shared.

## 2021/2022 Winter Season

As the winter season is finally over, we can look back and remember all the early mornings and late nights that the dedicated personnel have put into keeping our roads as safe as we can. It takes a team effort, and every employee does his/her part. Keeping the 196 lane miles of Township streets and 2 lane miles of Village streets safe for travelers is our first priority. We try our best to be the best and the community has grown to expect it.



Snow and Ice is nice to see and especially around the Holidays, but it comes at a price. Keeping the streets cleared and safe is expensive when you add up everything that goes into it. Labor, fuel, salt, and vehicle maintenance/replacement are the big-ticket items. Here are some totals for the season:

- 2,393 tons of salt were used at a cost of \$189,354.
- The Public Works Department personnel were out a total of 41 times, 31 times to apply salt, and 10 times to plow the streets and salt. Also 3 of those events lasted between 24 and 48 hours which requires the drivers rotate shifts to be able to get some sleep. This cuts our personnel in half and only allows us to put 4 to 5 trucks on the road at a time instead of the entire crew.
- Personnel put in a combined total of 1,774.25 hours for snow and ice mitigation. 320 regular hours and 1454.25 hours for a total labor cost of \$50,687.
- Vehicles and equipment play a crucial role in helping us achieve our safe streets with the cost being \$112,822.80. This includes fuel, wear and tear, and small repairs which had to be made. Fortunately, we did not have any major breakdowns this year.





Catch basins play an important role in Canton Township's storm water system. You will see these in various sizes and shapes through out the Township. These are required for letting water into the system, maintenance of the system, and inspection. If you or your neighbor have one or more of these in or around your property, please keep them clean. By removing trash, leaves, and grass clippings from the grate you are allowing water to enter the system and help with storm water drainage.



*New to the Township fleet in September of 2021 was a new Ford F-350 4x4 with a Boss snowplow. This truck was purchased to replace an aging F-250 which was on loan from the Fire Department.*



The Public Works Department took delivery of a new Case 621-wheel loader in October 2021. This replaced the 2009 Case loader which was having some mechanical issues. This loader plays a vital role in the day-to-day operations of the Road Department by loading salt for snow and ice control in the winter, loading yard waste material into dumpsters for removal during the yard waste season, and loading misc. materials throughout the year for the numerous projects being done around the Township.

## Service Agreement Between the Village of Meyers Lake and the Canton Township Board of Trustees:

In February the Trustees signed a service agreement with the Village of Meyers Lake to provide certain services through our Public Works Department in receipt of .3 of one mill of inside millage from the Village. This agreement was agreed upon by both entities due to the Village not having personnel or equipment to perform basic street service and repairs. The agreement signed will be for a period of two (2) years beginning January 1st, 2022 and ending January 1st 2024.

### Services include:

- Inspection and report to the Village evaluating streets, signs, and catch basins.
- Snow and Ice control
- Labor to clear and maintain their storm water system (materials billed to Village)
- Pothole patching
- Street sweeping
- Right of Way tree trimming
- Labor to replace and upkeep signs (materials billed to Village)



## Update on Projects Within Canton Township

There are several projects that are ongoing throughout the Township and affect different areas. Be advised that these projects are not being funded by Canton Township but will provide Township residents with better utilities. The projects and areas are as follows:

### Canton City Water Project, Phase II

The area of Faircrest St SW to Carnwise St SW on the Southwest side of Cleveland Ave. (40<sup>th</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, Wiseland, Diane, Maplewood, Forestdale). This is for the expansion of the Canton City Water system which was started several years ago. This project is slated to start in June of 2022. The project timeline is for 728 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed date.

### Dominion Energy Twelve-Inch-High Pressure Distribution Pipeline Replacement

Several neighborhood streets were affected by this project. They are: 39<sup>th</sup> SW, Maplewood, Forestdale, Diane, Highview, Carnwise SE and SW, Hollybrook SE. The project consisted of replacing approximately 6,115 feet of 2 to 6-inch bare-steel pipe with coated 6-inch and 12-inch pipe and 135 feet of 8-inch plastic pipe. This project is coming to an end as reclamation work on the roads, and yards is currently being done.

