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TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

All regular meetings will be on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 pm at the Township Office, unless noted otherwise.



The elected officials and employees wish for each of you a happy and healthy holiday season!

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ADMINISTRATION NEWS

From Your Trustees . . .

As 2022 ends we have an opportunity to pause and reflect on all that has been accomplished while looking forward with vision into the future.

With Appreciation

As the year closes the Board of Trustees is very proud of the hard work and endless dedication displayed by our entire staff while working on your behalf. The township team works daily to serve our township across many capacities. The public sees and experiences many services provided by the township as their work is often visible. Trustees frequently receive very positive feedback. As with all service organizations, much goes on behind the scenes the public never sees. This work is often very detailed and time consuming and contributes heavily toward our ability to be there when you need us. We are humbled and fortunate to have caring individuals serving us across all departments and functions.

We are appreciative of the many residents and businesses who take a moment to share your positive experience with us during the year. We always welcome feedback that can help any aspect of operations improve. Let us know your thoughts. Our goal is to be accountable for the delivery of seamless service, in an efficient fashion, that is acceptable to our taxpayers.

Comprehensive Plan Delivery

Thinking ahead, our township will be taking delivery of our first ever Comprehensive Plan. This effort has been in the works in collaboration with our partners at the Stark County Regional Planning Commission since 2021. This plan will become an important tool by adding another level of measure when it comes to planning, thought, and detail in our efforts to make future decisions and during development of other strategic plans on behalf of the township and in alignment with the desires of those who call Canton Township home.

What can you immediately gain out of the work product that results in the Comprehensive Plan? There are many aspects of the plan that you may find useful. It is a highly educational document providing a great deal

of perspective about land use and availability within the township, future goals of the township, feedback from the community about wants and needs, while providing a lot of detail about the demographics that exist within our township.

Here are a couple interesting items you will find in the eventual plan, once adopted and published:

- Residents hold a positive impression of our community -
The community survey commissioned as part of the Comprehensive Plan identified 70% of respondents agree or strongly agree they are satisfied with the quality of life in our township, 71% believe it is a great place to raise children, 63% believe there is a strong sense of pride and civic responsibility in the community
- Residents are most often deeply vested in our township as homeowners -
84% of our township is zoned for residential uses; our housing stock is 86% owner occupied with the remaining 14% being renter occupied
- New development is in the planning stages -
In 2022 the first preliminary plan for a new subdivision, within our township, was submitted since the early 2000s
- Our township population is aging as is occurring throughout Stark County -
The population for persons over age 55 has increased by 13% from 2000 to 2020 within our township
- The trend continues to reveal our township as well as our public schools are serving less people -
The overall population of our township has declined 5% (1,400 residents) from 2000 to 2020; this trend aligns with a decline in enrollment of school districts serving our township
- There is space for growth and population gain -
When all potential developable area within our township is accounted for, an additional 10,584 persons can be accommodated at the maximum build-out for a single-family dwelling unit, or 9,123 additional persons if industrial use land is excluded from this calculation; critical

infrastructure to accommodate additional development is often missing where large portions of available land mass is located across our township

Early in 2023 the Comprehensive Plan will be unveiled, and a public meeting will be scheduled for the community. Understandably, one size fits all recommendations are not part of this plan. Planning areas will be presented as Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Central, Southwest, and West. Please be sure to sign up for our township news via email, powered by Constant Contact, that is available on our township

website, review our township website, check our LED signs located at our township buildings, or watch Facebook accounts for communication on a date and time for the future public meeting.

We hope the holiday season is very merry and bright and you have an opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends here or afar.

