

Plymouth PULSE ______

City of Plymouth

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Music and Shopping and Art, Oh My!

The past 15 months have tested our patience in ways we could never have imagined. Sometimes, we were afraid life as we knew it would never be the same. But now, we can see a light at the end of the tunnel, and we are ready to start enjoying small town life again.

One of the things Plymouth residents missed the most was spending summer evenings in Kellogg Park listening to music and chatting with friends. Until only a few weeks ago, the Downtown Development Authority was uncertain how to bring back Music in the Air, since Michigan Department of Health and Human Services regulations prohibited outdoor gatherings with more than 300 in attendance. With the news that that restriction was being lifted, the concert lineup, shown on the following page, was announced at a virtual event on May 28.

The news was also welcome to the Plymouth Community Band, which will perform at Kellogg Park on Thursday evenings at 7:30 from June 3 to July 29 and to the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the organizers of Wilcox Wednesdays concerts at noon in Kellogg Park from June 30-September 1.

And this summer, ART IN THE PARK IS BACK! This signature event, now in its 41st year, will feature over 400 artists from around the U.S. offering a stunning array of creative works on July 9, 10 and 11.

Throughout the season, the Farmers Market on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., outdoor patio and indoor dining, and unique retail establishments will be open, getting us out of the house and reminding us why we chose Plymouth as our home. Summer in Plymouth is back.

*As always, events are subject to cancellation due to changing pandemic regulations. Please check our website at https://plymouthmi.gov often for up-to-date information.







Summer Fun in DTP



June

3	Plymouth Community Band
4	Music in the Air-Bobby Murray, Band Feat, Lenny Watkins
10	Plymouth Community Band
11	Music in the Air - Dale Hicks Band
17	Plymouth Community Band
18	Music in the Air - Chris Canas Band
24	Plymouth Community Band
25	Music in the Air- Atomic Radio

August

30 Wilcox Wednesday Concert - Noon

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4	Wilcox Wednesday Concert - Noon
6	Music in the Air-Power Play Detroit
11	Wilcox Wednesday Concert - Noon
13	Music in the Air-Geff Phillips and Friends
18	Wilcox Wednesday Concert - Noon
20	Music in the Air-Steve King and the Dittilies
25	Wilcox Wednesday Concert - Noon
27	Music in the Air - Bugs Beddow & The Good Stuff

July				
	1	Plymouth Community Band		
	2	Music in the Air -Main Street Soul		
	7	Wilcox Wednesday Concert - Noon		
	9-11	Art in the Park		
	14	Wilcox Wednesday Concert - Noon		
	15	Plymouth Community Band		
	16	Music in the Air-The Shawn Riley Band		
	21	Wilcox Wednesday Concert - Noon		
	22	Plymouth Community Band		
	23	Music in the Air - Magic Bus		
	28	Wilcox Wednesday Concert - Noon		
	29	Plymouth Community Band		
	30	Music in the Air-Larry Lee and the Back in the Day Band		
	30	Inside Out Sales		

September

Wilcox Wednesday Concert - Noon

31 Inside Out Sales

Music in the Air - Randy Brock Group

Porman Takes on Additional Duties

City Municipal Services Director Chris Porman has taken on additional duties in a new dual role as Assistant City Manager/Director of Municipal Services. In making the appointment, City Manager Paul Sincock indicated that the City Commission has made succession planning a priority in the City's formal five-year strategic plan.

On several occasions, Sincock has appointed Porman to serve as Acting City Manager when he has been out of town. "The City is really a 25-million-dollar municipal corporation and just like any private corporation it is critical to have a clearly defined succession plan for the Chief Administrative Officer in the event of an emergency," said Sincock.

In addition to filling in for Sincock when he is out of town and being in charge of the Department of Municipal Services, Porman will have the added responsibilities of reviewing the City's overall administrative structure to see if there are some possible efficiencies or departmental consolidation or re-allocations that could lead to potential cost savings in the long term. "As the City's budget continues to be squeezed by the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A," added Sincock, "We need to be proactive in looking for additional ways to have our processes be potentially more efficient."



Assistant City Manager/Director of Municipal Services Chris Porman giving a presentation at a recent conference

Porman holds a master's degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University, as well as a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. He is active nationally in the American Public Works Association and was chosen as one of their Young Emerging Leaders in 2009. He has been a presenter at conferences and educational seminars, both nationally and internationally. The new title and emphasis on administrative structure will allow the city to broaden and enhance his administrative and supervisory skills, which is another priority in the City's strategic plan.

