



Farmers Market commences

The Plymouth Farmers Market opened June 27. The market is open 2:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday through Oct. 10 at the Parkers Lake Playfield parking lot, 15500 County Road 6. More than 20 vendors provide fresh, locally grown produce and prepared food. Donations for the local food shelf will also be collected. For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/farmersmarket.



Water ski shows at the lake

Shockwaves Shakopee-Prior Lake Water Ski Association will perform 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 17 and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6 on Parkers Lake, County Road 6 and Niagara Lane. Both shows are free. Watch as the team performs a lively series of jumps, pyramids and more. Get there early to claim a good spot by the lake.



Entertainment in the Parks

Entertainment in the Parks, the popular summer series of free events and activities, is in full swing. Entertainment includes concerts, carnivals, parades, shows and more. Whether it's a night of live music, a fun day out with the kids or thrilling water ski shows, Plymouth is the place to be this summer. For more information and a complete calendar of events, visit plymouthmn.gov/specialevents or call 763-509-5200.

Celebrate with the community at Music in Plymouth July 11

Plymouth's largest annual celebration, Music in Plymouth, returns for its 46th year Wednesday, July 11 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. The Plymouth Civic League and the City of Plymouth are honored to welcome the world-class Minnesota Orchestra for another year of community celebration.

Entertainment All Evening

Entertainment begins at 5:30 p.m. with Monroe Crossing and Scottie Miller Band. Following the opening lineup, the Minnesota Orchestra will take the stage to perform classic and modern scores.



MIP ... continued on page 4 Music in Plymouth returns to the Hilde Performance Center Wednesday, July 11.

Projects will maintain, expand and refresh parks in Plymouth

The Parks and Recreation Department will focus on several park development, redevelopment and enhancement projects this year. As it does, it will ensure that Plymouth's nationally accredited park system continues to provide safe, distinctive recreation opportunities for residents.

Northwest Greenway

Work continues on the Northwest Greenway – a 350-acre reserve of land featuring looping paved trails and other amenities. This year, crews have already completed the northern boardwalk connection over Elm Creek, as well

as additional trail connections. Construction of a southern boardwalk over Elm Creek begins this fall. More than 5 1/2 miles of the Northwest Greenway are complete. Visit plymouthmn.gov/nwgreenway for more information.

East Medicine Lake Park

East Medicine Lake Park will be completely renovated this year. Improvements include a new rentable shelter, restroom facility, patio area and playground.

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Cops and Bobbers



To continue strengthening ties within the community, Plymouth police officers and firefighters recently took a group of local kids out for a morning of fishing and fun. The event, Cops and Bobbers, was held at Three Rivers Park District's French Regional Park in Plymouth.

The 2018 election season kicks off with Aug. 14 primary

Voters across Minnesota will cast primary election ballots Tuesday, Aug. 14. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In the primary, voters narrow the field of candidates for federal, county and judicial offices. Top vote getters move on to the Nov. 6 general election. City Council seats will be on the ballot in November, but are not included in the primary (see page 3 for filing information).

Visit plymouthmn.gov/election for information about how to register and where to vote. The site includes a link to the Secretary of State's website, which has a poll location finder.

Voters without internet access should call 763-509-5000 with registration and poll location questions. Poll locations for precincts 1, 6, 7, 11 and 23 have changed since the last election. Registered voters in those areas will receive notices in the mail specifying the new locations.

Absentee Voting

Voters who cannot get to the polls Aug. 14 may vote by absentee ballot beginning Friday, June 29. Absentee voting is a two-step process that can be done in person or by mail.

In Person: Complete the entire process at City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd. City Hall is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Prior to the Nov. 6 general election, voters will help shape the ballot for federal, county and judicial offices at the Aug. 14 primary.

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays. City Hall will be open extended hours for absentee voting 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11. On Monday, Aug. 13, City Hall will remain open until 5 p.m.

By Mail: Absentee ballot applications may be downloaded from the city website or obtained by calling Hennepin County Elections at 612-348-5151. Hennepin County will mail an absentee ballot to those eligible. The city must receive absentee ballots by 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14. Be sure to allow enough time to request the application and mail it back to Hennepin County Elections.

Military & Overseas Voters: Members of the military or those residing overseas follow a different process for absentee voting. Visit hennepin.us for details.

Kids Fest promises games, music and fun

Kids Fest is set for 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. The event features inflatables, games, prizes, eco-friendly activities, insects, animals, entertainment, face painting and more.

The Minnesota Zoomobile will present Tropical Rainforests, where attendees can learn about animals from different layers of the rainforest and meet some of the species that live there.

