



## K.U.B.E. closed beginning Sept. 16

The K.U.B.E. indoor playground at the Plymouth Community Center is set to undergo a multi-week closure for maintenance and cleaning beginning Monday, Sept. 16.

The closure is expected to take 2-3 weeks. It will allow for replacement of the light fixtures under manufacturer warranty, as well as annual deep cleaning of the space.

The gym, walking track and other spaces will be unaffected by the K.U.B.E. closure. Check [plymouthmn.gov/kube](http://plymouthmn.gov/kube) or social media towards the end of September for announcements about reopening. Those with questions may reach out to the Plymouth Community Center at 763-509-5200.



## Dialed Down Disco is Oct. 3

Plymouth will host a Dialed Down Disco 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. During the sensory-friendly event commonly referred to as a “silent disco,” participants wear wireless headphones and may dance and sing along to music played through headphones by a DJ. Attendees will have individual control over the volume of their headphones and can select their favorite music from three different channels.

The dance floor will not have strobe lights or a disco ball. Tickets cost \$15 and are available for purchase at [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents) or by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 763-509-5200.



## Farmers Market ends Oct. 2

The Plymouth Farmers Market is open 2:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 2 at Parkers Lake Playfield, 15500 County Road 6. Vendors sell a range of locally grown produce and prepared food.

For market details, or to sign up to receive a weekly newsletter email from the city with information and recipes, visit [plymouthmn.gov/farmersmarket](http://plymouthmn.gov/farmersmarket).

## Election Day is Nov. 5, 2024

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. Voters are encouraged to make a plan to vote – whether it’s in person on Election Day or via early voting.

For information about how to register and where to vote, visit [plymouthmn.gov/election](http://plymouthmn.gov/election). The site includes a link to the Secretary of State’s website ([mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org)), which includes a poll location finder. It will also feature sample ballots beginning Friday, Sept. 20.

Voters without internet access can call 763-509-5000 for more information.

### Vote at the Polls

On Election Day, Nov. 5, polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. While registration may be completed in person the day of the election, those new to voting, who have changed their name or who moved since the last election can save time by pre-registering to vote.

Tuesday, Oct. 15 is the deadline to pre-register to vote in the general election.

For more information, including required documentation, visit [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).

### Absentee (Early) Voting Available

Residents who wish to vote early by absentee ballot can do so in person, by ballot dropoff or by mail.

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## Plan to vote: Voters have options

### Vote on Election Day

- Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5
- Find your polling location at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org)
- Register at the polls or in advance

### Vote Early

- Absentee (early voting) is available in person, by dropoff or by mail beginning Sept. 20
- Direct balloting available Oct. 18 to Nov. 4 at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd.
- Agent deliver, military and overseas voting available. Visit [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) for details.

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## Candidates file for Plymouth City Council seats

Three Plymouth City Council seats will be on the ballot in the upcoming general election – Ward 1, Ward 3 and At Large. One candidate will be elected for each seat. The following Plymouth City Council candidates will be on the ballot:

- **Ward 1 (northwest Plymouth) – Four-year term**  
Shine Mahi  
Kim Nelson
- **Ward 3 (southeast Plymouth) – Four-year term**  
Scott Aldrich  
Catherine M. Cesnik  
Declan McCrory  
Julie Ritz-Schlaifer

- **At-Large – Four-year term**  
Armetha Pihlstrom  
Joel Spoonheim  
Kraig Urquhart

### Candidate Forum

A League of Women Voters-sponsored candidate forum is 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16 at City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd. The public is invited. A recording will be available at [lwvwa.org](http://lwvwa.org). It will also be available on the CCX Media+ app and replayed on CCX Media’s channel 799/12 – visit [ccxmedia.org](http://ccxmedia.org) for more information.

## Say 'hello' to Plymouth’s new tourism marketing brand

Following the January launch of Plymouth’s new destination marketing organization, the city has unveiled the DMO’s new brand – Hello! Plymouth.

