



Plymouth PULSE



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City of Plymouth Strategic Plan

On Saturday, November 13, 2021, the elected and appointed leaders of the City of Plymouth spent the day discussing the five-year future of the city. The combined group discussed the internal strengths and weaknesses and the external opportunities and threats that could impact the city. The team then created a shared vision of what the city may look like in 2026.

The City Commission approved the following goals, objectives and one-year tasks at its January 18, 2022 meeting.

Goal Area One – Sustainable Infrastructure

Key Objectives

- Identify and establish sustainable financial model(s) for major capital projects, Old Village business district, 35th District Court, recreation department, and public safety
- Incorporate eco-friendly, sustainable practices into city assets, services, and policies; including more environmentally friendly surfaces, reduced impervious surfaces, expanded recycling and composting services, prioritizing native and pollinator-friendly plants, encouraging rain gardens, and growing a mature tree canopy
- Partner with or become members of additional environmentally aware organizations
- Increase technology infrastructure into city assets, services, and policies
- Continue sustainable infrastructure improvement for utilities, facilities, and fleet
- Address changing vehicular habits, including paid parking system /parking deck replacement plan, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, and one-way street options

One-Year Tasks

1. Update investment policy
2. Begin update to Recreation Master Plan
3. Analyze current financial models for capital projects, OV business district, 35th District Court, recreation department, and public safety
4. Explore/create impervious surface ordinance
5. Explore/implement organic material collection

6. Develop educational/resource material on native and pollinator friendly plantings
7. Identify possible future rain garden locations
8. Increase educational/resource material on tree related information
9. Research possible partnerships/memberships with “green” organizations
10. Evaluate city facilities and technology to assess necessary upgrades and emergency preparedness needs
11. Initiate Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) grant activities
12. Acquire fleet upgrades based on 2021 approved funding plan
13. Review the potential to modernize city facilities and ensure ADA compliance
14. Complete ADA compliance project at Cultural Center (extent based on pending federal funding)
15. Decide on direction for paid parking
16. Review and discuss electric vehicle infrastructure and possible charging locations
17. Design parking lot at Saxton’s site

Goal Area Two – Staff Development, Training, and Succession

Key Objectives

- Create policies and programs that support staff recruitment/retention, including a coordinated recruitment program, flexible scheduling, and an internship program
- Increase staff levels to appropriately support city services and departments
- Provide staff/board/volunteer trainings and programming with a focus on improving understanding on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion and emphasizing working with and serving diverse communities

One-Year Tasks

1. Create a 5-year staffing projection
2. Review current recruitment strategies and identify additional resources
3. Identify/establish flex scheduling positions and procedures
4. Develop a plan for an internship program
5. Review potential department collaborations
6. Hire an additional recreation professional
7. Review current diversity, equity, and inclusion training opportunities
8. Seek out training opportunities for serving diverse communities

Goal Area Three – Community Connectivity

Key Objectives

Engage in partnerships with public, private and non-profit entities
 Increase residential/business education programs for active citizen engagement
 Robust diversion, equity and inclusion programs
 Actively participate with multi-governmental lobbies (Michigan Municipal League, Conference of Western Wayne, etc.)

One-Year Tasks

1. Review park sponsorship and explore the establishment of a “friends of the park” type organization
2. Solicit interest in renewal of “citizen’s academy” type program
3. Attend governmental professional organization meetings/conferences/events
4. Increase targeted, cohesive use of web pages, social media, videos, etc. to provide education on city services

Goal Area Four Attractive, Livable Community

Key Objectives

- Create vibrant commercial districts by seeking appropriate mixed-use development, marketing transitional properties, and implementing Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) practices
- Improve existing and pursue additional recreational and public green space opportunities and facilities for all ages
- Develop multi-modal transportation plan which prioritizes pedestrian and biker safety
- Improve link between Hines Park, Old Village, downtown Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and other regional destinations
- Maintain safe, well-lit neighborhoods with diverse housing stock that maximizes resident livability and satisfaction.
- Modernize and update zoning ordinance to reflect community vision
- Implement Kellogg Park master plan

One-Year Tasks

1. Implement Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) certification 1.0 –begin research on RRC 2.0
2. Identify possible green space opportunities
3. Research multi-modal best practices
4. Review bike ordinance
5. Identify location for new bike racks



Explore downtown Plymouth, where the streets will be lined with ice carvings. If you collect enough stickers from downtown businesses, you can win a prize in the Downtown Development Authority's Bingo game. For information about the event, please visit plymouthicefestival.com or downtownplymouth.org.

