

PLYMOUTH NEWS

Filing for City Council candidates opens Aug. 2

The filing period for City Council seats in the upcoming general election begins Tuesday, Aug. 2. The deadline to file is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16. Filing must be completed with the city clerk during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd.

The four-year term city seats that will be on the Nov. 8 ballot include mayor, Ward 2 council member (southwest Plymouth), Ward 4 council member (northeast Plymouth) and at large council member (citywide).

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 Jodi Gallup at 763-509-5080 or jgallup@plymouthmn.gov with questions.

Night to Unite is Aug. 2

An annual statewide get-to-know-the-neighbors initiative, Night to Unite returns to Plymouth neighborhoods 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2.

The evening serves as a community building event centered around crime prevention and strengthening neighborhood ties.

Neighbors are encouraged to host outdoor gatherings that can be as simple as potluck dinners, ice cream socials or ordering carryout from a local restaurant.

Night to Unite is a great opportunity for community members to catch up with one another, welcome new neighbors and update their neighborhood directories. For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/nighttounite.

Alert Plymouth test: A test of the emergency notification system, Alert Plymouth, is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2. Sign up at plymouthmn.gov/alertplymouth.

The annual water report is now available for 2021

Providing clean, reliable water is a core service provided by the City of Plymouth – and each year Plymouth prepares a system report that provides information about the city's water and how it compares to state and federal standards.

It contains monitoring results from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2021. As shown in the report, the city meets or surpasses all water quality testing, regulations and requirements. City of Plymouth water is tested weekly by an independent, state-certified laboratory and the results are submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health.

Public water supplies are regularly tested for more than 100 contaminants that can cause health concerns, such as bacteria, nitrates, pesticides, solvents and metals. Water plant operators also test the water multiple times per day for appropriate chemical levels and water quality.

The annual water report for 2021 is now available online at plymouthmn.gov/waterreport. The public may download and print the water report, or request a paper copy by calling 763-509-5000 and arranging to pick it up during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday) at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd.

Plymouth Community Center Event and Education wings open July 18

After two years of construction, the Plymouth Community Center Project is set to be complete Monday, July 18 with the opening of the final phase of the project – the Event and Education wings.

The renovated facility will provide gathering places for all members of the community to enjoy recreation activities, educational opportunities, arts and music programs, weddings, special events, meetings and more.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony July 18

Community members are invited to celebrate the completion of the project and official opening of the Event and Education wings with a ribbon cutting ceremony 4 p.m. Monday, July 18 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N.

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The Plymouth Community Center Event and Education wings are set to open Monday, July 18, marking the completion of the two-year project.

Music in Plymouth celebrates 50 years of community fun, entertainment

A sure sign of summer in the city, Music in Plymouth returns for the 50th year, Wednesday, July 6 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. The Plymouth Civic League and the City of Plymouth welcome the world-class Minnesota Orchestra to the stage for Plymouth's largest annual celebration.

Attending the Event

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a welcome, followed by performances featuring the Okee Dokee Brothers, as well as Charles Lazarus and the Steeles. Concessions, entertainment and children's activities will be offered throughout the evening. Following the opening lineup, the Minnesota Orchestra will take the stage to perform classic and modern scores 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 sold and attendees can bring picnic suppers.

Please note that, due to extensive underground wiring and sprinkling systems at the Hilde, staking and roping off seating areas is strictly prohibited. Those attending Music in Plymouth will not be allowed to leave blankets, chairs or tarps on the grounds until after 7 a.m. the morning of the event.



Music in Plymouth returns to the Hilde Wednesday, July 6.

Plymouth Metrolink will shuttle attendees to the event at no cost from two park-and-ride locations – West Lutheran High School (34th Avenue N. and Fernbrook Lane N.) and Plymouth Creek Elementary School (Vicksburg Lane N. and 41st Avenue N.). Shuttle service runs 5-11:30 p.m.

The Plymouth Civic League presents the free Music in Plymouth event with the support of the City of Plymouth, Plymouth businesses and residents. Those interested can help support the event through a tax-deductible donation.

For more information, visit musicinplymouth.org.

Statewide primary election set for Aug. 9

The 2022 statewide primary election is set for Tuesday, Aug. 9, with in-person election day polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. In the primary, Plymouth voters narrow the field of candidates for governor/lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, county sheriff and county attorney.

Top vote getters will move on to the Tuesday, Nov. 8 general election. Plymouth City Council seats will be on the November ballot, but are not included in the primary.

