



# Plymouth PULSE



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

## Parklet Concept Discussed at Joint Meeting

The continued use of up to 14 street parking spaces for outdoor dining and other functions throughout the year has been a subject of interest for residents and business owners for some time. There has also been interest in improving the temporary nature and appearance of orange and white barricades surrounding outdoor patios. To address this, the City's engineering contractor Wade Trim introduced the concept of the parklet at a joint meeting of the City Commission, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission and DDA on February 15.

In essence, a parklet is a more permanent structure for an outdoor patio that extends into a street parking space.

The meeting was informational in nature. No design work or cost estimates have been put together. A number of variables, such as natural gas, water and sewer connections, and overhead moveable sunscreens would affect final pricing. The parklets would remain as public property and could be used during the off season for other uses, such as additional scarecrows, ice sculptures or outdoor markets.



*A parklet concept drawing provided by Wade Trim*

Several residents and business owners spoke in favor of developing parklets to increase both the size and perceived safety of outdoor patios. Others spoke in opposition, concerned that non-restaurant businesses would suffer from the loss of on-street parking.

"I find this to be a very compelling vision for the City of Plymouth," said Mayor Nick Moroz. "It speaks to the vibrancy and connectivity that we want to maintain in the downtown and Old Village.

The City Commission plans to seek further input from residents and other stakeholders prior to making a decision whether to move forward with the project.

# February Police Training

## **MACP Conference**

Attended by the Chief for continued professional development. Workshops included: Legal Updates on First Amendment issues, Health and Wellness for Police Officers, Traffic Safety, and Recruitment and Retention of Police Officers.

## **Leading Without Rank**

Officers attended training by Command Presence that presented the importance and responsibility officers have to lead others even when they are not formally command officers.

## **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.

## **Joint Plymouth City-Township Honor Guard Training**

Monthly training.

## **Crisis Communications**

The Chief and Lieutenant attended training sponsored by MACP regarding media relations and public information sharing during crises.

## **CPR Recertification**

Officers attended training to update their CPR Certification.

## **Internal Affairs Investigations**

The Lieutenant attended training regarding current best practices in conducting internal investigations.

## **Honors & Benefits**

The Chief attended updated training in state and federal benefits as they relate to line of duty death and critical injury.

# Paid Parking to be Studied

The City of Plymouth has adopted a five-year strategic plan which includes deciding on a direction for paid parking. This decision relates to the goal of sustainable infrastructure and meets with the key objectives of financial modeling, technology, infrastructure, and changing vehicular habits.

City staff last researched paid parking options just prior to the pandemic's beginning, which put the project on hold. At its February 7 meeting, the City Commission approved a resolution directing staff to collect updated information and prepare a final report of the for the City Commission to review, prior to sending to other boards and commissions for comment.

# Library Creative Lab Re-Opens

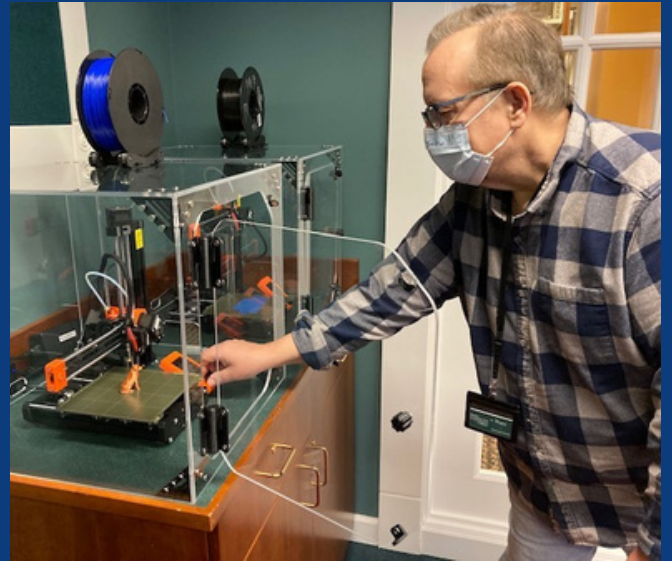
The Plymouth District Library has re-opened its creative lab, a space which includes two 3D printers, a large format printer, a Cricut cutter and six computers with the Adobe Creative Suite. The creative lab first opened in February of 2020, shortly before COVID-19 required the library to temporarily close its doors.

