



52nd annual Music in Plymouth set for July 10

Residents can mark their calendars for the 52nd annual Music in Plymouth, set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Plymouth's summer classic promises an evening of free musical entertainment in a beautiful outdoor setting. The event culminates with a performance by the world-class Minnesota Orchestra and a spectacular fireworks display. Check the next edition of Plymouth News for more information. Music in Plymouth is presented by the Plymouth Civic League and the City of Plymouth, and offered free to the public. For information about supporting Music in Plymouth, visit musicinplymouth.org.



Farmers Market returns to Plymouth June 26

The Plymouth Farmers Market is back for the season 2:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday, from June 26 through Oct. 2 at the Parkers Lake Playfield parking lot, 15500 County Road 6. Vendors sell fresh, locally grown produce and prepared food. For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/farmersmarket.



Scan the code to take the water service line material survey.

Water service line survey

Due to requirements from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the City of Plymouth asks residents to participate in a water service line material survey. The survey can be completed by scanning the QR code above, or by visiting plymouthmn.gov/serviceline. The survey asks residents to upload a photo of their service line (typically located below the water meter). The service line inventory is required for the Revised Lead and Copper Rule put in place by the EPA. For more information about the rule, visit epa.gov.

New Hilde Nights concert series offers free music, community fun and more

Building on Plymouth's reputation as a place to enjoy live music, the City of Plymouth will host a new free entertainment series – Hilde Nights – at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

The series will showcase a variety of musical genres Friday evenings throughout the summer with the following lineup:

June 14, 6-10 p.m. – Parrothead Paradise, a Jimmy Buffet tribute show, offers classic tunes including “Margaritaville,” “Cheeseburger in Paradise,” “Brown Eyed Girl,” “Fins,” “Volcano,” and more.

July 19, 6:30-10 p.m. – Gen X Jukebox is set to perform a variety of radio hits from the '90s while dressed as characters such as Courtney Love, Spice Girls, Britney Spears, Vanilla Ice and more.

Aug. 23, 6-10 p.m. – The Tim Sigler Band will take the Hilde stage, followed by country artist Chris Kroeze, runner-up from season 15 of NBC's hit show “The Voice.” “The Hilde is the hub for all things music and entertainment right in the heart of Plymouth City Center,”



Hilde Nights is a new free entertainment series from the City of Plymouth.

said Recreation Manager Kari Hemp. “We’re excited to bring acts to the Hilde stage that appeal to all age groups and genres – ’90s hits, country classics, tropical rock and more. There is sure to be something for everyone to enjoy at Plymouth’s hidden gem.”

Attendees should bring blankets or lawn chairs, as well as cash/credit for beverages and food truck purchases. For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/specialevents.

Road work set to begin on Plymouth Boulevard, motorists should expect detours

Plymouth Boulevard is set to undergo major improvements between Highway 55 and Rockford Road (County Road 9) beginning in May. The project will add roundabouts to slow vehicle traffic, improve crossings for pedestrian safety, upgrade trail connectivity and more.

Plymouth Boulevard improvements are part of the City of Plymouth's overall, long-term plan to revitalize Plymouth City Center and cultivate a vibrant, walkable downtown area. Construction phases will maintain public access to area businesses, residential buildings, city facilities, the Plymouth Library, Life Time and more.

Phase 1 Construction: May-July

Plymouth Boulevard will be closed to through traffic from Rockford Road to Highway 55 during the first phase, which is slated for May-July. Businesses and destinations will remain accessible to vehicles throughout construction, but motorists may be required to take detoured routes.

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Access to City Hall for Voting

City Hall will remain accessible to voters throughout all phases of construction. The State Primary Election Day is Tuesday, Aug. 13 with early voting beginning Friday, June 28. General Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5 with early voting beginning Friday, Sept. 20. View detour maps at plymouthmn.gov/plymouthblvd.

