

# Township Today

## Important Phone Numbers

Main Township Phone Number	734.453.3840
Assessing Department	734.354.3267
Building Department	734.354.3210
Clerk's Office	734.354.3229
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)	734.679.6886
Reservations for Pavilion or Shelters	734.414.1459
<b>Police Department Admin.</b>	<b>734.354.3232</b>
Public Services Division	734.354.3270
Solid Waste Department	734.414.1452
Supervisor's Office	734.354.3201
<b>Trash Complaints</b>	<b>734.414.1452</b>
Treasurer's Office	734.354.3218
Water Billing	734.354.3270
<b>Water and Sewer Department</b>	<b>734.354.3270</b>
Water/Sewer Emergency (Dispatch)	734.354.3250
<i>(Weekdays after 4:30 pm, Holidays and Weekends)</i>	

## Road Issues

Road maintenance in Plymouth Township is the responsibility of Wayne County. To report road issues, please contact Wayne County Roads at **1.888.ROADCREW**.

## 'Golfview Park' Construction Continues this Spring

### *Township's Newest Park Brings Life to Long-Vacant Space*

The Township is creating a new neighborhood park at the triangular land bounded by Beck, Ann Arbor Trail and Powell Roads, adjacent to Hilltop Golf Course. The new "Golfview Park" is more than 9 acres encompassing trees, walking paths, park benches, and possibly a shelter facility in the future. Funding for Golfview Park came from Federal ARPA grants and Wayne County Park monies. The Township is leveraging these funds to obtain more grants and donations to further enhance this public space. And, as with all our parks, dogs are not allowed due to sanitary reasons.



## Police Appoint New School Resource Officer

Plymouth Township has appointed Officer Joe Smitherman as our new School Resource Officer to improve safety in our schools. Officer Smitherman will serve all schools - public, charter, parochial, and private - starting this Fall. Officer Smitherman will be in our schools every day, interacting with staff and students to enhance safety and improve communication between schools and law enforcement. He will also work closely with schools to create age-appropriate programs on topics such as personal and internet safety and stranger danger.

# Community & Environmental News

## Keep Storm Drains Clean This Spring

While sprucing up around your home this Spring, please take a moment to make sure your nearby storm drain is free of leaves and debris that may have collected during the winter months.

When it rains, water washes over lawns, sidewalks, and streets. In addition to litter, this water picks up chemicals found in lawn fertilizers, bacteria found in pet waste, and oil from cars. This polluted water then enters roadside ditches and the storm drains found in our streets, and large pipes then connect the storm drains to the closest lake or stream.

There are some things you can do to keep water from carrying hazardous materials down a storm drain:

- Sweep extra fertilizer, grass clippings, and dirt on your driveway back onto your lawn. Hosing down your driveway sends these pollutants into storm drains that lead to our lakes and streams.
- Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, leaves, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain. These materials pollute our lakes and streams.



## Apply Now for the 2023 Tree Planting Program

One of the best ways to help the environment is to plant a tree! Thanks to recent grants and donations, Plymouth Township is looking to plant trees in the Fall of 2023 in easements and other public spaces. Trees will be provided free of charge but will need to be planted and maintained by residents that apply to the Township and meet other Township requirements.

**Applications for the 2023 Tree Planting program are open now by contacting Environmental Services Coordinator Sarah Visel at [treeprogram@plymouthhtwp.org](mailto:treeprogram@plymouthhtwp.org).**

## Household Hazardous Waste 'Drop-Off Weeks' Return

Plymouth Township is partnering again with ERG Environmental to offer residents two weeks of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off. TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY can drop off up to 100 pounds of HHW during the weeks of May 8 and May 15, 2023. There is a cost of \$5 per vehicle, cash or credit; 75 cents per pound over 100 lbs. Only one visit per household please.

