

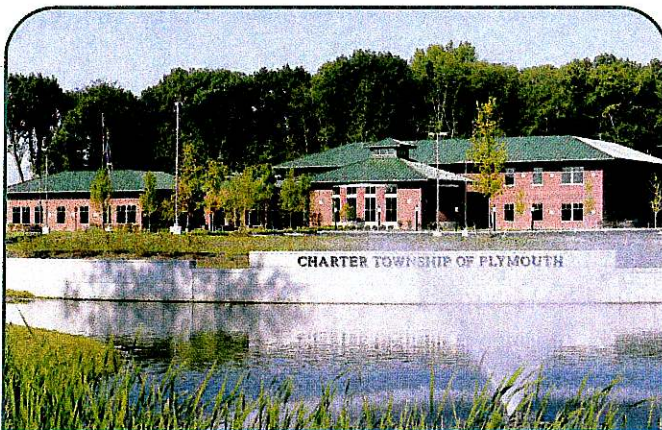
Plymouth Charter Township Named One of 'Best Places to Live'

Plymouth Charter Township (Wayne Co.) ranks #37 out of the top 100 U.S. communities in which to live, according to *Money* magazine. When selecting the top communities for its 2007 "Best Places to Live," the magazine "focused on smaller places that offered the best combination of economic opportunity, good schools, safe streets, things to do and a real sense of community."

According to Supervisor **Richard Reaume**, officials were "delighted and proud" when they learned of the news just prior to the release of the "Top 100" listing. Communities were not contacted prior to the selection process. Rather, the township's amenities, services and overall community pride spoke for themselves.

The township, whose population is just over 28,000, was the highest rated Michigan community on the Top 100 list, which also included the cities of Farmington and Saline. This isn't the first time the township has received national recognition by the publication—the township was named a "Hot Town" by *Money* magazine in 2004.

Good news travels fast, and word has gotten out to residents that they are living in one of the top communities in the U.S. "They are tickled and delighted," Reaume said. "I'm hearing people say, 'We've known it all along, but it's great that someone else is recognizing it.'"



While *Money* magazine recently selected Plymouth Charter Township as one of the "Best Places to Live," more than 28,000 residents have always been in-the-know about the appeal of their community.



Extensive recreational opportunities were among the notable aspects of Plymouth Charter Township, including its township-owned golf course and 80-acre park that includes the addition of the "sprayscape" pictured above.

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In describing the township, the magazine wrote, "Plymouth Charter Township is a quiet community with a firm commitment to providing outdoor recreational space, demonstrated through the opening of multiple parks and the upkeep of a township-owned golf course. ... Residents ... have a short commute to Detroit, and current roadwork promises to make it even easier."

Despite the state's current economic downturn, the township continues to attract businesses—and expand job opportunities in the area. Although the *Money* magazine article described the township's workforce as "very industrial," Reaume noted that it is actually primarily technology and research-based, including companies in the auto supplier industry. Michigan-based auto supplier Bosch opened a technical center in the township in March, bringing 400 jobs to the area.

"During the work week, our community swells by more than 10,000 people who make their living here," Reaume said. "We are one of the few places in Michigan that has been able to retain and attract new businesses."

The township, which is actually a "half-township" of six-by-three miles following an 1898 split with **Northville Charter Township** (Wayne Co.), has an extensive amount of recreational opportunities for residents, including an 80-acre township park with ballfields, a walking path, a pond for fishing and a "sprayscape," (pictured above) added in 2003. The area's school district, Plymouth-Canton Schools, also earned high marks, according to *Money* magazine's analysis.

"We're proud that a well-respected national magazine looked at quality of life issues, and recognized the township for all those things we strive to provide," Reaume said. "This will be an excellent recruitment tool for the township, to boost home sales, attract businesses and encourage families to make Plymouth Charter Township their home."