National Yo-Yo Master Dazzling Dave is a full-time professional yo-yo performer and will stroll through Kids Fest demonstrating tricks. Kids are welcome to join Jessica Spore for a 20-minute session of Kids Yoga with Jessica. Children's musical group the Jolly Pops will entertain



Yo-Yo Master Dazzling Dave will impress the crowd at Kids Fest. The event also features games, food and a musical performance from the Jolly Pops.

with their "happy dads" music. Entertainment is free throughout the event, though games, food and some activities are an additional fee.

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The new playground's centerpiece is a high-rise tower with a 16-foot tube slide, netting, a fire pole and more. The area will be enlivened with the addition of signature furniture and themed bike racks. Crews will also refresh the beach and improve water drainage to prevent trail flooding. The park is expected to reopen this fall, weather permitting.

Green Oaks Park

A complete makeover is coming to Green Oaks Park in western Plymouth. Outdated playground equipment, originally installed in 1999, was removed and donated to Kids Around the World – an organization that sends used playground equipment to countries around the globe for a second life.

At press time, the park was expected to open by late June. New equipment includes a netted play structure, a multi-person social swing, artificial turf areas, overhead climbers, slides and more.

Crooked Creek Park

Crooked Creek Park – a new park in northwest Plymouth – will get a modern, nature-themed playground. The space, expected to be complete in June, will feature a nature trail,



The newly constructed Crooked Creek Park in northwest Plymouth features a woodland-themed park and trails.

paved trail, parking area, open space, hardscape multi-use court and play area. The play area features a woodland theme and includes a tree house, log slide, netted play structures, educational display panels and more.

Other Projects

Other parks projects in Plymouth this year include refurbishing the Kimberly Lane boardwalk and adding a new trail section south of Medina Road between Brockton Lane and County Road 101.



This year's Movies in the Park series features three films with new activities at each showing.

Movies in the Park is better than ever

The free Movies in the Park series returns this summer, but each event has an added twist.

Coco, Aug. 3

A showing of Pixar's "Coco" is set for Friday, Aug. 3 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Prior to the movie, live music from a mariachi band will entertain the audience beginning at 7 p.m. A food truck and festive face painting will also get the audience ready for the showing, which begins at dusk.

La La Land, Aug. 10

The academy-award winning "La La Land" will be shown at the Hilde Friday, Aug. 10 and will feature dinner and dancing beginning at 7 p.m. A food truck will offer meal options and ballroom dance instruction will get the crowd moving.

Moana, Aug. 17

A screening of "Moana" is slated for Friday, Aug. 17 next to the beach at West Medicine Lake Park, 1920 W. Medicine Lake Drive. Prior to the dusk screening, attendees can enjoy Hawaiian music, a food truck and activities in the sand.

In case of inclement weather, movies will be cancelled. Call the weather hotline for more information, 763-509-5205.



Here are a few Plymouth businesses that city officials recently visited as part of the city's economic development outreach program.

Energy Management Collaborative welcomed a large contingent of clients and city officials to a ribbon cutting celebrating the grand opening of a new Plymouth facility. The company began as a one-person startup and has grown to employ more than 160 workers at the forefront of innovative lighting technology solutions.

CEL Marketing PR Design recently hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate its move to the Atria Corporate Center in Plymouth and to highlight its 30-year anniversary. Among many other clients, CEL has assisted Wayzata Public Schools and CCX Media with rebrands and other marketing services.



CEL celebrated a new space in Plymouth and 30 years of business.

Opportunities remain to provide input about the future of the PCC

This spring, the City of Plymouth began gathering feedback from residents about the potential for renovation or expansion of the Plymouth Creek Center – and there's still time for residents to share their thoughts about the center's future.

The Creek Center serves as an important hub for senior, arts and recreation programming, as well as community events. After nearly two decades, the well-used center needs maintenance and updates. Additionally, in recent years, the center has been struggling to meet the demand for space as Plymouth's population has grown.

Before developing project specifics, the city wants to hear from residents. Feedback is being collected through a variety of platforms.

FlashVote: An online survey tool, FlashVote will be used to gauge community interest in the project. A simple, one-minute survey will be sent to registered FlashVote users Tuesday, July 17. Residents will have 48 hours to complete the survey. To register, visit plymouthmn.gov/FlashVote.

Open House: Residents are invited to provide in-person feedback at an open house 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13 at the Plymouth Creek Center, 14800 34th Ave. N.

Social Pinpoint: An interactive, web-based feedback platform, Social Pinpoint will allow residents to help shape the specifics of a potential project by leaving comments.



The city is exploring options to renovate or expand the Plymouth Creek Center, and it wants input from residents to help shape the future of the community hub.

Social Pinpoint can be accessed through Tuesday, Aug. 28 at plymouthmn.gov/PCCProject.

Interactive Boards: Interactive presentation boards will be available through Tuesday, Aug. 28 at the Plymouth Creek Center and Parks and Recreation offices at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd. The boards mirror information presented through Social Pinpoint.

