

PLYMOUTH NEWS



Halloween at the Lake is Oct. 24

Halloween at the Lake is set for 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24 at Parkers Lake Playfield, 15500 County Road 6. The free event offers games, activities, treats and family-friendly fun. It brings together the Plymouth Parks and Recreation, Police, and Fire departments, featuring first responder vehicles for children to view. Costumes are encouraged.



Interactive Story Time in Spanish

Interactive Story Time in Spanish is set for 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 inside the Plymouth Community Center's Black Box Theater, 14800 34th Ave. N. The event is free. Community members are invited to stop by for storytelling in Spanish, dancing, crafts and more. Preregistration is requested. For more information, or to preregister, visit plymouthmn.gov/specialevents.



Plymouth Public Safety reminds motorists of school bus laws

With school in session, the Plymouth Public Safety Department reminds motorists to stop for school buses with red lights flashing and stop arms extended – it's the law.

Violations can incur fines of \$500 or more. This law applies to drivers traveling in all directions on undivided roads (no medians). On roads divided by a concrete median or natural separation, like a ditch, this law applies to drivers going the same direction as the bus.

Plymouth police are set to conduct extra school bus stop arm enforcement at the beginning of the school year, funded by a Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety grant. Motorists should also slow down in school zones, be alert near neighborhood bus stops and watch for children crossing the road. Parents should remind children throughout the year to look both ways when crossing streets and boarding buses.

Communitywide survey underway

In an effort to collect community feedback and gauge city service satisfaction, the City of Plymouth is working with Polco/the National Research Center to complete a community survey. The survey includes questions about quality of life, public safety, customer satisfaction and more.

Surveys will be mailed to 4,000 randomly selected Plymouth households in September. Those households will first receive a postcard in the mail, notifying them that they have been selected to participate in the survey, followed by the mailed survey packet about a week later.

Residents not part of the randomly selected group will also have the opportunity to fill out the survey online at plymouthmn.gov/survey, which will be available beginning Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Results will be presented to the City Council at a future meeting and published online at plymouthmn.gov/survey.



Randomly selected households will receive a mailed survey from the City of Plymouth in September. The survey will be available online for all residents to participate beginning Sept. 30.

The city's goal is to complete a communitywide survey every three years. Past surveys were completed in 2019 and 2022. Consistent surveying allows the city to assess changes in resident input and encourage data-driven, evidence-based decision making.

City Council adopts strategic priorities to guide its work

To help guide the city's work beyond day-to-day operations, enhance long-term planning and better focus city resources, the Plymouth City Council recently identified five strategic priorities for the coming years.

The priorities reflect the City Council's vision for Plymouth – a city where exceptional living, stewardship and service come together. Adopted at the June 10 City Council meeting, following previous strategic planning sessions, the five priorities will help shape city operations through 2027.

The strategic priorities include:

- **City Center Reimagined** – Creating a vibrant hub for living, working, dining and recreating in the heart of Plymouth
- **A Connected and Thriving Community** – Ensuring residents have a safe place to live with high-quality infrastructure and recreation opportunities
- **Environmental Stewardship** – Protecting Plymouth's environment and ensuring natural resources are clean and healthy for future generations



The City Council's strategic priorities include creating a vibrant hub for living, working, dining and recreating in Plymouth City Center.

- **Economic Stability and Vitality** – Bolstering a business-friendly environment that fosters economic opportunities and innovation
- **Operational Excellence** – Fostering a community where residents choose to live, businesses choose to grow, employees choose to work and visitors choose to return

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City launches new websites for Hello! Plymouth and Plymouth Community Center

The City of Plymouth recently launched three new websites – including a redesigned city website and new websites for Hello! Plymouth and the Plymouth Community Center.

City Website – plymouthmn.gov

The City of Plymouth website maintains a similar navigation and layout as the previous site, but includes a refreshed design. Residents may continue to use the website for things like paying utility bills, applying for certain building permits, registering for Parks and Recreation activities, and more.

Notable changes include a new service finder, main menu “Business” option that offers links to resources for businesses and visitors, as well



New websites have been launched for the City of Plymouth, the Plymouth Community Center and Hello! Plymouth.

