

Township Today

WINTER 2017 | 9955 N. HAGGERTY RD., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

NEWSLETTER OF CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Important Phone Numbers

Main Township Phone Number 734.453.3840

Assessing Department 734.354.3267

Building Department 734.354.3210

Clerk's Office 734.354.3228

Community Development 734.354.3270

Fire Department Administration 734.354.3221

Human Resources 734.354.3202

Computer Services 734.354.3255

Park Office at
Township Park (McClumpha) 734.453.3567Reservations for
Pavilion or Shelters 734.354.3270**Police Department Admin. 734.354.3232**

Public Services Division 734.354.3270

Solid Waste Department 734.354.3270

Supervisor's Office 734.354.3201

Treasurer's Office 734.354.3218

Water Billing 734.354.3270

Water and Sewer Department 734.354.3270

Water/Sewer Emergency
(Dispatch) 734.354.3250
(Weekdays after 4:30 pm, Holidays and Weekends)**Trash Complaints 734.354.3270**

Road Issues

Please keep in mind, road maintenance in Plymouth Township is the responsibility of Wayne County. To report road issues in your area, please contact Wayne County Roads at **1.888.ROADCREW**.



Township To Kick Off 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors' In January

Plymouth Township is starting a new program called "Neighbors Helping Neighbors", a unique initiative designed to pair residents in need with volunteers willing to help.

Many of our neighbors just need a hand with light housework, yard cleaning, snow shoveling, and debris removal. We also need assistance with river and creek cleanup efforts. We are fortunate to have hundreds of volunteers in our community – individuals, business, schools, churches and others – who are looking for opportunities to give back.

Local resident Joshua Schriver, the township's Community Service Coordinator, is developing the program by assembling a database of volunteers and groups looking to help, and will work to match those volunteers with residents in need.

If you or your organization want to help, please contact Joshua Schriver at 734.414.1423 or email him at volunteer@plymouthtwp.org.

Joint Recreation Master Plan Moves Forward Following City/Township Survey

The Charter Township of Plymouth and the City of Plymouth are conducting a first-of-its-kind Joint Recreation Master Plan, with a completion date of May 1, 2018. A Recreation Master Plan is required by State Law and often by other governmental and private funding sources, and must be developed every five years. The joint master plan should enhance our ability to attract grants, and may lead to enhanced recreational opportunities between our two communities. The consultant hired by the City and Township will conduct a series of public meetings and workshops to seek input and advice from the communities, and will use the results of a telephone survey conducted by EPIC-MRA of Lansing back in September.

The results of that survey can be found on the Township's website, www.plymouthtwp.org.



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For more information visit: www.plymouthtwp.org

Community & Environmental News

Township Continues Sewer Manhole 'Uncovering' Program

The township is continuing a community-wide program to uncover and restore to grade more than 200 buried sanitary sewer manholes that are covered up and inaccessible.

All buried manholes will be raised to surface grade for full and permanent exposure and accessibility. Homeowners with a buried manhole(s) on their property will be notified by letter at least two weeks in advance of the uncovering and adjustment work. This project will continue into the spring of 2018.

Residents with questions regarding the project can contact the DPW at 734.354.3270 Ext. 3.

Plymouth Township Christmas and New Year's Holiday Schedule

Plymouth Township Offices will be closed the following days in observance of the Federal Christmas and New Year's holidays:

Friday, December 22, 2017 – in observance of Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25, 2017 – Christmas Day

Friday, December 29 – in observance of New Year's Eve

Monday, January 1, 2018 – New Year's Day

No Trash Collection

Monday, December 25, 2017 - Christmas Day

(Trash collection for the remainder of the week will be delayed one day.)

Monday, January 1, 2018 – New Year's Day

(Trash collection for the remainder of the week will be delayed one day.)

Yard Waste Collection and Christmas Tree Pick Up

Yard waste collection will continue through Friday, January 12, 2018 *(the last day of pick up)*.

Christmas Tree Pick up will take place Tuesday, January 2, 2018 through Friday, January 12, 2018.

For more information visit: www.plymouthtp.org

Recycling Reminders

Plymouth Township offers year round curbside recycling to our residents. All single family residences and multiple family residences that utilize our solid waste services should have a green 65 gallon recycling cart. If you do not, please call the Solid Waste Department at 734.354.3270 ext. 4, so that you are able to participate in this important program. For a list of acceptable items, go to www.plymouthtp.org and search the word "recycling".