**Acceptable items:** Latex and oil based paints and stains; propane tanks and fire extinguishers; fluorescent light tubes and compact fluorescent lights; gasoline, oil, antifreeze, pesticides, fertilizers, car and boat batteries; syringes/sharps (must be in a puncture resistant container w/lid) and over the counter medicines; household electronics, computer equipment, TV's, VCR's, DVR's, phones, cable/satellite boxes, calculators, camcorders, cartridges, stereos/radios, video game consoles, cords and miscellaneous electronics.

**Unacceptable items include:** Explosives, radioactive waste; household trash; appliances; yard waste, industrial and/or commercially generated waste; tires.

**Where: ERG Environmental**  
**13040 Merriman, Livonia;**  
**Use South Entrance**

**Drop-off hours:**  
**M - F 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

## Yard Waste Collection Is Returning

Yard waste season runs from the first full week in April through the second full week in January. The 2023 curbside yard waste collection begins the week of April 3. **Waste stickers are available at Township Hall.**

### Yard Waste Guidelines

- Please remember, it is against local and county ordinance to burn garden waste and leaves.
- Yard waste including leaves, grass clippings, vegetative pruning, garden waste, and brush can be set out to the curb by 7 am on your regular collection day and no earlier than 6 pm the night before your collection.
- Brush and branches up to 4 inches in diameter must be tied with string or twine in bundles no longer than 3 feet in length — no wire or plastic ties.
- Leaves and grass clippings can be put into paper Yard Waste bags available from various retailers, or in a 35 gallon (maximum size) container identified with a Yard Waste sticker or marked clearly with 2 large "X"s or "C"s on the container. Yard waste stickers are available at Township offices. Take care to ensure that the label is facing the roadway.
- Filled containers should not exceed 50 pounds.
- Yard Waste is collected on the same day as your trash and recycling.

# Community & Recreation News

## Township and City Updating Joint Recreation Plan

Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth are currently updating our Joint Recreation Master Plan. This Plan is required by State Law and must be updated every five years. The Recreation Plan assists in our ability to attract grants and may lead to enhanced recreational opportunities between our two communities. Look for further updates on the Joint Recreation Master Plan's process, public meetings, and you can share your ideas by visiting our Facebook page, website, or by subscribing to our Township E-Newsletter.

## Little League Clubs Help Fund LED Diamond Lights

The Township Board recently approved a four-year contract with the Plymouth-Canton Little League and the Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association for the continued use and improvements of the baseball diamonds at Township Park. The new agreement includes donations of \$28,000 by each club for the installation of new LED lights at three of the ball diamonds. (One diamond is already equipped). The Township will also contribute a similar dollar amount for this work. Both little league clubs serve hundreds of Township boys and girls each year.



## Hilltop Golf Course Contract Extended Managers make third straight year of profit

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees has unanimously agreed to extend the agreement with ADM Ventures for management of Hilltop Golf Course to the end of 2027. Meanwhile, Hilltop's managers sent another profit check this year to the Township in the amount of \$70,375. This profit will be reinvested in the golf course to upgrade pathways and tee boxes, improve drainage, and enhance the clubhouse. This year, the Township also plans to pave the dirt road golf course entrance off of Beck Road, improving drainage and removing potholes.

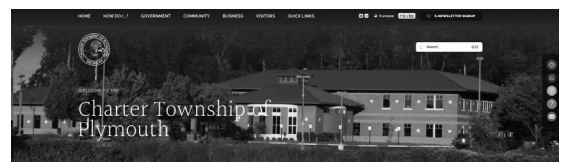
## Have You Considered Food Waste Recycling?

Did you know that Plymouth Township residents can recycle household food waste? Midtown Composting offers residents a discount on your setup fee and the first month of composting. Please visit [www.midtowncomposting.com](http://www.midtowncomposting.com) and use coupon code "Plymouth" to sign up. Again, all these services are completely voluntary.