Please note that a majority of polling locations have changed this year due to redistricting. For information about how to register and where to vote, visit plymouthmn.gov/election. The site includes a link to the Secretary of State's website (mnvotes.org), which has a poll location finder. Voters without internet access can call 763-509-5000 for more information.

Pre-Register for In-Person Voting

While registration may be completed the day of the primary, those new to voting, who have changed their name or who moved since the last election can save time by pre-registering to vote. Tuesday, July 19 is the deadline to

pre-register for the primary election. For more information, including required documentation, visit mnvotes.org.

Absentee Ballots (Early Voting) Available

All voters can vote by absentee ballot (early voting) either by mail or in person for the 2022 elections. Voters may apply now to receive an absentee ballot. For mail or drop-off ballots to count, they must be received by 3 p.m. on the day of the primary election, Tuesday, Aug. 9.

Step 1, Apply for Ballot – To apply to receive a ballot in the mail, complete the online absentee ballot application under “Other Ways to Vote” at mnvotes.org. Voters may also download and fill out an application from mnvotes.org for an absentee ballot and return it by email, mail or in person to:

Hennepin County Elections
Government Center
300 S. 6th Street, MC 012
Minneapolis, MN 55487-0012
hc.vote@hennepin.us

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Those who wish to vote by mail are encouraged to apply for a ballot no later than 10 days before the day of the election. This gives voters the best chance to receive ballots in the mail and still have time to mail it back or drop it off. Voters can apply after this date, but each day increases the chances they will not be able to receive and return ballots by election day.

Step 2, Fill Out Ballot – Once voters receive a ballot in the mail, they should carefully follow the directions to fill out the ballot and all forms, and seal them in the envelopes provided. Voters will need a witness who is either a registered Minnesota voter or a notary to sign and complete the signature envelope.

Step 3, Return Ballot –

By mail:

A postage-paid envelope is provided with absentee ballots to return by U.S. Postal Service.

Drop-off:

Ballot drop-off at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd., is for Plymouth residents only – and ballots must be dropped off by 3 p.m. Aug. 9.

Ballots may be dropped off:

- **Friday, June 24 to Friday, Aug. 5**
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
- **Saturday, Aug. 6**
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Monday, Aug. 8**
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 9**
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ballots may be dropped off by voters or on behalf of voters. Those dropping off a ballot on behalf of a voter must be at

least 18 years old and cannot deliver more than three ballots for absent voters in any one election.

Step 4, Confirm – Voters can track the status of their ballots at mnvotes.org and confirm they were received and counted.

Vote Absentee (Early) In Person

The entire absentee balloting (early voting) process can be completed in person at Plymouth City Hall 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Friday, June 24 and ending on Monday, Aug. 8 at 5 p.m. (extended hours). To vote early in person, voters must fill out an application when arriving at City Hall. Election workers will review applications and issue a ballot to vote on site.

Another option is to vote in person by direct ballot Aug. 2-8. Voters will fill out an application for an absentee ballot, and instead of returning their ballot inside an envelope, voters feed their ballot through a tabulator, just like on the day of the election. Direct balloting is available 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday at Plymouth City Hall. Extended hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8.

Agent Delivery

Certain voters may authorize an agent to pick up and return their absentee ballots for them by filling out an additional form (only during the seven days prior to an election), including voters in hospitals, group homes, domestic violence shelters, assisted living facilities and more. This also includes voters with disabilities or incapacitating health issues. A designated agent cannot return ballots for more than three voters in any election. Call 763-509-5000 or visit mnvotes.org for agent delivery details. Residents living in a residential facility who have questions about qualifications listed above should ask the facility administrator.

For more information, including guidance for military and overseas voters, visit mnvotes.org.

HAPPENINGS



Farmers Market – The annual outdoor Farmers Market is open for the season 2:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday through Oct. 5 at Parkers Lake Playfield, 15500 County Road 6. A weekly newsletter is emailed to subscribers to provide information and offer recipes or health benefits for ingredients available at the market. For more information about the market or to sign up to receive the weekly newsletters, visit plymouthmn.gov/farmersmarket.

Entertainment in the Parks – Plymouth's summer series of free events and activities is underway – and includes concerts, movies, dance performances, magic shows, comedy for children and more. Visit plymouthmn.gov/specialevents for current event information.

Kids Fest Summer Carnival and Environmental Fair – The annual Kids Fest is set for 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. The event features a petting zoo, carnival games, food trucks, a dunk tank, environmental activities, face painting, inflatables and more.

