



# Plymouth PULSE



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August 2023

## New Water Meters Being Installed Citywide

There are approximately 3,400 homes and businesses in the City of Plymouth, and we are in the process of installing new water meters in all of them. Our contractor HydroCorp is scheduling appointments, both on their website at [watermeterinstall.com](http://watermeterinstall.com) and by phone at 800-315-4305. Nearly half of the residents and business owners have already scheduled their appointments. There is no charge for this service, and it is mandatory for all customers.

"Just like all mechanical equipment, meters wear out and their efficiency decreases over time," said Municipal Services Director Chris Porman. "Changing out the water meters is an important step in modernizing our water infrastructure and is essential to ensure our residents are being charged correctly."



This meter will be replaced next week

Prior to your appointment, please ensure that the area around your water meter is clear of obstructions and that the shutoff valve is completely operational. While at your home, technicians will also conduct a water safety survey which is required by the State of Michigan. This survey includes a cross connection inspection, a sump pump discharge inspection and an inventory of service line materials.

If you have any questions, please visit [plymouthmi.gov/new\\_water\\_meters](http://plymouthmi.gov/new_water_meters) or call the Department of Municipal services at 734-453-7737.

## Summer Taxes Due

Summer tax payments are payable through August 10 without penalty. They may be paid at the City Hall counter, placed in the drop box next to the book return at the library, or deposited in the drop box in the City Hall vestibule if the counter is closed. Even better - save a yourself a trip and pay online! For a link to the payment page, visit [plymouthmi.gov/taxes](http://plymouthmi.gov/taxes).

# Power Outages

We've all been there - it's hot and humid, a storm kicks up, and suddenly the power goes out and we start worrying about the temperature inside and how long the food in our refrigerators will stay cold.

It's easy to blame our electricity provider DTE for our woes - until we realize what they're up against. Take the July 26th storm for example. Within their service area, winds reaching 65-mph resulted in nearly 2,000 downed wires and 167,000 customer outages. Most of them were due to trees and branches falling on wires. Within 36 hours, power was restored to 70% of the outages thanks to more than 2,500 field workers working around the clock.



To help us better understand their processes, DTE has prepared the following list of FAQs and answers.

## HOW DOES DTE DECIDE WHOSE POWER TO RESTORE FIRST?

*First, they secure the areas around downed power lines to keep the community safe. Next, they restore health and safety facilities like hospitals and police stations. Then, they repair the equipment that delivers power to homes and businesses. From there, they restore the outages impacting the largest numbers of customers in order to get power back on quickly to the largest number of people as possible, while also committing to work around the clock until every customer is restored.*

## WHY DON'T I SEE DTE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

*The equipment that delivers power to your home or business may extend several miles from you. So, while you may not see work being done directly in your neighborhood, crews are still working hard in your area to get your power back on.*

## WHY IS MY NEIGHBOR'S POWER ON AND MINE STILL OUT?

*It's possible that two homes in the same neighborhood are served by different electrical wires and equipment. In other cases, there is one factor that originated the outage and another that's preventing us from re-energizing the line. Crews work as safely and quickly as possible to restore your power.*

## WHY WERE DTE WORKERS SITTING IN THEIR TRUCK INSTEAD OF RESTORING MY POWER?

- *Crews may be waiting for supplies to be delivered that are necessary to do the repairs.*
- *They may be on standby waiting for severe weather to pass.*
- *There may be a safety issue that needs to be resolved.*
- *Workers may be taking a quick break. Crews work more than 16 hours a day to restore the lines. Quick breaks are important to ensuring crews have the energy and right mindset to safely restore power as quickly as possible.*

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SEE A DOWNED WIRE?

- *Always consider wires live and dangerous – please remember to stay 25 feet from downed wires and anything in contact with those wires.*
- *Stay away from fallen trees or branches – they could have brought down a wire. Downed wires can look like sticks, so don't pick any up.*
- *Report outages or down wires – Call 800-477-4747, visit [outage.dteenergy.com/report-outage](https://outage.dteenergy.com/report-outage).*

# Cultural Center to be Completely Accessible

By the end of this month, the Plymouth Cultural Center will be fully ADA compliant. Restrooms were completely remodeled last year, and the locker rooms are currently under construction.

