

ISSUES & PROGRAMS (Q1 – 2024)

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ISSUES COVERED

- **Plymouth-Canton Community Schools News**
- **Public Safety and Municipal Government News in Plymouth, Canton and the surrounding communities**
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ISSUE ONE:

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools News

1/8/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16

P-CCS partners with Canton Village Theatre to present MLK Day event.

1/11/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:11

P-CEP auditorium manager Paul Bird named Extra Miler Award Recipient

1/19/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:15

New honorees named for Sandra Saegar Wall of courage at P-CEP

1/19/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:21

P-CCS Board of Education approves upgrades at East & West Middle School through 2020 bond

1/22/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:12

P-CCS announces plans for annual Realtor Breakfast event

1/23/24 Moments with Merritt 5:45pm 15:33

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1/31/24 Community Focus 5:45pm 8:43
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' residents will have the opportunity to vote on a long-standing Non-Homestead millage renewal that would continue to generate operating revenue that is essential for our district, over the next 20 years. The election is on Tuesday February 27. This is an appeal to continue at the same funding level that has been maintained since 1994. The millage applies only to local business, industrial, and commercial property, and property that is not the owner's primary residence. 88.1 the Park's Assistant Manager, John Kreger, spoke with P-CCS Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Monica Merritt, about the millage renewal election.

2/5/24 Women's Sports Spotlight 5:45pm 8:35
88.1 the Park's Sports Director, Andy McLaren, with help from Sports Staff Members Leo Popp and Andrew Stamatakos, spotlight the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Gymnastics Teams. They talk with Salem's Anna Barczyk, Plymouth's Alex Cinzori, and Canton's Reese Maddock, along with Plymouth Coach Rob Seale

2/6/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:18
P-CCS Department of Student and Family Engagement to hold workshop about eating disorders

2/6/24 Moments with Merritt 5:45pm 15:33
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2/7/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:13
P-CCS Department of Student and Family Engagement offers "Cardio Drumming" health event

2/8/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:10
Hulsing Elementary students launch new Kindness Club program

2/12/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:17
Park Players Theatre Company to present "The Odd Couple, Female Version"

2/13/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:19
P-CCS Superintendent Dr. Monica Merritt invites community to Coffee with Monica event

2/13/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
P-CCS Department of Student and Family Engagement hosts “At-risk” workshop for parents

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2/14/24 Community Focus 5:45pm 11:13
88.1 the Park will host the station’s annual Record, CD and Music Memorabilia Show on Saturday February 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Early admission begins at 9:00 a.m. for \$10 and regular admission begins at 10:00 a.m. for \$5. Proceeds from the record show benefit the student radio station for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. 88.1 the Park’s, Leia Riley, spoke with 88.1 Station Manager, Bill Keith, about this year’s record show.

2/15/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:14
P-CCS launches new programming for preschool and young learners for 2024-25 school year

2/21/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:18
P-CCS voters will decide on non-homestead millage renewal on Presidential primary ballot

2/21/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
P-CCS Department of Student and Family Engagement offers programs for young learners

2/23/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:17
P-CEP SADD program earns funding grant for distractive driving awareness campaign

2/26/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:13
P-CCS Department of Student and Family Engagement hosts learning techniques workshop

2/28/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:22
P-CCS voters approve 20-year non-homestead millage renewal

2/28/24 Community Focus 5:45pm 7:53
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will host the P-CCS Early Middle College Family Information Night on Wednesday March 6, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth High School in room 401. P-CCS representatives will be joined by the district’s partner colleges, Schoolcraft and Washtenaw Community College. This will be an open house format with the opportunity to speak with college representatives to learn more about their program. Students apply for the

EMC in the spring of their 9th grade year. 88.1 the Park's, Fahad Arif, spoke with P-CCS Early Middle College Coordinator, Amanda Pelukas, about the program and information night.

3/4/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:19
P-CCS Department of Student and Family Engagement holds social media awareness workshop

3/4/24 Women's Sports Spotlight 5:45pm 5:10
The PCS Penguins just wrapped up their 2023/2024 season with an appearance in the State Playoffs against Walled Lake Central. 88.1 the Park's Sports Director, Andy McLaren, spoke with Penguins Coach, Don Berninger to learn more about the team.

3/5/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:23
Schoolcraft College launches Dual Enrollment classes with area school districts including P-CCS

3/5/24 Moments with Merritt 5:45pm 8:00
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P-CEP Culinary and Management teams prepare to compete at state finals in Kalamazoo

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East Middle School Mathcounts team gears up for state competition

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ISSUE TWO:

Public Safety and Municipal Government News in Plymouth, Canton and the surrounding communities

1/19/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:15
Canton Township finance department recognized for solid business practices and transparency

1/24/24 Community Focus 5:45pm 11:58
Canton Township is gearing up for a massive renovation of local roads over the next five years, hitting both major streets and subdivision roads. 88.1 the Park's Fahad Arif spoke with Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, about the upcoming projects.

