



Plymouth PULSE



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February 2024

Plymouth Ice Festival Returns

The world-class Plymouth Ice Festival, presented by Michigan First Credit Union, returns to Downtown Plymouth for its 42nd year February 2 through February 4. This year's event will feature more than 60 ice sculptures, live carving, a petting zoo, and back by popular demand: the tubing run! Main event hours are Friday 5-10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sculptures are expected to remain for viewing after the main event hours, weather permitting. Events include:

Ice Festival Bingo

Visitors can grab their bingo cards and collect stickers from locations all over town to be eligible to enter a contest drawing. Visitors can learn more about the popular scavenger hunt at downtownplymouth.org.

Tubing Run

The tubing run features over 100 feet of tubing fun for the whole family. The tubing run will be open Friday from 6-9 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Family Petting Zoo

The petting zoo will be offering a hands-on experience with horses, donkeys, goats, sheep, alpaca and even a baby calf. This year's petting zoo will also feature pony rides. The petting zoo will be open Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The Hot Spot

Located under The Gathering directly across from Kellogg Park, the Hot Spot features local vendors, businesses, product demonstrations, a sitting area, and (most importantly) lots of heat! The Hot Spot is open during all of the official festival hours.

Freezer Jam

Freezer Jam is a late winter conference rotating between the home towns of the 15 fife and drum corps in the Midwestern United States. This year the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is hosting the event. A free concert will take place at the PARC Theatre at 650 Church St. on Saturday, February 3 at 2:30 p.m.

City Commission and Administration Collaborate on Strategic Plan



The City Commission and the administrative team met last month to develop a list of one-year tasks to help accomplish the goals in the city's five-year strategic plan. This is the third year of the current plan.

The meeting was facilitated by consultant Lew Bender, who has guided the city's strategic planning process for the past seven years.

There are four major goal areas in the strategic plan: sustainable infrastructure; staff development, training, and succession; community connectivity; and attractive, liveable community. Staff is compiling a list of the one-year tasks agreed upon at this meeting and will present a draft document at the February 5 City Commission meeting. Once the document is finalized, it will be used as a roadmap to track progress throughout the year.

"We take this plan very seriously," said City Manager Paul Sincock. "The City Commission sets policy and goals, and it is the staff's responsibility to bring them to fruition. We review every task on the list every week to make sure we're continuing to move in the right direction."

Staff development and succession planning are key components in the five-year plan. "The value of the culture at the workplace cannot be overstated," said Human Resources/IT Director Tom Alexandris. "Placing the right person in the right job and recognizing and rewarding performance helps keep a positive culture throughout the organization."

To that end, several Department of Municipal Services crew members have recently taken on new roles.

Nick Johns has been promoted from lead operations technician to foreman. He's shown at the right with Martin Mcgaha, who was promoted from part-time laborer to full-time operations technician. Ken Campbell was also promoted from part-time laborer to full-time operations technician.

"It's not only possible, but it's likely that our crew members will work their way up," said Assistant City Manager and DMS Director Chris Porman. "Most members of our administrative team have done so, and I believe that is what makes us so successful. There's never a break in institutional knowledge."



Operations Technician Martin Mcgaha (left) and DMS Foreman Nick Johns

Utility Bills

The year 2024 crept up on us - and on our computers!

This week, some of you will be receiving utility bills dated January 29, 2023 with a due date of February 20, 2023. Don't worry - your payment is not a year overdue! Just pretend the 2023 you see is 2024, and you'll be all set.

Property Taxes Due this Month

Winter taxes on both real and personal property are payable without penalty through February 28. You may pay in person, by mail, online, or in our lobby or library drop boxes. Please visit our website at plymouthmi.gov/taxes for more information.

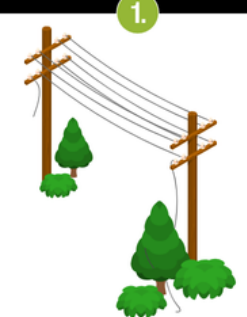
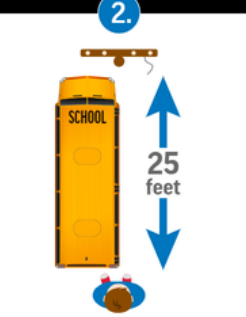






Potholes!

