



# Plymouth PULSE

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## A Message from Mayor Wolcott

Dear neighbors,

Plymouth is resilient, and we're ready.

There's no escaping the drastic changes mandated by our new global reality as we fight to mitigate the effect of the COVID-19 virus in our state, nation and world. Here in Plymouth, we're a community of people who protect and care for each other and as such, I know you'll join me in following the evolving recommendations of our [public health officials](#) and state and federal authorities. Beyond that, I want to take a moment to reiterate the preparedness of your local City of Plymouth government as an institution committed to your health, safety, and welfare.



Here's what is changing at City Hall as we all work to "flatten the curve" of the virus' impact in our community:

- The City has suspended passport services through April 5. Please click [here](#) to call to schedule an appointment for passport services at your nearest acceptance facility.
- City staff members are taking extra precautions by conducting frequent cleaning and disinfecting of City buildings.
- The public restrooms at The Gathering will be closed until further notice.
- The City is asking residents to call or email City staff when in-person meetings are not necessary.
- The Plymouth Cultural Center will be closed beginning at 3:00 p.m. today, March 16, by order of Governor Whitmer
- Senior Activities and all leagues and classes are currently postponed for two weeks.

Here's what not changing:

- Critical public services, like police, fire and municipal services, will operate as normal. We prepare for disruptions like this, and are thankful for our first responders, including our partners at Huron Valley Ambulance, as they stand by to serve our medically fragile residents alongside their "normal" caseload.
- Plymouth City Hall is scheduled to remain open for business Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. The City is enacting and practicing positive, prudent and proactive policies to increase the safety of residents and City employees during this COVID-19 pandemic following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of Michigan and Wayne County. The City is encouraging residents to utilize our online resources. You may pay parking tickets [here](#) and utility bills [here](#). Residents are also encouraged to use drop boxes located at the Church Street entrance of City Hall or at the Library drop box marked "City Hall" for payments of water bills, parking tickets, permits and dog licensing.
- Meetings of public commissions to conduct the vital business of the City will continue, while implementing social distancing measures; as such, we remind residents that all City Commission meetings are recorded and available the next morning on the [video page](#) of our website and meeting agendas and minutes are available on our website's [agenda center](#).

In the coming days and weeks, we will learn more about the impacts of COVID-19 on our community. Each of us needs to do what we can to keep ourselves and our neighbors healthy and our community strong. Your leaders in the City of Plymouth are making sound, informed decisions based on the mitigation strategy communicated by the county, state and federal experts to protect our most at-risk population.

The disruptions and protective actions we are taking will not persist forever. Let's all practice patience, understanding, and empathy, and remember that Plymouth is at its best when we care for each other. I know we will rise brilliantly to this challenge.

In good health to you all,

Oliver Wolcott  
Mayor  
City of Plymouth



## Police Department

In an effort to promote the public health, safety and welfare of the staff and residents of the City of Plymouth during the Coronavirus situation, the police department is making the following changes which take effect immediately and will continue until April 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.:

- All public tours of the police department are canceled
- Coffee with a Cop, scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> at Starbuck's is canceled
- The Prescription Pill Disposal Dropbox is closed
- The Police counter window will remain closed unless there is a specific need to meet face-to-face with a resident or visitor. For this reason, the most requested forms and documents have been placed in the City Hall vestibule near the payment drop box and dispatch telephone. Residents/visitors are encouraged to take a form, complete it and return in the City Hall drop box in one of the provided envelopes. They may also use the payment drop box located in the drive-through loop at the Plymouth Library. If residents/visitors cannot find the form they are looking for or they require the assistance of a police officer, they are directed to pick up one of the dispatch telephones either within the vestibule or immediately adjacent to the Police Department counter window and advise the dispatcher of their request.
- Payment of parking tickets should be accomplished online or by placing the payment in the City Hall drop box
- Fingerprinting services are not available
- All Preliminary Breath Testing (PBT) requests (court ordered or otherwise) are not available

Due to the dynamic nature of the current situation, this schedule may change and will be updated immediately. Residents and visitors that have questions about the availability of specific services should contact Police Department Administration at 734-453-1234 ext.