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Residents select five ‘animal parade’ public art sculptures for Hilde entrance

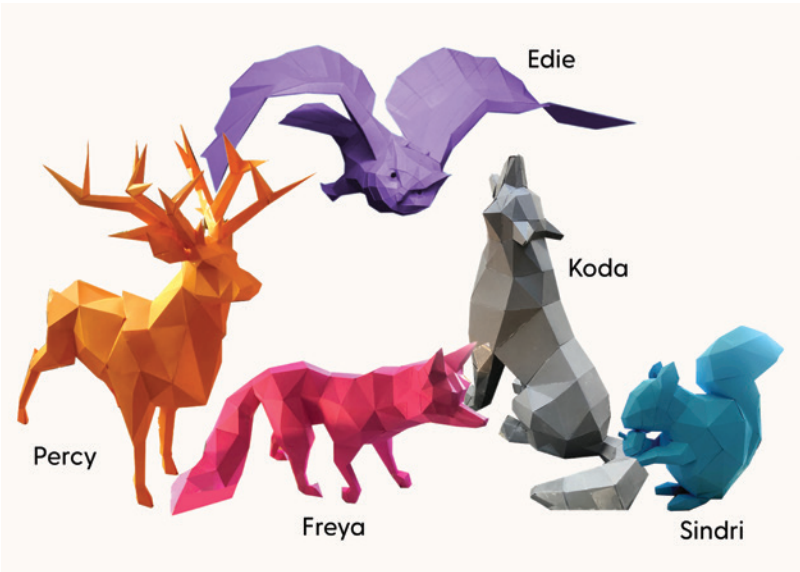
Following a community engagement initiative, which received feedback from more than 3,500 community members, the final “animal parade” public art sculptures have been selected.

Slated for installation at the entrance of the Hilde Performance Center in spring 2026, the five giant animal-shaped geometric figures that received the most votes, and their respective heights, are as follows:

- Koda, a 6-foot grey howling wolf
- Sindri, a 4-foot teal squirrel
- Freya, a 3-foot pink fox
- Percy, a 10-foot orange buck
- Edie, a 10-foot soaring purple owl on a concrete pillar

A collection by artist Kirk Seese, the animal parade was commissioned in partnership with the Plymouth Arts Council.

The collection is designed to foster a community gathering space that offers photo opportunities outside the Hilde entrance. Each animal was named by Seese and will be painted



Five giant animal-shaped geometric figures are coming to the Hilde Performance Center entrance in spring 2026. Each animal will be brightly colored and feature a name.

purple, teal, orange, pink or grey from the branding palette for Hello! Plymouth, the city’s destination marketing organization tasked with attracting visitors to Plymouth.

To learn more about the animal parade and other happenings in Plymouth City Center, visit plymouthmn.gov/citycenter.

This year's National Fire Prevention Week focuses on lithium-ion battery safety

National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11, focuses on lithium-ion batteries and how to prevent battery fires. This year’s theme – “Charge into Fire Safety” – stresses the importance of buying, charging and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely.

When buying, make sure that each product has a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL or CSA. When charging, use the cords that came with the product and follow

manufacturer instructions. Be careful to not overcharge – and remove the battery from the charger when it is fully charged.

Do not throw batteries in the trash or recycling bins, as they could start a fire. Instead, place batteries in a clear plastic bag and bring them to a Hennepin County drop-off facility at no cost. View more information at hennepin.us/en/green-disposal-guide/items/batteries.

IN BRIEF

Fall Shred Event – 3-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N. Free. Plymouth residents only; ID required. Attendees can also drop off other select items to be recycled/reused. For a list of accepted items, visit plymouthmn.gov/shred.

Plymouth Farmers Market – 2-6 p.m. each Wednesday through Oct. 1 at Parkers Lake Playfield, 15500 County Road 6. Vendors sell a range of locally grown produce and prepared food. A special one-day bonus Farmers Market is set for 2-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 on Plymouth Boulevard in Plymouth City Center. For details, check plymouthmn.gov/farmersmarket

Wine Tasting Fundraiser for Music in Plymouth – 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N. Enjoy hundreds of wines, craft beers and spirits, hors d’oeuvres and live music all in support of the Music in Plymouth Endowment Fund. For tickets and more information, visit musicinplymouth.org.

Water Blessing – The City of Plymouth has partnered with Hennepin History Museum to host a water blessing 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13 at West Medicine Lake Park, 1920 W. Medicine Lake Drive. Along with cultural advisors and community partners, the public is invited

to attend to recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day with the Hāhā Wakpádaŋ water blessing. Hāhā Wakpádaŋ, the Dakota name for Bassett Creek, loosely translates to Falls Creek. Medicine Lake is the largest of the lakes in the Bassett Creek Watershed. The event will be held rain or shine, and attendees may bring chairs or blankets.

PRAC Seeks Student Commissioner – The City of Plymouth seeks applications for a student member to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC). Responsible for overseeing plans and proposals for the city’s parks and trails system, facilities, and recreation programs, the commission’s recommendations are forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

PRAC typically meets six times per year the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd. The student commissioner position is open to high school juniors and seniors who reside in Plymouth. The term will coincide with the school year, and the student commissioner’s first meeting is set for Nov. 13. Those interested are encouraged to attend the 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 PRAC meeting to learn about the group. Applications are due Monday, Sept. 15.