City of Plymouth Police Department News

Training

Police personnel attended the following training sessions during the month of January 2022.

Accreditation Manager Training

Overview of the MLEAC Accreditation Program and its process.

2022 Legal Update Training

Officers attended training regarding new and revised laws.

Western Wayne County Special Operations Team Training

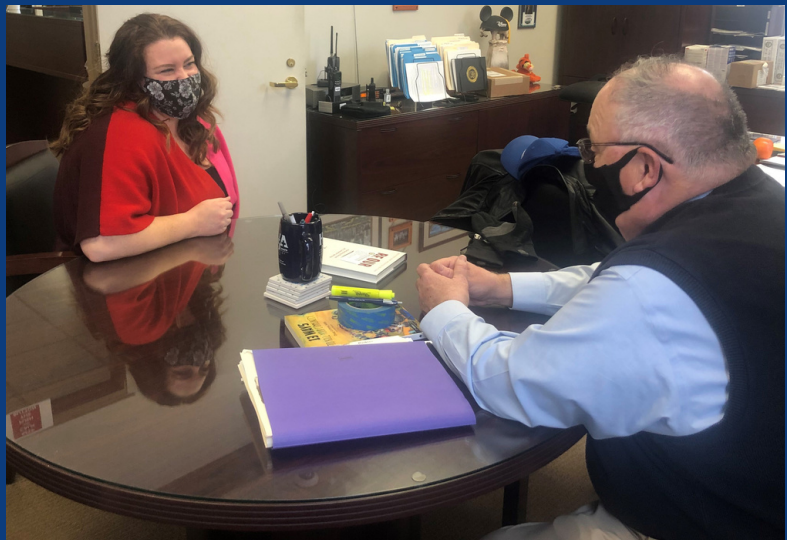
Team members attended the required regular monthly training sessions involving the many skills needed to successfully intervene during a critical incident situation such as a hostage rescue or barricaded gunman. These skills include proper planning and response, firearms and equipment proficiency, team movement, surveillance, and much more.

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (Mental Health Petition) Legal Process

Overview of the process for obtaining a mental health petition through the Circuit Court.



Welcome to the team, Officer Greg DiMaio! Pictured at his swearing-in ceremony, from left, Sgt. Chris Lahtinen, Lieutenant Jamie Grabowski, Officer DiMaio, Detective Jay Miller, and Director of Public Safety Al Cox



City Manager Paul Sincok welcomes new police records clerk DeeDee Perino to the team. Perino is training under current records clerk Renee Revels, who is retiring after 20 years of service this month. Sincok meets with all new employees to share his philosophy about decision making and to give them the book, *Be Our Guest - The Art of Customer Service* by the Disney Institute.

Master Rain Gardener Training Program

Community members are invited to apply for the upcoming Master Rain Gardener Training Program, sponsored by Friends of the Rouge.

Since 2010, the course, which is led by Washtenaw County Water Resources, has resulted in over 1,200 rain gardens built in southeast Michigan. Half of participants go on to build rain gardens and all participants become highly educated about storm water issues. Participants willingly volunteer their time to maintain public rain gardens and advocate for increased investment to improve storm water management in their community.

For more information or to register, you may visit <https://therouge.org/mrg>. The early registration deadline is February 17.



Open Skating at the Plymouth Cultural Center

Open Skate Schedule

Tuesdays & Thursdays
11:45 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Sundays
4:30 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

Open Skate Fees

Adults \$5.00
Under 16 & over 55 \$4.00
Skate Rental \$2.00
CASH ONLY

Please Note

There are a limited number of sizes and quantities of rental skates.

Arena equipment may be used on a first-come, first-served basis and may not be reserved.

Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer Plymouth, MI 734-455-6620
<https://plymouthmi.gov/recreation>
Front counter hours 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

City of Plymouth Recreation Department

SUMMER 2022 T-BALL LEAGUE

for boys and girls born in 2016 and 2017

This league is non-competitive and is not designed for advanced skill development

Open Registration March 1-April 18, 2022

REGISTER IN PERSON
MONDAY - FRIDAY 11:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
525 FARMER ST. PLYMOUTH

or

ONLINE AT PLYMOUTHMI.GOV

(Contact the recreation office at 734-455-6620 ext. 0
or recreation@plymouthmi.gov to get a user name and password)

\$70 - City of Plymouth residents
\$90 - non-residents

General Information

The head coach sets practice schedules, generally on weeknights. All games are on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening from June 20-August 10. There will be rain make-ups as needed. Games and practices take place at Don Massey Field, Bilkie Family Field, City of Plymouth Parks and Hines Park.

Format

Defensive outs remove the runner but the team bats through the lineup.
No strikeouts.

Equipment

League provides bats, balls, tees, bases, team shirts and hats. Participant provides baseball glove and any other uniform or protective gear.

Parents!

We need volunteer coaches for the league to run!
The children of all head coaches play for free.
If you would like to volunteer, please indicate on the registration form.

January Boards and Commissions

City Commission –January 3, 2022

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of December 20, 2021 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorization to Buy a Vactor Truck - approved
- b. Ordinance Amendment 1st Reading – Adoption of Wayne County Storm Water Standards - approved

Historic District Commission Meeting January 5, 2022 CANCELED

Zoning Board of Appeals January 6, 2022 CANCELED

Downtown Development Authority –January 10, 2022

- Election of Officers - Chair Kerri Pollard, Vice Chair Andre Martinelli
- Plymouth Ice Festival - discussion only

Planning Commission January 12, 2022

- Election of Officers - Chair Karen Sisolak, Vice Chair Scott Silvers
- 2021 Annual Report - discussion only

City Commission-January 18, 2022

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of January 3, 2022 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of December 2021 Bills
- c. P-CCS Mental Health Fair

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance Amendment Final Reading – Adoption of Wayne County Storm Water Standards - approved
- b. Strategic Plan - approved

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Design Phase Authorization for 2022 Street Improvement Project(s) - approved

For More Information

Agendas and links for all meetings are posted on our website a minimum of 18 hours before every meeting.

Minutes are posted after they are approved.

If you would like to receive agendas and other City of Plymouth information by email, please sign up on our website at plymouthmi.gov/notifyme



Visit Us Online

www.plymouthmi.gov

Dog Licenses

All dogs older than four months must have a dog license and owner information on file at City Hall. Please note that all dog licenses, regardless of when purchased, expire on December 31 of every year. On January 1 and beyond, the cost to renew is \$10. Apply in person at City Hall or online at <https://plymouthmi.gov/doglicense>. You must provide proof of rabies vaccination.

February Board and Commission Meeting Links

February Board and Commission meetings will be held in person in the City Commission Chambers at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main.

The joint meeting on February 15 will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

The public may attend all of the meetings either in person or via the Zoom links provided at the right.

Historic District Commission - February 2, 2022 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88333367353>

Webinar ID: 883 3336 7353 Passcode: 223609

Zoning Board of Appeals - February 3, 2022 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88548967051>

Webinar ID: 885 4896 7051 Passcode: 044089

City Commission - February 7, 2022 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81709868934>

Webinar ID: 817 0986 8934 Passcode: 560544

Planning Commission Meeting -February 9, 2022 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81691005263>

Webinar ID: 816 9100 5263 Passcode: 832288

Downtown Development Authority - February 14, 2022 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82344184709>

Webinar ID: 823 4418 4709 Passcode: 079696

Joint City Commission, PC, HDC, DDA Meeting -February 15, 2022 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85237044356>

Passcode: 575980 Webinar ID: 852 3704 4356

City Commission Meeting - TUESDAY February 22, 2022 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86889496322>

Webinar ID: 868 8949 6322 Passcode: 995758

Emergency RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Wayne County's **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)** makes funding available to assist households that are unable to pay rent or utility bills.

To Be Eligible:

1

Experiencing financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic



2

Experiencing housing instability



3

Household income at or below 80% of area median income



*Open to all communities in Wayne County excluding the City of Detroit.
*For Detroit's program, visit this link: <https://bit.ly/3hHUT66>

APPLY TODAY

Call Center: (833) 742-1513

Find more information and apply at:
www.waynecounty.com/rentalassistance



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Office Hours
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday- Friday

Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement

The Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement is named in honor of Ruth Huston-Whipple, Plymouth's first female elected City Commissioner (1934-1949), first female mayor of Plymouth (1940-1942) and first female Wayne County Board of Supervisors member.

