



Plymouth PULSE



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April 2023

Orange Barrel Season is Upon Us

We're putting away the plows and bringing out the cold patch because finally, finally, the winter of 2023 seems to be behind us. We're fortunate to have so many hard-working individuals that make up Team Plymouth, because those wind, ice, and heavy snowstorms required a huge team effort - especially on the part of the Department of Municipal Services and the Fire Department.

Before you know it, this year's infrastructure improvement projects will be underway. Here's what we're working on.

- Carol/Evergreen Infrastructure Project – On Carol between McKinley and Evergreen, and on Evergreen between Carol and Beech – work to begin in early to mid -April.
- Ann Arbor Trail retaining wall – On Ann Arbor Trail between Harvey and Jener Place – continuation from 2022, work to restart in spring.
- Penniman retaining wall – On Penniman between Harvey and Church – the design is ongoing, and work is currently scheduled to begin in 2023.
- Saxton's Parking Lot Project – City public parking lot at Ann Arbor Trail and Deer – design and engineering ongoing, work to begin in 2023.



It's barely daybreak, and our cold patch crews are in Old Village

In addition to our projects, our service-providing partner Consumer's Energy will be working on the following gas main replacement projects:

- On Ann Arbor Trail between Deer and S. Mill – work to begin in early April
- On S. Main between Wing and Simpson, on Simpson between S. Main and Harvey, and on S. Harvey between Simpson and Ann Arbor Rd. – work to begin in early April

See the flyer below for more information from Consumer's Energy. If you have any questions about this project, please call them at 844-660-3477 or send an email to EIRPcustomerconcerns@cmsenergy.com.



Delivering for Plymouth

We're modernizing Plymouth's natural gas system by rebuilding and upgrading key infrastructure. The work will help ensure safe, reliable delivery of natural gas to our customers.

Consumers Energy
Count on Us®

To learn more, visit
ConsumersEnergy.com/pipelineupgrade

Work
started
April 3

Sewer Locates - Crews will mark underground utilities in the work area. They may need access to the inside of customer homes or businesses to locate the sewer lines. Any flags or marks should be left in place until we complete our work. Customers should consider marking known sprinklers, invisible fences, etc.

Construction - Crews will perform underground work to install new, upgraded pipeline and may be able to bore underground, minimizing road closures and other disturbances.

Gas service will be interrupted for less than an hour. When complete, a crew member will relight pilot lights. Customers may opt to do this on their own. If they aren't available, we will leave instructions to request a relight.

Restoration - When all work is complete, all affected roadways, sidewalks and other areas disturbed by construction will be restored fully. Some restoration may be delayed because of weather (freezing conditions, etc.).

95%
done!

Ready to Tidy Your Yard for the Spring? The Pollinators Need a Bit More Time.

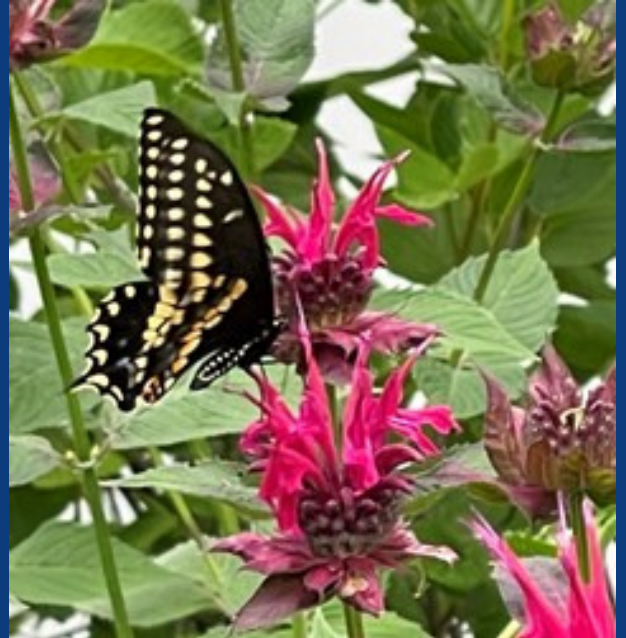
Spring is upon us in Plymouth and eager gardeners are excited to get outside and start prepping for the season by tidying up the yard. Unfortunately, the pollinators don't quite share this enthusiasm around spring clean-up. Many pollinators are still in hibernation this time of year. Beneficial insects like native bees and hummingbird clearwing moths overwinter in leaf litter, hollowed out flower stalks, and soil burrows while butterfly chrysalides are smartly camouflaged on sticks and branches. It can be very easy to overlook these hidden creatures and unknowingly toss them in a pile of yard waste to be hauled off for chipping. Therefore, much like in the fall, it's best to leave the leaves and garden debris in the spring to support the pollinator lifecycle.

