



## Music in Plymouth returns

Mark your calendar for the 47th annual Music in Plymouth Tuesday, July 2 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Plymouth's summer classic promises an evening of free musical entertainment in a beautiful outdoor setting. Entertainment begins at 5:30 p.m. with a variety of local favorites.

The evening culminates with a world-class performance by the Minnesota Orchestra and a spectacular fireworks display. For details and to learn how you can support this event, visit [musicinplymouth.org](http://musicinplymouth.org). Check the next edition of Plymouth News for more information.

## County Road 9 bridge over I-494 construction set to begin late-May

The much-needed and high profile County Road 9/Interstate 494 interchange project will begin this year, pending an upcoming bidding process.

Set to start in May, the project will improve traffic flow and increase the capacity of the outdated interchange.

Part of the project – replacing the more than 50-year-old four-lane bridge – will significantly affect traffic as work is underway.



*The County Road 9/Interstate 494 interchange and bridge will be reconstructed this year. Work is expected to begin in late May and last through November.*

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## Plymouth Creek Center project moves through early stages

After an extensive community engagement process and several City Council study sessions and updates, the Plymouth Creek Center project continues to move through early stages of development, including cost estimation and a schematic design of a potential expansion and renovation. The Creek Center serves as an important hub for senior, arts and recreation programming, as well as community and regional events.

The center needs maintenance and updates, and has struggled to meet demand for space as Plymouth grows. To understand the community's desire for a project and to determine what features an expansion could include, the city gathered input from residents throughout 2018. After considering feedback, the City Council decided to proceed with early stages of developing an expansion project.

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*The city continues to explore options for a project at the Plymouth Creek Center. An architectural firm has been selected to draft schematic plans for expansion of the well-used community center, which is nearly 20 years old.*



## Farmers Market is back June 26

The Plymouth Farmers Market kicks off Wednesday, June 26. The market is open 2:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 9 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 about the market, visit [plymouthmn.gov/farmersmarket](http://plymouthmn.gov/farmersmarket).

## The Plymouth Police Department welcomes K9 Romeo to the team

The Plymouth Police Department's highly-regarded K9 officer program is preparing to welcome its newest four-legged member to the team.

Plymouth has three K9/officer teams, which currently consist of Officer Bill Dane and K9 Odie, Officer Steve Larson and K9 Knight, and Officer Matt Gliniany and K9 Stryker.

After serving the department for nearly 10 years, K9 Stryker is preparing to retire, leaving a spot open for a new K9/officer team to serve Plymouth.

### Romeo and Grabau

Officer Quincy Grabau has served Plymouth for six years and was selected as the department's newest K9 handler. In March, Grabau was paired with a German Shepherd named Romeo.

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*The Plymouth Police Department welcomes its newest K9 officer team – Officer Quincy Grabau and K9 Romeo. The duo is expected to complete its training and begin work in June. Romeo, a 2-year-old German Shepherd, was initially trained in Slovakia. Grabau has served with the Plymouth Police Department for six years.*



## Follow the city on Instagram

Residents can now find the City of Plymouth on Instagram. The city recently added the image sharing platform to its social media presence, which also includes Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Nextdoor and LinkedIn. Instagram users can follow [@plymouthmn\\_gov](https://www.instagram.com/plymouthmn_gov) to see posts about all city departments and services.



# Construction season brings a variety of projects to Plymouth

Projects in Plymouth this year will help fix roads, railroad crossings and a water tower in the community. Some projects will affect motorists – drivers are encouraged to follow detour signage and give crews room to work safely.

## Candlelight Terrace

Streets in the Candlelight Terrace neighborhood will be reconstructed this year. This project will be intensive as workers install concrete curb and gutter, make storm sewer improvements and replace the existing water main. The project will begin this summer and last through fall.

## Brockton Lane

The cities of Plymouth and Medina will improve Brockton Lane from Medina Road to Hamel Road. Crews will reconstruct the roadway and transform it from a rural to an urban design to accommodate recent growth. A trail, turn lanes, and utility and drainage improvements are also included in the scope of the project.

## County Road 101 Bridge over Highway 12

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has begun an improvement project on the County Road 101 bridge over Highway 12. Project information from MnDOT, including detour routes and closure dates, can be found at [mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy12andcountyroad101bridge](http://mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy12andcountyroad101bridge).