Stay up to Date: Residents can stay up to date on the project, learn about ways to provide input and sign up for eNotifications at plymouthmn.gov/PCCProject.

Residents are encouraged to offer input throughout this process in one or more ways. Once feedback gathering is complete, findings will be presented to City Council, which will determine the next steps in the Creek Center project.

Annual Picture Plymouth Photo Contest begins Aug. 1

The clicking of camera shutters will be heard throughout the city as the annual Picture Plymouth Photo contest begins accepting submissions Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Photographers of all levels are asked to submit their best shots to the contest.

Top photos of the year receive prizes and have a chance to be published in Plymouth Magazine, which co-sponsors the contest with the City of Plymouth. All entries must be submitted digitally via plymouthmag.com from Aug. 1-31.

Each entrant must live, work or attend school in Plymouth and photos must be taken in Plymouth from Sept. 1, 2017 to Aug. 31, 2018. Photo categories include people and families, community activities and



Last year's overall winner was "The Lone Fisherman, Timber Shores Park" by Riley Loew. Photographers are encouraged to enter their best pics for this year's contest.

events, pets, wildlife and nature, and city landmarks. Top picks in each category will receive \$50. A grand-prize winner will also be selected and receive \$100.

After the contest closes, residents can visit plymouthmag.com to view photos and cast a vote for the Readers' Choice winner. For complete contest rules, visit plymouthmag.com.

Get to know neighbors at Night to Unite

Get out and meet neighbors at Night to Unite 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7 in Plymouth. The annual statewide crime prevention and community building event is a great way to get out of the house and strengthen community ties. Plymouth police officers, firefighters and City Council members may stop by registered block parties to visit with community members and neighbors. To register a block party and for more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/ntu.

Alert Plymouth Test Set for Aug. 7

During Night to Unite, the City of Plymouth will conduct a test of its emergency notification system, Alert Plymouth, at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7. To sign up and learn more, visit plymouthmn.gov/alertplymouth.



Neighbors join together for Night to Unite at community block parties, potlucks, barbecues, buffets and more.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer!

The city is seeking volunteers who are:

Interested in serving as police explorer volunteers. Must be 14-20 years old and able to meet weekly during the school year to explore careers in law enforcement. Applications are due Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Friendly and love to provide good service. Help with children's activities during Kids Fest Thursday, Aug. 2, and Plymouth on Parade Saturday, Sept. 22.

Passionate about the environment and green things. Adopt a park, trail, fire station or storm drain. Greet residents at the Yard Waste Site. Remove buckthorn Saturdays, Oct. 20, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. Groups are welcome.

Good at organizing activities and working with school-age kids. Coach youth recreational soccer August through October or flag football September through October.

To find out more about these and other opportunities, visit plymouthmn.gov/volunteer or call 763-509-5230.

Take a Closer Look



Sandy Zezza

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Farmers Market Volunteer

As a volunteer, my job is to answer questions, hand out information, encourage people to register for the weekly prize drawing, catch up with the vendors and help in

any way that's needed during the weekly Plymouth Farmers Market at Parkers Lake Park.

My favorite thing about being a city volunteer is how the Farmers Market attracted me to volunteering with the City of Plymouth three years ago. New to the community, I wanted to become involved and get to know people.

I really enjoy talking to all the vendors about what vegetables are new to try and different ways to cook them. My passion is cooking and there's nothing better than using fresh food and supporting local farmers.

Because Sandy volunteers, visitors to the Plymouth Farmers Market are met with a warm, welcoming greeter who serves as a resource and ambassador for city programs and events.

Filing for City Council seats opens July 31

Those running for City Council this November must file for office from Tuesday, July 31 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14. Filing can be completed at City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd.

The following four-year term city seats will be on the Nov. 6 general election ballot:

- Ward 2 Council Member (southwest Plymouth)
- Ward 4 Council Member (northeast Plymouth)
- At Large Council Member
- Mayor

To file for office, candidates must be eligible to vote, at least 21 years old by the time they take office and live in the district for which they are running for at least 30 days before the election. The filing fee is \$5.

Contact City Clerk Sandy Engdahl at 763-509-5080 or sengdahl@plymouthmn.gov with questions.



SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT

Odd-Even Water Restrictions – Outdoor water use restrictions are in effect through September in Plymouth. The city prohibits outdoor lawn watering from noon to 5 p.m. on all days. Water customers must also follow an odd-even schedule when sprinkling lawns. Homeowners and businesses with addresses ending in an odd number may water on odd-numbered calendar days. Those with addresses ending in an even number may water on even-numbered days.

For exceptions to the restrictions and more information, call the hotline at 763-509-5512 or visit plymouthmn.gov/watering.