Major MnDOT construction projects impact Highway 55 and 36th Avenue

Two large Minnesota Department of Transportation projects are set for Plymouth this year and will have impacts on those traveling through the area. Motorists are asked to follow all posted detours, slow down and drive cautiously.

Highway 55

Highway 55 between Old Rockford Road in Plymouth and General Mills Boulevard in Golden Valley is undergoing a major MnDOT construction project. Work began in April and motorists can expect lane closures throughout the project, as well as periodic full closures. Construction is expected to be complete this fall. MnDOT will establish a number of detours to maintain neighborhood and business access. Scheduled work is set to include pavement resurfacing, safety improvements, access modifications, accessibility

enhancements and drainage improvements. View details at dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy55plymouth-goldenvalley and sign up for MnDOT project emails.

36th Avenue Bridge over Highway 169

MnDOT is also set to replace the 36th Avenue bridge over Highway 169. The bridge and all ramps will be closed mid-June through fall, weather permitting.

Note that the March/April Plymouth News listed an earlier project timeline, which MnDOT subsequently adjusted. The pedestrian bridge, located just south of the roadway bridge, is expected to remain open throughout the construction process.

For more information, and a link to MnDOT's project email signup, visit dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/36thaveplymouth.

Plymouth seeks applicants for paid part-time/on-call firefighter position

The Plymouth Fire Department is set to hire part-time/on-call firefighters – and interested community members are encouraged to apply. The application period for this flexible, vital and fulfilling position opens Monday, May 13.

Part-time/on-call firefighters come from all walks of life, with varying backgrounds – teachers, mechanics, financial advisors, veterans and more. The position is designed to be flexible for parents with children and those working full-time jobs.

“Becoming a firefighter may sound daunting, but people are often surprised to find that it isn’t,” said Fire Battalion Chief Steve Baker. “We set you up for success by sending you to school, paying you to train and teaching you skills you need.”

Recruitment Meetings: Attendance is Vital

Firefighter recruitment meetings are set for 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, June 13 and June 20 at Plymouth Fire Station 2, 12000 Old Rockford Road. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to attend one of the meetings – and bring their spouse or significant other – to learn what to expect on the job, speak with firefighters and ask questions.

About the Job

In addition to responding to medical and fire calls, Plymouth firefighters provide public education in schools, homes, businesses and community organizations. They serve others, learn lifelong skills and build friendships. Part-time/on-call firefighters earn an hourly wage for all on-duty activities, including training. They are partially vested for a pension after five years of service, and can defer wages to a qualified



Plymouth is recruiting part-time/on-call firefighters. Applications are accepted May 13 through June 30.

retirement plan. Fitness facilities are also available. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or equivalent, reside within an 8-minute travel time to a Plymouth fire station and possess a valid Minnesota driver’s license.

“While the time commitment is higher the first year, this position provides a lot of flexibility for life outside of the fire station,” said Baker. “It’s a rewarding experience and offers great benefits and comradery.”

Learn More and Apply

Applications will be accepted through Sunday, June 30. For more information about the position, and to apply, visit plymouthmn.gov/firefighter. Interested residents may call the firefighter recruitment line at 763-509-5129 and leave a voicemail – Plymouth firefighters will return calls and answer questions – or email firefighterrecruitment@plymouthmn.gov.

Fire Station 2 open house is set for June 1

The Plymouth Fire Department will hold a hose decoupling ceremony (a fire department version of a ribbon cutting) and open house to celebrate the newly constructed Fire Station 2 from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 1 at 12000 Old Rockford Road. The event begins with the ceremony at 9 a.m., followed by an open house from 9:30-11 a.m. All are welcome to attend, and no RSVP is required.