219 during normal business hours, or Dispatch at 734-453-8600 during non-business hours. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Beware of Scams Related to COVID-19

The City of Plymouth Police Department would like to warn residents about COVID-19 scams that target the elderly population.

Please be leery of calls from subjects claiming to be from medical organizations that have a COVID-19 vaccination and require over the phone payments to reserve a dose. Currently there is no vaccine for the virus. Don't click on pop ups or links from sources that you do not recognize that contain information about the virus.

Avoid charity scams that claim to help COVID-19 victims and their families. Also avoid supposed investment schemes involving research for the development of a COVID-19 vaccination.

Last but not least, beware of phone calls offering special deals to senior citizens to clean and sanitize their homes and require a pre-payment over the phone. The scammer would probably suggest payment in the form of gift cards. Please use good judgment and common sense and we will all get through this situation together. If you feel that you have been a victim of a COVID-19 scam or if you think that you have been contacted by a scammer, please contact the City of Plymouth Police Department at one of the following numbers.

Officer Angelosanto  
City of Plymouth Police Crime Prevention Bureau  
734-453-1234 ex. 526

Dispatch 734-453-8600/734-354-3250



## At Your Service



The Department of Municipal Services is committed to doing its part to provide for the wellbeing of residents as well as crew members who are vital to City of Plymouth operations during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To help residents maintain social distancing, we are offering drive-by service for recycling and cardboard drop-off at the DMS Yard. In addition, crews will drop off solid waste large disposal tags (orange tags) and pre-paid green City trash bags to residents who request them by calling 734-453-7737.

DMS crews plan to use protective equipment in normal operations to safeguard their health. Residents and visitors are encouraged to limit use of trash cans in public parks and downtown to minimize staff exposure when emptying.

Water meter repair appointments will be postponed until April 6.

To safeguard staff and visitors to all City facilities, crews will extensively clean and disinfect all surfaces and install additional hand sanitizer dispensers. Public restrooms downtown will be closed.

Remember, there is no such thing as flushable wipes. Please flush only toilet paper to minimize clogging sanitary sewer lines.

By working together, City staff and residents can weather this storm just as we've managed heavy rains, power outages, snow and ice. There's no stopping Team Plymouth.

## Compost Collection

Spring has almost sprung and there's no time like the present to start your seasonal yard cleanup. However, please note that compost collection won't start until the week of April 5. Between then and December 6, the City will provide curbside service to collect grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste each week on your regularly scheduled solid waste collection day. This service is provided at no additional cost to residents.

## Links to Online Services

[Building Department Payments](#)

[Building Permit](#)

[Dog License Application](#)

[Freedom of Information Requests](#)

[Other Property Permits](#)

[Parking Ticket Payments](#)

[Police FOIA Requests](#)

[Property Information Change Form](#)

[Recreation Registration](#)

[Utility Payments](#)

[Vacation Check and Overnight Parking Request](#)



## Tele-Town Hall

United States Congresswoman Haley Stevens is holding a telephone town hall meeting on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. to provide information about what Congress is doing to respond to COVID-19 and to answer questions from citizens. To participate in the meeting, please sign up at <https://stevens.house.gov/live> or call or call 855-408-1341 during the meeting.

## Become Cultured Without Leaving Home

Many of us have canceled vacation plans, either of our own volition or because our flights or cruises have been canceled. But you don't have to let quarantine or social distancing curb your love of knowledge and exploration. Numerous virtual museum tours, street view tours and inside information about cultures around the world are available with a click of the mouse at Google's [Arts and Culture](#) website.

Want to know about Mary Cassatt and zoom in on her brush strokes? It's in there.