On behalf of your Canton Township Team,

Mark, Chris, and Keith

Good Neighbor Award

The Canton Township Board of Trustees has created the Canton Township Good Neighbor Award to recognize people or businesses in Canton Township who go above and beyond the call of being a good neighbor and help make our community a better place to call home, raise a family and do business.

arts-related committees, and organizations, and even served as a BOE member for a time among many other things I don't have time to list. Donna doesn't keep track of all her contributions because she's not focused on the numbers, the accolades, or the pats on the back. She's not focused on keeping score. She doesn't need to convince anyone of the type of person she is with words or lists. Her actions speak louder than any words could. Nominated by Brandi Noll



The Canton Township Trustees are pleased to award Mrs. Donna Ring with the Canton Township Good Neighbor Award

During the last 26 years Donna has been a devoted community member, parent of CS graduates, business owner, volunteer, and all-around giving person. She's ran the Wildcat Secret Santa shop – very successfully, served as a committee member on sports, academic and

For 20 plus years, Donna has served the Canton Local community. As a community member, mother, and business owner the hours she has volunteered are countless. She has been a very big supporter of all things Canton Local. She has continued to give back to her community in countless ways over the years. Donna would never expect or desire the attention or recognition for any of the things that she has done, but she certainly is more than deserving of the recognition! I know that I am not alone in feeling that Donna's presence at Dairy Queen will be missed. However, I also know that she will continue to play a very positive role in this community, and I hope that the township chooses to give her this recognition as a small show of appreciation for all that she has done for the Canton Local Community. She has a heart of gold and possesses all the qualities that a Good Neighbor Award recipient should have! Nominated by Jen Waidman

Congratulations and thank you for helping to make Canton Township a proud, family and neighborly community. presented on August 16, 2022

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2023 MEETING/HOLIDAY SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS

All Regular Meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd *Tuesdays at 6:00pm* each month unless noted otherwise.

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
4th	7th	7th	4th
17th	21st	21st	18th (Station 2)
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
2nd	6th	5th	1st
16th (Station 3)	20th	18th	15th
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
5th	3rd	7th	5th
19th (Station 2)	17th (Station 3)	21st	19th

Canton Township Administration Building-4711 Central Ave SE
Canton Township Station #2 (Waco)-1655 Waynesburg Dr SE
Canton Township Station #3 (Meyers Lake)-3103 Parkway NW




SCAN ME



Canton South High School

FIND YOUR "E" EVENT!

We are looking for representatives from colleges, businesses, and military branches to participate in a career fair-type event.

February 9, 2023 - 5-7pm

Employed • Enrolled • Enlisted



2022-2023
Canton Local Theatre Season
Tickets may be purchased in the Canton Local District Office.
Information is available at www.cantonlocal.org.



Canton South Middle School presents on
March 3 & 4, 2023
at 7 PM
March 5, 2023 at 2 PM

Through special arrangements with Music Theatre International.



Canton South High School presents on
April 14 & 15, 2023
at 7 PM

Through special arrangement with Broadway Licensing.



Canton Township Fire Department Welcomes New Engine 22

On November 16th Canton Township conducted a push-in ceremony for our new truck. New Engine 22 is ready to serve the community and will be responding from our Station 2 on Waynesburg Drive. This new truck replaces an engine and a tender (water tanker). The consolidation of two older pieces of equipment with one efficient unit will reduce maintenance expenses and will be more in line with staffing level responses.

This 2022 truck was manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing and built on a Saber chassis. It features a 1500 GPM pump and an 1800-gallon water tank. This is the last of 3 frontline Saber chassis to be placed in service and all three units are laid out in a similar fashion for ease of operating for our crews.



Canton Township Safety Day 2022

On October 1st, following a 2-year break due to COVID, Canton Township resumed its annual Safety Day. The event was held at our Station One/Fire Training Complex on 38th Street. It was a beautiful fall day, and we had a great turnout with several hundred people attending and participating in the events and interactive displays. The children enjoyed the inflatables and participating in “firefighting” events. Guests were able to tour the facilities and to cheer on the firefighters during competition events. We look forward to seeing everyone next fall for Safety Day 2023!



Is Your Home and Family Protected???

