PLYMOUTH

NEWS



Kids Fest set for Aug. 17

The City of Plymouth's annual Kids Fest event is set for 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

The event features a petting zoo, games, on-stage entertainment, food trucks, face painting, inflatables and more. Entertainment, games and activities are free. Attendees should bring money for food concessions.



Night to Unite is Aug. 1

An annual statewide get-to-know-the-neighbors initiative, Night to Unite returns to Plymouth neighborhoods 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1.

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

Neighbors are encouraged to hold outdoor gatherings to get to know each other. They can be as simple as potluck dinners, ice cream socials or ordering carryout from a local restaurant. For details, visit plymouthmn.gov/ntu.



Register for fall activities

Registration for fall Parks and Recreation Department activities begins in July – and Plymouth offers a variety of programs, including sports, arts and crafts, music, fitness, education, and special events.

Fall registration begins as follows:

- **Plymouth residents:** Wednesday, July 26 6 a.m. online or 10 a.m. on the phone/in person
- Nonresidents: Wednesday, Aug. 2 6 a.m. online or 10 a.m. on the phone/in person
- **Swimming for all:** Wednesday, July 26 6 a.m. online or 10 a.m. on the phone/in person

View the guide and register at plymouthmn.gov/recguide.

Music in Plymouth offers community fun, entertainment and more July 6

Plymouth's signature summer event, Music in Plymouth returns for the 51st year Thursday, July 6 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

Hosted by the Plymouth Civic League and City of Plymouth, the event begins at 5:30 p.m. and offers food, fun and entertainment – featuring a world-class performance by the Minnesota Orchestra.

Music in Plymouth Lineup

Music in Plymouth begins with a welcome, followed by performances featuring:

- Heart & Soul Drum Academy, which builds bridges across communities by connecting youth to drumming
- French Cabaret Trio, featuring popular dance music from Ireland, Italy, France and Romania
- Genesis Jazz Orchestra, which performs big band arrangements of jazz standards, as well as contemporary jazz compositions



Music in Plymouth returns Thursday, July 6, offering food, fun and a variety of musicians — culminating in a performance by the Minnesota Orchestra.

Following the opening lineup, the Minnesota Orchestra will perform classic and modern scores leading up to the grand finale – a spectacular fireworks display.

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Sensory-friendly activity nights offered at Plymouth Community Center this summer

Sensory-friendly activity nights are set for 4-8 p.m. Friday, July 14 and Friday, Aug. 11 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N.

Developed to foster inclusive play, the events offer activities geared towards those with sensory needs/sensitivities in the community. Sensory sensitivities may be experienced by individuals with autism, dementia, PTSD, Parkinson's disease or other conditions.

Participants may enjoy amenities in the Plymouth Community Center gymnasium and Kids Ultimate Backyard Experience (K.U.B.E.) indoor playground.

To reduce overstimulation, both spaces will offer limited attendance, dimmed lights and no overhead music played on speakers. The gym will include Imagination Playground's Big Blue Blocks for creative play, dedicated sensory bins, tumbling equipment and sports equipment. Noise canceling headphones will also be available for use.



The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will hold sensory-friendly activity nights at the Plymouth Community Center July 14 and Aug. 11.

Preregistration Required

Cost to participate is \$5 for residents and \$7 for nonresidents – and preregistration is required. Admission is free for children ages 2 and younger. To preregister, visit plymouthmn.gov/specialevents.

Annual water report available for 2022

Published each June, the City of Plymouth annual drinking water report is now available to view online. Like past years, Plymouth's water met or surpassed all 2022 state and federal water quality testing, regulations and requirements.

The report contains monitoring results from previous year(s). City of Plymouth water is tested weekly by an independent, state-certified laboratory. Results are submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health.

Plymouth's water is regularly tested for more than 100 contaminants, such as bacteria, nitrates, pesticides, solvents and metals. Water is also tested multiple times per day for appropriate chemical levels and water quality. View the report 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.

Water Efficiency Rebate Program

To encourage water conservation, Plymouth offers rebates for projects that replace inefficient toilets, irrigation systems, dishwashers and washing machines with WaterSense® or Energy Star® certified versions.