You can also take virtual tours of

- The Galleries of Uffizi in Florence
- Versailles
- A backstage view of the Paris Opera
- The Taj Mahal rooftop
- Easter Island
- The Tower of Babel
- The National Archeological Museums of Naples

and numerous other famous and infamous places. You can even explore artwork based on your favorite color. Who knows? We may all come out of this with a greater appreciation of cultures near and far, while still realizing there's no place like home.

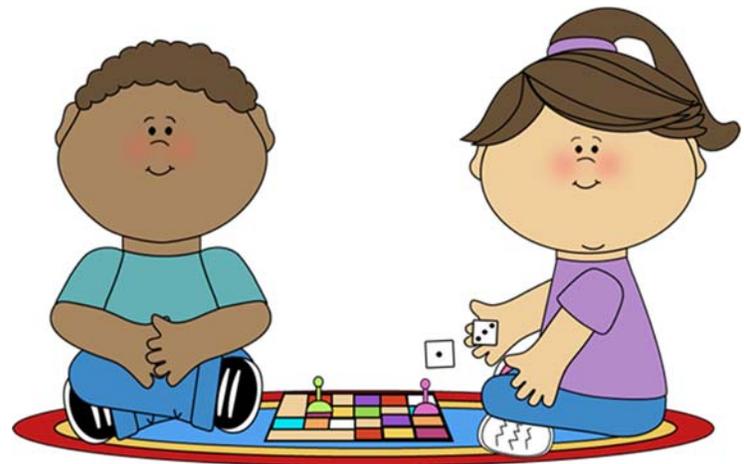
## At-Home Activities for Kids

What did we do before the internet? There are scores of websites that offer great ideas for amusing the little ones while schools are closed.

To make it easier to access information, [Comcast](#) is providing free Xfinity Wifi at hotspots nationwide for the next 30 days. Here are some popular sites for children's activities:

- Care.com has a [list of 101 activities](#) ranging from yoga to cooking to pillow fights
- The [Today's Parent](#) site offers more ideas, including how to play all those card games we've forgotten
- Metro Parent gives a recipe for making [salt dough](#)
- You can find six more play dough recipes on the [familyeducation.com](#) website
- Need to burn off some energy? Visit [mommypoppins.com](#) for some exercise games.
- Screen time isn't always bad! Check out these educational games at [PBS Kids](#).

None of these ideas sound enticing for the little ones? Suggest cleaning their spaces and organizing their belongings. It may just make your other suggestions seem more interesting.



# Go Outside and Play



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Tired of all the gloom and doom that's inundating the news? We are too! While we have put together procedures to increase social distancing to help flatten that curve, we've also put together a list of things we CAN do to keep the cabin fever at bay.

## City of Plymouth Parks

Did you know that our little town has 14 parks? How about visiting a different one every day? Bring along your pet (making use of our pet waste bag dispensers, please!) and your kids, or go alone to get the smell of house off you!

- **Caster** located at N. Holbrook and Caster
- **Fairground** (formerly Jaycee) located at Harding and Joy
- **Garden** located at Sutherland and Forest
- **Jack Wilcox** (Formerly Dewey) located at Byron and
- **Hough Maple** between S. Evergreen and McKinley
- **Kellogg** located on S. Main between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail
- **Kiwanis** located at Auburn and Junction
- **K of C** (formerly Fire House) located at N. Holbrook and Spring
- **Lions** located on Burroughs between Harding and Coolidge
- **Pointe** located at Starkweather and N. Mill
- **Rotary** located at Wing and Herald
- **Smith** (formerly Elm Street) located at Elm St. and S. Evergreen
- **Starkweather** (Formerly Cannon) located on Farmer between N. Mill and Starkweather
- **Veterans Memorial** located at S. Main and Church

## Nearby Parks

**Hines Park** is the jewel in our own back yard. There are dozens of nature trails, a disc golf course and walking and biking trails. [Here](#) is a complete list of Wayne County Parks. Please note that programs at the parks have been canceled but there are miles and miles of open spaces to be explored.