Yard Waste Site – The city-operated Yard Waste Site, 14900 23rd Ave. N., is closed Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the season. Through August, the site is open 3-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Only Plymouth, Wayzata, Long Lake and Medicine Lake residents may use the site and identification is required. The site closes for major holidays. For acceptable materials or details, call 763-509-5930 or visit plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste.

Water Efficiency Rebates – The city is offering rebates to property owners who replace old, inefficient irrigation controllers or sprinkler heads. Residents must apply for the rebates, which will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Through the program, the city aims to encourage water conservation and reduce demand on the municipal water supply. All city water customers are eligible. Property owners should look for the WaterSense certification from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Visit plymouthmn.gov/waterefficiencyrebate for details or an application.

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New this year, additional concessions, entertainment and kids activities will be offered throughout the evening in the Life Time Fitness parking lot, 3600 Plymouth Blvd. (just north of the Hilde).

After the orchestra, dancers will captivate the crowd with illuminated body movement and intricate partner choreography in a show leading up to the evening’s annual grand finale – a spectacular fireworks display. Roving entertainers will perform throughout the event. A variety of concessions will be available for purchase and attendees can bring picnic suppers.

Participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, though staking or roping off seating areas is prohibited. Residents are not allowed to leave blankets, chairs or tarps on the ground until after 7 a.m. the day of the event.

Clear or transparent tarps are not allowed, as they burn the turf underneath. Attendees should not remove any landscaping features, such as stones, to weigh down tarps or blankets. Blanket weights are available for purchase at the event from the Plymouth Civic League. The site will be closed for maintenance and event preparation Tuesday,



Music in Plymouth culminates in a performance by the world class Minnesota Orchestra followed by a fireworks display.

July 10. Plymouth Metrolink will shuttle attendees to Music in Plymouth from West Lutheran High School (34th Ave. N. and Fernbrook Lane) and Plymouth Creek Elementary School (Vicksburg Lane and 41st Ave. N.). Shuttle service begins at 5 p.m. and runs throughout the event.

Support Music in Plymouth

The Plymouth Civic League presents the free Music in Plymouth event with the support of the City of Plymouth, Plymouth businesses and residents. Residents can support the event through Friends of Music in Plymouth. For more information, visit musicinplymouth.org.

IN BRIEF

Offices Closed – City offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

Public Safety Citizens Academy – Applications are being accepted for the 2018 Public Safety Citizens Academy – a free, 36-hour, 12-week course that meets 6:30-9:30 p.m. each Tuesday beginning Sept. 11. The course is open to adults 18 and older who live or work in Plymouth. All applicants are subject to a criminal background check. Topics covered include patrol operations, K9 unit, police tactics, use of force, narcotic enforcement and SWAT.

Hands-on activities include the opportunity to go on a police ride along and tours of both police and fire services. Visit plymouthmn.gov/citizensacademy to apply or contact Community Relations Officer Jim Long at jlong@plymouthmn.gov or 763-509-5135. Deadline is Thursday, Aug. 30 or until the class is full.

Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre – Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre will deliver two performances of A Midsummer Night’s Dream 7 p.m. Friday, July 20 and 2 p.m. Saturday, July 21 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

Advocacy secures funding for bridge over I-494

By Mayor Kelli Slavik

What happens at the state Capitol makes a difference in Plymouth – and advocacy at the Capitol on behalf of our community helps shape that outcome.

Thanks to the bonding bill passed by the state legislature and signed by the governor in May, Plymouth will get a new bridge on County Road 9 (Rockford Road) over Interstate 494. The full interchange will be upgraded to reduce congestion caused by the lack of dedicated left turn lanes. The state will allocate \$9.7 million to the project.

Although it is a county-owned road and state-owned bridge, Plymouth City Council’s top legislative priority this year was to secure project funding – and we worked closely with our partners at Hennepin County and Minnesota Department of Transportation to do so.

Plymouth area state lawmakers also joined the effort. They supported the project and enlisted backing from colleagues across the state for this important infrastructure update.

Unlike other bridges, the County Road 9 bridge was not upgraded when a third lane was added to I-494 a few years ago. The bridge, which was built in 1965, was designed for far less traffic flow than current levels. That, coupled with the lack of dedicated left turn lanes, created a problematic bottleneck that has resulted in delays and crashes.

Plans for the new bridge and intersection design are already in the works. City, county and MnDOT engineering staff hosted an April open house to solicit feedback on several alternatives – and are now finalizing a preliminary design and tentative timeline for construction. Another open house will be held later this summer to garner input on the preliminary design.

More information will be shared as the project unfolds. For details on the project and to sign up for eNotify email updates, visit plymouthmn.gov/cr9bridgeproject.

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City Council: July 24 and Aug. 28
Planning Commission: July 18 and Aug. 1, 15

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