



## Enjoy holiday lights at the Hilde

To offer cheer and encourage outdoor activity during winter, community members are invited to take a stroll through a holiday lights display at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Lights will go up in early December and turn on at dusk throughout the season. There is no cost to view the winter light display.



## Plymouth Artisan Market

Enjoy a vibrant showcase of local talent at the Plymouth Artisan Market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. Community artists and vendors will display and sell unique products, including handmade soaps, fine art, apparel, pottery, candles, wall art, wooden carved bowls, jewelry and more. Attendees may also enjoy live music throughout the event, which is free to attend.



## Fire & Ice is set for Feb. 1

Save the date for this redesigned winter event. Fire & Ice is set for Saturday, Feb. 1 at Plymouth Creek Playfield, 3625 Fernbrook Lane. Following previous cancellations due to poor ice conditions, seasoned Fire & Ice attendees will notice some changes to festivities as the event moves from a lake setting to a park. Attendees can expect games and activities for all ages, food, and evening fireworks.

## New Merry Market, Dec. 7

The Plymouth History Center is set to hold a new Merry Market event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at Plymouth Old Town Hall, 3605 Fernbrook Lane. Community members are invited to browse a display of creativity and craftsmanship as local vendors show and sell handmade goods. Hot chocolate and treats will be available for visitors, and Santa's Mailbox will be on site to send letters to the North Pole. Letters must include a self-addressed stamped envelope. For more information, contact Historical Site Coordinator Ryan Barland at 763-509-5229.

## Vote 2024: Election Day is Nov. 5

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, and polls will be open for in-person voting 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. the day of the election. Early voting began Sept. 20, and options for early voting are available up to Election Day.

For information about where to vote and how to register (which may be completed in person on Election Day), 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 and sample ballots. Voters without internet access can call 763-509-5000 for more information.

### City Hall Early Voting During Construction

While Plymouth City Hall isn't a polling location on Election Day, those coming to City Hall for early voting will experience road construction on Plymouth Boulevard. Access to City Hall will be maintained throughout construction, but motorists should be aware of detours and entrance modifications. Prior to coming to City Hall for early voting, motorists should check [plymouthmn.gov/plymouthblvd](http://plymouthmn.gov/plymouthblvd) for the most up-to-date route information.

### Absentee (Early) Voting Available

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



*Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polls will be open for in-person voting 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. the day of the election.*

The entire absentee balloting (early voting) process can be completed in person 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.

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## The City of Plymouth's 2025 budgeting process is underway

As 2024 winds down, the City of Plymouth is well underway in the budgeting process for 2025.

Plymouth City Council has adopted a preliminary levy increase of 5.2%, which is lower than last year's increase of 7.5%. As the process continues, the City Council could still lower, but not increase, the property tax levy for 2025.

The 2025 budget marks the second year of the 2024/2025 biennial budget. One of the city's financial planning practices, producing budgets in two-year cycles is designed to promote stability in the levy and allows the city to prepare and adjust budgeting with a long-term view.

### Impact on City Property Taxes

While the city property tax levy is set to increase in 2025, Plymouth's growth in tax base helps reduce the impact of the levy. For example, based on the median value home in Plymouth of \$481,000, the city tax levy increase is estimated to have an annual impact of \$16.

### Developing a Budget with Data

A number of rate studies and analyses are considered during the city budget process. These examine areas such as utility rates, debt, staff compensation and benefits, fleet and facilities, IT infrastructure, and risk management.

Using a range of available data helps the city plan ahead and use tax dollars more efficiently.

A component of this can be seen in adjustments to staffing in the 2025 budget.

Based on identified needs, new positions outlined include two police officers, an assistant fire chief, a social worker in Public Safety, two Parks and Forestry maintenance workers, a lifeguard, two street maintenance apprentices, and an associate planner in the Community and Economic Development Department.

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## New broadband fiber optic internet installation is in progress in Plymouth

Installation of broadband fiber optic internet is underway throughout areas of Plymouth. Residents should note that fiber installation is not a City of Plymouth project – fiber optic internet service is a private utility regulated by the Federal Communications Commission.

The work involves underground installation of conduit and cables in public rights-of-way and easements by private companies, which have obtained permits to complete the work. Installation is preceded by line locating, which involves marking underground utilities (gas, electric, cable, etc.) with flags and spray paint.

The flags are required by law and residents should not move them. Following installation, fiber companies

are required to restore affected items, such as grass, sprinkler systems, pet fences, asphalt and concrete. Residents are advised to notify the appropriate contractor and mark/flag all sprinkler heads, dog fence lines, sump pump lines or other underground items in the rights-of-way or easements in advance of fiber optic installation to help protect the items during construction.

