

# PLYMOUTH NEWS



## Merry Market is set for Dec. 6

The Plymouth History Center is set to hold the Merry Market event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Plymouth History Center, 3605 Fernbrook Lane. Browse the creativity and craftsmanship of local vendors as they show and sell handmade goods.

Hot chocolate and treats will be available, 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, call Historical Site Coordinator Ryan Barland at 763-509-5229.



## STEMtacular Saturday is Nov. 8

The new STEMtacular Saturday event is set for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. Held in partnership with the STEM Lab of Minnesota, families are invited to explore the world of science, technology, engineering, arts and math with hands-on activities, experiments, engineering challenges and demonstrations. The event is open to children ages 4 and older, paired with an adult.

Price per couple is \$20 for Plymouth residents, or \$25 for non-residents. Cost is \$10 for each additional attendee. To preregister, visit [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents).



## Plymouth Artisan Market is Nov. 22

The Plymouth Artisan Market is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. Free to attend. The community may enjoy a vibrant showcase of local talent as artists and vendors display and sell unique products, including handmade soaps, fine art, apparel, pottery, candles, wall art, wooden carved bowls, jewelry and more.

## Plymouth 2026 budget process is underway

The City of Plymouth biennial budget process is underway for 2026/2027. Plymouth City Council has adopted a preliminary levy increase of 7.3% for 2026. As the process continues, the City Council could still lower, but not increase, the property tax levy for 2026.

The 2026 budget marks the first year of the 2026/2027 biennial budget. Because Minnesota law requires cities to adopt a budget annually, the City Council adopts the first year of the budget and approves the second-year budget in concept. 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 2026, Plymouth's growth in tax base from new construction helps reduce the impact of the levy. Another impact to residential property taxes is market value appreciation.

For a median value home in Plymouth (\$500,500), increases to both the city tax levy and residential property value in 2026 will have an estimated annual impact of \$129.

### Focusing on Data, Strategic Priorities

A number of rate studies and analyses are considered during the city budget process, which help the city plan ahead and use tax dollars more efficiently.

These examine areas such as utility rates, debt, staff compensation and benefits, fleet and facilities, Capital Improvement Plan, IT infrastructure and risk management.

The city also worked to ensure the budget aligns with the five strategic priorities the Plymouth City Council adopted in June – City Center Reimagined, A Connected and Thriving Community, Environmental Stewardship, Economic Stability & Vitality, and Operational Excellence – which guide the city's work for the coming years.

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## Plymouth celebrates completion of the Northwest Greenway

Plymouth's Northwest Greenway trail system is fully complete following the conclusion of the project's sixth and final phase earlier this fall, which connected the remaining trail gap west of Juneau Lane to 57th Avenue.

The final phase added .37 miles of paved trail and included two boardwalks, as well as a rest stop with a bench and bike rack for trail users.

### About the Northwest Greenway

A project more than 20 years in the making, the Northwest Greenway is a nearly 315-acre wooded nature preserve with winding bike and pedestrian trails, stretching approximately 2 linear miles from Lake Camelot on the east to the Northwest Greenway Pavilion and Challenge Course on the west.

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*The Northwest Greenway trail system in Plymouth is now fully complete after decades of planning, land acquisition and construction.*

## Plymouth explores three major projects with possible sales tax funding source

The City of Plymouth is exploring future investments to repair and enhance well-used parks and facilities based on resident priorities, user demand and the need to update aging amenities.

The goal is to ensure Plymouth remains an active community where residents have varying opportunities to gather, play and connect.

As these investments are considered, the city is examining whether to pursue a half-cent local sales tax as a funding source for the projects. Research shows that more than half of the cost would be paid by visitors who make purchases in Plymouth. Surrounding communities, such as Maple Grove and Golden Valley, are currently collecting their own local sales tax for community amenities.

### Identified Projects

The projects under consideration are designed to respond to community demand, bolster Plymouth's sports and recreation offerings, and enrich quality of life.

Investments in these facilities and amenities will draw more regional events, support local businesses and give residents additional spaces that bring people together.



*The former Four Seasons Mall site, which is owned by the city, is under consideration as a potential future regional sports complex.*

Identified areas for potential community investment include:

- **Permanent fieldhouse/structure at the Plymouth Community Center:** The inflated fieldhouse dome is at the end of its useful life and needs replacement. This project would replace the seasonally inflated dome with a permanent year-round structure, featuring flexible indoor turf, a separated walking track, and other amenities designed to meet increased community and athletic association needs.