Motorists are asked to be patient and follow detours closely. During the project, detour routes will impact city streets

with additional traffic. Drivers are asked to be courteous of neighborhoods – paying careful attention to safety and following posted speed limits.

## Railroad Crossing Upgrades

Safety improvements are coming to Canadian Pacific Rail crossings at Pineview, Larch and Zachary lanes.

Workers will install safety devices and upgraded technologies at existing crossings. These changes will make the crossings safer and allow the city to establish a consistent 24-hour quiet zone.

The upgrades are expected to be complete by year's end.

## Water Tower Painting

The Central Water Tower at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N., will be repainted. The project is not expected to affect service as crews clean, make structural repairs and repaint the tower.

## Ferndale Road and Other Projects

A mill and overlay project will leave Ferndale Road, from the Plymouth/Orono border to County Road 6, with a smooth, new surface when complete. Lane restrictions may be required during work.

Mill and overlay projects affecting specific neighborhoods are also slated for this summer. To learn more about all projects, visit [plymouthmn.gov/project-spotlight](http://plymouthmn.gov/project-spotlight).

## SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT

**Odd-Even Water Restrictions** – Outdoor water use restrictions are in effect from May through September. Plymouth 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.

The restrictions apply to all city water customers. Automatic irrigation systems should be adjusted accordingly. Call the hotline at 763-509-5512 or visit [plymouthmn.gov/watering](http://plymouthmn.gov/watering) for exceptions to the restrictions and more information.

**Yard Waste Site** – The city-operated Yard Waste Site, 14900 23rd Ave. N., is closed Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the season. May through August, the site is open 3-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Only Plymouth, Wayzata, Long Lake and Medicine Lake residents may use the site.

Identification is required. The site closes for major holidays. For acceptable materials or details, visit [plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste](http://plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste) or call 763-509-5930.

## Plymouth BUSINESS buzz

Here is a rundown of major Plymouth business news.

Plymouth's med-tech hub continues to grow. **Medivators**, a **Cantel Medical** company in Plymouth, will invest \$4.5 million in a corporate headquarters building near Highway 169 and Bass Lake Road. The company will move roughly 500 jobs to the headquarters. It expects to add more than 100 jobs over the next three years.

**Phillips Healthcare** purchased a 25-acre campus near 59th Avenue and Nathan Lane – just west of Highway 169. Phillips will bring three of its healthcare subsidiaries to the 220,000-square foot facility. More than 200 employees will work from the site, with plans for future growth.

A globally recognized leader in industrial automation, **Banner Engineering** recently completed a new research and development facility at its campus headquarters in Plymouth. Banner has more than 500 employees in its Plymouth facilities. The new building gives the company the capacity to add a few hundred more jobs in the future.

**Daikin Applied** designs and manufactures technologically advanced heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems for customers around the world. The Plymouth-headquartered company recently announced it will lease additional space at Atria Corporate Center in Plymouth to accommodate expected future growth.



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## HAPPENINGS



**Bark in the Park** – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Free. Bark in the Park is all about dogs, and features activities, contests and vendors. For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/barkinthepark](http://plymouthmn.gov/barkinthepark).

**Plant and Pull Day** – 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18. Even if you're not an experienced gardener, you can volunteer to help beautify Plymouth by planting flowers. Volunteers will also help remove the invasive garlic mustard plant from woodland areas. Contact 763-509-5230 or [volunteer@plymouthmn.gov](mailto:volunteer@plymouthmn.gov).

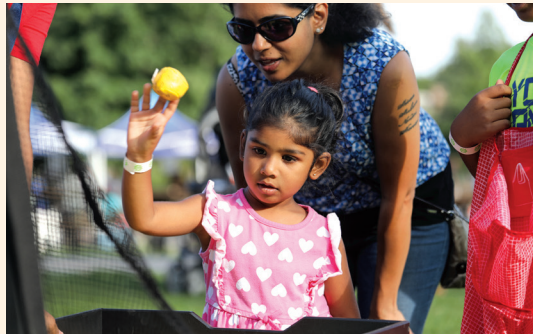
**Happy Birthday America Parade** – 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 26 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Free.

Children are invited to bring their bikes, trikes, wagons and friends and join in a special parade.

