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Important Phone Numbers:

General Twp. Government
Number: 453-3840

Police, Fire, EMS
Emergencies: 911
Police (non-emergency):
453-3869

Supervisor 354-3201
Clerk 354-3224
Treasurer 354-3214

Trustees:
Kay Arnold 455-2683
Charles Curmi 455-9658
Abe Munfakh 459-7547

Plymouth Community Fire Department has a new leader

Just prior to the meeting of the Board of Trustees on August 17, there was a short ceremony to recognize the promotion of Randy Maycock from Captain to Chief of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, a position he actually started on July 12. He replaces longtime Chief Larry Groth, who retired last year.

After 32 years of service to the community in various capacities, Chief Maycock is ready to take on the challenge of leading the Department. A couple of the items at the top of his agenda are training for personnel and community education.

For the first time this year, the Plymouth Community Fire Department had a booth at the Fall Festival which turned out to be very popular. "By Saturday afternoon we were out of balloons and had to make a dash to the store to get more." stated



Fire Chief Randy Maycock is congratulated by his wife, Christine, and Supervisor Steve Mann after being presented with his new badge at the Board meeting on August 17.

Chief Maycock, who spent several hours himself operating the helium tank and speaking with residents at the event. "This is definitely something we want to be involved in every year because it gives us a chance to talk with people in a relaxed atmosphere" he added.

Funding approved for sidewalk extension program

Seeking to make it easier for residents to travel on foot more readily and safely throughout the community, the Board of Trustees recently approved an additional \$97,000 for installation of sidewalks in 2004.

The specific areas for this portion of the project are on Riverside Drive, McClumpha Road between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail, West Ann Arbor Trail east of Beacon Hill Drive, and Woodleigh Way. The funding will also cover sidewalk repairs that are a result of water and sewer maintenance operations, scattered throughout the community.

Sidewalk construction has already been completed in three other areas of the



A new sidewalk was recently installed at the intersection of Beck and Powel Roads.

Township, including Powell and Beck Roads, Schoolcraft Road, and Ann Arbor Road.

The Board is looking ahead at what areas to designate for the 2005 sidewalk extension program.

Watershed Wisdom: Fall lawn care

When we pamper our lawns, our hearts are in the right place. After all, a beautiful lawn is rewarding. It enhances property values and provides a place for recreation and relaxation.

But good intentions can ruin a beautiful lawn. Over-application of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides destroys beneficial microorganisms and disrupts the natural balance in your soil.



Fertilizing on the holiday schedule is best with one application on Memorial Day and one application on Labor Day or near Halloween. However, one application of low phosphorus fertilizer in the fall is adequate for most healthy lawns and saves you money.

A healthier lawn with less work? It's true. And remember when it rains, the water will flow over your lawn and down the driveway. As the rainwater disappears into the closest storm drain or ditch, it's carrying your hard work and dollars with it! Unfortunately, what may have been an asset in your yard is now a pollutant, headed straight for the closest lake or river. No filtering, no treatment. A couple of points to remember:



- If you use fertilizer, apply it during dry weather.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to sweep fertilizers, mulch and grass clippings off sidewalks and back onto your lawn.

CLIP & SAVE

IMPORTANT TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Fall Leaf Collection

Leaf collection is part of your regular curbside compost/yard waste pick up. Leaves will be collected on your regular collection day provided that they are:

1. In paper yard waste bags that can be purchased at your local hardware and grocery stores.
2. In a 35 gallon or less container marked "YARD WASTE" or "X" or "C".

Thanksgiving Collection

There will be no trash collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, 2004. If your normal collection day falls on Thursday, November 25, 2004 your collection will be completed Friday, November 26, 2004. If your normal collection day falls on Friday, November 26, 2004 your trash collection will be completed on Saturday, November 27, 2004.

*****Reminder*****

Compost Season Comes To A Close

The week ending December 3, 2004 will be the last week of the 2004 curbside collection of yard waste. Regular curbside collection will resume on Monday, April 4, 2005.

Christmas and New Year's Holiday Collection Schedule

Due to the fact that both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Saturday, **trash collection will NOT be delayed during this year's holiday season. Please place your items to the curb by 7:00 am on your regular collection day.**

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas Trees will be collected for compost during the week beginning Monday, January 3, 2005 and ending Friday, January 7, 2005. Trees can be placed curbside on your scheduled pick-up day.

New Police Department program seeks volunteers

The Plymouth Township Police Department has announced a new program called Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). Volunteers are needed to get the program started. This would be a great way for you to get involved in your community.

WHAT IS A CITIZEN VOLUNTEER IN POLICE SERVICE?

A citizen volunteer in police service is a member of the community who provides support services to a law enforcement agency without monetary benefit. Services typically include data entry, telephone work, research, and other administrative tasks.

WHY VOLUNTEER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT?

Law enforcement agencies often strive to meet public safety challenges with limited resources. Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, most agencies have needed even more resources for homeland security efforts. Citizens can step in and help fill critical gaps in order to free officers to focus on these and other priorities.