Originally built in 1977, Fire Station 2 in eastern Plymouth was demolished in spring 2021 due to the station’s insufficient size and outdated infrastructure. The station was unable to meet the needs of the Plymouth Fire Department, following its transition to a hybrid staffing model comprised of both part-time/on-call and full-time firefighters. The model allows

Plymouth firefighters to be on staff 24/7 and significantly reduces response times, especially for overnight calls for service. To better accommodate 24-hour staffing, prioritize training and firefighter health, and improve emergency preparedness, the new station features residence space, including a kitchen, dayroom and dorms; on-site training facilities; an emergency operations center; improved energy efficiency; and more.

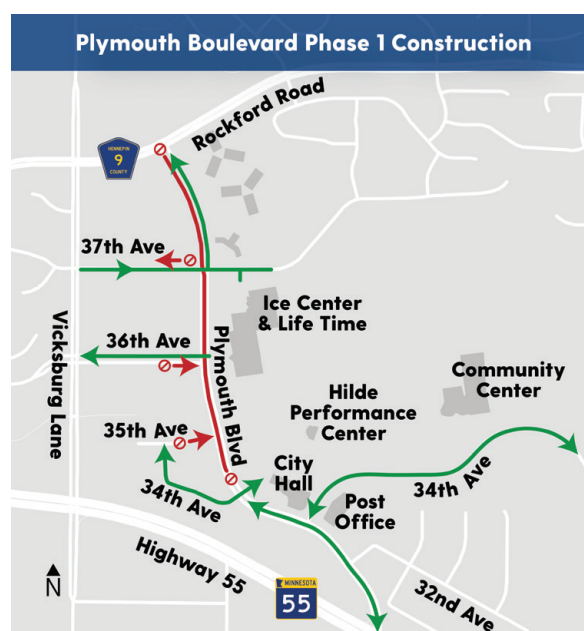
Fire Station 2 was mostly complete last summer, but a construction-related delay postponed its official opening. Fire Station 3 also underwent a significant construction project and was reopened in August 2022. To learn more, visit plymouthmn.gov/firestationprojects.

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To access Plymouth Ice Center/Life Time, 3650 Plymouth Blvd.: From Vicksburg Lane, motorists may travel eastbound on 37th Avenue and turn right into the parking lot. To exit, motorists may travel westbound on 37th Avenue and head north on Plymouth Boulevard to access Rockford Road, or head westbound on 36th Avenue and cross Plymouth Boulevard to access Vicksburg Lane. Motorists should note that 36th Avenue (the main entrance to Life Time/Plymouth Ice Center) will be closed to eastbound traffic. In July, motorists will be able to travel eastbound and westbound on 37th Avenue to cross Plymouth Boulevard.

To access Cub Foods, the Plymouth Library and other area destinations: Motorists may use Vicksburg Lane to access area businesses and destinations throughout City Center, including the Plymouth Library, Cub Foods, Mann Theatres and other establishments. Motorists should note that 35th Avenue (near the main walkway entrance to the Hilde Performance Center) will be closed to traffic at Plymouth Boulevard.

To access Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd.: Motorists may access City Hall from Highway 55 by heading northbound on Plymouth Boulevard and turning right into the parking lot. Motorists may also come from Fernbrook Lane, travel westbound on 34th Avenue and turn right (by the post office) onto Plymouth Boulevard. Alternately, motorists coming from Vicksburg Lane/area businesses to the west (Cub Foods, Mann Theatres and other establishments) may head eastbound on 34th Avenue and cross Plymouth Boulevard to access the parking lot. Motorists may also take those routes to exit.



Construction during the first phase of improvements on Plymouth Boulevard is set for May through July.

Local access: Residents of the apartments north of 37th Avenue and customers of the BP gas station will be granted access by the contractor throughout construction. Residents off 32nd Avenue can access their neighborhood from Highway 55 during Phase 1.

Detour Maps, More Information

Plymouth Boulevard project timing is subject to change due to construction activities and weather. The city appreciates the patience of area residents, businesses and motorists during construction. To view detour maps and more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/plymouthblvd.



