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### Town Hall Art Exhibits

Our first artist of 2011 was Arthur Chouinard, a realist painter. His mediums are oils, pastels and mixed media. Mr. Chouinard has produced limited edition prints of his originals, and strives for unlimited detail in his work with a striking quality for accuracy with an excellent sense of composition and the adaptability of color. Mr. Chouinard has lectured and demonstrated his painting techniques for art associations in Connecticut. His work has earned him commendations and awards, some of which are a series of oils depicting the Miss Porter School of Farmington, CT and a year long exhibit at the Samuel Collins Gallery in Collinsville, CT. For more information or to purchase these wonderful pieces, please contact Mr. Chouinard via email at [artchouinard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:artchouinard@sbcglobal.net).

The April 2011 artist at the Town Hall is a contemporary American artist, Jacqueline A. Gaztambide. Originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico, she has resided in Connecticut since 1987. She is a member of the West Hartford Art League as well as the Canton Artist’s Guild. Ms. Gaztambide’s medium of choice is acrylics, although she also uses oils, pastels and mixed media applied to canvas by palette knife. Her modern abstract impressionism is graced with a vibrant array of color and texture as her palette. Ms. Gaztambide has many series such as: Impressions/Impresiones, Space Series and her newest, Scapes. You may view her extraordinary work at [www.jag-art.com](http://www.jag-art.com). For more information or to purchase a piece of art, please contact Ms. Gaztambide at [Jacqueline@jag-art.com](mailto:Jacqueline@jag-art.com).

In conjunction with the [Gallery on the Green](#), current members of the Gallery have transformed the Town Hall into a modern museum of art. All exhibits are available for purchase. Each exhibit period is for two (2) months. The public is welcome to view these displays during regular Town Hall hours. To schedule an exhibit, contact the Town Hall Art Exhibit Coordinators; Michelle Schroder at 860-693-7841 or [mschroder@townofcantonct.org](mailto:mschroder@townofcantonct.org) and/or Harriet Boyko can be reached at 860-693-7854, [hboyko@townofcantonct.org](mailto:hboyko@townofcantonct.org).

## SELECTMEN'S CORNER

**MEETING SCHEDULES**

(Held monthly at Community Center)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

First and Third Wednesday, 7 pm

**BOARD OF FINANCE:**

Third Monday, 7:30 pm

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

Second &amp; Fourth Thursday, 7 pm

**BOARD OF ETHICS:**

Third Tuesday, 7 pm

**LAND USE COMMISSIONS****CANTON CTR HIST. DIST:**

Second Wednesday, 7 pm

**COLLINSVILLE HIST. DIST:**

Second Tuesday, 8 pm (Town Hall)

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:**

Fourth Wednesday, 7:30 pm

**INLAND WETLANDS:**

Second Thursday, 7 pm

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

First Monday, 7:30 pm

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

Second Monday, 8 pm

**ZONING COMMISSION:**

Third Wednesday, 7:30 pm

**OTHER COMMISSIONS****COMMISSION ON AGING:**

First Monday, 12 Noon

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Second Tuesday, 6:00 pm

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Second Wednesday, 7:15 pm

**OPEN SPACE COMMISSION:**

First Tuesday, 7:30 pm

**PARKS & REC. COMMISSION:**

Third Monday, 7 pm

**WATER POLLUTION:**

Second Tuesday, 7 pm

**YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU:**

Fourth Thursday, 6 pm

**TOWN HALL HOURS****Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**

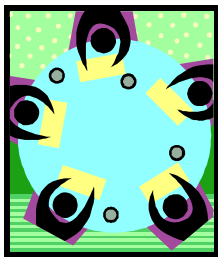
8:15 am to 4:30 pm

**Wednesday**

8:15 am to 6:45 pm

**Friday**

8:15 am to 12 Noon

**TOWN WEBSITE**[www.townofcantonct.org](http://www.townofcantonct.org)

Good news – spring is here! It has been a winter for the record books. The Board would first like to acknowledge the outstanding effort of our Public Works employees who worked long hours to maintain our roads this winter, and also removed snow from Town buildings.

With spring comes the development of the Town budgets. The adopted Board of Selectmen budget for Town services for FY 2011/2012 is \$9,314,852 which represents a 3.05% increase in expenditures from the FY 2010/2011 budget. Since the start of our economic crisis two years ago the Selectmen's budget has been a 3% reduction in expenditures in FY 2009/2010 and no increase in expenditures in FY 2010/2011. If the proposed Selectmen's budget for next year is adopted it will result in a total budget increase of \$58,250 over the last three years. The Town has been able to maintain our current operating level of services despite this conservative fiscal approach.

The proposed Board of Selectmen budget includes \$400,000 for road maintenance, an increase of \$200,000. This trend will need to be followed in future budgets to reach the \$700,000 per year level recommended in the recently completed Pavement Management Study.

The Board of Finance has for several years advised the Boards of Selectmen (BOS) and Education (BOE) that they did not want to proceed with any bonding until the outstanding debt was reduced. This will occur in 2012 and the Board of Finance has requested that the BOS and BOE prioritize their needs capital projects. The Selectmen's list will include projects such as improvements and renovations to Town Hall to meet code requirements, a new Public Works garage, roof renovations at the Community Center / Library and improvements to our road system. The total cost of these projects together with BOE needs will obviously exceed our near term bonding capacity. The hydropower project would only have been undertaken if the revenue generated will be sufficient to pay off the bonds and thus be revenue positive after a short period.

The Board will be seeking public input in the development of our capital project priorities during the next year as we follow the guidance provided by the Board of Finance.

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**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Don't forget to register to vote in plenty of time to participate in the November 8<sup>th</sup> Municipal Election where positions for Selectmen, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals and Constables will be decided. Registration forms can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office, the Library or online at [www.sots.state.ct.us](http://www.sots.state.ct.us). Mail completed forms to the Canton Registrar of Voters, PO Box 168, Collinsville, CT 06022.

If we have a September 2011 Primary, please note the following deadlines:

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** is the last day an enrolled elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in the September primary of the new party.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** is the last day to register to vote with a mail-in application

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** At noon is the deadline to register to vote in person.

Please call the Registrar of Voters at 860-693-7839 or the Town Clerk at 860-693-7870 if you have any questions.

**TRANSFER STATION**

**Single Stream Recycling:** Beginning February 1, 2011, The Town of Canton has launched its new Single Stream Recycling Program. Single-stream recycling means that you no longer have to sort glass, cardboard, paper (newspaper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes), paper egg cartons, paper bags, office paper, aluminum and metal cans, empty aerosol cans, and all plastic containers labeled #1 thru #7 – just mix it together and drop it in our roll-off container at the Canton Transfer Station. The advantages of single-stream recycling are a reduced sorting effort by residents and reduced collection costs since fewer containers will be required resulting in lower trucking costs to dispose of material at CRRRA in Hartford. Every ton of disposables that the Town recycles is a ton the Town does not have to pay for to dispose as trash. Single-stream recycling helps to recover and re-use valuable materials. We hope this change will encourage more residents to recycle. For further information, please call the Transfer Station at 860-693-7866.

