



## 51st annual Music in Plymouth set for July 6

Residents can mark their calendars for the 51st annual Music in Plymouth, set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Plymouth's summer classic promises an evening of free musical entertainment in a beautiful outdoor setting.

The event culminates with a performance by the world-class Minnesota Orchestra and a spectacular fireworks display. Check the next edition of Plymouth News for more information.

Music in Plymouth is presented by the Plymouth Civic League and the City of Plymouth, and offered free to the public. For information about how the community can support Music in Plymouth, visit [musicinplymouth.org](http://musicinplymouth.org).



## Farmers Market returns to Plymouth June 21

The Plymouth Farmers Market is back for the season 2:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday, from June 21 through Oct. 4 at the Parkers Lake Playfield parking lot, 15500 County Road 6. Vendors sell fresh, locally grown produce and prepared food. For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/farmersmarket](http://plymouthmn.gov/farmersmarket).



## Summer Series Skateboard Contest

Set for Tuesday, June 20 at Plymouth Creek Skate Park, 3625 Fernbrook Lane N., the free Summer Series Skateboard Contest is open to all ages, and is hosted by the City of Plymouth and 3rd Lair Skate Park. Registration opens at 5 p.m., and the contest begins at 6 p.m.

## Plymouth seeks applicants for paid part-time/on-call firefighter position

The Plymouth Fire Department is set to hire part-time/on-call firefighters – and interested community members are encouraged to apply. The application period for this flexible, vital and fulfilling position opens Monday, May 22.

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 and those working full-time jobs.

### Meet Firefighters, Ask Questions

Firefighter recruitment meetings are set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22 and Tuesday, July 11 at Plymouth Fire Station 2, 12000 Old Rockford Road. Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend one of the meetings to speak with firefighters and ask questions. Attendees are encouraged to bring their spouse or significant other.



The Plymouth Fire Department is set to hire part-time/on-call firefighters. Interested residents are encouraged to apply beginning Monday, May 22.

"Becoming a firefighter may sound daunting, but people are often surprised to find that it isn't," said Fire Battalion Chief Steve Baker.

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## Preventative maintenance project complete at Plymouth's Zachary Water Treatment Plant

A two-year project at the Zachary Water Treatment Plant in eastern Plymouth has wrapped up, and the plant is now up and running ahead of the peak summer season.

The project consisted of cosmetic and preventative maintenance, including refreshing and recoating filter cells, repainting the pipe network and redoing flooring. The Zachary plant has served Plymouth for more than three decades, and regular maintenance and upkeep ensures it can run smoothly and efficiently.

"Basically, any pipe in the building greater than 4 inches was blasted and repainted, which prevents corrosion damage," Utility Operator Wes Stockwell said. "It looks great, and really feels like a total refresh of the plant."

### An Essential Facility

Plymouth's water system features two water treatment plants – the central plant near the Plymouth Maintenance



The Zachary Water Treatment Plant is one of two treatment plants that serve the City of Plymouth.

Facility and the Zachary plant. Each system draws from its own wells, but both feed into the city's entire water supply.

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## Bark in the Park set for May 20



## Update: Bark in the Park has been canceled

*Bark in the Park is set for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 20 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. The all-about-dogs event features activities, contests and vendors – and is free to attend. For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/barkinthepark](http://plymouthmn.gov/barkinthepark).*



# Live at the Hilde brings big concerts

Summer is set to bring some big names to Plymouth with the return of the Live at the Hilde concert series – including Lauren Alaina and Andy Grammer July 28-29 the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

Presented by Sue McLean and Associates in partnership with Mithun Productions, the two-day Live at the Hilde event helps raise the profile of Plymouth as a place for live music.

Concerts are slated for the Hilde stage with the following lineup:

- **Friday, July 28** – Grand Ole Opry inductee and headliner Lauren Alaina with guests David J and Monique Smaz
- **Saturday, July 29** – Pop artist and headliner Andy Grammer

Other featured artists will be announced as Live at the Hilde gets closer.



The Hilde Performance Center will host Lauren Alaina on Friday, July 28 and Andy Grammer on Saturday, July 29.