While entertainment is free, attendees should bring money for games, food and some activities. Unlimited wristbands for games and activities will be available for purchase online or at the event.

Summer Series Skateboard Contest – A free jam-style skateboard contest for all ages hosted by the City of Plymouth and 3rd Lair Skate Park is set for Tuesday, Aug. 9 at Plymouth Creek Skate Park, 3625 Fernbrook Lane N. Registration opens at 4 p.m., contest begins at 5 p.m.

Movies in the Park – All movies begin at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.) and are free to attend. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring their own snacks and beverages. This year's movies are:

- “Respect” – Friday, Aug. 12, East Medicine Lake Park, 1740 East Medicine Lake Blvd.
- Community Choice (visit plymouthmn.gov to learn more and vote) – Thursday, Aug. 18, Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.
- “Pokémon: Detective Pikachu” – Thursday, Aug. 25, Hilde Performance Center

Attendees are reminded that curfew laws still apply. In case of inclement weather, movie showings will be canceled. Call the weather hotline at 763-509-5205.

Summer Beach Series: What a Musical Night – Enjoy an evening of live music, soul food, a showing of the musical movie “Respect” and more on the beach, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, East Medicine Lake Park, 1740 East Medicine Lake Blvd.

Plymouth Sings – In partnership with Minnesota Sings, Plymouth will hold auditions 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3. Call 763-509-5200 for an audition time – requests are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. To be eligible, singers must live, work or attend school in Plymouth. Two age groups will compete – ages 13-20, and 21 and older.

At the auditions, judges will decide who will advance to the Plymouth Sings Finals, set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. The public is welcome to view the final competition at no cost. The winner and runner-up from the finals will represent Plymouth at the Minnesota Sings State Finals Oct. 1-2 in New Ulm.

For information about Minnesota Sings, including cash and other prizes awarded at the state finals, visit minnesotasings.com.

SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT

Outdoor 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 Hours – The city-operated Yard Waste Site, 14900 23rd Ave. N., 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. Visit plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste or call the Yard Waste Site hotline at 763-509-5930 for more information.

BUSINESS buzz

Here is a rundown of some recent business news.

Chick-Fil-A, a fast casual restaurant known for its chicken sandwiches, is working on site preparation for a new location at 3005 Harbor Lane, the former Jake's City Grille site.

Construction is underway at a new **Twin Cities Orthopedics** location at Highway 55 and Rockford Road, the former Dundee Nursery site. The orthopedic specialty care facility is part of the Parkera development, which will also include a future multi-family residential project.

Minnesota Rubber and Plastics recently cut the ribbon at its new Innovation Center adjacent to its headquarters in Plymouth. The company is a leading provider of components

that supply the medical device and transportation industries, as well as the water, food and beverage markets.

The Healing House Energy Spa recently opened at 3900 Vinewood Lane N., Suite 9, providing options for Reiki sessions and workshops, in addition to offering jewelry, aroma therapy, crystals and more.

Moore Engineering recently opened a new office location at 2 Carlson Parkway N., Suite 110. The company specializes in civil and environmental engineering projects in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Ice Dreamzzz is a new business offering Thai rolled ice cream and cotton candy at 10100 6th Ave. N., Unit 122, in the Waterford Park Plaza.

For more information about current and future development activity in Plymouth, explore the interactive Development Happenings map available at plymouthmn.gov/development.

Jennifer Tomlinson named Plymouth's new parks and recreation director

Jennifer Tomlinson has been named Plymouth's new parks and recreation director. In addition to coordinating major community events, the Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of educational opportunities, athletics, arts, music and other programming.

Additionally, the department maintains Plymouth's 1,824 acres of parkland, 67 developed city parks and 175 miles of trail, and facilitates a robust volunteer program. The position also oversees the Plymouth Community Center, Plymouth Ice Center and Plymouth Historical Society.

Tomlinson has served as deputy director of parks and recreation for the City of Plymouth since February. She came to Plymouth from the City of Boise, Idaho where she was

the superintendent of parks. With 17 years of experience in Boise, she oversaw operations, maintenance and construction – including more than 2,000 acres of parkland, 95 developed parks, ice rinks, pools, urban forestry and other facilities.

She also has a background in economic development and urban planning.