It is important to note that plastic bags are not accepted as a part of our curbside collection. As an alternative, most local grocery and retail stores offer plastic bag recycling. Kroger, Meijer, Kohl's, Target and Wal-Mart are a few of the retailers that offer a drop-off location for plastic bags.

Please be aware all items must fit inside the recycling cart in order for it to be collected for recycling. Items placed outside the cart will NOT be collected by the automated recycling truck. During this gift buying season it is important to break down all boxes so they fit inside the recycling cart. If you have an overflow of boxes, please call the Solid Waste Department for an alternative way to have the boxes recycled.

A Message About Snow and Snow Emergencies in Plymouth Township

Winter is coming! And with the season here in Michigan we can expect more than our share of heavy snow days, closing schools, and making driving and walking a challenge.

The Township wants to remind residents and guests about the following snow-related items:

- » Plymouth Township does not plow streets; this is the responsibility of Wayne County Roads or your own Homeowner's Association by private contract.
- » The Township only salts sidewalks and pathways on township-owned property; Wayne County Roads or your Homeowner's Association salts streets.
- » Residents and businesses must remove snow and ice from their adjacent sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow or ice event or be subject to an ordinance violation.
- » Plymouth Township does not issue "Snow Emergencies," but when you hear of a Snow Emergency on TV or radio, please be considerate and move your vehicle off the street so County or contracted snow plows can do their job.

2018 Budget Approved by Township Board; Credit Rating Up

The 2018 Township Budget was approved by a majority of the Township Board in November, six weeks ahead of schedule, following several months of review and discussion by the Board and public. The township used zero-based budgeting standards to develop a 2018 budget with revenues of \$14.7 million and expenditures of \$14.4 million, leaving a surplus of \$311,000 and a healthy fund balance of nearly \$4 million. The Township's credit rating also improved in the second half of the year to 'AA+' status.

Township Seeks Residents to Serve on Boards and Commissions

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees recently passed a new policy to encourage residents to apply for positions on the township's various boards and commissions.

The policy requires residents to apply either in person or online with Township Clerk, who will then coordinate with the Supervisor and the Township's Board of Trustees to recommend qualified candidates for the various positions.

Plymouth Township depends on our boards and commissions to make key decisions on zoning, planning, tax abatement, economic development, and hiring, to name a few. We need responsible citizens with a commitment to our community to serve in these important roles.

Boards and Commissions in the township include the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Authority, Civil Service Commission, and Board of Review.

Residents of Plymouth Township interested in serving on a board or commission may apply online at www.plymouthtp.org, or in person at the Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty, Plymouth.

Township Cable TV Government Channel Returns

After many dormant years, the Plymouth Township Cable Government Channel is back on the air – Channel 12 for Comcast customers and Channel 10 for Wide Open West (WOW). The updated cable channel is currently showing a scrolling news channel and various township announcements. Our goal is to have more local news content, and both live and recorded coverage of Township Board meetings.

Sign up for Plymouth Township e-News!

Get all the latest news delivered right to your inbox! These short periodic digital newsletters will give you timely information on the latest Township news including community events, trash pick-up, public safety, Township meetings, hearings, notices, and more.

Visit www.plymouthtp.org, and click the envelope icon in the upper right corner of the home page.

Railroad Crossing Information

The Township has been receiving numerous complaints related to CSX Railroad blocking crossings in the Township for extended periods of time.

CSX Railroad Trains are regulated by the Federal Government and the local units of government or the City have no authority over trains or how long they block crossings. Our best recommendation is to contact your federal legislators and request relief.

To report trains blocking crossings we recommend that you contact all of the following each time there is a train blocking a crossing:

» **Congressman David Trott**
248.528.0711

» **Senator Debbie Stabenow**
313.961.4330

» **Senator Gary Peters**
313.226.6020

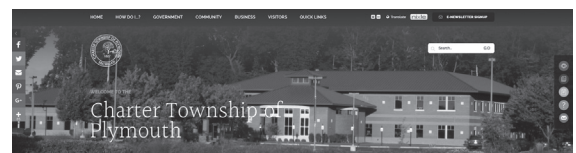
» **CSX Railroad Emergency**
1 800.232.0144, Extension 1 to report crossing blocked

» **CSX Regional Vice President, Tom Livingston**
708.832.2169

» **Federal Railroad Administration**
419.259.7570

Again, all railroad rules and regulations, including how long trains can block a crossing, are regulated by the Federal Government, not the township or city.