The Adobe Creative Suite is a collection of more than 20 powerful programs for graphic design including Photoshop, Illustrator, and Lightroom. Students and designers can access these typically subscriber-only tools for free in the library's creative lab.

The 3D printers, which will be operated by staff, can print objects up to 7 inches square (7x7x7). Users submit items to be printed by emailing their design to [print@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:print@plymouthlibrary.org).

The large format "poster" printer has a roll of paper that is 36 inches wide and 1200 inches long. Patrons may submit designs to be printed on the large-format poster printer to [print@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:print@plymouthlibrary.org). Staff will advise patron of the cost of the job before printing, and patrons may pick up the poster once completed.

Currently, the creative lab will be open for the public to use on Thursdays only. Additional days and tools will be added over time as staffing allows and new tools become available.



## Open Skating at the Plymouth Cultural Center

### Open Skate Schedule

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
11:45 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Sundays  
4:30 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

### Open Skate Fees

Adults \$5.00  
Under 16 & over 55 \$4.00  
Skate Rental \$2.00  
CASH ONLY

### Please Note

There are a limited number of sizes and quantities of rental skates.

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

Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer Plymouth, MI 734-455-6620  
<https://plymouthmi.gov/recreation>  
Front counter hours 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday  
[recreation@plymouthmi.gov](mailto:recreation@plymouthmi.gov)

# February Boards and Commissions

## Historic District Commission Meeting - February 2, 2022

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Colleen Polin, Chair Stanley Cole, Vice Chair

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. H21-07, 306 S. Main: Revised exterior alterations, signage, exterior lighting and limestone rehabilitation and repair - approved

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2022 Goals-Discussion - no action

## Zoning Board of Appeals - February 3, 2022 - canceled

## City Commission –February 7, 2022

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of January 18, 2022 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Spring Artisan Market – April 23, 2022
- c. Music in the Air - May 27-September 2, 2022
- d. Art in the Park – July 8-10, 2022

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Paid Parking System - approved
- b. 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments - approved

## Planning Commission February 9, 2022

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. SP21-08: 885 Fralick: Westborn Market, Revised Site Plan Review for Parking Lot expansion/Reconfiguration, Sidewalk & Landscaping - approved
- b. 2021 Planning Commission Annual Report - approved

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. PUD22-01: 100 S. Mill - Preliminary Plan for a PUD/PUD Amendment - tabled

## Downtown Development Authority –February 14, 2022 - canceled

## City Commission - February 22, 2022

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Feb. 7, 2022 City Commission Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of February 7, 2022 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of February 15, 2022 City Commission Study Session Minutes
- d. Special Event: Ghosts of Plymouth Walk, Saturday, April 23, 2022
- e. Special Event: Wilcox Wednesdays Music in the Park

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorization to purchase in-car & body camera video systems for Police Dept. - approved
- b. Authorization for Rehabilitation of Bathrooms at Plymouth Cultural Center
- c. Authorization to Hire – Recreation Professional - approved
- d. Authorization to Purchase Vehicles - approved

## For More Information

*Agendas and links for all meetings are posted on our website a minimum of 18 hours before every meeting.*

*Minutes are posted after they are approved.*

*If you would like to receive agendas and other City of Plymouth information by email, please sign up on our website at [plymouthmi.gov/notifyme](http://plymouthmi.gov/notifyme)*

## Visit Us Online

[www.plymouthmi.gov](http://www.plymouthmi.gov)



# March Board and Commission Meeting Links

*March Board and Commission meetings will be held in person in the City Commission Chambers at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main.*