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

Citizens of almost any age and background can volunteer to help out. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and must be willing to work at least four hours per week.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING?

Citizens who volunteer to help law enforcement gain in many ways. They will

- Help make the community and their country safer from crime and terrorism.

- Gain insight into the law enforcement system and how it works.
- Have an opportunity to improve the quality of their local law enforcement services.

WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

There are many ways a volunteer can assist a law enforcement agency, including

- Typing reports, entering data, and other office tasks.
- Conducting research and compiling crime data for specific area problems.
- Assisting front counter personnel by answering citizen inquiries and directing citizens to the proper police unit.
- Assisting with special events.
- Providing short-term care of juveniles in protective custody.
- Participating in role-plays and training scenarios.
- Staffing a Department booth and distributing information on police services at community events.

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

Most law enforcement volunteer programs have short orientation and training sessions to introduce volunteers to law enforcement practices. The Plymouth Township Police Department has a Citizen Academy, which familiarizes citizen volunteers with such aspects of policing as how to recognize suspicious behavior, how to use portable radios, how to protect a crime scene, and the basics of criminal and traffic law.

HOW CAN YOU GET STARTED?

For more information, please contact Officer Jamie Senkbeil at 354-3243.



At this year's Plymouth Fall Festival, volunteers helped out by staffing the Plymouth Township Police Department booth where they handed out literature and assisted with child fingerprint identification kits.

Q & A: Open burning in Plymouth Township

In recent months, the Plymouth Community Fire Department has responded to several residential complaints of smoke or odor due to open burning. Some residents may not be aware that the Fire Department has rules on open burning.

What is “Open Burning”?

Open burning is defined as the burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber (International Fire Code 2000).

Is “Open Burning” allowable?

No. Open burning of leaves, wood, trash, and construction materials are banned. These items constitute a “nuisance” which also violates Wayne County Ordinance.



Be alert about “809” scams

The “809” scam can cost you big bucks and it works basically like this:

You get home and notice that the message light is blinking on your answering machine. You listen to the message, which has several wrinkles, but the best one is the caller asks you to call a number beginning with area code 809 to receive information about a family member who has been ill. (They may also tell you someone has been arrested, died, you have won a wonderful prize, etc.)

In any event, concerned or curious, you make the call. Sometimes the phone will be answered by a person who claims to speak broken English (the idea is to keep you on the line to build up charges). Or, sometimes you will just get a long recorded message. The bottom line is, when your phone bill comes, you see this incredible charge, oftentimes more than \$100.00!

Crooks are using the 809 numbers as “pay-per-calls” and to get around the US Regulations and 900 number blocking. Every time you call the number, they get a greatly inflated rebate from the foreign phone company. Since the 809 numbers are in the Caribbean, they aren’t

What about a “Recreational Fire”?

Recreational fires are not banned by this ordinance or code. A recreational fire is an outdoor fire, burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height, for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes.

What type of burning is permissible?

Objects such as outdoor fireplaces, chimineas, etc., if they are equipped with a chimney or stack, are permissible, and as long as they do not create excessive amounts of smoke, such as burning leaves in them. **If these types of fires become a nuisance, and a complaint is filed with the Police or Fire Department, you will be asked to extinguish these fires.**

Still have questions?

Call Fire Inspector McDurmon at 354-3219.

bound by US 900 number regulations that require them to warn you of the charge and rate involved, and also to provide a time period during which you may terminate the call without being charged.

The newest twist to this scam is to page people using the 809 numbers, With the new area code changes, people unknowingly are returning these calls. When the bill comes, there are HUGE charges for the calls.

Another suggestion is that no matter how you get the message, if you are asked to call a number with an 809 area code that you don’t recognize, **DON’T RETURN THE CALL!** It’s bad enough that the criminal is invading your privacy, don’t let them invade your wallet as well!

Scams of this type are extremely hard to prosecute and since you did actually make the call, neither your local phone company or your long distance carrier will want to get involved. They’ll tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You end up trying to deal (over the phone) with a foreign company that feels they have done no wrong. It can turn into a real nightmare!

Supervisor's Corner:



It seems like it was just yesterday that I took office as your Supervisor. We agreed to work on building a community of which we would all be proud. We would work together with a common vision, desire and energy to implement an agenda that would keep our taxes low, expand services and seek a continuation of the quality of life that we have come to expect in our community.

Four years later I am proud to report that by working together we have indeed accomplished what we set out to do. In this my final report as Supervisor, I want to offer thanks to my neighbors who have taken ownership of the issues and solutions in Plymouth Township. It has been a partnership that has worked well.

Together we have accomplished a lot. We came in with a full agenda and have made sure that most, if not all, has been put into motion. Let's take a look at some of that which we should all be proud:

- We have maintained our record of improving and increasing services while keeping our taxes at the lowest overall rate in all of Wayne County.
- We renewed our commitment to neighborhood recreation by completing and dedicating Miller Family Park and Lake Pointe Soccer

Park and opening the most successful Spray Park in our already popular Plymouth Township Park.

