



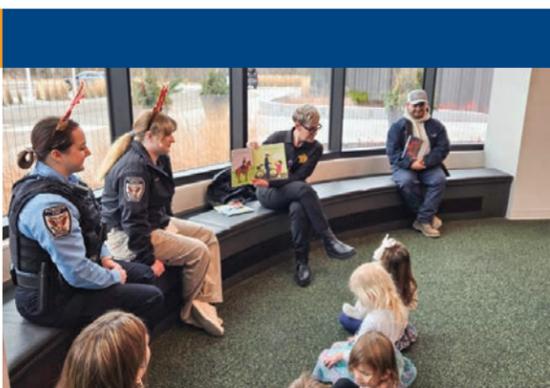
## Primavera is April 10-13

Plymouth's annual springtime celebration of the arts, Primavera is set for April 10-13 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. A partnership of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Arts Council, the free event provides an opportunity for the public to view and celebrate fine art. Original juried artwork by local and regional artists, as well as artwork by Plymouth area high school students, will be featured in the art gallery and Plymouth Room (ballroom) at the Community Center. For exhibit hours and other details, visit [plymouthmn.gov/primavera](http://plymouthmn.gov/primavera).



## Walk with the Mayor kicks off Step to It Challenge

Residents are invited to join Mayor Jeff Wosje for a leisurely walk 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. No registration required. The free walk kicks off the annual Step to It Challenge, Hennepin County's annual competition that encourages communities to be active. To participate in the Step to It Challenge, visit [stepitoit.org](http://stepitoit.org) closer to April 1 when registration begins.



## Books with Badges at K.U.B.E.

Join Plymouth Police and Public Works staff for story time in the K.U.B.E. indoor playground at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. Books with Badges is held 10-11 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month. To participate, attendees must purchase admission passes to the K.U.B.E. Cost per child is \$6 for Plymouth residents or \$8 for non-residents. Children younger than age 3, as well as parents/guardians, will be admitted free of charge. For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents).

## Community invited to Discover Plymouth, State of the City March 22

The City of Plymouth is set to hold Discover Plymouth – which will also feature the annual State of the City address – Saturday, March 22 inside the Plymouth Community Center Fieldhouse dome, 14800 34th Ave. N.

### Discover Plymouth

An all-about-Plymouth event that showcases the community, Discover Plymouth is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free event features local businesses, community groups, nonprofit organizations, representatives from various departments in the city, recreation activities, volunteer opportunities, community services and more.

An indoor marketplace will be available, featuring local vendors selling homemade and handmade items, and other goods and services. Discover Plymouth attendees can talk with city staff and elected officials, preview upcoming recreation programming, and learn about city events, services and happenings.

New this year, the event will also include a young entrepreneur section for youth, ages 18 and younger, to showcase their products and services.

Discover Plymouth includes activities for children, including inflatables, crafts and other attractions. A touch-a-truck exhibit will be available in the Plymouth Community Center parking lot, and attendees may explore a variety of large equipment and vehicles, courtesy of the Public Works Department, Parks & Forestry Division and Public Safety Department.



Attendees can browse vendor booths, visit with city staff and more at Discover Plymouth, set for Saturday, March 22.

### State of the City at Discover Plymouth

Plymouth Mayor Jeff Wosje presents the annual State of the City address at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22 as part of Discover Plymouth. Wosje will discuss a range of city topics as he recaps Plymouth's past year and shares updates about city finances, public safety, infrastructure, successfully completed projects and more. The address will conclude with a question-and-answer session hosted by Dave Kiser of CCX Media.

Residents are invited to stick around after the address to meet the mayor and City Council members.

## Drop-Off Days set for April 25-26

An annual event that offers opportunities for Plymouth residents to get rid of unwanted items, Drop-Off Days is set for Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N.

Each day will offer collection of different items, so residents are encouraged to take note of which date best fits their needs.



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Residents can get rid of unwanted items at Drop-Off Days April 25-26.

## Fire & Ice 2025



The City of Plymouth hosted Fire & Ice in February at Plymouth Creek Playfield. The reimagined event – formerly held on Parkers Lake – featured ice skating, sledding, live music, food trucks, bingo, snowshoeing, fireworks and more.