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# Plymouth plow crews prepare for the snowy season ahead

As winter approaches, City of Plymouth crews are gearing up for another season of snow removal and ice control, with operations focused on safety, cost efficiency and environmental care. Information about Plymouth’s snow removal policies and operations is listed below.

**Snow Emergencies:** A snowfall of 2 inches or more prompts a snow emergency and associated parking restrictions. Crews work to clear the entire city – 332 miles of streets and 941 cul-de-sacs – within 9 hours after snow stops falling. Major streets, hills, bridges and curves are plowed first, with an extra focus during weekday rush hour periods.

On-street parking is prohibited until the street has been plowed curb-to-curb. Plymouth also has a year-round parking ordinance that prohibits overnight street parking from 2-5 a.m. daily.

**Smaller Snow Events:** For a snowfall of less than 2 inches, city crews treat and plow main and designated secondary roadways, and implement ice control measures. Plow crews pay extra attention to stop signs, hills and curves in residential areas.

**Clear, But Not Always Bare:** Plymouth does not maintain a “bare pavement” policy, and residents should not expect the roads to remain consistently bare and dry.

However, crews are committed to thoroughly plowing roads and using adequate quantities of salt/brine to ensure motorists can travel safely, while minimizing environmental impacts.

To view more information, and to sign up for snow emergency alert emails and texts, visit [plymouthmn.gov/snow](http://plymouthmn.gov/snow).

### Tips to Help Plow Drivers

- 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.
- 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.

- Clear snow in front of mailboxes to ensure postal delivery. Inspect mailbox posts prior to the first snowfall.
- Wait until the street is plowed before shoveling to the end of the driveway. Residents should note that shoveling, plowing or blowing snow into the street is prohibited.
- Remove landscaping and exterior lighting in the right-of-way to avoid damage. While these items are permitted in the right-of-way, owners assume risk of damage.
- When shoveling, pile snow downstream of plow operations – on the right side of the driveway when facing the street. Doing so minimizes the amount of snow that is inevitably deposited by the plow blade when passing by a driveway opening.


### Winter Trail Plowing

After a snowfall event, City of Plymouth crews clear more than 128 miles of city trail each winter. After a typical snowfall of 2 inches or more, snow removal on trails takes approximately 48 hours.


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 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 spotlights business news

A new facility that includes a clinic, outpatient surgery center, imaging services, physical therapy and orthopedic urgent care, **Summit Orthopedics** has started welcoming its first patients at 6050 Sycamore Drive. The facility was the first building to open at The Boulevard, a redevelopment of the former Prudential campus at Interstate 494 and Bass Lake Road.

**ES Lacrosse** – which offers lacrosse gear and stringing services, as well as custom team equipment and apparel – is now open at 14375 23rd Ave. N.

The **Gardner School** opens this winter at 18265 45th Ave. N. The school offers an academically focused preschool experience and serves children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old, with a focus on physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth.

**Decompress Massage Therapy** opened this fall at 4445 Nathan Lane N. The company offers a variety of services to support overall wellbeing, including therapeutic massage; prenatal care; targeted neck, back and shoulder work; and specialty relaxation treatments.



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEER

Below are upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- **Adopt a Fire Hydrant** – Help remove snow and ice as needed during winter – a major timesaver for firefighters during an emergency. Visit [plymouthmn.gov/adoptahydrant](http://plymouthmn.gov/adoptahydrant) to learn more.
- **Adopt a Storm Drain** – Help keep waterways clean and enhance neighborhood drainage by adopting a storm drain. Keep the drain clear of yard waste, litter and ice. Learn more at [plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot](http://plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot).
- **Fire & Ice Winter Festival** – Greet and assist with family activities during this annual winter festival Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026.
- **Historical Document Transcription** – Read and transcribe historical letters about the Malmstedt family, which moved from Sweden to the Parkers Lake area in Plymouth in the 1870s. These letters detailed the travel of various family members as they moved away and returned to Plymouth, and documented the rise and fall of their fortunes. Must be able to read cursive handwriting. Must be age 16 or older. This role can be done remotely.
- **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 upcoming opportunities, visit [plymouthmn.gov/volunteer](http://plymouthmn.gov/volunteer) or email [volunteer@plymouthmn.gov](mailto:volunteer@plymouthmn.gov).