- We insured that our water rates, already among the lowest in Wayne County, were kept in line and in fact were reduced, standing in stark contrast to the headlines of massive increases in neighboring communities.
- We made a commitment to improve our community gateway by creating the Ann Arbor Road Downtown Development Authority which just kicked off a \$1.2M streetscape improvement project thanks to help from grant money.
- We spoke out proudly for the long-needed building of a new Police, Fire and Town Hall with groundbreaking scheduled for this fall.
- We implemented a pride in Plymouth Township program that included new entrance signs welcoming visitors to our community and increased communication with our residents about the successful programs being worked on through meetings, cable television, newsletters and an annual calendar.
- We were designated by Money magazine as one of the best communities in America to live, work and play.
- Perhaps most important was our

fiscal integrity. We watched our spending, reduced our expenses wherever possible, and tapped a number of new revenue sources. Last year we received local and national recognition for excellence in financial reporting.

These past four years have been four of the best years in my life. From developing and implementing strong community centered programs, to meeting so many of the homeowners and watching you take ownership, not only of issues but of solutions; it has been such an uplifting feeling, making me even more proud to call Plymouth Township home.

But now it is time to prepare for transition. Soon Richard Reaume will take over the administrative leadership at Township Hall. He will be working with Treasurer Ron Edwards, Clerk Marilyn Massengill and a strong and experienced Township Board of Trustees to continue leadership both within and outside of Township Hall. Richard and I will continue to meet over the next four weeks so that he can experience firsthand the duties of Supervisor, the inner workings of the Township, and our relationship with our residents, business owners, and neighboring communities. All of this will help assure that the transition will continue the progress and priorities that have been put in place over the past four years.

Thank you so much for the privilege of serving.

Steve

Tree Replacement Information

Replacing a tree this fall? Did you know that Wayne County requests that homeowners pursue a no-cost permit before planting trees? You can get information from the Plymouth Township website to help you with the replacement process. Your link for information is: <http://www.plymouthtp.org/Community/TreeReplacementInformation.htm>

From there you can click on links to view related information such as:

- Plymouth Undesirable Tree Ordinance
- Wayne County Acceptable Street Trees and Trees to Avoid
- Tree Purchase Information—List of Businesses Offering Discounts

Or, you can contact the Public Services Division at 453-8131, ext. 33 to request that the information be mailed to you.

Plymouth Township government meetings:

Meeting times are 7 PM, unless otherwise shown.

Charter Township of
Plymouth
42350 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, MI 48170-
4394

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AUTO
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PLYMOUTH, MI
Permit No. 218

October:

Tuesday, October 26: Board of Trustees

November:

Thursday, November 4: Zoning Board of Appeals (5 PM)

Monday, November 8: Downtown Development Authority (4 PM)

Tuesday, November 9: Board of Trustees

Wednesday, November 17: Planning Commission

December:

Thursday, December 2: Zoning Board of Appeals (5 PM)

Wednesday, December 8: Planning Commission

Monday, December 13: Downtown Development Authority (4 PM)

Tuesday, December 14: Board of Trustees

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Plymouth, MI 48170**



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to PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
RESIDENCES ONLY.**

Visit Plymouth Township government on
the Internet at www.plymouthtpw.org

Arts & Culture Link calendar lists the cultural activities in the Plymouth area



The Arts & Culture Link (formerly Cultural Initiative Alliance) is a coalition of western Wayne County cultural organizations. The group's website, which can be viewed at www.artsculturelink.com, includes a monthly calendar of cultural events going on in Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and other western Wayne communities. The site also includes links to the websites of other local arts organizations.

Get linked with Arts & Culture!
www.artsculturelink.com

Recycling Junk Mail



What do you do with the junk mail you receive? Make sure to dispose of it in your recycle bin. You should recycle clean dry mass mailings, 3rd class mail, envelopes, billing inserts and other normal papers delivered through the Postal System. Tuck junk mail to one side of the recycle bin, or place inside a paper grocery bag (place bag inside, on top of, or next to bin). Note: shredded documents/mail must be contained inside closed paper grocery bag.

You can recycle magazines, catalogs and other glossy and non-glossy publications by stacking them loose inside the recycle bin.

Not recyclable: Plastic wrappers, self-adhesive note paper, tissues, carbons, and paper towel.

Are you on our website mailing list?

You can stay informed about what is going in the Township by signing up for the Plymouth Township mailing list on our website. Log on to www.plymouthtpw.org then click on the "reference desk" where you can type in the e-mail address you wish notices to be sent to.

This is a service for anyone wishing to receive periodic e-mail updates on items related to Township services, government, and events in the community. In August, when the western portion of the Township experienced a drop in water pressure, officials were able to quickly get the message out to subscribers to the mailing list.

It only takes a moment or two of your time—why not sign up today?