

Plymouth PULSE

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January 2024

Taking Plymouth to the Next Level



"Your city is remarkable! It's clear why people want to move here." Those were the words of author and community builder Doug Griffiths when he spent three days in December with community leaders, elected officials, city administration, and the public. The meetings set the groundwork for the City Commission to set one-year tasks at their strategic planning session in January.

At the community leader summit, pictured at the left, a broad range of government, private sector, and non-profit representatives discussed what they love and what they think needs improvement in the city. The sense of community, safety, walkability and philosophy of cooperation were among the strengths mentioned.

Challenges listed included trains, a lack of diversity, and a perceived housing shortage. A communications strategy for the future was recommended.

One area that particularly impressed Griffiths was the work culture. "You have an amazing culture with your employees," he said. "Don't change anything about your culture."

City Manager Paul Sincock said the city brought Griffiths in to help guide the future. "It takes an entire community that is service based to create what we have here in Plymouth," he said. "We did this becuase it's important to do a self-examination of your community to prepare for the next generation."

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2 for the New Year holiday.

Presidential Primary Election February 27

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY - TUESDAY, FEB. 27

o Mail and Online Registration Closes: Monday, Feb 12

o In-Person Registration: Tuesday, Feb. 13 -Tuesday, Feb. 27 (must have proof of residency)

WHEN DOES EARLY VOTING START?

o Early voting will be available starting with the February 2024 Presidential Primary. o The hours of operation for early voting will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for nine (9) consecutive days beginning Saturday February 17, 2024 through Sunday February 25, 2024.

o The Early Voting location will be the same as it is for Election Day at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth, MI 48170

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

o Voters who have chosen to be on the Permanent Ballot List (new this year) were mailed a Ballot Selection Form for the upcoming Presidential Primary. Since these voters have requested to automatically receive ballots and there are three different ballots to choose from, you must make a selection for a ballot and return this form to us. If you do not want a ballot for this election, you must let us know that also in writing. o Voters who have not been added to the above list will receive an Absentee Ballot Application as they have for previous elections. Please let us know which ballot type you would like to receive.

o All Absentee Ballot Selection Forms and Absentee Ballot Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday February 26, 2024. All ballots requested on this day must be voted in person at the clerk's office.

o An individual may apply for AV ballot in person at the clerk's office on Election Day, but only if registering to vote or updating the voter registration address.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

o PERMANENT APPLICATION LIST : As a registered voter on the Permanent 'Application' List, you will receive a ballot application as in past elections that you complete and return to us in order to get a ballot. On this application, you will see a red checkbox on the right-hand side that will place you on the permanent ballot list if you would like to be added to this.

o PERMANENT BALLOT LIST : Recently, voters chose the option to receive ballots without completing an application. The permanent ballot list means you will automatically be mailed an absentee ballot every time there is an election, without having to submit an application. You must request to be on this list. If you are already on this list and decide you no longer want to be on this list, you must request to be removed in writing at the clerk's office.

o BALLOT SELECTION FORM : Because this election is a Presidential Primary, there are three types of ballots to choose from: Republican, Democrat, or Non-Partisan. The Ballot Selection Form allows you to choose the style of ballot you would like to receive and cast your vote with. These forms are NOT used to register party affiliations.

*Please be aware that many different third-party associations could send you multiple applications in an effort to increase voter turnout. Please only return the forms that are from the City Clerk.

Plymouth City and Township Police Officers No Shave November/December

You may be wondering why you've seen so many police officers in both the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township wearing beards when normally you never see a person with a beard in a police uniform. For the past several years, officers from both agencies have been participating in what has come to be known as "No Shave November/December." In order to participate, officers must make a donation to the year's designated charity which then permits them to wear a well-groomed beard for the months of November and December. All money raised is given to the designated charity before year's end. This annual event has become a tradition in both departments and is highly anticipated by officers.

The designated charity for 2023 is The Miracle League of Plymouth, which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing children with physical and mental disabilities an opportunity to play organized baseball. This league is non-competitive, with all players getting to bat and circle the bases each inning. Only a few fields exist in the State of Michigan, and we are privileged to have one located within the City of Plymouth.