Funded, in part, by a grant from the Metropolitan Council. Residential and commercial properties may be eligible. For details, visit plymouthmn.gov/waterrebate.

Electric vehicle charging stations are now powered up in Plymouth

Newly installed electric vehicle charging stations are now operational and available for community use at multiple public parking lots in Plymouth.

The City of Plymouth partnered with Carbon Solutions Group to implement the EV charging network in Plymouth in the fall of 2021, and installation of the equipment has been rolled out in a phased approach.

At press time, EV charging stations were fully operational at five public locations – Plymouth City Hall, Plymouth Community Center, Plymouth Ice Center, Plymouth Creek Park and Zachary Playfield. Once complete, the city will have a total of 115 charging parking stalls across 13 locations.

As part of the agreement, Carbon Solutions Group funds capital and operational costs for the EV charging stations at no cost to Plymouth taxpayers. Users pay a fee to



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utilize the charging stations. To learn more and view an interactive map of EV charging locations in Plymouth, visit plymouthmn.gov/evcharging.

IN BRIEF

Plymouth Environmental Academy – Plymouth residents interested in learning more about their environmental footprint may sign up for the Plymouth Environmental Academy, which returns for its third 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. Wednesday, Aug. 23 (air quality); Thursday, Sept. 21 (household hazardous materials); Tuesday, Oct. 17 (renewable energy, electric generation and distribution); and Thursday, Nov. 16 (renewable energy in transportation).

The academy is free and open to everyone. Registration is required. For more information and to sign up, visit plymouthmn.gov/environmentalacademy. Those interested are encouraged to register by Tuesday, Aug. 15.

Used Motor Oil Drop-Off – A free, 24-hour drop-off site for used motor oil, antifreeze and oil filters 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.

The City of Plymouth offers summer ordinance reminders to residents

As residents head outdoors to make the most of the warm weather, the city offers reminders about some ordinances that help bolster safety, promote property upkeep and encourage courteous neighborhood practices.

Bonfires

Recreational fires (bonfires) are permitted in Plymouth, provided that certain requirements are met:

- Must be contained within a ring, pit or similar device
- Must be at least 25 feet from any structure
- Must be attended by at least one responsible person 18 years of age or older
- Are prohibited when the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources declares a burn ban or the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issues an air quality alert

For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/bonfires.

Noise Ordinance

Loud, unnecessary or unusual noise that disturbs the comfort, peace or safety of others is not allowed. Additionally, any music that can be heard beyond the property line of origin between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. is also a violation. To report a noise violation, call the 24-hour non-emergency number at 952-258-5321.

Garbage, Rubbish and Yard Waste

Property owners must ensure that garbage, rubbish (debris, litter, construction materials, etc.) and yard waste/compost does not accumulate on their property. Residents may not deposit grass clippings, leaves or soil in a street, gutter, catch basin, sidewalk or trail. For details, view City Code Section 600 (Garbage and Rubbish Disposal) at plymouthmn.gov/citycode.

Curfew

Plymouth's curfew ordinance mirrors that of Hennepin County, which is observed in other neighboring cities as well. The curfew law is as follows:

- Younger than 12: Home by 9 p.m. (10 p.m. Friday and Saturday)
- Ages 12-14: Home by 10 p.m. (11 p.m. Friday and Saturday)
- Ages 15-17: Home by 11 p.m. (midnight Friday and Saturday)

Tall Grass and Vegetation

Except in native landscape areas, turf grass and uncultivated/rank vegetation should be no more than 8 inches tall. Property owners are responsible for removing, trimming and managing nuisance vegetation on their property, which includes noxious or invasive weeds identified by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and other prohibited plants.

Additionally, trees or shrubs should not impede travel or sight lines on a roadway, trail or sidewalk. For details, view City Code Section 807 (Vegetation Management) at plymouthmn.gov/citycode.

Fires, Grilling at Multi-Family Dwellings

Bonfires and grilling on a balcony or deck is prohibited in multi-family dwellings (three or more housing units), such as townhomes and apartments, unless grills are permanently plumbed/installed and have been approved by the fire chief. Grills, devices with an open flame/fuel and heated appliances cannot be stored within 15 feet of the building. These restrictions help protect neighboring tenants.

