



## Plymouth Township installing new gateway markers

Business owners and residents of our community, as well as visitors, will soon be greeted by new gateway markers as they enter Plymouth Township. The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of eleven signs to be placed at the following locations:

- North Territorial and Napier
- Five Mile and Beck
- Five Mile and Sheldon
- Sheldon and M-14
- Five Mile and Haggerty
- Eckles and Schoolcraft
- Eckles and Plymouth Road
- Eckles and Ann Arbor Road
- Joy and Haggerty
- Joy and Sheldon
- Joy and Beck



Eleven new signs (like this one at Haggerty and Five Mile Roads) will be strategically placed at Plymouth Township entranceways.

by the end of Summer. “These signs will define the first impression people have when they visit or return home. They will help us demonstrate the pride we have in our hometown.”

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### Important Phone Numbers:

General Twp. Government Number: 453-3840

Police, Fire, EMS  
Emergencies: 911  
Police (non-emergency): 354-3249

Supervisor 354-3201  
Clerk 354-3224  
Treasurer 354-3214  
Trustees:  
Kay Arnold 455-2683  
Charles Curmi 455-9658  
Ron Griffith 455-1083  
Abe Munfakh 459-7547

According to Supervisor Steve Mann, six of the signs are already installed and the remaining five are expected to be in place

## Portable defibrillators placed at Park, Friendship Station

Supervisor Steve Mann is proud to announce that the growing practice of installing defibrillator devices in public places has been adopted in Plymouth Township. The new devices, which can help restart a heart after cardiac arrest, are located at the Friendship Station, Plymouth Township's Senior Center and at Plymouth Township Park, Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha Road.

The senior group's President, Bob Lipmyer, thinks it's a wise investment. "I think it's a good idea. We often have large groups of senior citizens attending functions here. We're happy to be getting this equipment at the Friendship Station."

Every year about 220,000 people suffer cardiac arrest and only about 5 percent of them survive. Cardiac arrest is a condition in which abnormal heart rhythms called arrhythmias cause the heart's electrical impulses to suddenly become chaotic. When this happens, the heart stops

abruptly, and the victim collapses and quickly loses consciousness. Death usually follows unless a normal heart rhythm is restored within a few minutes. Defibrillation, which means delivering an electric shock to the heart, is the only known treatment to restore the normal rhythm. For every minute defibrillation is delayed, the victim's chances of survival go down 7 - 10 percent.

Automated External Defibrillators (AED) are designed to allow minimally trained laypersons to respond to cardiac emergencies. The devices use voice prompts and screen displays to instruct the user on how to operate the device.

Supervisor Mann is pleased with the user-friendly design of the equipment. "This device is simple to operate and will not deliver a shock unless it detects an abnormal heart rhythm. This equipment often makes the difference between life and death."

## ***From the Office of the Clerk:*** **District changes prompt issuance of new voter I.D. cards**



Marilyn Massengill

Dear Plymouth Township Residents:

The Congressional and Senate Districts for Plymouth Township have recently been changed, therefore, new voter I.D. cards will soon be mailed to every registered voter. The Congressional District changed from the 13th to the 11th; and the Senate District from the 9th to the 7th. When you receive your new voter I.D. card, please destroy the old card and

maintain the new one.

Another election year is upon us. **The primary election is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6 and the general election Tuesday, November 5.**

Residents who are not registered to vote must do so on or before July 8 to be eligible to vote in the primary election and on or before October 7, for the general election. You may go to any Secretary of State Office to register or you may visit the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall and we will be happy to register you.

All registered voters who expect to be absent from the community on election day can contact the Clerk's Office (**354-3224 or 354-3228**) to request an application for an absentee ballot. Registered voters who have attained

the age of 60 and all handicapped of record, will automatically receive applications in the mail the end of June or early July. To further meet the needs of the residents, the Clerk's Office will be open from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the Saturday prior to both elections for the purpose of issuing absentee ballots. Ballots will be issued until 4:00 PM on the Monday prior to both elections, however, they cannot be removed from the Clerk's Office. State election law requires that ballots issued on the Monday prior to election day be voted here and turned in.

