



# Plymouth PULSE



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September 2023



September in the City of Plymouth means it's Fall Festival time! Thousands of people will come to town to enjoy ribs, pancakes, spaghetti, and barbecued chicken, and to ride the rides, listen to music, peruse the art, and take part in the myriad activities planned.

How did this signature Plymouth event begin? Here's an excerpt from Sam Hudson's *The Story of Plymouth, Michigan: A Midwest Microcosm*.

*The first Fall Festival took place in Plymouth on Sunday, September 11, 1960, from 12:30 pm. to 6 pm. The City had agreed to close Penniman Avenue, between Main and Union. The concrete block barbecue pits were set up in the parking lot adjacent to the Penn Theatre. Picnic tables and chairs were set up in Kellogg Park which was colorfully decorated by members of the Rotary Club.*

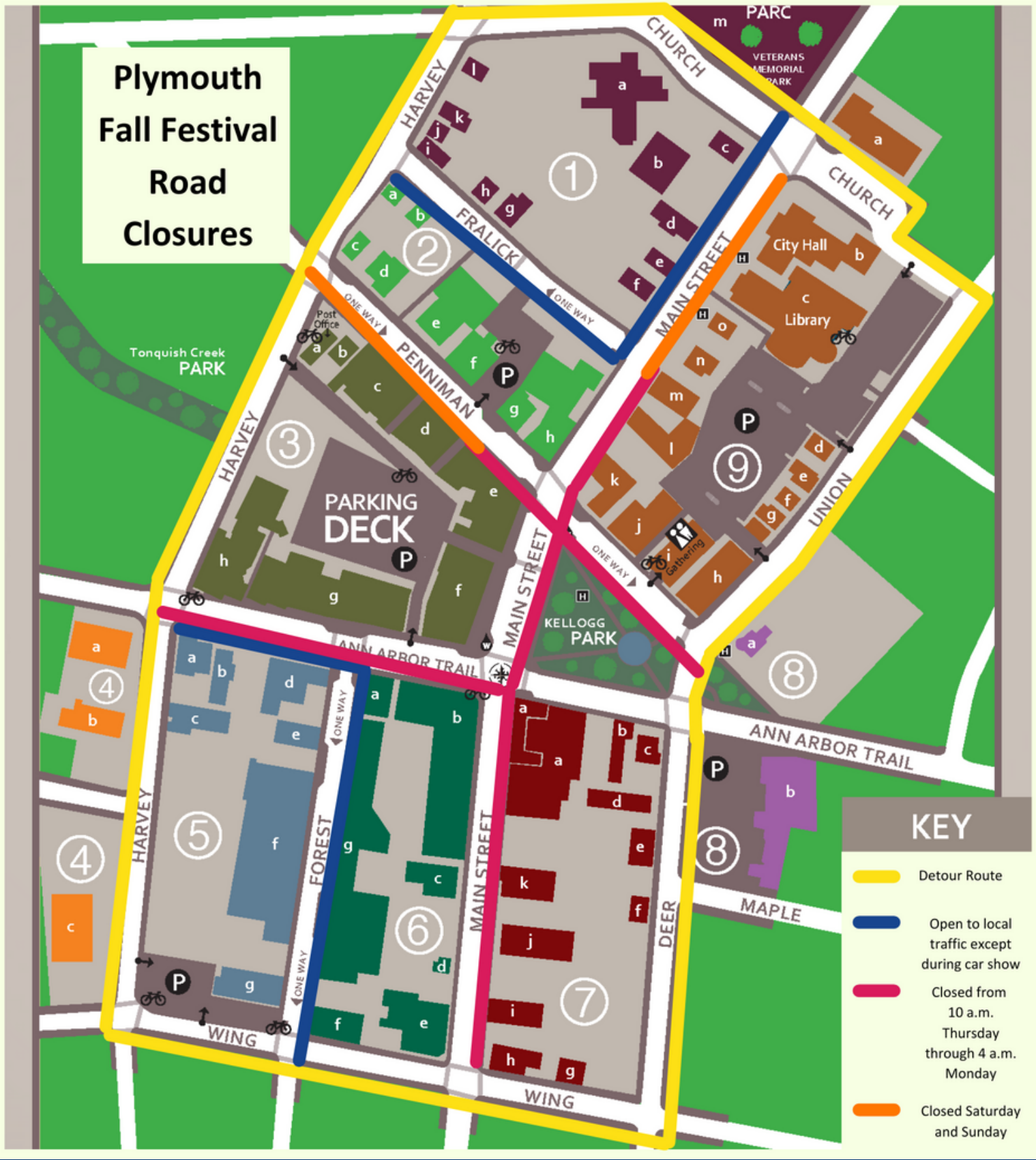
*In my mind's eye, I can still see the late Horace Thatcher, then over 70, up on a ladder tacking streamers from tree to tree. The eighty members of the Rotary Club had sold tickets, at \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children.*