### Lincoln Street North Allotment Sanitary Sewer Project

Several streets in the Northeast area have been affected by this project. Streets include Dane Ave NE, 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE, Marietta NE, Parker, Carrolldale NE, Oliver NE. This project was for the installation of Stark County Sanitary Sewer lines. The project is well underway with most of the the new sewer lines installed. Once completed the streets will be repaved as part on the project.

## APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO EXCAVATE WITHIN TOWNSHIP ROADS OR ROAD RIGHT OF WAYS, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The permit is issued under the authority of the Board of Canton Township Trustees, by Resolution No. 02-02-22, adopted pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5571.16. It requires anyone who desires to make any excavation in any Canton Township public road, it's sub surface, or road right of way to obtain a permit for each such excavation prior to the commencement of the excavation. This permit will be issued by the Public Works Department and covers the following:

- New Driveway - \$20.00
- Concrete Curb Cut - \$20.00
- Road Cut - \$75.00
- Right of Way - \$75.00
- Culvert Installation - \$75.00 + \$1.00 per foot
- Boring Holes - \$75.00
- Utility Poles (6 or more) - \$50.00



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If you have any questions as to whether you need a permit or not please contact the Public Works Office at 330-484-2501 and we can assist you.



## Streets Not Maintained by Canton Township

Canton Township has numerous streets that pass through our Township but are not maintained by us. The maintenance of these streets for snow and ice control, paving/patching, signage, storm water issues, trash/debris, and roadkill are the responsibility of outside entities. The following list shows who is responsible.

Stark County Engineer	City of Canton	ODOT
12 <sup>th</sup> St NW (13 <sup>th</sup> – Whipple)	Faircrest St SW (West of Dueber)	Faircrest St SW (W of 77)
17 <sup>th</sup> St SE	Greentree Ave SW	Lincoln St- All
Dueber Ave - All	Commererce St SW	Cleveland Ave - All
Fohl St SW (Dueber – Twp Line)	Chamber Ave SW	Route 30
Gambrinus Ave SW	Howington Cir SE	Route 43
Georgetown Rd NE	Broad Ave - All	Raff Rd SW
Greenport Ave SE	Mill Rd SE (Cleve Ave - Allenford)	
Howenstine Dr SE	Mill Rd SW (Cleve Ave -Dueber)	
Mapleton St SE	Belden Ave SE off 17 <sup>th</sup> St	
Orchardview Dr SE		
Ridge Ave SE		
Sandy Ave SE (Greenport – south)		
Shepler Church Ave SW		
Sherman Church Ave SW		
Sherrick Dr SE		
Trump Ave SE- All		
Waynesburg Dr SE- All		
Whipple Ave (W. Tusc North)		

### Contact Information for ODOT & Stark County Engineer's Office

#### ODOT District 4

2088 S. Arlington Road, Akron, OH 44306  
Phone: 330-786-3100

#### Stark County Engineer

5165 Southway Street SW • Canton, Ohio 44706  
Phone: (330) 477-6781 • Fax: (330) 477-3926

Email: [engineer@starkcountyohio.gov](mailto:engineer@starkcountyohio.gov)

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StarkCoEngineer>

## New Picnic Shelter and Restrooms at Faircrest Park

Canton Township received a grant from the State of Ohio for \$250,000 for the construction of a new picnic shelter and restroom facility at Faircrest Park. Plans were drawn up by Sol Harris Day Architecture and CCI Commercial Construction was awarded the project. Construction began in the fall of 2021 and the facility should be completed soon. This new structure will enhance the appearance of the park and provide visitors a nice place to congregate. Please take the time to stop out and enjoy our new facility. More improvements are planned but funding has yet to be secured.



