



# Plymouth PULSE



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

October 2023

## Please Vote on November 7

A recreation millage and City Commission candidates will be on the November 7 ballot in the City of Plymouth. 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.

The recreation millage is seeking approval to levy 1.75 mills for 12 years, from 2024 through 2035, to acquire, construct, improve, furnish, operate and maintain parks and recreation facilities. This would require an amendment to the City Charter.

Residents who would like to vote absentee should request an application if they have not already received one. Complete instructions on absentee voting and how to apply for a ballot are available at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us>. Ballots were mailed in late September to those who sent in an application.

Voters who receive a voter registration application in the mail, but believe they are already registered, can verify their current voter registration information on the MI Secretary of State's website at <https://www.michigan.gov/vote> or contact the clerk's office at 734-453-1234 ext. 202, 203, 225 or 234.

If you wish to vote and are not registered, you may do so online at the above Michigan Voter Information Center website or by mail until October 23 to vote in the November election. After that, and through election day, residents may register in person with proof of residency at the Plymouth City Clerk's office, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

New this year: The City of Plymouth has maintained a list for voters who requested to receive absent voter applications automatically for every election year. In 2022, the majority of voters requested the option to receive a ballot automatically for every election going forward, (excluding a Presidential Primary), eliminating the need to fill out an application for every election. Since this option must be requested the first time by a voter, you must return an absent voter application with this option marked on the application. Note: If you were on the previous list to receive applications automatically, you still must request to receive a ballot automatically. \*Your previous request does not transfer to the new option. For more information about elections and voting, please visit our website at [plymouthmi.gov/elections](http://plymouthmi.gov/elections).

## City Commission Candidate Forum

The League of Women Voters is hosting a candidate forum on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St. To submit questions in advance, please email [lwwmail@yahoo.com](mailto:lwwmail@yahoo.com).

If you are unable to attend, you may view a recording on their website at [lwwnorthwestwayne.org](http://lwwnorthwestwayne.org) after October 4.

# Parks and Recreation Millage Information

A proposal for charter amendment to levy 1.75 mills for 12 years for parks and recreation is on the November ballot. If passed, the millage will raise \$1.275 million per year. Funds will be dedicated exclusively to parks and recreation projects and improvements throughout the City of Plymouth and cannot be used for any other purpose.

In an open meeting with active citizen participation in January of this year, the City Commission established one-year tasks based on the strategic plan and prioritized capital projects, funding opportunities, and identifying green space for additional recreation. Recent surveys show strong resident support for parks and recreation in the city.

If the millage passes, all parks in the city will be upgraded and additional recreation programs will be offered. Building a playground and other amenities in Point Park in Old Village is one of the wish-list items, as is turning the old Lumber Mart site into a recreation facility.

If the millage doesn't pass, the city will have limited funding for facility maintenance, park upgrades, and new programming and may lose the opportunity to acquire land.



Conceptual drawing of a complete renovation of Point Park in Old Village



Conceptual drawing of a recreation facility at the former Lumber Mart site





# Taking PLYMOUTH to the next level

ASSESSING OUR VALUES

WORKING COOPERATIVELY

ACCEPTING CHANGE

AVOIDING COMPLACENCY

BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITY

ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESSES

**This City of Plymouth  
presentation is free and open to  
residents, business owners  
and everyone who wants to  
help our community thrive.**

**December 5, 2023**

**Plymouth Cultural Center  
525 Farmer St. Plymouth, MI**

**Meet & greet and appetizers at 6:30 p.m.  
Presentation begins at 7:00 p.m.**



**Doug Griffiths**

Author of

*13 Ways*

*to Kill Your Community*

Doug identifies challenges and opportunities that all communities face. His talents include seeing through the lies we tell ourselves, overcoming bad attitudes, communicating with those who are afraid to change, and building enduring prosperity for communities. His passion lies in building strong communities, because within strong communities leadership can succeed, businesses can prosper, and families can find a great quality of life.

Read more at [www.13ways.ca](http://www.13ways.ca).