Balloons and streamers will be provided, or children can bring their own supplies to decorate their parade rides. The parade will be followed with a performance by the AlphaBits Band at 11 a.m. on the Hilde Small Stage. No registration is required.

**Music in Plymouth 5K** – 8 a.m. Saturday, June 29 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Participants are encouraged to pre-register online at [active.com](http://active.com). Racers, walkers and families are all welcome. Proceeds benefit Music in Plymouth. For details, visit [musicinplymouth.org](http://musicinplymouth.org).

**Entertainment in the Parks** – This popular summer series of free events and activities – concerts, carnivals, parades and water ski shows – kicks off in mid-June. For more information or a calendar of events, call 763-509-5200 or visit [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents).



# County Road 47 study moves ahead

In cooperation with Hennepin County, the City of Plymouth is exploring options to improve County Road 47 from County Road 101 to Northwest Boulevard. Currently a two-lane road, the study will determine how to manage the roadway for traffic and pedestrian safety in the future.

As part of the study, the city collected feedback in February using FlashVote, a resident survey tool. About 850 residents responded. Of those, about 47% said they would like to see traffic improvements on County Road 47 and 44% said they would like to see pedestrian improvements as well.

Residents also had an opportunity to provide feedback via an interactive map on the city website. Users marked areas along the map where they have had positive or negative experiences as pedestrians, motorists or bicyclists. For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/CoRd47](http://plymouthmn.gov/CoRd47).



*County Road 47 in northern Plymouth is being studied to determine future traffic and pedestrian management.*



# City of Plymouth crews reflect on a challenging snow removal season

This past snowy season brought a range of challenges for city snow removal crews.

The patience of residents and commuters in Plymouth were also tested as record-breaking snowfalls hit the area. A total of 15 snow emergencies occurred this winter and spring – and city staff would like to thank residents and businesses for their patience and words of encouragement as staff worked overtime to dig out.

## A Tough Season

Winter in Minnesota is known to throw a lot of curveballs at snow removal crews – and this season was no exception. This season's challenges included extremely low temperatures, rain and remarkably high snowfall volume in February, which was measured as the snowiest February on record in Minnesota.

Streets and Utilities Manager Joe Paumen said that his crews worked proactively to manage the extreme cold, and got creative to make room for the record-breaking snowfall.

"We tried to get ahead of extreme temperatures by pretreating and scraping roadways before the cold seized snow to the pavement," Paumen said. "To deal with snow storage issues, we had crews pushing back the large snowbanks to create room ahead of storms."

The Parks and Forestry Division, which is responsible for clearing about 115 miles of city trail, also worked hard to meet the demanding bouts of weather.

Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Barb Northway said crews worked overtime to keep trails open near schools, high-density housing, transit hubs and commercial areas. The division is also responsible for clearing city-owned parking lots such as City Hall, the Plymouth Creek Center and the Plymouth Ice Center/Life Time Fitness. It also assists with street plowing as needed and is responsible for snow removal from and around the Plymouth Creek Center Fieldhouse dome.

## Adjusting Operations

This season was the first in which Plymouth operated with a new 2-inch snow emergency threshold. In previous years, a 2 1/2-inch snowfall triggered a snow emergency. The city also began utilizing a "skeleton crew" during snow events. This crew stayed on to handle miscellaneous service needs after the larger crew finished with the call out.

The city also added two more main plow routes, which are continuously cleared throughout a snow event. According



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*The Parks and Forestry Division cleared about 115 miles of city trail during each snow event.*

to Paumen, the changes made operations more efficient and reduced the overall removal time by roughly an hour per snow event.

Changes for next season include hiring additional staff, enhancing the skeleton crew and exploring the possibility of adding main plow routes.

## Thank You

The city would like to thank residents and businesses for their patience during this snowfall season.

While crews worked very long hours, including weekends and New Year's Eve, they were bolstered by many positive comments and words of encouragement from residents. The city received a lot of positive feedback via email and social media, as well as in person.

"The crew did an outstanding job, even though it was a tough winter," Paumen said. "And I want to say thanks to residents for the positive feedback. It was good for morale when staff was doing so much work."

"The staff rocked this winter and performed at a very high level," Northway added. "They take pride in their work. However, this winter, crews were happy when it was over."

