



Plymouth PULSE



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February 2023

Ice Festival

The world-class Plymouth Ice Festival returns to Downtown Plymouth for its 41st year February 3 through February 5. This year's event will feature more than 100 ice sculptures, live carving, interactive sculptures, a petting zoo and much more!

"The Ice Fest is one of our signature events," said Mayor Nick Moroz. "We've experienced frigid weather and weather where the sculptures melt. We've had rain, snow, sleet, you name it. The fantastic organizers always find a way to make it happen."

Once again, the Ice Festival has partnered with the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority for the Ice Festival Bingo scavenger hunt game, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth. Visitors can grab their bingo cards from any of the locations and collect stickers from locations all over town to be eligible to enter a contest drawing. To be eligible for a Grand Prize drawing, contestants must fill the entire board. Visitors can learn more about the popular scavenger hunt at www.downtownplymouth.org.

Local service clubs will be collecting \$10 for parking in most municipal lots, with funds going to community projects and initiatives.

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. For more information on the Plymouth Ice Festival visit www.plymouthicefestival.com.



Public Art Installations Throughout the City

The addition of many new art installations can be expected this year throughout the City. The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority has partnered with Tony Roko's Art Foundation and Community Financial Credit Union to expand the Plymouth Art Walk in the downtown area. Two new paintings were added to the CFCU building in December, and eight additional pieces will be added to walkways near the Central Parking Deck.



Residents and visitors can expect to see the new artwork in April, with a ribbon cutting taking place in conjunction with the Spring Artisan Market on April 22. Adding artwork is part of the DDA's five-year Strategic Plan.

In addition to the Plymouth Art Walk, the DDA is also partnering with the Detroit Institute of Arts in 2023 to bring the Inside Out program back to the City of Plymouth. Ten high quality reproductions from the museum will be placed around the City this May. The locations of the paintings will span from downtown to Old Village, and also to the Plymouth Community Arts Council property. This program is intended to increase connectivity between downtown and Old Village, a key objective in Goal Area Four of the City's Strategic Plan. The Inside Out program installations are expected to be available for viewing between May and October of this year.

Strategic Plan

Last year, the Plymouth City Commission hammered out goals and one year tasks for a new five-year strategic plan. The major goal areas they selected are sustainable infrastructure; staff development, training and succession; community connectivity; and attractive, livable community.

This month, they will meet to review the previous year's progress and set new one-year tasks for the administration to tackle.

The sessions are facilitated by Dr. Lew Bender, an organizational specialist, who has been working with staff and elected officials here for eight years. "Dr. Lew brings a unique perspective to help guide us in our vision and how to get there," said Mayor Nick Moroz. "The City Commission is a diverse group of people, and we sometimes don't start out on the same page. With Dr. Lew's help, by the end of the sessions, we're pretty much there."

January Board and Commission Synopses

City Commission –January 3, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Special Event: Spring Artisan Market – Saturday, April 22, 2023

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Annual State Highway permit - 2023 - Approved
- b. Impervious Pavement Ordinance – First Reading - Approved

Historic District Commission Meeting - January 4, 2023

Election of Officers - Polin Chair, Vice Chair Cole

NEW BUSINESS

- a. H 23-01 408 S. Main: Signage - Approved
- b. H23-02 860 Penniman: Fencing - Approved

Zoning Board of Appeals - January 5, 2023

Election of Officers - Elliott Chair, Burrows Vice Chair

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Z23-01, 007-01-003-301 (0 Holbrook): Non-use variance request for front yard setback - tabled

Downtown Development Authority –January 9, 2023

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of Officers - Pollard Chair, Martinelli Vice Chair

Planning Commission -January 11, 2023

Election of Officers - Sisolak Chair, Silvers Vice Chair

NEW BUSINESS

- a. SP 23-01: 980 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Site Plan Review - Tabled
- b. 2022 Annual Report - Approved
- c. Discussion on February 1 Working Session - No action

City Commission - January 17, 2022

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Impervious Pavement Ordinance – Second Reading - Approved

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Police Radio Purchase - Approved
- b. Appeal of Administrative Decision on Tree Ordinance -Administrative Decision Upheld

February Board & Commission Meetings

Historic District Commission - Wednesday, February 1, 2023 - 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83499976925> Passcode: 355120 Webinar ID: 834 9997 6925

Zoning Board of Appeals - Thursday, February 2, 2023 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82558352804> Passcode: 532714 Webinar ID: 825 5835 2804

City Commission - Monday, February 6, 2023 - 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86377585712> Passcode: 234478 Webinar ID: 863 7758 5712

Planning Commission - Wednesday, February 8, 2023- 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88173224344> Passcode: 043301 Webinar ID: 881 7322 4344

Downtown Development Authority - Monday, February 13, 2023

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85810934439> Passcode: 095046 Webinar ID: 858 1093 4439

City Commission Meeting - Tuesday, February 21, 2023 - 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89703018207> Passcode: 085476 Webinar ID: 897 0301 8207



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.