**If you are interested in having a party at either of our parks please contact our office and we will get something scheduled for you.**

Rental rates:

<b>Faircrest Park Pavilion "A" (Large)</b> (Electric, Grills, Restrooms)	\$65.00 for Township Resident \$130.00 for Non-Resident
<b>Faircrest Park Pavilion "B" (Small)</b> (Electric, Grills, Restrooms)	\$50.00 for Township Resident \$100.00 for Non-Resident
<b>Community Park (Oyer St, SE)</b> (Electric, grills and Portable Restrooms)	\$50.00 for Township Resident \$100.00 for Non-Resident

## Flag Depository Available at Faircrest Park

We occasionally get asked about where someone can properly retire an American Flag. At Canton Township's Faircrest Park, we have an American Flag Depository. Eagle Scout Nathan Cordes constructed the depository as his Eagle Scout service project. The depository is located at the flagpole by the entrance to the park.





# ZONING NEWS

## Spring Zoning News

2021 was another busy year for the Canton Township Zoning Department. We removed trash and debris from four township properties and boarded up three others. The township also mowed 161 properties last year. The cost of these remediations was then placed as a lien on the tax duplicate of the offending property. Canton Township residents were busy with additions and improvements last year as well. The Zoning Department issued 221 zoning permits and renewals in 2021.

Residential Uses	
Single Family Dwelling	11
Garage	5
Accessory Buildings	39
Alterations/ Additions to Dwelling	10
Decks/Patios/Porches	20
Swimming Pools	26
Conditional Use Permits	1
Home Occupation Permits	12
Property Splits	5
Conditional Use Renewals	20
Fence	28

Commercial Uses	
Alterations/ Additions	2
Certificate of Conformance	14
Signs	25
New Commercial Structures	2
Transient Vendor	1
Appeals and Applications	
Board of Zoning Appeals	8 Appeals
Zoning Commission - Zone Changes, Text Amendments	6 Hearings

### 2465 Waynesburg Dr. Demolition

Canton Township has acquired the property at 2465 Waynesburg Dr. SE from the Stark County Land Bank. Obtaining this property was a lengthy process, but now this blight on the township has been removed. On May 8th, the structure was torn down. The cost of the asbestos removal and the demolition of the property was submitted to the Stark County Land Bank. The land bank is covering half of the cost of the project through their Demolition Assistance Program.



NEW BUSINESSES

Welcome to  
Canton Township!

Under the Sun Tanning  
3015 Cleveland Ave., SW

Meyers Lake Auto Sales  
1400 Whipple Ave., NW

# ZONING NEWS

## Welcome to the Zoning Commission

We would like to welcome John Martin and Judith Snyder Wagner to the Canton Township Zoning Commission. John and Judith will be serving as alternates on the board.

## Intersection of Cleveland Ave. and Faircrest St.

The Canton Township Zoning office has received numerous inquiries regarding the status of the commercial parcels located at the intersection of Cleveland Ave and Faircrest St. No plans have been submitted for review involving these parcels at this time.

## Sample of Transient Vendor Badge

**Transient Vendor Permit**



Permit #10000

Company Name: One Company  
Ron Burgundy

Issue Date: February 23, 2022  
Permit Expires: March 25, 2022

## Door to Door Transient Vendor

**IN ORDER TO CUT DOWN ON INTERRUPTIONS FROM DOOR TO DOOR SALES, KNOW THE FOLLOWING...**

- Transient Vendors are required to visibly display a Transient Vendor Permit Badge issued by Canton Township that lists the permit number, company name, issue and expiration date. The permit badges are issued by the township following the review of the completed Transient Vendor Permit Application, that includes a background check.
- Persons selling items for any project sponsored by an elementary, middle, and or high school, and/ or churches, and/ or youth sports groups are exempt from obtaining this permit.

## 3516 Prairie College Update

Since being sold, one of the worst repeat offenders for trash and debris in the township has finally undergone a complete transformation.