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The city is seeking volunteers who are:

Interested in serving as police explorer volunteers: Must be 14-20 years old and able to meet weekly during the school year to explore law enforcement careers. Applications are due Tuesday, Aug. 1. To view more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/explorers.

Friendly and eager to provide good service: Help with children's activities during Kids Fest (Thursday, Aug. 17) and Plymouth on Parade (Saturday, Sept. 23).

Passionate about the environment and green things: Adopt a storm drain to keep clear of leaves and other yard waste, and mark it for environmental education. Join the Native Plant Garden Club to support native plant gardens with weeding, pruning, watering and more. To find out more about these and other opportunities, visit plymouthmn.gov/volunteer or call 763-509-5230.

Take a Closer Look



Nancy Vitoff

As a volunteer, Nancy's job is to welcome and

Nancy Vitoff
Garden Wedding

Rehearsal Liaison

job is to welcome and assist couples holding their ceremony at the Plymouth Community Center's Millennium Garden. She

offers guidance during the rehearsal on topics such as use of the sound system, suggested processional order and participant arrangements.

Because Nancy and others volunteer in this role, more than 50 couples who marry in the garden each year can approach their big day with confidence.

Nancy's favorite thing about being a city volunteer: "The variety of volunteer opportunities Plymouth offers," she said. "There is something for everyone and it's easy, fun and fulfilling. One of my favorite things is assisting newlyweds during wedding rehearsals as they get ready to celebrate their special day with each other, family and friends. The Millennium Garden is one of the many jewels Plymouth has to offer. I am proud to be a resident and volunteer of this awesome city."



Photo credit: "Cygnet of Camelot" by Scott Anderson

Picture Plymouth Photo Contest begins July 1

The annual Picture Plymouth Photo Contest kicks off in July. Photographers of all levels are asked to submit their best shots beginning Saturday, July 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 July 1-Aug. 31.

Each entrant must live, work or attend school in Plymouth and photos must be taken in Plymouth from Sept. 1, 2022 to Aug. 31, 2023. After the contest closes, visit plymouthmag.com to make a pick for the Readers' Choice winner. For contest rules, visit plymouthmag.com after July 1.

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HAPPENINGS



Farmers Market – 2:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday through Oct. 4 at Parkers Lake Playfield, 15500 County Road 6. A weekly newsletter is emailed to subscribers with updates, recipes and health benefit information for items available at the market.

For more information or to sign up to receive weekly newsletters, visit plymouthmn.gov/farmersmarket.

Entertainment in the Parks – Plymouth's summer series of free events and activities is underway – and includes concerts, performances and more. For current event information, visit plymouthmn.gov/specialevents.

Coffee with Cops – 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13 at Fox and Pantry, 15725 37th Ave. N. Part of the Plymouth Police Department's ongoing community engagement initiative, attendees are invited to ask

questions, see the inside of a squad car and enjoy a cup of coffee with Plymouth police officers.

Plymouth Sings – In partnership with Minnesota Sings, Plymouth Sings will hold auditions 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2. 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. 9 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. 7-8 in New Ulm.

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

Summer Beach Series: Beaches, Bands and Brews – 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at East Medicine Lake Park, 1740 East Medicine Lake Blvd. Enjoy an evening of live music, food, beverages and more at the beach.

Indigo Girls added to Live at the Hilde series

Live at the Hilde has announced an additional musical weekend – the Indigo Girls will perform Saturday, Aug. 5 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

Presented by Sue McLean and Associates in partnership with Mithun Productions, Live at the Hilde offers a series of live, outdoor concerts 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
- Saturday, Aug. 5 Folk rock duo and headliner Indigo Girls

Other artists may be announced closer to the events. For details and to purchase tickets, visit suemclean.com/hilde.



Live at the Hilde brings more outdoor concerts to Plymouth this summer. Photo credit: SavvyPhotage

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Entertainment, children's activities and roving entertainers will perform along the grounds of the Hilde throughout the evening.

A variety of food trucks and concessions will be available, and attendees can bring picnic suppers.

Reserving Spots, Free Shuttle

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 place blankets, chairs or tarps on the grounds until after 7 a.m. the morning of the event.