In 2017 and 2018 Porman worked as a "dual" Director of Municipal Services for both Plymouth and Northville to assist Northville during a transition period. As a part of his role, Chris wrote an extensive report on organizational observations and recommendations for the Northville Public Works Department, prior to the expiration of the temporary agreement between the two cities.

"This opportunity will present some new challenges to Chris and help with his continued professional development," said Mayor Oliver Wolcott. "We're excited to see what he can do."

Porman's appointment became effective on May 24, 2021.

Road Construction Project Updates

Hartsough between Harvey and McKinley

Sewer connections and service lines are being completed.

Jener between Linden and Wing

Contractors are anticipated to begin setting the road base the week of June 7.

Harvey from Ann Arbor Trail to Penniman - complete reconstruct including new water mains, new sanitary sewers, new storm sewers and new surface. In addition, there will be signal upgrades at Penniman and Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

Work will begin in mid-July, after Art in the Park.

Penniman - repair/replace retaining wallsWork will begin mid-July or August

Ann Arbor Trail - repair/replace retaining walls
Work will begin mid-July or August



Prior to the beginning of street construction projects, Department of Municipal Services crews will hand deliver and post information packets to residents who live in the area. They will also conduct resident meetings.

Downtown Crosswalks Explained

The crossing signal at the intersection of Main St. and Ann Arbor Trail was recently upgraded as a way to increase safety for pedestrians. The signals give pedestrians a head start over vehicles in order to increase their visibility to drivers of turning vehicles. Here's how they work.

When pedestrians reach the intersection and wish to cross the street, they must push the button on the sign post. Doing so will activate a walk signal at the next light change a few seconds before vehicles get a green light. The signal will then give a countdown indicating how much time they have to finish crossing. Technically, once the countdown clock starts, pedestrians cannot legally enter the crosswalk in order to make it across before the countdown gets to zero.

If the pedestrian does not push the button, the walk signal will not be activated and the "don't cross" signal will remain on. The only way to get a walk signal and extra time to safely cross the street is to push the button. Although the new signals are different, they'll soon become second nature. It shouldn't take too many missed walk signals to remember - all you've got to do is push the button.



Whose Turn?

Speaking of intersections, what we learned in driver's education sometimes seems to go out the window at a four-way stop sign. Typically, drivers want to be polite and wave others through, but that's not what is supposed to happen. The State of Michigan booklet "What Every Driver Must Know" states the following:

The driver who arrived at the intersection and stopped first has the right of way through the intersection. If two or more vehicles reached the intersection at the same time, the vehicle on the left should yield to the vehicle on its right.



New Fire Truck Enhances Fleet



The City of Plymouth recently took delivery of a new Rosenbauer Commander full size fire engine to replace an older truck that was sold. The new pumper can hold 1,000 gallons of water, and when connected to a water source, can supply 1,500 gallons a minute.

"The addition of this new engine in Plymouth helps to keep it one of the most modern fleets in the area," said Fire Chief Steve Ott. "All of our firefighting apparatus is from 2014 or newer. This fire engine becomes the third Rosenbauer brand truck at our Plymouth Stations, which helps our personnel be able to operate multiple trucks without having to worry about significant differences in design."

Police Department May Training

Patrol Rifle Qualification & Training

One of multiple annual firearms qualification and training days.

Western Wayne County Mobile Field Force Team Training

Team members attended 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 this 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.

Joint Plymouth City-Township Honor Guard Training

Newly created honor guard unit composed of City and Township officers participated in monthly training.

2021 Legal Update Training

Officers attended training regarding new and revised laws.

Vaccination Clinics

Since March, more than 6,000 COVID vaccines have been administered at the Plymouth Cultural Center through a unique partnership between the City of Plymouth and Rite Aid. The retailer provides the vaccines and the City of Plymouth provides the organizing, the facility and the volunteers, many of whom were Plymouth Rotarians.

Just for visualization purposes, approximately 9,000 people live in the City of Plymouth.

That's a lot of shots for a small community!

Rite Aid Pharmacist Ornella Saad said, "I'm grateful and proud of our partnership with the City of Plymouth. Our goal was to make the COVID vaccine accessible to anyone who wanted it."

Recognizing that our "community" extends far beyond Plymouth's borders, the administration decided to provide vaccines without a residency requirement.