Designed to attract visitors to the city to shop, play, eat and stay, the new brand – Hello! Plymouth – was developed by a Minnesota-based advertising agency. Similar to area convention and visitors bureaus (CVBs), such as Meet Minneapolis or Explore Minnesota, Hello! Plymouth was established to help foster economic impact through tourism.

“We are excited to have a brand that says, ‘hello’ and welcome to our city,” said Destination Marketing Coordinator Katie Langland. “The new brand is so much more than a name and logo – it’s an invitation to explore the hidden gems and well-loved spots in Plymouth.”

### Making a Brand

The new brand draws on a variety of elements to help tell the story of Plymouth.

**Name:** Because area CVBs already use “visit,” “discover” and “explore” in their names, Plymouth was challenged to develop a unique brand. Hello! Plymouth offers a simple and warm greeting to visitors, residents and businesses alike. It allows for



*Hello! Plymouth is the new brand of the Plymouth DMO.*

audience versatility, ranging from sports to family activities to businesses. With opportunities for easy multilingual translation, such as ¡Hola! Plymouth in Spanish, the name offers an inclusive welcome to all visitors, and celebrates the diverse backgrounds and cultures that make up the fabric of the Plymouth community.

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## Public Safety Department reminds motorists of Minnesota laws regarding school buses

With children across the city returning to school, the Plymouth Public Safety Department reminds motorists that it's the law to stop for school buses with red lights flashing and stop arm extended. Violations carry a minimum fine of \$500.

Minnesota law requires drivers traveling in all directions to stop for buses on undivided roads (e.g. no medians). However, when roadways are divided by a concrete median or natural separation – such as a ditch – only drivers traveling the same direction as the bus must stop.

“Each year, we continue to see violations and hear from bus companies about drivers not stopping,” Plymouth Police Officer Anthony Elia said. “It’s frustrating because the stop signs and flashing lights are there to protect kids. Please, stay safe and stop for school buses.”



Vehicles must stop for school buses with red lights flashing and stop arm extended.

Parents should also remind children throughout the year to stay alert while crossing streets and boarding buses.

## State removes two Plymouth lakes from the impaired waters list

Two Plymouth lakes have been removed from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's impaired waters list this year, following two decades of work to improve the water quality.

Bass and Pomerleau lakes were approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in April to be removed from the MPCAs impaired waters list. The delisting represents more than 20 years of effort by the City of Plymouth, lakeshore property owners and the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission – the culmination of various projects, practices and programs that have helped improve water quality in the lakes.

The MPCA listed Bass, Pomerleau and Schmidt lakes in Plymouth as impaired in 2002 under the federal Clean Water Act. Schmidt Lake was delisted in 2016.

Stormwater runoff flows directly from streets to wetlands and lakes, picking up pollutants and nutrients like phosphorus from sources such as soil erosion and lawn fertilizers. The three lakes were impaired due to excessive nutrients in the water, including excess phosphorus, which can cause summertime algae blooms that decrease water clarity and limit recreation activities.

To help mitigate stormwater contaminants, the city added stormwater treatment devices that filter out sediment, leaves,

trash and other debris. As nearby streets underwent road construction, rain gardens and other beneficial stormwater management practices were included in the plans to help filter runoff.

When redevelopment occurred around Pomerleau Lake, Plymouth required properties to incorporate stormwater management practices into the project, improving downstream water quality.

Another way to reduce stormwater pollutants is through street sweeping, which the city completes multiple times per year. Plymouth has also prioritized shoreline restoration, which utilizes native plants to reduce erosion while filtering and protecting water bodies from runoff.

Additionally, the City of Plymouth partnered with the local watershed district to apply an aluminum sulfate treatment to the lakes. The alum binds to the phosphorus in the water and settles on the bottom of the lake, preventing the release of additional phosphorus from the sediment in the lakebed. The treatment helps reduce concentrations of nutrients, mitigates algae, increases water clarity, and improves fishing and recreational opportunities for lake users.

For more information about the city's environmental stewardship efforts, visit [plymouthmn.gov/environment](http://plymouthmn.gov/environment).

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**Color:** Purple is the logo's primary color. It represents creativity, imagination and enjoyment, as well as a sense of calm and versatility.