Plymouth Metrolink will shuttle attendees to the event at no cost from two park-and-ride locations – West Lutheran High School (3350 Harbor Lane N.) and Plymouth Creek Elementary School (16005 41st Ave. 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, businesses and residents. Those interested can help support the event through a tax-deductible donation. For details, visit musicinplymouth.org.

Plymouth Metrolink updates service, makes changes to park and ride locations

Plymouth Metrolink recently implemented changes to its transit services – including route adjustments, park and ride locations, and additional Click-and-Ride service hours.

The changes were based on feedback from riders and are aimed at improving efficiency across the transit system.

The new Metrolink route maps/schedules can be viewed at plymouthmn.gov/transit.

Park and Ride Changes

The former Dunkirk Park and Ride has been closed, and two new park and ride locations now serve riders:

- Northwest Greenway Pavilion, 5250 Peony Lane
- Plymouth Ice Center, 3650 Plymouth Blvd.

The new locations were selected to better serve northwest Plymouth and Plymouth City Center.

The existing park and ride locations – Station 73, Nathan Lane and St. Philip – continue to serve riders.

Click-and-Ride Schedule

Plymouth Metrolink Click-and-Ride added service hours. The new schedule is as follows:

- Monday-Friday: 5 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Saturday:** 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday: 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Riders are reminded that Plymouth Metrolink Clickand-Ride service may be used to and from any location in Plymouth, including park and rides.

Click-and-Ride transfers work on all Metrolink express routes. Download the free app and learn more at plymouthmn.gov/clickandride.

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Vehicles and Parking

Plymouth does not allow on-street parking between the hours of 2-5 a.m. Those with special circumstances, such as having a driveway repaved, may receive special permission to park on the street overnight by contacting the Public Safety Department in advance at 763-509-5160.

Vehicles parked on private property must have current license tabs and be operational. Additionally, any vehicle parked in a front yard must be on a driveway.

Fireworks

Only Minnesota-legal fireworks – sparklers, fountains, ground spinners and snappers – are allowed. Fireworks that explode or shoot into the air are illegal in Minnesota. Residents may not use fireworks on public property, such as roads, schools or parks.

Animals and Pets

Plymouth does not license dogs or cats, but they must wear some type of identifier. Dogs, cats and ferrets are required to be vaccinated against rabies. Chickens are allowed with a permit in certain zoning districts.

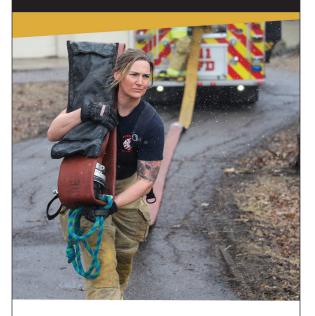
Pick up after pets: Dog owners are responsible for picking up after their pets and must carry bags/necessary equipment. Pet waste left behind is washed into lakes and streams, polluting water. Pet waste should be thrown in the garbage, not composted.

Keep pets leashed: Dogs and cats must be leashed when off the owner's property, and leashes should be no longer than 6 feet in length. There are some exceptions to the leash requirement, including dogs at a dog park and registered outdoor cats. For information about Plymouth dog parks, visit plymouthmn.gov/dogpark.

To view City Code Section 915 (Animal Control), visit plymouthmn.gov/citycode. The City Code addresses various nuisances, including barking and damage caused by pets running loose, as well as procedures for declarations of dangerous dogs. Those who are involved in or witness a bite situation should call 911.



The City of Plymouth is hiring part-time/on-call firefighters



RECRUITMENT MEETING



TUESDAY, JULY 11 6:30 P.M.



Fire Station 2, 12000 Old Rockford Rd.

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Free concerts slated for the Hilde

Plymouth will remain a hotspot for live music this summer as the city hosts musical performances by Ladies of the 80s and the Fabulous Armadillos featuring Tim Haussner at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

The concerts are free and open to the public no tickets or registration are required. Attendees should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Food will be available for purchase from food trucks at the events.

July 14: Ladies of the 80s

The Ladies of the 80s will take the stage 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 14. The group performs iconic '80s songs by well-known female artists of the era, including tributes to Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, Cher, Joan Jett, Tiffany and more.

