



NEWSLETTER, July, 2015



HOA BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 22
Wednesday, August 26
Wednesday, September 23
7pm, Clubhouse

SOCIAL EVENTS

Ice Cream Social – will be rescheduled
Hawaiian Luau - Sunday, July 12, 2-5pm
Back to School Pool Party – Sunday, August 9, 2-5pm
Halloween Party – Saturday, October 31, 2-4pm
Multicultural Potluck – Saturday, December 12, 4-7 pm

Woodlands of Chatterton Village
4093 Chatterton Blvd, Canton
Michigan 48188



Reminder – Fireworks within the community are prohibited. NO FIREWORKS of any kind can be discharged. Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Rizzo Waste Collection is the new waste management company for Canton Township. If you have questions or concerns you can call 866-772-8900.

During Canton clean-up weekends held on selected Fridays and Saturdays residents are limited to one trip per household. Residents are responsible for unloading their own items into the dumpster. Rizzo Environmental Services will accept a variety of materials. Complete list can be viewed at -

<http://www.canton-mi.org/documentcenter/view/245>

WARNING – A co-owner residing in building #15 has reported seeing a coyote behind their unit. Coyotes are active day and night, but activity usually occurs at sunrise and sunset. Canton Police have advised residents - not approach or touch a coyote, do not intentionally feed them, eliminate all outside food sources, keep garbage cans sealed, and to avoid pet attack, keep your pets from roaming free.



IS YOUR HOT WATER HOT?

Depending on when your unit was built, your hot water heater could be coming to the end of its lifespan. The average water heater life expectancy has diminished over the last several years. According to highly rated plumbing companies Angie's List interviewed, the average lifespan of a traditional tank-style natural gas water heater or electric water heater is only 8 to 12 years. Below is an article from Handyman Magazine which explains some basic maintenance to maintain your tank's efficiency.

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Basic maintenance checklist

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Extend the life of your water heater tank and maintain your water heater's efficiency and safety with a few minutes of basic maintenance once a year.

By the DIY experts of The Family Handyman Magazine: October 2006

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Drain sediments

Open the drain valve slowly and let the water run until it's clear and free of sediments. Caution: The water is hot!

Water heaters often work perfectly for a decade or more without any care, so they're easy to neglect. But a few minutes of TLC once a year pays off by extending the tank's life span and maintaining your water heater's efficiency and safety.

First, test the pressure-relief valve located on the top or side of the water heater (Photo 1). This valve opens automatically if the pressure inside the tank gets too high. (Excess pressure can actually cause the tank to explode.) If the valve doesn't release water when you lift the lever, replace the valve (sold at home centers and hardware stores). Replacement is simple; turn off the water, drain the tank, unscrew the discharge pipe and then unscrew the old valve. Wrap the threads of the new valve with sealant tape and screw it in. If your valve is several years old and has never been tested, it might leak after you test it. In that case, replace the valve.

Next, close the shutoff valve on the cold water supply pipe that feeds the water heater. Then turn on the hot water at any faucet to release the pressure inside the heater's tank. Leave the faucet on until you finish your work. If you have an electric heater, turn off the power at the main panel. With a gas heater, turn the gas control dial to "off."

Drain the tank to flush out sediments that have settled to the bottom of the tank. Sediment buildup shortens the life of your water heater and adds to your energy bill by reducing its efficiency. Draining 2 or 3 gallons of water is usually enough to flush out sediments, but always let the water flow until you no longer see particles in the bucket. Caution: The water is scalding hot.

Don't worry about any gurgling or groaning noises coming from the heater; it's just air entering the system as water drains out. If the drain valve won't close tightly when you're done, drain the tank completely, unscrew the old valve and screw in a new one. To restart the water heater, open the shutoff valve and let the hot water run at any faucet to purge air from the system. Then turn on the power or relight the pilot.

Set your water heater's dial to 120 degrees F. If the dial doesn't have numbers, check the water temperature with a cooking thermometer. Higher temperatures increase sediment buildup and the risk of scalding injuries.

Tools & Materials List

Required Tools for this Project

Have the necessary tools for this DIY project lined up before you start—you'll save time and frustration.

- Bucket
- Plumbers tape
- Rags
- Slip joint pliers

Required Materials for this Project

Avoid last-minute shopping trips by having all your materials ready ahead of time. Here's a list.

- Pressure relief valve (if old one leaks)

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