# A look ahead at road construction in Plymouth

Below is a listing of various projects scheduled for the upcoming construction season. The City of Plymouth reminds motorists to pay attention to signage, slow down in construction zones and provide crews space to work safely.

## Chankahda Trail Phase 3

Phase 3 of the Chankahda Trail (formerly County Road 47) reconstruction project includes completely rebuilding the roadway from Vicksburg Lane to Northwest Boulevard. The project also includes the installation of concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer improvements, water quality improvements, and trail on both sides of the roadway. Construction will be phased over two years – Chankahda Trail from Vicksburg Lane to Cheshire Parkway will be constructed in 2025; and Chankahda Trail from Cheshire Parkway to Northwest Boulevard in 2026.

For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/chankahda](http://plymouthmn.gov/chankahda).

## 36th Avenue Rehabilitation Project

A significant project in eastern Plymouth that will help improve pavement conditions and mitigate safety concerns is set for 36th Avenue from Zachary Lane to Highway 169.

The existing roadway includes an offset intersection between Kilmer and Lancaster lanes at 36th Avenue, which may subject motorists to quick turns and stops in front of oncoming traffic. To facilitate realignment and connect the roadways, the city purchased and demolished the former Apple Automatic Food Service building at 3525 Kilmer Lane N. Kilmer Lane will be shifted west through the property to allow alignment with Lancaster Lane and improve traffic flow and safety. A traffic signal will also be installed at the intersection.

Other components of the project include pick-up/drop-off realignment at Plymouth Middle School; modifying the roadway from Pilgrim to Lancaster lanes; pedestrian crossing enhancements near Armstrong High School and Plymouth Middle School; and trail construction.

Construction is slated for May through November 2025. For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/36thavenue](http://plymouthmn.gov/36thavenue).

## New Roadways at The Boulevard

The Boulevard – a major mixed-use development project – is taking shape at the former Prudential campus at Bass Lake Road and Interstate 494. Two new roadways will be built within the 75-acre site to establish access for the planned mix of retail, residential and park amenities.

Sycamore Lane N. and Quinwood Lane N. will be constructed by the developer with access points from Chankahda Trail to the south and Bass Lake Road to the north. To learn more about the development, visit [plymouthmn.gov/boulevard](http://plymouthmn.gov/boulevard).



*This season will bring a number of infrastructure improvement projects to roadways in Plymouth.*

## Neighborhood Street Projects

A project connecting two dead-end sections of Hamel Road just south of Highway 55 will begin in summer 2025. The project will connect Hamel Road between Urbandale Court N. and County Road 101 adjacent to the Park Nicollet facility. The Frick's Garden neighborhood will undergo street construction beginning this summer, which will include reconstruction of the roadway, installation of concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer improvements, and replacement of the existing water main.

In summer and fall of 2025, mill and overlay or pavement rehabilitation projects are set for the Mission, Seven Greens/Silverthorne, and Carlson Parkway/6th Avenue neighborhoods as part of the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project.

## Learn More and Stay Up to Date

Those interested in learning more about the city projects above may visit [plymouthmn.gov/projects/potlight](http://plymouthmn.gov/projects/potlight) and sign up for eNotify email updates.

## MnDOT Projects in the Area

Though the work listed below will not occur in Plymouth, the Minnesota Department of Transportation is set to begin two projects that may impact motorists traveling in the area.

MnDOT will begin a large project to repair 34 bridges and ramps along I-394 and I-94 between downtown Minneapolis and Highway 100. Construction activities are anticipated to begin in summer 2025 and continue through fall 2026.

MnDOT is also set to begin a mill and overlay project on Highway 55 between Highway 100 to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway bridge in Minneapolis.

To learn more and sign up for email updates from MnDOT, visit [dot.state.mn.us/metro](http://dot.state.mn.us/metro).