Aug. 25: The Fabulous Armadillos featuring Tim Haussner

Set for 6-9 p.m. Friday, August 25, the concert begins with special guest Tim Haussner, followed by headliner the Fabulous Armadillos.



Free musical performances by Ladies of the 80s and the Fabulous Armadillos will take place at the Hilde Performance Center this summer.

> According to the Fabulous Armadillos, concertgoers may enjoy hit songs "from many genres of music - from Country to Motown to Heavy Metal to '70s Soft Rock and (will) play them just like you remember."

For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/specialevents.

To check for cancellations in the event of inclement weather, call the weather hotline at 763-509-5205.

Citywide test of Alert Plymouth system set for Tuesday, Aug. 1

A citywide test of the emergency notification system, Alert Plymouth, is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1. The City of Plymouth uses Alert Plymouth to call, text and/or email residents in an emergency.

Update contact information and sign up at plymouthmn.gov/alertplymouth.



Here is a rundown of some recent business news.

CFMOTO, motorcycle and powersport vehicle manufacturer in Plymouth since 2007, received a Minnesota Investment Funds award to help move to 5005 Nathan Lane – expected to create 44 jobs in two years.

Honeywell has broken ground on a 5,750-square-foot laboratory building for cutting-edge weather measurement equipment at 12001 Minnesota 55 Service Road.

Enclave is a mixed-use development with multi-family residential and retail. Residential building construction begins this summer – as well as a project to realign Nathan Lane south of County Road 10 (Bass Lake Road), and improve 56th Avenue and the Highway 169 Service Drive.

Daikin Applied - a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning products company – has expanded operations to 2400 Xenium Lane N. The company currently operates at 13600 Industrial Park Blvd.

SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT

Outdoor Water Restrictions - Outdoor water use restrictions are in effect from May through September for all city water customers.

Plymouth prohibits outdoor lawn watering from noon to 5 p.m. on all days. Residents and businesses must also follow an odd-even schedule when sprinkling lawns - addresses ending in an odd number may water on odd-numbered calendar days, while addresses ending in an even number may water on even-numbered days. Automatic irrigation systems should be adjusted

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accordingly. For details and exceptions, 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 closed Mondays and Tuesdays. 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 or call 763-509-5930.

Parks, playgrounds and pickleball keep Plymouth stepping

By Mayor Jeff Wosje

One of my favorite qualities about Plymouth is that residents have access to an abundance of opportunities to stay active. During last year's community survey, about 9 in 10 Plymouth residents gave excellent or good ratings to the city's health and wellness opportunities, the availability of paths and walking trails, and the quality of parks and recreation opportunities.

I am proud to announce that our community recently racked up another accolade - first place for most active community in the 2023 Step to It Challenge.

Facilitated by Hennepin County each May, the annual initiative pits 26 participating communities against each other in a friendly physical activity competition. Virtually every action counts - walking, biking, running, cleaning, gardening, or playing with your kids. Plymouth topped the list with 73,860,456 steps. Congratulations to all who participated!

One reason it's so easy to stay active in Plymouth is the availability of quality parks, playgrounds and amenities many of which are driven by requests from residents.

You have likely heard that pickleball has surged in popularity in the past few years, as has demand for courts. I'm thrilled to share that Plymouth will complete six new dedicated pickleball courts this July at Zachary Playfield, 4355 Zachary Lane.

Other requested amenities are coming in 2024 – including the city's first cricket pitch, a sledding hill, more pickleball courts and soccer fields at the Meadows Park. While we await these new opportunities for play, I encourage you to visit a new (to you) park, discover a new playground or try a new amenity in Plymouth. Browse a listing at plymouthmn.gov/parkfinder.

I'm grateful to live in a community that prioritizes staying active and investing in parks and amenities. Keep up the good work, Plymouth – and stay stepping.

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View Meetings

Live on Channel 16, 7 p.m. On-demand video link at city website City Council: July 25 and Aug. 8, 22

Planning Commission: July 19 and Aug. 2, 16

Housing and Redevelopment Authority: July 27 and Aug. 24

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