"None of this would have been possible without the outstanding team work of this special community," said Saad. "The team and I had the pleasure of directly working with (IT-HR Director) Tom Alexandris, (City Manager) Paul Sincock, the Fire Department, EMTs, and many volunteers. It's been an extremely rewarding experience and I look forward to continuing this partnership and protecting more lives."



No tears! Plymouth resident Jose Jung receives his COVID vaccine from a Rite Aid pharmacist

American Red Cross Blood Drives

Wednesday June 2 9-2:45 Summit on the Park/Connection Church 3855 S. Sheldon Rd, Canton

Thursday June 10 8-1:45 Our Lady of Good Counsel Church 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Tuesday June 15 9-2:45 Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer St., Plymouth

Wednesday June 16 Plymouth Manor 10-2:45 345 N. Main St., Plymouth

Thursday June 17 10-3:45 Friendship Church 1240 Beck Rd., Canton

Sat June 26 7:30-1:15 St. John Neuman Church 44800 Warren Rd., Canton

Mon June 28 1-6:45 Church of Christ 9301 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth

Mon June 28 1:30-7:15 VFW Post 6695 1426 S. Mill/Lilly St., Plymouth

Wed June 30 11-4:45 Inn at St. Johns 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth

There is no deferral when receiving the COVID vaccines. Please call 800REDCROSS to schedule an appointment.

May Boards and Commissions

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 for "Notify Me" on our at https://plymouthmi.gov

City Commission -May 3, 2021

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of April 19, 2021 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING

a. Liquor License Transfer for Plymouth ROC on Ann Arbor Rd.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorization to Hire Police Department approved
- b. Update to Employee Handbook approved
- c. Confirmation of Emergency Repairs to Sweet Sweeper approved
- d. Wilcox Foundation Change Order approved
- e. Third Quarter Budget Amendments approved

Historic District Commission - May 5, 2021

OLD BUSINESS

H21-01 Revised exterior modifications at 248 S. Union

NEW BUSINESS

H21-04: Outdoor Patio Area in Private Alleyway at 290 S. Main

Zoning Board of Appeals- May 6, 2021

NEW BUSINESS

a. Z21-09: 933 Church, non-use variance for front yard setback

Downtown Development Authority – May 10, 2021

NEW BUSINESS

a. Budget Preview

Planning Commission - May 12, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

a. PUD 21-01: 550 N. Holbrook, PUD Amendment

b. SP 21-01: Special Use and Site Plan Review for additional outdoor dining area

NEW BUSINESS

a. SP 21-02: 1250 S. Main, Site Plan Review for revised landscaping

City Commission-May 17, 2021

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of May 3, 2021 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of April 2021 Bills
- c. Memorial Day Veterans Procession

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Tentative Agreement for Police Officers approved
- b. Vehicle Purchase approved



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City of Plymouth Strategic Plan

GOAL I - QUALITY OF LIFE

OBJECTIVES

Support the neighborhoods with high-quality customer service

Engage in collaboration with private entities and surrounding municipalities to implement the Joint Recreation Master Plan

Improve communication with the public across multiple platforms

Maintain a high level of cleanliness throughout the City

Support and host a diverse variety of events that foster community and placemaking

ONE-YEAR TASKS 2021

Restore sports and recreational programs that were halted by COVID-19 as soon as possible

Review and evaluate the special event policy with safety considerations

Address challenges with the Kellogg Park improvements with safety considerations

Move Kellogg Park Fountain project forward

Continue to re-engage service clubs to help enhance parks and public properties

Increase followers by 2,000 on all our platforms

Develop an internal and external communications plan

Upgrade City Hall facilities to accommodate remote meetings

Continue investigating multi-modal transportation opportunities

Revisit noise ordinance

GOAL II - FINANCIAL STABILITY

OBJECTIVES

Approve balanced budgets that maintain fiscal responsibility

Advocate for increased revenue sharing with the State of Michigan

Encourage and engage in partnerships, both public and private, to share costs of services and equipment

Address the issue of legacy costs

Seek out and implement efficient and effective inter-departmental collaboration

Market our successes to attract new economic and investment opportunities

ONF-YEAR TASKS 2021

Find a mechanism to identify funding sources for capital improvement projects

Increase funding to the Public Improvement Fund

Create a potential package for financing emergency structural repairs

Develop a comprehensive asset management plan that includes a review of the equipment fleet

Search out other possible revenue streams through continued association with the CWW and the MML

Develop a financial plan for public safety

Continue to make extra payments towards legacy costs

Monitor outside influences on our revenue sources, including unfunded mandates, the 35th District Court and the PCCS