To apply, visit plymouthmn.gov/commissions.

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as refreshed widgets that are geared towards enhancing the user experience, bolstering mobile friendliness and digital accessibility, and helping community members more effectively locate information.

Hello! Plymouth – helloplymouth.com

The website for Hello! Plymouth, the city’s destination marketing organization, is designed to showcase Plymouth as a premier destination for visitors and residents alike. The site serves as a central hub for discovering all that makes Plymouth a vibrant and welcoming place to live, stay and explore.

It offers a comprehensive look at the city’s many attractions, including events, restaurants, hotels, parks, rental venues, shopping and recreational activities.

Plymouth Community Center – plymouthcommunitycenter.com

The new Plymouth Community Center website offers information about the art gallery, weddings and events, party rentals, Fieldhouse, K.U.B.E. indoor playground, and fitness and gym classes. In addition to streamlining navigation, the new site also allows the city to better promote the Plymouth Community Center as a standalone facility with its own unique branding.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
VOLUNTEER

Below are upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- **Art Ambassador:** Greet visitors and answer questions about rotating art exhibits at the Plymouth Community Center during the late afternoon/evening and weekends. Must be age 16 or older.
- **Buckthorn Busts:** Learn about and help get rid of invasive buckthorn. Great opportunity for groups:
 - o Saturday, Oct. 18 at Shiloh Park, 2712 Jewel Lane N.
 - o Saturday, Oct. 25 at Three Ponds Park, 5350 Union Terrace Lane N.
- **Fall Shred Event:** Assist residents with disposal/recycling of items, including paper shredding, batteries, bicycles and textile items Friday, Oct. 3.
- **Halloween at the Lake:** Help provide a fun, safe event by assisting with setup, monitoring games and activities, or take down of the event at Parkers Lake Playfield Friday, Oct. 24.
- **Historic Document Transcription:** Transcribe correspondence from Plymouth’s past. The majority of the letters are addressed to Plymouth resident Marie Antoinette Malmstedt (later Smith, 1873-1961), nicknamed Tonnie. Must be able to read cursive handwriting. Must be age 16 or older. Can be done remotely.
- **Millennium Garden Work Session:** Weed, deadhead and prune during a staff-led event at the Millennium Garden Tuesday, Sept. 9.
- **Native Plant Garden Club:** Weed the pollinator garden and prepare it for winter during this session at Fazendin Park Friday, Sept. 12.

To find out more about these and other upcoming opportunities, visit plymouthmn.gov/volunteer or email volunteer@plymouthmn.gov.

Curt Billmeyer volunteers at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility and at community events.

Volunteer Curt Billmeyer helps Plymouth events shine

As a volunteer, Curt has provided assistance at numerous community events, such as Kids Fest, the drive-thru breakfast for veterans and the Memorial Day Event. He enjoys helping with events for adults ages 55 and older, such as Bingo and Memory Café. Curt also volunteers at the Plymouth History Center.

Curt said: “I’ve been a Plymouth resident for 34 years and have raised my family here. We have taken advantage of many of the educational, recreational, and family activities and facilities that the city offers. When I retired in 2023, I wanted to give back to the city my time and skills as a thank you for all the great things Plymouth has to offer!”

Because Curt volunteers, the city can provide exceptional service at special events and is moving closer to publishing Plymouth’s historical documents online.

Email volunteer@plymouthmn.gov to find available volunteer opportunities.



Former Red Roof Inn demolished, site to become potential transit hub

In July, the City of Plymouth demolished the vacant Red Roof Inn hotel, which the city purchased in March 2025. The city plans to transform the site into a potential transit-focused development due to its desirable location at the intersection of Highway 55 and Interstate 494.

As the city anticipates area redevelopment, the property's acquisition is intended to help ensure that transit needs

are appropriately met as opportunities come to the site. To support this vision, the city is developing a small area plan to shape the future of the surrounding area.

The Highway 55 corridor has also been identified for potential all-day transit service from Minneapolis to Plymouth and is under study for future transit opportunities, such as Bus Rapid Transit.

City offers reminders regarding door-to-door peddlers, solicitors

The City of Plymouth reminds residents to be aware of the rules regarding peddlers and solicitors. According to Plymouth City Code 1140, a peddler license is required in most circumstances. Permitted hours for door-to-door sales are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Peddlers must carry their licenses, which feature a photo and expiration date.