Volunteer Jordan Jaspersen keeps the fire hydrant near her home clear of snow, ice and debris.

### Volunteer Jordan Jasperson clears hydrants for firefighters

As a volunteer, Jordan helps keep the fire hydrant near her home clear of snow, ice and debris. She also helps greet attendees, answer questions and keeps track of attendance at the Farmers Market.

**Jordan said:** “My husband and I moved to Plymouth in 2020 and immediately fell in love with the sense of community here. Volunteering has helped make Plymouth feel even more like home. There are so many simple ways to get involved that fit into everyday life – like adopting a fire hydrant. I check on mine during daily walks with my dog, and it’s a small but meaningful way to contribute to the safety and beauty of our neighborhood.”

**Because Jordan volunteers,** critical time will be saved if firefighters need access to water. During an emergency, every second counts. To find available hydrants, visit [plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot](http://plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot).



# Landscaping, place making elements add to Plymouth Boulevard improvements

Landscaping and other place making improvements are underway along Plymouth Boulevard. The work will help move Plymouth closer to realizing the City Council's long-term plan/strategic priority to revitalize Plymouth City Center.

At press time, crews had begun installation of irrigation systems, landscaping, signage and other place making elements within roundabouts and along the roadway between Highway 55 and Rockford Road – building upon improvements made to the corridor last year. Work is expected to be complete by the end of November. To learn more about the project, visit [plymouthmn.gov/citycenter](http://plymouthmn.gov/citycenter). Motorists and pedestrians may have also noticed the new Hello! Plymouth branded swing-bench along Plymouth Boulevard near the large oak tree in front of Plymouth City Hall. Made from upcycled wind turbine blades, the swing was installed earlier this summer.



Place making elements on Plymouth Boulevard include a new Hello! Plymouth branded swing-bench.

## Plymouth History Center holds free events

The Plymouth History Center is set to hold a variety of free community events this winter. Residents are invited to attend and learn more about Minnesota and Plymouth history.

**Story Time at Old Town Hall** – Geared toward families with elementary-age children, the events are designed to engage younger audiences and spark interest in learning about history. Events are held 10-10:30 a.m. select Tuesdays at Plymouth Old Town Hall, 3605 Fernbrook Lane N. Upcoming dates include Nov. 4, featuring the History of Voting, and Dec. 2, featuring Traditional Crafts.

**History Discussion Club** – Meetings focus on various historical topics, events or eras. Packets with historical information are available for attendees to pickup one month prior to the discussion date at Plymouth Old Town Hall or

at the Plymouth Library service desk, 15700 36th Ave. N. Upcoming meetings are set for 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 at Plymouth Old Town Hall, focused on Lake Superior shipwrecks, and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Plymouth Library, featuring wrestling in Minnesota.

**Genealogy Discussion Club** – Attendees may learn how to organize, save and share family treasures during club gatherings. The next meeting is slated for 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 for a session titled “Saving Your Stuff.”

**The Traveling Professor** – Lifelong Minnesotan Dave Johnston has been teaching history at various community centers for more than 20 years. Residents are invited to attend Johnston's upcoming lecture on Teddy Roosevelt 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 at Plymouth Old Town Hall.

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The Northwest Greenway features nearly 7.7 miles of paved trails for walking and biking, scenic overlooks, an open-air pavilion for gatherings and events, a Challenge Course and more.

Northwest Greenway trails also connect to numerous neighborhood parks and the Plymouth Dog Park, as well as the Medicine Lake Regional Trail, which provides access to regional parks, such as Clifton E. French Regional Park and Elm Creek Park Reserve. Creation of the Northwest Greenway stemmed from a 2006 voter-approved \$9 million referendum to acquire the land and preserve open space.

Since then, the project has unfolded in a phased approach from 2015 to 2025. Designed with two primary goals in mind, the Northwest Greenway preserves high-quality natural resources – creating a wildlife corridor through wetlands and wooded areas – while also offering recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.



Find a map of the Greenway at [plymouthmn.gov/nwgreenway](http://plymouthmn.gov/nwgreenway). Visit [plymouthmn.gov/nwgreenway](http://plymouthmn.gov/nwgreenway) for trail access information and a map of the Northwest Greenway.

