

PLYMOUTH NEWS



A Night on the Town, Jan. 21

A new event for adults 21 and older, A Night on the Town presents Viva Las Vegas is set for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21 at the newly opened Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. Attendees can look forward to an evening of Las Vegas style games, dinner and drinks, and a Rat Pack-themed band. Participants may purchase tickets online at plymouthmn.gov/vivalasvegas or by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 763-509-5200.

The all-new Plymouth Community Center Active Wing is now open

City of Plymouth staff were thrilled to ring in the new year by opening the doors of the new Plymouth Community Center Active Wing on Jan. 3. New amenities include an indoor playground, a year-round walking track, fitness rooms and two gymnasiums.

Construction at the new facility began in fall of 2020. While the city had anticipated opening the wing in mid-December, supply-chain issues with building materials caused a slight delay. The Active Wing of the building is now open for regular use.



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The new Active Wing of the Plymouth Community Center is now open.

Fire & Ice is set for Feb. 5, back in person

Plymouth's 33rd-annual winter festival, Fire & Ice is set for 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 at Parkers Lake Park, at County Road 6 and Niagara Lane.

Following a year of at-home activities, this year's free event offers the opportunity to bundle up, head to the frozen Parkers Lake and celebrate the bold north.

The annual wintertime festival features recycle bin races, a youth ice fishing contest, horse-drawn trolley rides, pony rides, miniature golf on the ice, snow bowling, box hockey, ice skating, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, weather permitting.

Attendees can warm up at a bonfire with s'mores, while supplies last, sponsored by Step by Step Montessori. Food trucks will also be on site.

The event wraps up with a fireworks display beginning at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Plymouth Civic League.

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Fire & Ice returns to Parkers Lake Saturday, Feb. 5. The annual festival features a variety of outdoor winter activities, including recycle bin races, snow bowling, s'mores and more.

City of Plymouth gears for redistricting following results from the 2020 census

Following the federal census every 10 years, all 50 states begin the process of redistricting – and the City of Plymouth is geared up to complete the task.

The Minnesota State Legislature is responsible for redistricting Minnesota's congressional districts, Minnesota Senate and House districts and Metropolitan Council districts. Once complete, the City of Plymouth is responsible for redrawing its election districts to reestablish ward and precinct boundaries. Redistricting at the city level must be complete by March 29, 2022. New ward and precinct boundaries will be in effect for the state primary election in August.

Why Redistricting?

As cities develop and change, the populations in their various election districts may become unbalanced. Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of election districts with the goal of providing equal community representation. Results from the 2020 census highlighted Plymouth's significant growth in the last decade, especially in northwest Plymouth (Ward 1), which has created an imbalance in the population of some wards.

Defining Wards and Precincts

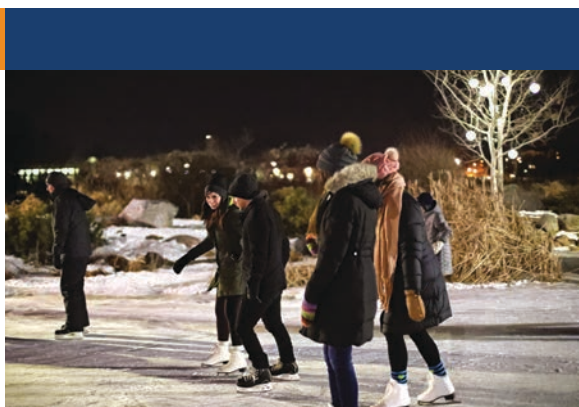
Wards are portions of a city represented by a specific elected official on the City Council and must be as equal in

	2010 Population	2020 Population	Deviation from Ideal Population
Ward 1 (NW Plymouth)	16,656	26,559	31.1%
Ward 2 (SW Plymouth)	17,792	17,969	-11.3%
Ward 3 (SE Plymouth)	18,123	18,859	-6.9%
Ward 4 (NE Plymouth)	18,005	17,639	-12.9%

Based on the 2020 census, the City of Plymouth's population grew by more than 14%. Redistricting is aimed at rebalancing the population in each of Plymouth's four wards, which would include about 20,257 residents per ward.

