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Charter Township of Plymouth

Open House event planned for new Township Hall Complex

The long anticipated move into new Township facilities took place at the end of June. The new Township Hall, Police Station and Fire Station are now open for business and serving residents of the community.

Township officials are proud of the new municipal complex and everyone looks forward to your visit the next time you stop in.

An Open House and Dedication event has been planned for Tuesday, Sept. 26th and you are invited to attend.

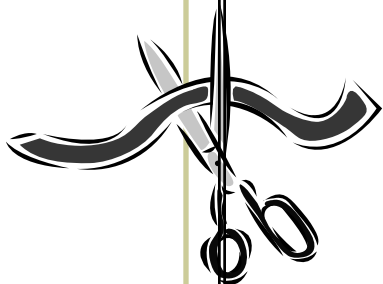
Guests will be taken on guided tours of Township offices as well as the Police Department and Fire Station from 4:30 pm–6:00 pm and refreshments will be served.

The Dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 6:00 pm.

You are invited!

Tuesday, September 26, 2006
Township Hall/Police Station/Fire Station
Open House & Dedication

4:30 pm–6:00 pm Building Tours & Refreshments
6:00 pm Dedication & Ribbon Cutting



Fire Safety Day Open House—Saturday, October 14, 2006

Once again the Plymouth Community Fire Department will hold a “Fire Safety Day” during National Fire Prevention Week. This year the event will be held at the newly constructed Fire Station.

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2006
Time: 11:00 am–4:00 pm
Place: Fire Station One
9911 N. Haggerty Rd.
(just north of Ann Arbor Road)

There will be Fire Safety workshops for kids, fire station tours, and a variety of demonstrations such as fire extinguisher, vehicle extrication, and kitchen fire. Refreshments will be served.

An exciting new addition to the day will be “Sparky’s Hazard House”. This 3-D tabletop model of a home is used to help adults and children identify fire hazards and learn how to transform the house from a hazardous house to a fire-safe house.

Important Trash Collection Schedule Information—Clip & Save!



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection is part of your regular curbside compost/yard waste pick up. Leaves will be collected on your regular collection day **provided that they are:**

1. In paper yard waste bags that can be purchased at your local hardware and grocery stores (leaves left loose at or near the curb will NOT be collected).
2. In a 35 gallon or less container marked "YARD WASTE" OR "X" OR "C".

REMINDER!

YARD WASTE SEASON NOW ENDS 2ND WEEK OF JANUARY!

The week ending January 12, 2007 will be the last week of curbside collection of yard waste. After January 12, 2007 yard waste will not be collected curbside until Monday, April 2, 2007.

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULES

THANKSGIVING

There will be no trash collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 2006. If your normal collection day falls on Thursday, November 23, 2006 your collection will be completed Friday, November 24, 2006. If your normal collection day falls on Friday, November 24, 2006 your trash collection will be completed on Saturday, November 25, 2006.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS

There will be no trash collection on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2006 or Monday, January 1, 2007. **Trash collection will be delayed one day each holiday week with normal Friday collections completed on Saturday. Please place your items to the curb by 7:00 am on your collection day.**

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas trees will be collected for compost/yard waste during the week beginning January 2, 2007 and ending Friday, January 12, 2007. Trees can be placed curbside on your scheduled pick-up day.



Information available on tree planting

Are you planning to do any tree planting this year? Whether replacing an ash tree or just doing some general landscaping, it pays to put some thought into the selection of trees for your property.

A document created by the Michigan State University Extension may be of some help. Extension Bulletin E-2925 is a guide that gives suggestions for species that should be considered in situations where a homeowner, landscaper, or urban



forester may have planted an ash in the past. General species characteristics, mature form and size and other noteworthy characteristics are given.

This 12-page guide and other useful information is available at the following website:

www.emeraldashborer.info

Click on the menu on the left side of the home page, "Information for Homeowners", then "Alternative Tree Species Selection."

