



## 53rd annual Music in Plymouth set for July 2

Residents can mark their calendars for the 53rd annual Music in Plymouth, set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 2 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Plymouth's summer classic offers an evening of free musical entertainment in a beautiful outdoor setting.

The event culminates with a performance by the world-class Minnesota Orchestra and a spectacular fireworks display. Music in Plymouth is presented by the Plymouth Civic League and the City of Plymouth, and offered free to the public.

Check the next edition of Plymouth News for more information. For information about how the community can support Music in Plymouth, visit [musicinplymouth.org](http://musicinplymouth.org).



## Recreational fire rules

As warmer weather approaches, the Plymouth Fire Department offers safety tips and reminders about the ordinances pertaining to recreational fires (bonfires) in Plymouth. Below are the highlights:

- **Size limit:** Fires must be no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 3 feet in height.
- **Safe distance:** Keep fires at least 25 feet away from any structure, and make sure the area within a 5-foot radius is clear of combustible materials.
- **Be prepared:** Always have fire extinguishing equipment nearby. This can include a fire extinguisher, garden hose or other fire-suppressing tools.
- **What not to burn:** Do not burn flammable liquids, yard waste, garbage, plastic, furniture, construction materials or treated wood.

For full rules and safety tips, visit [plymouthmn.gov/bonfires](http://plymouthmn.gov/bonfires).

## Report issues with myPlymouth

Use myPlymouth 24/7 to report issues such as potholes, street or park issues, overgrown vegetation, graffiti, hydrant issues and more.

Using myPlymouth is quick, easy and gets the issue to the right person efficiently. Learn more and download the app at [plymouthmn.gov/myplymouth](http://plymouthmn.gov/myplymouth).

## Station 73 TRIP project kicks off, will impact traffic on Highway 55

This construction season will bring a significant project to the area around Highway 55 and County Road 73 – Station 73 TRIP (Transit and Regional Improvement Program).

Set to kick off in early June, the project includes regionally impactful improvements that will increase safety and mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit users.

### Closures and Detours

Station 73 TRIP will include significant traffic impacts in the area. During 2025, which is the first phase of the project, Highway 55 will be closed from Revere Lane to West Medicine Lake Drive. The regional detour route will follow Interstate 494, Interstate 394 and Highway 169.

Access to local businesses and residents will be maintained. The project will continue into 2026 to focus on more of the local improvements outside of Highway 55.

As the project continues, lane closures, full closures and detours may occur. Stay up to date with the latest information at [plymouthmn.gov/station73trip](http://plymouthmn.gov/station73trip).



*The area around Highway 55 and County Road 73 will undergo major transformation during the Station 73 TRIP project.*

### A Long-Standing Need

The project is supported by a \$15 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation through a program aimed at helping communities complete projects that modernize

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## Hilde Nights concerts offer free music, community fun

Plymouth's free summer entertainment series, Hilde Nights returns for a second year with more opportunities to enjoy live music at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

The series will showcase a variety of musical genres select Friday evenings during the summer with an energetic lineup. Attendees should bring blankets or lawn chairs, as well as cash/credit cards for beverages and food truck purchases. For more information about the events below, visit [plymouthmn.gov/specialevents](http://plymouthmn.gov/specialevents).

### June 20: The Fabulous Armadillos

This year's inaugural Hilde Nights show is set for 6-10 p.m. Friday, June 20, featuring the Fabulous Armadillos. Opening act, the Young and the Rest, perform the songs of Neil Young, CSN, America, the Eagles and other artists from the '70s. The Fabulous Armadillos cover songs from fan-favorite genres – country, Motown, heavy metal, '70s soft rock and more.

### July 11: Rival 5 and the Hype

The second show in the series is set for 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, July 11. Rival 5 performs at 6:30 p.m., bringing powerhouse vocals and big harmonies to the stage with hits from the '70s



*Hilde Nights is a free outdoor concert series featuring a variety of musical genres Friday evenings throughout the summer.*

and '80s. Adding its own unique flare to the music, Rival 5 describes the sound as the "best of rock with a twist of '80s pop." The Hype will take the stage at 8:30 p.m. to perform the biggest hits from Mötley Crüe, Def Leppard, Poison, Bon Jovi and Aerosmith – five concerts packed into one performance.

