



Plymouth PULSE



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City Staff Training: We've got each other's back!

On December 17, all City of Plymouth staff members gathered at 7:30 a.m. to celebrate the year's accomplishments and to look forward to the year ahead.

After listing a host of accomplishments, City Manager Paul Sincock pointed out that the reason we are so successful, despite needing to do more with less, was that no matter what department we work in, we have each other's back. When something needs to be done, it's all hands on deck. No one person or one department is ever left hanging.

For example, in the early days of the pandemic, everyone in our organization became a first responder. The motto became, "Adapt and Overcome."

With this mindset, we were able to keep our doors open and provide nearly all of our services without a hiccup. We changed shift coverage and split into teams to keep virus exposure to a minimum. We worked with businesses to help them keep their doors open as well.



We changed the way payments were processed and allowed the use of the Plymouth Cultural Center for food distribution, blood drives and vaccine clinics.

"We've got something special here in the City of Plymouth," said Mayor Nick Moroz. "There's no doubt about it - our staff is our strength."

2021 Department Accomplishments

Department of Municipal Services

- Completed the most technical road project to date in the City of Plymouth (Harvey St.)
- Swept 3,750 miles - equal to the distance of the Great Wall of China
- Replaced two dump trucks with one swap loader
- Chipped over 3,000 cubic yards of brush
- Collected 7,500 cubic yards of leaves - equal to the volume of the Goodyear Blimp
- Distributed over 422 million gallons of water
- Completed more than 100 internments at Riverside Cemetery

City Clerk's Office

- Conducted four elections during the pandemic - including one at the ice arena to allow social distancing
- Generated \$7,000 in income through passport processing

Police Department

- Responded to 11,535 calls for service
- Driven over 75,000 miles
- Completed 1,930 hours of training
- Partnered with Rotary and Kiwanis on grants to help fund a critical response group with Canton and Plymouth Township for detailed mapping of P-CEP for emergency situations
- Partnered with the City of Northville and Northville Township to have a grant-funded police clinician embedded in the department

Finance Department

- Processed 19,154 transactions
- Won a national budget document award for the third year in a row

Community Development

- Processed 89 major building permits for \$14 million in development
- Working with developers to complete future Phase Two of the Pulte project, the Saxton's development, Scooter's Coffee, Starkweather School homes and Slider's Sidecar
- Helped businesses with outdoor patio seating

Fire Department

- Responded to more than 1,000 runs
- Hosted a fire academy with 18 graduates

DDA

- Partnered with the Detroit Institute of Arts for a sculpture downtown
- Completed brick repair at a cost of \$5,000
- Broadcast 14 Friday night concerts
- Assisted with business recovery

Recreation

- Hosted multiple vaccine clinics, blood drives, and food distribution events

Staff Accomplishments

20 Years of Service

Trish Bridges
Sgt. Chris Lahtinen
Officer Matt Stoops

15 Years of Service

John Buzuvis
Lisa Hominga

10 Years of Service

Sgt. Dave Edwards

5 Years of Service

Dave Cirilli
Jennifer Dergis

1 Year of Service

Brian Ronayne
John Segura

Completed Police Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University

Sgt. Josh Carroll

Completed Master's Degree

Steven Hoy

Accepted into Dental School

Colin Murphy



Rotary Police Officer of the Year James Baber



Officer James Baber (left) and Chief Al Cox

Rotary Fire Fighter of the Year Alan Prieur



Alan Prieur (left) and Chief Matt Samhat

"Whatever we accomplish belongs to our entire group, a tribute to our combined effort."

-Walt Disney

Masks and Vaccines

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that everyone, regardless of vaccine status, wear a mask indoors in areas of substantial or high community transmission. In accordance with this, we are asking visitors to all City of Plymouth facilities to mask up. The CDC also recommends frequent hand washing and physical distancing from others as prevention strategies.

Those who wish to receive a vaccine or booster can find a site on [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). Simply go to the website, enter your zip code and the type of vaccine you want and the distance you're willing to travel. A recent search showed the following locations within five miles of Plymouth.