Other vibrant accent colors represent the playfulness of activities and recreation in Plymouth.

**Accents:** The exclamation point in the logo is accompanied by shapes inspired by the architecture of the iconic arch at the Hilde Performance Center, which draws thousands of visitors each year for concerts and other events.

### Learn More about Hello! Plymouth

Funded by a state-authorized lodging tax, Hello! Plymouth is designed to promote the city as a destination for concerts and events, dining, getaways, tournaments, and other recreation opportunities. Hello! Plymouth reports to a City Council-appointed advisory board, comprised of Plymouth business representatives and city staff, which helps guide marketing efforts. A new website for Hello! Plymouth is set to launch in early 2025. In the meantime, the community may follow Hello! Plymouth on social media and sign up for eNotify email updates at [plymouthmn.gov/helloplymouth](http://plymouthmn.gov/helloplymouth).

### SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT

**Outdoor Water Restrictions** – Outdoor water use restrictions are in effect through the end of September in Plymouth. The city 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

Call the hotline at 763-509-5512 or visit [plymouthmn.gov/watering](http://plymouthmn.gov/watering) for more information.

**Yard Waste Site Hours** – Fall hours will be in effect September through November at the city-operated Yard Waste Site, 14900 23rd Ave. N. Fall hours include 3-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday. The site is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Only Plymouth, Wayzata, Long Lake and Medicine Lake residents may use the site and identification is required. The site closes for major holidays. Visit [plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste](http://plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste) or call the hotline at 763-509-5930 for more information.

**Adopt a Storm Drain** – Help keep storm drains clear of leaves, yard waste and trash to prevent stormwater pollution by volunteering in the Adopt a Storm Drain program. While anyone may clean storm drains, registering to adopt a storm drain allows city staff to properly inventory drains and log participants' volunteer time. Adopt a Storm Drain volunteer positions are not supervised, and can be a great introduction for residents of all ages to begin volunteering. To adopt a storm drain, visit [plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot](http://plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot) – those interested can select a location from an interactive map of Plymouth.



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEER

Below are upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- **Archival Adventures** – Help care for historic documents and photos at Old Town Hall during events on Wednesdays, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.
- **Art Ambassador** – Greet visitors and answer questions about rotating art exhibits at the Plymouth Community Center during the late afternoon/evening and weekends. Must be age 16 or older.
- **Environmental** – Weed the pollinator garden at Fazendin Park Friday, Sept. 13. Adopt a storm drain to keep it clear of weeds and yard waste. Assist with the fall shredding event Tuesday, Oct. 1. Remove buckthorn Saturdays, Oct. 19 and 26. Groups welcome.
- **Winter sports** – Assist beginning youth skaters. Must have previous skating experience and be confident on the ice.

To find out more about these and other opportunities, visit [plymouthmn.gov/volunteer](http://plymouthmn.gov/volunteer) or call 763-509-5230.



Cece Dammeyer (left) and Leanne Loren serve as Plymouth History Center volunteers.

### Local history mystery unfolds

As volunteers, Cece Dammeyer and Leanne Loren work to solve a local history mystery. While cataloging items previously given to the Plymouth History Center, staff and volunteers uncovered eight boxes filled with nearly 2,000 unidentified photos of Plymouth homes, farms and buildings, which were taken in 1960. The buildings in the photos had no addresses or locations noted, but the photos were marked with a unknown numbering system.

Using detective and analytical skills, the pair dug through county property records, old Plymouth assessment records, plat maps, resident knowledge and other reference materials to crack the code and develop an identification process. Many of the buildings no longer exist, and were demolished as Plymouth developed through the years. At press time, the duo had been able to successfully identify 95% of the buildings featured in the photos, which will be scanned and made available to the public.

**Cece said:** “This photo project is an example of how Old Town Hall respects our past, while honoring the present. And like all the volunteer projects here in Plymouth, it is wonderful working with everyone involved.”

**Because Cece and Leanne volunteer,** these photos will become an invaluable resource for those doing family or house history research. Residents and researchers will be able to select a property online, view a historical photo and add to their knowledge base.