Despite its appearance, Lake Camelot offers a high-quality habitat for fish, turtles, swans, ducks and more.

Lake Camelot is home to native wildlife

Lake Camelot in northern Plymouth is a well-known spot for great nature walks – featuring a variety of native plants and animals. However, what may not be well-known is that it actually isn’t a lake – it’s technically a wetland.

Water Clarity Isn’t Everything

For much of the season, Lake Camelot is covered in vegetation, which – to some – may look like a sign of an unhealthy lake. However, in the case of Lake Camelot, the water isn’t supposed to be clear.

Camelot’s maximum depth is 4.9 feet, and most of the 16-acre lake is only a couple feet deep throughout. Like other wetlands, Camelot helps filter and improve area surface water quality. According to Plymouth Senior Engineering Technician Amy Riegel, Camelot also provides an excellent environment for native water lilies to thrive.

“Water lilies are good for water quality, and they indicate a healthy aquatic ecosystem,” Riegel said. “It is normal for the water in Camelot to be open in the early spring, and as the water lilies grow up in the spring/summer, they cover the water.”

The aquatic plants growing in Lake Camelot provide a high-quality habitat for fish, turtles, swans, ducks and more. Just a few miles southwest of Lake Camelot is Turtle Lake, which shares similar qualities, though it’s primarily home to cattails.

Great for Recreation

Lake Camelot features a looping trail, boardwalk, overlook area, playground, picnic shelter and more. It’s also home to the Lake Camelot Tree Walk, which was created to educate passersby on tree species, identification, the trees’ environmental value and facts that make each tree memorable. The 37 trees planted along the tree walk are tolerant to Minnesota’s challenging climate. The tree walk displays not only native species, but international species from neighboring biomes.

Check out Lake Camelot at 14105 Chankahda Trail and view the tree walk map at plymouthmn.gov/treewalk.

Live at the Hilde is back with new lineup

Summer is set to bring some big names to Plymouth with the return of the Live at the Hilde outdoor concert series, set for June and July at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

This year’s lineup includes:

- **Friday, June 7** – Michael Franti & Spearhead and Stephen Marley with special guest Bombargo
- **Saturday, June 8** – Lucinda Williams with Dessa, plus Chastity Brown and Kiss the Tiger
- **Friday, July 26** – Dawes with special guest Ber
- **Saturday, July 27** – Big Head Todd and the Monsters

Presented by Sue McLean and Associates in partnership with Mithun Productions, Cities 97.1 and The Current, Live at the Hilde concerts help raise the profile of Plymouth as a place for live music. For more information and to purchase tickets for Live at the Hilde, visit sueclean.com/hilde.

Volunteers needed for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Plymouth Public Safety Department is accepting applications for volunteers interested in bolstering Plymouth's emergency preparedness by joining the Community Emergency Response Team.

CERT volunteers play a critical role in providing support to public safety crews at emergency scenes and disaster sites. They also work proactively to participate in community preparedness planning and provide public education outreach.

All CERT members receive a total of 24 hours of initial basic training, offered later this fall. Applicants need not have previous public safety experience. CERT volunteers represent a wide range of ages, backgrounds and professions. All interested residents are encouraged to apply.

In addition to completing the CERT volunteer application, eligible candidates must live or work in Plymouth, have a high school degree or equivalent, be at least 21 years old, have a valid Minnesota driver's license and pass a criminal



Plymouth is looking for new volunteer members to join the Community Emergency Response Team.

background check. Applications are due Friday, July 19. For more information about CERT and to download an application, visit plymouthmn.gov/cert or call Fire Battalion Chief Tom Evenson at 763-509-5124.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEER

Below are upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- **Environmental Opportunities** – Plant and Pull Day is Saturday, June 1; Weed the Fazendin Park pollinator garden on June 11 and 14; remove invasive garlic mustard from parks; adopt a park, garden or storm drain; provide regular maintenance at the Millennium Garden.
- **Kids Fest, Thursday, Aug. 15** – Help with children's carnival games.
- **Plymouth History** – Assist Old Town Hall patrons with family history research as a History Ambassador (training provided); help care for Plymouth historical collections during Archival Adventure events on Thursdays, May 16, and June 6.
- **Police Explorers** – Must be 14-20 years old and able to meet weekly during the school year to explore a career in law enforcement. Applications are due Thursday, Aug. 1.