Here are some tips for spring garden care including various options to consider depending on where you are with your pollinator garden journey.

1. Cut and Pile – Once temperatures are consistently warm (late April or May here in Michigan), simply cut back old flower stalks in half to provide new nesting opportunities for bees and leave the rest alone. If that's not enough clean-up for you, bundle yard debris and put it in a loose pile off to the side to give all those critters some time to wake-up.
2. Hold Off on the Mulch – Covering the ground too early with mulch can prevent soil burrowed pollinators from emerging from hibernation. Alternatively, forget the mulch altogether! Save time, work, and money by keeping fall leaf litter in the garden bed as a weed barrier all year long.
3. Trim with Care – There may be some chrysalides (swallowtails, sulfurs, and spring azures) hanging around on branches. If you need to prune, toss the debris in a loose pile in a less conspicuous space in the yard.
4. Make Garden Plans – Occupy the extra time saved by planning your garden spaces. Be sure to include plenty of native plants.

If this notion of leaving the garden a bit messy is too much for you or your neighbor, an alternative is to designate certain garden beds in the yard to be a bit tidier for a structured design look and let others go wild for the pollinators! Re-thinking pretty is a journey for all gardeners, but the pollinators will surely appreciate the effort.

The City of Plymouth is home to three local non-profit organizations that specialize in environmental conservation, Friends of Rouge (<https://therouge.org/>), Plymouth Pollinators (<https://www.plymouthpollinators.org/>) and Keep Plymouth Leafy (<https://keepplymouthleafy.org/>). Visit their websites for more information about native plants, trees, and pollinator habitat.



Story and photos courtesy of Plymouth Pollinators

Household Hazardous Waste

Wayne County's Department of Public Services hosts several Household Hazardous Waste Collections per year for county residents. The collections are designed to accept unwanted household chemicals for proper disposal and electronics for recycling from residents.

Items that are accepted include:

- household paints, stains, dyes
- floor care items, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners
- lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers
- antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline
- automotive batteries, dry cell batteries, propane tanks
- old computers, printers, scanners, TV's, cell phones, fax machines
- mercury containing thermometers, thermostats and elemental mercury
- fluorescent light bulbs (standard and compact)
- smoke detectors, fire extinguishers
- Pharmaceutical Waste (Non -controlled Substances only)
- CRT televisions and monitors

Items that are not accepted include:

- commercial waste, industrial waste
- ammunition, explosives
- 55-gallon drums
- radioactive materials
- unknown, unlabeled waste
- shock sensitive materials
- household trash
- appliances
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Residents are encouraged to bring in mercury fever thermometers for disposal. Mercury is a toxic substance and can cause serious health effects if released into a home or the environment. For more information, please contact Wayne County's Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 17, 2023 at Henry Ford College located at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn

Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Westland Shopping Center located at 35000 W. Warren Road in Westland

Saturday, October 21, 2023 at Wayne County Community College located at 21000 Northline Road in Taylor

Disposing of Hazardous Waste at Other Times

Wayne County now offers a recycling voucher program to Wayne County residents. This program allows residents to dispose and recycle of their household hazardous waste five days a week at our contractor's Livonia site. Please call 734-326-5708 or email jdemerjian@waynecounty.com to request your free voucher.

Spring Cleanup

The annual spring cleanup is a single day collection that allows for large items and extra trash to be picked up from the curb. Any City of Plymouth resident or business may utilize spring clean up collection at no charge.

Collection Schedule

This year's cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 6 for residences north of Ann Arbor Trail and on Saturday, May 13 for residences south of Ann Arbor Trail. All items must be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on collection day to ensure pickup.