### Aug. 15: Rumours (Fleetwood Mac Tribute)

Hilde Night's final event for the summer is set for 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, featuring Rumours: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show. Hailing from Los Angeles, Rumours travels North America performing the music of Fleetwood Mac.

## Broadband fiber optic internet installation continues in Plymouth

Installation of broadband fiber optic internet is set to continue in Plymouth this year. Residents should note that fiber installation is not a City of Plymouth project, nor does the city control the pace of work. While the companies installing fiber must obtain permits from the city to complete the work, 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. 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 until the work is

complete. 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 map of affected areas, a list of companies completing work in Plymouth and additional information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/fiberoptic](http://plymouthmn.gov/fiberoptic).



# Night to Unite block party registration now open

An annual get-to-know-the-neighbors initiative, Night to Unite is set to return to Plymouth this summer – and neighborhood block party registration is open until Tuesday, July 15.

Set for 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5 throughout the state, Night to Unite serves as a community building event centered around crime prevention and strengthening neighborhood ties.

Residents are encouraged to organize neighborhood block parties, which offer opportunities for community members to catch up with one another, welcome new neighbors and update their neighborhood directories. Get-togethers can be as simple as potluck dinners, ice cream socials or ordering carryout from a local restaurant.

## Register for a Guest Visit, Win Prizes

Plymouth police officers, firefighters, public works staff or elected officials will visit the first 100 block parties that register, so block party organizers are encouraged to register as early as possible.

All registrants will also be entered into a drawing for a chance to win prizes, which include gift cards, rides to school in a fire truck, tours of the Plymouth Police Department, and



Plymouth Public Safety, Public Works and elected officials visit registered block parties each year during Night to Unite.

birthday party packages at the Plymouth Community Center or Plymouth Ice Center.

“Night to Unite is a fun event that we look forward to each summer,” said Public Safety Director Erik Fadden. “It’s a great opportunity for public safety personnel and city staff to interact with neighbors, and I’ve been really impressed by our community’s participation each year.”

To register a Night to Unite block party and to learn more, visit [plymouthmn.gov/ntu](http://plymouthmn.gov/ntu).

# Home energy, water efficiency rebates available from the City of Plymouth

Plymouth recently launched a new Home Energy Rebate Program aimed at encouraging residents to make energy-efficient upgrades to their homes.

The two-year pilot program provides rebates for various projects, such as adding home insulation, installing electric vehicle charging stations, replacing select appliances or making certain equipment purchases, and installing renewable energy systems (solar/wind).

Rebate amounts vary based on the type of project, household income and proximity to a climate-vulnerable area, as designated by the city.

Eligibility for rebates is also determined by factors such as a resident’s utility provider.

To view more detailed information about the program – including rebate amounts, eligible projects and how to apply – visit [plymouthmn.gov/homeenergyrebate](http://plymouthmn.gov/homeenergyrebate).

## Water Efficiency Rebate Program

Plymouth is also accepting applications for the Water Efficiency Rebate Program, which helps promote water conservation and reduce municipal water use.

Funded in part by a grant from the Metropolitan Council, the program offers rebates for replacing inefficient toilets, irrigation systems, dishwashers and washing machines with WaterSense® or Energy Star® certified models. Installations must take place within Plymouth, and all residential and commercial property owners who are municipal water customers may be eligible. Rebate funds are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified applicants. Property owners can confirm device eligibility before purchasing by contacting [werp@plymouthmn.gov](mailto:werp@plymouthmn.gov) or calling 763-509-5500.

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

# Plymouth business spotlight

**Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming** is set to open in the coming months at 3530 Vicksburg Lane N., Suite 100. Woof Gang provides personalized, salon-style pet grooming services; homestyle baked treats; pet food; toys; and other pet supplies.