### Curbside organics collection

The city offers weekly curbside organics collection to all Plymouth homes. All households pay for organics recycling through their utility bill, like regular recycling. Residents must sign up to receive an organics cart to get started. For more information and to sign up, visit [plymouthmn.gov/organics](http://plymouthmn.gov/organics).

# Learn about police, fire operations through Public Safety Citizens Academy

The City of Plymouth is accepting applications for the 2024 Public Safety Citizens Academy – a free, 12-week course that meets 6-9 p.m. Thursdays beginning Oct. 10.

Each week, a different aspect of public safety will be featured through presentations and hands-on demonstrations about police and fire operations.

The academy is designed to help strengthen the partnership between public safety professionals and the community by sharing information and promoting a better understanding of police and fire services.

## Requirements, How to Apply

Applicants must be age 18 or older. They must live, worship, work, volunteer, participate in a community group, or own a business in Plymouth.

All participants must pass a background check. A prior criminal conviction will not automatically disqualify an applicant. Due to limited class size, those who have already participated in the



The Public Safety Citizens Academy offers a hands-on look at the work of the Plymouth Police and Fire departments.

program will be waitlisted to allow for new participants. The deadline to apply is Thursday, Sept. 19 or until the class is full.

To apply, visit [plymouthmn.gov/citizensacademy](http://plymouthmn.gov/citizensacademy) or contact Community Relations Officer Kasey Abukar at [kabukar@plymouthmn.gov](mailto:kabukar@plymouthmn.gov) or 763-509-5135.

# Plymouth Police encourage participation in Safe Community Camera Program

The Plymouth Police Department encourages the public to participate in the Safe Community Camera Program, which allows residents and businesses to voluntarily register external video cameras to assist police if a crime occurs in their neighborhood. Through the program, police may reach out to registered camera owners in the event of a crime and request that the owners review their camera footage for any potential evidence.

“The ability to partner with residents and businesses that may have camera footage of an incident can help detectives identify

possible suspects and gather information to help solve cases and reduce crime,” said Plymouth Public Safety Director/Police Chief Erik Fadden. “We are grateful for the technology, and we value our partnership with the community.”

The Plymouth Police Department does not have direct access to any registered cameras and does not use registered cameras for active surveillance. Participation in the program is voluntary and those who have registered can withdraw at any time. Any type or brand of camera can be registered. To register for the program, visit [plymouthmn.gov/safecamera](http://plymouthmn.gov/safecamera).

# Regular smoke alarm testing can help save lives

The Plymouth Fire Department encourages residents to regularly test their smoke alarms – which could save lives. Smoke alarms should be:

- Installed in every bedroom
- Outside each separate sleeping area, like a hallway
- On each level of the home, including the basement
- Tested once a month and replaced every 10 years

Smoke alarms must also meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory needs and/or physical disabilities.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, smoke alarms reduce the risk of home fire deaths by 54%. Smoke may contain toxic chemicals, such as carbon monoxide and hydrogen cyanide, which are poisonous to humans. “Smoke Alarms – Make Them Work For You” is this year’s theme for National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12.

# Bass Lake Playfield is now home to the first AED installed at a Plymouth park

Bass Lake Playfield is now better equipped to help save lives, following the recent installation of a new automated external defibrillator (AED) – the first to be installed at a City of Plymouth park. The city partnered with a group of local pickleball-playing volunteers to apply for a grant from the Rotary Club of Plymouth to purchase the AED, along with a climate-controlled storage cabinet.

For maximum visibility, the AED is prominently positioned by the front doors of the Bass Lake Playfield building, 5450 Northwest Blvd. The device will be accessible spring through fall, from approximately April 15 through Oct. 15.

One of Plymouth’s busiest parks, Bass Lake Playfield is home to softball fields, pickleball courts, tennis and basketball courts, soccer fields, a playground, and a walking path – as well as a dedicated group of pickleball-playing volunteers.

In addition to assistance with the grant application, the volunteers have committed to checking the unit’s operational status weekly and received training to use the device.

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), sudden cardiac arrest is caused when a heart’s electrical system malfunctions, restricting the heart’s ability to pump blood to the brain and vital organs, which can be fatal.