**TOWN CLERK**

**Sport Licenses:** Fishing season officially begins on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The [2011 Connecticut Angler's Guide](#) and licenses are available online at [www.ct.gov/dep](http://www.ct.gov/dep), at Dick's Sporting Goods and the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

**Dog License Renewal in June:** In an effort to save money on postage and materials, reminder post cards **WILL NOT BE MAILED OUT** in late May to all currently licensed dog owners. Nevertheless, state law requires all dogs over six months of age to be licensed. Dog licenses are issued throughout the year; however, renewal of current licenses takes place during the month of June. Licenses can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office or by mail with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: **Canton Town Clerk, PO Box 168 Collinsville, CT 06022**

A rabies certificate is required to license your dog. An application for all new dog owners can be obtained online at [www.townofcantonct.org](http://www.townofcantonct.org). Click on Departments > Town Clerk > Dog Licenses > 'Register your dog by mail' to download the form. The fee is \$19 for an unaltered dog or \$8 for a spayed/neutered dog with a certificate of proof. A \$75 fine will be imposed by the ACO on unlicensed dogs in accordance with CT State Law.

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**TRAVEL TIPS FOR THE MOTORING PUBLIC FROM THE CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

When traveling, motorists should take steps to protect themselves and their vehicles. To reduce the risk of personal injury and theft, the Canton Police Department offers the following tips:

1. You are the most vulnerable getting into or out of your vehicle. Have your keys in your hands as you approach your vehicle.
2. Check the passenger compartment before getting into the vehicle, even if you left the vehicle locked.
3. Lock all doors and roll up windows when driving.
4. Never pick up hitchhikers.
5. Always park in a central, well-lit area where attendants are on duty.
6. If someone is loitering near your vehicle, do not go near it. Seek help or wait until the person leaves.

## TOWN TEAM NEWS

### MEET ROBERT MARTIN

**Position with the Town:** Director of Public Works

**Background:** Robert began his career in government working for the Bristol Board of Education performing athletic field work and outside maintenance. The next phase of employment was working for the Town of Avon, where Robert worked for twenty-three (23) years in various divisions within the Public Works Department. A turning point occurred in his career when Robert was asked by Town Manager Philip Schenk to go back to school. For the past five (5) years Robert has attended evenings and Saturday classes. The work experience and the education paid off, leading Robert to become Canton's new Director of Public Works. Robert credits working with many wonderful people over the years to bring out his best.

**Education:** Graduating Spring 2011 from the University of Hartford with a BS Environmental Engineering Degree

**Best Part of the Job:** Robert is a people person who enjoys interacting with residents, co-workers and friends. "I get to talk and help so many different people on a daily basis, I love to come to work", Robert commented.

**Personal:** Robert is a resident of Avon, living with his beautiful wife Linda and daughter Nikki.

**Little Know Fact:** Robert is a coin collector, "It is my way of relaxing."



### MEET KEVIN SMITH

**Position with the Town:** Maintenance Supervisor

**Background:** Kevin is a Master Plumber who has worked in both residential and commercial settings since 1987. In his spare time he has coached and volunteered in Canton Little League, Canton Youth Basketball, Canton Basketball's Summer League, AAU Basketball and Canton Booster Club.

**Best Part of the Job:** Kevin enjoys the camaraderie of all the employees at the Department of Public Works.

**Personal:** Kevin has lived in Canton since 1986 with his wife and two sons.

**Little Known Fact:** Kevin went to high school in New Jersey with Jay Greenspan, whose stage name is Jason Alexander and is otherwise known as Seinfeld's George Costanza.

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### MEET STEVE LAPOINTE

**Volunteer Position with the Town:** Town of Canton Volunteer Fire & EMS Department; member since 2001. Fire Captain for the Department's Canton fire station; since 2007. Chief Program Advisor for the Department's Cadet Program from 2001-2007. LaPointe had been a Fire Cadet himself, prior to joining the Department.

**Background:** Lapointe is a self-employed Sound Engineer. He has spent the last 13 years working in all aspects of sound production and technical direction for corporate events. His clients include major insurance and financial service companies, nonprofit organizations, academic institutions and various music venues.

He also supports high profile musicians and bands with audio and visual production. For example, he has spent the last 11 years as Sound Engineer for the iconic group *Eight to the Bar* which has included traveling to 180 to 230 shows a year, on the east and west coasts in addition to Europe.

Lapointe graduated from Canton Senior High School in 2001. That same year, he joined the Town of Canton Volunteer Fire & EMS Department. He attended the Connecticut Fire Academy and achieved his Firefighter I (interior) certification, again in 2001.

He has continued to pursue coursework in the fire service including: Firefighter II; Command School; Firefighter Safety & Survival; Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings; Hazmat Operations; Strategies and Tactics for Company Officers; Fire Service Instructor I and many other classes and seminars to further hone his expertise as both a firefighter and a manager of firefighters.

In 2003, Lapointe received the Department's highest honor for firefighters, Firefighter of the Year. In 2009, he was awarded Officer of the Year.

**Best Part of Volunteering:** "Knowing that there are other families just like mine who may some day have an emergency and I will be trained and able to help in a way that can make a positive difference in their lives."

**Personal:** Married for four years to Stephanie. They have a one year old daughter, Lainey.

**Little Known Fact:** Lapointe has a passion for percussion and plays the drums.

## SENIOR SERVICES



### **Blood Pressure Clinics**

The VNA checks blood pressures in the Lower Level Conference Room each Wednesday from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Blood pressure monitoring is also offered for the Walking Group on Friday's from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Get checked before and after you walk.

### **Tai Chi**

55+ Tai Chi for Long Life can help to prevent bone loss and improve balance. Class runs continuously on Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. You may participate on a "drop in" basis, if needed. Fee: \$48 for 8 classes.



### **Podiatry / Foot Care Services**

Dr. Scott Lindsay is in the Lower Level Conference Room each second Monday, every month, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Call 860.677.7272 to schedule an appointment.

### **Community Cafe**

Join your neighbors for a nutritious hot lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays for a very reasonable \$2.00 donation. Just call 860.693.5811 before noon the day before to reserve a meal.



### **Scribe / E-Scribe**

What's going on for seniors?? Find out in the Scribe mailed every 4 months, and the E-scribe email. Call Senior Services at 860.693.5811 to get on either list. Both can also be found on the Senior Services website.

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### **Medical Transportation**



Rides to medical appointments are provided by a local cab company to seniors over 60 and adults with disabilities to most areas of CT (beyond Canton). The cost is covered by grants to the town and riders pay a gratuity only. Call Senior/Social Services to request a ride.

### **Cooking with Elaine**

Join your friends the last Tuesday of every month at 11:00 am, for a fun filled demonstration and light meal. Cost is \$9 and must be paid to Senior/Social Services by the preceding Friday.



### **Jump on Board Trips**

Special destinations (malls, casinos, and more) around Connecticut in conjunction with Simsbury- most are free or very inexpensive. You must sign up in advance.

### **Dial-A-Ride**

Transportation is available for seniors over 60 and adults with disabilities, for trips within Canton, Monday - Friday, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Each ride costs \$.50. To qualify and for more information, call 860.693.5811.

### **Farmer's Market Vouchers**

Call early in the summer to see if we have vouchers for low-income households; and apply at the Senior/Social Services Office.

### **NEW – Yoga Program 55+**

Class runs continuously every Tuesday's from 10:15 to 11:15 am. You may participate on a "drop in" basis, if needed. Fee: \$48 for 8 classes.