For more information and to purchase tickets for Live at the Hilde, visit [sueclean.com/hilde](http://sueclean.com/hilde).

# HRA offers first-time homebuyer assistance, energy efficiency programs

The Plymouth Housing and Redevelopment Authority offers programs that may benefit homeowners, as well as those looking to purchase their first home in Plymouth.

## First-Time Homebuyer Loans

To help qualifying prospective homebuyers overcome financial hurdles, the Plymouth Housing and Redevelopment Authority offers zero-interest deferred loans of up to \$35,000 to offset down payment and closing costs. Applicants must meet income limits, attend a homebuyer education class, finance the home through a participating lender and be a first-time homebuyer or have not owned a home in the last three years.

Those interested in the program are encouraged to contact the HRA early in the homebuying process. Visit [plymouthmn.gov/firsthome](http://plymouthmn.gov/firsthome) to view income limits and other information.

## Home Energy Squad

The City of Plymouth and the HRA have partnered with the Center for Energy and Environment, CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy to offer the Home Energy Squad Program to Plymouth residents. Residents can sign up for a customized home visit from a team of energy professionals who will install energy saving materials, perform a blower door test, complete an insulation inspection and identify additional ways to save energy in the home. Homeowners can also receive a personalized report that includes energy improvement recommendations, low-interest financing options and information about available utility rebates.

Visits cost \$35 or \$50, depending on the type of home and year it was built. Free visits are available to income-qualified households. For more information or to schedule a visit, call 651-328-6220 or visit [mncee.org/home-energy-squad](http://mncee.org/home-energy-squad).

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In the winter, when demand is lower, the plants put out about 5-6 million gallons of water each day. In summer, during peak times, the plants average a combined 18 million gallons a day – sometimes as much as 24 million gallons per day, depending on weather.

The Zachary plant had been shut down strategically during the low-demand seasons the past two winters for this planned maintenance work.

## A Critical City Service

Providing clean water is a core city service, and it takes a team to keep operations running smoothly. The city has four plant operators, with staff on call 24/7. Water is sampled multiple times per day at the treatment facilities and at distribution points across the city. Plymouth’s water is also tested weekly by an independent, state-certified laboratory and the results are submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health.

“We do a range of tests each day, additional testing throughout the month, and we use remote monitoring,” Stockwell said. “Providing clean drinking water is a critical service, and our job is to keep operations smooth.”

Each June, Plymouth publishes an extensive report about the city’s drinking water, which can be viewed at [plymouthmn.gov/waterreport](http://plymouthmn.gov/waterreport).

## Conservation is Key

As Plymouth heads into peak water usage months, when many homeowners begin outdoor lawn watering, residents are encouraged to practice water conservation habits.

“Water is a reliable resource in Plymouth, but it’s not limitless,” Stockwell said. “It’s important to value it and be aware of how it’s used – especially during drought.”

Residents can help in simple ways like watering lawns earlier in the day before temperatures reach their peak, adjusting lawn mowers to a higher setting and monitoring irrigation systems for leaks.

Additional steps include using a rain barrel, planting drought-resistant grasses and vegetation, or upgrading sprinkler systems and household appliances to high-efficiency models for which rebates may be available. View details at [plymouthmn.gov/waterrebate](http://plymouthmn.gov/waterrebate).

Visit [plymouthmn.gov/waterconservation](http://plymouthmn.gov/waterconservation) to learn more about water conservation.

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### About the Job

In addition to responding to medical and fire calls, Plymouth firefighters provide public education in schools, homes, businesses and community organizations. They serve others, learn lifelong skills and build friendships.

“We set you up for success by sending you to school, paying you to train and teaching you skills you need,” Baker added.

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. Fitness facilities are also available. Candidates 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 and possess a valid Minnesota driver’s license.

“While the time commitment is higher the first year, this position provides a lot of flexibility for life outside of the fire station,” said Baker. “It’s a rewarding experience and offers great benefits and comradery.”