Please contact Sarah Visel, Environmental Services Coordinator, at 734-414-1452 or [svisel@plymouthtp.org](mailto:svisel@plymouthtp.org) for more details.

## Township Joins First Step to Combat Domestic Violence

First Step, based in Plymouth Township, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to eliminate domestic and sexual violence and to provide comprehensive services to individuals and families impacted by these crimes. Plymouth Township Police recently formed a partnership with First Step where our Police will make services and support programs available for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. First Step will also provide additional training for our police and 911 dispatchers, and both groups will coordinate outreach and information sharing.



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



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# Community Calendar

## APRIL 2023

- 4 Board of Trustees Study Session, 7 pm
- 6 Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 pm
- 7 **Good Friday** (*Township Offices Closed*)
- 10 Downtown Development Authority/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Meetings, 4 pm
- 11 + 25 Board of Trustees Meetings, 7 pm
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 pm
- 24 Environmental Commission Meeting, 7 pm
- 27 Historic Commission Meeting, 7 pm

## MAY 2023

- 2 Board of Trustees Study Session, 7 pm
- 4 Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 pm
- 9 + 23 Board of Trustees Meetings, 7 pm
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 pm
- 22 Environmental Commission Meeting, 7 pm
- 29 **Memorial Day** (*Township Offices Closed*)  
*(Trash pick-up delayed one day this week)*

## JUNE 2023

- 1 Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 pm
- 6 Board of Trustees Study Session, 7 pm
- 12 Downtown Development Authority/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Meetings, 4 pm
- 13 + 27 Board of Trustees Meetings, 7 pm
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 pm
- 22 Historic Commission Meeting, 7 pm
- 26 Environmental Commission Meeting, 7 pm

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## Homeowner Association (HOA) Information Needed

The Township maintains a database with the latest contact information on all Homeowners Associations. We ask that current HOA Presidents or designated contact persons forward your latest contact information to us in order to keep the database up to date. Please include the following: Name of Association, President's name, address, best phone, and email. Send your updates to Sue Brams in the Supervisor's Office at [sbrams@plymouthtwp.org](mailto:sbrams@plymouthtwp.org). Your HOA leadership information is also used by the Police Department for local contacts and crime prevention updates.

## Contact your Plymouth Township Board of Trustees

Supervisor, Kurt Heise	734.354.3201	<a href="mailto:kheise@plymouthtwp.org">kheise@plymouthtwp.org</a>
Clerk, Jerry Vorva	734.354.3224	<a href="mailto:jvorva@plymouthtwp.org">jvorva@plymouthtwp.org</a>
Treasurer, Bob Doroshewitz	734.354.3214	<a href="mailto:bdoroshewitz@plymouthtwp.org">bdoroshewitz@plymouthtwp.org</a>
Trustee, Jen Buckley	734.855.5133	<a href="mailto:jbuckley@plymouthtwp.org">jbuckley@plymouthtwp.org</a>
Trustee, Chuck Curmi	734.476.3791	<a href="mailto:ccurmi@plymouthtwp.org">ccurmi@plymouthtwp.org</a>
Trustee, Audrey Monaghan	734.414.1393	<a href="mailto:amonaghan@plymouthtwp.org">amonaghan@plymouthtwp.org</a>
Trustee, John C. Stewart	734.459.8811	<a href="mailto:jstewart@plymouthtwp.org">jstewart@plymouthtwp.org</a>

## 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.plymouthtwp.org](http://www.plymouthtwp.org), and click the envelope icon in the upper right corner of the home page.

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## Important Message from Township Treasurer Bob Doroshewitz

Dear Neighbors:

As your Township Treasurer, I want to provide you with an important update regarding your Assessment Notice, which you should have received in the past couple of weeks. By now you have probably discovered that your property's taxable value will be going up by five (5) percent this year.