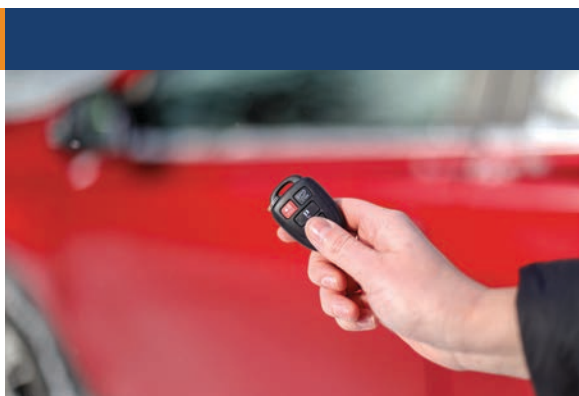
population as possible. Approximately 70 cities in Minnesota elect council members by ward, including Plymouth. Composed of a mayor and six council members, the Plymouth City Council includes two members elected at-large, while the other four are elected from the city's four wards.

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Skate the Hilde set for Jan. 13

The new Skate the Hilde event is set for 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Lights, music and a frozen pond will set the stage for a winter night of skating. Hot cider will be provided at this free event.



Plymouth Police share tips to prevent burglary and theft

In the past year, reports of property crimes have increased across the metro area. In Plymouth, there were 79 motor vehicle theft cases and 270 thefts from motor vehicles from Jan. 1, 2021 through Nov. 30, 2021. To help prevent burglaries and theft, the Plymouth Police Department offers the following reminders:

- Shut garage doors and lock vehicles, even when home
- Remove keys and any valuables from vehicles
- Keep garage door openers out of sight (criminals steal these from vehicles to access homes)
- Lock garage service doors, and doors that provide entry to the house
- Consider an alarm system and/or surveillance cameras
- Report suspicious behavior



Metrolink Dial-A-Ride is now Click-and-Ride

Plymouth Metrolink’s on-demand ride service has a new name – Dial-A-Ride is now Click-and-Ride.

Along with the new name comes the new Click-and-Ride app, powered by RideCo, which allows riders to continue booking on-demand shuttles as needed.

The app also provides updates about ride status. Visit plymouthmn.gov/clickandride to download the free Click-and-Ride app and learn more.

“Launching the new app gives us the opportunity to improve service and the overall rider experience,” Transit Administrator Nur Kasin said. “We changed the name to better reflect how riders access the service. While rides can still be scheduled over the phone, riders are increasingly finding convenience in ordering a ride directly from the app.”

Riders can no longer schedule shuttles through the former TransLoc app – all rides must be booked via the new Click-and-Ride app or by calling 763-559-5057.

Ride Anywhere in Plymouth for \$3

For \$3 each way, Click-and-Ride provides shuttles anywhere in Plymouth, in addition to select locations outside the city, such as Ridgedale Center in Minnetonka, Colonial Square in Wayzata and Golden Valley Center.

With service seven days a week, Click-and-Ride is an option for anyone in Plymouth to catch a ride to work, appointments, visits with friends, shopping, or wherever else they need to go. Riders can also use Click-and-Ride to travel



Formerly Dial-A-Ride, Plymouth Metrolink’s on-demand ride service is now Click-and-Ride, and features a new app.

to Metrolink Park and Ride locations and bus stops, where they receive a free transfer to express routes going downtown or to the University of Minnesota.

Hours of operation:

- **Monday-Friday:** 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Saturday:** 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Those who require an interpreter for this information may contact Kasin at 763-509-5013 or nkasin@plymouthmn.gov. Residents with questions about Plymouth Metrolink may email transit@plymouthmn.gov or call 763-509-5535.

Plymouth Police Department supports and promotes officer wellness initiatives

The Plymouth Police Department views officer wellness as a critical component of providing high-quality public safety services. Because of the stressors officers are regularly exposed to on the job, psychological and physical injuries can be common. Unaddressed mental health or physical issues can impede an officer’s ability to serve others effectively.

“Officer wellness goes hand-in-hand with better policing,” Plymouth Public Safety Director Erik Fadden said. “We know that to best serve the community, we have to be physically, mentally and spiritually fit.”

The Plymouth Police Department has implemented a number of initiatives aimed at providing support for officers so they can better serve the community.

Some of these programs include:

- **Psychological** – All Plymouth officers participate in an annual confidential check-in with a licensed counselor, with the option to continue sessions.
- **Spiritual** – Numerous chaplains representing different faiths are available to staff.

- **Classes** – Plymouth officers are allowed up to 12 hours of paid time off per month to participate in approved classes.
- **Fitness** – Plymouth officers can work out before, during or after their shift in a gym located within the Public Safety Building.
- **Nutrition** – The department offers reduced-cost health and nutrition program for officers and their families.
- **Physician** – The Plymouth Police Department has a licensed physician available to assist officers and staff. This physician is also a licensed Plymouth police officer.