Officers from both departments raised a total of \$2,150 for this organization. Checks were presented to Executive Director Stacey Diefenbach by Police Chiefs Al Cox and Jim Knittel at Bilkie Field on December 22nd. Accompanying the chiefs were Plymouth Township Administrative Assistant Glenn Miller and officers from both departments sporting their beards.

Code Enforcement

Our code enforcement officer has been busy these past few months, evidenced by the November and December statistics. During that time period, the officer performed 108 inspections and received 65 complaints, resulting in 34 formal violations.

There were eight solid waste violations, eight zoning ordinance violations, eight property maintenance violations, six "no permit" violations, two tree violations and one each of front yard parking and an inoperable vehicle.

"A large part of our code enforcement effort is educating property owners about the various rules and regulations in an informal way so that they can address any violations without receiving official notice," said Economic Development Director John Buzuvis. "Our goal is always ordinance compliance and that is best achieved through proactive enforcement, education, and communication," he added.

December 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.

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.

Pistol Training/Qualification

One of multiple annual firearms qualification and training days.

Defensive Tactics Officers completed recertification in PPCT Management Systems training.

Sage Less-Lethal

Officers completed recertification in operation of the 37mm less-lethal launcher.

Tactical Casualty Care

Officers completed training in the delivery of specialized adjunct tactical emergency medical care to casualties of active shooter and terrorism events, including both fellow officers and civilians.

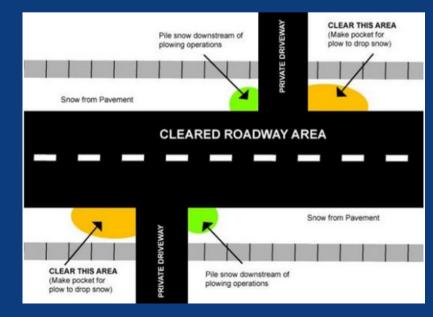
MCOLES Annual Firearms Standard for Active Law Enforcement Officers

Officers completed the annual firearms standard training required by MCOLES. This training includes modules regarding legal updates, decision making, use of force standards, and more.

Snow Removal Reminder

The snowfall ends and you bundle up to shovel your driveway so you can get to work in the morning. The next thing you know, a snowplow comes by and you have another big job ahead as the plow leaves a mound of snow at the end of your driveway.

Many of us have had that happen, but it's not inevitable! If you clear the area adjacent to your driveway on the side where traffic approaches and place your shoveled snow on the opposite side, as shown in the graphic to the right, you can reduce or eliminate this annoyance.



December Boards and Commissions

City Commission –December 4, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA Special Event: Meet Santa in Starkweather Park – Sunday, December 10, 2023

NEW BUSINESS Authorization to Hire – Municipal Services Department - approved Adoption of the Snow and Ice Policy - approved Bob's Soup Talk - information only

Historic District Commission Meeting - December 6, 2023

H23-07 330 S. Main – Highline Spirits: Renovation of façade, new lighting and signage - approved Delegation of Administrative Approvals - no action

Zoning Board of Appeals - December 7, 2023

Z 23-11 - 1185 Carol: Lot coverage and accessory structure located in an easement - denied Z 23-12-451 Starkweather: side yard setback - approved

Downtown Development Authority -December 11, 2023

DDA 5-Year Strategic Planning Proposal - approved 2024 Meeting Schedule - approved

Planning Commission - December 13, 2023

SP23-09: 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road – Special Land Use and Site Plan Review - no action Master Plan Discussion - no action

City Commission - December 18, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA Special Event: 41st Annual Plymouth Ice Festival- Friday- Sunday February 2-4, 2024 Special Event: Spring Artisan Market- Saturday, April 20, 2024 Special Event: PraiseFest in Kellogg Park- Sunday, June 2, 2024 Approval of November 2023 Bills

NEW BUSINESS Recreation Master Plan - approved State Highway Permit - approved

January Board & Commission Meetings

City Commission - Wednesday, January 3, 2024 - 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87289854781 Passcode: 362116 Webinar ID: 872 8985 4781

Historic District Commission - Wednesday, January 3 2024 - CANCELED

Zoning Board of Appeals - Thursday, January 4, 2024 7 p.m. In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81585164743 Passcode: 767048 Webinar ID: 815 8516 4743

Downtown Development Authority - Monday, January 8, 2024 In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86105695934 Passcode: 688006 Webinar ID: 861 0569 5934

Planning Commission - Wednesday, January 10, 2024- 7 p.m. In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89819167299 Passcode: 828736 Webinar ID: 898 1916 7299

City Commission Meeting - Tuesday, January 16, 20216 - 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83460778656 Passcode: 320900 Webinar ID: 834 6077 8656





Recreation Opportunities



Youth Soccer

Open registration takes place in the month of January!