This was not a choice of the Township; instead it's due to nationwide inflation and the statutory mandates of the voter-approved Proposition "A" of 1994. (This does not include additions, losses, or transfer of ownership)

Under Prop "A" your property taxes can only go up by the rate of inflation, or 5 percent, whichever is lower. Since the inception of Prop "A" some 29 years ago, inflation has never gone above 5 percent - until now. The 2-year average inflation rate is 7.9% (This does not include additions, losses, or transfers).

Prop "A" was approved by the voters in 1994 to place a reasonable, measurable 'cap' on property taxes; before its adoption it was common to have senior citizens and others on fixed incomes taxed out of their homes. Most people did not want to see that continue.

Unfortunately, we have not seen inflation rates this high since the 1970's, so the inflation 'cap' provisions of Proposal "A" are kicking in for the first time ever.

The Township also wants to remind you that the cost of all the services we provide continues to go up as well – gas, labor costs, vehicles, utilities, maintenance, parts and equipment – have all risen with ever-increasing inflationary pressures just as they have in your household.

I'm also providing you with two graphs on the next page that show where your tax dollars are going. As you can see, only a small percentage of your dollar goes to the Township – the rest going to the State, County, and other taxing authorities.

Rest assured that we are committed to running a very lean operation in Plymouth Township. We focus on keeping costs down and government small.

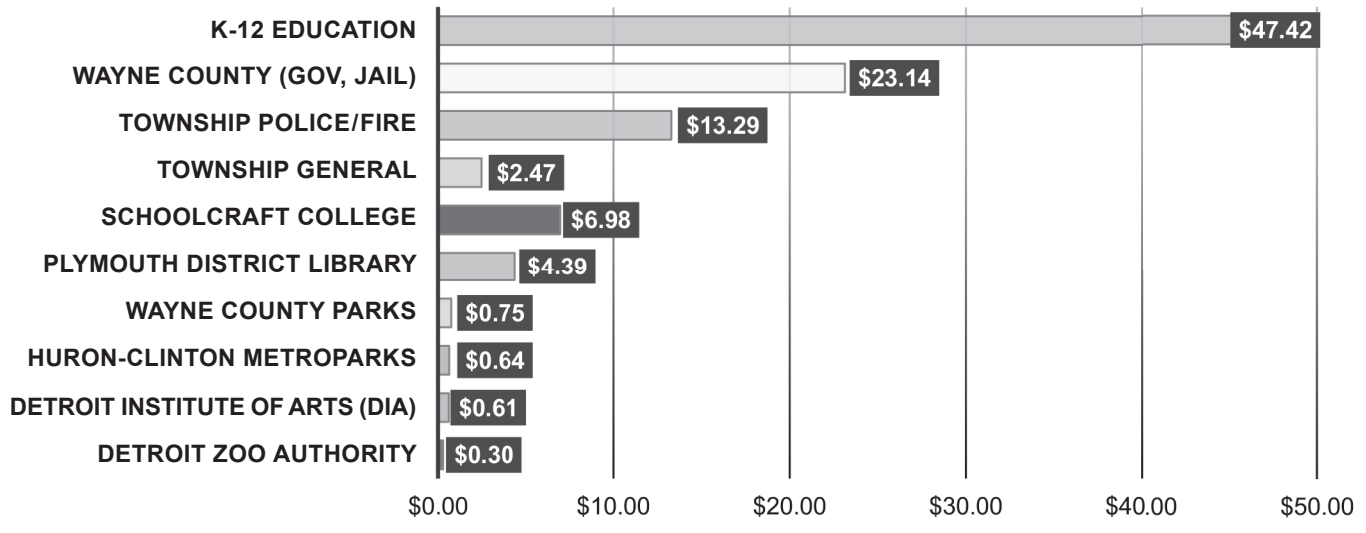
Please contact my office anytime we can be of service. We are here to help you.



Bob Doroshewitz  
Plymouth Township Treasurer

## For Every \$100 You Pay In Taxes

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## How The Township Spends Your Money