### Learn More and Apply

Applications will be accepted Monday, May 22 through Sunday, July 16. For more information about the position, and to apply, visit [plymouthmn.gov/firefighter](http://plymouthmn.gov/firefighter). Interested residents may call the firefighter recruitment line at 763-509-5129 and leave a voicemail – Plymouth firefighters will return calls and answer questions – or email [firefighterrecruitment@plymouthmn.gov](mailto:firefighterrecruitment@plymouthmn.gov).

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# Volunteer!

The city is seeking volunteers who are:

**Passionate about the environment.** Join the Native Plant Garden Club. Remove invasive garlic mustard from parks. Adopt a park, garden or storm drain. Weed, water and deadhead the Millennium Garden. Participate in Plant and Pull Day Saturday, June 3.

**Friendly and love to provide good service.** Help with children’s carnival games during Kids Fest Thursday, Aug. 17.

**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 are due Tuesday, Aug. 1.

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



Volunteer Laura Segala works in a Plymouth garden.

### Laura Segala

Native Plant Garden Club volunteer captain

**As a volunteer, Laura’s job is** to help facilitate the Native Plant Garden Club by organizing regularly scheduled work events, sending reminders and providing work direction to volunteers who will weed and maintain the Fazendin Park pollinator garden.

**My favorite thing about being a city volunteer is** meeting other volunteers and city staff who share my passion for native plants, gardening and the outdoors. It is a pleasure to spend time with them and work together to make our parks and gardens beautiful and healthy. I am grateful for the opportunity to help make our community a better place to live and grow.

**Because Laura volunteers,** the recently planted pollinator garden at Fazendin Park will receive the ongoing care it needs to get established and succeed, and volunteers interested in native plants will have a structured experience in which to share their skills and expertise. Best of all, birds, insects and small mammals will have a sustainable food source to help them thrive.

# Plymouth BUSINESS buzz

Here is a rundown of some recent business news.

**Peoples Organic** opened at 3500 Vicksburg Lane N., and offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. The café features vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free offerings, in addition to wine, beer, mixed drinks and coffee.

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



# Plymouth City Council adopts strategic themes to guide its work

To outline priorities and guide city work beyond day-to-day operations, the Plymouth City Council recently selected four strategic themes for the coming years.

Outlined below, the themes were identified during a strategic planning workshop with city staff and were subsequently adopted at the April 25 City Council meeting.

## City Center 2.0

Reimagining Plymouth City Center – the city’s central area – remains a top priority for City Council. Known as City Center 2.0, the city’s long-term vision involves exploring land uses and improving infrastructure to encourage redevelopment that will draw people to the area and support commerce, art, recreation, inclusion and community vitality.

The city will also work to identify partnerships and resources and make necessary investments and policy changes needed to reach the vision of City Center 2.0.

## Redevelopment Vision

The primary objective of this theme is to consider how Plymouth can articulate its vision for long-range redevelopment citywide. The city will work to establish clear expectations for projects while partnering with developers to meet the desired outcomes.

Goals for this theme include:

- Consider the potential impact of development on all systems, especially transportation, public safety and parks.



Included in the strategic themes is City Center 2.0, which is roughly defined as the geographic center of Plymouth, one mile west of Interstate 494 and Highway 55.

- Provide the right mix of housing options to promote community vitality.
- Consider transit and transportation as critical factors for livability and commerce.

## Environmental Stewardship

Plymouth’s environmental efforts remain a priority, and the city will examine its impact and commitment to stewardship.

Goals for this theme include:

- Review the city’s existing environmental initiatives and impacts.
- Discuss future initiatives and policies that proactively support sound environmental stewardship.

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## HAPPENINGS



**Date Night at the Hilde** – 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 12 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. The event features an interactive dueling piano show, as well as yard games, food trucks, and beer and wine for sale. Participants should bring blankets or lawn chairs. Tickets cost \$20 and must be purchased in advance at [plymouthmn.gov/datenight](http://plymouthmn.gov/datenight).

**Beaches and Bonfires** – 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 25 at East Medicine Lake Park, 1740 East Medicine Lake Blvd. The first event of Plymouth’s free Summer Beach Series, Beaches and Bonfires attendees may enjoy an evening at the beach, cozy up near bonfires and enjoy live music. Food will be available for purchase.