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**VOLUNTEER**

Below are upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- **Plymouth Community Center Art Ambassador:** Answer questions about rotating art exhibits during the late afternoon/evening and weekends. Must be 16 years or older.
- **Hands on History:** Help care for historic photographs at Old Town Hall during staff-led events on Wednesdays, March 5, April 2 and May 7.
- **Historic Document Transcription:** Transcribe official Plymouth meeting minutes from 1903-1950 accurately. Must be able to read cursive handwriting. Must be 16 years or older. Can be done remotely.
- **Assist with events:** Primavera (April 10-13), Tree and Shrub Sale (May 9-10) or Bark in the Park (May 17). Must be 18 years or older.
- **Drop-Off Days:** Assist city staff with a variety of tasks during the annual Drop-Off Days (April 25-26) – a highly attended drive-through event where residents can dispose of and recycle select household items. Must be 18 years or older. See page 1 for details.
- **Police Reserve volunteers:** Assist sworn officers with traffic and crowd control, transportation of arrestees, surveillance and patrol activities, special events, and education programs. Must be 18 years or older, commit to 15 hours a month, have a clean driving record and pass 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.



*Volunteer Christina Frazier*

## Counting Plymouth pollinators

As a volunteer, Christina Frazier counts insects such as beetles, caterpillars, ants, butterflies, bees and wasps in Plymouth parks, looking for diversity of species to identify what types of habitats are attracting pollinators.

**Christina said,** "It's exciting to see the impact that volunteers who care for the native plants at Fazending Park and other parks are having! As I walk the native gardens, I count the pollinators but also see and smell the plants and enjoy being outside. Beyond the flowers' beauty, I see pollinators feeding from a variety of nectar-producing plants and pollinating for future plants. I also watch birds eating seeds and butterflies gathering in groups."

**Because Christina volunteers,** the City of Plymouth can best utilize resources to support pollinators in parks and gardens.

To join in monitoring native gardens, contact [volunteer@plymouthmn.gov](mailto:volunteer@plymouthmn.gov) or 763-509-5230.

## SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT



**Free Indoor Walking** – Stay active with the free indoor walking track at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. Free walking and running is also available in the Fieldhouse dome. For available hours, visit [plymouthmn.gov/pcc](http://plymouthmn.gov/pcc).

**Yard Waste Site Opens** – The Plymouth Yard Waste Site, 14900 23rd Ave. N., is set to open for the season Wednesday, April 2 – weather permitting. The site is open to Plymouth, Wayzata, Long Lake and Medicine Lake residents only and identification is required. In April, the site is open 3-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Yard Waste Site is closed Mondays and Tuesdays, Easter (April 20), and April 25-26 for Drop-Off Days. For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste](http://plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste).

**Open Play** – The Fieldhouse dome provides an indoor space for open play activities, including soccer, football and rugby.

Open play is typically available weekdays. To view open play pricing and available hours, visit [plymouthmn.gov/fieldhouse](http://plymouthmn.gov/fieldhouse).

**Storm Drain Marking** – Mark neighborhood storm drains to remind passersby that stormwater drains untreated into wetlands and lakes. This initiative is flexible and great for families or scout projects. Storm drain marking begins for the season when temperatures are consistently above 50 degrees. To borrow a storm drain marking kit, contact Water Resources Supervisor Ben Scharenbroich at 763-509-5527 or [bscharenbroich@plymouthmn.gov](mailto:bscharenbroich@plymouthmn.gov).



**Indoor Playground** – The K.U.B.E. is open seven days a week, offering indoor playground fun for children ages 2-12. For pricing and hours, visit [plymouthmn.gov/kube](http://plymouthmn.gov/kube).

# Several new sports, recreation facilities set up shop in Plymouth

With the continued demand for year-round sports and recreation spaces in the metro area, several business owners have been busy setting up shop in Plymouth this past year. These new indoor facilities offer a range of activities for a variety of ages and interests, including performance training, pickleball, baseball, golf, soccer, and play spaces for children.

After opening its doors in early January, **Big Island Bouldering** (161 Cheshire Lane, Suite 500) has become a draw for climbing enthusiasts. The facility features climbing walls of varying difficulty levels, a dedicated youth climbing area and adjustable walls for training. It also includes fitness equipment, showers and a coworking space.

Plymouth is home to two new facilities that offer year-round training and development opportunities for baseball and softball players. **Brower Baseball** (12755 Highway 55) and **Defined Baseball Academy** (12940 Highway 55), which both opened in January, offer specialized programs to help athletes improve their skills in the areas of pitching, batting and more, as well as strength and conditioning.

**ETS Performance** (14355 23rd Ave. N.), a sports training company that opened last June, provides personalized training programs geared towards enhancing both physical fitness and mental strength for athletes of all ages and skill levels.