**For more information  
734-453-1234 ext. 203**



Presentation hosted by the Rotary Club of Plymouth, celebrating its 100th year of service to the community

# Fall Advice from the Plymouth Pollinators

Fall is such a beautiful season in Michigan. The trees put on a spectacular show with their vibrant leaves of red, yellow, and orange. Trips to the cider mills and pumpkin patches become part of the weekend plans and, of course, there's football. While gardening is probably not at the forefront of your mind this time of year, fall is actually a great time to prepare your garden for next season. Here are a few tips to consider.

- **Add More Native Plants:** Fall is a wonderful time to plant as the soil temperature is warmer, weed growth slows down, pests become less active, and newly added plants can establish themselves before facing the stress of next summers' heat. This leads to healthier, more resilient plants. Also, nurseries and garden centers often have sales and discounts on plants and supplies in the fall, making it a great time to stock-up. Just be mindful of when frosts typically occurs to ensure plants have enough time to establish before winter.
- **Collect Seeds:** Collecting seeds from your garden is fun, saves you some extra pocket money, and protects plants that do well in our region. Be sure to keep those harvested seeds in a dry and cool place. Also consider sharing with friends and neighbors by making a seed donation to the local Seed and Cutting Library at the Plymouth District Library.
- **Sow Seeds:** Some seeds, like milkweed and purple coneflower, need cold stratification (both cold and moist conditions) to grow in the spring. As a bonus, fall-seeded plants tend to be healthier and bloom sooner than spring-seeded plants.
- **Leave the Leaves:** Much like in the spring, it's best to minimize fall clean-up as leaf debris and standing dead plant matter provide food and shelter for pollinators and other wildlife. Many pollinators, such as swallowtail butterflies and native bees, overwinter in the leaf litter and hollowed out flower stalks.
- **Save the Stems:** Avoid deadheading or cutting plants to provide shelter for insects, as well as future spring nest material for birds and bees. Dried flower heads also provide fall and winter food for birds.

If the idea of leaving the leaves and spent plant matter is a bit too much for you, consider creating a leaf pile in an inconspicuous area in your yard and allow the leaves to break down naturally or add the leaves to your garden beds providing valuable organic matter for healthy soil. After all, leaf debris is nature's mulch. So put down that rake, grab some cider and donuts, and enjoy family, friends, and fall colors.





# Leaf Collection and Brush Chipping

Any City of Plymouth resident or business may utilize curbside bulk leaf pickup. Bulk leaf pickup is a service that is only provided in the fall and allows for the disposal of fallen leaves loose at the curb. A mailer is sent out to notify residents and businesses of the respective pickup weeks. Additionally, signs are posted to remind neighbors of the appropriate weeks.

City crews will pick up your bulk leaves from your curbside during your designated week. Access must be provided from the street. To ensure your leaves are removed quickly and safely, please follow these guidelines:

- Park cars away from leaf piles – car exhaust systems may catch leaves on fire.
- Keep storm drains free of leaves and clear leaves frequently to prevent street flooding.
- Keep grass clippings, small branches, corn stalks, pumpkins, dirt, rocks, firewood, stumps, and root balls separate from bulk leaf piles.
- Keep brush chipping limbs in a separate pile away from leaves.

Brush chipping is a year-round service and allows for the disposal of larger limbs and branches at the curb. No city bags or tags are required for brush pickup. Additionally, there is no need to notify Municipal Services of limbs at the curb.

If your address is in area A, crews will be in your area the first full week of the month.

If your address is in area B, crews will be in your area the second full week of the month.

If your address is in area C, crews will be in your area the third full week of the month.

If your address is in area D, crews will be in your area the fourth full week of the month.

Please see the leaf pickup schedule and area map on the following page. For more information, you may call DMS at 734-453-7737 or email [dms@plymouthmi.gov](mailto:dms@plymouthmi.gov).