*Now, the Rotarians had to roll up their sleeves, tie on their white aprons, and produce. They had to barbecue the chicken halves, boil the corn-on-the-cob, serve the meal, and keep the tables free from debris. At the end of the day they were happy but exhausted.*

*As the Plymouth Mail reported on September 14, "A bunch of sore backed, sunburned Rotarians folded up the tables, put out the fires and dragged themselves home – confident that they had successfully put on one of the biggest shindigs of its kind ever attempted in Plymouth."*

63 years later, it's a three-day festival that not even the most optimistic Rotary members could have imagined. For a schedule of events, please visit [plymouthfallfestival.com](http://plymouthfallfestival.com).

# Fall Festival Detour and Road Closure Map





# Infrastructure Improvement Projects



The Saxtons public parking lot is taking shape. The underground storm sewer system and storm water detention have been completed. The concrete curbs were poured and crews are working to grade the stone base throughout the parking area. Once the concrete has cured, crews will return to install the drive approaches, sidewalks and asphalt pavement.



Progress continues on the Penniman wall. Most of the stone has been installed with some smaller pieces still left to finish. Next steps will include some sections of sidewalk replacement, backfill/topsoil between the sidewalk and the wall, installation of trees, shrubs, and mulch.

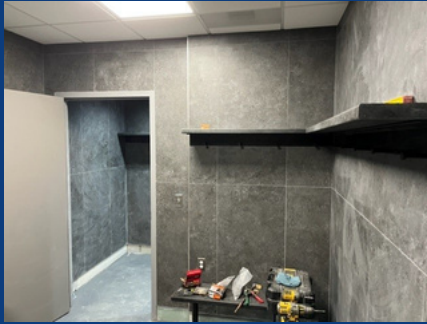


Restoration crews are working to finish up the landscaping and new tree planting along the new stretch of Carol and Evergreen streets.





# New Locker Rooms Ready for Hockey Season



So much construction! That's what the Plymouth Cultural Center staff has been working around for months. When construction is complete, which should happen in the very near future, the PCC will be completely ADA accessible. The restrooms have been remodeled and work on the locker rooms (shown at the left) is in the final stages.

Most of the work has been funded by state and federal grants. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5 at 3:00 p.m.

## Welcome New Staff



Sydney Bridgman (front) and Abby Gazvoda (back) have joined the finance team, filling vacancies due to retirements. Sydney will also be working in the clerk's office.



Grayson Moore finished his internship in the community development department, then was hired as a code enforcement officer.

## November 7, 2023 General Election

A recreation millage and City Commission candidates will be on the November 7 ballot in the City of Plymouth. Voters will be asked to select four City Commissioners from seven candidates: Incumbents Suzi Deal, Linda Filipczak, and Kelly O'Donnell and newcomers Catherine Coburn, Brock Minton, Ron Picard, and Josh Rimatzki.

The recreation millage is seeking approval to levy 1.75 mills for 12 years, from 2024 through 2035, to acquire, construct, improve, furnish, operate and maintain parks and recreation facilities. This would require an amendment to the City Charter.

Residents who would like to vote absentee should request an application if they have not already received one. Ballots will be mailed in late September to those who have sent in an application. October 23 is the last day to register by mail or online and be eligible to vote in the November election. After that, and through election day, residents may register in person at the Plymouth City Clerk's office.

For more information about elections and voting, please visit our website at [plymouthmi.gov/elections](https://plymouthmi.gov/elections).

# August Board and Commission Synopses

## Zoning Board of Appeals -August 3, 2023

Z 23-07, 247 W. Liberty Rear and side yard setback for an accessory structure, distance to principal structure, and lot coverage - partially approved

Z23-08, 173 W. Liberty: Reduce the required number of off-street parking spaces by 8 spaces - approved

## City Commission –August 7, 2023

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Special Event: Downtown Day in Plymouth-Saturday, September 23, 2023
- b. Special Event: Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk-Saturday, October 28, 2023
- c. Special Event: Pumpkin Palooza-Sunday, October 22, 2023
- d. Special Event: Ski & Snowboard Swap, (Fri-Sun) November 3-5 & (Fri-Sun) December 1-3, 2023

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. Outdoor Dining Area Policy - No Action

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. MML Annual Meeting - approved
- b. Louise Markham Park Naming Acknowledgement Proposal - approved
- c. Adult Sports Policy - approved
- d. Emergency Repairs to Chipper - approved

## Planning Commission -August 9, 2023

SP23-08: 173 W. Liberty, Site Plan Review - approved

SP23-05: 525 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Revised Site Plan Review - approved

SP23-06: 545 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Revised Site Plan Review - approved

SP23-07: 565 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Revised Site Plan Review - approved

PUD 23-01: 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Revised Preliminary PUD - no action

## Downtown Development Authority –August 14, 2023

Strategic Plan Update - no action

Outdoor Dining Policy Update - no action

## City Commission -August 21, 2023

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Plymouth Canton Little League – Bingo at Fall Festival - approved
- b. Resolution of City Commission - Support Community Center Grant - approved
- c. Extend Outdoor City Commission Meetings - approved

# Ruth Huston Whipple Award



Beth Stewart was presented with the Ruth Huston Whipple Award for Civic Engagement at the August 17 City Commission meeting. She was honored for her work with the Michigan Philharmonic, as well as many other non-profit organizations.