To ensure your items are removed quickly and safely, please follow these guidelines:

- Each household is allowed 8 trash cans or the equivalent, plus two large items (i.e. washer, dryer, couch, desk, etc.).
- All small refuse must be placed in a container strong enough to hold its weight (i.e. plastic bags, cans, boxes) – which may not exceed 50 pounds.
- Appliances containing Freon (i.e. refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers, and dehumidifier) must have a valid certificate of Freon removal to be picked up.
- Refrigerators or freezers must have the doors removed from the hinges.
- All items placed at the curb for collection must be arranged in a neat and safe manner.

The following items are prohibited from being placed out for pickup on spring cleanup collection day:

- Tires
- Concrete
- Construction debris
- Auto parts
- Piles of dirt, sod, or rocks
- Extremely large items like boats, cars, engines, motorcycles, snowmobiles, pianos, etc.
- Household hazardous waste items like gasoline, motor oil, paint thinners, pesticides, medical waste, etc.

Yard Waste Composting

The City's composting service will begin the first week of April and end the week of December 6, 2023. Items out for compost must be placed in a brown lawn refuse bag or a can marked for compost. Compost includes grass clippings, leaves, branches, and yard debris. Compost does not include sod, dirt, rocks, dog poop, or potted plants.

To ensure pickup, place compost bags and/or cans designated for compost as close to the curb or roadside as possible. Place the bags and/or cans so that they have three feet of clearance from parked cars, mailboxes, other carts, and other street hazards or amenities. Ensure the lid can close – overfilled carts may be too heavy or may lose contents when serviced. If your compost was missed, please call our office as soon as you notice at 734-453-7737 ext. 0.

Food Composting

The City of Plymouth has partnered with Midtown Composting to offer food composting pickup from your porch. It costs \$19.55 per month with an initial \$5.00 sign-up fee. For more details and to sign-up, please visit their website at midtowncomposting.com.

March Police Training

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.



Crisis Negotiation Team Training

A sub-group of WWCSOT, team members attended regular training regarding skills related to the successful conclusion of hostage and barricaded subject situations.

Joint Plymouth City-Township Honor Guard Training

Team members participated in regular monthly training.

Eastern Michigan University's Center for Regional and National Security School of Police Staff & Command Executive Leadership Program

One of our Sergeants began this 9-week program. This is an intensive program consisting of 350 hours of classroom instruction that requires out of class study, preparation of papers, projects, and examinations. The experience takes the officer beyond traditional operational methods and incorporates strategic thinking and creative and innovative problem solving skills for current and future law enforcement executives paving the way for further advancement to senior leadership positions within the department.

Courtroom Testimony. Training for newer officers regarding anything involving court processes and giving testimony.

Hostage Negotiation with Empathy Impaired and Psychopaths

A team member attended advanced training in the area of crisis and hostage negotiation.

Western Wayne County Mobile Field Force Team Training

Team members attended regular quarterly training session involving maintenance of skills necessary during civil disturbances. Skills included proper command and control techniques, tactics, communication, and equipment proficiency.

FBINAA Chapter Leadership Summit

Police Chief attended this leadership conference. Topics included: Ending Divisiveness in our Communities, Creating a Winning Culture within Agencies, Envisioning Future LE Officers and the Imperative Capacities Required, and more.

City Commission Election

There are four City Commission terms expiring in 2023: one two-year term and three four-year terms. If needed, a primary election will be held on August 8, 2023. Per the City Charter, if not more than twice the number of candidates as there are persons to be elected to that office have filed, the August Primary shall not be held and valid petitions shall be declared the nominees for the offices. The General Election will be held on November 7, 2023.

Those interested in becoming a candidate for City Commission should visit the City's website at https://www.plymouthmi.gov/government/departments/city_clerk/elections/candidate_filing_information for eligibility and filing requirements.