Features to update the 1972 building include expanded entry, hallways, doors, and walkways for ADA accessibility for players and visitors, and additional showers and changing areas for player, coach, and referee gender equity.



Locker rooms are currently being completely remodeled

The locker room project is being funded with \$400,000 from the 2022 Federal Budget for ADA Compliance, sponsored by Congresswoman Haley Stevens. Contingencies will be covered by Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.

## November 7, 2023 General Election

Some communities will have an election in August, but the next election in the City of Plymouth will be on November 7, 2023. Voters will be asked to select four City Commissioners from seven candidates: Incumbents Suzi Deal, Linda Filipczak, and Kelly O'Donnell and newcomers Catherine Coburn, Brock Minton, Ron Picard, and Josh Rimatzki.

Absent voter ballots will be available in late September, and October 23 is the last day to register by mail or online and be eligible to vote in the November election. After that, and through election day, residents may register in person at the Plymouth City Clerk's office.

For more information about elections and voting, please visit our website at [plymouthmi.gov/elections](https://plymouthmi.gov/elections).

## Welcome to Plymouth!



It would be hard to overestimate the importance of a vibrant mix of stores, restaurants, service providers and offices to entice residents and visitors to enjoy our downtown. According to the Michigan Municipal League (MML), this, along with art ☑, a wide variety of special events ☑, an inviting streetscape ☑, and well-designed public spaces - think Kellogg Park - are crucial to the success of a downtown. Looks like we're doing it right!

In a recent article, the MML reported that, "A vibrant downtown has a ripple effect that expands into neighborhoods, corridors, and the region. Vibrancy attracts visitors, residents, entrepreneurs, dreamers, investors, and developers."

Newly updated wayfinding kiosks and walking maps are available to help make sure visitors don't miss a thing. Contact the DDA office at 734-455-1453 for more information.

# June Board and Commission Synopses

## City Commission –July 3, 2023

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Special Event: Bumpers, Bikes & Bands – July 16, 2023
- b. Special Event: Grapple in the Park – August 27, 2023

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Library Construction Agreement - approved
- b. Library Amphitheater Access Easement - approved
- c. Title Company Requirement for Confirmation of Purchase - approved
- d. Additional Data Collection for Fire Study - approved

## Historic District Commission Meeting - July 5, 2023

H 23-04 790 Penniman: New awnings, repair and repaint panels, façade repairs - 3 of 4 items approved

## Zoning Board of Appeals - July 6, 2023

- a. Z 23-06, 643 N. Mill: Use variance request for habitable space in a detached accessory structure - approved
- b. Z23-07, 247 W. Liberty: Rear and side yard setbacks for an accessory structure – applicant requested postponement.

## Downtown Development Authority –July 10, 2023

- a. 2024 Outdoor Dining Policy - approved revised resolution

## Planning Commission -July 12, 2023

### 1.PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. SP 23-04: 885 Starkweather, Special Land Use and Site Plan Review - approved
- b. SP23-05 : 525 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Special Land Use and Site Plan Review - approved

## City Commission -July 17, 2023

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Special Event: Plymouth Community Fall Festival, September 8-10, 2023
- b. Approval of June 2023 Bills

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Outdoor Dining Area Policy - discussion and tabled for further review
- b. Recreation Millage Question - approved
- c. Fence Ordinance Amendment – First Reading - approved

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All board and commission meetings are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to address a board or commission may do so at the proper time. The Citizen Comment section of the agenda allows up to three minutes to present information or raise issues for items not on the agenda. The board or commission chair will ask for citizen comments during the discussion of each regular agenda item as well.

Upon arising to address the board or commission, speakers should first identify themselves by clearly stating their name and address. Comments must be limited to the subject of the item.