The award is named after the City of Plymouth's first female mayor who worked tirelessly to improve the lives of all residents. Nominations are accepted from January through April every year.

# September Board & Commission Meetings

Liquor License Review Committee Meeting - Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - 6:15 p.m.

Saxtons Parking Lot - Ann Arbor Trail and Deer

City Commission - Tuesday, September 5, 2023- 7 p.m.

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Historic District Commission - Wednesday, September 6, 2023

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82867731488> Passcode: 001137 Webinar ID: 828 6773 1488

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85670710860> Passcode: 865670 Webinar ID: 856 7071 0860

Downtown Development Authority - Monday, September 11, 2023 - 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89965495840> Passcode: 480510 Webinar ID: 899 6549 5840

Planning Commission - Wednesday, September 13, 2023 - 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88503158363> Passcode: 107265 Webinar ID: 885 0315 8363

City Commission Meeting - Monday, September 18, 2023 - 7 p.m.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83917186864> Passcode: 972190 Webinar ID: 839 1718 6864

AGENDA PACKETS FOR ALL BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE POSTED IN THE  
AGENDA CENTER OF OUR WEBSITE AT [PLYMOUTHMI.GOV](http://PLYMOUTHMI.GOV).



## **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.

# August 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.

## **Interagency Active Shooter Training/Exercise**

Officers participated with police officers from Plymouth Township in drills and exercises that mimic and prepare them for potential mass casualty incidents such as a workplace or school shooting. The training was conducted over a period of two days at Tanger Education Center in Northville.

## **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.

## **Medical First Responder Continuing Education**

Certified officers attended Continuing Education training regarding respiratory emergencies and the opioid epidemic. Various medical scenarios were also reviewed.

# Reminders!

**Water Meter Replacement Program** - If you haven't already done so, please make your water meter replacement appointment through the HydroCorp website at [www.WaterMeterInstall.com](http://www.WaterMeterInstall.com) or by calling a HydroCorp customer service representative at (800) 315-4305 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Catch Basins** - As the leaves begin to fall, please remember to keep the catch basins clear to reduce flooding.

**Crosswalks** - Please be aware that you must wait for traffic to clear before entering a crosswalk. The proper procedure at the new flashing beacons is to press the button to activate the lights only after traffic clears. Drivers will then be reminded to approach cautiously. Cars are not required to stop when the lights are flashing unless there is a pedestrian already in the crosswalk.

**School Bus Rules** - When overhead lights are flashing yellow: Prepare to stop. When overhead lights are flashing red: Stop. When hazard warning lights are flashing: Proceed with caution. Those who pass stopped school buses may be charged with civil infractions carrying a fine between \$100 and \$500. Violators may also be required to perform up to 100 hours of community service at a school.



**GIFT CARD  
PRIZES**



**FREE  
ENTRY**

# Euchre TOURNAMENT

**NEXT DATE: Friday, September 15, 2023**

**6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Registration Dates: August 15 - September 12, or until filled**

- Max of 32 teams
- Teams are guaranteed 7 games (5 preliminary round games and 2 tournament games)
- Gift card prizes to the tournament winners
- Bring your own food, Alcohol available for purchase (21+)
- Games will be played at the Plymouth Cultural Center

QR code to register. Only a team captain needs to register

**First time doing online registration?**

To set up an account and receive a user name and password, email us at [recreation@plymouthmi.gov](mailto:recreation@plymouthmi.gov)



Register using the QR  
code below



**Cornhole Leagues - Fall 2023**

**Monday Night League: October 2 - November 20**

**Thursday Night League: October 5 - November 16**

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

**No games Monday, November 6 - Election Day Set-Up**

- 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 August 21 until September 27 or until league is filled**

For more League Info and Online Registration, go to [www.plymouthmi.gov](http://www.plymouthmi.gov), go to the "City Departments" page, then click "Recreation"

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## FALL FITNESS CLASSES

Class	Swerk	Ab Lab	Bootcamp	Kettlebell Krush	Mobility Flow	Tabata
Day/Week	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Time	6-7 p.m.	7-7:30 p.m.	9-10 a.m.	6:15-7 p.m.	7:15-7:45 p.m.	9-9:45 a.m.
Start Date	September 11	September 11	September 12	September 13	September 13	September 14
End Date	November 13	November 13	November 21	November 15	November 15	November 16
Resident Fee	\$ 100	\$ 55	\$ 100	\$ 85	\$ 55	\$ 85
Non-Res. Fee	\$ 108	\$ 63	\$ 108	\$ 93	\$ 63	\$ 93

### Swerk

The world's best hip-hop cardio fitness workout! Our booty poppin, glute focused dance moves will change your routine for fitness.