# Welcome, Meghan!

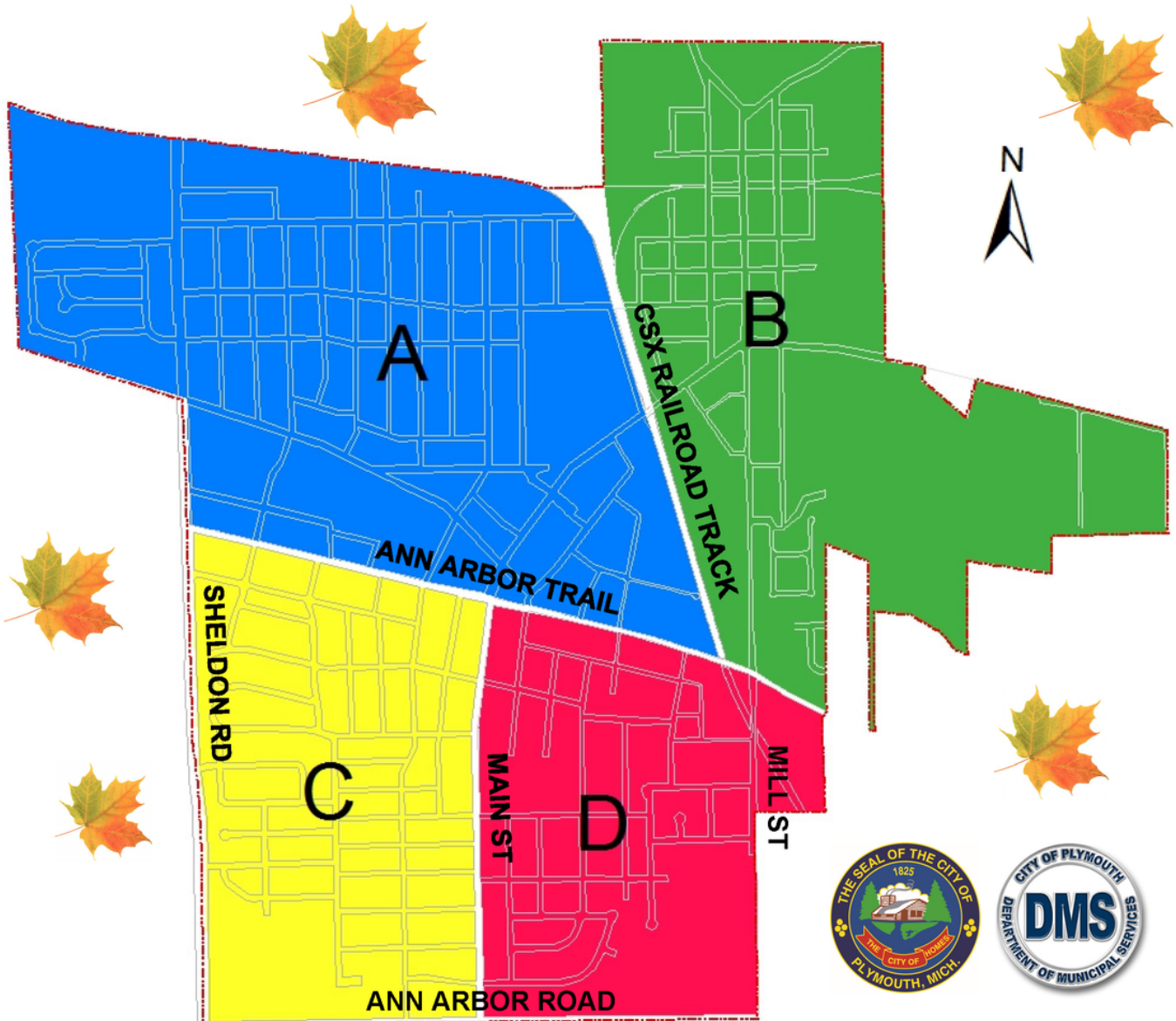


Meghan Oliver has joined Team Plymouth as an administrative assistant in the Downtown Development Authority office. Please give her a warm welcome when you see her out and about!



Did you know that Plymouth City Hall is pet friendly? Moose does! He's shown here paying his water bill and getting a treat. Good boy!