While these initiatives are not new for the Plymouth Police Department, staff continues to explore new wellness offerings and regularly promotes available programs to further encourage officer wellness.

The City of Plymouth shares information with residents for the sake of transparency and to provide insight into the programs of the Police Department.

City removes ash trees located near trails due to spread of invasive Emerald Ash Borer

With the emergence of substantial Emerald Ash Borer infestation areas in Plymouth and other area cities, the Plymouth Park Maintenance & Forestry Division will increase preemptive removal of ash trees in wooded areas adjacent to city-owned trails.

The ash trees will be removed to slow the spread of EAB by reducing available wood for infestations to expand. Trees are also removed out of concern for public safety – as ash trees die from EAB, they can become falling hazards along trails and in recreation areas.

What Residents May Notice

Ash trees are inventoried and marked with orange dots to make identification easier in winter. Currently, there are more than 900 ash trees identified for removal. The city will plant seedlings and disperse seeds in appropriate locations to supplement the natural regeneration of the impacted wooded areas. Tentative removal sites include the areas of Mission Hills, Rolling Hills, Four Seasons and Maple Creek parks, as well as Parkers Lake.

What Should Residents Do?

Residents should continue to monitor private ash trees and develop a plan. High-value ash trees may be treated, and less valuable trees should be removed prior to infestation.



An example of tree bark from a tree in Plymouth with EAB.

Once infested, treatment is usually ineffective in preserving the tree and as the tree dries out, it becomes more hazardous to remove in a safe manner.

About EAB

Confirmed in Plymouth in 2015, Emerald Ash Borer is a small, invasive insect that infects ash trees and spreads quickly, typically killing a majority of ash trees in its path. The city has been preparing for the arrival of EAB since 2012 and has applied an ongoing, preventative treatment cycle on a variety of public ash trees in city boulevards and parks that are a minimum of 15 inches in diameter and in good health.

There are two options for property owners with ash trees – begin a course of treatment immediately, or plan for the tree to be removed. For those who choose the former, treatment is typically necessary for the rest of the tree’s life. For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/eab.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer!

The city is seeking volunteers who are:

- **Wanting to spread happiness this winter.** Provide caring messages, pictures, jokes, puzzles and more to seniors through Cabin Fever Cards. Deadlines are Mondays Jan. 10 and Feb. 7.
- **Enthusiastic about winter sports.** Take tickets at high school hockey games through February.
- **Experienced writers.** Create regular blog posts or monthly newsletter articles for the Plymouth Historical Society. Work can be done remotely. Previous communications experience preferred.
- **Friendly and love to provide good service.** Help with a variety of fun outdoor activities during Fire & Ice, set for Saturday, Feb. 5 (see page 1).
- **Reliable with winter clean up.** Adopt a fire hydrant to keep clear of snow so firefighters can gain quick access in the event of an emergency. Learn more at plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot.
- **Passionate collectors.** Give a presentation to the Antiques and Collectibles senior group.

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

Take a Closer Look



Anurag Gupta

Anurag Gupta
Hockey Ticket Taker, Adopt a Park volunteer

As a volunteer, my job is to keep an eye on Aspen Ridge Park. I spend about an hour or two each week checking park equipment to make sure nothing is broken and looking for hazards such as trees or large branches that may have fallen. I also volunteer to take tickets for high school hockey games at the Plymouth Ice Center during the winter months.

My favorite thing about being a volunteer is getting to know the many people who come to the park. I love to meet new people. While taking tickets, I enjoy greeting people, and it’s always fun to watch the hockey games.

Because Anurag volunteers, residents who enjoy Aspen Ridge Park have a safe and fun experience, and hockey fans attending high school games receive a friendly welcome.

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Shuttle service is available 3:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at no cost, running to and from TCF Bank (Huntington Bank) Corporate Center, 1405 Xenium Lane N. Parking is free. A schedule of events will be posted on the city website in early January. For weather concerns, call the weather line at 763-509-5205.

The 12th-annual Fire & Ice Medallion Hunt begins Thursday, Jan. 6 with a clue posted on the city’s social media platforms and the Fire & Ice webpage, plymouthmn.gov/fireandice.