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- **Expanding the Plymouth Ice Center:** Built in 1997, the Plymouth Ice Center does not meet the community's demand for ice time and is in need of repairs and upgrades to outdated locker rooms and commons spaces. This project would add a fourth sheet of ice, modernize locker rooms and concessions, and provide better accessibility for skaters and spectators. The expansion project would also include a new parking ramp and redesign of 37th Avenue.
- **Regional sports facilities:** Plymouth is exploring the creation of a new regional sports complex at the former Four Seasons Mall site, anchored by synthetic turf multi-purpose fields that can support soccer, lacrosse and youth football, among other sports and activities. The project would also enhance the existing park and ride at the site. Additionally, Parkers Lake playfields are heavily used and present an opportunity to create a flagship experience through construction of a baseball grandstand and additional softball facilities. Proposed enhancements for Plymouth Creek Playfield include a new inclusive playground for users of all abilities, as well as a splash pad.

The city has hired an architect to create plans, complete predesign work and provide cost estimates.

The city will share these details with the community in the coming months.

**Half-Cent Local Sales Tax**

To finance the improvements listed above, the city is considering a half-cent local sales tax. The tax would be added to the price of most purchases in Plymouth – just like the state sales tax. Essential items would be exempt. Implementing a local sales tax would allow the city to share the cost of the proposed projects among residents and visitors – people who come to the city for tournaments, shopping, dining and other activities. It would ensure that the responsibility to fund the upgrades wouldn't fall solely on those who pay property taxes in Plymouth.

Research from the University of Minnesota shows that about 55% of the local sales tax funding would come from non-residents – visitors who come to Plymouth to shop, eat or use city facilities. Before a local sales tax can take effect, the city must first secure approval from the state legislature. After that, residents would have the final say through a vote, which would likely take place in November 2026. The city will continue to engage residents and share information about the projects through the website, social media and Plymouth News as more information becomes available.

## 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 Wednesday, Dec. 31. Homes must be owned and occupied by Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025 to be eligible for taxes payable in 2026. 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. 30** – The city-operated Yard Waste Site, 14900 23rd Ave. N., will remain open until Sunday, Nov. 30, 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 and will be closed on Thanksgiving. 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).

**Fieldhouse Dome opens Nov. 1** – The Community Center Fieldhouse dome, 14800 34th Ave. N., is set to open Saturday, Nov. 1, 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. Visit [plymouthcommunitycenter.com/fieldhouse](http://plymouthcommunitycenter.com/fieldhouse) for more information.

**Pumpkin Drop** – The city will accept discarded pumpkins, gourds and apples Nov. 1-16 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.

## HAPPENINGS

**Save the Date: Fire & Ice** – 3-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at Plymouth Creek Playfield, 3625 Fernbrook Lane. Attendees can expect activities for all ages, as well as food and fireworks.

**Sensory-Friendly Sundays** – 8:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. 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 at [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents) or call 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.

**PCC Art Gallery exhibits** – The art gallery at the Plymouth Community Center features various exhibits by local artists. Through Dec. 5, the gallery will showcase artist Dan Petrov's still life, landscape, portrait and figure painting exhibit. From Dec. 12-Jan. 23, the gallery will feature the Plymouth Woodcarvers and Open Art Studio group, senior groups that meet weekly to work on their crafts at the PCC. The gallery is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Learn more at [plymouthcommunitycenter.com/artgallery](http://plymouthcommunitycenter.com/artgallery).

**Plymouth Environmental Fair** – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Plymouth Community Center. This family-friendly event marks the kickoff of the Climate Action and Resiliency Plan. At the event, attendees can explore fun, hands-on ways to care for the planet and help shape a more sustainable future for Plymouth. The event is geared towards all ages.

Learn more about the Climate Action and Resiliency Plan at [plymouthmn.gov/climateplan](http://plymouthmn.gov/climateplan).



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More specifically, primary drivers of the levy changes are impacted by the city’s focus on the strategic priorities of Operational Excellence, which includes competitive compensation for recruiting and retaining quality city staff, rate increases for health insurance, and additional proposed city staff positions; Economic Stability and Vitality, which involves long-range forecasting for city fleet, facilities, IT and risk management funding; and A Connected and Thriving Community, which includes funding for park and trail replacement projects, with the goal of enhancing community vibrancy, interaction, connection and overall quality of life.