### 3516 Prairie College BEFORE



### 3516 Prairie College AFTER





# COMMUNITY CENTER

## Transition in Aging Series for Persons Approaching Retirement

TBD Topic: Solving the Mystery of Medicare

TBD Topic: Preventing Falls in Your Home





# 2022 CANTON TOWNSHIP

# COMMUNITY DAY

**WHEN:**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**WHERE:**

**FAIRCREST PARK**

**\*ENTERTAINMENT\* FOOD TRUCKS\***

**\*COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE SERVICE\***

(SHUTTLE PROVIDED TO AND FROM FAIRCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL BY LED TRANSPORTATION)



**MAIN EVENT**

**SOUNDS FROM THE CELLAR**

**FOOD VENDORS:**

- Bomb Tacos
- Casey's Snack Shack
- Moonshine Q BBQ
- Totally Fried
- Here's the Scoop Ice Cream
- Three Little Pigs BBQ



**ALL AGES EVENT**

**5PM**

**STEVEN R TRENT ·  
ULTRA VINTAGE  
DELUXE ROCK N ROLL**

**7PM**

**SOUNDS FROM THE  
CELLAR · ROCK,  
CLASSIC ROCK, POP  
& COUNTRY HITS**



**Kids' Zone**



**FIREWORKS SHOW TO  
END THE NIGHT**





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## Congratulations to the Wildcat Class of 2022!

Commencement for the Class of 2022 will be held at Canton South High School on Friday, May 20, 2022.

Weather permitting, graduation will be held outside in the Brechbuhler Stadium at 7 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather on Friday, graduation will be held in Brechbuhler Stadium on Saturday, May 21, at 7 p.m. If there is inclement weather on Saturday, the event will be held at 7 p.m. in the Red Ash gym.

## Sign Up for Safety World

Walker Elementary School

June 6 - 10, 2022 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Registration is FREE and open to all incoming kindergarten and first-grade students for the 2022-2023 school year! Sign up at [tinyurl.com/safetyw2022](https://tinyurl.com/safetyw2022)

## Walker, Faircrest Students to End School Year Early

Canton Local Schools has an exciting summer ahead of us as we move our 6-8th grade classes into our new Canton South Middle School and our preschool through grade 5 classes into the renovated Faircrest Memorial Elementary School.

To help us prepare for the transitions, we will be ending the school year on Tuesday, May 24, for students at Walker Elementary School and Faircrest Memorial Middle School. Canton South students will remain in session as scheduled through Thursday, May 26. Ending a few days early at Walker and Faircrest will provide time for our staff to pack up their classrooms and prepare for the moves.

## Save the Date

You are invited to join us for the

## Canton South Middle School Grand Opening Ceremony & Open House

4404 Cleveland Ave. S.,

**Saturday, July 30, 2022**

Ceremony & Ribbon Cutting

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Open House Tours

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



## 2022 CANTON TOWNSHIP

# COMMUNITY DAY

## Is Just Around The Corner!

Coming to you live from Faircrest Park on June 25<sup>th</sup>, music entertainment, food trucks, community vendor tables, Kids' Zone and concluding the evening with a low aerial firework show (designed to be best viewed from inside the park). Kicking off the evening is returning guest Steven R. Trent with his ultra-vintage deluxe rock and roll, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Canton Local students Abigail Bryan, Shelby Wayble, and Mikayla Ousley. Then taking the stage will be Sounds from the Cellar playing well known rock, pop, and country hits that will keep you singing along until the big firework finale. While in the park, stop in at the community vendor tables, grab a bite to eat at the many foods truck options, and pop in at the kids' zone inflatables area. Special thanks to the Canton Local National Honors Society students for volunteering to help with the Kids' Zone this year. Parking will be located at Faircrest Memorial Middle School (with overflow parking at Canton South High School). Complimentary shuttle service to and from the park will be provided by LED Transportation.

This is a free family friendly event made possible through the generous donations from businesses and residents. A full listing of the 2022 Community Day Sponsors will be in the next newsletter publication. Banners with the names and logos of the Super Patrons, Grand Patrons, and Package Sponsors will be on display at the park the day of the event.

**Bring a blanket or chair ... Hope to see you there!**