Every home should have working smoke detectors on every level. Does your home have them? Canton Township Fire Department has smoke detectors available for **free** to our residents who need them. The department will come to your home and give recommendations for detector locations and install

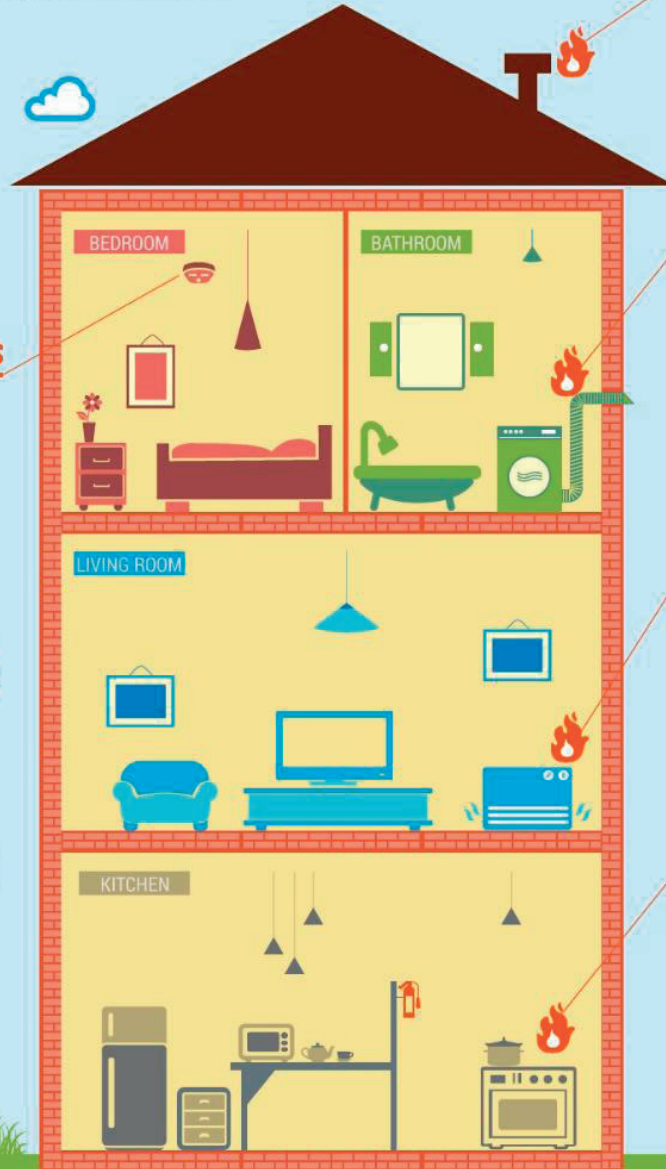
the detectors for you. Anyone interested in this service can contact Michael Beachy in our Fire Prevention Bureau at 330-484-6165.



HOME FIRE SAFETY

A Guide to Household Fire Safety and Prevention

HOUSEHOLD FIRES ARE DANGEROUS, DESTRUCTIVE, AND ALL TOO COMMON.



SMOKE DETECTORS

- TIPS**
- Check the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year.

CHIMNEYS

Approximately **75%** of chimney fires are caused by creosote buildup!

- TIPS**
- Keep chimneys clear and vented. A dirty chimney builds up creosote deposits that can easily catch a wayward spark and cause a dangerous, destructive fire.

DRYERS

Dryers and washing machines are involved in **1** out of every **22** US home structure fires.

- TIPS**
- Clean lint screens before every load. The buildup of lint is responsible for an average of **4,440** fires each year.
 - Avoid overloading the dryer. Motors under strain can overheat easily and start fires.

SPACE HEATERS

Always rely on a central heating system to heat your home. Space heaters account for around **1/3** of home heating fires.

- TIPS**
- Keep plenty of space around any space heater—if it's flammable, make sure it's at least **3** feet away from the unit!

IN THE KITCHEN

Approximately **41%** of home fires start in the kitchen.

- TIPS**
- Never leave a lit stove or range unattended.
 - Always keep a fire extinguisher within easy reach of the stove.
 - Oil splatter and grease account for **37%** of kitchen fires, so keep those ranges clean!

In the Event of a Fire > Have a Plan

- Brainstorm at least 2 ways to escape from each room in your home, and decide on a meeting spot outside and away from the house.
- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember **P.A.S.S.**: Pull the pin, Aim the nozzle, Squeeze the handle, and Sweep from side to side.

Sources:
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Looking Back on Community Day 2022 as a Day to Remember!



Wow! What a great evening of food, fun, and friends!