Peddlers/solicitors cannot harass, intimidate, abuse or threaten residents. If peddlers or solicitors are told to leave, they must comply. Residents with concerns and complaints about a solicitor should call the 24-hour non-emergency line at 952-258-5321 as soon as possible.

'Peddlers and Solicitors Prohibited' Signs

Signs that read "Peddlers and Solicitors Prohibited" – which may be posted near the entrance to a home or business – legally prohibit uninvited people from selling goods or services or seeking financial contributions, even if they hold a peddlers license issued by the City of Plymouth.

Signs must be at least 3.75-square inches in size. Residents may pick up a free "Peddlers and Solicitors Prohibited" window cling during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday) at the Plymouth Public Safety Building, 3400 Plymouth Blvd., while supplies last.

Additional Prohibited Practices

It is prohibited for a peddler, solicitor or transient merchant to do the following:

- Obstruct the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic on any street, alley, sidewalk or other public right-of-way
- Create a threat to the health, safety or welfare of any individual or the general public
- Cry out, blow a horn, ring a bell or make any loud or unusual noise in areas zoned for residential use
- Walk through any side or rear yard, rather than using the front/main door, to attempt to make contact

Plymouth's Small Business Networking Group helps connect local businesses

To help support small businesses and entrepreneurs, the City of Plymouth invites Plymouth-based organizations and entrepreneurs to attend monthly Small Business Networking Group meetings.

Each meeting offers participants an opportunity to share with the group about their business, upcoming events, and opportunities for future collaboration.

An initiative that began last year with just four meetings, the Small Businesses Networking Group experienced successful attendance. Participants opted to expand to monthly meetings in 2025, as well as alternate between morning programs with a speaker and informal afternoon gatherings.

"Participation has grown from 15 people at the first meeting, to as many as 55 attendees at a recent gathering," said Plymouth Economic Development Coordinator Jennifer Erickson. "It's exciting to see the connections happening here. Businesses have been providing referrals and even contracting with each other for services."

Meeting locations vary, offering Plymouth businesses an opportunity to host and participants a chance to explore the city. The group has met at PickleX, Rock Elm Tavern, Lago Tacos, Luce Line Brewing and the Plymouth campus of St. Cloud State University.



The Small Business Networking Group meets monthly to connect Plymouth-based businesses and entrepreneurs.

Upcoming Meetings

Plymouth-based organizations and entrepreneurs are invited to attend. Meetings are free and registration is not required.

Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

- 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N.
- 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 at Urban Air, 3580 Holly Lane N.

To stay up to date on future meetings and learn more, visit plymouthmn.gov/networking.

SEASONAL SPOTLIGHT



Adopt a storm drain in Plymouth to keep clear of leaves, yard waste and trash to prevent stormwater pollution.

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

Reminder: Properly Dispose of Leaves – Residents should not blow or rake grass clipping or leaves into the street or waterways. Not only is it illegal, it can harm surface water quality. Materials left in the street are washed into storm drains and deposited into Plymouth's waterbodies. Instead, residents may leave grass and leaves on the lawn, which add nutrients and can reduce the need for fertilizers. Leaves, tree waste and lawn rakings can be dropped off at the Plymouth Yard Waste Site. However, due to lack of available space, grass clippings are not accepted. For hours and information, visit plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste.

Yard Waste Site Hours – Fall hours will be in effect September through November at the city-operated Yard Waste Site, 14900 23rd Ave. N. Fall hours include 3-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The site is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Only Plymouth, Wayzata, Long Lake and Medicine Lake residents may use the site and identification is required. The site closes for major holidays. Visit plymouthmn.gov/yardwaste or call the hotline at 763-509-5930 for more information.

Outdoor Water Restrictions – Outdoor water use restrictions are in effect through the end of September in Plymouth. The city prohibits outdoor lawn watering from noon to 5 p.m. on all days during the summer months. Water customers must also follow an odd-even schedule when sprinkling lawns:

- Homeowners and businesses with addresses ending in an odd number may water on odd-numbered calendar days
- Those with addresses ending in an even number may water on even-numbered days

Call the hotline at 763-509-5512 or visit plymouthmn.gov/watering for more information.

Fall Plant Swap – 4-6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8 at the Plymouth Maintenance Facility, 14900 23rd Ave. N. Free. Participants are encouraged to bring perennials and swap them for new plants shared by others.

To get involved, place extra plants in pots and label them with their common names. Seeds and plant wares – pots, tools, books and the like – are also good swap items. For more information, call City Forester Paul Buck at 763-509-5944.

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"We're proud of this collaborative work by the City Council and city staff," said City Manager Dave Callister. "The priorities reflect the heart of city leadership in Plymouth. We're focused on continuing to cultivate a city where exceptional living, stewardship and service come together – offering excellent quality of life for our residents."