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## SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services for Canton residents are provided by the Senior/Social Services Office in the Canton Community and Senior Center located in the lower level, rear, at 40 Dyer Avenue. The following are some of the main State and Federal and local programs that Canton aging and disabled adults can apply for. There is no charge for any Social Services assistance. Call 860.693.5811 for assistance, information or to set up a confidential appointment.

### **Energy Assistance (CHAP or CEAP)**

In the fall and winter, people at certain income and asset levels may be helped to pay for oil or other heat from these two State programs and Operation Fuel. Applications are taken starting in October or November.

### **Fuel Bank**



Energy Assistance is available through the Canton Fuel Bank to residents experiencing financial hardship and who have an emergency fuel need. Please call 860.693.5811 for additional information.

### **Food Assistance**

The State of Connecticut Food Stamp Program (now called SNAP) provides monthly cash assistance to low-income households buy groceries. Eligibility for food stamps is based on household income and assets. Call 860.693.5811 for more information. Applications are also taken at Gifts of Love in Avon – call 860.676.2323 for an appointment.

### **Elderly Property Tax Relief**

Applications for a reduction in homeowner property tax assessments are taken at the Assessor's Office. You must have income under certain limits and there are additional tax reductions for people who are legally blind or a veteran. Applications are taken each year between February 15<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>.



### **Renter's Rebate**

Renters may qualify for a once-a-year rebate on rent paid. The filing period is between May and September. Apply starting on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Assessor's Office, 860.693.7842.

### **Medicare Savings Program**

The government will provide supplemental insurance and/or refund the Part B Medicare premium for people who meet income limits. It may also help to lower prescription costs for people who have Medicare D prescription coverage. Call the Senior/Social Services Office for an appointment if you have Medicare questions. The CHOICES volunteer comes once a month throughout the year to help with general Medicare issues.

### **Connecticut Home Care for Elders Program**

Many kinds of personal care and assistance (Lifeline, meals on wheels, home health aid, homemaker or adult day care) are provided for people who need assistance in order to safely stay in their homes. Call Senior/Social Services for information.

### **Medicaid**

Medical assistance is provided by the State to people who are mostly very low income and have minimal assets. There are several types of assistance available, based on age, income and assets. Call Social Services or CT Dept. of Social Services for more information at 860.723.1000.



### **Canton Food Bank**

The Food Bank, located at 55 River Rd (Trinity Episcopal Church) is open Tuesday mornings, 9 AM to 11:30 AM. Call 860.693.2024 for information, to obtain food, to make a donation or to volunteer.

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### LIBRARY HOURS

**Mon.–Thu.** 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

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(*July through Labor Day*)

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[www.cantonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.cantonpubliclibrary.org)

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

The library will be closed on the following Mondays:

\*May 30 for Memorial Day

\*July 4 for Independence Day

\*September 5 for Labor Day

### VISIT US ON FACEBOOK

The Canton Public Library is on Facebook. From your Facebook account, search for the Canton Public Library (consider adding “in Connecticut” so that you don’t link accidentally with the Canton libraries in Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Texas, etc.). Then go to our page and click on the *Like* button. Visit our Facebook page often for news and notes about library events and services.



### DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS

Library Connection Inc., the 30-library network to which Canton belongs, gave each of its member libraries a dedicated computer on which borrowers could download audiobooks. (Downloadable e-books and video are not available at this time but will be in the future.) For quite some time now, Canton residents have been able to download audiobooks at home but, as an added service, our new computer workstation is here for patrons to browse the catalog of downloadable books, check them out, and transfer them to their own portable media devices while at the library. This is a great way to try out our downloadable books service. Our new download computer was made possible by a generous grant awarded to Library Connection by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

### TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB & TEEN FACEBOOK PAGE

The library sponsors a book discussion club for teens. Students in grades 9 through 12 meet once per month to discuss books they are interested in, both newly- released titles and beloved classics. The group meets in the Library Program Room on the third Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m. All teens are welcome to drop in and join the talk. With the launch of our teen book club, the library also has set up a teen Facebook page. From your Facebook account, type in “Canton Public Library Teen Book Club”. Its purpose is to keep group members informed on upcoming book club meeting dates and titles, but it also covers useful information on other library news and events of interest to this age group. Both our teen book discussion club and our teen Facebook page are new ways in which we are reaching out to give library service to the teenagers of Canton. And don’t forget: use The Teen Zone inside the library.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual book sale at the Library/Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11. Check the library website for specific hours. As always, the sale will be preceded by an early bird hour (admission \$10 per person) and Sunday will feature a bag of books at a bargain price. Please come to browse the extensive inventory, buy old favorites, take chances on new titles and topics, and support the Friends of the Library, a group that adds so much to make Canton Public Library more effective and pleasant.



### Wii GAMES ARE HERE

Thanks to a generous gift from the Friends of the Library, the library started a circulating Wii game collection. The games are displayed in the Children’s Room – check out what our collection involves. Wii games may be borrowed on the library card of anyone age 13 or over. The games may not be reserved or renewed because our collection is newly-started and, therefore, rather small. A brochure is available that explains everything you need to know to take home a Wii.

## CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEED YOU

The Friends of the Library are to the Canton Public Library what the PTO organizations are to the Canton public schools. The Friends is an auxiliary organization that raises funds so that the library can purchase items that the operating budget cannot be stretched far enough to cover, and to advocate for the library throughout the town.

The Friends donate so many of the items that make our library special. To name but a few, the Friends have given us since last July:

- All 15 of our museum and cultural site passes
- All 4 of our special electronic information databases, including *Ancestry.com*
- Our new Wii game collection
- \$3,500 for new books for teen readers
- \$2,000 for new audiobooks for adults

The Canton Public Library would be a very different place if it were not for the hard work and generosity of the Friends. Please consider joining and helping the Friends in their good work. Membership brochures are available at the library. Membership categories include:

- Individuals: \$10/year
- Families: \$25/year
- Supporting Members: \$50
- And a category called "Other", where you can donate any amount that fits your budget.

Friends membership dues are tax-deductible. Please remember that the Friends boldly ask for your talent as well as your money to help with their many activities. For example, during the summer months Friends members take on the considerable task of sorting and pricing books and other items for the September book sale. More helpers are desperately needed.

New members will be warmly welcomed. The Friends meet most months on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the library. (See our website for exact dates.) Please join!

### SUMMER READING PLANS ARE UNDERWAY @ THE CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

We're busy hatching lots of excitement for our upcoming summer reading activities. Our theme will include monsters, aliens, and dragons. The first day of Summer Reading will be July 1. The program will wrap up in mid-August with our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Pool Party for school-aged kids. Preschoolers will have their very own end-of-summer music party a few days later. An official Summer Reading Brochure will be available on June 1, both on-line and in print at the library. Copies also will be sent home with children who attend Canton Intermediate School and Cherry Brook Primary School. Also, they will be emailed to everyone who has children attending or on the waitlist for the library's story times. We expect to have summer reading logs for school-aged kids and preschoolers again this summer, with rewards to be given out for lots of reading. We'll also have weekly prize giveaways. Visit the library daily from July 1 until August 18 to earn your free tickets. Registration (for programs that require it) will begin for Canton residents on Monday, June 13, at 10:00 a.m.