Installation of this infrastructure is expected to bring high speed fiber optic internet to Plymouth, as well as offer more competitive prices/choices for residents and businesses. To view frequently asked questions, a list of companies completing work in Plymouth and more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/fiberoptic](http://plymouthmn.gov/fiberoptic).



# The Boulevard redevelopment project takes shape in Plymouth

A major mixed-use redevelopment project is taking shape at the former Prudential Financial campus at Bass Lake Road and Interstate 494 in northern Plymouth – now called The Boulevard. The Plymouth City Council approved plans for the 75-acre site earlier this spring, which will consist of mixed retail, waterfront dining, grocery, med-tech offices, up to 925 residential apartment units and a large park with nature trails and greenspace.

“We’re happy to see developers bring exciting new amenities to the northern part of the city, which is currently mostly residential,” said Planning and Development Manager Chloe McGuire.

The project is led by co-developers Scannell Properties and Roers Companies. To allow for commencement of the large-scale project, demolition of the former Prudential building took place this summer.

The first tenant slated to set up shop at The Boulevard is Summit Orthopedics – which broke ground on its nearly 80,000 square-foot, two-story building in October. The facility will house medical offices and physical therapy services.

“When the project is complete, we imagine that The Boulevard will feel like a pedestrian-friendly city within



Rendering of The Boulevard, located at the former Prudential Financial campus at Bass Lake Road and Interstate 494.

itself where residents can live, work, eat, shop and play,” added McGuire. “The developers preserved some original topographical elements, including mature trees and a water feature with trails for the community to enjoy. It’s quite the hidden gem.”

The Boulevard is a phased redevelopment project, expected to be fully complete by 2027. To view project renderings and more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/boulevard](http://plymouthmn.gov/boulevard).

## Plymouth plow crews prepare for the snowy season ahead

As another Minnesota winter approaches, City of Plymouth crews are gearing up for a season of snow removal, and the city offers reminders about plowing, shoveling and salting.

A snowfall of 2 inches or more prompts a snow emergency and associated parking restrictions. Plow crews work to clear the entire city, and on-street parking is prohibited until the street has been plowed curb-to-curb.

Plymouth also has a year-round ordinance prohibiting parking on city streets from 2-5 a.m.

Although a prolonged storm may require more time, the city aims to clear all 332 miles of streets and 940 cul-de-sacs within nine hours after snow stops.

For a snowfall of less than 2 inches, main roadways and designated secondary streets are treated and plowed, and ice control measures are implemented. Extra attention goes to stop signs, hills and curves in residential areas.

To view more information about Plymouth’s snow removal policies and operations, and to sign up for snow emergency alert emails and texts, visit [plymouthmn.gov/snow](http://plymouthmn.gov/snow).

### Snow Prep, Shoveling Tips

- Residents may mark the edge of the road to help plow drivers avoid damaging lawns. Use 4-foot tall reflective or brightly colored stakes placed at 20-foot intervals.
- Inspect mailbox posts for damage prior to snowfall and clear snow in front of mailboxes to ensure postal delivery.
- Keep garbage and recycling carts out of the street. When it snows, place carts a few feet back in the driveway to avoid being toppled. Collection trucks have extension arms to grab carts a few feet behind the curb line.
- Wait until the street is plowed before shoveling to the end of the driveway. Residents should note that it is illegal to shovel, plow or blow snow into the street.
- Pile shoveled snow downstream of plow operations – on the right side of the driveway when facing the street.
- Remove landscaping and exterior lighting in the right-of-way to avoid plow damage. While these are permitted in the right-of-way, owners assume risk of damage.

## HAPPENINGS

**Santa’s Mailbox** – Children can drop off a letter for Santa Monday, Nov. 18 through Friday, Nov. 29 at Plymouth City Hall (3400 Plymouth Blvd.), the Plymouth Ice Center (3650 Plymouth Blvd.) or the Plymouth Community Center (14800 34th Ave. N.). Santa’s helpers will send a response. Letters must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

**Veterans Drive-Thru Breakfast** – 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Plymouth Veterans Memorial, 3400 Plymouth Blvd. The breakfast is free for veterans. Vehicles will be routed through the parking lot at Plymouth City Hall to the Veterans Memorial. Veterans will also be given letters of appreciation and a small gift. Registration is required by Thursday, Oct. 31. Register at [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents) or by calling 763-509-5200.