Jennifer Tomlinson

Projects bolster City of Plymouth’s award-winning park and trail system

To ensure all residents have plenty of amenities to stay active and engaged outdoors, the city continues to invest in Plymouth’s park and trail system with annual development and maintenance aimed at keeping the award-winning system top notch. Below are some of the new park developments, amenities and other projects slated for Plymouth this summer. For all projects below, please note that timelines are weather dependent and subject to change.

Plymouth Creek Playfield

A complete parking lot reconstruction is underway at Plymouth Creek Playfield, 3625 Fernbrook Lane N. More than 60 stalls will be added to serve the park, which offers soccer fields, a playground, a skate park, access to the Plymouth Historical Society and more. As part of the project, crews will create two stormwater basins with more than 2,000 plants to the area surrounding the park. Plymouth Historical Society access will also be upgraded in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Zachary Playfield Pickleball Courts

Six all-new lighted outdoor pickleball courts will be constructed at Zachary Playfield, 4355 Zachary Lane. The fenced-in courts are expected to be installed this year and will be open for the public to use.

Fazendin Park

Plymouth has created a new pollinator-focused orchard and garden at Fazendin Park, 17040 24th Ave. N. With the help of dedicated volunteers, the first phase of planting was completed in May. Additional plantings are set for next year. Completed areas include a fruit orchard and native plant

garden, while future enhancements include an evergreen area and space for nut and seed trees, and shrubs.

More than 10,000 plants and shrubs of varying native species will be planted in the next two to three years and, once complete, the plantings will cover about 3 acres of land.

Other Improvements

Other park system improvements happening this year include:

- **Shenandoah Park**, 2225 Shenandoah Lane N., is set for an improvement project with trail and playground replacement.
- **St. Mary’s Park**, 401 Forestview Lane N., will be revitalized with trail replacement; a reconstructed parking lot; basketball court replacement; playground replacement, including a universal swing for greater accessibility; and drainage improvements.
- The **Prairie Ponds Park** area will feature a new trail connection under the Vicksburg Lane bridge at the Canadian Pacific Railroad tracks. The trail will span from Prairie Ponds Park on the west side of Vicksburg Lane, link to neighborhood sidewalks, and eventually connect to parks and amenities on the east, including Fairway Greens Park, Pomerleau Lake, the Northwest Greenway and more.
- As part of the ongoing **County Road 47** project, new trails will be added along both sides of the roadway. A pedestrian tunnel will also be constructed at Peony Lane and County Road 47 for safer access and walkability. Visit plymouthmn.gov/cr47 for more information.

Construction projects progress in Plymouth

Road construction season continues in Plymouth with projects that will improve major roadways.

The projects below began this spring, and impact on traffic will change as construction moves through various phases.

County Road 47 Reconstruction Project

At press time, Phase 1 of the County Road 47 reconstruction project was underway between Brockton Lane and Peony Lane.

This segment of roadway will remain closed through the summer months. Motorists are detoured on Peony Lane, Highway 55 and Brockton Lane.

Once complete, the project will include an urban roadway section with concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer improvements, trails, and a pedestrian underpass.

2022 Vicksburg Lane Improvement Project

An improvement project on Vicksburg Lane from Highway 55 to Old Rockford Road is underway, which includes removing and replacing the pavement on the roadway. Other project improvements include repairs to concrete curb and gutter, utility repairs, trail improvements and installation of concrete pedestrian ramps, as necessary. At press time, the first stage of the project was nearing completion between Highway 55 and 35th Avenue. Construction is set to begin on the second and third stages between 35th Avenue and Old Rockford Road.

Motorists are asked to remain patient and follow posted detours. Construction timelines are weather dependent and subject to change. Visit plymouthmn.gov/project-spotlight to learn more and sign up for eNotification emails.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer!

The city is seeking volunteers who are:

Interested in serving as police explorer volunteers. Must be ages 14-20 and able to meet weekly during the school year to explore law enforcement. Apply by Monday, Aug. 1. For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/explorers.

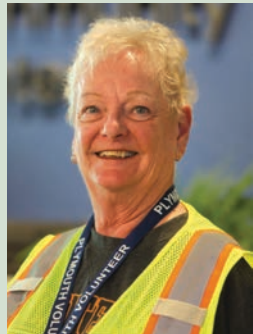
Friendly and love to provide good service. Help with children’s activities during Kids Fest (Thursday, Aug. 4) and Plymouth on Parade (Saturday, Sept. 17).

Passionate about the environment and green things. Adopt a storm drain in the city and keep it clear of leaves and other debris, and mark it for environmental education. Remove buckthorn Saturdays, Oct. 22, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5. Groups are welcome.