An indoor playground facility that stays open 364 days per year, **InnerActive** (14600 28th Ave. N.) opened a new Plymouth location in February. Activity spaces include a jungle gym; slides; bounce zone; basketball court; toddler and infant play areas; party rooms; and play spaces for kicking, building and zooming.



*Big Island Bouldering recently opened in Plymouth, featuring adjustable climbing walls of varying difficulty levels.*

**KraftyGolf Studio** (12700 Industrial Park Blvd.) became Plymouth's newest indoor golf training facility when it opened in February. The facility features three private hitting bays equipped with video cameras and a 3D motion measurement system to help golfers analyze their swing.

**Level Up Soccer Coaching** (2838 Vicksburg Lane N.) moved to a larger facility in February and offers private and small group coaching sessions for soccer players of all ages.

Adding to the growing pickleball scene, Plymouth has two new dedicated indoor pickleball facilities. **PickleX** (3955 Annapolis Lane), which opened in January, offers six courts for both casual and competitive players, as well as open play sessions, tournaments, lessons and leagues.

**Pure Pickleball** (13100 12th Ave. N.) offers 19 indoor courts for players of all skill levels, as well as a fitness center with weights, and cardio and weight machines. Open since February, the facility also hosts events and tournaments.

## Plymouth Ice Center selected to host national high school hockey tournament in 2026

The Plymouth Ice Center has been selected to host the 2026 Chipotle-USA Hockey High School National Championships, in partnership with Wayzata Youth Hockey Association.

Set for March 18-22, 2026, the event will bring together the top high school teams from USA Hockey's 12 districts to the main tournament site – the Plymouth Ice Center, 3650 Plymouth Blvd.

"We're excited to welcome the best high school hockey teams in the country and thousands of visitors," Plymouth Ice Center Manager Erik Halverson said. "High-profile tournaments like this put the Plymouth Ice Center on the national stage and boost the local economy, benefitting area restaurants, hotels and retailers."

National tournaments bring large numbers of tournament-goers, who spend significant dollars on lodging, food, transportation, supplies, gear and entertainment while they're in the area.

The Plymouth Ice Center and Wayzata Youth Hockey Association previously hosted the USA Hockey High School National Championships in 2023 and 2018.



*The Plymouth Ice Center will host the Chipotle-USA Hockey High School National Championships March 18-22, 2026.*

### About the Plymouth Ice Center

Drawing more than 600,000 visitors a year, the Plymouth Ice Center is one of the busiest ice arenas in Minnesota. Home to Wayzata Youth Hockey Association, the second largest youth hockey association in the state, the Plymouth Ice Center also serves as home ice for Wayzata boys and girls hockey programs, and Providence Academy high school hockey. Additionally, the regional facility houses two elite hockey training schools/programs.

## HAPPENINGS



**Pie Day** – The community is invited to participate in the annual Pie Day fundraiser 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 14 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. Slices of freshly baked cherry, apple, wildberry (no sugar added), lemon meringue, coconut cream, banana cream and French silk pie will be served with ice cream. Cost is \$5 per slice with an ice cream cup, or \$25 per pie with six cups of ice cream. Pie must be purchased at the event; presale orders are not accepted. Money raised through the fundraiser helps support programming for seniors/active adults

ages 55 and older. The Plymouth Rockers Performing Senior Chorus is set to take the stage at 11 a.m. during the event. For details, call the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department at 763-509-5200.

**Sensory-Friendly Sundays** – Select Sunday mornings are reserved for those with sensory sensitivities at the Plymouth Community Center gym and K.U.B.E. indoor playground. To preregister and learn more, visit [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents).

**Pint Size Prom** – Plymouth's Pint Size Prom is set for 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 4 at the Plymouth Community Center. The event is geared towards children ages 3-10 with an accompanying parent, grandparent or special adult. Participants may walk the red carpet and enjoy an evening of dancing, photo opportunities and refreshments. Cost per couple is \$45 for Plymouth residents or \$54 for non-residents. Learn more and register at [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents).