Last day of in-office registration is January 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Recreation Department Hours Monday – Friday 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For youth soccer information, visit the recreation page at plymouthmi.gov or use the QR code below.



First time doing online registration? To set up an account and receive a user name and password, e-mail us at recreation@plymouthmi.gov

Open Skating

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

Sundays 7:00 p.m.– 8:20 p.m.

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

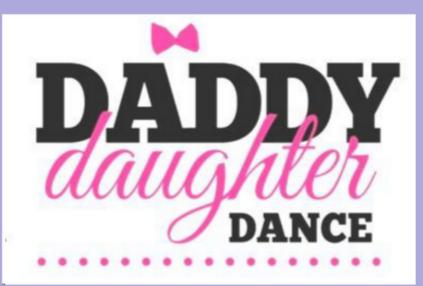
No Open Skate January 1

* 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.



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



Dads, uncles, grandfathers, and guardians

Dance the night away with your little lady!

Friday, February 2, 2024 or Saturday, February 3, 2024

6:30-8:30 p.m.



\$35 family admission for you and your daughter(s) includes light refreshments and arts & crafts

Music & Dancing provided by Dramatic Dimensions Entertainment

First time using online registration? To set up an account and receive a user name and password, email us at recreation@plymouthmi.gov If you already have an account, use the QR code to register.



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



Next date Friday, January 12

Monthly, 6:30 p.m. start Doors open at 6 p.m. Where **Plymouth Cultural Center**

When

Categories

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

> How much? FREE TO PLAY!

Alcohol available for purchase (21+) QR code to register. Only a team "captain"

Bring your own food

First time doing online registration?

To set up an account and receive a user name and password,

email us at recreation@plymouthmi.gov



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 48 hours (2 business days) in advance & can be made by calling the reservation line Mon-Fri from 8:30am-11:30am.

734-459-8888

JANUARY 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

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DATE		DESTINATIONS			COST	PICK UP TIMES		RETURN TIMES	
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		Goodwill or Joann Fabrics							
1/5		WALMART			\$10	9am		l 2pm	
1/10		CONNOR'S FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT			\$4	10am			
1/12		MEIJER			\$10	9am		l 2pm	
1/17			I 2 OAKS			9am		lpm	
1/19		DO	LLAR TREE		\$10	9am		l 2pm	
1/26	6		MEIJER		\$10	9am		l 2pm	
MEDICAL SCHEDULE — <u>WE ONLY TRANSPORT TO WELL APPOINTMENTS</u>									
*First pick up is at 9am / *Must be finished with your appointment by 2:30 p.m.									
<u>SERVICE DAYS</u>		DESTINATIONS				<u>COST</u>	SERVICE HOURS		
		*ALL Canton Medical Facilities							
MONDAY		*Livonia Medical Center on Schoolcraft College Campus							
THROUGH		*Livonia St. Mary Hospital & Medical Facilities across from St. Mary					\$10	9am-2:30pm	
FRIDAY		*Livonia Beaumont Urgent Care - Haggerty Square							
		*U of M Northville (7 Mile / Haggerty Location)							
M-W-F		Novi Providence Park \$6					\$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.									
<u>DAYS</u>		DESTINATIONS	<u>COST</u>	<u>pick up time</u>		<u>RETURN TIMES</u>			
MONDAY		BUSCH'S	\$4	9am		2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF			
TUESDAY		KROGER	\$4	9am		2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF			
WEDNESDAY		FRESH THYME	\$10	9am		I OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF			
THURSDAY		KROGER	\$4	9am	I OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF				
SENIOR TRANSPORTATION AND FRIENDSHIP STATION WILL BE									
<u>CLOSED</u> ON:									
Monday, January 1- New Year's eve Observed									
TUESDAY 2 - JANUARY 2 NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED									

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 - M L KING DAY