Operation Identification: police burglary prevention program

The Plymouth Township Police Department recommends that citizens take the time to mark their personal property so that in the event it is stolen and subsequently recovered, it can be identified as belonging to them and returned.

What is Operation Identification?

Operation Identification is a citizen's burglary prevention program for use in homes and businesses. Operation ID involves the marking of property with an identifying number as a means of discouraging burglary and theft.

The Operation ID program has two parts:

1. First: Mark your valuables with your Driver's License Number so that your property can be traced and identified as yours.
2. Second: Display a sticker which tells would-be burglars that your property has been marked.

What makes Operation Identification so effective?

Marked property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of or re-sell. It can be traced to the rightful owner with relative ease. If the burglar is caught with marked property, it is solid evidence of possession of stolen goods.

How to participate

To participate in Operation Identification, call the Plymouth Township Police Department and ask about borrowing an electric engraving tool. You can arrange for pickup by contacting Officer Jamie Senkbeil at 734-354-3243. There is no charge to use the engraver,

however it must be returned within 48 hours. If an engraver is not available, they can be purchased at any hardware store at minimal expense.

Important Tips

When marking your valuables, always use your Driver's License Number, including your two letter state identifier. Never use your Social Security Number. In the example below, notice there are no gaps or spaces in the number.

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As you mark your items, always engrave the number on an area that cannot be easily dismantled and is not easily seen.

After marking your property, make a list of your valuables and keep a copy of the list in a safe place. If you should subsequently become a burglary victim, you will be able to quickly describe the stolen property from the list. Items that cannot be marked should be photographed or videotaped. This will be of great help to the Police Department in attempts to recover the stolen property.

Once property has been marked and a list made, display an Operation Identification sticker on a window which might be used for entry. By advertising your participation in Operation ID in this way, you are announcing that your valuable property has been marked and will be difficult for a burglar to re-sell. Often the presence of the sticker alone is enough to deter a burglar.

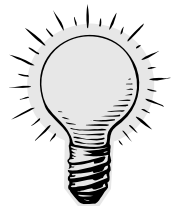
Utility issues topic of Consumer Forum in Canton

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) invites you to attend a consumer forum to learn about changes occurring in the electric, natural gas and telephone industries. At the forum, you will be able to get the latest information on electric and natural gas rates for the winter, and learn the current status of local and long distance telephone service. Attendees will also be able to ask questions and express their concerns regarding service quality or other utility issues.

The Consumer Forum scheduled for this area is:

Canton Township
Wednesday, October 25, 2006
6:00 pm
Summit on the Park Community Center
Grand Ball Room
46000 Summit Parkway

The Michigan Public Service Commission can be reached at 800-292-9555 and on the internet at www.michigan.gov/mpsc.



Q & A about sewer backup

Is Plymouth Township responsible for my sewer line?

Plymouth Township is only responsible for the public main sewer line. The private sewer connection from your building to the main sewer line is the responsibility of the property owner.

What is Plymouth Township doing to maintain their portion of the sewer line?

There is a reoccurring program to clean, inspect and repair all sewer mains in the Township. The cleaning program is intended to remove tree roots and material that collect in the sewer. Video cameras are used to inspect the lines and determine what areas should be serviced and repaired.

What should a homeowner do to maintain the private portion of the sewer line?

Homeowners can take the same precautions with periodic cleaning and video camera inspections to locate and remove tree roots, blockages or other problems. In addition, property owners can install a backwater valve to prevent sewer backup into their buildings. There are private plumbing companies in the area that can use a video camera and provide cleanout services at the homeowner's expense.

If a sewage backup occurs, who can I call?

Call the Division of Public Services at 734-354-3270 and you should also consider contacting a private plumbing contractor to respond.

What if the problem is in my sewer connection?

The property owner is responsible for repairs to the private sewer line and any property damage in their home or basement.

Can the public sewer become blocked and would the Township be responsible for damage?