## IN BRIEF

**Low-Cost Rain Barrels, Compost Bins** – To help promote environmental stewardship, the city is selling low-cost rain barrels and compost bins. To purchase a rain barrel or compost bin, visit [plymouthmn.gov/environment](http://plymouthmn.gov/environment). A printed or digital receipt of purchase must be presented when picking up. Orders may be picked up 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 10 at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N. Compost bins cost \$76, plus tax. A 45-gallon rain barrel is \$90, plus tax. Rain barrels help conserve water by capturing rain and stormwater runoff to use for landscaping. Using a compost bin reduces waste and provides natural fertilizer for gardens.

**Water Efficiency Rebate Program** – To encourage conservation and reduce municipal water use, the City of Plymouth is accepting Water Efficiency Rebate Program applications. Funded, in part, by a grant from the Metropolitan Council, the program offers rebates for projects that replace inefficient toilets, irrigation systems, dishwashers and washing machines with WaterSense® or Energy Star® certified versions.

Items must be installed in Plymouth. All residential and commercial property owners who are customers of the municipal water supply could be eligible. Rebates are available for 75% of the cost of the item, up to a set maximum depending on the device. Rebate funds are limited and will be issued to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Property owners can confirm device eligibility before purchasing by contacting [werp@plymouthmn.gov](mailto:werp@plymouthmn.gov) or 763-509-5500. Visit [plymouthmn.gov/waterrebate](http://plymouthmn.gov/waterrebate) for more information about the program or to apply.

**Plymouth Environmental Academy** – Plymouth residents interested in learning more about their environmental footprint may sign up for the fifth annual Plymouth Environmental Academy, held August-October. This year's topics will cover local food production, trees, water quality and the ways in which they work together to benefit the community.

Session topics include:

- 7 p.m. Aug. 21: Tree care and food production
- 6 p.m. Sept. 11: Tour of Schmidt Woods Park
- 6 p.m. Sept. 25: Plants, ponds and practices for water quality tour
- 7 p.m. Oct. 9: Stormwater practices 101

Sign up at [plymouthmn.gov/environmentalacademy](http://plymouthmn.gov/environmentalacademy) to participate.

**Tree Sale** – The City of Plymouth's annual tree and shrub sale begins Saturday, March 1 for Plymouth residents. The sale features shade trees, evergreens, shrubs and fruit plants.

Orders will be accepted through Wednesday, April 30. Orders must be picked up Friday, May 9 or Saturday, May 10 at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility. To place an order or watch preview videos that provide information about this year's selection of trees and shrubs, visit [plymouthmn.gov/treesale](http://plymouthmn.gov/treesale).

**Planting for Clean Water Workshop** – The community is invited to participate in the Planting for Clean Water Workshop 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N.

Participants will learn how water moves across residential landscapes, and how yards and gardens can make a positive impact on water quality. Space is limited and registration is required. Visit [plymouthmn.gov/environment](http://plymouthmn.gov/environment) to learn more and register.

**Market Value Notices** – Market value notices for Plymouth properties will hit mailboxes in March.

The notices list the assessed value of the property and its classification for taxes payable in 2026. Property values affect how much tax residents pay each year. Residents with questions or concerns should call the Hennepin County assessor at the contact information listed on the valuation notice.

# Plymouth undertakes projects to improve lake, stream water quality

As part of the City of Plymouth's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship, the city is set to embark on two projects designed to benefit surface water resources and improve water quality in Medicine Lake.

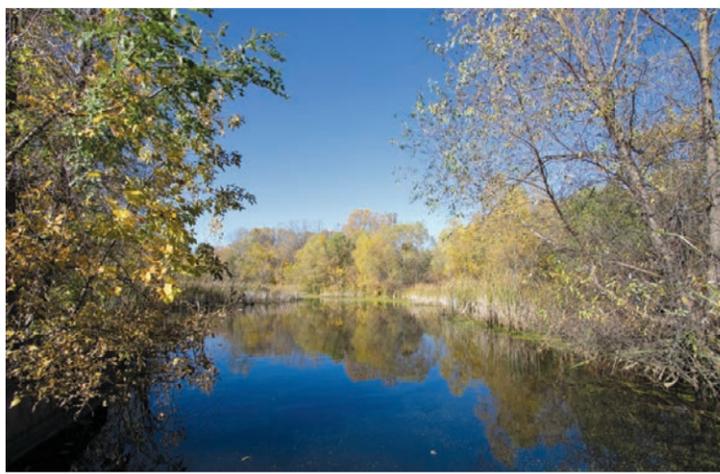
## West Medicine Lake Pond

One such project involves cleaning out the existing stormwater pond at West Medicine Lake Park and replacing its deteriorated weir, the barrier/outlet structure that connects the pond to West Medicine Lake. The stormwater pond captures sediment and nutrients from Plymouth Creek, prior to the water flowing into Medicine Lake.