# August Board & Commission Meetings

Historic District Commission - Wednesday, August 2 - CANCELED

Zoning Board of Appeals - Thursday, August 3, 2023 - 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83616018508> Passcode: 987766 Webinar ID: 836 1601 8508

Northville-Plymouth Fire Advisory Board - Monday, August 7 - 4 p.m.

Plymouth City Hall

City Commission - Monday, August 7 - 7 p.m.

Caster Park - N. Holbrook and Caster

Planning Commission - Wednesday, August 9, 2023 - 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84541411471> Passcode: 546431 Webinar ID: 845 4141 1471

Downtown Development Authority - Monday, August 14, 2023 - 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87535155794> Passcode: 524364 Webinar ID: 875 3515 5794

City Commission Meeting - Monday, August 21, 2023 - 7 p.m.

Kiwanis Park - Auburn and Junction

AGENDA PACKETS FOR ALL BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE POSTED IN THE  
AGENDA CENTER OF OUR WEBSITE AT [PLYMOUTHMI.GOV](http://PLYMOUTHMI.GOV).



## **Plymouth City Commission**

Front row: Commissioner Kelly O'Donnell, Mayor Nick Moroz, Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Deal.

Back Row: Commissioners Alanna Maguire, Marques Thomey, Linda Filipczak, Jennifer Kehoe.

# MUSIC IN KELLOGG PARK

## AUGUST 2023



8/2 - Wilcox Wednesdays - Snack Time- noon

8/4 - Music in the Air -The Randy Brock Group - 7 p.m.

8/9 - Wilcox Wednesdays - Miss Paula & the Candy Bandits - noon

8/11- Music in the Air - Magic Bus - 7 p.m.

8/16 - Wilcox Wednesdays - Worlds of Music, Guy Louis - noon

8/18 - Music in the Air - Sunset Blvd. - 7 p.m.

8/23 - Wilcox Wednesdays - Mr. Nick Davio - noon.

8/25 - Music in the Air - Larry Lee & the Back in the Day Band - 7 p.m.

9/1 - Music in the Air - Atomic Radio - 7 p.m.

Please note: Chairs and other materials dropped off prior to 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays are subject to removal.

# July Police Training

## **Eastern Michigan University's Center for Regional and National Security School of Police Staff & Command**

### **Executive Leadership Program**

One of our sergeants continued in the 9-week program.

This is an intensive program consisting of 350 hours of classroom instruction that requires out of class study, preparation of papers, projects, and examinations. The experience takes the officer beyond traditional operational methods and incorporates strategic thinking and creative and innovative problem solving skills for current and future law enforcement executives paving the way for further advancement to senior leadership positions within the department.



### **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.

### **Western Wayne County Mobile Field Force Team Training**

Team members attended regular quarterly training session involving maintenance of skills necessary during civil disturbances. Skills included proper command and control techniques, tactics, communication, and equipment proficiency.

### **Youth Assistance Program Training**

Implementation training for new joint youth assistance program with Growth Works.

Join us for Coffee with a Cop on August 31 from noon-2 p.m. at Plymouth Depot, 900 Starkweather



## **Construction Update**

The Carol/Evergreen project is now complete - on time and under budget. The Penniman wall project is scheduled to begin August 7. Crews have begun work on the parking lot at Ann Arbor Trail and Deer St., which includes removing and reeplacing asphalt, building an underground water retention system, and planting a landscape buffer.



**GIFT CARD  
PRIZES**



**FREE  
ENTRY**

# Euchre TOURNAMENT

**NEXT DATE: Friday, September 15, 2023**

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

**Registration Dates: August 15 - September 12, or until filled**

- Max of 32 teams
- Teams are guaranteed 7 games (5 preliminary round games and 2 tournament games)
- Gift card prizes to the tournament winners
- Bring your own food, Alcohol available for purchase (21+)
- Games will be played at the Plymouth Cultural Center

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](mailto:recreation@plymouthmi.gov)



Register using the QR  
code below



## Cornhole Leagues - Fall 2023

**Monday Night League: October 2 - November 20**

**Thursday Night League: October 5 - November 16**

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

**No games Monday, November 6 - Election Day Set-Up**

- 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, playing a different team each game
- 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+)
- ACA Rules and League equipment will be used