She was a 1913 graduate of Plymouth High School and later worked as a teacher and debate coach at the school. She fought against school policies that discriminated against married women and eventually left the district in protest. She remained, however, a leader in the Plymouth community, championing the improvement of inhumane conditions at a local juvenile detention center and addressing environmental and beautification concerns in the City.

The purpose of the Ruth Huston-Whipple Award for Civic Engagement is to honor a community member who, like Ruth Huston-Whipple, has positively impacted the quality of life in the City of Plymouth through his or her exceptional civic and/or philanthropic engagement.

Nominees must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Person must have demonstrated civic and/or philanthropic engagement within the City of Plymouth. Examples of impact should show a community benefit, delivered with integrity and perseverance
- Married couples can be nominated
- Past Ruth Huston-Whipple Award recipients, current members of the Plymouth City Commission and full-time employees of the City of Plymouth are not eligible to be nominated

The Ruth Huston-Whipple award winner will have demonstrated engagement, leadership and achievement over a period of time and in one or more of the following areas:

- Contributed to the City of Plymouth above and beyond reasonable expectations
- Demonstrated character, commitment and/or leadership qualities
- Actively participated in community or civic organizations whose sphere of influence falls within the City of Plymouth
- Exemplified accomplishments and contributions to the economic vitality and/or residential quality of life in the City of Plymouth

The nomination period opens January 1 and closes April 30 of each year, when a selection committee comprising two mayor-appointed City Commissioners and a representative from the City of Plymouth administration will select and notify the winner(s). The nomination form is on our website at plymouthmi.gov/nomination.

Past Award Winners

2020 Debra Madonna

2021 Jim Jabara

Plymouth Community Senior Transportation

Located at Plymouth Township Friendship Station Senior Center at 42375 Schoolcraft Rd.

The Plymouth Community Senior Transportation Program is an independent, curb to curb transportation service owned and operated by the City of Plymouth and Charter Township of Plymouth. Transportation is available to residents 60 years old and older, living in the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township.

Reservations are required at least 2 business days in advance and can be made by calling the reservation line Monday through Friday from 8:30am-11:30am.

(734)459-8888

A mask covering the nose and mouth is required at all times while on the bus!!!

FEBRUARY SPECIAL TRIPS - Please be ready 30 minutes prior to your scheduled pick up. Return times will be 2 hours from time you are dropped off at the store

	DESTINATIONS	COST	PICK UP TIMES	RETURN TIMES
2	IKEA, Kohl's, Home Goods, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Goodwill, Joann Fabrics, or Bed Bath & Beyond	\$6	10am - 11am	1pm
4	WALMART	\$6	9am - 10am	12pm
11	MEIJER	\$6	9am - 10am	12pm
18	DOLLAR TREE (CANTON)	\$6	9am - 10am	12pm
25	MEIJER	\$6	9am - 10am	12pm



MEDICAL SCHEDULE & FEES

WE ONLY TRANSPORT TO WELL APPOINTMENTS

*First pick up is at 9am / *Must be finished with your appointment by 2:30 p.m.



SERVICE DAYS	DESTINATIONS	COST	SERVICE HOURS
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canton Medical Facilities Livonia Medical Center on Schoolcraft College Campus NEW Livonia St. Mary Hospital & Medical Facilities across from St. Mary U of M Northville (7 Mile / Haggerty Location) 	\$6	9am-2:30pm
M-W-F	Novi Providence Park \$6	\$6	9am-2:30pm



GROCERY SCHEDULE & FEES

Please be ready 30 minutes prior to your scheduled pick up. Return times will be 1 or 2 hours from time you are dropped off at the store.

DAYS	DESTINATIONS	COST	PICK UP TIME	RETURN TIMES
MONDAY	BUSCH'S	\$2	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
TUESDAY	KROGER	\$2	9am - 10am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
WEDNESDAY	FRESH THYME	\$6	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
THURSDAY	KROGER	\$2	9am - 10am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF

Inclement Weather

If Senior Transportation is CLOSED due to weather and you are schedule to ride that day you will be contacted by a member of our staff to inform you we are CLOSED.

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON

PRESIDENTS DAY



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY
21st, 2022**