



July 23rd Meeting Highlights

CANTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

SAFETY DAY

Saturday September 21st

1pm to 4pm

- * Station Open House
- * Health Representatives
- * Food
- * Bouncy Houses
- * Demonstrations
- * Car Seat Inspections
- * Military Vehicles
- * Kitchen Safety Simulator
- * Sheriff Office Child ID's
- * Narcan Education
- * Smokey the Bear
- * Army Chinook Helicopter
- * Book Mobile



Fire Department

The Board approved the purchase agreement for two new 2026 model replacement squads. Canton Township awaits delivery of squads ordered last year.

Yard Waste Update

In April 2024, Canton Township moved to a privatized residential yard waste site that allows for residents to purchase a key card for access. As of June 30, the total income was \$61,841.69 and total expense was \$52,165.25 (total expense with container removal costs reflected through June only) With 6 months remaining, container removal costs have been averaging \$1,500 to \$2,000 per month.

Public Works Department

14 new cameras have been installed at Faircrest Park.

The Public Works Department is hiring a Full-Time Lead Mechanic, due to the upcoming retirement of Randy Gill. Thank you Randy for your service and we wish you the best in your retirement!

[Click here to view the Full- Time Lead Mechanic job description and responsibilities.](#)



Zoning Department

The Board declared the following properties as a nuisance as deemed by the Zoning Director, and order them abated per Ohio Revised Code 505.173 and/or 505.86 and/or 505.87.4. 517 Carrolldale Ave SE and 2617 6th St SE for trash/ debris, 518 35th St SE.

The Board approved the Fiscal Officer to sign letter to Stark County Auditor requesting a lien on the tax duplicate for lawn maintenance/high grass nuisance assessment on (12) parcels totaling: 1307480, 1309242, 1302727, 1302726, 1302728, 1306037, 1307235, 1307234, 1307233, 1307232, 10001854, and 1306171 \$6,450.00

As of the 7/23 meeting, 196 letters have been sent for high grass nuisance notification. The township has mowed 57 properties. An assessment is then

placed on the tax duplicate.

The following appeals were approved at the 7/22 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting :

- 2145 Gambrinus Ave SW- Parcel No. 10016867- B3- Commercial

Applicant is seeking a forty (40) foot variance to the north side yard for control building in a B3- Commercial District. Approved.

- 3419 Lincoln St E- Parcel No. 1303402- RR- Rural Residential

Applicant is seeking a five (5) foot variance to rear yard for a carport in a RR-Residential District.

- 226 Glynhaven Ave SE- Parcel No. 1300780- RR- Rural Residential

Applicant is seeking a forty (40) foot variance to the front yard for a primary dwelling in a RR- Residential District.

The next Board of Zoning Appeals meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12th the hear the following appeal:

- Sheetz, Inc. Parcel No. 10002075, 10002662, 10002663, 1313312 Lincoln St E/ Trump Ave SE- Applicant is seeking a conditional use permit to operate a gas station/ convenience store with a drive- thru in a B3- Commercial District.

A letter was mailed to all registered short term rental properties reminding them of rules and regulations in anticipation of the upcoming Hall of Fame festivities. The letter highlighted the following:

- The use of on-street parking for short-term rentals. Section 600.8(8) addresses parking and requires all parking for the short-term rental to be off street and on site, in a garage, driveway or other improved parking area.
- Excess capacity addressed in Section 600.8(7) and noise addressed in Section 600.8(12).

Community Center

	June 30 - July 13	Location	
Dance	1	Café	
Bingo	1	Café	
Rotary	1	Café	
Misc Gym	0	Gym	
3Cs	0	Café	
Events	1	Both	
	\$615		

The township will be looking at remodel work in the late fall/winter timeframe that will reduce availability of the Community Center and more specifics to follow.

General News

The Board approved a resolution to purchase real property on Oyer St SE from Canton Local Schools.

Limited Home Rule Resolution passed to place this item onto the November ballot for consideration.

A township in Ohio must pass legislation and ask voters to approve a limited home rule form of township government. A home rule township looks to operate more efficiently to address the needs of its constituents and will be able to choose to take advantage of future State legislation that will only apply to Limited Home Rule Townships. Limited Home Rule provides a township the power to make certain decisions based on local need, rather than leaving those decisions to State Control.

To become a Limited Home Rule Township, Canton Township must place the issue before electors at a General Election. The first step was completed as the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to place this issue on the ballot. A Limited Home Rule Township continues to operate with three elected trustees and a fiscal officer. All policies and rules must be considered at a Board of Trustees meeting, open to the public, and a resolution must be passed.

Current Canton Township operations will remain unchanged. Under a Limited Home Rule form of township government, the Trustees will

establish more formal relationships with legal counsel, law enforcement, and general administration practices for the township.

Limited Home Rule Does NOT Allow a Township to:

- Propose or enact an income tax
- Exercise any power in conflict with state laws
- Enact any additional taxes other than those authorized by a vote of the electors
- Change, alter, combine, eliminate or modify the structure of existing Township government
- Establish or revise:
 1. Subdivision regulations
 2. Road construction standards
 3. Stormwater and drainage regulations
 4. Building standards
 5. Hunting, trapping or fishing regulations
 6. Possession, use or sale of firearms

Summary

Limited Home Rule status allows larger, urbanized townships to operate more efficiently to address the needs of its constituents, and it allows the Township to choose or not to choose to take advantage of future state legislation that only applies to Limited Home Rule Townships. Most importantly, enacting Limited Home Rule will NOT change your current property tax rates and any future increases will continue to require the approval of Canton Township Voters.

Perry Township, Jackson Township, and Plain Township are nearby Stark County townships where a transition to become a home rule township already occurred. As such, certain decisions currently under consideration by State of Ohio legislators, such as removing zoning authority from statutory townships as Canton Township exists today, would NOT apply to any Limited Home Rule township.

Canton Township will continue to provide additional facts for voters to consider as this decision appears on the ballot in November.



Emergency Alert Program

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Emergency Alert Program. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You pick where, you pick how.

This service was made possible through a grant from our friends at Marathon.

Two ways to join:

1. Download the Everbridge app from your play store, search Canton Township OH, and complete your registration, or
2. Click on the Everbridge link located on our website homepage at www.cantontwp-oh.gov

Upcoming Board Meetings

Regular Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Office (4711 Central Ave SE).

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