



SUMMER 2011

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH



## Concours d'Elegance of America comes to Plymouth Township

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### Important Phone Numbers:

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Assessing  
734-354-3267

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734-354-3210

Clerk  
734-354-3224

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The Concours d'Elegance of America is moving to Plymouth Township on Sunday, July 31st, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. For the first 32 years, the Concours d'Elegance of America was held at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall. Beginning in 2011 this world-class event will be held on the grounds of the Inn at St. John's, located on Five Mile Road just east of Sheldon Road. It includes a car show, an auction, a motoring tour and other car-related events.

For the past year, Supervisor Richard Reaume has been working behind the scenes with the management team at The Inn at St. John's to bring this prestigious exhibition to Plymouth Township. This multi-day event with meetings, auctions and show will generate additional business and international attention for Plymouth Township.

Tickets are available the day of the event at the gate: \$25.00 adult



general admission (includes free off-site parking, shuttle and souvenir program book), children 12 and under are free. Tickets for the Concours, and many of the events preceding it, are available online in advance at [www.concoursusa.org](http://www.concoursusa.org).

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE JULY 4 PICNIC!**

Can you spare a couple of hours to help make this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Good Old Fashion Picnic a success? Volunteers are needed to help with preparing hot dogs, handing out ice cream, games for the kids and the pie eating and bike decorating contests. Plymouth Township Trustee / Picnic Coordinator Bob Doroshewitz is hoping to prove that "many hands make for light work." He is looking for people to help out in 2-hour segments between the hours of 11:00 am and 3:30 pm at Plymouth Township Park. Recruit your family, friends and neighbors to come too! Volunteers should contact Bob Doroshewitz at 734-459-8473 or by email at [bdoroshewitz@plymouthtp.org](mailto:bdoroshewitz@plymouthtp.org).

# Charter Township of Plymouth

## Independence Day Activities in the Plymouth Community

### MUSIC! BEGINNING WEDNESDAY JUNE 29, 12:00 NOON

Downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park will be alive with music to start the holiday weekend with a fantastic lineup of entertainment!

- Wednesday, June 29, 12:00 noon: Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express will perform as part of the Music in the Park series.
- Thursday, June 30, 7:30 pm: the Plymouth Community Band is in concert.
- Friday, July 1, 7:00 pm: Music in the Air concert features Zap Toro.
- Saturday, July 2, 7:30 pm: The Michigan Philharmonic will present "An American Salute."

### FIREWORKS! SUNDAY JULY 3, 10:15 PM

If you have seen them in the past, you know they are spectacular! Plan to attend the annual fireworks display on Sunday, July 3, 10:15 pm at Plymouth Township Park. Gates will open at 7:30 pm. Overflow parking will be at the vacant triangle of property at Beck Road and Powell Road. A suggested donation of \$5.00 will go to the Plymouth Service Clubs assisting with parking.



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### PARADE! MONDAY JULY 4, 9:00 AM

The "Good Morning USA" parade has a new start time of 9:00 am this year! The parade takes place in downtown Plymouth on Monday, July 4 and the theme is "Land that we Love." Want to participate in the bicycle pre-parade? Just decorate your bicycle with a Fourth of July theme and meet in front of the former Walker-Buzenberg Furniture Store at 240 N. Main St. (near Theodore) at 8:30 am. Riders should be ages five and older and parents are encouraged to ride along with younger children. All riders in the bicycle parade must wear a helmet!

### PICNIC! MONDAY JULY 4, 11:00 AM

The 15th annual Plymouth Township Good Old Fashion Picnic gets started at 11:00 am on Monday, July 4 and goes until about 3:30 pm. Come on out to Plymouth Township Park at McClumpha for fun and games with prizes, hot dogs, chips, soda and ice cream for a donation! Bring your bike for the annual bike decorating contest. New this year, New York Life will offer inkless fingerprinting identification for the kids (parents take the records with them).

### A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PICNIC SPONSORS:

- Absopure Water
- ASC
- Aunt Millie's Bakery
- Bauer Controls
- B&R Sales & Service
- Busch's Fresh Food Market
- Citizen's Bank
- Colonial Veterinary Clinic
- Denny's Landscaping
- Genisys Credit Union
- Haggerty Metal
- Hella, N.A.
- IBEX Insurance Agency
- Lou LaRiche Chevrolet
- Lovers Lane
- McKenna & Associates
- McLane Food Service
- Picnic Basket Marketplace
- Plante Moran
- Plymouth Hospitality
- Plymouth Trading Post
- Roumell, Schultz & Young, PLC
- Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc.
- Three Brothers



# SUMMER 2011

## Plymouth Community Fireworks

**Sunday, July 3, 2011 - Plymouth Township Park**  
**Starts at 10:15 pm (Gates open at 6:30 pm)**  
**(rain date - July 5)**

### THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:



**Busch's Fresh Food Market**  
**Robert Bosch Corporation**  
**Compuware**  
**Huron Valley Ambulance**  
**Kiwanis Foundation**  
**Picnic Basket Marketplace**  
**SLC Meter**  
**Tower Automotive**

**Aisin**  
**Allegra Network**  
**Argent Automotive Systems**  
**Bank of Ann Arbor**  
**Community Financial**  
**Ferrantino Foundation**  
**Hines Park Lincoln Mercury**  
**Ilmore Engineering**  
**Inn at St. John's**  
**ITC**  
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**James & Wanda Peldo**  
**Johnson Controls**  
**Kiwanas Club of Plymouth**  
**Master Automatic**  
**Packaging Corporation of America**  
**Plastipak**  
**Plymouth Lions**  
**PNC Center**  
**Progressive Printing**  
**St. John's Conference Center**  
**Stow & Go**  
**The Wilcox Foundation**  
**WCA**

# Charter Township of Plymouth

## Treasurer's Office: Summer Property Tax Statements will be mailed July 1st

Your 2011 Summer Property Tax statement will be mailed on July 1st and taxes are payable through September 14, 2011 without interest. If you do not receive your property tax statement by July 10th please contact the Treasurer's Office.

For most residents you will see a decrease in your taxes.

The only millage rate that has changed compared to last year is School debt which went from 3.76 to 3.96. This is due to the overall decrease in taxable value within the Plymouth Canton School District. In order to collect enough taxes to meet their bond obligations the rate was increased which is allowed under the laws of the State of Michigan.

If you have questions regarding your taxes, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 734-354-3218.

### Are you eligible for a Summer Tax Deferment?

You may be eligible for deferment of your 2011 Summer Tax Bill. Your summer tax payment can be deferred until February 15, 2012 if your total household income for 2010 was less than \$40,000 and you meet one of the following:

- Senior Citizen (age 62 by December 31, 2011)
- Paraplegic
- Blind Person
- Totally and Permanently Disabled
- Eligible Military
- Veteran or Widow

If you are eligible, please contact the Treasurer's Office for an Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes. This form must be signed and returned to the Treasurer's Office no later than September 14, 2011.

To receive an application by mail or if you have questions regarding Summer Tax Deferments, please contact Amy Hammye at 734-354-3218.

## Water and Sewer Rates

Current Water and Sewer Rates per 1,000 gallons (as of 7/1/11)			
	Water	Sewer	Total
City of Northville	\$4.51	\$3.91	\$8.42
Northville Township	\$4.71	\$4.37	\$9.08
Plymouth Township (proposed)	\$3.98	\$5.25	\$9.23
City of Plymouth	\$4.48	\$5.88	\$10.36
Canton Township	\$3.99	\$6.40	\$10.39