# 2023 CITY OF PLYMOUTH BULK LEAF PICK UP MAP & SCHEDULE



## Definition of Areas

## 2023 Weeks for Bulk Leaf Collection

North of ANN ARBOR TRAIL,  
West of CSX RAILROAD TRACK

AREA **A**

(1) First Pick Up Week: November 13  
(2) Second Pick Up Week: December 11

North of ANN ARBOR TRAIL,  
East of CSX RAILROAD TRACK

AREA **B**

(1) First Pick Up Week: October 23  
(2) Second Pick Up Week: November 20

South of ANN ARBOR TRAIL,  
West of MAIN ST

AREA **C**

(1) First Pick Up Week: October 30  
(2) Second Pick Up Week: November 27

South of ANN ARBOR TRAIL,  
East of MAIN ST

AREA **D**

(1) First Pick Up Week: November 6  
(2) Second Pick Up Week: December 4

# September Board & Commission Synopses

## City Commission –September 5, 2023

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Special Event: Ladies Night Out, Thursday September 21, 2023
- b. Special Event: Scarecrows in the Park, Sept. 22 – Nov. 2, 2023
- c. Special Event: Heroes on Hines, September 30, 2023

### PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Liquor License Transfer within the City – Mily Holding, LLC at Honey Hole 584 Starkweather - approved

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorization to Purchase Brush Chipper - approved

## Historic District Commission - September 6, 2023 - canceled

## Zoning Board of Appeals -September 7, 2023

- a. a. Z 23-10, 189 Hamilton: Side yard setback - approved

## Planning Commission -September 13, 2023

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. SP23-09 – 1020 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Special Land Use and Site Plan Review - postponed

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. Master Plan discussion - no action

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Projections into setbacks ordinance amendments (generator placement edits) - postponed

## Downtown Development Authority –September 11, 2023

- a. Central Parking Deck Lighting - approved

## City Commission -September 18, 2023

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of August 2023 Bills
- b. Special Event: K of C Tootsie Roll Drive, Friday & Saturday 10/6-10/7, 2023
- c. Special Event: Christmas in Plymouth/Mistletoe Market, Thursday-Saturday 12/7, 12/8, 12/9, 2023

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Traffic Control Order 23-1 - approved
- b. Traffic Control Order 23-2 - approved
- c. 2024 Infrastructure Program - approved



At the ribbon cutting for the almost-complete Saxtons Lot: left to right - DDA staff Max Jenkins, Community Development & Planning Director Greta Bolhuis, Assistant DMS Director Adam Gerlach, DDA Chair Kerri Pollard, former mayor Oliver Wolcott, City Commissioners Marques Thomey, Kelly O'Donnell, Alanna Maguire, Linda Filipczak, City Attorney Bob Marzano, Mayor Nick Moroz, Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Deal, Finance Director John Scanlon, Economic Development Director John Buzuvis, DMS Director Chris Porman, DDA Director Sam Plymale



At the ribbon cutting for the newly-completed Cultural Center ADA locker rooms: City Commissioner Marques Thomey, Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Deal, Congresswoman Haley Stevens, State Representative Matt Koleszar, Mayor Nick Moroz, Wayne County Commissioner Melissa Daub



# October Board and Commission Meetings

City Commission - Monday, October 2, 2023- 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89244800105> Passcode: 332093 Webinar ID: 892 4480 0105

Historic District Commission - Canceled

Zoning Board of Appeals -Thursday,October 5, 2023 - 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86942941877> Passcode: 257789 Webinar ID: 869 4294 1877

Downtown Development Authority - Monday, October 9, 2023 - 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84289775620> Passcode: 726385 Webinar ID: 842 8977 5620

Planning Commission - Wednesday, October 11, 2023 - 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87645530778> Passcode: 185373 Webinar ID: 876 4553 0778

City Commission Meeting - Monday, October 16, 2023 - 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88488258362> Passcode: 908331 Webinar ID: 884 8825 8362

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.





# September Police Training

## **FBINAA- MI Chapter Fall Training Conference**

Police Chief and Lieutenant attended this annual conference involving leadership training, officer wellness, a debrief of the 2022 Colleyville Synagogue hostage incident, and 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

## **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.

## **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.

## **BSA Software Update**

Officers and staff attended multiple respective training sessions regarding the update of our in-house finance and payroll software system.

## **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.


## **Medical First Responder Continuing Education**

Certified officers attended Continuing Education training regarding respiratory emergencies and the opioid epidemic. Various medical scenarios were also reviewed.