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The team will undergo 15 weeks of training to get ready to start work by the end of June. Romeo comes to Plymouth from Slovakia, where he was initially trained. Like all of Plymouth's K9 officers, Romeo lives at home with his handler. Once on the job, Romeo and Grabau will assist with person tracking, narcotics detection and public education. Grabau said he has always wanted to be a K9 handler and that he's excited for the opportunity to work with Romeo.

"I enjoy proactive policing – and this is another way to do that," Grabau said. "It will be great to have a dog by my side to help out and to build a bond with."

## Stryker and Gliniany

For nearly a decade, the team of K9 Stryker and Officer Gliniany has served Plymouth and the surrounding area. The team has helped on countless occasions and earned high marks in regional training and certification.

Whether finding a missing person, taking drugs off the streets or demonstrating K9 skills to school-age children, Gliniany and Stryker have enjoyed it all.

"I feel very blessed to have a long, safe career with Stryker," Gliniany said. "I can't be more thankful for



*K9 Stryker will retire at the end of June. Stryker and Officer Matt Gliniany have been partners for nearly 10 years.*

that. This has been my dream job and I couldn't ask for anything more."

Once Romeo's training is complete in June, Stryker will officially retire from the Plymouth Police Department. After retirement, Stryker will become a full-time family dog at the Gliniany household.

Gliniany said Stryker's retirement will also include going on more camping trips – a favorite – and continuing to support the family by waking the kids up for school and being a steadfast companion.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# Volunteer!

The city is seeking volunteers who are:

**Friendly and love to provide good service.** Help with children's carnival games during Kids Fest on Thursday, Aug. 1.

**Interested in serving as a Police Explorer.**

Must be 14-20 years old and able to meet weekly during the school year to explore a career in law enforcement. Applications due Thursday, Aug. 1.

**Passionate about the environment and green things.** Adopt a park, trail or storm drain to keep clean. Help maintain gardens and landscaping around city buildings, including the Millennium Garden and playgrounds.

**Passionate about public transit.** Provide customer feedback as an anonymous ghost rider on Plymouth Metrolink or Dial-A-Ride buses.

**Good at organizing activities and working with school-age kids.** Instruct recreational tennis for beginners in June or July.

To find out more about these and other opportunities, visit [plymouthmn.gov/volunteer](http://plymouthmn.gov/volunteer) or call 763-509-5230.

## Take a Closer Look



*Donna Dimich*

### Donna Dimich

Community Development volunteer

**As a volunteer, my job is to** help with a variety of data entry and clerical projects.

My first volunteer project came about when I offered to enter data for the future Veterans Memorial

website. My husband and five brothers served in the military, so I have a special connection to anything honoring our veterans.

My husband and one of my brothers died due to complications from exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War.

I volunteer at the annual veterans breakfast at the Plymouth Creek Center as my way of honoring them.

I have also worked on a database for the Public Safety Department and am currently working with digital records for the Community Development Department.

I have already handled more than 5,000 old building permits for this project.

I also enjoy doing mailings for other departments.

**My favorite thing about being a city volunteer is** spending time with other volunteers and meeting new people.

Being retired has given me the freedom of time to give back to the City of Plymouth, which does so much for residents.

In return, volunteering gives me a purpose in life that used to be filled by work.

I appreciate the opportunity to keep my brain sharp and spend time with a variety of wonderful people. I especially appreciate being able to work on projects that I am passionate about, like honoring our veterans.

**Because Donna volunteers,** Plymouth benefits from having a highly skilled, passionate individual who assists the city in its efforts to digitize, organize and preserve a variety of important documents and information.



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Drafting Schematics

Early this year, city staff took applications and met with architectural firms to develop a schematic plan for a potential expansion and renovation. City staff and members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission then narrowed the field of applicants for the City Council to review.

In April, the council interviewed firms and selected Hammel Green & Abrahamson Inc. (HGA) to draft a plan.

In coordination with city staff, HGA will develop a design option for a renovation and expansion project, which is expected to be presented to the City Council later this fall.

Serving a Growing Population

The Creek Center was designed more than 20 years ago to allow for expansion as the city grew. Since it was constructed, Plymouth’s population has increased by more than 10,000.

