



# Plymouth PULSE



City of Plymouth 201 S. Main St. Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-1234 <http://plymouthmi.gov>

March 2024

## Spring Citizens Academy

When we began offering Citizens Academy classes, we expected them to be popular, but we didn't know how popular and how impactful they would be to our community *and* to us. While residents gain understanding of the operations of every department in the City of Plymouth, the city gains informed residents who sometimes decide to get more involved. Of the 70 participants since 2022, three have run for City Commission, one was elected to the City Commission, three have been appointed to another board or commission, and one is now employed by the city. All have been asked to attend future citizen engagement events.

Participants learn about the responsibilities and services provided by each department through staff presentations, hands on activities, and behind-the-scene tours. Among the presenters are the city manager, the HR/IT director, the Department of Municipal Services director, the economic development director, the community development and planning director, the DDA director, the police chief, the city clerk, the finance director, and the recreation director.



Staff members Greta Bolhuis, John Segura and Mike Brindley explain the operation of DMS equipment

The next session begins on April 9 and runs through May 14 on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. Graduation is scheduled for Monday, May 20 at the City Commission meeting. Registration is free, and is limited to 20 participants. For registration information, please visit [plymouthmi.gov/recreation](http://plymouthmi.gov/recreation).

**City of Plymouth offices will be closed on Friday, March 29**

# City Commission Sets One-Year Tasks

The City of Plymouth operates under a strategic plan that is updated annually with one-year tasks. Staff and the City Commission collaborate on formulating the list, and the City Commission officially adopts it. Tasks fall under general goal areas, as illustrated below.

## Goal Area One: Sustainable Infrastructure

- Determine direction for Old Village Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District
- Create asset management plan for city facilities
- Seek additional, supplemental government funding
- Explore and identify community legacy funding opportunities
- Plan and strategize for potential recreational millage proposal
- Implement 2024 construction projects and plan for 2025 projects
- Prepare & complete bond sale for road infrastructure projects
- Receive International City/County Management Association (ICMA) fire study and implement suggestions as warranted
- Pursue electrical upgrade in Old Village for special event purposes
- Complete parking deck engineering review
- Continue Michigan Green Communities Challenge (MGCC) – maintain bronze level and seek opportunities for advancement to silver
- Target citywide bike rack installation in high-traffic areas
- Review opportunities for additional parking spaces
- Install EV chargers at Plymouth Cultural Center (PCC)
- Monitor utilization of current EV chargers
- Plan/budget for mausoleum repair project at Riverside Cemetery
- Complete water meter upgrade program



## Goal Area Two: Staff Development, Training, and Succession

- Continue staff development and succession planning
- Maintain staffing levels
- Update five-year staffing projections
- Continue diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) training opportunities
- Review opportunities for supplemental staffing – interns/volunteers

## Goal Area Three: Community Connectivity

- Host Coffee with Commissioners
- Continue police community outreach programs - including Coffee with a Cop

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(one-year tasks, continued)

- Provide for two Citizens Academy programs
- Develop communication/marketing/branding plan
- Increase social media engagement
- Implement new Short Message/Messaging Service (SMS) and email system
- Schedule a minimum of four Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings
- Review and adopt citywide public participation plan
- City Commission to initiate Know Your Neighbor style programs
- Craft a standardized onboarding program for appointed boards and commissions

#### Goal Area Four: Attractive, Liveable Community

- Continue pursuit of RRC “Certified” status, from current “Essentials” status
- Adopt the master plan
- Complete legal review of noise ordinance and increase public education
- Continue implementation of Kellogg Park and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) master plan(s)
- Begin development of a DDA streetscape improvement plan
- Review opportunities for additional parks and facilities
- Consider feasibility of social district(s) in Old Village
- Develop partnership plan for multi-modal access to Hines Dr.
- Review and update special event policy
- Complete legal review of potential marihuana ordinance(s)
- Complete generator ordinance
- Continue process of upgrading Tonquish Creek Nature Walk

**Please join us for casual conversation about your city.**



## Coffee with Commissioners

This is a great opportunity for residents to ask questions, share ideas, and chat informally with some members of the Plymouth City Commission.

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**



Plymouth Coffee Bean  
884 Penniman

For more information  
734-453-1234 ext. 203

**SATURDAY APRIL 20TH 9AM-3PM**

**2024**

## SPRING ARTISAN MARKET

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# February Board & Commission Synopses

## City Commission – February 5, 2024

Adoption of Strategic Plan One Year Tasks - approved  
Replacement of Taser Units for Police Department - approved  
Authorization to Purchase Special Services Chevrolet Vehicles - approved  
MSHDA Grant Authorization - approved  
Bond Authorizing Resolution - approved

## Historic District Commission Meeting - February 7, 2024

H24-01 - 233 S. Main, Vitrine on Main: Renovation of rear porch, stairs, railing, and door - approved