Based on identified needs and the strategic priorities, new positions proposed in the 2026 budget include an engineering services coordinator, fire marshal, events coordinator, HRA specialist, project manager/engineer and utilities maintenance worker.

To support the City Council’s strategic priorities and investment areas, address capital and equipment needs, and promote financial stability and solid financial decisions, the city approaches budgeting with a list of goals:

- Continue to provide high-quality services to all 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

CELEBRATE THE SEASON

**Santa’s Mailbox** – Children can drop off a letter for Santa Monday, Dec. 1 through Monday, Dec. 15 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.

**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

- 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 the city is setting the course for long-term financial stability
- Support the City Council’s strategic priorities

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

Upcoming Budget Milestones

A City Council meeting that includes a public hearing and adoption of the budget, 2026 levy and other rates/fees is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 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).

IN BRIEF

**Water service line material survey follow-up letters expected in November** – In 2024, the city began asking residents to help complete a federally required water service line material survey – and, to date, about 4,200 properties with service lines have yet to be identified. In many cases, a portion of the service line may be identified as non-lead but is still classified as unknown until the entire length of the service line has been identified. Service line ownership in Plymouth includes a private/customer side and a public/city side. In November, property owners who still have unknown service line materials will receive a follow-up letter. The inventory is required for the Revised Lead and Copper Rule put in place by the Environmental Protection Agency. For more information about the survey, visit [plymouthmn.gov/service/line](http://plymouthmn.gov/service/line).

**Serve on a committee, board or commission** – The city seeks applications for volunteers to serve on various committees, boards and commissions. The groups help advise the City Council on topics such as the environment, housing, parks and recreation, and community planning/development. Resident advisory groups with openings include the Environmental Quality Committee, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, and Planning Commission. To see which seats are expiring for each group, visit [plymouthmn.gov/commissions](http://plymouthmn.gov/commissions). The city is also seeking representatives from the business community to fill open seats on the Destination Marketing Organization Advisory Board. Applications are due Friday, Nov. 14.

Additionally, the council will appoint Plymouth representatives to the Bassett Creek, Elm Creek and Shingle Creek watershed management commissions. The City Council will review applications and make appointments in late 2025 for terms beginning in 2026. Apply at [plymouthmn.gov/commissions](http://plymouthmn.gov/commissions).

Highway 55 work paves the way for safer streets, better transit

By Mayor Jeff Wosje

There’s exciting progress happening along Highway 55. Phase 1 of the Station 73 TRIP (Transit and Regional Improvement Program) project is nearing a major milestone – the highway will soon reopen.

We know it has been a long stretch of construction along this busy corridor – from last summer’s MnDOT project to the current Station 73 TRIP work – and we want to thank residents, area businesses and commuters for their continued patience. These improvements lay the groundwork for safer streets and crossings, better connectivity and more efficient transportation in Plymouth.

The new pedestrian underpass beneath Highway 55 is complete, and paving regional trail connections will follow next year. The realignment of County Road 73 and new roundabouts at South Shore Drive and Sunset Trail are also slated for 2026.

We are hopeful that this project will help set the stage for potential bus rapid transit (BRT) along Highway 55. The Metropolitan Council, in partnership with Plymouth, Medina, Golden Valley, Minneapolis, Hennepin County and MnDOT, is studying the corridor’s potential for BRT service. The Met Council is also planning all-day bus service along the corridor in 2027, which could serve as a pilot for future BRT.

To prepare, Plymouth is constructing in-line bus stops at Station 73. The city also purchased and demolished the former Red Roof Inn hotel to potentially transform the site into a future transit hub. Since riders are guaranteed a bus at consistent intervals, BRT would offer an affordable, reliable way to connect residents to jobs, recreation and entertainment – from local med-tech employers to a Twins game downtown.

Again, thank you for your continued patience during construction. I look forward to improved safety, connectivity and transit opportunities on the road ahead.

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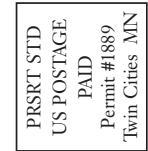
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View Meetings

Live on Channel 16, 7 p.m.  
On-demand video link at city website  
**City Council:** Nov. 10, 25 and Dec. 9  
**Planning Commission:** Nov. 5, 19 and Dec. 3, 17  
**Housing and Redevelopment Authority:** Dec. 4

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