**PetVet365**, a Fear Free-certified veterinarian clinic, is set to open at 16875 County Road 24. With the goal of making pets as comfortable as possible, PetVet365 offers exam rooms that are designed like a living room, cat-specific exam rooms and customized treats, toys, and music.

**Bridging** – a nonprofit organization that provides furniture and household goods to people transitioning into housing – has opened a site at 12864 Highway 55. This new location will serve as a collection warehouse, helping the organization procure more community donations to better meet demand for its services.

**Progia Medical Inc.**, which makes therapy products for people diagnosed with the swallowing disorder dysphagia, received a Launch Minnesota Business Operation Innovation Grant from the state in March. Grants are awarded to promising, innovative and scalable technology businesses.

**HistoSonics** was recently ranked among the world’s 50 Most Innovative Companies by Fast Company, a business magazine, for its production of a new, noninvasive treatment for liver tumors using sound waves. Eight of the top 10 cancer centers in the country have purchased one of HistoSonic’s Edison machines to treat liver cancer.

Located at 9900 56th Ave. N., **the Brooks** apartment complex opened this spring, including various floor plans and amenities such as an outdoor pool and courtyard, community club room, fitness and yoga studio, underground parking, and more.

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transportation infrastructure, improve safety and make transportation systems more accessible, affordable and reliable.

The existing area of Highway 55 and County Road 73 poses a variety of safety hazards for pedestrians and bicyclists with no direct or safe route for them to cross Highway 55 to access city parks, regional trail systems, the Station 73 transit facility and nearby businesses.

In addition, the inadequate geometric configurations of surrounding roadways create traffic delays and safety issues for motorists, Plymouth Metrolink buses, bicyclists and pedestrians.

The project will help improve transportation for all users, facilitate reinvestment in the area and bolster quality of life for those who live nearby or travel through the area.

The project will include:

- Addition of two bus platforms and trails connecting to the Eagle Lake Regional Trail
- Pedestrian safety features for crossing Highway 55, including a trail underpass/tunnel
- Roundabouts at the intersection of South Shore Drive/10th Avenue and Zachary Lane/Sunset Trail
- Relocation of driveways for business accessibility
- Realignment of County Road 73 (also known as Zachary Lane) to improve traffic flow and roadway connection
- Mobility upgrades at Station 73 including wayfinding, a bike fix-it station, electric bike and scooter charging area, and dedicated area for ridesharing and ride hailing

Learn more about the project and sign up for notifications at [plymouthmn.gov/station73trip](http://plymouthmn.gov/station73trip).



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEER

Below are upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- **Native Plant Garden Club:** Weed and maintain a pollinator garden at Fazendin Park, Tuesday, June 3 and Friday, June 6.
- **Hands on History:** Help care for Plymouth’s historical photographs at Old Town Hall Wednesdays, May 7 and June 4.
- **Historic Document Transcription:** Accurately transcribe official Plymouth meeting minutes from 1903-1950. Must be able to read cursive handwriting. Must be age 16 or older. Can be done remotely.
- **Millennium Garden Work Sessions:** Weed, deadhead and prune to keep the garden looking lovely during staff-led events Tuesday, May 13 and Tuesday, June 10.
- **Adopt a Spot:** View areas of the city available for groups or businesses to clean or maintain by visiting [plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot](http://plymouthmn.gov/adoptaspot).
- **Become a Police Explorer:** Must be 14-20 years old and able to meet weekly during the school year to explore a career in law enforcement. Applications are due Friday, Aug. 1.

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



Holly Guncheon volunteers at Schmidt Lake Park.

## Volunteers work to protect native environments

As a volunteer, Holly Guncheon shares her passion for eliminating invasive garlic mustard from local parks.

**Holly said:** “I feel so fortunate to be able to walk Plymouth’s beautiful trails and parks with my friends and neighbors. Working together to remove the invasive plants and make way for natives is a great way to give back and pay it forward!”