## Zoning Board of Appeals - February 1, 2024

Z 24-02, 1270 S. Main: use variance to establish a funeral home - denied  
Z 24-03-165 W. Liberty: non-use variance for the required number of off-street parking spaces - approved  
Z 24-04-1050 W. Ann Arbor Rd.: non-use variance to construct a canopy over an outdoor patio area - approved  
Z24-05 - 502 Ann: non-use variance to construct a second story addition within the side yard setback - approved

## Downtown Development Authority –February 12, 2024

2024 Central Parking Deck Engineering Proposal - approved  
Liquor License Cap DDA Discussion - approved

## Planning Commission - February 14, 2024

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance 78-127, Projections into Setbacks Public Hearing - approved  
RZ24-01L 353 Starkweather, Rezoning from O1 to RT-1 Public Hearing - approved  
SP 24-01: 165 Liberty, Site Plan Review - approved

## City Commission - February 20, 2024

Discussion and Possible Action on City Code Chapter 34 – Environment - approved  
Recreation – Adult Over 60 & 70 Hockey Sports Policy - approved  
Quarterly Budget Amendments - approved  
Duct Cleaning at City Hall - approved

# March Board & Commission Meetings

City Commission - Monday, March 4, 2024 - 7 p.m. Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82014279256> Passcode: 834736 Webinar ID: 820 1427 9256

Historic District Commission - Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - 7 p.m. CANCELED

Zoning Board of Appeals - Thursday, March 7, 2024 - 7 p.m. Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81447167728> Passcode: 901234 Webinar ID: 814 4716 7728

Downtown Development Authority - Monday, March 11, 2024 - 7 p.m. Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86571872163> Passcode: 785177 Webinar ID: 865 7187 2163

Planning Commission - Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - 7 p.m. Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89450460839> Passcode: 896122 Webinar ID: 894 5046 0839

City Commission Meeting - Monday, March 18, 2024 - 7 p.m. Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84529368371> Passcode: 237283 Webinar ID: 845 2936 8371

# February 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.

## **Breathalyzer 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.

## **Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Mid-Winter Training Conference**

Police Chief participated in this annual training conference.

## **Medical First Responder Continuing Education**

Officers attended Continuing Education training regarding CPR/AED recertification.

## **Munitions Instructor Course**

Two officers attended training certifying them as munitions instructors for reality based training scenarios.

## **Field Training Officer Update**

Two Field Training Officers attended this refresher course to keep up to date on new officer training

# City Wins State Award

The Department of Municipal Services was recognized by the Michigan Concrete Association for excellence on last year's Carol St. infrastructure improvement project. The award cites having to delay the project's start due to Consumers Energy's gas system improvements but nevertheless completing it on an accelerated schedule.

The project included 7,000 square yards of concrete pavement on the street, and another 12,000 square feet of driveway and ADA ramps, along with multiple tree plantings and greenspace upgrades.

## Staff News

Congratulations to Aaron Micek of the Department of Municipal Services for his five-year work anniversary.

Welcome to our new employees!

Kim Crova - Code Enforcement Officer

Evan Duffiney - Municipal Services

Julian Mackiewicz - Community Development & DDA

## Save the Date!

Shred and Electronic Recycling Day

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Plymouth Cultural Center

525 Farmer

9 a.m. to noon

Open to City of Plymouth and  
Plymouth Township Residents Only

# Free

# Smoke Alarm

# Inspection & Installation



Nothing is more important than your family's safety!

City of Plymouth residents are invited to contact the NCFD for free smoke alarms and free installation.

We will also inspect your existing alarms to ensure they are operating properly.

**Please call 248-449-9919 to request free smoke alarms and free installation.  
Open to City of Plymouth and City of Northville residents only.**

# 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](http://plymouthmi.gov/ruthhustonwhippleaward).**

### Past Winners

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



# TAI CHI



Tai Chi is a Chinese Martial Art that incorporates slow but purposeful movements to improve strength, coordination, and balance. It also helps in achieving a relaxed state and calming the mind through meditation and proper breathing.

### Beginner Class

6 weeks, Mondays, 6-7 p.m.

Starts: March 4<sup>th</sup>, Ends: April 8<sup>th</sup>

### Intermediate Class

6 weeks, Mondays, 5-6 p.m.

Starts: March 4<sup>th</sup>, Ends: April 8<sup>th</sup>

### Advanced Class

6 weeks, Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.

Starts: March 6<sup>th</sup>, Ends: April 10<sup>th</sup>

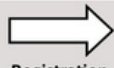
Resident Fee - \$75, Non-Resident Fee - \$83

Classes take place at the Plymouth Cultural Center

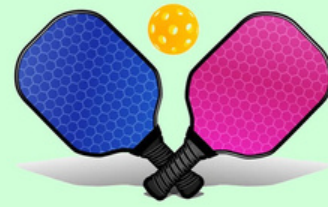
First time doing online registration?

To set up an account and receive a user name

and password, email us at [recreation@plymouthmi.gov](mailto:recreation@plymouthmi.gov)



Registration  
Webpage



More Information



## PICKLEBALL DROP-IN

Starts May 13<sup>th</sup>

Ends August 3<sup>rd</sup>

\*No Drop-In May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, & July 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

Monday - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\$5/person

Come check us out for free!