**Plant and Pull Day** – 9 a.m. Saturday, June 3. Volunteer to beautify Plymouth by planting flowers and removing the invasive garlic mustard plant. This opportunity does not require prior experience and is open to teens, adults, families and groups. Contact 763-509-5230 or [volunteer@plymouthmn.gov](mailto:volunteer@plymouthmn.gov) to learn more and sign up.

**Plant Swap** – 4-6 p.m. Monday, June 5 at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N. Free. Participants are encouraged to bring perennials and swap them for new plants shared by others. To get involved, place extra plants in pots and label them with their common names. Seeds and plant wares – pots, tools, books and the like – are also good swap items. For more information, call City Forester Paul Buck at 763-509-5944.

**Music in Plymouth 5K** – 8-10 a.m. Saturday, June 24 at the Hilde Performance Center. Racers, walkers and families are all welcome. Proceeds benefit Music in Plymouth. For details and registration info, visit [musicinplymouth.org](http://musicinplymouth.org).

**Happy Birthday America Parade** – 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 29 at the Hilde Performance Center. Free. Children are invited to bring their bikes, trikes and wagons, and join in a special parade. Decorating kits will be provided, or children can bring their own supplies to decorate their parade rides. Tricia & the Toonies will perform after the parade. Food will be available for purchase.

**Entertainment in the Parks** – Plymouth’s summer series of free events – including live music, performances and more – kicks off in mid-June. For event information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents). Please note that events may be subject to change or cancellation due to inclement weather. To check the status of events, call the weather hotline at 763-509-5205.



**Beaches, Bands and Brews** – 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11 at East Medicine Lake Park. Plymouth closes out the Summer Beach Series with the Beaches, Bands and Brews event featuring Minnesota-based band Sawyer’s Dream. Food will be available for purchase.



The Plymouth Environmental Academy features four monthly classes focused on environmental topics.

## Apply for the Plymouth Environmental Academy

Plymouth residents interested in learning about their environmental footprint and exploring topics related to conservation and stewardship are encouraged to sign up for the Plymouth Environmental Academy.

An initiative of the Plymouth Environmental Quality Committee, the academy is free and open to everyone. An application to attend is required.

## Four Monthly Classes

This year’s academy will be held over four months, with a monthly class focused on an environmental topic of interest. Each topic will be led by members of the EQC and will feature a guest speaker.

All topics are geared toward helping residents and property owners identify ways to reduce their environmental impact.

Each class is about 90 minutes long. Classes begin at 7 p.m. on the following dates at either Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd., or the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N.

- **Wednesday, Aug. 23** – Air quality
- **Thursday, Sept. 21** – Household hazardous materials
- **Tuesday, Oct. 17** – Renewable energy, electric generation and distribution
- **Thursday, Nov. 16** – Renewable energy in transportation

## Learn More and Apply

Applications are due Tuesday, Aug. 15. Apply by visiting [plymouthmn.gov/environmentalacademy](http://plymouthmn.gov/environmentalacademy).



Parkers Lake Play Day is set for 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 23.

## Parkers Lake Play Day offers fun for everyone

A new event, Parkers Lake Play Day is set for 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 23 at Parkers Lake, 15205 County Road 6. Part of the free Summer Beach Series, attendees may enjoy:

- Inflatables
- Sand play
- Food trucks
- Swimming
- Stand up paddle boarding
- Volleyball
- Sidewalk chalk art
- Fishing off the dock
- Playground games
- Water activities

For information about other upcoming events in Plymouth, visit [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents).





# The Plymouth Police Department prioritizes recruiting top talent

The Plymouth Police Department is hiring police officers – and candidates new to the policing profession or those looking to make an agency career change are encouraged to apply.

The department offers an award-winning wellness program, a family-friendly patrol schedule, a variety of specialized positions and career advancement opportunities, and a robust training budget.