**Because Holly volunteers**, the City of Plymouth can best utilize resources to take on the task of removing invasive plant life and allow the biodiversity within parks to flourish. To join the rewarding work of removing invasive species, contact 763-509-5230 or [volunteer@plymouthmn.gov](mailto:volunteer@plymouthmn.gov).

## Meet Steve Frankhouser, new volunteer coordinator

Plymouth recently appointed Steve Frankhouser as the city’s new volunteer coordinator. Frankhouser began working for the City of Plymouth in 2019 as a seasonal maintenance worker in the Parks and Forestry Division. He moved into a full-time position shortly thereafter, where he continued to serve until pivoting into the volunteer coordinator role.



Steve Frankhouser

“This is a fantastic opportunity,” Frankhouser said. “I’m excited to continue cultivating relationships with the volunteers who make up this community and continue building this program into the future.”

To learn more about the city’s volunteer program and get involved, visit [plymouthmn.gov/volunteer](http://plymouthmn.gov/volunteer).



# Use Plymouth’s online options for home improvement permits

As spring projects get underway around the home, residents should note that they are able to use the City of Plymouth’s online portal to apply for certain permits, view their property’s history and find any existing open permits.

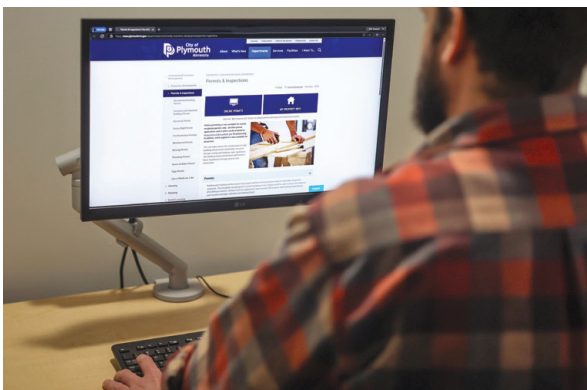
## Keep up to Code

Permits are required for a variety of home improvement projects, including roof and furnace replacements, basement finishing, remodeling and deck construction. Building permits ensure compliance with building codes, which are designed to maintain safety and quality workmanship.

It is common for state-licensed contractors to handle permitting during a project, but, in some cases, homeowners pull their own permits to take responsibility for the work being completed.

Plymouth offers an online portal for homeowners and contractors to apply for permits online, which can be found at [plymouthmn.gov/building](http://plymouthmn.gov/building). Not all types of permits can be applied for online, and only residential permitting is available. Some permits, such as residential electrical, plumbing, mechanical, building re-siding, reroofing and window replacements can be issued at the time of application. Other residential permit applications take up to five working days to process.

Applications for permits should be submitted well in advance of the scheduled starting date. This will allow time for city staff to help through the process and issue the permit at the start of the project. This is especially true during the summer construction season.



A range of residential permits are available online, including electrical, plumbing, mechanical and more.

## Close Permits When Work is Done

While contractors typically schedule required inspections throughout a project, final inspections are sometimes overlooked. Sometimes, contractors may ask property owners to arrange inspections themselves. Open permits must be scheduled and inspected to be properly closed.

To check a property’s permit and inspection history, visit [plymouthmn.gov/building](http://plymouthmn.gov/building), click My Property Info, select Building Department as the search option, then choose address and enter only the house number and street name (do not include Avenue, Lane, etc.).

If a permit appears that does not display “FINALED” in the status column, please call Plymouth Inspection Scheduling at 763-509-5449 for assistance.

# Construction projects bring infrastructure improvements and traffic impacts

Road construction season is underway with a number of infrastructure improvements occurring throughout the city. Motorists are asked to follow detour signage and give construction crews room to work.

Residents can stay up to date and receive email updates for the projects below at [plymouthmn.gov/projects/potlight](http://plymouthmn.gov/projects/potlight).