Senior Ambassadors Help facilitate senior group meetings and programs. This opportunity is a regular weekday morning or afternoon commitment at the Plymouth Community Center.

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

Take a Closer Look



Linda Carlson

Linda Carlson

Plymouth Community Center Ambassador

As a volunteer, my job is to assist Plymouth Community Center staff by greeting visitors, providing tours, answering questions, and, of course, high fiving the children

who have had fun in the K.U.B.E. I also take tickets at high school hockey games at the Plymouth Ice Center during hockey season.

My favorite thing about being a city volunteer is the connection with others and the pride felt when actively supporting our wonderful community.

Because Linda volunteers, PCC and PIC visitors are more aware of the available amenities.

IN BRIEF

Picture Plymouth Photo Contest begins Aug. 1 – Shutterbugs take note – the annual Picture Plymouth Photo Contest kicks off in August. Photographers of all levels are asked to submit their best shots beginning Monday, Aug. 1.

Top photos receive prizes and have a chance to be published in Plymouth News and Plymouth Magazine, which co-sponsors the contest with the City of Plymouth.

All photo 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, 2021 to Aug. 31, 2022. After the contest closes,

visit plymouthmag.com to make a pick for the Readers’ Choice winner. For contest rules, visit plymouthmag.com after Aug. 1.

Plymouth Environmental Academy – Plymouth residents interested in learning more about their environmental footprint can sign up for the Plymouth Environmental Academy, which returns for its second year. The program is an initiative of the Plymouth Environmental Quality Committee.

The academy is held for four months with a class each month focused on an environmental topic of interest.

Courses are set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, Thursday, Sept. 29, Tuesday, Oct. 18 and Thursday, Nov. 17.

The Plymouth Environmental Academy is free and open to everyone. Registration is required. To apply, visit plymouthmn.gov/environmentalacademy. Applications are due Friday, Aug. 5.

Used Motor Oil Drop-Off – A free, 24-hour drop-off site for used motor oil, oil filters and antifreeze is available at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N.

Residents using the site should read and follow all posted instructions to prevent contamination.

The city’s vendor, East Side Oil, provides reprocessing that turns the waste product into fuel for heaters and asphalt plants.

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The event includes tours of the new wings, comments from city officials and light refreshments.

Amenities at the Event and Education Wings

Complete with conference and multipurpose rooms equipped with new integrated technology, the Event Wing features a renovated ballroom and redesigned Black Box Theater, which were staples from the former Plymouth Creek Center building. Known as the Plymouth Room, the newly renovated ballroom seats up to 300 guests at tables or 400 guests for

audience-style seating. This popular wedding and special event venue includes a stage, built-in bar and large windows that overlook the Millennium Garden and wetland areas.

The renovated Black Box Theater features audience-style seating for up to 180 people and is equipped with a sound system and lighting.

The Education Wing includes senior/adult spaces designated for groups, clubs and social gatherings; multipurpose rooms tailored for education and STEM classes; art rooms for creative programming; and music classrooms for lessons and other acoustical activities.

“To be able to fully open this beautiful facility to Plymouth residents is very exciting,” said Plymouth Community Center Manager Jess Riley. “Each wing of the community center offers something unique, and we are excited to continue welcoming guests of all ages and abilities to this new space.”

Other amenities at the Plymouth Community Center include the K.U.B.E. indoor playground, a year-round walking track, fitness rooms, art gallery, sensory room and two gymnasiums in the Active Wing of the facility, which opened in early January.

For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/pcc.

Plymouth is hiring part-time/on-call firefighters, applications due July 11

The Plymouth Fire Department is hiring part-time/on-call firefighters. Applications for this flexible, vital and fulfilling position are due 8 a.m. Monday, July 11.

Part-time/on-call firefighters come from all walks of life, with varying backgrounds – teachers, mechanics, financial advisors, veterans and more. The position is designed to be flexible to accommodate parents with children, as well as those working full-time jobs and careers.

Meet Firefighters and Ask Questions July 7

A Firefighter Recruitment Meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 7 at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd. Prospective applicants may speak with Plymouth firefighters, ask questions about the job, and bring their spouse or significant other.

“Becoming a firefighter may sound daunting, but people are often surprised to find that it isn’t,” said Fire Battalion Chief Steve Baker. “We send you to school, pay you to train and teach you the skills you need to be a firefighter.”