There is always a need for election inspectors. If interested, contact the Clerk's Office at one of the above phone numbers and request an application, or visit the Clerk's Office. To become an election inspector the individual must be a resident of Wayne County, a registered voter and they must declare a party preference (polling locations require equal party representation). Precinct inspectors will be paid \$130.00 for the day, \$15.00 for attending the required training session, an additional \$20.00 for those acting as chairman and \$10.00 for those acting as co-chair. Our office hours are 8:00 AM–4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

**Remember to vote on election day.**

Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Plymouth Township Clerk

## **Free compost material available to residents**

Compost material is available free of charge at the Division of Public Services Building, located at 46555 Port Street (east of Beck Road, south of Compuware Arena and north of M-14 and the railroad crossing).

The material is available 24 hours a day. Any questions about the free compost can be directed to the Solid Waste Department at 453-8131, ext. 33.

Residents needing large amounts of compost (one yard or more) can go to the Onyx-Arbor Hills compost facility in Salem Township (10690 Six Mile Road just west of



Napier). There will be a charge of \$12.50 plus tax for one yard of compost (one-yard minimum required). For more information please call (248) 305-8377.

Compost can be used for a variety of reasons. Most often people use it to prepare a plant bed for the following growing season, amend the soil of an established garden, make compost tea to use on houseplants, or rake into the lawn to add nutrients back to the soil.



## **Solid Waste Notes: recycle, recycle, recycle**

Have you received your annual financial report? Don't forget telephone books and other large paper reports can be recycled curbside in your orange bin! Why recycle ?

Every ton of paper, or approximately 667 telephone books, collected for recycling saves:

\* 7000 gallons of water

\* 17 trees

\*4100 kilowatt hours of electricity

## Supervisor's Corner:



Steve Mann

As we move through the summer we watch our neighbors put in new flowers, shrubs, and trees. Each doing their part to help beautify our neighborhoods and in turn, our community. Some of our older neighborhoods will find new homeowners pulling out overgrown landscaping and giving the home a new look.

All of this is a process that we undergo as our community blends the new and the old. There is one constant in this process and that is the taking of ownership of how Plymouth Township looks.

The condition of our environment, from aesthetics to water quality, is a responsibility we must each take. Your government will work with business and industry to make sure they comply with all of the necessary environmental laws to keep us healthy and safe.

But you and I must also work to promote a clean and healthy environment. To that end I challenge you to

make the beautification of our community a priority.

I am working with our Township Board of Trustees to implement an Ash tree replacement program. With the devastating blight that is affecting a large number of trees in southeast Michigan it is my plan to have your Township provide, on a 50-50 split, replacement trees for those we lose in Plymouth Township.

But we can do more.

When you see debris on the side of the road, be willing to pick it up. If you see someone illegally dumping on the side of the road, be concerned enough to report it. When you see a business putting in decorative plantings, be appreciative enough to thank them. If you see graffiti painted on the street, be involved enough to call it in.

By all of us working together we can and will continue to make Plymouth Township not only a community of which we are proud, but of which others will also see is environmentally concerned and esthetically desirable.

## Municipal website re-launched

Plymouth Township has a new website. Log onto [www.plymouthtp.org](http://www.plymouthtp.org) then navigate your way through the different areas like government, business, community, services and reference desk. Each Township department has a section with contact telephone numbers, FAQs and forms & permits. One of the many improvements makes it possible for you to e-mail Town-



ship officials. **Click on to the reference desk and sign up for the Plymouth Township mailing list** which is a service for anyone wishing to receive periodic e-mail updates on items related to Township services, government and events in the community.

## Watershed Wisdom: report illegal dumping

Stop someone from ripping you off.

You may not hear it. You may not see it. But you definitely pay for it.

Dumping contaminates drinking water supplies, recreation areas and wildlife habitat. Clean up efforts cost millions of dollars each year. And that's your tax dollars hard at work.

Avoid getting ripped off. Report illegal dumping right away. Your action will help prevent further water contamination and reduce potential cleanup costs. Remember, all storm drains in Plymouth Township discharge directly into the Rouge River. NO Filters, NO treatment.