So many individuals and community groups came together to make Community Day such a memorable event at Faircrest Park. Thank you to all who attended. Thank you to our live entertainment. Thank you to our community partners for setting up displays. Thank you to the Canton South Youth Cheer for their performance. Thank you to LED Transportation for the first-class shuttle service. Thank you to our sponsors. Thank you to the Boy Scouts for keeping the grounds clean. Thank you to the Canton South National Honors Society Students for helping with the Kids' Zone. Thank you to the food vendors. Thank you to The Stark County Sheriff Department. Thank you to township staff and volunteers.

After the event, the township received many messages via social media and handwritten notes expressing gratitude for such a fun event.

It's hard to think about warm weather and lemonade when the snow is on its way but the return of the free, family-friendly event, Canton Township Community Day, will be here before we know it. You won't want to miss out on this evening of fun at Faircrest Park on Saturday, June 24, 2023. The festivities will include live music, kids' activities, food options, community vendor tents, and more. A great time to relax, unwind, and catch up with neighbors and friends. Mark your calendars now. Hope to see you there!

Hosting an event of this size every year would not be possible without the generous support of the many residents and local businesses. Look for more information on how to become a 2023 Canton Township Community Day sponsor when it becomes available Spring 2023. Also feel free to contact the Administration Office with any questions (330) 484-2501.

PARKS DEPT. NEWS

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Canton South Youth Cheer



*Steven R Trent Ultra Vintage
Rock & Roll*



*LED Transportation providing
complimentary shuttle*



Honoring our Veterans



Food vendors



Boy Scouts



*Canton South Students Abigail
Bryan, Shelby Wayble, and Mikayla
Ousley singing the National Anthem*



Sounds From the Cellar live on stage



PARKS DEPT. NEWS

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| Old Landmark Tavern | Vicki & Noah Mittas | Christopher & Christine Scarpino | |
| Dick Fritz Tire & Brake | Key Bank National Association | Tim & Sharon Ewing | |

Winter Operations & Snow Removal



Snow removal and winter maintenance of Township roads is done by the Public Works Department, who are dedicated to providing the best quality snow clearing service to residents, business owners and visitors alike. While we do our very best to provide the best possible level of customer service, it is important to remember that various weather conditions and other circumstances can affect our snow clearing activities.

The time it takes for a snowplow to clear your road depends on where you are located. All Township Roads are prioritized into specific categories to make sure we tackle our most traveled and busiest areas first. It is our intent to clean the roads within 24 hours of a major snow event, however our priority is clearing the Main Arterial Roads so that emergency services like Police, Fire and Paramedics can do their job.

Which streets get plowed first?

The Township is divided into routes. Each route is made up of streets categorized in priority order, with priority streets cleared first. Priority roads are arterial roads or secondary collector roads that carry the highest volumes of traffic. Other roads are primarily residential, residential rural or secondary routes. These are systematically plowed after the priority routes have been completed.

Why does it seem to take so long to clear my street?

Within the Township there are approximately 196 lane miles of roads. Until a major snowstorm ends, the clearing of Township roads cannot be completed in full. Efforts are made to keep the roads clear for travel, however during these storms, priority streets may be plowed more than once before other side streets are done. Daytime snow clearing is made more difficult due to increased traffic; more clearing can be accomplished during the night.

Why does the plow driver put snow in my driveway?

The Township makes every attempt to minimize the amount of snow plowed into the driveways during its snow plowing operations; however, it does not clear private driveways.

It is important to note that our plow operators do not intentionally block driveways. Due to the difficulty of removing large amounts of snow, many people find it easier to clear the snow before it becomes too heavy. Often this is before the storm has ended and while snowplowing operations are still underway. Please understand that until roads are completely cleared, it should be anticipated that you might have to clear your driveway several times during and after storm events.

Your snowplow damaged my yard. What do I do?

If there is severe damage to your yard during the winter months from snow removal operations, please notify the Township staff as soon as possible and a repair request will be generated and be added to the spring yard restoration list. The Public Works Department will make repairs in the spring. The Township will not repair damages if it was done by a private individual.

My mailbox was knocked down by the snowplow. What can I do?