About the Job

In addition to responding to medical and fire calls, Plymouth firefighters provide public education in

schools, homes, businesses and community organizations. Firefighters serve others, learn life-long skills and build friendships within the fire service community.

Part-time/on-call firefighters earn an hourly wage for all on-duty activities, including training, and are partially vested for a pension after five years of service. While the time commitment for first-year part-time/on-call firefighters is higher, all training is provided and physical fitness facilities are available.

Plymouth firefighters must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or equivalent, reside within an 8-minute travel time to a Plymouth fire station, possess a valid Minnesota driver’s license, and maintain availability for minimum time commitments and training requirements.

“This position offers a lot of flexibility for those juggling full-time jobs and kids,” said Baker. “It’s a rewarding experience – and it offers great benefits and comradery.”

Learn More, Apply

Visit plymouthmn.gov/firefighter for more information and to apply. Residents may call the Plymouth Firefighter Recruitment Line at 763-509-5129 and leave a voicemail – firefighters will return calls and answer questions.

Fire Station projects nearing completion

Construction on two Plymouth fire stations is steadily nearing completion. A project that broke ground in June 2021, the renovated and expanded Fire Station 3 (3300 Dunkirk Lane N.) is slated to be complete at the end of July. The completely reconstructed Fire Station 2 (12000 Old Rockford Road) will be finished in late fall/early winter.

As Plymouth transitioned to a hybrid staffing model that includes both part-time/on call and full-time firefighters working 24-hour shifts, facility needs changed.

The completed stations will better accommodate staffing, prioritize training and firefighter health, improve emergency preparedness and update the aging facilities. For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/firestationprojects.

Ribbon Cutting set for Aug. 13

The community is invited to a ribbon cutting celebration 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at Fire Station 3. Stay tuned on the city website and social media for more information.

Hilde hosts big names for live outdoor music

Plymouth continues to bolster its reputation as a place for live music with major concerts this summer at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

The Fabulous Armadillos featuring Tim Haussner, July 23

The City of Plymouth will host a free concert with the Fabulous Armadillos featuring Tim Haussner 6-9 p.m. Saturday, July 23. The Fabulous Armadillos offer hit song re-creations spanning a variety of genres. Food trucks will be on site, and beer and wine will be sold by the Plymouth Civic League in support of Music in Plymouth (see page 1). Non-alcoholic drinks will be available from Sobar.

Live at the Hilde: Gary Clark Jr. and Kelsea Ballerini, July 29-30

Presented by Sue McLean and Associates, the two-day Live at the Hilde: Party in the Park event brings major acts to the Hilde stage with the following lineup:

- **Friday, July 29** – Grammy Award Winner and Headliner Gary Clark Jr. with Cold War Kids, Suzanne Santo and Kiss the Tiger
- **Saturday, July 30** – Country Music Association Award Winner and Headliner Kelsea Ballerini with the Band Perry, Brittney Spencer and Devon Worley Band



Kelsea Ballerini

Two-day and single-day tickets are available. For details, visit suemclean.com/hilde.

New season set for Plymouth Community Center

By Mayor Jeff Wosje

They say Minnesota has two seasons: winter and construction. With summer in full swing and a major construction project on the cusp of completion at the Plymouth Community Center, I’d say that Plymouth is about to enter a new season – celebration.

Cutting the ribbon and opening the doors to the Event and Education wings July 18 (see page 1) will signal the culmination of years of careful preparation, community input, planning and construction.

While the original Plymouth Creek Center building hosted many milestone celebrations in our community since its opening in 1999, we had outgrown the space. I am thrilled to see the beautifully renovated and expanded facility create more opportunities for memories and better serve all who live here. I am also grateful to current and past City Councils for approving these projects.

The Plymouth Community Center was built as an asset for residents – it will be the site of many weddings, special events, birthday parties, conferences, trainings, educational classes, clubs and programs, sports competitions, spirited playtime, and much, much more. The facility was designed to foster curiosity and learning, encourage active and healthy lifestyles and, most importantly, bolster Plymouth’s overall quality of life.

The numbers speak for themselves. Since the opening of the first phase of the project, the Active Wing has welcomed approximately 188,500 visitors from early January through the end of May. Additionally, 26,223 passes have been purchased for children to enjoy the K.U.B.E. indoor playground. It’s a delight to watch residents of all ages and abilities enjoy this community gathering space.

I am excited to see the activities, programs and happenings that will unfold in the Events and Education wings. I hope you will stop by to see the space – and help Plymouth celebrate this new season.

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