Negotiate three labor contracts

GOAL III - ECONOMIC VITALITY

OBJECTIVES

Continue to support and improve active, vibrant downtown branding

Support community and economic development projects and initiatives

Support a mix of industrial, commercial and residential development

Reference the Master Plan in economic decision-making

ONE-YEAR TASKS 2021

Complete Saxton's development

Develop municipal parking lot at Saxton's site

Support development of 23 parcels adjacent to the Starkweather School property

Continue to administer the grant and the brownfield plan to support the Pulte project's completion

Finish RRC by the end of the year

Develop an annual training calendar for the Planning Commission, the Historic District Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the DDA, and identify a funding source

Implement temporary plans to assist businesses in recovery efforts

GOAL IV - SERVICE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

OBJECTIVES

Support administration and staff by providing professional development opportunities, supplying resources, and maintaining a commitment to recruitment, retention, succession planning

Support and deliver safe and responsive emergency services

Maintain a sophisticated and responsive technology to communicate and manage data

Continually record, maintain, update, and improve City infrastructure

ONE-YEAR TASKS 2021

Explore pedestrian safety opportunities into targeted intersections

Research funding opportunities for ADA compliance at the PCC

Implement 2021 infrastructure program

Continue training for future career development and succession planning

Conduct a traffic study to determine whether to make additional streets one way

Update mapping resources including parcel data, completing 50% by the end of the year

Continue to add multi-modal transportation opportunities where applicable Update/replace current technology to ensure compliance with new regulations, rules, and operating systems

Revisit paid parking



CITY OF PLYMOUTH RODENT, PEST, & OTHER CRITTER PREVENTION TIPS

Spring and summer bring warmth and sunshine, and they give everyone a pleasant reward after a harsh winter. But the season also brings more rodents and pests as insects, skunks, rats, raccoons, and other critters emerge now that the cold is gone.

Residents, business owners, and visitors all play a vital role in rodent, pest, and other critter prevention.

Rodents include squirrels, chipmunks, rats, mice, and others.

Rodents, pests, and other critters require three things to survive: food, water, and shelter.

Signs you might have rodents at or around your property:

- Holes, burrows, or hills in the grass or ground
- Trails or tracks
- Droppings

City Hall Community Development Department

201 South Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170

Phone: 734.453.1234

Department of Municipal Services

1231 Goldsmith Plymouth, MI 48170 Phone: 734.453.7737

Downtown Development Authority

831 Penniman Plymouth, MI 48170 **Phone:** 734.455.1453

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Following the tips below will make your property less attractive to rodents, pests, and other critters:

Eliminate common food sources

- Properly dispose of garbage including pet waste left in the yard, any debris/trash on the ground, and small trash like bottle caps, cigarette butts, and gum wrappers
- Keep tight fitting lids on trash, compost, and recycling containers
 - Do not overfill trash, compost, and recycling containers
 - o Ensure there are no cracks or holes in your trash, compost, and recycling containers
- Ensure dumpsters are tightly sealed and lids are closed
- Remove compost piles that are not in a sealed bin, cart, can, or paper lawn and leaf bag
- Abolish bird/squirrel feeders, and clean up any food spillage on the
- Pick up produce from gardens and fallen fruit from trees

2. Get rid of stagnant water

- Eliminate bird baths
- Remove decorative fountains or ponds
- Fix leaky plumbing: hoses and spigots
- Reduce puddles or other areas of standing water in your yard

3. Maintain a clean, sanitary environment

- Keep grass and landscaping neat, trimmed, and free from weeds
- Keep firewood piles at least 12 inches off the ground
- Sweep up any litter and loose debris
- Ensure your garage, shed, deck, patio, and home are properly sealed and secured with no openings more than 1/2 inch
 - o Check your shed or garage for a ratwall and your deck has proper skirting (chicken wire)

If you discover signs of rodents, pests, or other critters, help yourself and your neighbors by using these tips. Hiring a professional may be necessary. For more information and home solutions visit www.pests.org.

Everyone is part of the solution! Let's help each other!

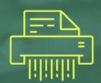




SHRED AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY



SATURDAY, JUNE 5 9 A.M. TO NOON



PAPER SHREDDING

INCREASES YOUR SECURITY AND IS ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

Each vehicle may bring up to five file-sized boxes or bags for shredding.