Canton Township will reimburse residents and property owners for the repair or replacement of mailboxes that may be damaged because of direct contact with a Township snowplow. Usually, a paint mark or tire tracks supply evidence that direct contact with a snowplow has occurred.

The Township will not reimburse residents and property owners for damage to mailboxes that may occur due to the force of snow pushed by a snowplow from the street only and/or mailboxes that have been improperly installed or maintained.

Should a mailbox be damaged; a completed Mailbox Damage Complaint Form should be submitted to the Public Works office within 3 days of the damage. The claim form can be obtained at the Public Works office or the Township website.

Department staff will investigate each claim and respond to each resident or property owner. The process to investigate each claim depends on the current weather.

Canton Township Road Levy Dollars at Work

2022 has been a challenging year for everyone and the Township was not exempt. Plans were made for the replacement of several asphalt streets throughout the Township but we never expected the cost to inflate to what it did. As we do every year, our asphalt paving project was sent out for public bid and bids were opened on May 10th. Unfortunately, all three bid we received were more than 10% higher than our estimated cost and with that all bids had to be rejected. We sat down, made some adjustments to the program, and sent it out for public bid again and the second round of bids were opened on June 21st but with only 2 bidders. Northstar Asphalt Inc. was awarded the 2022 Asphalt Paving Contract on July 7th at a cost of \$628,488.00.

The cost increase and the need to re-bid the project were our first two hurdles of the year for our paving. Our third hurdle came when Northstar came to us and asked for an extension of the project until the spring of 2023 due to their company not being able to perform the work before winter. The Public Works Director, Board of Trustees, and our legal counsel, after discussing whether to grant the extension or not chose to extend the dates



2021 Compared to 2022

2021: 5.506 miles paved for \$776,204.80 or \$140,974.36 per mile

2022: 2.91 miles projected for \$628,488.00 or \$215,975.26 per mile

of the contract to the spring of 2023. Factors that weighed on the decision were the unknown costs that next year will bring. We could cancel the contract and re-bid it next year, but the prices could be higher yet. We could grant the extension and hold the price as is; but if the price drops, we could then add additional streets to bring it back up to contract price.

The Township Officials are not happy that paving did not get performed this year but know that we have a contract for our 2022 Program and will also have a 2023 Program to work with as well.

List of Streets for the 2022 Asphalt Paving Program: (which will be paved in the spring of 2023)

Deville St NW	15th St NW	16th St NW	Sally Anne NW	33rd St SW
Maplewood SW	Berrywood Ave SW	Sierra Ave SW	Woodington SW	
Somerset St SW	Ironwood St SW	Groveswood SW	Peerless SW	
Fairknoll SW	Bywood St SW	Ashway SW	Atwood SW	



Speed Limit Change

In June of this year the Board of Trustees, along with the Public Works Department made a request to the Ohio Department of Transportation to perform a speed study on Belden Ave. SE and Moore Ave. SE. At the time of the request there was no posted speed limit which in Ohio means it is 55 MPH. Once the application and traffic count

study were completed by the Township it was submitted to ODOT for review. The outcome of the investigation came back that the reasonable and safe speed limit for both roads should be 40 MPH. The Township has erected speed limit signs posting the street as 40 miles per hour.

Fleet Update



The Public Works Department is always looking at ways to improve the reliability of the fleet of vehicles they have. Over the last several years they have been able to replace a good amount of aging equipment that was becoming unreliable and seemed to be in the maintenance garage more than they were on the road. As in all other aspects of our world currently the costs have soared on new trucks and snowplow equipment so the search was on to find a used truck that would fit our needs. After months of searching the web, a truck was found that needed very little work. After viewing and driving the truck we decided to purchase it for \$29,500.00. This truck is a 2007 International and will replace a 1995 International. We are happy with the purchase and believe this truck will serve us for many years to come.

We knew we were looking to replace one of our older trucks but didn't think we would have the ability

to replace the oldest truck we have. One week after the purchase of the 2007 International the same dealership called and said they had another truck they thought we would be interested in. Again, a trip to view and drive and an offer was made to purchase for \$32,000.00. This truck is a 2010 International and will replace a 1992 International.