An AED can analyze a heart’s rhythm and deliver an electrical shock, if necessary, to help the heart reestablish an effective rhythm. Performing CPR and promptly using an AED to restore a normal heart rhythm can save a person’s life.

According to the AHA, 90% of cardiac arrest victims who receive a shock from an AED within the first minute survive.



Bass Lake Playfield is home to the first automated external defibrillator installed at a City of Plymouth park.

## Heart Safe Plymouth

Plymouth was designated a Heart Safe Community in 2013 by the AHA. The program recognizes efforts to prevent deaths caused by sudden cardiac arrest. A partnership of the Plymouth Public Safety Department and Rotary Club of Plymouth, Heart Safe Plymouth offers CPR and AED training to teenagers and adults.

Participants are taught hands-only CPR – chest compressions without mouth-to-mouth breaths – and how to use an AED. More than 7,700 participants have been trained since 2013. The free training series is typically available fall through spring.

At press time, 17 Bass Lake Playfield pickleball-playing volunteers had attended a Heart Safe Plymouth CPR and AED training, and the group planned to recruit at least 50 additional pickleball players to participate in the training.

## HAPPENINGS



**Fall Plant Swap** – 4-6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9 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.

**Interactive Story Time in Spanish** – 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 inside the Plymouth Community Center’s Black Box Theater, 14800 34th Ave. N. Free. Community members are invited to stop by for storytelling in Spanish, dancing, crafts and more. For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents).

**Fall Shred Event** – 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1 at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N. Free. Residents can also drop off other select items to be recycled/reused. For details and a list of accepted items, visit [plymouthmn.gov/shred](http://plymouthmn.gov/shred).

**Wine Tasting Fundraiser for Music in Plymouth** – 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. Enjoy hundreds of wines, craft beers and spirits, hors d’oeuvres and live music all in support of the Music in Plymouth Endowment Fund. For tickets and more information, visit [musicinplymouth.org](http://musicinplymouth.org).

**Halloween at the Lake** – 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 at Parkers Lake Playfield, 15500 County Road 6. The free event brings together the Plymouth Parks and Recreation, Police, and Fire departments, featuring first responder vehicles for children to view, as well as treats and family-friendly fun. Costumes are encouraged.

**New StoryWalk® at Rolling Hills Park** – Community members are invited to take to the trails at Rolling Hills Park in Plymouth to see another story unfold with the completion of the city’s second StoryWalk®. A fun way to promote literacy and outdoor activity at a city park, the StoryWalk® initiative features a collection of frames that house pages from deconstructed children’s books, which can be read while walking along the path.

Plymouth’s first StoryWalk® was installed last summer along the half-mile looping trail at Swan Lake Park, 4480 Quinwood Lane N. This year’s installation will offer a second location to read and stroll at Rolling Hills Park, 10355 48th Ave. N. At press time, the story displayed at Rolling Hills Park featured “Clifford the Small Red Puppy,” written by Norman Bridwell. Stories at both locations will be changed out periodically during fall, spring and summer months for the community to enjoy.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ferguson.

## Report storm, flood damage –

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety (Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management) requests that residents of Hennepin County who were impacted by storms and flooding between June 16 and July 4 report the damage. FEMA individual assistance may be available. Report damage by scanning the QR code on this page.



## Vote ... from page 1

The entire absentee balloting (early voting) process can be completed in person Friday, Sept. 20 through Monday, Nov. 4 at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd. To vote early in person, voters must fill out an application and will be issued a ballot on site. Voters may also apply to receive a ballot through the mail and either return by mail (in the prepaid postage envelope) or drop it off at Plymouth City Hall. Absentee (early voting) ballots must be received by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5. To apply for a mail ballot and learn more, visit [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).

### Vote Early by Direct Ballot

Direct balloting allows residents to vote early in person via absentee ballot by placing their ballots through a tabulator (just like on Election Day). This process is available at Plymouth City Hall Friday, Oct. 18 to Monday, Nov. 4.