More clues will be published Thursdays, Jan. 13, 20 and 27, or until someone finds the medallion. There is no need to register or pay to participate. A \$250 prize is awarded to the first sleuth who finds the medallion. Only Plymouth residents are eligible.

The all-ages Fire & Ice Coloring Contest has also returned for the third year. Entries are due Friday, Jan. 21. For details and to participate, visit plymouthmn.gov/fireandice.

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Indoor Playground

With an array of ramps, slides, climbing towers, playhouses and other structures, the Kids Ultimate Backyard Experience (K.U.B.E.) is an accessible indoor playground for children ages 2-12.

The K.U.B.E. features a 28-foot-tall tower with netting and a spiral slide, activity spinners, basket swing, rock climbing wall and several interactive gaming areas.

Passes may be purchased online or in person. The daily rate to use the K.U.B.E. is \$5 for residents and \$6 for nonresidents. Group rates and punch passes are available. The admission fee applies to playground visitors ages 2 and older – supervisory adults do not need to purchase a pass.

Hours (subject to change):

- Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit plymouthmn.gov/kube for more information.

Indoor Walking Track

A dedicated year-round indoor amenity for walkers to stay active in a temperature-controlled environment is available at the Plymouth Community Center. The indoor track is free to use and guests need not check in or register.

Hours (subject to change):

- Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Saturday-Sunday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

During winter months, indoor walking/jogging will also remain available at the Fieldhouse.

For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/fieldhouse.



The year-round indoor walking track is now available for use.

Gymnasiums

The newly expanded facility also offers two full-size gyms for pickleball, basketball, badminton, volleyball, preschool, tumbling and more. Open gym hours are available for specific sports, which may include a fee.

Fitness Rooms

The Active Wing also includes three dedicated fitness rooms designed to host a wide range of health and fitness classes and activities, such as Zumba, dance, cardio, strength workouts, chair yoga and more.

Education, Events Wing Construction

The Active Wing opening marks the end of Phase 1 of the major renovation and expansion project. Phase 2 construction began in August 2021 and is on track to be completed by July 2022. The final phase includes renovation of the existing building and construction of the Education Wing (active adults, youth, arts, music and STEM) and the Events Wing (ballroom and meeting rooms).

Visit plymouthmn.gov/pccproject to learn more.

Plymouth police officer named DWI All Star, department awarded state grant

When Plymouth Police Department staff first applied for the state’s DWI Enforcement grant program for 2021, they couldn’t have predicted that the officer assigned to the program would so far exceed enforcement goals that he would receive statewide recognition for his work and secure the department a subsequent grant to fund the program a second year.

In recognition of his “excellent life-saving police work” and accomplishments in the program, Plymouth Police Officer Tommy Satele was recently named a DWI All Star by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety.

The goal of the grant program, and a priority for the Plymouth Police Department, is to enhance traffic safety and reduce impaired driving-related deaths and injuries.

The grant provides funding to allow agencies to dedicate an officer to full-time DWI enforcement.

As Plymouth’s designated DWI officer during the 9-month grant program, Satele’s goal was to complete 21 impaired driving arrests. Instead, from January through September, he closed the grant period with 72 DWIs issued – more than three times the projected number.

“Every time an officer removes one of these dangerous drivers off of our streets, there’s a possibility that somebody got to go home to their family that night that may not have made it otherwise,” Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety Metro Liaison Bill Hammes told the Plymouth City Council while recognizing Satele’s accomplishments.

Hammes’ visit to Plymouth wasn’t his first. Satele was also recognized earlier in the year for achieving a “hat trick” – when he successfully made three DWI arrests in one shift.



Tommy Satele

Satele achieved two hat tricks during the 9-month program, and a third in 2021 after the initial grant period closed.

“I’ve seen a lot of the tragic consequences of people choosing to drive while impaired,” said Satele, who worked for six years in emergency medical services prior to his career in law enforcement. “I knew that DWI enforcement was something I wanted to focus on and, pretty early on in my law enforcement career, I found I had a knack for it.”

A certified drug recognition evaluator, Satele has been trained to identify drug impairment and determine the category of drugs causing impairment. Of the 72 DWIs issued, 29% of the drivers were impaired by a substance other than alcohol. Satele made a total of 1,113 traffic stops during the 9-month period and averaged nearly one traffic stop per hour.

While the enforcement of impaired driving laws has remained Satele’s primary focus, he also encountered and enforced other violations, including outstanding felony warrants, possession of controlled substances, driving with a revoked license and others.