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## CANTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

As we welcome in 2011, we at the Canton Economic Development Agency (EDA) are very, very busy. 2010 was a milestone year for our agency as we completed a major re-staffing along with several important projects. In this regard, we note a few of our more significant accomplishments:

- We completed a survey of town leadership concerning their views as to the critical drivers for our town's economic growth.
- We completed a cost of community services study that now tells us the costs of our town's services as it relates to each type of land use. You might be interested to note that for each dollar of residential property tax received, it costs the town \$1.10 of expenses, primarily for education services. You might also care to know that each dollar of commercial and industrial tax received costs our town only 32 cents in town expenses.
- We completed a commercial real estate template that allows us to analyze each proposed commercial or industrial real estate project, and determine quite accurately the future tax and income streams that each project will generate. In this manner, we can know in advance what each project will be worth to the town.

Now as to 2011, we have a very ambitious goal. As the Economic Development Agency, our goal for 2011 is economic development! You see, in recent years, other than The Shoppers at Farmington Valley which was built in 2003, there has been very little commercial development in our town. We have let our appreciation for open spaces and small town feel dominate our land use efforts, and therefore very little new commercial development has come to fruition. Accordingly, we have had to rely on residential property taxes and state support to pay for the growth in town expenses. We feel that there is a very positive balance that can be achieved between development and the look and feel of what make Canton the place we choose to live.

From our seat at the table, our review and research indicate our town faces an imminent economic crisis. We are facing significant cost increases for educational, public safety, and municipal salaries, as well as rising overhead and infrastructure costs (road and building maintenance). And, this time around, with our state in major crisis, we will have little state support to help pay our bills. So, unless we quickly begin substantial commercial real estate development to generate new tax revenues, we will be facing significant increases in residential property taxes. And, our residential property tax rates are already among the highest in our region.

We at the EDA now want to focus you, our residents, on the critical question of whether Canton's residents are willing to see residential taxes go up significantly. Or are we willing to make a conscious effort to refocus our town wide efforts to cultivate an environment that would encourage responsible commercial development to help relieve some of our tax load.

We at the EDA truly believe that commercial development can be done in an environmentally sensitive and responsible manner. We further believe that we must foster such development or risk losing some of our middle class taxpayers who cannot afford significant tax increases. But, to develop or not is not about "either/or", "good/bad": It is about being smart, and responsibly responding and adapting to 2011 financial realities. On all levels of government, people are feeling their way through new economic and demographic territory. On the town level, we are the closest to the action and have great opportunity to have a meaningful impact.



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## CANTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

We as an agency intend to devote much of our 2011 effort to frame this issue for you, and to solicit your support for responsible commercial development. We are asking you to stand up and be counted. You might want to keep this list below handy as you find time and energy to help us in our mission:

- Please express your opinions on this subject to our Selectmen and all town elected officials
- Please express your opinions to our land use commissioners and commission members
- Please attend Board of Selectmen meetings or at the least take a look now and then at the meeting agendas and minutes posted on [www.townofcantonct.org](http://www.townofcantonct.org)
- Please attend Land Use committee meetings or at the least take a look now and then at the meeting agendas and minutes posted on [www.townofcantonct.org](http://www.townofcantonct.org). It is also as easy as going to [www.townofcantonct.org/content/490/default.aspx](http://www.townofcantonct.org/content/490/default.aspx) to sign up for meeting agendas to be sent directly to your email in-box.
- Please let us know what is important to you as it pertains to economic development. We welcome public comment at our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, or you can drop your thoughts off at the Land Use Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Town Hall. We need to know what you think if we are going to formulate a viable strategic plan for economic development. Whether you are congratulating us or berating us on our efforts, we are ready to listen!
- Educate yourself as to how your town hall works. Who are the decision makers and how do they support - or not - your goals and desires? Is how they spend your money make sense to you?
- VOLUNTEER for a town board, commission, or agency! Run for a political office if you feel that you are not properly represented by current leadership activity.

It is our very strong opinion that commercial development can be done in an environmentally and aesthetically responsible manner, and that the resulting commercial real estate tax revenues can be used to pay for and preserve the critical services that make Canton the town we love. In addition to the tax revenue benefit, we feel that development has the potential to bring new vitality and vibrancy to our town. It will be our primary objective in 2011 to ascertain your views on this matter so that you can be certain that your representatives pursue land use policies that reflect the views of our citizens. We are not only very enthusiastic about assisting business owners and developers maneuver through our land use process as efficiently and effectively as possible, but more importantly we want to "sunlight" this process for our fellow residents so it becomes truly a town wide mission to make Canton the best place to live, work and play it can possibly be.

We thank you in advance for your support.

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**Nothing cancels a great class quicker than waiting until the last minute to register.** If there are not enough registrations by a certain date, the program / event may be cancelled. Coming in or calling on the day that the program is scheduled to start will not resurrect it, so please register early.

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### **PARKS & REC COMMISSION**

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The Parks and Recreation staff has made every effort to prepare this brochure as accurately as possible. However, due to publishing deadlines, program listings / information may require that adjustments be made to programs, fees, schedules, etc. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause.

### **Juniors Tennis Program**

Learn a sport that will last a life time. This program includes lessons for beginners and advanced beginners. Lessons will cover stroke development, foot work, and court strategies appropriate for each level.

Instructor: David Zucker

Dates: Fridays, 4/15- 5/20 (lesson will be held on 4/22)

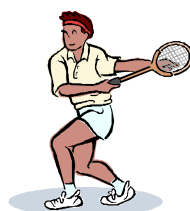
Time: Ages 5-8; 4 - 5:00 pm

Ages 9+ ; 5 - 6:00 pm

Fee: \$98.00

Min: 5

Location: Mills Pond Park



### **Music with Miss Jean**

(Ages 18 months – 3)

This guitar lead sing-along class consists of music and activities that keeps everybody moving! Have fun playing instruments, jumping to the rhythms and learning some musical games. This class gets the kids dancing and helps them to burn off some energy for nap time!

Instructor: Jean Mix

Dates: Wednesdays, 4/27- 6/1

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 am (6 classes)

Fee: \$55.00

Min: 5

Location: CCC

### **ACROfitness® Tumbling Program**

(Grades K-3)

This program is an action packed fitness, dance, acrobatic program which the kids will love! They get to have a great time while they are exercising and staying fit! Check out their website to see more: [www.acrofitness.com](http://www.acrofitness.com)

Instructor: ACROFitness Staff, Ann Rapport  
 Dates: Wednesdays, 3/30- 5/11 ( no 4/20)

Time: 3:40 - 4:40 pm

Fee: \$60.00

Min: 10 Max: 15

Location: CBPS, Gym

### **NEW! Let's Gogh Art Fairies and Dragons** (Ages 4-9)

Enter the fantasy world of imagination where fairies fly and unicorns roam. Unleash your inner elf as you conjure up fire-breathing dragons, goblins and other fantasy creatures. Campers experience painting, drawing, print making, journaling, stained glass, ceramics, fabric, clay art and more while creating two and three dimensional works of art. Fairies and Dragons storytelling is included, as well as surprises, face painting and humor. Fun, fantasy-filled art-ventures.