The filing deadline is Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

March Board and Commission Synopses

Historic District Commission Meeting - March 1, 2023

H 23-03 Downtown Plymouth: Public Art - approved

Zoning Board of Appeals - March 2, 2023

Z 23-02, 686 Coolidge: Non-use variance request for an attached garage on lot less than 60 ft. wide and an attached garage less than 22 ft. wide - tabled

City Commission –March 6, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Special Event: Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive- Friday March 31, 2023 & Saturday April 1, 2023
- b. Special Event: Plymouth Chamber Spring Fever in the Park- March 31, 2023 to May 8, 2023
- c. Special Event: Easter Egg Hunt in Kellogg Park- April 1, 2023
- d. Special Event: Plymouth Farmers Market- Saturday Mornings May 13, 2023 through October 21, 2023
- e. Special Event: Wednesday Night Workouts- Wednesday Evenings May 31, 2023 through August 30, 2023

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Employee Manual Updates - approved
- b. Cultural Center Canopy Entrance Automatic Door Replacement - approved
- c. Center for Public Safety Management – Fire Department Study - approved

Planning Commission -March 8, 2023

PUD 23-01: 1100 w. Ann Arbor Trail: PUD preliminary presentation and discussion

Selection/discussion of form based codes test case

2023 goals discussion

Master plan discussion

Downtown Development Authority –March 13, 2023 - CANCELED

City Commission - March 20, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of February 2023 Bills
- b. Special Event Youth Soccer and T-Ball Practices, Mon – Fri, 4/3/2023-10/30/2023
- c. Special Event: Turkish American Assn of MI – Fundraiser for Victims of Earthquake in Turkey, Sunday 4/30/2023

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Annual Recommendations for Renewal, Revocation and Non-Renewal of Liquor Licenses - approved
- b. Thai Basil Liquor License - approved

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fire Department Contract Renewal - approved
- b. Annual Marijuana Review to Allow Retail Sales in City - no action
- c. Cultural Center HUD Grant – ADA Compliance Project - approved
- d. Confirmation of Vehicle Purchase for DMS - approved
- e. Authorization for Vehicle Purchases - approved
- f. Authorization to Purchase Traffic Arrow Board Trailer - approved
- g. Authorization to Hire – Recreation Department - approved

April Board & Commission Meetings

City Commission - Monday, April 3, 2023 - 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88237965479> Passcode: 173626 Webinar ID: 882 3796 5479

Historic District Commission - Wednesday, April 5, 2023 - CANCELED

Zoning Board of Appeals - Thursday, April 6, 2023 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82059371762> Passcode: 459665 Webinar ID: 820 5937 1762

Downtown Development Authority - Monday, April 10, 2023

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89823229211> Passcode: 018193 Webinar ID: 898 2322 9211

Planning Commission - Wednesday, April 12, 2023

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89930012795> Passcode: 518520 Webinar ID: 899 3001 2795

City Commission Meeting - Monday, April 17 2023 - 7 p.m.

In-person at Plymouth City Hall with Zoom access for the public

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84081049651> Passcode: 602031 Webinar ID: 840 8104 9651



Plymouth City Commission

Front row: Commissioner Kelly O'Donnell, Mayor Nick Moroz, Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Deal.

Back Row: Commissioners Alanna Maguire, Marques Thomey, Linda Filipczak, Jennifer Kehoe.



SUMMER 2023 T-BALL LEAGUE

for boys and girls born in 2017 and 2018

Registration: March 1 — April 30, 2023

\$70 - City of Plymouth residents

\$90 - Non-residents

This league is non-competitive and is designed to introduce kids to baseball

General Information

The head coach sets practice schedules on weeknights. All games are on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evening from June 19 - August 9. Games will be rescheduled due to weather-related postponements. Games take place at Miracle League Field. Practices will take place at City of Plymouth parks.

Format

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

Equipment

The City provides bats, balls, tees, bases, team shirts, and hats. Participants provide gloves and any other protective gear.

Parents!

We need volunteer coaches for the league to run! The kids of all head coaches play for free.

First time doing on-line registration?

To set up an account and receive a user name and password, e-mail us at recreation@plymouthmi.gov

Register using the QR code below



Cornhole Leagues - Spring 2023

Monday Night League: April 17 - June 5

Thursday Night League: April 20 - June 8

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

No games May 25 & May 29 - Memorial Day Weekend

- Games will be played at the Plymouth Cultural Center
- Each League will be a maximum of 14 teams. Teams can roster 2-5 players per team. All players must be 18 years or older.
- Cost per team \$100
- Teams will play 6 games a week, playing a different team each game
- This is a fun social league. A chance for you to get out and have some fun with your spouse or friends.
- Alcohol available for purchase (21+)
- ACA Rules and League equipment will be used

Registration, in-person or online, will take place from March 20 until April 13 or until league is filled

For more League Info and Online Registration, go to www.plymouthmi.gov, go to the "City Departments" page, then click "Recreation"

First time doing online registration?