## Chankahda Trail Phase 3

Phase 3 of the Chankahda Trail (formerly County Road 47) reconstruction project includes rebuilding the roadway from Vicksburg Lane to Northwest Boulevard.

Construction will be phased over two years – with Chankahda Trail from Vicksburg Lane to Cheshire Parkway constructed in 2025; and Chankahda Trail from Cheshire Parkway to Northwest Boulevard in 2026.

Construction is set to begin early May and includes three stages:

- **Stage 1 (2025)** – Roadway closed from Vicksburg Lane to Niagara Lane. Detour: Northwest Boulevard to Schmidt Lake Road to Vicksburg Lane.
- **Stage 2 (2025)** – Roadway closed from Niagara Lane to Cheshire Parkway. Detour: Northwest Boulevard to Schmidt Lake Road to Vicksburg Lane.

- **Stage 3 (2026)** – Roadway closed from Cheshire Parkway to Northwest Boulevard. Detour: Northwest Boulevard to Schmidt Lake Road to Cheshire Parkway.

Residential and business access will be maintained throughout the project.

Learn more at [plymouthmn.gov/chankahda](http://plymouthmn.gov/chankahda).

## 36th Avenue Rehabilitation Project

Construction is underway on 36th Avenue from Zachary Lane to Highway 169. During Phase 1, 36th Avenue will be closed from Zachary Lane/East Medicine Lake Boulevard to the Armstrong High School entrance.

Phase 2 will include a road closure from Armstrong High School entrance to Lancaster/Kilmer lanes. Access to residential areas, Plymouth Middle School and Armstrong High School will be maintained throughout construction.

This project includes pavement rehabilitation, pedestrian crossing enhancements, trails, roadway re-alignment and traffic signal installation at the Lancaster Lane/Kilmer Lane intersection, and modifications to the pick-up and drop-off areas for students at the Plymouth Middle School.

For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/36thavenue](http://plymouthmn.gov/36thavenue).

## IN BRIEF

### Help Prevent Sewer Clogs

– The City of Plymouth reminds residents to protect sewer lines by not flushing cleaning wipes, baby wipes (even if they say they’re flushable), paper towels, napkins or sanitary items down the toilet. These items clog the sewer system and can cause backups into homes. To keep the system running smoothly, residents should throw the items in the trash and not flush anything other than toilet paper.



"Flushable wipes" clog the sewer system and can cause backups.

**Energy Use Survey** – Plymouth residents are encouraged to participate in a short survey to help guide the

development of the city’s Energy Action Plan. The survey seeks input on energy use and efficiency, renewable energy, and access to energy-related information. Feedback will help shape policies and programs focused on energy efficiency, renewable energy adoption and equitable access to energy resources.

Development of the city’s Energy Action Plan involves a team of 22 Plymouth residents, made up of homeowners, renters, students and business representatives.

The initiative is implemented through the Partners in Energy Program, a collaboration between the City of Plymouth, Xcel Energy and the Center for Energy and Environment.

To take the survey and view more information about the Energy Action Plan, visit [plymouthmn.gov/environment](http://plymouthmn.gov/environment).

## HAPPENINGS

**Bark in the Park** – 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 17 at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd. Plymouth’s popular all-about-dogs event features dog products and pet supply vendors, dog rescue organizations, photo opportunities, balloon artist, face painter, caricatures, pup pools for four-legged friends to cool off, and other activities. Food will be available for purchase.

### Summer Beach Series:

- **Beaches and Bonfires** – 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 22 at East Medicine Lake Park, 1740 East Medicine Lake Blvd. Attendees may enjoy an evening at the beach, cozy up near bonfires and enjoy live music. Food available for purchase.
- **Beaches, Bands and Brews** – 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8 at East Medicine Lake Park. Plymouth closes out the free Summer Beach Series with a live band. Food will be available for purchase.

### Volunteer: The Great Garlic Mustard

**Challenge** – Plymouth community members are invited to participate in a new volunteer challenge 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 17 – to see how much garlic mustard can be removed from four different parks in two hours. 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. Sign up at [plymouthmn.gov/garlicmustard](http://plymouthmn.gov/garlicmustard).