*The public may attend all of the meetings either in person or via the Zoom links provided at the right.*

**Zoning Board of Appeals - March 3, 2022 7:00 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84094962197>

Passcode: 873521 Webinar ID: 840 9496 2197

**Planning Commission Annual Report March 7, 2022 6:00 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89788349222>

Passcode: 746520 Webinar ID: 897 8834 9222

**City Commission - March 7, 2022 7:00 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83081800202>

Passcode: 899108 Webinar ID: 830 8180 0202

**Planning Commission Meeting -March 9, 2022 7:00 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83622142310>

Passcode: 581253 Webinar ID: 836 2214 2310

**Downtown Development Authority - March 14, 2022 7:00 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83370357671>

Passcode: 529942 Webinar ID: 833 7035 7671

**City Commission Meeting - March 21, 2022 7:00 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89061776006>

Passcode: 861365 Webinar ID: 890 6177 6006

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## March Board of Review

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will convene at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 8 - organizational meeting - noon

Wednesday, March 9 - first meeting - 3:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 10 - second meeting -9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Monday, March 21 final meeting - 9:00 a.m. - noon (For written appeals only. No appointments.)

Hearings are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call the Assessor's Office at (734) 453-1234, extension 252. Completed Board of Review petitions must be submitted prior to your appointment and must be received by Monday, March 21, 2022 at noon. Forms are available on our website at [plymouthmi.gov](http://plymouthmi.gov). A 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.

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

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

# Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement

The Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement is named in honor of Ruth Huston-Whipple, Plymouth's first female elected City Commissioner (1934-1949), first female mayor of Plymouth (1940-1942) and first female Wayne County Board of Supervisors member.

The purpose of the Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement is to honor a community member who, like Ruth Huston-Whipple, has positively impacted the quality of life in the City of Plymouth through his or her exceptional civic and/or philanthropic engagement.

Nominees must meet the following eligibility criteria:

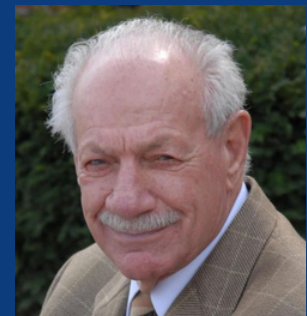
- Person must have demonstrated civic and/or philanthropic engagement within the City of Plymouth. Examples of impact should show a community benefit, delivered with integrity and perseverance
- Married couples can be nominated
- Past Ruth Huston-Whipple Award recipients, current members of the Plymouth City Commission and full-time employees of the City of Plymouth are not eligible to be nominated

The Ruth Huston-Whipple award winner will have demonstrated engagement, leadership and achievement over a period of time and in one or more of the following areas:

- Contributed to the City of Plymouth above and beyond reasonable expectations
- Demonstrated character, commitment and/or leadership qualities
- Actively participated in community or civic organizations whose sphere of influence falls within the City of Plymouth
- Exemplified accomplishments and contributions to the economic vitality and/or residential quality of life in the City of Plymouth

The nomination period opens January 1 and closes April 30 of each year, when a selection committee comprising two mayor-appointed City Commissioners and a representative from the City of Plymouth administration will select and notify the winner(s). The nomination form is on our website at [plymouthmi.gov/nomination](http://plymouthmi.gov/nomination).

**Past Award Winners**  
2020 Debra Madonna  
2021 Jim Jabara



City of Plymouth Recreation Department

# SUMMER 2022 T-BALL LEAGUE

*for boys and girls born in 2016 and 2017*

This league is non-competitive and is not designed for advanced skill development

*Open Registration March 1-April 18, 2022*

**REGISTER IN PERSON**  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY 11:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.**  
**525 FARMER ST. PLYMOUTH**

*or*

**ONLINE AT PLYMOUTHMI.GOV**

(Contact the recreation office at 734-455-6620 ext. 0  
or recreation@plymouthmi.gov to get a user name and password)

\$70 - City of Plymouth residents  
\$90 - non-residents

### *General Information*

The head coach sets practice schedules, generally on weeknights. All games are on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening from June 20-August 10. There will be rain make-ups as needed. Games and practices take place at Don Massey Field, Bilkie Family Field, City of Plymouth Parks and Hines Park.