To set up an account and receive a user name and password, email us at recreation@plymouthmi.gov

Open Skating

April through May 4

Tuesdays and Thursdays

11:45 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Open Skate Fees per Session:

Adults - \$5.00

Under 16 & Over 55 - \$4.00

Skate Rental - \$2.00

* Check the City website for sudden changes due to camps & clinics

Limited number and sizes of rental skates

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



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.

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 Winners



2020

Debra Madonna



2021

Jim Jabara



2022

Mark & Patricia Malcolm

CITY OF PLYMOUTH AND
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP



SHRED AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY



SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023 9 A.M. TO NOON



PAPER SHREDDING

INCREASES YOUR SECURITY AND IS ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

Each vehicle may bring up to five file-sized boxes or bags for shredding.

ELECTRONICS AND HOUSEHOLD

MAKE IT A HABIT TO RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS TOO

Bring your electronic and household items using the guidelines below.



ACCEPTED ELECTRONIC ITEMS

cables, cable boxes, cash registers, computers, copiers, cords, DVD players, external drives, fax machines, keyboards, laptops, LCD monitors, mice, tablets, phones, printers, power supplies, projectors, satellite dishes, scanners, servers, typewriters, UPS units

ACCEPTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

blenders (no glass), blow dryers, bread makers, cameras, coffee makers (no glass) clocks, fans, flat irons, fryers (no oil), heaters, holiday lights, irons, lithium batteries, metal tools, microwaves, mixers, remotes, radios, stereo equipment, toaster ovens, vacuums



ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

air conditioners, backup tapes, cassettes, CDs, CRT monitors/TVs, dehumidifiers, DVDs, e-cigarettes, floppies, Freon containing items, gas cylinders, household batteries, light bulbs, liquids, medical equipment, smoke detectors, used toner, VCR tapes

Event will take place at
Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer Plymouth, MI 48170

Identification indicating residence in Plymouth or Plymouth Township will be required.

GIVE
BLOOD
GIVE LIFE

Rotary 
Club of Plymouth

Blood Drive

Plymouth Cultural Center

Banquet Room
525 Farmer
Plymouth

Tuesday, April 18, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



**American
Red Cross**

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 Charter Township of Plymouth in partnership with the City of Plymouth.

Transportation is available to residents 60 years old & older, living in the Charter Township of Plymouth or City of Plymouth. Reservations are required at least 2 business days in advance & can be made by calling the reservation line Mon-Fri from 8:30am-11:30am.

April

(734)459-8888

APRIL 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

DATE	DESTINATIONS	COST	PICK UP TIMES	RETURN TIMES
4/5	IKEA, Kohl's, Home Goods, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Goodwill or Joann Fabrics	\$10	10am	1pm
4/12	WALMART	\$10	9am	12pm
4/14	MEIJER	\$10	9am	12pm
4/19	Parthenon Coney Island - Minimum 6 Riders	\$4	10:15am	
4/21	DOLLAR TREE	\$10	9am	12pm
4/28	MEIJER	\$10	9am	12pm

MEDICAL SCHEDULE — *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"> *ALL Canton Medical Facilities *Livonia Medical Center on Schoolcraft College Campus *Livonia St. Mary Hospital & Medical Facilities across from St. Mary *Livonia Beaumont Urgent Care - Haggerty Square *U of M Northville (7 Mile / Haggerty Location) 	\$10	9am-2:30pm
M-W-F	Novi Providence Park	\$10	9am-2:30pm



GROCERY SCHEDULE

- 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	\$4	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
TUESDAY	KROGER	\$4	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
WEDNESDAY	FRESH THYME	\$10	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF
THURSDAY	KROGER	\$4	9am	1 OR 2 HOURS AFTER DROP OFF

Senior Transportation &
Friendship Station Senior Center
Will be CLOSED on Good Friday, April 7