**Maybury State Park** is another jewel to be explored. There are park entrances on 8 Mile Rd. just past Napier, on Beck Rd. just south of 8 Mile Rd. , and a bike/walking entrance on the corner of 8 Mile and Beck. Explore the Park's [amenities](#) that cover nearly 1,000 acres (plenty of room to socially distance yourself!). Please note you need a [recreation passport](#), which costs \$12 per year, to enter the park. You may also pay a \$9 fee per day.

**Huron-Clinton Metroparks** are around the entire region. Nearby [Kensington Metropark](#) in Milford offers more than 4,000 acres of space to breathe fresh air. Activities are canceled, but the park remains open. An [annual vehicle pass](#) is \$40.

## Plymouth PARC

According to their [Facebook page](#), the facility remains open, but individual tenants may choose to close or remain open. There is no open gym.

# Downtown Businesses

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Downtown Plymouth remains open for business...even if in a limited capacity by some businesses. Please continue to support Downtown Plymouth establishments during this critical time. Here is information provided by some of them:



Effective immediately, **Simply Fresh** will be moving to a CARRY OUT only format following the alert given by our governor. We are taking every necessary precaution to ensure the health and wellness of our customers and employees including around the clock sanitizing. We HIGHLY recommend using our online ordering service. This will be the easiest and most efficient way to place an order. Visit our website [simplyfreshgrill.com](http://simplyfreshgrill.com) Please know that we plan to offer delivery services, hopefully later this week and will keep you updated. We are committed to providing the same service and food you have all enjoyed over the years, just with a little spin, and we hope you continue to support us.

As of 3 p.m. today (3/16), **Stella's Black Dog Tavern** and **Stella's Trackside** are offering curbside carry-out as well as delivery. Delivery will include a \$3 charge. Both menus will be available on their respective websites today. [www.stellastrackside.com](http://www.stellastrackside.com) and [www.stellasblackdogtavern.com](http://www.stellasblackdogtavern.com)

**Omelette and Waffle Café** will be closed the rest of today and tomorrow (3/16-3/17). We will be open for carry outs starting Wednesday and moving forward at our Plymouth location only.

**Barrio** and **Pizza e Vino** will offer carryout until 9 p.m. We will also offer curbside pickup at both locations. We will have all the takeout info on our websites at [pizzaevinoplymouth.com](http://pizzaevinoplymouth.com) and [barrioplymouth.com](http://barrioplymouth.com)

**Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub** will be closed until further notice, and will not be open for carry-out orders. We will keep you posted as the State of Michigan releases more information.

**Frame Works** plans on being open today and tomorrow (3/16-3/17). We are finishing framing orders we have already committed to. We will be updating our social media daily with our schedule. We have always had hand sanitizer on our counter. We will diligently continue to maintain safe health practices. We are instructing customers to call ahead and make an appointment for order pick-ups to lessen contact.

**Radiant Fine Jewelry** has been disinfecting the store regularly...and is planning to stay open for regular business hours at this time. If circumstances change, we will be updating you on our Facebook & Instagram pages. We are happy to help you sanitize your jewelry safely here at the store, since some gemstones are soft and may become damaged by commercial hand sanitizer.

**Vanity Salon** is open. We are disinfecting between every client. Staff is not coming in if ill. Staff and clients have been asked to wash hands before and after clients. We've requested clients to reschedule if ill. Vanity is following CDC guidelines and not allowing more than 50 people to comply with social distancing.

**The Room Hair & Design** remains open, scheduling extra time in-between every client to sanitize properly! Keeping our business open and properly clean is a top priority for our clients!

At **Three Dog Bakery** we have hand sanitizer available and are cleaning frequently. You are welcome to wash hands or use sanitizer in the store if you feel more comfortable shopping. If you are sick or concerned, and still need products from the store, we are happy to carry out a transaction over the phone and bring items out to your car.