“Agencies across the country are experiencing difficulties recruiting and retaining law enforcement,” said Plymouth Police Captain Robert Topp. “While the trend has not affected the level of service the Plymouth Police Department provides to the community, we are proactively recruiting to attract the best of the best, and to bolster staffing levels in anticipation of retirements and future vacancies.”

On average, Plymouth police officers receive about four times the training required by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training.

“We invest in our officers so we have the best staff serving Plymouth,” Topp added. “We’re always looking for ways to improve and are committed to maintaining our reputation



*The Plymouth Police Department has made recruitment a priority – and offers wellness programs, family-friendly schedules and more. of providing the top-quality service our community has come to know and expect.”*

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. To learn more about the position, including wage and benefit information, and to apply, visit [plymouthmn.gov/policeofficer](http://plymouthmn.gov/policeofficer).

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### City of Choice

City Council determined that the city must build on its strengths in order to remain a city of choice for residents, businesses, organizations, visitors and events.

A priority in this theme is a continued commitment to offering high-quality, cost-effective, equitable and

inclusive policies and service operations. The city will also focus on strategic investments and partnerships, including investments in its workforce to attract and retain the best staff to serve the community.

### Learn More

To learn more about the themes above, and to view Plymouth’s 2023 legislative priorities set by the City Council, visit [plymouthmn.gov/goals](http://plymouthmn.gov/goals).

## 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. The site is open 3-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

Hours of operation change in September. Only Plymouth, Wayzata, Long Lake and Medicine Lake residents may use the site. Identification is required. For details, visit [plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste](http://plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste) or call 763-509-5930.

**Reminders for Pet Owners** – The City of Plymouth reminds pet owners to clean up after pets (Plymouth City Ordinance 915). Pet waste left behind is washed into lakes and streams, polluting water. Waste from pets should be placed in the garbage, and not composted.

City ordinances also require pets to be leashed at all times, except when on their owner’s private property. The ordinance protects animals and people alike. Dog owners can let dogs play unleashed at the city’s designated dog parks. For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/dogpark](http://plymouthmn.gov/dogpark).

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## Skipping spring, going right to summer

By Mayor Jeff Wosje

With winter in the rearview, I am looking forward to a fun sunny season in Plymouth with exciting events and activities for all to enjoy.

This month sees the return of Date Night at the Hilde, an event for adults, on Friday, May 12 at the Hilde Performance Center. I’ve had a blast at this event – even during last year’s comedic set, which included an unexpected roast of the mayor. This year features dueling pianos, food trucks, beer and wine, lawn games and more.

Bark in the Park, an event for dogs and their owners, is Saturday, May 20 at the Hilde. Stop by for a “pup-arazzi” photo booth, dog caricatures, pup pools, small dog races, treats and more.

Sink your toes in the sand with the free Summer Beach Series. The first event, Beaches and Bonfires, offers food trucks and a live performance from Salsa del Soul on Thursday, May 25 at East Medicine Lake Park (see page 3).

The Live at the Hilde concert series returns July 28-29 with big performances by Lauren Alaina and Andy Grammer (see page 2). For tickets, visit [suemclean.com/hilde](http://suemclean.com/hilde).

The Hilde is also set to host a handful of free large concerts this summer, including a show by Church of Cash and The Belfast Cowboys Friday, June 16, featuring tributes to Johnny Cash and Van Morrison. Ladies of the 80s will perform Friday, July 14, and the Fabulous Armadillos featuring Tim Haussner is set to take the stage Friday, Aug. 25.

A free all-ages Summer Series Skateboard Contest in partnership with 3rd Lair will be held Tuesday, June 20 at Plymouth Creek Park.

For details about these and other upcoming community events, visit [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents). Summer is short – and Plymouth is fun – so let’s get outside and make the most of it.

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8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
Report an issue 24/7.....[plymouthmn.gov/myplymouth](http://plymouthmn.gov/myplymouth)

## View Meetings

Live on Channel 16, 7 p.m.  
On-demand video link at city website  
**City Council:** May 9, 23 and June 13, 27  
**Planning Commission:** May 17 and June 7, 21  
**Housing and Redevelopment Authority:** May 25 and June 22

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