### *Format*

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

### *Equipment*

League provides bats, balls, tees, bases, team shirts and hats. Participant provides baseball glove and any other uniform or protective gear.

### *Parents!*

We need volunteer coaches for the league to run!  
The children of all head coaches play for free.  
If you would like to volunteer, please indicate on the registration form.

# Emergency RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Wayne County's **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)** makes funding available to assist households that are unable to pay rent or utility bills.

## To Be Eligible:

1

Experiencing financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic



2

Experiencing housing instability



3

Household income at or below 80% of area median income



\*Open to all communities in Wayne County excluding the City of Detroit.

\*For Detroit's program, visit this link: <https://bit.ly/3hHUT66>

## APPLY TODAY

**Call Center: (833) 742-1513**

## Home Owner Financial Assistance

Michigan residents who are facing difficulty paying their energy bills are eligible to tap into the more than \$160 million in state and federal energy relief that is available through the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) and the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), as well as nonprofit sources such as the United Way of Southeast Michigan and The Heath and Warmth Fund (THAW).

DTE has a personalized service protection plan, a program launched at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic to draw together the many forms of assistance and personalize solutions for DTE customers based on their specific circumstances. These personalized plans are continuing through 2022. To learn more about these programs or to apply for assistance, please call DTE at 800-477-4747 or reach out on their website at [www.dteenergy.com/help](http://www.dteenergy.com/help).

In addition to energy assistance, The Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund (MIHAF) uses federal resources allocated under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide financial assistance to homeowners who have fallen behind on homeownership-related expenses. The MIHAF program can help with delinquent mortgage, property tax and/or condominium payments, payment of escrow shortages, and past due utilities payments, including gas, water, electric, and internet or broadband. Interested homeowners can find details and a link to the application portal at [Michigan.gov/MIHAF](http://Michigan.gov/MIHAF) or receive assistance with their application submission by calling 844-756-4423.

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

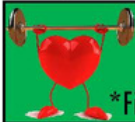
Reservations are required at least 2 business days in advance and can be made by calling the reservation line Monday through Friday from 8:30am-11:30am.

**(734)459-8888**

**A mask covering the nose and mouth is required at all times while on the bus!!!**

**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

	DESTINATIONS	COST	PICK UP TIMES	RETURN TIMES
2	IKEA, Kohl's, Home Goods, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Goodwill, Joann Fabrics, or Bed Bath & Beyond	\$6	10am - 11am	1pm
4	WALMART	\$6	9am - 10am	12pm
11	MEIJER	\$6	9am - 10am	12pm
18	DOLLAR TREE (CANTON)	\$6	9am - 10am	12pm
25	MEIJER	\$6	9am - 10am	12pm



## MEDICAL SCHEDULE & FEES

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canton Medical Facilities</li> <li>Livonia Medical Center on Schoolcraft College Campus <b>NEW</b></li> <li>Livonia St. Mary Hospital &amp; Medical Facilities across from St. Mary</li> <li>U of M Northville (7 Mile / Haggerty Location)</li> </ul>	\$6	9am-2:30pm
M-W-F	Novi Providence Park	\$6	9am-2:30pm



## GROCERY SCHEDULE & FEES

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	\$2	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
TUESDAY	KROGER	\$2	9am - 10am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
WEDNESDAY	FRESH THYME	\$6	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
THURSDAY	KROGER	\$2	9am - 10am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF



**Sunday, March 13th**

## Inclement Weather

If Senior Transportation is CLOSED due to weather and you are schedule to ride that day you will be contacted by a member of our staff to inform you we are CLOSED.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!