To find out more about these and other opportunities, visit plymouthmn.gov/volunteer or call 763-509-5230.

Take a Closer Look



Lois and Gary Gaudette working at Old Town Hall.

Lois and Gary Gaudette

Old Town Hall volunteers

As volunteers, their jobs are:

Lois transcribes the original Plymouth Township meeting minutes from the 1850s onward into digital documents. Since these ledgers are very old and many pages are fragile, it is important to digitize this information to preserve it.

Gary organizes newspaper articles, sorting photographs and searching old magazines for articles related to Plymouth.

Because the Gaudettes volunteer, residents and researchers will have easier access to valuable resources so they can learn about Plymouth's historic past.

HAPPENINGS

Bark in the Park – 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Plymouth's popular all-about-dogs event features dog products and pet supply vendors, dog rescue organizations, photo opportunities, balloon artist, face painter, caricatures, pup pools for four-legged friends to cool off, and other activities. Food will be available for purchase.

Beaches and Bonfires – 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 23 at East Medicine Lake Park, 1740 East Medicine Lake Blvd. The first of Plymouth's free Summer Beach Series events, attendees may enjoy an evening at the beach, cozy up near bonfires and enjoy live music. Food will be available for purchase.

Memorial Day Event – 11 a.m. Friday, May 24 at the Plymouth Veterans Memorial, 3400 Plymouth Blvd. The public is invited to attend the annual event, which honors those who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Plant and Pull Day – 9 a.m. Saturday, June 1. Volunteer to beautify Plymouth by planting flowers and removing the invasive garlic mustard plant. This opportunity does not require prior experience and is open to teens, adults, families and groups. Contact 763-509-5230 or volunteer@plymouthmn.gov to learn more and sign up.

Plant Swap – 4-6 p.m. Monday, June 3 at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N. Free. Participants are encouraged to bring perennials and swap them for new plants shared by others.

To get involved, place extra plants in pots and label them with their common names. Seeds and plant wares – pots, tools, books and the like – are also good swap items. For more information, call City Forester Paul Buck at 763-509-5944.

Summer Series Skateboard Contest – 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 18 at Plymouth Creek Skate Park, 3625 Fernbrook Lane N. The free jam-style skateboard contest is open to all ages. Prizes will be awarded to the top three participants from each category.

Music in Millennium – A new summertime event, Plymouth will host free concerts at the Millennium Garden, 14800 34th Ave. N. The Plymouth Concert Band will take the stage 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, followed by the Plymouth Rockers 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20.

Parkers Lake Play Day – 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 21 at Parkers Lake Park, 15205 County Road 6. Free. The second of Plymouth's free Summer Beach Series events, the community can enjoy stand up paddleboarding, swimming, inflatables, fishing, yard games and more.

Happy Birthday America Parade – 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 27 at the Hilde Performance Center. Free. Children are invited to bring their bikes, trikes and wagons, and join in a special parade. Decorating kits will be provided, or children can bring their own supplies to decorate. Kidpower with Rachael will perform after the parade. Food will be available for purchase.

Music in Plymouth 5K – 8-10 a.m. Saturday, June 29 at the Northwest Greenway, 5250 Peony Lane (note change in location due to Plymouth Boulevard construction, see page 1). Racers, walkers and families are all welcome. Proceeds benefit Music in Plymouth. For details and registration information, visit musicinplymouth.org.