Persons with questions or concerns about the railroad and railroad safety should contact one or more of the persons listed above.



Visit www.plymouthtp.org

Our website has all the info you need on Township officials, public safety info, meeting agendas and minutes, public hearings and notices, events, and more.

Plymouth Township Phone Directory

Supervisor, Kurt Heise	734.354.3201	Senior Services	734.354.3222
Clerk, Jerry Vorva	734.354.3224	Senior Transportation	734.459.8888
Treasurer, Mark Clinton	734.354.3214	Solid Waste Department	734.354.3270
Trustee, Chuck Curmi	734.476.3791	Supervisor's Office	734.354.3204
Trustee, Jack Dempsey	734.358.2752	Treasurer's Office	734.354.3218
Trustee, Bob Doroshewitz	734.459.8473	Water Billing	734.354.3270
Trustee, Gary Heitman	734.377.6210	Water and Sewer Department	734.354.3270
Police Chief, Tom Tiderington	734.354.3232	State Representative, Jeff Noble	517.373.3816
Fire Chief, Dan Phillips	734.354.3220	State Senator, Patrick Colbeck	517.373.7350
Main Township Phone Number	734.453.3840	County Commissioner, Joe Barone	313.224.0882
Assessing Department	734.354.3267	County Road Issues	1.888.Road Crew
Building Department	734.354.3209	City of Plymouth Government	734.453.1234
Clerk's Office	734.354.3228	Council on Aging	734.354.3222
Community Development	734.354.3270	Friendship Station Senior Transportation	734.459.8888
Fire Department Administration	734.354.3221	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	734.416.2700
Human Resources	734.354.3202	Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce	734.453.1540
Computer Services	734.354.3255	Plymouth District Library	734.453.0750
Park Office at Township Park (McClumpha)	734.453.3567	Schoolcraft College	734.462.4400
Reservations for Pavilion or Shelters	734.354.3270	35th District Court	734.459.4740
Public Services Division	734.354.3270	U.S. Post Office	734.453.4669

Plymouth Township Important Dates

Treasurer's Office – Important Tax Payment Dates

February 14, 2018	Last day to pay winter taxes without interest
February 28, 2018	Last day to pay summer 2017/winter 2018 taxes at Township Hall
July 2, 2018	Summer Tax Bills mailed
September 14, 2018	Last day to pay summer taxes without interest
December 3, 2018	Winter tax bills mailed
February 28, 2019	Last day to pay summer 2018 taxes at Township Hall

Clerk's Office – Important Election Dates

2018 Primary Election Date	August 7, 2018
2018 General Election Date	November 6, 2018
Last day to register for Primary Voting	July 9, 2018
Last day to register for General Election Voting	October 9, 2018

See reverse side for more important dates.

Plymouth Township Important Dates

Important Township Meeting Dates

Board of Trustees

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

The meetings are held in the Town Hall at the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, unless otherwise posted. Agendas and minutes for Township meetings are available on the Plymouth Township website at www.plymouthtwp.org, or by contacting the Clerk's office.

Planning Commission

Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

The meetings are held in the Town Hall at the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, unless otherwise posted. Agendas and minutes for Township meetings are available on the Plymouth Township website at www.plymouthtwp.org. Further information on current agenda items can be obtained by calling 734.354.3270.

Zoning Board of Appeals

First Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm

The meetings are held in the Town Hall at the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, unless otherwise posted. Agendas and minutes for Township meetings are available on the Plymouth Township website at www.plymouthtwp.org. Further information on current agenda items can be obtained by calling 734.354.3210.

Downtown Development Authority and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

2018 Meeting Dates: February 12, April 9, June 11, August 13, October 8, and December 10 at 4:00 pm.

The meetings are held in the Town Hall at the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, unless otherwise posted. Agendas and minutes for Township meetings are available on the Plymouth Township website at www.plymouthtwp.org. Further information on current agenda items can be obtained by calling 734.354.3204.

