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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Canton Parks and Recreation Suspending Rentals and Programming Amid COVID-19 Concerns**

In accordance with the guidance given by both national and local health officials, we are doing our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Our main office located at 1414 Market Avenue N, 44714 will be closed to the public beginning Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. We will still have staff available to take phone calls and answer emails. Our main office phone number is 330.456.4521, and the general email is [cantonparks@cantonohio.gov](mailto:cantonparks@cantonohio.gov).

All shelter and facility rentals to include the Canton Garden Center, Garaux Shelter, all rental areas at the Edward "Peel" Coleman Community Center, and all park shelters scheduled through Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> are suspended. Renters have the option to transfer their rental to a later available date or receive a full refund.

The Edward "Peel" Coleman Community Center located at 1400 Sherrick Road SE, 44707 will close at Noon on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and will remain closed until Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be no open gym times or daytime/evening programs during this time. Voting will take place as scheduled on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Voting will be the only activity to take place on that day.

All public and Canton Garden Club programs scheduled at the Canton Garden Center located at 1615 Stadium Park Drive, 44718 are also suspended through Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

We fully understand the inconvenience these changes may cause and want everyone to know that we will be transparent in reevaluating facility usage and program start dates as we receive more information from community health officials.

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