The City of Plymouth is hosting a DEA Drug Take-Back Program on Saturday, October 28 between 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall lobby. We can only take pills, absolutely nothing else. We cannot accept pill bottles but can take loose pills, pills in a Ziplock bag, and pills in blister packs. All other items will be turned away. If you have any questions, please contact police administration at 734-453-1234 ext.219.

# Passport Day



**Apply for the first time!**

1. Go to [travel.state.gov/passportforms](https://travel.state.gov/passportforms)
2. Choose form **DS-11** (first-time applicant or children)
3. Complete the form and print
4. Bring the form to the event with a passport photo, fees, and documents

**City of Plymouth**  
**Plymouth City Hall**  
**201 S. Main**

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**  
**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

## Apply for a First-Time Passport Without an Appointment!

Typically, you need an appointment to complete an application at a passport acceptance facility. At the request of the U.S. Department of State, we are hosting a Passport Day on Saturday, October 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Plymouth City Hall.

It's important to bring the correct form of payment and documentation. You will need proof of citizenship (original birth certificate with seal or naturalization papers), proof of identity such as a driver's license, a passport photo, and two checks - one made out to the U.S. Department of State and one for \$35 to the City of Plymouth. Please visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) for complete costs and requirements.



# NCFD Open House

## Pay Attention to Fire Prevention

**October 14th**  
**9am - 4pm**  
**Plymouth City**  
**Station 2**  
**201 S Main ST**  
**Plymouth MI**

- Learn about fire prevention and first aid
- Meet your first responders
- Hands-on activities for kids
- See vehicles and equipment



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

**PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST**

**GIFT CARD PRIZES**

QR Code to register



**Two Contests**  
12 & Under  
13 - 17 Years Old

Pumpkins must be dropped off at the  
Plymouth Cultural Center by Oct. 26 at  
4 p.m. \*Pumpkins will be returned\*

**Voting at Kellogg Park**  
Thursday, Oct. 26, 6-8 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 27, 3-5 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Parent/Guardian must register online**  
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)

# Freestyle Skating Drop-In Sessions

(for Intermediate & Advanced level skaters)



**Sept. 14, 2023 to Dec. 14, 2023\***

**Thursday Mornings**  
**9:00 am - 11:00 am**

\$15.00 for 50 minutes of ice time per skater that day (minimum)  
\$7.50 for an additional 30 minutes of ice time that day

- Individual Instructors on the ice are included in the skaters daily fee
- Sound system on a first come, first serve basis
- Limit of 18 skaters on ice at any one time
- No Power Skating lessons allowed on Freestyle Drop-In Sessions

\*Check City web page at: [www.plymouthmi.gov](http://www.plymouthmi.gov)  
for cancellations due to holidays and special events

Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofplymouthrecreation](https://www.facebook.com/cityofplymouthrecreation)



525 Farmer Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 455-6620

## Plymouth Cultural Center Fall 2023 Open Skate Schedule \*

Mondays and Thursdays  
11:50 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

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

A limited number of skates available.  
Arena equipment may be used on a  
first come, first served basis  
and may not be reserved.

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

# 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

# OCTOBER

calling the reservation line Mon-Fri from 8:30am-11:30am.

## (734)459-8888

**OCTOBER 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
10/4	IKEA, Kohl's, Home Goods, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Goodwill or Joann Fabrics	\$10	10am	1pm
10/6	WALMART	\$10	9am	12pm
10/11	LIVONIA BIG BOYS ~ MIN. 6 RIDERS ~	\$6	9am	12pm
10/13	MEIJER	\$10	9am	12pm
10/18	PLYMOUTH ORCHARD & CIDER MILL ~ MIN. 6 RIDERS ~	\$6	9am	12pm
10/20	DOLLAR TREE	\$10	9am	12pm
10/25	PLYMOUTH ORCHARD & CIDER MILL ~ MIN. 6 RIDERS ~	\$6	9am	12pm
10/27	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*ALL Canton Medical Facilities</li> <li>*Livonia Medical Center on Schoolcraft College Campus</li> <li>*Livonia St. Mary Hospital &amp; Medical Facilities across from St. Mary</li> <li>*Livonia Beaumont Urgent Care - Haggerty Square</li> <li>*U of M Northville (7 Mile / Haggerty Location)</li> </ul>	\$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