## Plymouth City Hall Early Voting Hours

### Weekday Business Hours:

- Friday, Sept. 20 to Friday, Nov. 1  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Weekend Extended Hours:

- Saturday, Oct. 26; Saturday, Nov. 2; and Sunday, Nov. 3  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Weekday Extended Hours:

- Tuesday, Oct. 29  
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 4  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For additional information, including guidance for agent delivery, and military and overseas voters, visit [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) or call Plymouth City Hall at 763-509-5000.



The Business Passport initiative runs through Sept. 30.

## Business Spotlight

**Road Construction Business Passport** runs through Monday, Sept. 30. Help support Plymouth businesses impacted by road construction, collect stamps at participating businesses and turn in stamped passports for prizes. Participation is open to everyone. View details at [plymouthmn.gov/businesspassport](http://plymouthmn.gov/businesspassport).

**Big Island Bouldering**, a rock-climbing gym, is set to open a new Plymouth location in early 2025 at 161 Cheshire Lane N.

**HistoSonics** – a Plymouth-based company that uses guided sonic beams (sound waves) to destroy tumors in liver tissue without surgery – is set to more than double its square footage and move into adjacent spaces at 16305 36th Ave. N.

**Gateway Fiber** is set to install fiber internet service infrastructure in Plymouth this year.

**Copeland Buhl**, a tax and accounting firm, recently moved to a new Plymouth location in the Atria Corporate Center, 3033 Campus Drive, Suite E590.

**PickleX**, a new pickleball company, is set to open with six indoor pickleball courts at 3955 Annapolis Lane.

**InnerActive Playground** is moving to Plymouth and will set up shop at 14600 28th Ave. The company offers memberships and room reservations for use of an indoor playground for older children, toddler and infant play areas, party room and more.

## Old Town Hall Reopens



Plymouth History Center held a grand reopening in August for community members to explore the city's newly renovated historical building, Old Town Hall. The building is open to the community 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the first Saturday of every month, at 3605 Fernbrook Lane N. Learn more at [history.plymouthmn.gov](http://history.plymouthmn.gov).

## Plymouth ready to say 'hello' to visitors, economic impact

By Mayor Jeff Wosje

For many years, Plymouth has quietly developed into a robust suburb known for excellent quality of life. While people love living here, and others are naturally drawn to our community for events and activities, we're about to embark on a new initiative that will actively attract visitors to Plymouth.

While much work lies ahead, I am excited to continue watching our new destination marketing organization, Hello! Plymouth, take shape (see page 1). The goal is to promote Plymouth as a city of choice and market all we have to offer – bringing tourism dollars to our hotels, restaurants, retail stores, entertainment venues and other attractions.

Plymouth is already a key destination for activities in Minnesota. Thousands of visitors flock to Plymouth for major concerts at the Hilde, as well as state/national hockey tournaments at the Plymouth Ice Center. National hockey tournaments generate about \$1.2 million in economic impact, benefiting area businesses through hotel stays, dining, shopping and entertainment.

The Plymouth Community Center is also a regional draw, attracting visitors to play at the K.U.B.E. indoor playground, compete in soccer matches and other activities in the Fieldhouse, and more. In fact, from January-July, we had about 25,000 visits to the K.U.B.E., and around 10,000 visits for open gym activities.

I'm excited to watch Hello! Plymouth staff expand the city's attractiveness to visitors. In addition to developing advertising campaigns, staff will work to establish relationships with hotels and venue spaces to further promote Plymouth as a premier destination for weddings, sporting events, corporate outings, weekend getaways and more.

As Hello! Plymouth increases tourism, we will continue to see visitor dollars benefit our local economy, strengthen our businesses and bolster our quality of life. Let's get ready to say "hello" to more Plymouth visitors.

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### City Hall hours:

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Report an issue 24/7.....[plymouthmn.gov/myplymouth](http://plymouthmn.gov/myplymouth)

## View Meetings

Live on Channel 16, 7 p.m.

On-demand video link at city website

**City Council:** Sept. 10, 24 and Oct. 8, 22

**Planning Commission:** Sept. 4, 18 and Oct. 16

**Housing and Redevelopment Authority:** Sept. 26 and Oct. 24

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