Dates: 7/18 - 7/22

Time: 8:45 - 11:00 am

Fee: \$148.00 (includes all supplies)

Location: CCC

### **NEW! Let's Gogh Art BEACH**

**PARTY: Oceans of Fun!** (Ages 6-12)

School is out! Let's "Gogh" on a sunny tropical island vacation without leaving town! This inspiring week of "artventures", sparks creativity, engagement, exploration and individual expression. Designing projects include beach hats, sunglasses, and t-shirts. Discover the art of mosaics while collecting seashells. Learn about the underwater world. Experience painting, print making, staining glass, ceramics, collage, mosaics, fabric art and working with clay. Lots of surprises and laughter round out this wicked cool beach party! Don't miss it! One week camp!

Dates: 7/25 - 7/29

Time: 8:45 -11:45 am

Fee: \$148.00 (includes all supplies)

Location: CCC

### **U.S. Sports Squirts Camp** (Ages 3-5)

Introduce your child to a variety of sports, such as Soccer, T-Ball, Basketball, LaCrosse and Hockey. Sessions take place in a safe, structured environment and sports are played through a series of games and activities designed to ensure learning and most importantly, fun!

Dates:

Session I: 7/11 - 7/15; 9-10:30 AM

Session II: 8/1 - 8/5; 4:30- 6:00 pm

Fee: \$99.00

Min: 12 Max: 21

Location: Mills Pond Park

## Spring / Summer 2011 Recreation Brochure – Youth & Teen

### U.S. Sports Multi Sport Camp

(Ages 5-8 & 9-12)

Give your child the opportunity to experience over 15 different sports in one week with the US Sports Institute. Children can learn how to bowl a cricket ball, score a try in Rugby, shoot hoops and score plenty of goals in a variety of sports from around the world. All activities and games take place in a positive low pressure educational atmosphere under the guidance of our qualified coaches who are chosen for their ability to inspire, motivate and encourage campers.

Dates: 8/1- 8/5

Time: 9:00 am -12:30 pm

Fee: \$154.00

Min: 12 Max: 21

Location: Mills Pond Park

### Junior Scientists Fun Lab

(Ages 4-6)

Children will discover how much fun science really is! In this lab, children will explore many aspects of the world such as energy and motion, water, as well as delving into the lives of animals. They will even have a day as "Mad science Master Builders" building and designing awesome structures. They'll make various things to take home with them that will help establish them as official "junior scientists."

Dates: 7/11 - 7/15

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: \$160.00

Min: 8 Max: 21

Location: CCC

### Professional Marine Education

**Class- One Day only!** (Ages 12+)

This class will cover the info needed to obtain your safe boating certification and personal watercraft certification. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to mail or deliver the diploma to any state DEP office, and combined with an application for certificate and appropriate fee, students will be able to obtain the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation.

Date: 4/9

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Fee: \$80.00

Min: 8

Location: CCC

### Junior Golf Camp

(Ages 5-8) & (Ages 9-12)

We are excited to offer this camp again this year, in conjunction with New England school of Golf in Burlington. This is your chance to introduce your child to the game of a lifetime! Junior Golf camp is a weeklong series directed by Chet Dunlop Jr. Connecticut PGA teacher of the year, nationally recognized Golf Coach and Founder of New England school of Golf. This class is for children that are new to the game as well as more experienced players. Focus will be first and foremost, the enjoyment of the game and sportsmanship. Rules, course strategy and fundamentals of the swing will be presented. Equipment will be provided for those that need it for no extra charge. Bring a water bottle and wear sunscreen. Follow-up practice included in price. This program fills quickly, don't delay registration!

Dates: 6/27 - 7/1

Time: Ages 5-8; 10:00am - 12:00pm

Ages 9-12; 1 - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$125.00

Min: 10 Max: 24

Location: NE School of Golf,  
522 Spielman Highway, Burlington  
Tel. # 860-675-7320

### Hurlock's Basketball Camp

(Grades 2-7)

Learn the skills of basketball through games and drills. Skills taught are cutting, screening, low post and perimeter moves. Participants should bring a water bottle and snack. This is a very popular program, so don't delay your registration. If you have any questions about camp, call instructor directly. Cell # 860- 404-0383

Instructor: Brian Hurlock, National

Junior Olympic Coach

Dates: 7/5 - 7/9 (4 day week)

Time: 8:30 - 11:30 am

Fee: \$80.00

Min: 10

Location: CIS gymnasium



### Secret Agent Lab: CSI Edition

(Ages 6-12)

Sharpen your secret agent skills in this exciting hands-on look at crime scenes. Discover how chemistry and the science of forensics can come to the aid of a secret agent. Identify and collect evidence- from fingerprints to tracks to trash! Recreate the scene of a crime using clues and detailed observations. Campers will use science and awesome technology tools to connect the dots and help sniff out the suspects in this investigation into the science of sleuthing!

Dates: 7/11 - 7/15

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: \$160.00

Min: 8 Max: 21

Location: CCC

### Red Hot Robots Camp

(Ages 8-12)

Delve into the fascinating world of robotics and machines in this weeklong program. Children will construct their own robots while gaining working knowledge of the science of circuits, wheels, gears and sensors. They will build motorized robots, most likely the one that can be set up to walk on 4 or 6 legs or to move like a monkey hand-over-hand down a rope. They will also learn about simple machines and how they, like robots, are used to make life easier. Robots will go home with campers on the last day of the program.

Dates: 8/1 - 8/5

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: \$179.00

Min: 8 Max: 21

Location: CCC

### New! Lacrosse Camp

(Ages 6-14)

This camp will be Co-ed and it will teach the fundamentals of the game of lacrosse. Players will have a lot of fun learning how to play this exhilarating game, which is a unique combination of skill, speed, agility and finesse.

Dates: 7/11 - 7/15

Time: 5 - 6:30 pm

Fee: \$99.00

Min: 12

Location: Mills Pond Park

## Spring / Summer 2011 Recreation Brochure – Youth & Teen

### Challenge Soccer Camps

British Soccer Camps provide players with the opportunity to receive high level coaching from a team of international experts! All campers must bring shin guards and a water bottle. Cleats are preferred.

#### Mini-Soccer (Ages 3-5)

A magical introduction to the game of soccer! Fun games provide the basis for learning.

Dates: 7/18 - 7/22

Time: 9 - 10:30 am

Fee: \$93.00

Location: Mills Pond Park

#### Coed Soccer (Ages 6-12)

Focus will be on ball mastery and skill development. This program provides the perfect learning environment through individual and group practices and coached games.

Dates: 7/18 - 7/22

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: \$133.00

Location: Mills Pond Park

#### Coed Soccer (Ages 6-14)

Dates: 7/18 - 7/22

Time: 5 - 8:00 pm

Fee: \$133.00

Location: Mills Pond Park

#### Mini-Soccer (Ages 3-5)

Dates: 8/8 - 8/12

Time: 5 - 6:30 pm

Fee: \$93.00

Location: Mills Pond Park

#### Coed Soccer (Ages 6-12)

Dates: 8/8 - 8/12

Time: 5 - 8:00 pm

Fee: \$133.00

Location: Mills Pond Park

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### Explorers Day Camp at Mills Pond

(Ages 6-12)

Explore the fun of summer Canton's favorite summer program! Daily activities include team games, arts and crafts, swimming at the pool, nature activities and more!!! Camp is based out of Mills Pond Park. Each week the camp will take a field trip! We will visit various state parks, attend a New Britain Rock Cats baseball game, have a blast at water parks and more. Participants should wear weather appropriate clothing, closed toed shoes, bring a swim suit and towel, as well as a snack, lunch and a beverage. Participants should apply sunscreen at home and will be reminded throughout the day to reapply.