With the second grant period underway, Satele will remain Plymouth’s designated DWI officer – and Plymouth Police Department staff have no doubt the DWI All Star will continue to exceed expectations and make Plymouth roadways safer one impaired driving arrest at a time.

Redistricting ... from page 1

Based on numbers from the 2020 census, the City of Plymouth’s population grew to 81,026 residents – a more than 14% increase in the city’s population since the 2010 census.

Redistricting will help rebalance the population in each of Plymouth’s four wards, which should ideally include about 20,257 residents per ward with a maximum deviation of 5%.

Different from wards, precincts are geographical areas used for elections – and help determine where a resident votes, and who and what is on a voter’s ballot. Votes are tallied and reported by precincts throughout the country.

More Information

City staff have been busy preparing for redistricting – and are meeting with the City Council in January to begin the process. Visit plymouthmn.gov/redistricting for upcoming meeting dates and more information as it becomes available.

IN BRIEF

City seeks Charter Commission applications

The City of Plymouth is seeking applicants to fill several seats on the Plymouth Charter Commission. Seats will be open until filled, but preference will be given to applicants who apply by Thursday, Feb. 3. The Charter Commission is an independent body that discusses topics related to the Plymouth City Charter, which defines city government structure and operations. Residents with an interest in local government, including its structure and operations, are encouraged to submit a letter of interest and application to:

City Clerk Jodi Gallup
City of Plymouth
3400 Plymouth Boulevard
Plymouth, MN 55447

Charter Commission members are appointed by the chief judge of the Fourth Judicial District. For more information about the commission or the application process, contact City Clerk Jodi Gallup at jgallup@plymouthmn.gov or 763-509-5080.

Plymouth City Council adopts the 2022 budget

The Plymouth City Council has adopted the 2022 budget, which includes an overall tax levy increase of 7% from 2021. The levy increase can largely be attributed to major infrastructure projects that will allow the city to meet the increased demand for services and amenities that has accompanied the city’s growth. The cost of these increases is offset by the continued growth of Plymouth’s tax base, which reduces the impact on property taxes for owners of average value homes.

For owners of an average value home of \$425,000, the annual increase will be about \$78 a year for the city portion of their property tax bill. Property taxes are divided among the city, the school district, Hennepin County and other taxing jurisdictions. The city receives about 23 cents of each residential property tax dollar, which pays for police and fire service, snowplowing, street maintenance, trail and park upkeep, recreation programs, community planning, housing programs and other local services.

Detailed information about the city budget, including the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and other documents that outline the city’s financial status and practices, is available at plymouthmn.gov/financialreport.



Here is a rundown of some recent business news.

GreenDish is a new takeout and delivery restaurant that recently opened at 12755 Highway 55, offering a broad menu for lunch, dinner and catering.

Dunkin’ will soon open a location serving breakfast items, coffee drinks and donuts at 3195A Vicksburg Lane N.

Nautical Bowls, a Minnesota-based fast-casual restaurant offering açai bowls, will open in City Center at 3500 Vicksburg Lane N., Suite 600.

Peoples Organic will open a restaurant at 3500 Vicksburg Lane N., Suite 700, with a menu offering a variety of vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options.

The former Dundee Nursery site at 16800 Highway 55 is set to be transformed into **Parkera**, a mixed-use development comprised of a future location for **Twin Cities Orthopedics** and a 210-unit multi-family residential building (see page 4). Construction is expected to begin in early 2022.



2022 Yard Waste Site, recycling dates

Curbside recycling collections will be one day late when the following holidays fall on a weekday (not on a weekend) on or before a scheduled collection day: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. For details, visit plymouthmn.gov/recycling.



Drop-Off Day – This year, Drop-Off Day is set for Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30 at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N. When available, more information will be posted at plymouthmn.gov/dropoff.

Yard Waste Site – Opens Wednesday, April 6, weather permitting. The Yard Waste Site is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, Easter, Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day. The site will also close April 29-30 for Drop-Off Day. For hours and accepted materials, visit plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste.

Recycling Drop-Off Site – Open daily. The site is located next to the Maintenance Facility and is available to Plymouth residents and small businesses located in Plymouth. The site is closed all day April 29-30 for Drop-Off Day.

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SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT

Winter Parking/Plowing – To improve snow plowing efficiency, residents are reminded of the winter parking ordinance. Parking is prohibited on streets after a 2-inch snowfall until the street has been plowed to the curbs. Violators may be tagged and towed. Plymouth also has a year-round ordinance that prohibits parking on city streets 2-5 a.m.