Beaches, Bands and Brews – 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 at East Medicine Lake Park. Plymouth closes out the free Summer Beach Series with the Beaches, Bands and Brews event featuring Minnesota-based band Sawyer's Dream. Food will be available for purchase.

HRA offers programs for homeowners and those looking to buy

The Plymouth Housing and Redevelopment Authority offers a variety of programs that may benefit homeowners, as well as those looking to purchase their first home in Plymouth. To learn more about the programs listed below, visit plymouthmn.gov/housing.

Home Rehab Program

Zero-interest deferred loans of up to \$40,000 are available for income eligible Plymouth households to maintain, repair and improve their homes. Eligible improvements include repairs necessary to make homes safer and more energy efficient. This includes new roofs, siding, windows, electrical, plumbing, heating and insulation and more.

Emergency Repair Program for Seniors

Plymouth homeowners in need of emergency repairs may be eligible for a grant of up to \$7,500.

Eligible emergency repair areas include water heater, furnace, roofing, broken windows, doors/locks, water and sewer repairs, minor electrical and plumbing repairs, and critical kitchen and bath repairs.

First-Time Homebuyer Loans

Zero-interest deferred loans of up to \$35,000 are available for qualifying first-time homebuyers purchasing a home in Plymouth. Financial assistance can be used for up to 50% of the required down payment, not to exceed \$5,000; 100% of eligible closing costs up to \$7,500; and reduction of the mortgage principal up to 15% of the purchase price, not to exceed \$30,000.

Repayment of the loan is required if the home is sold or no longer homesteaded within the first 30 years of ownership. After 30 years, the loan becomes due and payable.

Homes Within Reach

The City of Plymouth partners with Homes Within Reach, a non-profit organization that works to create affordable homeownership opportunities for families earning less than 80% of the area median income.

HWR acquires, remodels, and sells properties through a Community Land Trust that allows qualified clients to purchase a home and lease the land at a nominal fee.

The practice also reduces mortgage, down payment and closing costs. This allows families to purchase a home, retain it for generations, and work in or near their communities more easily. Those looking to sell a property are encouraged to consider selling it to HWR. For buyers, HWR may be an option to purchase an affordable home in Plymouth.

Home Energy Squad

Plymouth has partnered with the Center for Energy and Environment, CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy to offer the Home Energy Squad Program. Residents can sign up for a home visit from a team of energy professionals who will install energy saving materials, perform a blower door test, complete an insulation inspection, and identify additional ways to save energy in the home. Homeowners can also receive a report that includes energy improvement recommendations, low-interest financing options and information about available utility rebates. Visits cost \$35 or \$50, depending on the type of home and year it was built. Free visits are available to income-qualified households. For details, call 651-328-6220 or visit mncee.org/home-energy-squad.

City of Plymouth appoints Katie Langland to lead new destination marketing organization

The City of Plymouth recently appointed Katie Langland as destination marketing coordinator, a new position tasked with developing the city's destination marketing organization (DMO).



Katie Langland

The role of the DMO is to promote Plymouth as a city of choice – boosting activities, events, quality dining, hotels, attractions and recreational opportunities while fostering economic impact and enhancing the quality of life. Similar to a convention and visitors bureau, Plymouth's DMO

will promote the city as a destination for high-quality tourism and visitor experiences. A new name and brand for the DMO will be announced later this year.

Langland came to Plymouth most recently from the City of St. Michael, where she worked as a communications specialist and engineering/planning assistant. She also brings experience from her time with Discover St. Louis Park and the Minneapolis Northwest Convention and Visitors Bureau. She has a bachelor's degree in mass communication and public relations from St. Cloud State University. Plymouth residents are invited to follow the DMO on its recently launched social media accounts, and sign up for email updates. For details, visit plymouthmn.gov/dmo.

SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT

Outdoor water restrictions – Outdoor water use restrictions are in effect from May through September. Plymouth prohibits outdoor lawn watering from noon to 5 p.m. on all days. Water customers must also follow an odd-even schedule when sprinkling lawns. Homeowners and businesses with addresses ending in an odd number may water on odd-numbered calendar days. Those with addresses ending in an even number may water on even-numbered days. The restrictions apply to all city water customers. Automatic irrigation systems should be adjusted accordingly. Call the hotline at 763-509-5512 or visit plymouthmn.gov/watering for exceptions to the restrictions and more information.

Water Efficiency Rebate Program – Plymouth's Water Efficiency Rebate Program is accepting applications for projects that replace inefficient toilets, irrigation systems, sprinkler heads, washing machines and dishwashers with WaterSense® or Energy Star® certified devices. This initiative is supported by a grant from the Metropolitan

Council to encourage reduction of municipal water use. Rebate funds are limited and will be issued to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until June 30 or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first. Interested residents can ask questions and confirm rebate eligibility of devices before purchasing by contacting werp@plymouthmn.gov or 763-509-5500. For more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/waterrebate.

Yard Waste Site – The city-operated Yard Waste Site, 14900 23rd Ave. N., is now open for the season. Residents may dispose of spring lawn rakings, leaves, vegetative garden waste and brush or tree waste. No grass clippings, lumber, sod, soil or stumps accepted. Summer hours are 3-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. The site is closed Mondays and Tuesdays, and Independence Day. Only Plymouth, Wayzata, Long Lake and Medicine Lake residents may use the site. Identification is required. For details, visit plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste or call 763-509-5930.

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Plymouth business spotlight

Ulta Beauty, a cosmetic, fragrance and hair care business, is set to open in June at 4190 Vinewood Lane N.

Lago Tacos, a self-branded "taco slinging, tequila pouring" eatery, opened a new location in Plymouth City Center at 3500 Vicksburg Lane.

Nala's Kitchen opened at 16605 County Road 24. The restaurant serves vegetarian and vegan dishes with an "authentic, yet elegantly modern take on Indian cuisine."

SAVE (Saluting America's Veterans Enterprise), recently opened at 1105 West Medicine Lake Drive. The organization works to advocate for veterans in businesses and connects them to workplace opportunities.

Proud to be mayor in the city of innovation

By Mayor Jeff Wasje

I always thought we'd have flying cars by now. Or maybe robots that mow the lawn and schedule appointments. While I'm sure that's not too far-fetched for 2024, I'm proud that there are brilliant people dreaming up far more important ideas right here in Plymouth. I recently had the opportunity to share some of this innovation at the State of the City address in late-March.

I was proud to discuss some of the innovative work in city government – investing in transit and pedestrian connectivity near Station 73, harnessing federal grant dollars for water treatment efficiency improvements, unveiling exciting new park amenities, and expanding adaptive and inclusive recreation programming so that everyone in our community can participate.

In addition to sharing news about small businesses, the State of the City highlighted some of the major global companies that have moved to Plymouth over the years, contributing to our ranking as Minnesota's fourth largest economy.

I was especially thrilled to spotlight a business I'd recently toured – HistoSonics – which uses guided sonic beams to destroy tumors in liver tissue with precision. This non-invasive pulsed sound wave therapy, the Edison Histotripsy System, induces "bubble clouds" in tissue to destroy tumors at a sub-cellular level without surgery, which can be monitored in real-time.

At the close of the address, I was honored to be joined on stage by HistoSonics President and CEO Mike Blue, who shared his version of flying cars. He talked about a future where sound waves have the potential to dissolve kidney stones, liquify body fat and treat inoperable brain tumors.

I am amazed at the groundbreaking work taking place in our community – and I'm very proud to be mayor in the city of innovation. To watch the State of the City address online, visit plymouthmn.gov.

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City Council: May 14, 28 and June 11, 25
Planning Commission: May 15 and June 5, 26
Housing and Redevelopment Authority: May 23 and June 27

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