The freeze and thaw cycle of weather is causing a number of potholes to appear on local and area roadways. If you would like to report a pothole that is in need of repair please use the following methods to complete and submit a service request.

For all City of Plymouth streets, including Main Street, Starkweather, Ann Arbor Trail, Harvey and all residential side streets please send an email to DMSRequest@plymouthmi.gov. Please let us know where the pothole is and the approximate size. Also, please include your contact information in case we have any questions.

For Wayne County roads or state highways, including Mill Street, Plymouth Road, Sheldon Road, Ann Arbor Road, and all area freeways, please complete the online form at <https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/publicservices/roads/road-hazard-form.aspx>. You can also report County or State highway potholes at 1-888-762-3273 or 888-Road Crew.

Power Outage Information from DTE

What to do if you see a downed power line			Step-by-step Restoration Process	DTE
 <p>1.</p>	 <p>2.</p>	 <p>3.</p>	 <p>Step 1: Downed Power Lines For everyone's safety, we start with securing all downed power lines.</p>	
			 <p>Step 2: Essential Services Simultaneously, we repair power lines and equipment serving critical health and safety facilities like hospitals and police stations.</p>	
			 <p>Step 3: Large Groups We repair substation equipment, which delivers power to entire communities.</p>	
			 <p>Step 4: Neighborhoods We then move on to distribution lines that serve large neighborhoods and businesses.</p>	
			 <p>Step 5: Individual Homes Then we fix the equipment that powers individual homes.</p>	
<p>Look up to know what's down.</p> <p>Downed lines may be on the ground, wrapped in a tree or hiding behind tall grass or weeds.</p>	<p>Stay a school bus-length away.</p> <p>Consider all lines live and stay at least 25 feet, or a school bus-length, away from the line and anything it comes in contact with.</p>	<p>Report it.</p> <p>Use the DTE Energy mobile app or call DTE at 800.477.4747 or contact 911 to report the downed line.</p>		

January Police Training

Western Wayne County Special Operations Team Training

Team members attended the required regular monthly training sessions involving the many skills needed to successfully intervene during a critical incident situation such as a hostage rescue or barricaded gunman. These skills include: proper planning and response, firearms and equipment proficiency, team movement, surveillance, and much more.

Crisis Negotiation Team Training

A sub-group of WWCSOT, team members attended regular training regarding skills related to the successful conclusion of hostage and barricaded subject situations.

Intoxilyzer 9000 Training

Officers were trained in the operation of the new State approved Breathalyzer device utilized in drunk driving arrests/investigations.

Joint Plymouth City-Township Honor Guard Training

Team members participated in regular monthly training.



City of Plymouth Public Safety Director Al Cox being sworn in as the president of the Southeastern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police



Neighbors helping neighbors! When the City of Northville experienced a devastating water main break, City of Plymouth DMS crews brought over sandbags to help direct the water away from homes.

Presidential Primary Election February 27

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY - TUESDAY, FEB. 27

- o Mail and Online Registration Closes: Monday, Feb 12
- o In-Person Registration: Tuesday, Feb. 13 -Tuesday, Feb. 27 (must have proof of residency)

WHEN DOES EARLY VOTING START?

- o Early voting will be available starting with the February 2024 Presidential Primary.
- o The hours of operation for early voting will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for nine (9) consecutive days beginning Saturday February 17, 2024 through Sunday February 25, 2024.
- o The Early Voting location will be the same as it is for Election Day at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth, MI 48170

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

- o Voters who have chosen to be on the Permanent Ballot List (new this year) were mailed a Ballot Selection Form for the upcoming Presidential Primary. Since these voters have requested to automatically receive ballots and there are three different ballots to choose from, you must make a selection for a ballot and return this form to us. If you do not want a ballot for this election, you must let us know that also in writing.
- o Voters who have not been added to the above list will receive an Absentee Ballot Application as they have for previous elections. Please let us know which ballot type you would like to receive.
- o All Absentee Ballot Selection Forms and Absentee Ballot Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday February 26, 2024. All ballots requested on this day must be voted in person at the clerk's office.
- o An individual may apply for AV ballot in person at the clerk's office on Election Day, but only if registering to vote or updating the voter registration address.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