Rite Aid #RA103657
800 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth

Rite Aid #RA104320
37399 Six Mile Rd, Livonia

Walgreens Co. #6550
44300 Ford Rd, Canton

Meijer #068
37201 Warren Rd, Westland

Walgreens Co. #4933
8850 Newburgh Rd, Livonia

CVS Pharmacy, Inc. #08190
45300 Cherry Hill Rd, Canton

Meijer #032
45001 Ford Rd, Canton

CVS Pharmacy, Inc. #08009
133 E Dunlap St, Northville

Sams Club #10-6666
39800 Ford Rd, Canton

Kroger Pharmacy #01800691
36430 Ford Rd, Westland

Walmart Inc #10-3476
39500 Ford Rd, Canton

Costco Wholesale Corporation #391
20000 Haggerty Rd, Livonia

Ray's Drugs
37672 Professional Center Dr #130b

Meijer #054
20401 Haggerty Rd, Northville

Walgreens Co. #10359
17001 Newburgh Rd, Livonia

CVS Pharmacy, Inc. #16309
20100 Haggerty Rd, Livonia

Dog Licenses

All dogs older than four months must have a dog license and owner information on file at City Hall. Please note that all dog licenses, regardless of when purchased, expire on December 31 of every year. It's recommended that you renew licenses before they expire on December 31 for a fee of \$5. On January 1 and beyond, the cost to renew is \$10. Apply in person at City Hall or online at <https://plymouthmi.gov/doglicense>. You must provide proof of rabies vaccination.

When the weather outside is frightful...

...you can count on your City's Department of Municipal Services! Crews plow all snow accumulations of 4" or more and use a combination of salt and brine to keep the ice at bay.

The effectiveness of the snow plow, however, is impacted greatly by the actions of property owners when moving snow out of their driveways and sidewalks. Please do not push, blow, plow, throw or otherwise place the snow in the street. Most importantly for the efficiency of our plows, do not push snow back into the street after the plow has been down your street. Pushing snow into the street is against our code of ordinances, and offenders face a minimum fine of \$150.00.



To help limit the amount of snow that ends up in your driveway, clear a section of the street along the curb before your driveway to create a place for the snow to end up. This will reduce the amount that ends up in front of your drive.

Ensure that your sidewalks are clear within 24 hours of the end of snowfall. Promptly remove all snow and ice to ensure you and your neighbors can safely walk throughout the City and to limit your liability in the case of an accident. Snow and ice left on the sidewalks is a public safety hazard and is against our ordinance.

Please remove snow from edge to edge and from property line to property line including the entire approach to any crosswalks. Failure to maintain your sidewalks in a safe condition will result in the City removing the snow and/or ice and billing you for the removal.

Owners of corner lots must clear both frontage streets in their entirety. In addition, please do not push snow from the sidewalks into the crosswalk. Ensure that all crosswalks are clear and that pedestrians have a safe path from the sidewalk, without having to step over a pile of snow.

In the event of a snow emergency...

...no parking is allowed on any public street. Vehicles left on the street during a snow emergency may be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense. When a snow emergency is declared, residents and businesses are notified by email if they have subscribed at plymouthmi.gov/notifyme. Snow emergencies are also posted on the home page of our website at plymouthmi.gov and on our social media pages.

Winter driving tips from the Michigan Secretary of State



Please remember to keep catch basins clear of water and debris so melting snow has a place to go.

Keep the area around fire hydrants clear of snow. In an emergency, seconds matter!

Make sure your vehicle is in good working order.

Have working wiper blades

Fill up on antifreeze and window-washer fluid

Check for proper tire inflation

Ensure your battery has sufficient charge

Keep an emergency kit ready in your vehicle. It should include:

A blanket or warm clothes (boots, coat, gloves)

A flashlight

Jumper cables

Tow rope

Shovel

Bag of sand or cat litter for traction

Battery-operated radio

State map to use in case of a detour

Snacks such as raisins, candy bars or other items that store well

To avoid slipping off the roadway, drive more slowly and give yourself more room to stop.

Brake gently to prevent skidding

If your vehicle does get stuck:

Never spin your wheels. That only digs the tires in more deeply

Use a shovel to dig around the wheels and undercarriage

Turn the steering wheel from side to side to clear snow away from the front tires

Gently ease the vehicle out

If that doesn't work, try rocking the vehicle by shifting into forward and giving it some gas and then shifting it into reverse and accelerating until the vehicle is free

Let other people know your travel plans so if you don't arrive they'll know where to start looking.

Tell people the route you plan to take

Make sure your vehicle has fresh air if you become stuck by checking the exhaust system to see if it's plugged by snow.

Open a window or turn off your car if necessary

Carbon monoxide produced by your vehicle is a colorless, odorless gas that can kill

Check the news for weather reports or visit weather sites such as www.weather.gov.

Recreation

Spring Youth Soccer

Open registration for spring soccer runs the entire month of January. Registration will be online or in person at the recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer. The office is open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



For more information, you may email us at recreation@plymouthmi.gov or visit our website at <https://plymouthmi.gov/soccer>.

Winter Adult Cornhole League



The Winter Cornhole League is full. We are still taking online wait lists for the winter session starting January 6. Register for the wait list through the online registration link listed below. Check back soon for information about upcoming spring Thursday league AND a new spring Monday league starting in late February 2022.

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena 525 Farmer Plymouth, MI 48170

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.