Located on the west side of West Medicine Lake Drive, replacement work at the pond's weir is set for February and March. Pond dredging will take place April through June.

## Plymouth Creek Stream Restoration

The city has also partnered with the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission to improve the overall water quality and drainage of Plymouth Creek, a stream that flows from Dunkirk Lane to the Plymouth Ice Center at 38th Avenue N. The Plymouth Creek Stream Restoration project will be completed in two phases during the next two winters, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.



*Plymouth develops and implements projects to benefit surface water quality.*

The project includes erosion control improvements, bank slope grading and minor dredging of accumulated sediment in certain areas. Additionally, crews will make vegetation enhancements to help improve area drainage, reduce erosion in the stream/channels, and improve water quality in Plymouth Creek and downstream Medicine Lake.

The stream restoration project may also include storm sewer pipe maintenance, replacement of damaged outlet structures and ecological habitat improvements.

For more information about these projects and Plymouth's other surface water quality improvement efforts, visit [plymouthmn.gov/stormwater](http://plymouthmn.gov/stormwater).

# City's Energy Action Plan Team begins work

The City of Plymouth has established a new Energy Action Plan Team – a group of 22 community members tasked with developing a strategic energy plan for the community.

## Meet the Team

The group is comprised of Plymouth homeowners, renters, business representatives and students with a diverse range of backgrounds. Team members were selected following an application process held in January.

The group will participate in five workshops held from February to September to explore the community's energy use and develop goals surrounding renewable energy, energy efficiency and access to energy information.

## Plan Development

The group is tasked with developing a strategic energy plan for the community, which will function, in part, as a work plan for city staff.

The plan will include setting a vision, goals and focus areas, with strategies to reach defined targets.

The group will also encourage community buy-in to make changes that could include installing window insulation cling in the winter, adding insulation to poorly insulated areas of the home, installing solar panels, replacing inefficient appliances, and more.

"I really appreciate that this effort is resident led – it helps us ensure that we're not working in a silo," said Plymouth Environmental Stewardship Coordinator MK Anderson. "The plan the group develops will help the city and the community pull in the same direction with the same goals."

The Energy Action Plan is implemented through the Partners in Energy program, which is a collaboration between Xcel Energy, Center for Energy and the Environment, and the City of Plymouth.

Learn more about the city's environmental stewardship efforts at [plymouthmn.gov/environment](http://plymouthmn.gov/environment).

# Plymouth leverages new technology to complete citywide tree inventory

To better preserve trees, maintain property values and diversify the city's urban forest, the City of Plymouth will leverage new technology this year as it embarks on a robust multi-year initiative – a Smart Tree Inventory.

A partnership with Davey Resource Group and Greenhill, Smart Tree Inventory utilizes artificial intelligence and LiDAR, a remote sensing technology that uses laser pulses to measure distances and create high-resolution 3D maps, to take a digital inventory of all public trees in the city – especially trees within the boulevards/rights of way.

"We are proud to be the first city in Minnesota to deploy this technology," said City Forester Paul Buck, noting that the city's existing tree inventory is nearly 40 years old and outdated. "This new system will help us preserve trees and diversify Plymouth's tree canopy."

Smart Tree Inventory data collection is slated to begin this spring/summer. Crews will travel the city in vehicles mounted with sensors that can detect and analyze tree size, condition, canopy volume, health and eco-benefits. With an estimated 40,000 trees in Plymouth, the new technology will provide assessments and can compare data over time to measure tree growth and other changes.



*The City of Plymouth will leverage new technology this year as it embarks on a Smart Tree Inventory.*

"Trees are immensely important for our ecology, as well as our property values," said Buck. "Emerald Ash Borer has taken a toll on our urban forest. This investment in new technology will help us more effectively weather climate changes and manage pests and diseases that impact trees to ensure Plymouth's tree canopy remains healthy and attractive into the future."