Yes, public sewers can become blocked or overloaded which could result in sewage or water backing up into the homeowner's property. However, Public Act 222 of 2001 significantly limits the liability of government agencies for sewer backups.



Can I file a claim?

Public Act 222 did establish a procedure for property owners seeking compensation for sewer backups. Any claim must be submitted within 45 days.

What about my homeowner's insurance policy?

We strongly urge you to check with your insurance company to see if sewage backup coverage is provided.

Who do I call if I have more questions?

Contact the Department of Public Works (DPW) at 734-354-3270, ext. 3.

Watershed Notes: Repair auto fluid leaks right away

The next time it rains, look down at your driveway or the nearest parking lot. See any colorful "oil rainbows" slicked across the pavement? It's a sign that someone's car is leaking fluids.

The rainbows might look pretty, but these fluid leaks are composed of highly toxic materials, such as antifreeze, motor oil, brake fluid and transmission fluid. When the toxics enter the storm drain system or leach into the soil, surface and groundwater supplies are contaminated. That means your drinking water supplies are put at risk.

You rely on your car for safe, convenient transportation. Why not treat it right and protect water quality at the



same time? Repair auto fluid leaks right away. Use a drip pan to catch leaks if repairs are delayed. Collect and dispose of fluids from routine maintenance properly.

All used car fluids can be brought free of charge to our annual household hazardous waste collection in the spring of 2007, or used motor oil and antifreeze is sometimes taken at no cost at local auto parts stores and repair shops. Contact your local store for more information.

Supervisor's Corner: serving residents in our new home



It has been a hectic summer for us here at Township Offices. We moved into our new municipal complex in June and July and are now providing one-stop service to our residents.

Unlike the previous facilities where a resident might have to travel from building to building across a parking lot or use their vehicle to travel to another location, all Township Departments are under one roof.

If you have a question for the Water & Sewer Department or Solid Waste and Recycling; need to obtain a building permit; apply for a passport; obtain an absentee ballot or even purchase a dog license, this can all be accomplished at the new Township Hall.

Also, our Police Department is now more conveniently located for residents who may need a copy of an accident report, apply for the Citizen's Police Academy or sign up for a child safety seat inspection.

Administrative offices and the Fire Department relocated into the new Township Hall and Fire Station One at the end of June. After establishing the phones and computers in the new facilities, the Police Department relocated in mid-July. This was a planned move in two phases to allow us to provide seamless emergency service to our residents.

An improved Fire Station One provides a modern facility for firefighter/paramedics and the station apparatus. The new facility is a significant upgrade from the original volunteer fire station built back in the early 1950's.

Everyone in the community should be proud of the Township's new complex (fire station, police station and Township Hall). I hope you will stop by during the Open House event on September 26 (see page one for details) as we "cut the ribbon" on the Township's new home.

Richard Reaume

Plymouth Community United Way needs your support

The Plymouth Community United Way 2006 Campaign is underway with a goal of \$1.3 million. Your support is needed so that PCUW can continue to provide for the human service needs of the community.

Since 1944, PCUW, with your support, has positively impacted the lives of many individuals in our community. Senior citizens, the disabled, children, families and others in need of assistance benefit from your generosity. In 2005, over \$1 Million in allocations, grants, and designations to agencies were disbursed to help people in need.

Our Plymouth Community United Way continues to work with community partners and charities that you have indicated are most important. The agencies supported are here, in our community. Your donation, whether by check, a monthly donation, gift of stock, or a pledge of future planned giving will help improve the lives of people right here, in our community. You can also go

online at www.plymouthunitedway.org and make a secure donation.

Checks should be payable to:



Plymouth Community United Way
P. O. Box 6356
Plymouth, MI 48170

If you support the United Way through your place of work, please consider designating your donation to the Plymouth Community United Way. By doing so, your dollars return to help people in our home town. In most cases, writing "**Plymouth Community United Way**" in the space provided is sufficient.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding designating to PCUW, please call the office at 734-453-6879.

Remember, "**Everybody Matters**" . . . those in need and those who care.

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