- o PERMANENT APPLICATION LIST : As a registered voter on the Permanent 'Application' List, you will receive a ballot application as in past elections that you complete and return to us in order to get a ballot. On this application, you will see a red checkbox on the right-hand side that will place you on the permanent ballot list if you would like to be added to this.
- o PERMANENT BALLOT LIST : Recently, voters chose the option to receive ballots without completing an application. The permanent ballot list means you will automatically be mailed an absentee ballot every time there is an election, without having to submit an application. You must request to be on this list. If you are already on this list and decide you no longer want to be on this list, you must request to be removed in writing at the clerk's office.
- o BALLOT SELECTION FORM : Because this election is a Presidential Primary, there are three types of ballots to choose from: Republican, Democrat, or Non-Partisan. The Ballot Selection Form allows you to choose the style of ballot you would like to receive and cast your vote with. These forms are NOT used to register party affiliations.

*Please be aware that many different third-party associations could send you multiple applications in an effort to increase voter turnout. Please only return the forms that are from the City Clerk.

January Boards & Commission Synopses

City Commission –January 3, 2024

Approval of Traffic Control Order 23-03 - Saxton's Parking Lot Signs - approved
Authorization to Hire - Police Department - approved

Historic District Commission Meeting - January 3, 2024 - canceled

Zoning Board of Appeals - January 4, 2024

Z 24-01 1020 W. Ann Arbor Rd. - front and rear setbacks - approved

Downtown Development Authority –January 8, 2024

Five-Year Action Plan Update - no action

Planning Commission - January 10, 2024

Master Plan Discussion - no action
Generator Ordinance Discussion - public hearing scheduled
2023 Planning Commission Annual Report - approved

City Commission - January 16, 2024

Purchase of Vehicle for Recreation - approved
Water System Reliability Study & Plan - approved

February Board & Commission Meetings

Zoning Board of Appeals - Thursday, February 1, 2024 - 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81311906512> Passcode: 912773 Webinar ID: 813 1190 6512

City Commission - Monday, February 5, 2024 - 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83349362399> Passcode: 158055 Webinar ID: 833 4936 2399

Historic District Commission - Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86277038415> Passcode: 122405 Webinar ID: 862 7703 8415

Downtown Development Authority - Monday, February 12, 2024 - 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84630454276> Passcode: 944489 Webinar ID: 846 3045 4276

Planning Commission - Wednesday, February 14, 2024- 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89950704611> Passcode: 631540 Webinar ID: 899 5070 4611

City Commission Meeting - Tuesday, February 20, 2024 - 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664772594> Passcode: 206655 Webinar ID: 856 6477 2594

Ruth Huston Whipple

Award for Civic Engagement



Ruth H. Whipple

Ruth Huston Whipple was Plymouth's first female elected city commissioner (1934-1949) and first female mayor (1940-1942). She worked tirelessly to improve the lives of children and families in the City of Plymouth.

The City of Plymouth is accepting nominations for the fifth annual Ruth Huston Whipple Award for Civic Engagement.

This award honors a community member who has positively impacted the quality of life in the City of Plymouth through exceptional civic and/or philanthropic engagement.

The nomination period ends April 30. For complete details and a nomination form, visit plymouthmi.gov/ruthhustonwhippleaward.

Past Winners

2020 - Debra Madonna 2021 - James Jabara
2022 - Patricia and Mark Malcolm 2023 - Beth Stewart



EMPLOYEE WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Marleta Barr
22 Years

Lisa Hominga
18 Years

John Buzuvis
18 Years

Sydney Bridgman
4 Years

Thank you for your hard work!



**WE ARE
HIRING**

JOIN OUR TEAM!

- CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
- PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
- SEASONAL LABOR
- POLICE OFFICER

APPLY NOW

<https://www.plymouthmi.gov/jobs>

Recreation Opportunities

City of Plymouth Recreation Department
525 Farmer St. - 734-455-6620 - recreation@plymouthmi.gov

Next date
Friday, February 16

When
Monthly, 6:30 p.m. start
Doors open at 6 p.m.