Beginning Tuesday (3/17), **Boule Artisan Bakery** will be offering curbside pickup for any order. Please follow the steps below, when placing a curbside pickup:

Call us at (734) 354-6980. Let us know your name, order, if you would like your bread sliced. Add-ons will NOT be allowed at the curb. We will let you know the total cost. Orders must be either paid over the phone, or customers are to have EXACT change at pickup. We will not be able to make change at the curb. When you arrive, please pull into the alley in the back of the bakery. It is located off Harvey, between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman. There is room to safely pull to the side, between the dumpster and cardboard dumpster, behind the bakery. Be sure to pull all the way to the side, as to not impede alley traffic. Call us, again, at (734) 354-6980 to let us know you have arrived, as well as the color of your car.

As it stands, currently, we will not be closing our lobby. Customers will still be allowed to come in and purchase bread, cookies, and scones, as they would have in the past. If this changes, we will inform everyone as soon as possible.

**Kilwins** will remain open. We will be reducing our hours and closing our dining area. We will be open Sunday-Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. We are offering carryout, curbside pickup, with over-the-phone ordering and payment at (734) 404-6719. We are also offering delivery through Grubhub at [https://www.grubhub.com/restaurant/kilwins-298-s-main-st-plymouth/1975535?utm\\_source=grubhub\\_iosapp&utm\\_medium=content\\_owned&utm\\_campaign=menushare](https://www.grubhub.com/restaurant/kilwins-298-s-main-st-plymouth/1975535?utm_source=grubhub_iosapp&utm_medium=content_owned&utm_campaign=menushare)

**Dwellings by Rudy & Hall** is still selling houses. We have been virtual since 2014, so we will have the capacity to still sell homes!

The **Plymouth Historical Museum** is closed indefinitely, and we're postponing or cancelling our events for the next few weeks, at least.

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## PLYMOUTH CITY COMMISSION

734-453-1234

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Mayor Pro-Tem Nick Moroz	ext. 261
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Commissioner Ed Krol	ext. 260
Commissioner Kelly O'Donnell	ext. 263
Commissioner Tony Sebastian	ext. 266
Commissioner Marques Thomey	ext. 262

# nixle

[local.nixle.com/plymouth-mi-police-department](http://local.nixle.com/plymouth-mi-police-department)

## PHONE DIRECTORY

<b>Emergency</b>	911
<b>Police Dispatch</b>	<b>734-453-8600</b>
<b>Plymouth City Hall General Information</b>	<b>734-453-1234</b>
.....Police Administration Non-Emergency	ext. 219, 210
.....Fire Department Non-Emergency	ext. 280
.....City Manager's Office	ext. 203
.....Community Development	ext. 232
.....Clerk	ext. 234, 225
.....Finance Director	ext. 209
.....Treasurer's Office	ext. 202
.....Assessor	ext. 252
<b>Municipal Services</b>	<b>734-453-7737</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation/Ice Rink</b>	<b>734-455-6620</b>
<b>Downtown Development Authority</b>	<b>734-455-1453</b>
<b>MISS DIG - 811</b>	<b>800-482-7171</b>

Plymouth-Canton School District	734-416-2700
Plymouth Chamber of Commerce	734-453-1540
Plymouth Community Arts Council	734-416-4278
Plymouth Community United Way	734-453-6879
Plymouth Council on Aging	734-354-3222
Plymouth District Library	734-453-0750
Plymouth Historical Museum	734-455-8940
Plymouth Housing Commission	734-455-3670
Plymouth PARC	734-927-4090
Plymouth Senior Transportation	734-459-8888
Plymouth Township	734-453-3840
35th District Court	734-459-4740
Plymouth Post Office	800-275-8777
Wayne County Road Crew (Potholes)	888-762-3273
CSX Railroad	877-835-5279

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