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.

Pistol Training/Qualification

One of multiple annual firearms qualification and training days.

Krav Maga Law Enforcement Instructor

Defensive tactics instructor training.

Medical First Responder Continuing Education

Certified officers attended Continuing Education training regarding Blunt Chest Trauma, Penetrating Trauma, and Pediatric Trauma

Policing & the Holocaust

All personnel attended MCOLES sanctioned leadership training hosted by the Security Sector of the Zekelman Holocaust Center regarding the ethical dilemmas faced by state and local police in Nazi Germany and how their decisions shaped the events of the Holocaust.

Welcome to Team Plymouth!

Jim Cleary and Patty Grosso joined the team as parking enforcement officers in January. Jim applied for the position after participating in our recent Citizens Academy, and Patty worked for the Michigan Department of Corrections for a number of years. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them out and about, and don't forget to mind the time limit for your parking space!



DID YOU KNOW?

Nuisance Wildlife

Many wildlife are well adapted to living near people and as they become accustomed to humans they may cause conflicts. An example of this is the now-famous turkey on Main St. and Ann Arbor Rd. Should you encounter wildlife that concerns you, please contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at 313-396-6890.

Crosswalks

Please remember that both drivers and pedestrians need to be active participants at crosswalks. Drivers should be cautious when pedestrians are in the area, and pedestrians must wait for traffic to clear before entering a crosswalk. At the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crossings, such as the one mid-block on Main St. across from Kellogg Park, pedestrians should activate the light after traffic clears, then enter the crosswalk. Drivers who approach after the pedestrian has entered the crosswalk are to stop until the crosswalk is clear. The crosswalks at the major intersections downtown are pedestrian leading, meaning that the walk signal activates several seconds before the traffic light, providing a visibility cushion. At these intersections, the walk signal is only activated on the next cycle when pedestrians push the button.

Block Parties

With the frigid temperatures we've been experiencing, it's hard to imagine that we'll be socializing outside again soon! Nonetheless, block party applications have begun to roll in. If you are interested in having one, you may find an application on our website under forms and documents, or you may call 734-453-1234 extension 203 to receive an application by email. Here are a few things to remember.

- The Department of Municipal Services provides barricades for the organizers to place in the street. Only the official barricades provided by the City may be used to close the access to the street.
- Block parties are intended to promote camaraderie among neighbors. Graduation parties, birthday parties, and the like do not fall under this description. Organizers should notify and receive approval from a majority of residents on the block prior to submitting an application.
- Parties must end no later than 10 p.m. and must be controlled as to noise so that neighbors will not be unduly disturbed.
- An 18-foot wide fire lane must be maintained open to emergency vehicles for the entire length of the closed street. Picnic tables, barbecue grills, and other portable equipment which can be readily moved if necessary may be placed in the closed street in the area outside of the fire lane. Fire hydrants shall remain accessible. No open fires are permitted in the closed street.

Recreation Opportunities

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

Register using the QR
code below



Cornhole Leagues - Winter II 2023

Monday Night League: February 27 - April 10

Thursday Night League: March 2 - April 13

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, 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 January 30 until February 23 or until league is filled

For more League Info and Online Registration, go to www.plymouthmi.gov, go to the "City Departments" page, then click "Recreation"

First time doing online registration?

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

City of Plymouth Recreation Department

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**GIFT CARD
PRIZES**

Next date

Friday, February 24

When

Monthly, 6:30 p.m. start

Doors open at 6 p.m.

Where

Plymouth Cultural Center



TRIVIA NIGHT

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

Categories

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

How much?

**FREE TO
PLAY!**

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



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Open Skating

Tuesdays and Thursdays

11:45 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Sundays

6:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.

Open Skate Fees per Session:

Adults - \$5.00

Under 16 & Over 55 - \$4.00

Skate Rental - \$2.00

No Open Skate Feb. 12 - building closed at 5 p.m.

No Open Skate Feb. 19 – H.S. JV Hockey

* 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.

Registration for a second Citizens
Academy will take place in March!



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

February

(734)459-8888

FEBRAURY 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
2/3	WALMART	\$10	9am	12pm
2/8	IKEA, Kohl's, Home Goods, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Goodwill or Joann Fabrics	\$10	10am	1pm
2/10	MEIJER	\$10	9am	12pm
2/17	DOLLAR TREE	\$10	9am	12pm
2/24	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

**Friendship Station & Senior Transportation will be CLOSED on:
Monday, February 20 - President's Day**

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather the Plymouth Community Senior Transportation Program will follow the lead of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. If they are closed DUE TO WEATHER conditions then the transportation program will also be CLOSED. Announcements regarding school closings are made on the following television stations: Fox 2 News, WDIV/TV 4, WXYZ-Channel 7 & radio stations-WWJ Newsradio 950, 95.5, 106.7, 100.3, 1130 AM and WJR 760.