Online registration at <https://web1.myvscloud.com/wbwsc/miplymouthwt.wsc/splash.html>

December Boards and Commissions

Historic District Commission Meeting December 1, 2021

OLD BUSINESS

- a. H21-08, 844 Penniman, The Post Local Bistro: Patio expansion - approved

NEW BUSINESS

- a. H21-09, 320 S. Main: Paint color change - withdrawn

Zoning Board of Appeals December 2, 2021

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Z21-19: 1115 S. Main, non-use variances to not provide a landscape buffer and to not provide screening for the air conditioning condenser - approved with conditions

City Commission –December 6, 2021

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of November 13, 2021 Study Session-Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of November 15, 2021 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. Special Event: Wreaths Across America, Tuesday December 18, 2021

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Final Payment – Pro-Line 2019/2020 - Dewey - approved
- b. Wilson Foundation Grant Application – Resolution of Support - approved
- c. Strategic Plan 2022-2026 - tabled
- d. Fire Truck Purchase - approved

Planning Commission –December 8, 2021

OLD BUSINESS

- a. SP21-05: 1490 W. Ann Arbor Rd.: Scooter's Coffee, Revised Special Land Use and Site Plan Review - approved with conditions

NEW BUSINESS

- a. SP21-08: 885 Fralick: Westborn Market, Site Plan Review for Parking Lot Expansion/Reconfiguration, Sidewalk and Landscaping - tabled

Downtown Development Authority –December 13, 2021

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mayor Introduction and City Strategic Plan Update

City Commission-December 20, 2021

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of December 6, 2021 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of November 2021 Bills

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Final Payment to Audia Construction - approved
- b. Emergency Replacement of Water Meter Reader -approved
- c. Pedestrian Improvements- RRFB Crossing Light Authorization - 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



Visit Us Online

www.plymouthmi.gov

December Board and Commission Meeting Links

January 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 either in person or via the Zoom links provided at the right.

City Commission - January 3, 2022 7:00 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89254007432>
Passcode: 346425 Webinar ID: 892 5400 7432

Historic District Commission - January 5, 2022 -CANCELED

Zoning Board of Appeals - January 6, 2022 - CANCELED

Planning Commission Meeting -January 12, 2022 7:00 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84857641819>
Passcode: 296754 Webinar ID: 848 5764 1819

Downtown Development Authority - January 10, 2022 7:00 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87150743229>
Passcode: 301289 Webinar ID: 871 5074 3229

City Commission Meeting - TUESDAY January 18, 2022 7:00 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85861956265>
Passcode: 405668 Webinar ID: 858 6195 6265

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

Find more information and apply at:
www.waynecounty.com/rentalassistance



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201 S. Main
Plymouth, MI 48170
248-453-1234
plymouthmi.gov

Office Hours
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday- Friday

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.

She was a 1913 graduate of Plymouth High School and later worked as a teacher and debate coach at the school. She fought against school policies that discriminated against married women and eventually left the district in protest. She remained, however, a leader in the Plymouth community, championing the improvement of inhumane conditions at a local juvenile detention center and addressing environmental and beautification concerns in the City.

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.

Past Award Winners

2020 Debra Madonna

2021 Jim Jabara

Plymouth Community Senior Transportation

WELCOME

Happy New Year

2022

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!!!

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

JAN	DESTINATIONS	COST	PICK UP TIMES	RETURN TIMES
5	IKEA, Kohl's, Home Goods, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Goodwill, Joann Fabrics, or Bed Bath & Beyond	\$6	10am - 11am	1pm
7	WALMART	\$6	9am - 10am	12pm
12	12 OAKS MALL	\$6	9am - 10am	1pm
14	MEIJER	\$6	9am - 10am	12pm
21	DOLLAR TREE (CANTON)	\$6	9am - 10am	12pm
28	MEIJER	\$6	9am - 10am	12pm

MEDICAL SCHEDULE & FEES - WE ONLY TRANSPORT TO ROUTINE WELL APPOINTMENTS

*First pick up is at 9am / *Must be finished with your appointment by 2:30 p.m.

Please be ready 30 minutes prior to your scheduled pick up.

DAYS	DESTINATIONS	COST
MON-FRI	Canton Medical Facilities, Livonia St. Mary Hospital & Medical Facilities across from St. Mary & U of M Northville (7 Mile / Haggerty Location)	\$6
MON / WED / FRI	Novi Providence Park	\$6

GROCERY DAYS - 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
TUES & THURS	KROGER	\$2	9am - 10am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
WEDNESDAY	FRESH THYME	\$6	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF

••If Senior Transportation is CLOSED due to Inclement 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.

••SENIOR TRANSPORTATION WILL BE CLOSED

January 17, 2022 (Monday) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day