### Bootcamp

Fast paced full body workout consisting of strength, endurance, resistance, and aerobic exercises using various types of equipment. \*No class September 19\*

### Mobility Flow

An active recovery class designed to open your body through flexibility and mobility work. In this 10-week program, you'll release tension as you move through dynamic flows that blend creative and challenging transitions, balances, and core work.

### Ab Lab

Go from FI-Abs to F-Abs with this 30 minute class designed to strengthen the muscles of the abs and back with non-stop core sculpting moves.

### Kettlebell Krush

A high-intensity full body workout that can help meet your toughest fitness goals. It combines functional, compound exercises using kettlebells that will work multiple muscle groups at once. It will follow HIIT style structure with short bursts of work followed by 10 second rest for 4-minute segments. Participants must bring own Kettlebells.

### Tabata

45 minutes of High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), consisting of 8 rounds of 20 second bursts of exercise followed by 10 seconds of rest. It is the ultimate calorie burning workout.

## Plymouth Cultural Center

Fall 2023 Open Skate Schedule \*

Starting Sept. 11, 2023

Mondays and Thursdays

11:50am – 1:20pm

Open Skate Fees per Session

Adults - \$5.00

Under 16 & Over 55 - \$4.00

Skate Rental - \$2.00

A limited number of skates available.

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

\* Check the city website for sudden changes due to camps & clinics.

## Back by Popular Demand: Citizens Academy

We work for you! Let us show you the City of Plymouth's inner workings at our seven-week Citizens Academy, which will be led by administration and staff from the city manager's office, human resources, IT, city clerk, finance department, municipal services, community development, the DDA, public safety, and recreation. Classes will take place on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. from September 19-October 24 and graduation will be on Monday, November 6 at the Plymouth City Commission meeting. To participate, please register at [plymouthmi.gov/recreation](http://plymouthmi.gov/recreation). If you have any questions, please email [recreation@plymouthmi.gov](mailto:recreation@plymouthmi.gov).



## City of Plymouth Recreation Department

525 Farmer St. - 734-455-6620 - [recreation@plymouthmi.gov](mailto:recreation@plymouthmi.gov)

# TAI CHI



Tai Chi is a Chinese Martial Art that incorporates slow but purposeful movements to improve strength, coordination, and balance. It also helps in achieving a relaxed state and calming the mind through meditation and proper breathing.

### **Beginner Class**

6 weeks, Wednesdays, starting on September 13<sup>th</sup> 6-7 p.m.

**Resident \$75, Non-resident \$83**

### **Weapon Class**

6 weeks, Wednesdays, starting on September 13<sup>th</sup> 5-6 p.m.

**Resident \$75, Non-resident \$83**

### **Advanced Class**

6 weeks, Mondays, starting on September 11<sup>th</sup> 5-6 p.m.

**Resident \$75, Non-resident \$83**

### **Weapon Class Description**

Students in this class will be taught the "Yang Style Tai Chi Dao Sword Form." Practice will include the use of Broadsword (Dao) practice sword, which will be the instrument utilized to help the student as continuation in learning and practicing the philosophies and principles of Tai Chi.

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and password, email us at [recreation@plymouthmi.gov](mailto:recreation@plymouthmi.gov)



**Registration  
Webpage**



# 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 advance & can be Made by calling the reservation line Mon-Fri from 8:30am-11:30am.



**(734)459-8888**

**SEPTEMBER 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
9/1	12 OAKS MALL	\$10	10am	1:30pm
9/6	IKEA, Kohl's, Home Goods, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Goodwill or Joann Fabrics	\$10	10am	1pm
9/8	WALMART	\$10	9am	12pm
9/15	MEIJER	\$10	9am	12pm
9/22	DOLLAR TREE	\$10	9am	12pm
9/29	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"> <li>*ALL Canton Medical Facilities</li> <li>*Livonia Medical Center on Schoolcraft College Campus</li> <li>*Livonia St. Mary Hospital &amp; Medical Facilities across from St. Mary</li> <li>*Livonia Beaumont Urgent Care - Haggerty Square</li> <li>*U of M Northville (7 Mile / Haggerty Location)</li> </ul>	\$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  
WILL BE CLOSED  
SEPTEMBER 4- LABOR DAY