Help make plowing operations more efficient:

- Do not shovel, plow or blow snow into the street. In addition to being illegal, blowing snow into the street makes it difficult to clear roadways.
- It is the property owner’s responsibility to keep mailboxes clear to ensure postal delivery.
- Clear snow and ice near fire hydrants and storm drains – see Adopt a Hydrant info below.
- If it’s likely that streets will be plowed on collection day, place garbage and recycling containers a few feet back in the driveway to prevent waste from being scattered.

For more information about snow removal operations, or to sign up for snow emergency eNotifications, visit plymouthmn.gov/snow.

Adopt A Hydrant – The Plymouth Fire Department asks residents to shovel a 3-foot radius around fire hydrants after a snowfall.

Quick access to hydrants is crucial during a fire, as a fire engine’s water supply depletes rapidly. The program allows first responders to gain access to water faster during a fire and helps eliminate the need for firefighters to dig a hydrant out of the snow and ice before it can be used in an emergency situation.

For more information about the Adopt a Hydrant program, visit plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot. Residents can also learn about other ways to volunteer to benefit

their neighborhoods and community as a whole by adopting parks, dog waste stations, storm drains and streets on the Adopt a Spot webpage. A map shows the location and availability of each spot.

Wrapped Fire Hydrants – Residents may have noticed fire hydrants covered in yellow plastic throughout Plymouth. The city wraps hydrants along high-traffic roadways to prevent damage from salt and sand during winter months. The plastic helps extend the life of a hydrant and is easily removed when access is needed.

Indoor Walking – Stay active this winter by taking advantage of free indoor walking at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. Walking is available at the Fieldhouse, as well as the new year-round indoor walking track (see page 1). For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/pcc.

Tree Trimming – Each year, the City of Plymouth hires a Tree Care Industry Association-accredited tree service to prune boulevard and park trees.

Ostvig Tree, Inc. will trim boulevard trees for street clearance and removal of hazardous and/or dead limbs. The trimming occurs through March and will be focused in the northeastern area of Plymouth.

Residents who trim their own boulevard trees should contact City Forester Paul Buck at 763-509-5944 or pbuck@plymouthmn.gov so they can be noted in the tree inventory.

Pruning of private trees is the responsibility of the respective property owners. Pruning is recommended during dormancy (typically November through March) to avoid potential pest and disease problems. The city recommends residents utilize companies that have certified arborists on staff, as well as adequate insurance.

From plants to people, Parkera Plymouth keeps site green

By Mayor Jeff Wosje

A spot that once featured a greenhouse full of plants, the former Dundee Nursery site at Highway 55 and Rockford Road will soon become home to hundreds of residents and a medical building. Like many customers who purchased flowers and landscaping at Dundee for years, I am sad to see it go. While redevelopment can be bittersweet, what I appreciate about the new Parkera Plymouth development is a deliberate nod to the site’s past – Parkera is going green.

Aimed at connecting people to nature, a distinct feature of the site includes a new two-acre forest garden. This sustainable woodland ecosystem will incorporate fruit and nut trees, shrubs, herbs, vines and perennial vegetables, leaving a legacy of greenery for residents, animals and songbirds to enjoy. Walking and biking trails will weave through the site, connecting to existing trails and retail.

The first certified B Corporation for a multi-family building in Minnesota, a standard for social and environmental impact, Parkera’s 210-unit residential building is working to achieve sustainability certifications such as Living Building Challenge and Fitwell. The building will include geothermal technology for heating and cooling, rooftop solar panels and a rainwater reuse system for irrigation. Lighting will have occupancy and daylight sensors, and smart technology will allow tenants to view their energy consumption and carbon footprints. These features should reduce the standard energy usage by 70% and interior water consumption by 50%.

A Plymouth Metrolink Park and Ride may help reduce vehicle travel, and residents need not leave Plymouth for orthopedic surgery. The site includes a new three-story Twin Cities Orthopedics facility, featuring an ambulatory surgical center, physical therapy, athletic training, orthopedic clinic, MRI suite and care suites.

With little greenfield remaining in Plymouth, I am pleased to see a redevelopment like Parkera blossom into an environmentally responsible site enjoyed by many for years to come.

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On-demand video link at city website
City Council: Jan. 11, 25 and Feb. 8, 22
Planning Commission: Jan. 19 and Feb. 2, 16

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