**Registration, in-person or online, will take place from  
August 21 until September 27 or until league is filled**

For more League Info and Online Registration, go to [www.plymouthmi.gov](http://www.plymouthmi.gov),  
go to the "City Departments" page, then click "Recreation"

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## City of Plymouth Recreation Department

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

# FALL FITNESS CLASSES

Class	Swerk	Ab Lab	Bootcamp	Kettlebell Krush	Mobility Flow	Tabata
Day/Week	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Time	6-7 p.m.	7-7:30 p.m.	9-10 a.m.	6:15-7 p.m.	7:15-7:45 p.m.	9-9:45 a.m.
Start Date	September 11	September 11	September 12	September 13	September 13	September 14
End Date	November 13	November 13	November 21	November 15	November 15	November 16
Resident Fee	\$ 100	\$ 55	\$ 100	\$ 85	\$ 55	\$ 85
Non-Res. Fee	\$ 108	\$ 63	\$ 108	\$ 93	\$ 63	\$ 93

### Swerk

The world's best hip-hop cardio fitness workout! Our booty poppin, glute focused dance moves will change your routine for fitness.

### Bootcamp

Fast paced full body workout consisting of strength, endurance, resistance, and aerobic exercises using various types of equipment. \*No class September 19\*

### Mobility Flow

An active recovery class designed to open your body through flexibility and mobility work. In this 10-week program, you'll release tension as you move through dynamic flows that blend creative and challenging transitions, balances, and core work.

### Ab Lab

Go from FI-Abs to F-Abs with this 30 minute class designed to strengthen the muscles of the abs and back with non-stop core sculpting moves.

### Kettlebell Krush

A high-intensity full body workout that can help meet your toughest fitness goals. It combines functional, compound exercises using kettlebells that will work multiple muscle groups at once. It will follow HIIT style structure with short bursts of work followed by 10 second rest for 4-minute segments. Participants must bring own Kettlebells.

### Tabata

45 minutes of High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), consisting of 8 rounds of 20 second bursts of exercise followed by 10 seconds of rest. It is the ultimate calorie burning workout.

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**Registration  
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BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. ONE CUP AT A TIME.

Join your neighbors and  
police officers for coffee  
and conversation.



Thursday,  
August 31, 2023



**Plymouth Depot**  
900 Starkweather



Noon to 2p

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

THIS EVENT IS PRESENTED BY THE:

Plymouth Police  
Department



QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

Officer Jay Miller  
[jmiller@plymouthpolice.org](mailto:jmiller@plymouthpolice.org)  
734-453-1234 x 543

[coffeewithacop.com](http://coffeewithacop.com)

# 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 advance & can be Made by calling the reservation line Mon-Fri from 8:30am-11:30am.

**(734)459-8888**



**AUGUST**

**AUGUST 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
8/2	IKEA, Kohl's, Home Goods, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Goodwill or Joann Fabrics	\$10	10am	1pm
8/4	WALMART	\$10	9am	12pm
8/11	MEIJER	\$10	9am	12pm
8/16	CRAWFORD'S KITCHEN	\$4	10am	
8/18	DOLLAR TREE	\$10	9am	12pm
8/25	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 Corewell Health 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

**HAPPY NATIONAL DOG DAY**



## National Dog Day August, 26



History—National Dog Day seeks to raise awareness about the dogs in need of rescue. This day encourages appreciating dogs for all they do. This includes family dogs and working dogs such as service dogs, rescue dogs, and law enforcement dogs. Many families in the US own dogs however many are homeless and or have been abandoned. Every year, these dogs are taken into shelters where millions of them are euthanized. In the US, approximately 3.9 million dogs enter animal shelters every year, of these, 1.2 million are euthanized. National Dog Day was established and promoted in 2005 by pet advocate Colleen Paige. It is observed annually on August 26th.

**WE WILL BEGIN TAKING AUGUST RESERVATION FORMS ON JULY 17**