# SUMMER 2011

## Hilltop Golf Course: A Great Place to Play with Great Rates

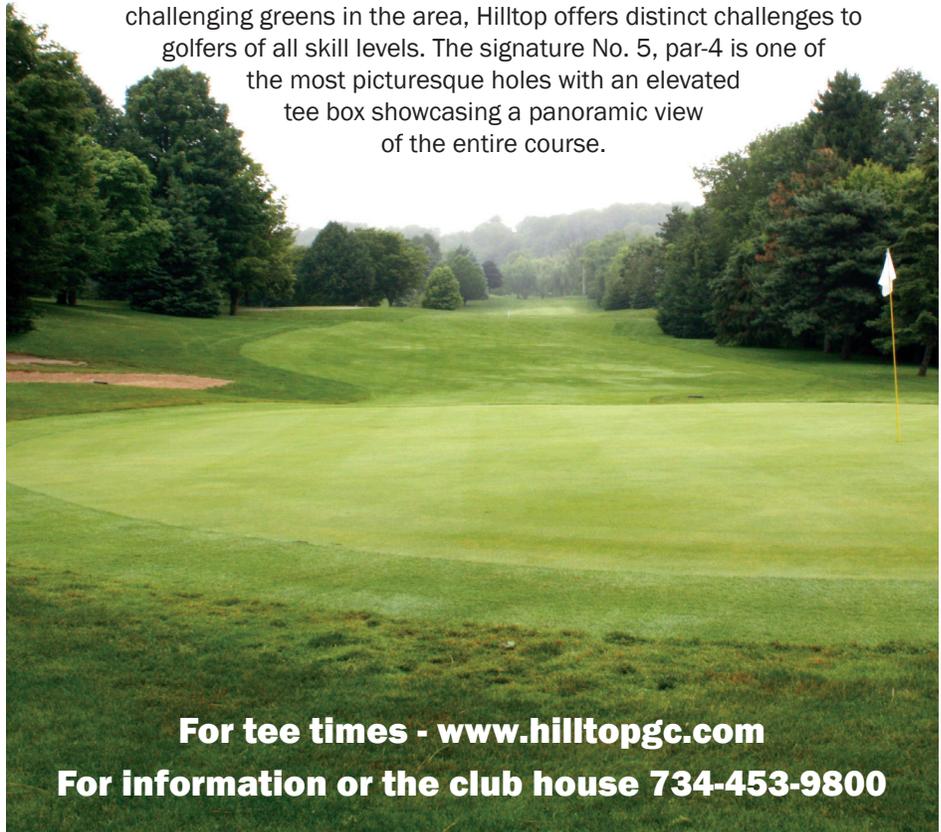


Plymouth Township recently hired Billy Casper Golf Management, a leader in municipal golf course operations, to manage our Hilltop Golf Course which has been owned by the Township for over 40 years. This new relationship will bring an overall improved golf experience with additional programs and golf activities for all ages.

Stop by and see the improvements to the course and renovations to the club house. Make tee time reservations and check out golf specials at [www.hilltopgc.com](http://www.hilltopgc.com). For further information or the club house call 734-453-9800.

### The Golf Course

The 18 hole, par-70, 6,009-yard Hilltop Golf Course is a classically designed layout playing through stately pines and rolling hills. With some of the most challenging greens in the area, Hilltop offers distinct challenges to golfers of all skill levels. The signature No. 5, par-4 is one of the most picturesque holes with an elevated tee box showcasing a panoramic view of the entire course.



**For tee times - [www.hilltopgc.com](http://www.hilltopgc.com)**

**For information or the club house 734-453-9800**

### 2011 In-Season Golf Rates

	<u>Monday - Friday</u>		<u>Weekends &amp; Holidays</u>	
	Regular	Resident	Regular	Resident
18 holes	\$23	\$18	\$28	\$23
Twilight	\$18	\$13	\$23	\$18
9 Holes	\$18	\$13	\$23	\$18
Sr/Jr 18 Holes	\$13	-	\$23	-
Sr/Jr 9 Holes	\$8	-	-	-
<u>Cart Fees</u>	<u>Everyday</u>			
9 Holes	\$8			
18 Holes	\$10			

**Great News! The golf course has been improved and the club house is newly renovated. Stop in and check it out.**

**Hilltop Golf Course  
47000 Powell Road  
(east of Beck Road)  
[www.hilltopgc.com](http://www.hilltopgc.com)  
734-453-9800**

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# Charter Township of Plymouth

## WATERSHED WISDOM: Keep a Beautiful Lawn & Garden Without Harming the River



*Working together, restoring the river*

The methods we use to keep a beautiful lawn and garden have direct effect on the Rouge River. Everything that we put on our lawns has the potential to be washed into a storm drain and directed into the Rouge River without treatment so before you begin your lawn care regimen, consider these river friendly tips.

**Build Fertile Soils** – add compost to your soil to naturally add nutrients. Compost is available free to our residents for use on their residential properties. Contact the Solid Waste Department for more information, 734-354-3270.

**Select Plants Suited to your Site** – installing plants native to southeast Michigan will save you time and money because they require less water and fertilizers to look their best. Visit <http://www.plymouthtpw.org/Departments/PublicServices/FactSheets.htm> for more information on native plants.

**Try Grass Cycling** – mow your grass to height of no less than 3 inches and let the cuttings fall back into the lawn. The grass cuttings provide a great, cost free fertilizer!

**Use Insecticides and Pesticides Sparingly** – spot treatments make better sense economically and environmentally. Remember, not all insects are bad and some are beneficial!

**Use a Slow Release Fertilizer** – choose a slow release fertilizer. Because they release nitrogen slowly they eliminate the need for additional applications.

Fertilizers that are washed into the storm drains end up in the river. This can cause excess growth of algae and other plants that compete with other aquatic life for oxygen. This can reduce the amount of oxygen in the water which can eventually harm the fish.

## Plymouth Township Park – Sprayscape – Pavilion Rental

### SPRAYSCAPE HOURS

Hours for the Sprayscape are as follows:

July 10 am - 8:30 pm

August 10 am - 8 pm

September 10 am - 7 pm

The Sprayscape is open until September 30th provided the weather permits.

Plymouth Township Park is a beautiful, family oriented park located on Ann Arbor Trail near McClumpha Road (46640 Ann Arbor Trail). The park offers several walking paths, a children's Playscape area, a user-operated Sprayscape, fishing pond and dock and during baseball season the park is home to several little league teams from the area. Our park is accessible during the winter months as well for sledding.