To report illegal dumping call the Division of Public Services at 453-8131.

For hazardous or flammable spills, call 911 immediately.



## Wayne County announces plans for dying Ash trees along roadsides



Ash trees in many parts of Plymouth Township have been dying at an alarming rate because of disease or insect problems. The Wayne County Department of Public Services Forestry Section is aware of this and started a street tree survey in June 2002.

The survey will address trees **only within the Wayne County road right-of-way.**

After the survey is concluded, the trees identified as more than 50% dead, and larger than **six inches** in diameter, will be put on the county's tree removal list. Those trees will be marked with a yellow vertical line of paint.

If the tree is less than six inches in diameter, it is the property owner's responsibility to remove the tree based on the County's policy, which reflects language in

subdivision development permits.

Wayne County's efforts to remove the dead and dying Ash trees will start this Winter. **If you have questions, please contact the Forestry office at (734) 522-7371.** If you are requesting a permit to occupy the road right-of-way for purposes of tree removal, please contact the same number.

In response to the need for new trees to be planted, Supervisor Mann's office is working to put together a tree replacement assistance program for the Board of Trustees to consider in the near future.

We look forward to notifying you soon of the launch of this new program.

## Sidewalk replacement program continues

The Department of Public Works sidewalk replacement program continues again this year in Plymouth Township. If marked with paint, sections of the sidewalk require repair. Sidewalk flags (panels) marked with an "X" are the responsibility of the property owner to replace. Sidewalk flags with manhole covers in them or the walks that go to the curb, including handicapped ramps, will be marked with an "O" and replaced by the Township.

If sidewalk flags adjoining your property are marked with an "X", you should have received an official hearing notice together with an estimate to replace the sidewalk flags by the Township's contractor. These notices were sent to the owners of record in late May and early June, 2002. Any sidewalk flags not replaced by property owners (or their contractors) by July 31, 2002 will automatically be replaced by the Township's contractor and the cost assessed to the owner of record.

If you choose to have the Township's contractor perform the repairs, you do not have to do anything; the walk will be repaired after August 1, 2002 and the Township will send you a bill for the cost. Property owners can expect an approximate six month delay in billing because the bills are not sent out until the program has been completed and a report is submitted to the Township by the contractor.

**Questions about the program should be directed to the Department of Public Works, 453-8131, ext. 21.**



## Celebrate Fourth of July safely

Since Independence Day celebrations often include fireworks displays, the Plymouth Township Police and Plymouth Community Fire Departments remind you to use caution and exercise good judgment when using fireworks. Michigan law prohibits the sale and transport of certain fireworks. Legal fireworks include flat paper



caps, toy trick noise makers, sparklers, fountains, toy snakes, toy smoke devices and signal flares. Illegal in Michigan are cherry bombs, comets (or mines), firecrackers, M-80s, bottle rockets, roman candles, silver salutes (M-100s), and M-250s or M-1000s. Why not play it safe and enjoy one of the many public fireworks displays put on in nearby communities this time of year?

## From the Office of the Chief Building Official: Building permits and bonds; what residents should know



**Mark Lewis**

In general, a permit is required for all activities that are regulated by the building code. Some of the items requiring a permit include the construction of or alteration of a structure, additions, demolitions, relocation of a structure or alterations of any equipment, which is regulated by the code. These activities cannot begin until the permit is issued.

The Charter Township of Plymouth is now enforcing the Michigan Residential Code 2000 for one and two family dwellings. This code now has some exemptions from the requirement for a permit. Items exempt from the permit requirements must still comply with the provisions of the code and any other laws or ordinances of Plymouth Township. Also, if a subdivision association exists, those rules or bylaws will take precedence even though something may be acceptable by the codes of Plymouth Township. A zoning compliance permit is required for these items. Building permits are not required for any of the following:

1. One story detached accessory structures, if the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.
2. A fence that is less than six feet in height.
3. A retaining wall that is less than four feet in height.
4. A pre-fabricated swimming pool that is less than 24 inches deep.

Other items not requiring a permit include swing sets and other playground structures or equipment as well as painting, wallpapering, tiling, carpeting, and the installation of cabinets and/or countertops. This includes similar finish work and other minor repair work to a structure.