**Sensory-Friendly Sundays** – 8:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15 at the Plymouth Community Center. Participants may enjoy amenities inside the gym and indoor playground. The event offers reduced attendance, dimmed lights and no overhead music to reduce overstimulation. Preregistration is required for participants ages 3 and older. Preregister online at [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents) or by calling 763-509-5200. Cost per child is \$6 for Plymouth residents or \$8 for nonresidents. Children ages 2 and younger are admitted free of charge and do not require registration.

**Holiday Bingo at PCC** – 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Plymouth Community Center. Participants must be age 55 or older. Prizes and refreshments available. Registration required. Cost is \$5 for residents; \$7 for nonresidents. For details, visit [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents) or call 763-509-5200.

**Santa Visits the Sensory Room** – Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at the Plymouth Community Center. Families may sign up for a 10-minute session to visit with Santa and take photos in a calm environment, as well as participate in other sensory-friendly activities. Sign up at [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents).

**New Year’s Eve at the K.U.B.E.** – Noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 at the K.U.B.E. indoor playground at the Plymouth Community Center. An event geared towards children ages 2-12, families are invited to celebrate the upcoming new year with music, festive decorations, a count down and ball drop in the playground. Children will receive a 2025-themed take-home goodie bag. Participants may pre-register for admission beginning in November or use a K.U.B.E. punch card at the door. Cost per child is \$6 for Plymouth residents or \$8 for nonresidents. For more information about the K.U.B.E., visit [plymouthmn.gov/kube](http://plymouthmn.gov/kube).

## Plymouth prioritizes winter trail plowing

After a snowfall event, City of Plymouth crews clear more than 115 miles of city trail each winter.

After a typical snowfall of 2 inches or more, snow removal on trails takes approximately 48 hours to complete. City staff asks residents to remember the following:

- Trails are not cleared down to bare pavement, nor are they treated with chemicals.
- The Luce Line, Medicine Lake and Bassett Creek regional trails are cleared by Three Rivers Park District.
- Trails often need multiple passes to clear – in some cases, plows clearing adjacent roads will push snow onto an already plowed trail.
- Trails are marked with stakes so plows can more easily navigate the paths. Residents should not remove the stakes.

Residents with sidewalks on their property are required to keep them clear of snow and ice – and shovel them within 48 hours after a snow event.

Plymouth’s recreational trails that are not cleared remain open for snowshoeing, walking or cross-country skiing, as conditions allow.

### STAY INFORMED



**Snow email sign up:** Subscribe for snow emergency alert emails and texts at [plymouthmn.gov/snow](http://plymouthmn.gov/snow)



**Snowplow map:** Track snowplow progress in near-real time at [plymouthmn.gov/liveplowmap](http://plymouthmn.gov/liveplowmap)



**Adopt a Spot:** Adopt a fire hydrant or storm drain at [plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot](http://plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot)



**Report issues:** Submit information about an icy patch, an area that needs to be plowed, plow damage or other snow-related issues at [plymouthmn.gov/myplymouth](http://plymouthmn.gov/myplymouth)



[plymouthmn.gov/snow](http://plymouthmn.gov/snow)



### RESPONSIBLE SALT USE BENEFITS ENVIRONMENT

- Shovel snow early and often.
- Pay attention to the temperature. Salt only works at temperatures above 15 degrees F.
- If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement, sweep up the extra and reuse it during the next snowstorm.
- Recycle unused deicing salt with the city. View details at [plymouthmn.gov/salt](http://plymouthmn.gov/salt).



**How much salt is needed?**  
One 12-ounce mug is enough salt to cover 10 sidewalk squares or a 20-foot driveway.



# Plymouth residents sign on to strike 'offensive clause' from property deed

A recent discovery about their home inspired longtime Plymouth residents Ellen and Richard Crichton to help rectify a past practice that has caused generational harm – discriminatory covenants in property deeds.

A rule that once restricted homeownership, particularly for people of color, discriminatory covenants were included in property records by real estate developers in the early 20th century to prevent certain properties from being sold, leased or occupied based on race, religion or ethnicity.

"We didn't know about the covenant until the city told us," said Ellen Crichton. "It's a terrible feeling to think that our property, which our parents were proud to own before us, carries such an offensive clause."

According to data by Mapping Prejudice, a University of Minnesota research project, there are more than 24,000 racial covenants included in property deeds in Hennepin County, including 245 in Plymouth.

The City of Plymouth joined the Just Deeds coalition in October 2023 to help Plymouth residents remove discriminatory covenants from property deeds at no cost to the property owner. Just Deeds is a group of real estate professionals, lawyers, advocates and community members in Minnesota working together to acknowledge and address systemic racism in housing. When the city notified affected property owners this spring, the discovery came as a shock to the Crichtons, whose home was built in 1949.