Session 1: 6/20 - 6/24

Session 2: 6/27 - 7/1

Session 3: 7/5 - 7/8 (no camp 7/4)

Session 4: 7/11 - 7/15

Session 5: 7/18 - 7/22

Session 6: 7/25 - 7/29

Session 7: 8/1 - 8/5

Session 8: 8/8 - 8/12

Session 9: 8/15 - 8/19

Times: Half Day 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

OR 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Full Day- 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Location: All camps will be held at Mills Pond Park (Rain Location- CIS or CCC)

Full Day Camp Fees:

\$135.00/ week

\$110.00/ week for session 2

Half Day Camp Fees:

\$80.00/ week

\$65.00/ week for session 2

Before and After Care: Before care will start at 8 until 9:00 am (the start of camp)

Aftercare will run from 3:30 - 5:00 pm Those children participating in after care should have a snack and beverage for the afternoon. A minimum of 5 children must register for before and after care for the program to run.

Before and After Care Fees:

\$50.00 per session

### Canton Amateur Summer Theatre

(CAST) (Ages 10-16)

CAST presents its first annual production; *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

This 7-week program will involve participants in all aspects of a full-scale musical. Participation will be limited to first 35 sign-ups—all members will be cast in the show. Lead roles will be assigned after the start of the program. No experience necessary!

For more details, please pick up an information packet in the Parks & Rec office, or email the director/producer at [tpierce@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:tpierce@sas.upenn.edu).

Dates: 6/28 - 8/14

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Fee: \$400.00

Min: 20 Max: 35

Location: CHS & Town Hall Auditorium

### Summer Fun Cookie Decoration

Class (Ages 6- 14)

Hands-on cookie decorating class. Learn the basics for making beautiful iced, summer-themed sugar cookies. Come make dragonflies, butterflies, beehives, ladybugs, and more! Cookies and prepared icing, as well as decorating sugars, non-pareils, and special candies will be provided. Each participant will take home their drying creations in a bakery box.

Date: Thursday, 6/23

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Fee: \$25.00

Min: 6 Max: 16

Location: CCC

### Summer Youth Tennis Lessons

(Ages 5-14)

Participants will work on stroke development, shot placement, game strategies and more. A game that can be fun for a lifetime! Students will be divided into groups based on skill level.

Instructor: David Zucker & Anissa Pesce

Days: Mon.-Fri

Session I: 6/27 - 7/1

Session II: 7/11 - 7/15

Session III: 7/25 - 7/29

Session IV: 8/8 - 8/12

Session V: 8/22 - 8/26

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 am each day

Fee: \$100.00 per session

Min: 6

Location: Mills Pond Tennis Courts

## Spring / Summer 2011 Recreation Brochure – Teens & More

### **Field Hockey** (Grades 9-12)

Play the game you love all Summer long, one night per week. Work on skill development and just playing the game! Expect 45 minutes of stick work and drills followed by a 45 minute scrimmage. Mouth guards, shin guards and sticks are required. (7 nights total) Incoming freshman players are welcome.

Dates: Mondays; 6/27 - 8/15 (No 7/4)

Time: 6 - 7:30 pm

Fee: \$50.00

Min: 10 players

Location: CHS Field Hockey Field

### **Pre-Season Field Hockey Camp**

(Grades 9-12)

Field Hockey season will soon be upon us, so get revved up! Conditioning, stick work, drills, strategies and scrimmages. Shin guards, mouth guards and field hockey sticks are required. Bring a water bottle! Incoming freshman players are welcome.

*Deadline to register: August 10<sup>th</sup>*

Instructor: Dorothy Brisco (JV Coach, Simsbury HS)

Dates: 8/22 - 8/25

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: \$75.00

Min: 8

Location: CHS, Field Hockey Field

### **New! Lacrosse Camp** (Ages 6-14)

This camp will be Co-ed and it will teach the fundamentals of the game of lacrosse. Players will have a lot of fun learning how to play this exhilarating game, which is a unique combination of skill, speed, agility and finesse.

Dates: 7/11 - 7/15

Time: 5 - 6:30 pm

Fee: \$99.00

Min: 12

Location: Mills Pond Park

### **Skateboarding Camp** (Ages 7-14)

This week long camp is designed for both beginners and the more experienced skateboarder. If you would like to master the basics such as pushing, riding, stopping, Ollie maneuvers, and fine tune your skills, grinding, sliding, flip tricks & ramp riding, this camp is for you. The camp will offer lessons, tips and tricks to help any age and level advance to the next level of skateboarding. Boarders must wear a helmet, elbow pads, knee pads and sneakers. (Bring your bathing suit to cool off in the pool after camp)

Instructor: Gordon Gregory

Dates: 8/8 - 8/12

Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: \$125.00

Min: 8 Max: 15

Location: Mills Pond Park Skate Park

### **Dusky Dolphin Swim Camp**

A swim camp in the Farmington Valley! It will be directed and coached by Duskie Head Coach Gretchen Wierdsma, a former Head Coach of the Texas Longhorn Aquatics and founder of USA swim team Ace Aquatics. This is a rare opportunity to enjoy a fun half-day camp experience complete with a highly qualified coaching staff. In addition to all the exciting day-to-day camp activities, any camper not enrolled in the Dusky Dolphin Swim Team will also be invited to compete at the team inter-squad meet on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Space is limited.

**Pre-requisite:** *Must have competitive swim experience or be very curious about competitive swimming, in which case he/she will need permission from coaches.*

Dates: 6/27 – 7/1

Time: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$295.00

### **NEW! Canoe & Kayak Camp**

(Grades 6-11)

This camp is fun for beginners and/or more advanced kayakers. Our experienced instructor will work with each individual based on their skill level. The first two days will focus on paddling and safety skills. On the third day, we will shuttle the kayaks up to the tuber take out area along Route 44 and kayak down to the shop in time to finish the session. This is considered mild, class 1 whitewater. The last day, we use kayaks, sit on top kayaks and stand up paddle boards to play boating games out on the river. All supplies are provided.

Basic swimming skills are required to participate. *Friday (August 5<sup>th</sup>) will be a rain date in case of inclement weather.*

In the case of inclement weather, please call Collinsville Canoe & Kayak directly. 860-693-6977

Dates: 8/1 - 8/4

Time: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Fee: \$175.00

Min: 4 Max: 12

Location: Collinsville Canoe & Kayak

### **AAA Drivers Education Course at Canton High School**

An informational brochure regarding this program is at the Parks & Recreation office, as well as the High School Main office. Registration paperwork will be available at the Main office of CHS.

Date: Begins September 2011

Times: 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Fee: \$575.00 for AAA members and dependents under age 18.

\$650 for non-members.

Location: Canton High School

### **Summer Concert Series**

Enjoy the sounds of summer with a variety of musical talent! All concerts are Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Mills Pond Park. In the case of rain, the show will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium.

See our website [www.cantonrec.org](http://www.cantonrec.org) for more info.