For more information, call Buck at 763-509-5944.



*Plymouth offers a wide variety of environmentally focused volunteer opportunities for all ages.*

# Volunteer for the environment

For more information about the activities below, and to volunteer, contact 763-509-5230 or [volunteer@plymouthmn.gov](mailto:volunteer@plymouthmn.gov).

## The Great Garlic Mustard Challenge

Plymouth community members are invited to participate in a new challenge Saturday, May 17 – to see how much garlic mustard can be removed from four different parks in two hours:

- Schmidt Lake Park, 11755 50th Ave. N.
- West Medicine Lake Park, 1920 W. Medicine Lake Drive
- Parkers Lake Park, 15205 County Road 6
- Green Tree Island Park, 18915 30th Ave. N.

Participants may learn about invasive garlic mustard, why it matters and how to remove it. No experience needed; bring a water bottle and gardening gloves. To sign up to participate and view more information about the challenge, visit [plymouthmn.gov/volunteer](http://plymouthmn.gov/volunteer) after April 1.

## Millennium Garden Work Sessions

To help keep the garden looking lovely, join city staff as they weed, deadhead and prune the Plymouth Community Center's Millennium Garden, 14800 34th Ave. N. Participants should bring gardening tools and a water bottle.

Sessions include:

- 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, May 13
- 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, June 10
- 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, July 8
- 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12
- 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9

## Native Plant Garden Club

Community members interested in supporting the city's newer native planting areas are invited to participate in the Native Plant Garden Club. This active group of green thumbs helps with weeding, pruning, planting and more at Fazendin Park, 17040 24th Ave. N.

Native Plant Garden Club gatherings include:

- 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 3
- 9-11 a.m. Friday, June 6
- 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 8
- 9-11 a.m. Friday, July 11
- 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 22
- 9-11 a.m. Friday, July 25
- 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12
- 9-11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15
- 9-11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12

## Volunteer to Adopt a Spot

Help keep the city clean and safe by adopting a "spot" in Plymouth – including a park, garden, dog waste station (bags supplied), fire hydrant, storm drain or street. The City of Plymouth encourages residents to adopt a storm drain, and clean up leaves and debris to protect rivers, lakes, wetlands and streams from excess pollutants and nutrients, which can cause unwanted algae growth.

View more information and a map of available spots at [plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot](http://plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot).

# Picture Plymouth Photo Contest winners

Hundreds of entries were submitted to the 2024 Picture Plymouth Photo Contest. Below are the first-place winners in each category – People, Pets, Places, Abstract,

Seasons and Wildlife – as well as the Overall/Best in Show winner. A Readers' Choice Award winner was also selected via popular vote by readers of Plymouth Magazine.

Visit [plymouthmn.gov/photocontest](http://plymouthmn.gov/photocontest) to view all winning photos. The contest is co-sponsored by the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Magazine.



Overall and Places – “Blade of Sunset at Plymouth Community Center Walking Track” by Cathy Milostan



Wildlife – “Eagle” by Michael Hub



Abstract – “Closeup of Kayaks on Medicine Lake Beach” by Kara Bolognino



People – “Exhibition of that Plymouth Warm Welcoming Spirit ... from Young to Old” by Lisa Dyer



Seasons – “Walkies” by Scott Mohn



Pets – “Pretty Kitty” by Grace Hub



Readers' Choice – “Bee-lieve in Yourself!” by Archana Mohan

# Annual water main flushing begins this spring in Plymouth

Like other municipalities, the City of Plymouth is set to complete annual water main flushing this spring.

Annual water main flushing helps maintain high-quality water and removes natural mineral and sediment buildup that accumulates at the bottom of the water main.

Sediment buildup is caused by internal corrosion of the water mains over many years.

In 2025, the city will flush water mains based on the schedule below:

- **April 14-18:** Industrial and residential areas on both sides of I-494, south of Highway 55.
- **April 21 to May 2:** Residential areas west of I-494 and south of the Canadian Pacific Railroad tracks. Residential area adjacent to Sunset Trail between Cheshire Lane and County Road 73.
- **May 5-9:** Commercial and residential areas surrounding the southern and eastern boundaries of Medicine Lake. Commercial and residential on both sides of I-494 generally between Schmidt Lake Road and Highway 55.
- **May 12-16:** Residential and commercial areas north of 36th Avenue and east of I-494.
- **May 19-23:** Residential area in the northwest corner, west of I-494. Residential area on northern and western boundaries of Medicine Lake.