To learn more about Plymouth's strategic priorities, visit plymouthmn.gov/goals.

The new STEMtacular Saturday event is set for Nov. 8 in Plymouth

The City of Plymouth will hold STEMtacular Saturday – a new event slated for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. N.

In celebration of National STEM/STEAM Day, families are invited to explore the world of science, technology, engineering, arts and math with hands-on activities, experiments, engineering challenges and demonstrations.

“We’re excited to offer a space where families can explore, build and discover together,” said Plymouth Recreation Supervisor Paul Pearson. “STEMtacular Saturday is all about igniting young minds and showing that STEM is not just educational – it’s fun.”

Hands-on activities include balloon-powered hovercraft, catapults, mini robots and squishy science. Other science spectacles include gummy bear experiments, sound science, chemical reactions, LEGO engineering and 3D printing demos.

Some attendees may also have the opportunity to step inside a giant bubble or witness dry ice experiments.

Held in partnership with the STEM Lab of Minnesota, STEMtacular Saturday allows participants to experiment freely and move at their own pace through instructor-led activity stations.

“The event offers an interactive experience designed to foster curiosity, creativity and hands-on learning,” added Pearson.

The event is open to children ages 4 and older, paired with an adult. Price per couple is \$45 for Plymouth residents, or \$54 for non-residents. Cost is \$20 for each additional attendee. To preregister, visit plymouthmn.gov/specialevents.

For more information about the event, contact Pearson at ppearson@plymouthmn.gov.



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Love where you

Plymouth spotlights business news

To help businesses impacted by construction, the city is encouraging community members to shop, dine and visit local businesses along Highway 55. With a handful of new restaurants opening near Highway 55 this summer and fall, residents and visitors will have even more reasons to visit. Some new restaurants include:

Bombay Pizza Kitchen opened in August at 2705 Annapolis Lane N. The restaurant offers Indian-inspired specialty pizzas, classic pizzas, spiced wings and other savory bites.

Charcuterie Bar is set to open in September at 10100 6th Ave. N., Suite 122. The establishment will serve charcuterie boards, small plates, wine and cocktails.

Fuego Mexican Restaurant, a full-service restaurant offering family-style Mexican food, also plans to open in September at 10100 6th Ave., Suite 102.

Other New Businesses Open This Summer

Additionally, other new businesses have recently set up shop in Plymouth:

Bloom Boutique, 36 Nathan Lane N., Suite 3, is a floral studio offering exclusive arrangements, flower subscriptions, gifts and other floral creations.

Pristine Barber Studio, 36 Nathan Lane N., specializes in haircuts for all types and styles of hair.

Excitement builds as The Boulevard takes shape

By Mayor Jeff Wosje

If you’ve driven near Bass Lake Road and I-494 lately, you may have noticed big changes at the former Prudential Financial campus. The site is transforming into The Boulevard – a 75-acre mixed-use destination that will bring new energy, amenities and green space to Plymouth.

Led by co-developers Scannell Properties and Roers Companies, The Boulevard will feature retail stores, waterfront dining, a grocery store, med-tech offices, residential units and a large public park with nature trails. The Prudential building was demolished last year, and crews are now installing public streets, streetlights, and curb and gutter.

Several projects are already underway. Summit Orthopedics broke ground in October 2024 on a 78,000-square-foot medical facility that includes an ambulatory surgery center, clinic space, physical therapy and imaging services. Construction is expected to be complete in September, and Summit Orthopedics anticipates welcoming the first patients to the facility in October.

Construction is also underway for the first Coborn’s Market & Table in the metro – Coborn’s new prototype with a focus on fresh produce, locally sourced products and meal solutions. The liquor store is expected to open in January, and the grocery store opens in February. Other retailers may be available inside, such as a bakery/café, restaurant and dry cleaner.

The first of four planned residential buildings, Belterra at The Boulevard, is slated for construction beginning this fall. The 207-unit apartment building will offer a mix of market-rate and affordable housing, with completion expected in 2027. A building permit application is also under review for Chase Bank, which hopes to break ground on the site this fall.

This is just the beginning. Developers are in talks with other potential retailers, so more announcements are on the horizon. The Boulevard is a major project that blends business, housing, nature and community. It’s exciting to watch it come to life.

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View Meetings

Live on Channel 16, 7 p.m.
On-demand video link at city website
City Council: Sept. 9, 23 and Oct. 14, 28
Planning Commission: Sept. 3,17 and Oct. 15
Housing and Redevelopment Authority: Sept. 25 and Oct. 23

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