Board of Review

By appointment only, first come first served

Homeowners have the right to review the assessed value of their property before the Board of Review. **The Board meets with residents by appointment only on Monday, March 12, Wednesday, March 14, and first come first served on Saturday March 17th from 9 – 11 am. The Board will also meet on Tuesday July 17 and Tuesday, December 11.** Contact the Assessor's office at 734.354.3269 to schedule an appointment.

2018 Holiday Dates

Township offices will be closed in observance of the following Holidays:

January 1, 2018 (<i>Monday</i>)	New Year's Day
January 15, 2018 (<i>Monday</i>)	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 19, 2018 (<i>Monday</i>)	Presidents' Day
March 30, 2018 (<i>Friday</i>)	Good Friday (1/2 day)
May 28, 2018 (<i>Monday</i>)	Memorial Day
July 4, 2018 (<i>Wednesday</i>)	Independence Day
September 3, 2018 (<i>Monday</i>)	Labor Day
November 12, 2018 (<i>Monday</i>)	Veterans Day (<i>observed</i>)
November 22, 2018 (<i>Thursday</i>)	Thanksgiving Day
November 23, 2018 (<i>Friday</i>)	Day after Thanksgiving
December 24, 2018 (<i>Monday</i>)	Day before Christmas
December 25, 2018 (<i>Tuesday</i>)	Christmas Day
December 31, 2018 (<i>Monday</i>)	New Year's Eve

Important Dates to Note

First day for park reservations for 2018 summer season:

- residents only - Tuesday, January 16, 2018
- non-residents - Monday, April 2, 2018

Last day of Yard Waste Pick up

January 12, 2018 (*Friday*)

Christmas Tree Collection

Tuesday, January 2 through Friday, January 12, 2018

First day of Spring Yard Waste Pick up

April 2, 2018 (*Monday*)

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

May 12, 2018 (*Saturday*)

No Trash Collection Dates

New Year's Day	January 1, 2018 (<i>Monday</i>)
Memorial Day	May 28, 2018 (<i>Monday</i>)
Independence Day	July 4, 2018 (<i>Wednesday</i>)
Labor Day	September 3, 2018 (<i>Monday</i>)
Thanksgiving Day	November 22, 2018 (<i>Thursday</i>)
Christmas Day	December 25, 2018 (<i>Tuesday</i>)



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9955 North Haggerty Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170-4673

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Plymouth, MI 48170

Community Calendar

DECEMBER 2017

- 1** Winter Tax Bills Mailed
- 5** Board of Trustees Study Session, 7pm
- 7** Zoning Board of Appeals, 6pm
- 12** Board of Review, 4:30pm
- 12** Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 13** Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
- 22** Christmas Eve Observed *(Township Offices Closed)*
- 22** Christmas Day
(Township Offices Closed, No Trash Pickup)
- 22** New Year's Eve Observed *(Township Offices Closed)*

JANUARY 2018

- 1** New Year's Day
(Township Offices Closed, No Trash Pickup)
- 4** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 6pm
- 9 & 23** Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm
- 12** Last Day of Yard Waste Pick Up
- 12-14** Plymouth Ice Festival, Downtown Plymouth
- 15** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day *(Township Offices Closed)*
- 17** Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm

FEBRUARY 2018

- 1** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 6pm
- 12** Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 4pm
- 13 & 27** Board of Trustee Meetings, 7pm
- 14** Last day to pay winter taxes without interest
- 19** Presidents' Day *(Township Offices Closed)*
- 21** Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm
- 28** Last day to pay winter taxes at Township Hall

"Citizens Advisory Council" Completes Work for 2017

Created in March of this year, the all-volunteer Plymouth Township Citizens Advisory Council was empowered to provide ideas and suggestions to the Board of Trustees for improving Township operations, services and standards. The Citizens Advisory Council was comprised of five committees – Public Safety, Economic Development, Government Accountability, Arts, Recreation and Culture, and Environmental Stewardship. More than 100 residents were involved in the process at some point in the year.

In October, representatives of each of the Council's committees presented to the Board their findings and recommendations. Hard-copies of their reports are on file for public review at the Clerk's Office or online on the Township's website.

The Citizens Advisory Council is expected to resume their work in 2018, with new topics for research and review. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Supervisor's Office at 734.354.3201 or supervisor@plymouthtwp.org.

Contact your Plymouth Township Board of Trustees

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