### Sprayscape Water Feature:

If you are looking for a place to cool off this summer venture out to Township Park and check out our Sprayscape which includes 24 spray features and is designed to accommodate all ages. Operation of the Sprayscape is dependant upon weather conditions.

### Park Shelter and Pavilion Reservations:

There are still openings for rental of a shelter or the pavilion at the park. Plymouth Township Park has three sheltered gathering places available for reservation: Shelter 1, Shelter 2 and the Pavilion. The Pavilion now has an attached food prep area that is available for an additional fee.

There is also a shelter available for rental at the Lake Pointe Soccer Park, located on Haggerty just north of Schoolcraft Road / M-14. Reservations in advance are required, in person at the Division of Public Services, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, second floor. Full and half-day rentals are available. For more information contact Susan Vignoe, Public Services Coordinator 734-354-3270, ext. 5.

## TRASH TALK



### Yard Waste Collection Stickers Are Available



Is your yard waste clearly marked with the sticker or marking facing the roadway? If your yard waste stickers are faded and need replacement or you would like additional stickers you can pick them up at Plymouth Township Hall. To better distinguish yard waste from garbage, place your yard waste at the curb on the opposite side of the driveway from your trash.



### Please follow these guidelines when disposing of yard waste / compost:

- Yard waste including leaves, grass clippings, vegetative pruning, garden waste, wood debris and brush can be set out to the curb by 7:00 am on your regular collection day and no earlier than 6:00 pm the night before your collection. Roots from larger bushes should be cut off and placed with the trash.
- Brush and branches up to 6 inches in diameter must be tied with string or twine in bundles no longer than 3 feet in length – no wire or plastic ties. Bundles should not exceed 50 pounds.

- Leaves and grass clippings can be put into paper Yard Waste bags available from various retailers or in a 35 gallon (maximum size) container identified with a yard waste sticker or marked clearly with 2 large "X"s or "C"s on the container.
  - Filled containers should not exceed 50 pounds.
  - Take care to ensure that the label is clear and is facing the roadway.
  - Yard waste stickers are available at Township offices. (see sample above)

### NO TRASH COLLECTION ON THESE DATES:

There will be no trash collection on the following holidays and trash collection will be delayed one day the remainder of that week:

Monday, July 4 – Independence Day

Monday, September 5 – Labor Day

Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Day

### Water Meter Replacement Program Continues

In October 2010 the Department of Public Works began a Water Meter Upgrade Project to replace old water meter systems throughout the Township. Approximately 900 water meters and associated reading devices were replaced before the winter weather set in. The project resumed on May 3, 2011.

An upgraded metering system in every home and business will lead to lower maintenance costs and more efficient use of Township personnel. The upgraded meter and reading device will record an accurate representation of the water used and also be able to detect leaks in your system and any issues of tampering.

Notification letters will be sent to residents within 1-2 weeks before installations begin in their neighborhood. Residents with questions about the program should contact the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works at 734-354-3270, ext. 9.

# Charter Township of Plymouth SUMMER 2011



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## **Sidewalk Repair Program is now in Progress**

The Charter Township of Plymouth has instituted a sidewalk repair program as part of its responsibility to ensure the public health and safety of its residents. A State of Michigan Supreme Court decision requires all communities make sure sidewalks are maintained in a safe condition.

The sidewalk repair program will continue through this summer. This year's inspections and repairs are underway after a delay due to the unseasonably cold temperatures and wet weather. Sidewalk which is damaged by Township utility work, and the installation or replacement of sidewalk ramps will be paid for by the Township.

If you are required to repair a damaged sidewalk(s) on your property and did not receive notification last year, the Township will notify you. If you

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did not make the repair yourself or use a licensed contractor, then the Township contractor will make the repair and you will then be assessed for the cost.

If you notice any sidewalks that may need repair and might have been missed during the inspection process, please call the Department of Public Works at 734-354-3270.

### **BICYCLE RIDERS NEEDED FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY PRE-PARADE!**

Want to participate in the bicycle pre-parade? Just decorate your bicycle with a Fourth of July theme and meet in front of the former Walker-Buzenberg Furniture Store at 240 N. Main St. (near Theodore) at 8:30 am. Riders should be ages five and older and parents are encouraged to ride along with younger children. All riders in the bicycle parade must wear a helmet!

## **Report Those Road-Related Concerns**

The public roads in Plymouth Township are under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) or Wayne County.

For reporting safety concerns, such as pot holes, missing signs or malfunctioning traffic signals contact Wayne County Roads at 1-888-ROAD CREW. You can call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If it is not Wayne County's responsibility, they will take the information and notify the proper agency.

**REPORT ROAD PROBLEMS TO**  
**WAYNE COUNTY ROADS AT**  
**1-888-ROAD CREW**