Just as a comparison for what today's prices have done to vehicles, we looked at our last truck purchase price and what it would cost today. We paid \$137,000.00 for our last new truck in 2020 and today's prices with the same snow and ice package equipped would be around \$210,000.00.

Yes, the two trucks we purchased are used, but we feel they will serve us well and at a combined price of \$61,500.00. This was the better way to go until prices settle down.

Christmas
Tree
RECYCLING



Live Christmas Trees can be recycled at the Public Works Garage starting the day after Christmas. Please remove all lights, ornaments, garland, and tinsel. The drop area will be by the Household recycling area at the rear of the parking lot.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Other Projects in 2022 paid for by Canton Township Road Levy Dollars

Along with the rescheduled Asphalt Paving Program the Township was able to perform the 2022 Chip Seal Program and the 2022 Crack Seal Program. The 2021 Crack Seal Program, which was not able to be completed in 2021 by the contractor, was also completed this year. All three projects have been completed by the contractors. A combined total of \$217,622.19 was spent on these projects and are outlined as follows:



2021 Crack Seal project
Total Cost: \$39,876.90

Included roads: Baum, Faircrest SE/SW, Marietta, Keiffer, and a portion of 53rd St.



2022 Crack Seal Project
Total Cost: \$24,276.00

Included roads: Richville Dr., Fohl st., Briggle Ave., Lakeside Ave., Parkway St., and a portion of 53rd St.



2022 Chip Seal project
Total Cost: \$153,469.29

Included roads: South Sandy, Martin Dr., Cheyenne, E. Sparta Ave., Belden Ave, Moore Ave, Dalemont, Eastend, Baker, Fohldale, and all 3 parts of Argyle
 Total Miles: 8.37



What's Happening?

Stay informed on what's happening in Canton Township. To receive updates on Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights, Township News, road closures, and snow parking ban notices, please send your name and email address to news@cantontwp-oh.gov

Property Line Disputes

Disputes regarding the location of property line is a civil matter. An official survey should be done to determine the exact location of the property lines. This is especially important if you are considering putting up

a fence. Fences require a permit and are permitted to go up to and on the property line. The survey is particularly important to avoid encroaching on your neighbor's property.

Short-term Rentals Text Amendments

Earlier in the year, after considering the recommendations from Stark County Regional Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Trustees approved text amendments to the Canton Township

Zoning Resolution regarding short-term rentals. This would require properties operating as a short-term rental to register with the township and obtain a conditional use permit from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Cards & Board Games for Senior Adults

2nd & 4th Tuesdays
1:00 – 3:00 PM

BINGO

3rd Monday of the Month
2:00 PM

January 16 • February 20
March 20 • April 17 • May 15

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at each Event!!!



This Winter Remember to...

Use the Right S.A.L.T.



STUFF

Road salt (sodium chloride) only works above 15°F. For colder temperatures use sand for added traction, or switch to an ice melting product designed to work at colder temperatures.

AMOUNT

Spreading more salt does not improve deicing. One 12 ounce coffee cup full of salt is enough to cover about 10 sidewalk squares. There should be about 3 inches between salt granules. Be sure to sweep up any excess salt.

LOCATION

Salt only belongs on your sidewalk and driveway and never on your lawn, flower beds, the base of a tree and definitely not in a stream! One teaspoon of salt permanently pollutes 5 gallons of water.

TIME

Salt works best when it is applied before the snow falls or right after snow is removed from your driveway or sidewalk. Never apply salt when rain is in the forecast, as it will wash away into our waterways.



For more information on how to reduce storm water pollution, contact us at 330-451-7645 or visit our website at www.starkswcd.org

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COME JOIN US!

2nd Tuesday of each Month • 6:30 PM • Room 101

The Canton Township Historical Society was established in 2021 as a non-profit entity for the purpose of documenting, preserving and honoring the history of our township. This meeting is open to all individuals interested in joining the Society and serving on the Board of Directors and will focus on establishing committees and a further plan of action.

Questions?

Call: 330-639-4994

Room 101 at Canton Township Community Center 210 38th Street SE

**The Historical Society is not affiliated with Canton Township*