That growth has spiked Plymouth Creek Center usage, and has left the existing building in need of updates and maintenance.

The facility currently hosts senior activities, recreation programming, weddings, rentals and more. Many of the building’s rooms are not suited to current recreation programming needs and participation levels. Additionally, demand for space has outpaced capacity.

Next Steps

As the project develops, residents will have additional opportunities to weigh in. For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/pccproject.

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Three phases

The three-phase project will last from about late-May through November 2019.

All dates listed below are tentative and dependent on the upcoming bidding process and weather.

- **Phase 1** (spring through early summer) – Work is scheduled to begin in May. Both north ramps will be closed (the ramp from County Road 9 to northbound I-494 and the ramp from southbound I-494 to County Road 9). The bridge will be open to traffic.
- **Phase 2** (summer through early fall) – The County Road 9 bridge will be closed to traffic for roughly 120 days. Removal of the existing bridge is tentatively planned in June, which may require the closure of I-494 (nights/weekends). After the completion of this phase, the new bridge will be open to traffic.
- **Phase 3** (fall through end of year) – During this phase, both south ramps will be closed (the ramp from County Road 9 to southbound I-494 and the ramp

from northbound I-494 to County Road 9). While the new bridge will be open to traffic during this phase, motorists may experience lane closures while crews complete the interchange. The anticipated completion date is late-November – weather permitting.

Serving Area Growth

The interchange was built in 1965 without dedicated left turn lanes – and the area has seen considerable development over the past 54 years.

As a result, this section of County Road 9 is the site of daily congestion. It has averaged 33 crashes per year over the past five years. Constructing a wider bridge that can accommodate dedicated left turn lanes onto I-494 is expected to improve public safety and reduce congestion.

Though the bridge is not city-owned infrastructure, the city has partnered with Hennepin County and MnDOT to complete the project.

Stay Informed

To learn more and sign up for project eNotifications, visit plymouthmn.gov/CR9BridgeProject.

BoDeans to headline Live at the Hilde concert set for Aug. 17 in Plymouth

The Live at the Hilde concert series returns to Plymouth this summer with BoDeans taking the stage Saturday, Aug. 17. The Hilde Performance Center is located at 3500 Plymouth Blvd. in Plymouth City Center.

The Wisconsin-born rockers rose to fame with songs such as "Good Things" and "Fadeaway." The band’s hit song "Closer to Free," served as the theme song to the television series "Party of Five."

The all-ages concert is presented by independent concert promotions company Sue McLean & Associates. Tickets and more information – including opening act announcements – will be available at suemclean.com/hilde.



Live at the Hilde returns to Plymouth Saturday, Aug. 17.

Business sector contributes to health of the community

By Mayor Jeff Wosje

In March, I delivered my first State of the City address and, at the event, I highlighted an often overlooked community asset – our strong business sector.

When I meet residents and people across the metro, they generally know about Plymouth’s quality of life. They identify Plymouth as a top-tier metro city featuring highly regarded schools, a nationally accredited park and trail system and vibrant neighborhoods.

However, with more than 2,300 businesses, 60,000 jobs and Minnesota’s fourth largest economy, Plymouth is also a thriving business center. Businesses add value, and having a strong commercial-industrial core is key to our community’s health. Not only does industry provide jobs, it also diversifies the tax base – sharing with residential taxpayers the cost of providing city services, valued amenities and essential infrastructure.

Manufacturing, Plymouth’s largest industry, provides more than 10,000 jobs. We are fortunate that a significant portion is related to medical device creation. This is a highly prized industry, as med-tech businesses create life-saving products while providing clean, high-paying jobs and fostering an environment of innovation.

Large, high-profile companies are important, but we also value our small- and mid-size businesses and start-ups. To help them establish firm foundations, the city works with Hennepin County through Open to Business. Since the program launched in 2016, it has approved business loans totaling more than a million dollars – and those loans leveraged more than \$15 million dollars in capital.

The council is mindful of all the private sector brings to the community. We understand that an educated workforce, strong infrastructure, low tax rate and excellent quality of life attracts and keeps businesses here. We are committed to maintaining the assets that businesses and residents value now and in the future.

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On-demand video link at city website  
**City Council:** May 14, 28 and June 11, 25  
**Planning Commission:** May 15 and June 5, 19

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