**Memorial Day Event** – 11 a.m. Thursday, May 22 at the Plymouth Veterans Memorial, 3400 Plymouth Blvd. The public is invited to attend the annual event, which honors those who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

**Summer Series Skateboard Contest** – 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 17 at Plymouth Creek Skate Park, 3625 Fernbrook Lane N. The free jam-style skateboard contest is held in partnership with Third Lair, and is open to all ages.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three participants from each category. Registration begins on-site at 5 p.m. and the contest starts at 6 p.m.

**Plant Swap** – 4-6 p.m. Monday, June 2 at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N. Free. Participants are encouraged to bring perennials and swap them for new plants shared by others. To get involved, place extra plants in pots and label them with their common names. Seeds and plant wares are also good swap items. For more information, call City Forester Paul Buck at 763-509-5944.

**Free Outdoor Music** – The Plymouth Concert Band will take the stage 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 17 at the Hilde Performance Center. The Plymouth Rockers will perform 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 at the Plymouth Community Center’s Millennium Garden, 14800 34th Ave. N.

**Music in Plymouth 5K** – 8 a.m. Saturday, June 28 at the Northwest Greenway, 5250 Peony Lane. Racers, walkers and families are all welcome. Proceeds benefit Music in Plymouth. Visit [active.com](http://active.com) to register.

**Climb with Cops** – 5-7 p.m. Saturday, June 28 at Big Island Bouldering, 161 Cheshire Lane N., Suite 500. Free. Open to ages 10-16. Participants may learn, climb and visit with members of the Plymouth Police Department, and enjoy a tailgate pizza party. No climbing experience needed. Space is limited to 30 participants. To register, visit [plymouthmn.gov](http://plymouthmn.gov).

**Live at the Hilde** – Live at the Hilde concert series is set to return to Plymouth Sunday, July 27, featuring Michael Franti & Spearhead at the Hilde Performance Center presented by Sue McLean and Associates in partnership with Mithun Productions. For tickets and more information, visit [sueclean.com/hilde](http://sueclean.com/hilde).  
**Note:** The concert lineup has been adjusted and differs from the print edition of the Plymouth News.

**Farmers Market** – 2-6 p.m. each Wednesday, June 18-Oct. 1 at Parkers Lake Playfield, 15500 County Road 6. The market features a variety of vendors who sell fresh, locally grown produce and prepared food. EBT is accepted with select vendors.



SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT

**Outdoor Water Restrictions** – Outdoor water use restrictions are in effect from May through September. Plymouth prohibits lawn watering from noon to 5 p.m. daily. Water customers must also follow an odd-even schedule when sprinkling lawns. Homeowners and businesses with addresses ending in an odd number may water on odd-numbered calendar days, while those with addresses ending in an even number may water on even-numbered days. The restrictions apply to all city water customers, and automatic irrigation systems should be adjusted accordingly. For exceptions and more information, call the hotline at 763-509-5512 or visit [plymouthmn.gov/watering](http://plymouthmn.gov/watering).

**Salt Recycling** – Residents may recycle unused winter deicing salt through Monday, June 30 by dropping it off in the marked bins at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N. Collection bins specifically designated for salt are located near the fuel pumps and used oil drop-off site at the facility. Residents should recycle unused salt only, making sure to remove the salt from bags, buckets or other containers. All salt collected will be reused by the City of Plymouth during future winters. Water softener salt, pellets or other types of salt are not accepted.

**Water Main Flushing** – To help maintain high water quality, the City of Plymouth typically flushes water mains in the spring. During water main flushing, residents may notice rusty-looking water or a reduction in water pressure, especially while crews are flushing mains near their neighborhood. Residents may want to avoid doing laundry while flushing is occurring nearby. Those who notice discolored water should run their outdoor faucet until the water is clear. For information on when an area will be flushed and answers to common questions, visit [plymouthmn.gov/watermainflushing](http://plymouthmn.gov/watermainflushing).