FREE Drop-In from May 13<sup>th</sup> - May 18<sup>th</sup>

Five courts are first-come, first-serve in the  
Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena (525 Farmer St)

\*Ice will be taken out prior\*

Paddles and balls available to rent

If you are interested in reserving courts, please email  
[recreation@plymouthmi.gov](mailto:recreation@plymouthmi.gov)

City of Plymouth Recreation - 525 Farmer St. - 734-455-6620  
[recreation@plymouthmi.gov](mailto:recreation@plymouthmi.gov)

Register using the QR  
code below



Cornhole Leagues - Spring 2024

Monday Night League: April 8<sup>th</sup> - May 20<sup>th</sup>

Thursday Night League: April 11<sup>th</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- Games will be played at the Plymouth Cultural Center
- Each League will be a maximum of 14 teams. Teams can roster 2-5 players per team. All players must be 18 years or older.
- Cost per team \$100
- Teams will play 6 games a week against 6 different teams
- This is a fun, social league. A chance for you to get out and have some fun with your spouse or friends.
- Alcohol available for purchase (21+)
- American Cornhole Association Rules and League equipment will be used

Registration, in-person or online, will take place until  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> or when league is filled

GIFT CARD  
PRIZES

FREE  
ENTRY

# Euchre TOURNAMENT

NEXT DATE: Friday, March 22, 2024

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Registration Deadline: March 20, or when 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



## 2v2 Leagues



League	Advanced/Competitive	Beginner/Recreational	Beginner/Recreational	Advanced/Competitive
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Starts	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16
Ends	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1
Length	10 weeks			
Fee	\$100/team			
Location	Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena (525 Farmer St)			

**Registration will open on April 1 and conclude on May 9, or when leagues fill**

**No matches May 27 - 30 & July 1 - 4**

**Matches start at 6:30 p.m.** Teams are guaranteed 5 matches per night  
(20-minute time limit per match)

The USA Pickleball rulebook will be used to govern all pickleball play except where modified by  
City of Plymouth Recreation

Paddles and balls available to rent

**First time doing online registration?**

To set up an account and receive a username and password, email us at [recreation@plymouthmi.gov](mailto:recreation@plymouthmi.gov)

## Open Skating at the Plymouth Cultural Center

**March Schedule**  
**Mondays and Thursdays**  
11:50 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.  
**Sundays**  
7:00 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.

**Open Skate Fees per Session:**  
**Adults - \$5.00**  
**Under 16 & Over 55 - \$4.00**  
**Skate Rental - \$2.00**

**NO OPEN SKATE - MARCH 17 & 31**

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

**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.**

City of Plymouth Recreation - 525 Farmer St. - 734-455-6620

recreation@plymouthmi.gov

# SUMMER 2024 T-BALL LEAGUE

*for boys and girls born in 2018 and 2019*

**Registration: March 1 — April 30, 2024**

**\$70 - City of Plymouth residents**

**\$90 - Non-residents**

**This league is non-competitive and is designed to  
introduce kids to baseball**

## *General Information*

The head coach sets practice schedules on weeknights. All games are on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings from June 10 - July 31. Games will be rescheduled due to weather-related postponements. Games take place at Miracle League Field.

Practices will take place at City of Plymouth parks.

## *Format*

Defensive outs remove the runner but the offensive team bats through the lineup. No strikeouts.

## *Equipment*

The City provides bats, balls, tees, bases, team shirts, and hats. Participants provide gloves and any other protective gear.

## *Parents!*

We need volunteer coaches for the league to run! The kids of all head coaches play for free.

## **First time doing on-line registration?**

To set up an account and receive a user name and password, e-mail us at recreation@plymouthmi.gov

## 2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2024 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Conference Room, 201 S Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 5th Organizational meeting 12:00 pm

Wednesday, March 6th First meeting 3-9 pm

Thursday, March 7th Second meeting, 9-4 pm

Monday, March 18th Final meeting 9-12 pm

(For written appeals only. No appointments.)

Hearings are by appointments only. **COMPLETED 2024 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY** and must be completed prior to your appointment.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by FRIDAY, March 15, 2024, by 12:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

Commercial	47.56%	1.0513
Industrial	49.15%	1.0173
Residential	46.55%	1.0741
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 453-1234, ext 252.

# 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 2 business days in advance & can be made by calling the reservation

Mon-Fri from 8:30am-11:30am.

*March*

**(734)459-8888**

**MARCH 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
3/1	WALMART	\$10	9am	12pm
3/6	IKEA, Kohl's, Home Goods, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Goodwill or Joann Fabrics	\$10	10am	1pm
3/8	MEIJER	\$10	9am	12pm
3/14	BODE'S CORNED BEEF HOUSE	\$4	10:15am	
3/16	DOLLAR TREE	\$10	9am	12pm
3/23	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	\$10	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