In Plymouth Township, building clean up bonds are required for projects with a valuation over \$10,000. The purpose of these bonds is to help ensure the completion of the work included in the permit. The removal of all debris and trash from the building site and the installation of any sidewalks, street trees, ditches or culverts must be completed in accordance with requirements of the Township. The building clean up bond will be refunded to the permit applicant within a few weeks of the successful completion of all final inspections.

## Ordinance addresses distribution of handbills

One of the frequently asked questions to the Ordinance Officer is, "How can I prevent the delivery of handbills to my home?" According to Kathy Pumphrey, our Ordinance Enforcement Officer, this issue is addressed in ordinance 30.130 [Prohibiting Distribution of Handbills Where Properly Posted](#). It reads as follows:

*No person shall throw, deposit or distribute any commercial or non-commercial handbill upon any private premises if requested by anyone thereon not to do so or*

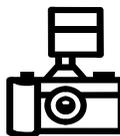
*if there is placed on said premises in a conspicuous position near the entrance thereof a sign bearing the words: "No Trespassing," "No Peddlers or Agents," or "No Advertisement" or any similar notice indicating in any manner that the occupants of said premises do not desire to be molested or have their right of privacy disturbed or to have any such handbills left upon such premises.*

The Ordinance Officer can be reached at 354-3205.

## Photos sought for 2003 Plymouth Township calendar

Do you have a photo that captures the essence of Plymouth Township? If so, we want to hear from you. Whether it be of a specific place, a special event or an everyday activity within the Township, submit your photo for consideration for use in the next Plymouth Township calendar.

Make sure that the photograph is not too dark or that someone's head isn't cut off! We reserve the right to crop any photo. Photos will not be returned. Entrants whose photos are selected will receive credit in the calendar.



Submit your 4 x 6 glossy photo, along with your name, address, telephone number and a brief description of the photo to:

**Calendar Photos, c/o Supervisor's Office  
Charter Township of Plymouth  
42350 Ann Arbor Rd.  
Plymouth, MI 48170**

Any questions should be directed to the Supervisor's Administrative Aide at 354-3203.

## Information about your 2002 Summer tax statement

### Summer tax deferment

You may be eligible for deferment of your 2002 Summer tax bill. Your Summer tax payment can be deferred until February 14, 2003, if your total household income for 2001 was less than \$25,000, and you meet one of the following:

- ◆ Senior citizen (age 62 by December 1, 2002)
- ◆ 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 16, 2002.

To receive an application by mail or if you have questions regarding Summer Tax Deferments, please call 354-3215.



### Statements to be mailed July 1

Your Summer tax statement will be mailed July 1, 2002. Summer taxes are payable through September 14, 2002 without penalty. If you have a name or address change please write in changes on the front of the payment copy. If your taxes are paid by a mortgage company, please check the box above taxpayer's copy. If this information is incorrect, please notify the Treasurer's Office immediately.

There are many convenient ways to pay your taxes:

- ◆ By mail.
- ◆ By using the drop boxes located in the parking lot and entry way of Township Hall.
- ◆ At a Standard Federal Bank branch.
- ◆ By coming into the Treasurer's Office during Township business hours (8:30 AM–4:30 PM).

If you would like a paid receipt please include or bring with you the complete tax statement. If not, your cancelled check will be your receipt. Please write your Tax ID number on your check.

Individuals with questions or needing assistance can call the Treasurer's Department at 354-3218.

## 6th annual Plymouth Township "Good Old Fashioned Picnic" - July 4th

No plans for the Fourth of July? Consider coming out to the Plymouth Township "Good Old Fashioned Picnic" at Plymouth Township Park (located on Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha Road). Come celebrate the Township's 175th birthday!

The entire family can enjoy a relaxing afternoon with neighbors and friends. There will be police vehicles on display, hot air balloon rides, a fishing contest, bicycle/tricycle decorating contest, games for the children and adults (with prizes!), hot dogs, ice cream, soda, chips and birthday cake! Members of the Plymouth Whalers hockey team will also be there!