"Our family has been part of Plymouth for a long time, going back to the 1880s when land was given to Civil War veterans," said Richard Crichton. "We never thought we'd find something like this in our deed."



Ellen and Richard Crichton stand in front of their Plymouth home, which they are clearing of a discriminatory covenant via Just Deeds.

"We were relieved to find out that it could be removed," Ellen Crichton added.

The Crichtons contacted Just Deeds and the City of Plymouth to start the process of discharging the covenant, which adds a statement to the property title that rejects the language of the discriminatory covenant.

"Everyone should be able to buy a home no matter their race or background," said Richard Crichton. "We would feel terrible if someone buying our home discovered this kind of clause."

Though legally unenforceable following the Fair Housing Act of 1968, the presence of discriminatory covenants in property titles conflicts with Plymouth's objective to be an inclusive and welcoming city to all. The Crichtons said they hope their story will inspire others to address similar issues and think of the legacy they wish to leave behind.

For more information about the Just Deeds coalition and its work, visit [plymouthmn.gov/justdeeds](http://plymouthmn.gov/justdeeds).



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEER

Below are upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- **Shoveling Snow** – Adopt a fire hydrant or storm drain to remove snow and ice as needed during winter. Learn more at [plymouthmn.gov/adoptapot](http://plymouthmn.gov/adoptapot).
- **Fire & Ice** – Greet and assist with family activities Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025.
- **Hands on History** – Work with historical photos and documents at events Wednesdays, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4 at Old Town Hall.
- **Police Reserves** – Assist sworn officers with traffic and crowd control, patrol activities, special events and training scenarios. Must be age 18 or older, commit to 15 hours a month, have a clean driving record, and undergo a background check.

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



Louise Edwards-Simpson serves as a Plymouth History Center volunteer.

### Interpreting Plymouth's Past

As a volunteer, Louise Edwards-Simpson's job is to provide interpretation of Plymouth's history, including writing educational exhibit panels, exploring timelines and cultural themes.

**Louise said:** "For more than 25 years, I taught U.S. history at local universities, mostly at St. Catherine University. I met Ryan Barland, the future Plymouth historical site coordinator, at the Minnesota Historical Society when our paths crossed in the 2010s as oral historians. In late 2023, we began collaborating on exhibit text for Old Town Hall. Our goal was to tell Plymouth's history as it relates to the larger narrative of American history from its Native origins through territorial settlement, statehood, agricultural development and suburbanization in the modern era. It's been gratifying to volunteer for my community in a way that makes use of the expertise I acquired as a history professor."

**Because Louise volunteers,** visitors to Old Town Hall will gain a better understanding of how Plymouth's local history fits into the nation's story.

## Serve on city committees and commissions

Get involved in the decision-making process and make an impact in the community – the City of Plymouth is seeking applications from residents interested in volunteering to serve on various committees and commissions that advise the City Council on topics such as the environment, housing, parks and recreation, and development.

Applications will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8. The City Council will interview applicants and

make appointments later this year for terms beginning in early 2025. Advisory boards that have openings include the Planning Commission, the Environmental Quality Committee, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

To download an application and learn more about any of the opportunities and commissions/committees above, visit [plymouthmn.gov/commissions](http://plymouthmn.gov/commissions).

### Vote ... from page 1

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.

Early voting can also be completed in-person at the Hennepin County Government Center, 300 S. 6th St. in Minneapolis. Visit [hennepin.us/vote](http://hennepin.us/vote) for more information.

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.

[plymouthmn.gov/pcc](http://plymouthmn.gov/pcc)

## 10% OFF BALLROOM RENTALS

New bookings only, Nov.-March

## Business Spotlight

**St. Cloud State University's** satellite campus in Plymouth, 9750 Rockford Road, recently received global recognition for its Master of Engineering Management and Executive Master of Engineering Management programs. The school was awarded best Engineering Management Program for 2024-2025 by the American Society for Engineering Management. SCSU's Applied Clinic Research master's degree and graduate certificate programs also received a new accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The school now offers one of only three clinical research master's programs in the United States with this discipline-specific accreditation.

**North Star THC** opened earlier this year in Plymouth in the Carlson Center Shoppes at 187 Cheshire Lane, #750. The establishment offers low potency, hemp-derived edible products for ages 21 or older, including THC gummies, THC-infused chocolates and baked goods, and THC beverages.



## SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT

**Homestead Filing** – Residents who recently purchased a home may file for homestead classification through Hennepin County. Benefits include possible eligibility for reduced property taxes or a property tax refund. The deadline to file is Tuesday, Dec. 31. Homes must be owned and occupied by Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 to be eligible for taxes payable in 2025. Once granted homestead classification, residents do not need to reapply for that property.

Residents must notify the county assessor within 30 days if they move or sell the property, experience changes in marital status or spouse occupancy, or for any reason they would no longer qualify for homestead. To complete a homestead application and learn more, visit [hennepin.us/homestead](http://hennepin.us/homestead).

**Yard Waste Site Closes Nov. 24** – The city-operated Yard Waste Site, 14900 23rd Ave. N., will remain open until Sunday, Nov. 24, weather permitting. The site is open 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. For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste](http://plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste).

**The Fieldhouse Dome opens Nov. 2** – The Plymouth Community Center Fieldhouse dome, 14800 34th Ave. N., is set to open Saturday, Nov. 2, weather permitting. The Fieldhouse provides an indoor space for sports, recreation rental activities, open play, and running and walking throughout the snowy season. The Fieldhouse typically remains inflated through mid-April. For information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/fieldhouse](http://plymouthmn.gov/fieldhouse).

**Pumpkin Drop** – The city will accept discarded pumpkins, gourds and apples Nov. 1-17 at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N. The Pumpkin Drop helps turn old holiday decorations into food for farm animals. Residents should look for a dumpster with a Pumpkin Drop sign on the west side of the Maintenance Facility. Residents are asked to remove candles from pumpkins to protect the animals.

## Budget ... from page 1

### A Goal-Oriented Budget

The budget was developed with the broader goal of supporting the City Council's strategic themes – Environmental Stewardship, City Center, Redevelopment Vision and remaining a City of Choice. With that mindset, the city approached this year's budget with a list of goals:

- Continue to provide high-quality services to all existing residents and businesses
- Utilize tax base from new growth to provide the same level of high-quality city services to new areas of the city
- Be sensitive to property tax increases and their impact on taxpayers
- Address identified operational and capital needs for all departments
- To the extent possible, address capital and equipment needs now by not deferring replacement to future years
- Utilize annual budget surpluses for one-time capital needs, thus reducing future fiscal obligations
- Utilize the 10-year financial plan to ensure Plymouth continues a course of long-term financial stability

For details about the City Council's strategic themes, visit [plymouthmn.gov/goals](http://plymouthmn.gov/goals).

### Upcoming Budget Milestones

A City Council meeting that includes a public hearing and adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan, budget, 2025 levy and utility rates is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd. The City Council may hold additional budget study sessions (also known as special council meetings) prior to adoption to address questions.

Those interested may view previous years' budgets, the Capital Improvement Plan, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and more financial information about the city at [plymouthmn.gov/financialreport](http://plymouthmn.gov/financialreport).

## Reflecting on the return to a normal budget cycle

By Mayor Jeff Wosje

As we look ahead to the final months of 2024 and reflect on everything we've accomplished in the last few years, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude for this community. The end of the year always marks the finality of the budget cycle for city government – and Plymouth has continued to prioritize investments that bolster public safety and enrich quality of life, while carefully managing taxpayer dollars.

Higher-than-normal levy increases were planned over the past few years to finance major infrastructure projects – including a teardown and rebuild of Fire Station 2, an expansion of Fire Station 3, and a renovation and expansion of the Plymouth Community Center.

The fire station projects were vital investments in our public safety. The new stations better accommodate 24-hour firefighter staffing and reduce emergency response times, enhance training, prioritize firefighter health with carcinogen decontamination facilities, improve emergency preparedness, and update the aging facilities.

New Plymouth Community Center amenities have added tremendous value to our quality of life. Facility usage has soared following the addition of the indoor walking track, gymnasiums, K.U.B.E. indoor playground, art gallery, fitness rooms, classrooms and more. Because Plymouth's population had grown significantly from when the original facility opened more than 20 years prior, the project also helped meet increased demand for fitness and recreation programs/spaces.

Now that we have absorbed the scheduled levy increases to finance the projects, this year's proposed levy (see page 1) is reflective of the city's return to a more normal budget cycle. I am appreciative of the supportive feedback we've received, and I am thankful to the community for sticking with us as we made investments in facilities and amenities that will benefit Plymouth for years to come.

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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:** Nov. 12, 26 and Dec. 10

**Planning Commission:** Nov. 6, 20 and Dec. 4, 18

**Housing and Redevelopment Authority:** Dec. 5

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