ELECTRONICS AND HOUSEHOLD

MAKE IT A HABIT TO RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS TOO





ACCEPTED ELECTRONIC ITEMS

cables, cable boxes, cash registers, computers, copiers, cords, DVD players, external drives, fax machines, keyboards, laptops, LCD monitors, mice, tablets, phones, printers, power supplies, projectors, satellite dishes, scanners, servers, typewriters, UPS units,

ACCEPTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

blenders (no glass), blow dryers, bread makers, cameras, coffee makers (no glass) clocks, fans, flat irons, fryers (no oil), heaters, holiday lights, irons, lithium batteries, metal tools, microwaves, mixers, remotes, radios, stereo equipment, toaster ovens, vacuums





NON-ACCEPTED ITEMS

air conditioners, backup tapes, cassettes, CDs. CRT monitors/TVs, dehumidifiers, DVDs, e-cigarettes, floppies, Freon containing items, gas cylinders, household batteries, light bulbs, liquids, medical equipment, smoke detectors, used toner, VCR tapes,

Event will take place in the parking lot of the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer St. Plymouth, MI 48170

Identification indicating residence in Plymouth or Plymouth Township will be required.



Plymouth Community
United Way invites you to

SUMMER STOCK UP Community Food Drive





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 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 two business days in advance and can be made by calling the reservation line Monday through Friday from 8:30am-11:30am.

<u>(734)459-8888</u>

COVID -19 HOW WE'RE KEEPING YOU SAFE

We've taken extra steps to provide you transportation services you need in a safe environment. In this new reality, you'll notice some changes in how we provide transportation:

UPON YOUR RIDE:

COVID-19 symptom screening for riders prior to their ride. Every rider must be free of COVID-19 symptoms, COVID-19 diagnosis and must not be waiting for COVID-19 test results.

FACE MASKS & PROPER PPE:

A mask covering the nose and mouth is required at all times. The CDC does not recommend using one-way valves or vented masks as they do not prevent the transmission of COVID-19. Anyone wearing these types of masks will be asked to cover them with a standard ear-loop mask. Each bus is supplied with disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer.

CLEANLINESS:

We continue to regularly clean and disinfect all our buses at the beginning of each shift, multiple times throughout the day and again at the end of each shift.

APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING:

Appointments are staggered to minimize the number of riders on the bus at any given time.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

Abide the 6ft Social Distancing to the best of your ability. We will transport the maximum of three riders at any given time to allow for social distancing. Riders will sit in the same seat both ways.

Please Stay Home If You Don't Feel Well.

SPECIAL TRIPS

*We transport 3 riders each hour at 9am, 10am, 11am. You will have approximately 1 1/2 hours of shopping time

<u>june</u>	<u>DESTINATIONS</u>	<u> COST</u>	PICK UP TIME	<u>return times</u>
4	WALMART	\$6	9am & 10am & 11am	llam & l2pm & lpm
-11	MEIJER	\$6	9am & 10am & 11am	llam & l2pm & lpm
18	DOLLAR TREE	\$6	9am & 10am & 11am	llam & l2pm & lpm
25	MEIJER	\$6	9am & 10am & 11am	llam & l2pm & lpm



MEDICAL SCHEDULE & FEES WE ONLY TRANSPORT TO WELL APPINTMENTS

SERVICE DAYS	<u>DESTINATIONS</u>	<u>COST</u>	SERVICE HOURS
MONDAY Through Friday	 Canton Medical Facilities Livonia St. Mary Hospital & Medical Facilities across from St. Mary U of M Northville (7 Mile / Haggerty Location) 		9am - 3pm *First pick up is at 9am *Must be finished with your appointment by 2:30 p.m.
MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	Novi Providence Park \$6	\$6	9am - 3pm *First pick up is at 9am *Must be finished with your appointment by 2:30 p.m.

GROCERY DAYS

*We transport 3 riders each hour at 9am, 10am, 11am. You will have approximately 1 1/2 hours of shopping time.

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>DESTINATIONS</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PICK UP TIME</u>	<u>return times</u>
MONDAY	BUSCH'S	\$2	9am & 10am & 11am	llam & l2pm & lpm
TUESDAY	KROGER	\$2	9am & 10am & 11am	llam & l2pm & lpm
WEDNESDAY	FRESH THYME	\$6	9am & 10am & 11am	llam & l2pm & lpm
THURSDAY	KROGER	\$2	9am & 10am & 11am	llam & l2pm & lpm

Plymouth Community
Senior Transportation
& Friendship Station
will be CLOSED
Monday, July 5th