Just think, a day where you can relax, children can play, and the cooking is done for you! Volunteers will be staffing the grills, cooking hot dogs as fast as you can consume them. Others will be scooping world-famous Guernsey ice cream and serving ice cold sodas.

**Bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets (or use the park tables).** Pack that football, soccer ball, hockey stick, and



baseball glove because you never know who will want to start up a game. Children should bring their bicycles or tricycles and make sure they are decorated so they can enter the decorating contest. Judging will take place at 2:00 PM. For those who like to fish, don't forget your fishing poles!

So come celebrate the Fourth of July with us and enjoy a good old fashioned picnic. Where else can you get a hot dog, ice cream or soda for just a nickel? **The fun begins**

**at 11:00 AM, Thursday, July 4th!**

For more information call Plymouth Township Offices at 354-3203 or 354-3214.

## Automatic payment plan convenient for water bills

Join many of your Plymouth Township neighbors who have already signed up for the **Automatic Bill Payment Plan**. With this plan you have no checks to write, no postage to look for, no late payments and no hassles.

Once enrolled, you will still receive a water bill that shows you are on the automatic payment plan. It will also reflect the payment amount and due date. Your automatic payment will be debited from your checking/savings account on the due date of the bill.

Please use the form provided below to enroll.



### AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT ENROLLMENT FORM (please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone ( \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Water Bill Acct # (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Financial Institution \_\_\_\_\_

ABA/Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Checking Account # \_\_\_\_\_ or Savings Acct # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this completed form to: Plymouth Township Treasurer's Office, P. O. Box 8040, Plymouth, MI 48170-8040*



## Vacation and recreational activities guides available

Whether you're considering a lengthy vacation or just an afternoon or weekend getaway, Michigan has exceptional opportunities that are sure to please everyone. If you have not yet completed your plans, or you are just beginning to explore the possibilities, stop by the Treasurer's Office. We have on hand a collection of free publications that can be very helpful.

From the "Michigan—Great Lakes and Great Vacations" magazine to handy and informative guides on camping, golf and Huron-Clinton Metroparks; these and other sources of information in the Treasurer's Office can make your planning easier and are also excellent sources of reference for the future. If you cannot make it into the office, please call Treasurer Ron Edwards at 354-3218 and delivery will be arranged.

# Plymouth Township government meetings:

Meeting times are 7 PM, unless otherwise shown.

## July:

Thursday, July 11: Zoning Board of Appeals (5 PM)

Tuesday, July 16: Board of Trustees

Wednesday, July 17: Planning Commission

## August:

Thursday, August 1: Zoning Board of Appeals (5 PM)

Tuesday, August 13: Board of Trustees

Wednesday, August 14: Planning Commission

## September:

Thursday, September 5: Zoning Board of Appeals (5 PM)

Tuesday, September 10: Board of Trustees

Wednesday, September 18: Planning Commission

Tuesday, September 24: Board of Trustees

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the Internet at [www.plymouthtwp.org](http://www.plymouthtwp.org)

## THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to the Plymouth Township residents that participated in this Spring's Household Hazardous Waste Day! A total of 967 cars (63% Township, 37% City) were handled this year. You have helped keep dangerous chemicals from entering our streams, air and soil for all of our residents. Congratulations! We also thank Environmental Quality for their professional handling of this event. For those of you who were discouraged by the long lines, we are looking at this issue. The wait time this year was not acceptable. We are looking at several alternatives to reduce this time, including the potential of an additional day this Fall. We will keep you informed.



Post near your telephone!



## Crime Tip Hotline (734) 414-7518

If you want to report information about a crime, you can call the Plymouth Township Police Department's crime tip hotline at (734) 414-7518. Your call will be answered by the Community Watch System. Follow the prompts and leave a message to the automated system. No personal contact will occur. However, **do not** call this number if a crime is in progress. **If a crime is occurring, call 911.**



The inaugural Plymouth Township Citizen Police Academy, which began in April, wrapped up in June. The participants were recognized at a ceremony during the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 11, 2002. Due to the great success of the program, Police Chief Tom Tiderington will continue it with a second class next year.