Water main flushing is set for this spring to help maintain high-quality water and remove natural mineral and sediment buildup.

To find out when specific areas of the city will be flushed, check the water main flushing map at [plymouthmn.gov/watermainflushing](http://plymouthmn.gov/watermainflushing) or call the Plymouth Maintenance Facility at 763-509-5950.

Residents are asked to keep garbage, recycling and organics containers behind the curb and out of the road during the flushing process to prevent containers from floating down the road.

Residents should also note that water may be discolored throughout this time, but it is more likely while an immediate surrounding area is flushed.

Residents may want to avoid doing laundry when flushing is occurring nearby. Residents who notice discolored water should let their outdoor water faucet run until the water is clear.

View frequently asked questions and more information at [plymouthmn.gov/watermainflushing](http://plymouthmn.gov/watermainflushing).



Different items will be accepted each day of the event.

## Drop-Off Days ... from page 1

This year's schedule is as follows:

- **3-6 p.m. Friday, April 25** – Only items that are free to dispose/recycle will be collected. Free items include bicycles and bicycle parts, textiles and home goods, paper to shred, used oil, unused winter deicing salt, light bulbs and household batteries.
- **7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26** – Pay items and free items alike will be collected. For participants with pay items, cost is per-vehicle, per-trip. Pay items include tires, small engines (lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.), scrap metal, mattresses and box springs, vehicle batteries, electronics, appliances (non-commercial), bulky items, remodeling material, and construction debris.

Discounted pricing will be offered to those who prepay online (a receipt of sale must be presented at the event). To view pricing and a full list of accepted items for each day, visit [plymouthmn.gov/dropoff](http://plymouthmn.gov/dropoff) in April. The event is only available to Plymouth residents – identification is required.

To access the site, vehicles should turn onto Fernbrook Lane from Highway 55 and follow traffic signage to be routed to the site. Vehicles will not be able to turn onto Fernbrook Lane from County Road 6. To view a traffic flow map for the event, visit [plymouthmn.gov/dropoff](http://plymouthmn.gov/dropoff). For safety reasons, residents are asked to remain in their vehicles while at the site.

## Springing forward with exciting events

By Mayor Jeff Wosje

Spring is almost here. There's a lot to be excited about, and some of my favorite events are right around the corner.

Please join me for the annual State of the City address 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22 in the Plymouth Community Center Fieldhouse dome during Discover Plymouth (see page 1). I love the opportunity to share the great things happening in Plymouth – the city of innovation. I'll discuss business news, development projects, award-winning accomplishments from city staff, police and fire updates, park projects, city finance highlights, and more. Meet City Council members, ask questions, chat with city staff, peruse vendor booths and shop the marketplace.

Another opportunity to visit with me, residents are invited to join me at the Walk with the Mayor event 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1. We'll meet at the Plymouth Community Center and take a leisurely walk on the nearby trails.

The walk helps kick off Plymouth's participation in Hennepin County's annual Step to it Challenge. This physical activity competition is set for May 1-28 and includes 25 participating communities. Plymouth has been named "most active community" multiple years in a row. Help us keep that bragging right by logging your activity (walking, biking, running, cleaning, gardening or playing with your kids) at [stepit.org](http://stepit.org).

Even if it doesn't feel like spring has sprung, Plymouth offers lots of ways to stay active indoors. Stop by the free indoor walking track at the Plymouth Community Center, or enjoy free walking/running in the Fieldhouse dome (available until early April). If you're interested in pickleball, baseball, bouldering, soccer or golf, some exciting new sports and recreation facilities recently opened in Plymouth (see page 3).

The days are getting longer, and the sun is shining brighter. Looking forward to seeing you this spring, Plymouth!

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**City Council:** March 13, 25 and April 8, 22

**Planning Commission:** March 5, 19 and April 2, 16

**Housing and Redevelopment Authority:** March 27 and April 24

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