Where
Plymouth Cultural Center

Categories
Everything, from sports to history to pop culture to geography to music to science and more!


How much?
FREE TO PLAY!

Bring your own food
Alcohol available for purchase (21+)

QR code to register. Only a team "captain" needs to register

First time doing online registration?
To set up an account and receive a user name and password, email us at recreation@plymouthmi.gov

GIFT CARD PRIZES



TRIVIA NIGHT

City of Plymouth Recreation - 525 Farmer St. - 734-455-6620
recreation@plymouthmi.gov

GIFT CARD PRIZES

FREE ENTRY



Euchre TOURNAMENT

NEXT DATE: Friday, February 23, 2024
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Registration Deadline: February 21, or until filled

- Only a team captain needs to register, bring your own partner
- Teams are guaranteed 6 games (5 preliminary round games and 1 tournament game)
- Gift card prizes for the tournament winners
- Bring your own food, Alcohol available for purchase (21+)
- Games will be played at the Plymouth Cultural Center

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Open Skating at the Plymouth Cultural Center

February & March

NO OPEN SKATE - FEBRUARY 11

Mondays and Thursdays

11:50 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Sundays

7:00 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.

*** Check the City website for sudden changes due to camps & clinics**

Open Skate Fees per Session:

Adults - \$5.00

Under 16 & Over 55 - \$4.00

Skate Rental - \$2.00

We have a limited number of rental skate sizes and quantities.

Arena equipment may be used on a first come, first served basis and may not be reserved.

Plymouth Community Senior Transportation

Located at Plymouth Township Friendship Station Senior Center at 42375 Schoolcraft Rd.

The Plymouth Community Senior Transportation Program is an independent, curb to curb transportation service owned and operated by the

Charter Township of Plymouth in partnership with the City of Plymouth.

Transportation is available to residents 60 years old & older, living in the Charter Township of Plymouth or City of Plymouth.

Reservations are required at least 48 hours (2 business days) in advance & can be made by calling the reservation line Mon-Fri from 8:30am-11:30am.

734-459-8888

FEBRUARY SPECIAL TRIPS - Please be ready 30 minutes prior to your scheduled pick up. Return times will be 2 hours from time you are dropped off at the store

DATE	DESTINATIONS	COST	PICK UP TIMES	RETURN TIMES
2/2	WALMART	\$10	9am	12pm
2/7	IKEA, Kohl's, Home Goods, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Goodwill or Joann Fabrics	\$10	10am	1pm
2/9	MEIJER	\$10	9am	12pm
2/14	BOB EVANS	\$10	9am	
2/16	DOLLAR TREE	\$10	9am	12pm
2/23	MEIJER	\$10	9am	12pm

MEDICAL SCHEDULE — *WE ONLY TRANSPORT TO WELL APPOINTMENTS*

*First pick up is at 9am / *Must be finished with your appointment by 2:30 p.m.

SERVICE DAYS	DESTINATIONS	COST	SERVICE HOURS
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY	*ALL Canton Medical Facilities *Livonia Medical Center on Schoolcraft College Campus *Livonia St. Mary Hospital & Medical Facilities across from St. Mary *Livonia Beaumont Urgent Care - Haggerty Square *U of M Northville (7 Mile / Haggerty Location)	\$10	9am-2:30pm
M-W-F	Novi Providence Park	\$6	9am-2:30pm

GROCERY SCHEDULE - Please be ready 30 minutes prior to your scheduled pick up. Return times will be 1 or 2 hours from time you are dropped off at the store.

DAYS	DESTINATIONS	COST	PICK UP TIME	RETURN TIMES
MONDAY	BUSCH'S	\$4	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
TUESDAY	KROGER	\$4	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
WEDNESDAY	FRESH THYME	\$10	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
THURSDAY	KROGER	\$4	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION AND FRIENDSHIP STATION WILL BE CLOSED: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19—PRESIDENTS' DAY

HAPPY
Valentine's Day