July 7<sup>th</sup> – TBD

July 14<sup>th</sup> – Grass Routes - Bluegrass

July 21<sup>st</sup> – The Bossy Frog Band- Childrens Songs

July 28<sup>th</sup> – The Bus Drivers – Classic Rock

August 4<sup>th</sup> – The McLovins - JamRock

August 11<sup>th</sup> – Trail Buskers – local musicians & artists busk for change along the rail trail. More info online.



### **Annual Family Fun Day at Mills Pond Park**

Come swim in the pool and play on the Jungle gym! Try out the special events for the day, including a bounce house, arts & crafts, face painting, super cool tattoos and more. Enjoy fresh popped popcorn, snow-cones, music and more!

Date: Saturday, 7/9 (Rain date will be Sunday 7/10)

Time: 1 - 4:00 pm

Location: Mills Pond Park

## Spring / Summer 2011 Recreation Brochure Adult Programs

## Mills Pond Pool Info

### NEW! Spring Adult Tennis Lessons

Small group lessons strictly for Adults will be offered at Mills Pond Park Tennis Courts this Spring, two mornings a week until school is out! All levels are welcome to come out and play. Tuesdays & Thursdays each week for 4 weeks.

Dates:

Session I: 4/26 - 5/19

Session II: 5/24 - 6/16

Time: 9 - 10:30 am

Fee: \$160.00

Location: Mills Pond Park

### Summer Adult Tennis Lessons

Same as above, only these lessons will be offered **one evening per week** all Summer long! Come out on Wednesday nights for a group lesson, all levels welcome.

Dates: Wednesdays, 7/13 - 8/31

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Fee: \$160.00

Location: Mills Pond Park

### Adult Yoga

Yoga is a simple, amazing connection of body, mind and spirit, great for all ages & body types. Class includes Stretches, breathing techniques and relaxation. It will enhance your physical and mental well being, increase strength, reshape muscles and tone your entire body. It will energize you and improve your overall health, including posture, balance, power and range of motion. It's great for people with back problems and for alleviating muscle soreness and joint inflammation. Yoga will improve your quality of life and keep you looking and feeling better. This class runs continuously throughout the year, 8 week sessions.

Instructor: Nancy Brooks

Dates: Wednesday evenings;

Session I: 4/6 - 5/2

Session II: 6/1 - 7/20

Time: 7:45 - 8:45 pm

Fee: \$75.00

Min: 14 Max: 30

Location: CCC

### Zumba Gold-beginner (Ages 14+)

This beginner class is designed for the de-conditioned person that wants to start a fitness routine that is fun and moves at a slower pace. The class is a total body workout set to Latin Rhythms and dance steps. Come and enjoy the health benefits of this feel good aerobic workout! No experience necessary, give it a try! Wear smooth soled sneakers for the best workout.

Dates: Ongoing, start anytime

Times: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm,

Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm and

Saturdays, 10:15 - 11:15 am

Fee: \$65.00 for 10 classes

Location: CCC

### Every Body's Exercise Class with Mary Root

Stretch, tone, and strengthen your way to a healthier you. Work on increasing flexibility, maintaining muscle tone, improving balance and doing it with humor! Participants move at their own level of ability for the best workout possible. Come enjoy the morning with us while working your way to a healthier you!

Dates: Friday mornings ONLY

Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am

Fee: \$15 each month

Location: CCC

### Senior Exercise with Denise

Stretch, tone, and flex your way to a healthier you. Work on increasing flexibility, maintaining muscle tone, and improving balance. Participants move at their own level of ability for the best workout possible. Come enjoy the morning with us while working your way to a healthier you!

Dates: Tuesdays mornings ONLY

Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am

Fee: \$15 each month

Location: CCC

### Canton Dusky Dolphins Swim Team

Come join the enthusiastic and spirited Dusky Dolphin Swim Team! A five-six week program for any swimmer ages 5-17. This is a summer swim team geared towards swimmers of all ability: from those just wanting to get their feet wet to year-round competitive swimmers. The season runs from the end of June to the end of July. We will hold 4-6 swim meets and wrap up the season with our annual Awards Banquet. Space may be limited so please sign up early!

**FLIPPERS:** *Swimmers 5-9 years old with little to no competitive experience. All four competitive strokes will be taught as well as the corresponding starts, finishes and/or turns.*

Fee: \$135.00

Practice Times: Mon-Fri, 4:45 - 5:45 pm

**FLUTTERERS:** *Swimmers 9-13 returning to the program from last summer or upon recommendation from coaches.*

Fee: \$135.00

Practice Times: Mon-Fri, 5:45 - 6:45 pm

**FLYERS:** *Geared toward swimmers ready for increased training experience and specific stroke technique development. Coaches' recommendation required.*

Fee: \$185.00

Practice Times:

Mon & Thu, 6:45-8:00 pm (short course),

Tue, 6:45 - 8:00 pm (long course);

Mon, Wed & Fri 8 - 9:30 am

**DUSKY MASTERS:** *This is a swim program for adults looking to get in shape for triathlons, masters swimming, or just for personal fitness.*

Fee: \$90.00 (or \$12 drop in fee)

Practice Times: Tue & Thu, 6:45 - 8 pm

Swimmers can alternatively choose to come to two of the three morning practices.

**Meet and Greet** for parents of swimmers new to the program will be held with Coach Gretchen Wierdsma in the Canton Community Center: **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 6 - 7:00 pm.**

**Try-Out Dates** for new swimmers: Tues and Wed, June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mills Pond Pool, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Questions are welcome! Call Coach G at 860-614-5636 or email to Duskie@yahoo.com

## Spring / Summer 2011 Recreation Brochure – Swim Lesson Information & More

### Swimming Lesson Descriptions

Weekday Swimming Lessons at Mills Pond Pool run for 2 consecutive weeks and Saturday Lessons run for 10 consecutive Saturdays throughout the summer. All swimming lessons run rain or shine, except in the incidence of thunderstorms. Any make-up classes are held on Sunday mornings before the pool opens.

**Parent-Child:** This class focuses around the use of a mixture of group songs and one-on-one instructor attention to make young swimmers more comfortable in the water. This level includes plenty of scooping, kicking, blowing bubbles, back floating, and gliding for all participants. It is intended for children aged 6 months to 3 years old.

**Level 1:** Teaches swimmers scooping, kicking, blowing bubbles, back floats, and underwater bobs. By the end of level 1, children should be able to swim at least 5 feet independently, be able to dunk their heads underwater, and start to float on their backs independently.

**Level 2:** Swimmers are introduced to more technique, such as reaching their arms over their heads during front crawl, and using straight legs to kick while swimming. All swimming in this level is done independently, and by the end swimmers should have fairly good front crawl form, be able to move their arms and legs on their backs, and be able to swim at least 15-20 feet independently.

**Level 3:** This class introduces rotary breathing to the front crawl, as well as the backstroke. Swimmers begin to dive, and learn the dolphin kick. By the end of level 3, children should be able to swim at least 15 yards of front crawl and backstroke with good technique (across the width of the pool) and tread water for at least 30 seconds.

**Level 4:** Kids will learn the techniques for almost all swimming strokes. Swimmers will continue to improve their stamina and technique in front crawl and backstroke, while also learning breaststroke, butterfly, and the scissor kick. Standing dives are taught, and swimmers should be working toward the ability to swim laps. By the end of level 4, swimmers should be comfortable swimming at least 25 yards of front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly.