**Yard Waste Site** – The city-operated Yard Waste Site, 14900 23rd Ave. N., is now open for the season. Residents may dispose of spring lawn rakings, leaves, vegetative

garden waste, and brush or tree waste. No grass clippings, lumber, sod, soil or stumps accepted. April through August hours are 3-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. The site is closed Mondays and Tuesdays, as well as Independence Day (July 4). Only Plymouth, Wayzata, Long Lake and Medicine Lake residents may use the site. Identification is required. Yard waste is closed for contractors. For more details, visit [plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste](http://plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste) or call 763-509-5930.

**Keep Pets Leashed** – To keep pets and people safe, Plymouth city ordinances require dogs be leashed at all times when off private property. Unleashed pets can pose risks to themselves and others, and owners can face a fine of up to \$128.

To report violations, call the public safety non-emergency number at 952-258-5321. To learn about leash-free areas at Plymouth dog parks, visit [plymouthmn.gov/dogpark](http://plymouthmn.gov/dogpark).

**Pet Clean Up** – Pet owners must clean up after their pets to protect Plymouth’s lakes and streams – it’s also the law (Plymouth City Ordinance 915.19). Pet waste contains bacteria and excess nutrients that can harm water quality and cause algal blooms. Pet owners should carry a bag or other method for proper disposal during walks and throw pet waste in the trash. Pet waste should also be picked up in residential yards to prevent runoff.

**For Sale: Rain Barrels and Compost Bins** – To promote environmental stewardship, the City of Plymouth is selling reduced-cost rain barrels (\$90) and compost bins (\$76), while supplies last. Both items are made from 100% recycled plastic and help conserve water and reduce waste.

Purchases can be made at [plymouthmn.gov/environment](http://plymouthmn.gov/environment) or in person at the Utility Billing counter at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd. Item pickup is set for 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 10, at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N. Customers must show a receipt or proof of purchase at pickup.

HEROES WANTED

Become a part-time/on-call Plymouth firefighter



- No experience needed
- Flexible for those with kids & careers
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Learn more & apply by June 29: [plymouthmn.gov/firefighter](http://plymouthmn.gov/firefighter)



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Innovation is in Plymouth’s DNA

By Mayor Jeff Wosje

When I think about what makes Plymouth stand out, one word keeps coming to mind – innovation. Our city is amazing and forward-thinking. We have businesses creating devices that will change the future of medical care, exciting new park amenities that foster community, and individuals who always go above and beyond to help others. I recently highlighted some of Plymouth’s innovation during the State of the City address in March.

Plymouth is home to businesses making some of the biggest and boldest moves in the med-tech industry. Philips Image Guided Therapy is investing \$31 million to develop a new global training hub for its medical products, HistoSonics is doubling its headquarters to expand research and development of cancer treatment using sonic beams (sound waves), and Endogenex is a startup that’s revolutionizing treatment of Type 2 diabetes.

The innovation doesn’t stop there. JonnyPops is bringing its Innovation Center to Plymouth, where it will create and test new flavors; Amerilab Technologies is set to meet 100% of its electricity needs with a new solar system; and a host of new businesses have opened in response to metro-wide demand for indoor sports – from bouldering to pickleball.

The city is also doing its part to push the innovation envelope. We’ve launched an Energy Action Plan Team and are rolling out the first AI-powered tree inventory in the state. We’re also investing in walkability and transit improvements, new adaptive recreation programs, and parks with new amenities, such as a cricket pitch and building for maple syruping.

Everyone who lives and works in Plymouth is at the heart of our innovation story. I am grateful to have such excellent news to share, and I can’t wait to see what we dream up next. To watch the State of the City address, visit [plymouthmn.gov](http://plymouthmn.gov).

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**City Council:** May 13, 27 and June 10, 24  
**Planning Commission:** May 7, 21 and June 4, 18  
**Housing and Redevelopment Authority:** May 22 and June 26

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