**Levels 5 and 6:** These are often taught as one class unless enough students are enrolled to permit separate classes. Swimmers in these classes are working toward swimming laps and perfecting their strokes. Things introduced in level 5 include flip turns and sidestroke, and swimmers should be comfortable swimming 50 yards at a time of any stroke to succeed in these levels.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Morning Session, 8-10am		Swim Team, 8-9:30am		Swim Team, 8-9:30am		Swim Team, 8-9:30am	
10-11am	Make-Up Swim Lessons, 10am-12pm	Swim Lessons, 10am-1pm	Swim Lessons, 10am-1pm	Swim Lessons, 10am-1pm	Swim Lessons, 10am-1pm	Swim Lessons, 10am-1pm	Saturday Swim Lessons, 10am-12pm
11-12pm							
12-1pm	Open Swim, 12pm-8pm	Lap Lane Available, 12-1pm	Lap Lane Available, 12-1pm	Lap Lane Available, 12-1pm	Lap Lane Available, 12-1pm	Lap Lane Available, 12-1pm	Open Swim, 12pm-8pm
1-2pm							
2-3pm		Open Swim, 1pm-8pm	Open Swim, 1pm-8pm	Open Swim, 1pm-8pm	Open Swim, 1pm-8pm	Open Swim, 1pm-8pm	
3-4pm							
4-5pm							
5-6pm		Swim Team, 5-8pm; Half-Length Lap Lane Available	Swim Team, 5-6:45pm	Full Lap Lane Available, 5-8pm	Swim Team, 5-8pm; Half-Length Lap Lane Available	Swim Team, 5-6:45pm	
6-7pm			Full Lap Lane Available, 7-8pm			Full Lap Lane Available, 7-8pm	
7-8pm							

**Spring / Summer 2011 Recreation Brochure – Mills Pond Pool Information**

**Pool Prices**

**Pool Memberships**

Resident Household*	\$110
Non-Resident Household*	\$150
Resident Individual	\$60
Non-Resident Individual	\$70
Senior Citizen Individual	\$20

\*Household Memberships are limited to 6 persons per membership.

**Daily Passes**

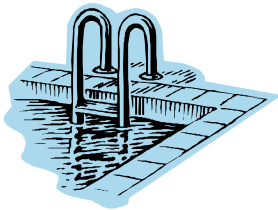
Resident	\$5
Non-Resident	\$7

**Weekly Passes**

Individual	\$20
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**Swimming Lessons**

Pool Member	\$55
Non-Member, Resident	\$65
Non-Member, Non-Resident	\$75



**Pool/Pavilion Rental**

The pool and pavilion will be available for rental from 6/18– 8/27, Mon-Sun, 8-10 pm or select days in the morning 8-10 am.

2-Hour Pool Rental	\$100.00
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(plus lifeguard fees)

**Lifeguard Fees (per hour)**

1 Lifeguard	\$15
2 Lifeguards	\$20
3 Lifeguards	\$30
4 Lifeguards	\$40

**Pavilion Rental**

3 hours or less	\$15
More than 3 hours	\$25

A \$50.00 Refundable Deposit required for any rental. For more information Call the Canton Parks and Recreation Office at 860-693-5808 to reserve a date.

**Mills Pond Pool 2011 Schedule**

For Summer 2011, Mills Pond Pool will host **Opening Day** on **Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** and will have its **Closing Day** on **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**Wading Pool Hours**

**Mon-Sat:** 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
**Sun:** 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Changes to Pool Hours regarding Swim Team and Swimming Lessons**

**Lessons**

The Swim Team will be practicing every night from 5pm-8pm, Mon-Fri for the first two weeks of the summer. Beginning the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>, the swim team will no longer use the pool on Wednesday nights. Whenever Swim Team is using their “short course,” a modified, shorter lap lane will still be available for lap swimmers from 5-8pm, Mon-Fri. Lap swimmers are also encouraged to swim between 12-1pm or to join the Masters Swimming program in the mornings.

This summer, the pool will open at 10am for swimming lessons instead of 9am. This change should not affect any existing pool programs, and the swimming lesson formats will remain the same from previous years. The time change will ensure that children in swim classes are using the pool during warmer hours of the day and allow for the Wading Pool to remain open continuously throughout the entire day.

**Swimming Lesson Registration**

For Summer 2011, Mills Pond Pool is pleased to offer online registration for all swimming lessons. Due to this convenience, Parks and Rec will **NOT** be hosting a Registration Night this year. However, registrations will still be accepted in-person at the Parks and Recreation office or at the Mills Pond Pool front desk throughout the summer. Online registration can be accessed at [www.cantonrec.org](http://www.cantonrec.org) starting on **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Swimming Lessons Fees**

Pool Member	\$55
Pool Member, Non-Resident	\$65
Non-Member, Resident	\$65
Non-Member, Non-Resident	\$75



**Please see our swimming lesson class descriptions along with swim lesson times on page 17.**

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## Town of Canton Parks and Recreation Program Registration Form

Mail Registration to:  
Canton Parks and Recreation  
PO Box 168  
Collinsville, CT 06022



Canton Parks and Recreation  
www.cantonrec.org  
Phone: (860) 693-5808  
Fax: (860) 693-5805



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First register a New Account and your household members. You are able to browse programs, events, manage your account and more. You can register online, at the Recreation Office, or by mail. Registering for programs has never been easier! Having trouble with an account, please contact the Recreation Office.

### Adult or Responsible Party Information

Last Name:		First Name:	
Mailing Address:		Town:	State: ZIP:
Home Phone: ( )	Cell Phone: ( )	Work Phone: ( )	
Email:	Would you like to be added to our email distribution list and receive updates on new programs and events? Yes No		

### Emergency Contact Information

Name:	Relationship:	Phone:
Name:	Relationship:	Phone:

### Activity Registration Information

Participant's Name	Age	DOB	Gender	Grade	Activity Name / Session Time	Fee
					Non-resident Fee \$10 per participant	
					<b>TOTAL</b>	

CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Information/ Special Needs

Please describe any medical information or special needs that program staff should be aware of (allergies, medications, disabilities) for the above participant (s) in order for us to understand and better serve the individual needs of this participant.

### Parent/ Guardian Waiver/ Release

I am aware of the nature of this activity and I hereby assume responsibility for myself and/ or my child (above), and/ or his or her representatives to participate. I will not hold the Town of Canton, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and/ or its employees or agents responsible in case, of any accident or injury as a result of this participation. I hereby further agree to indemnify and save harmless the Town of Canton, from and against any and all loss, damage, claim, demand, liability, or expense by reason of any damage or injury to property or person which may be claimed to have arisen as a result of or in connection with participating in the park and recreation activity. In addition, I grant the Town of Canton to utilize any medical emergency services it deems necessary to treat injuries that I or my child may incur while participating in the above program. I understand that the Town of Canton does not provide insurance for recreational program participants.

Photo Release: We may be taking pictures of activities during any of our programs to use in promotional publications. I hereby release and permit the Town of Canton to utilize these photos for Town of Canton Parks and Recreation Promotional purposes.

PARTICIPANT/ PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### Canton Parks & Recreation Flyer

The Parks & Recreation flyer is in here along with the registration form for events. All the upcoming winter and spring events, bus trips and classes are located inside.

Post this newsletter in the kitchen, your office or download it off the internet to stay informed of all January, February, March and April's exciting events!

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