1/31/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
Canton Township holds community events to outline the township's governmental master plan

2/1/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:18
City of Plymouth opens applications for Ruth Huston Whipple Service Award

2/9/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:21
Developers seek planning permission for new apartments near Cherry Hill and Lotz Road

2/21/24 Community Focus 5:45pm 20:54
A proposed wastewater treatment facility in Salem Township has drawn the attention of Friends of the Rouge because of the impact it will have on the environment, especially Fellows Creek and the Rouge River. 88.1 the Park's, Anya Read, spoke with the Executive Director of Friends of the Rouge, Marie McCormick about he proposed plant, Friends of the Rouge and their work in the community, and what drew her to environmental advocacy.

3/5/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:17
City of Plymouth offers residents an inside look at government with return of citizens academy.

3/20/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
Canton Fire Department launches new feedback system to track resident feedback

3/22/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:14
Michigan Army National Guard to host a Meet the Guard Event in Taylor this April

ISSUE THREE:

Municipally sponsored Recreation and Programming News in Plymouth, Canton and the surrounding communities

1/8/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:14
Plymouth's Daddy-Daughter dance returns for another year

1/8/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:11
Canton Summit on the Park prepares to re-open renovated pool complex

2/6/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:18
Canton Leisure Services offers “Lend-a-sleds” at base of sled hill near Summit on the Park

2/15/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
Canton Township Chinese Festival to return again in 2024

2/22/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:12
Canton Township Farmers Market to hold winter artisan markets at Summit on the Park

2/23/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
Canton Township Farmers Market announces opening plans for 2024 summer season

ISSUE FOUR:

Arts and Educational Events and News in Plymouth, Canton and surrounding communities

1/10/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:13
Plymouth Community Arts Council seeks submissions for new sign-based exhibition.

1/10/24 Community Focus 5:45pm 18:13
The Michigan Philharmonic is a longtime musical treasure in Plymouth. The orchestra has two significant upcoming performances, Miniature Masterpieces and Motown and Mama Mia. 88.1 the Park’s, Anya Read, spoke with the Executive Director of the Michigan Philharmonic, Beth Stewart. They talked about the upcoming concerts, the orchestra’s youth programming and the importance of providing a regional orchestra in Southeast Michigan.

1/12/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:15
Michigan Philharmonic to present “Miniature masterpieces” concert”

1/30/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:18
Top fife and drum corps from around North America to play in Plymouth during Ice Festival

1/30/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:12
Northville Art House to hold juried exhibition for young artists

2/1/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:18
Motown Museum seeks students interested in music industry for workshop series

2/7/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:14
New exhibit at Plymouth Historical Museum highlights Rotary Club of Plymouth centennial

2/29/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:11
Plymouth DDA to hold annual artisan market as kickoff to event season in Kellogg Park

3/1/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
Michigan Philharmonic to hold concert highlighting Tchaikovsky's work

3/7/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:12
Plymouth Community Arts Council releases details for Damaris Fine Arts Scholarship

3/9/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:13
Village Potters Guild preparing for its annual spring market to spotlight local artisans

3/12/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:11
Schoolcraft College welcomes local companies for "Touch a Job" job fair

3/13/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:17
Plymouth Historical Museum's "Ghost Walk" program tells story of Plymouth Fall Festival

3/13/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:14
Plymouth Community Arts Council celebrates spring with new art exhibit

3/14/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:12
Michigan Philharmonic goes sci-fi with concert featuring video game and movie music

3/14/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
Canton's Village Arts Factory spotlights stained glass in new exhibit

3/21/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:10
Schoolcraft College to host Multicultural Fair April 11

ISSUE FIVE:

Local Non-Profit Organizations' News and Events

1/8/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
New Hope Center for Grief Support offers teen support groups.

1/12/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:15
Canton Chamber of Commerce launches new logo and branding.

1/29/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:15
New Hope Center for Grief Support to hold classes on dealing with grief through movement

1/31/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:19
Local Impact Alliance opens applications for scholarships for Class of 2024 students

2/12/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:17
Local Impact Alliance names new members to Board of Directors

2/15/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
Community Financial Credit Union launches new charitable foundation

2/28/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:11
Canton Library encourages patrons to get creative with “Tiny Art” exhibit

2/29/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:11
New Hope Center for Grief Support to hold annual summer camp for kids dealing with loss

3/1/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:14
Old Village Association to hold annual trunk and yard sale

3/8/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:14
Local Asian-American women’s group hosts a learning opportunity for students

3/8/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:18
Local Impact Alliance hosts Lunch and Learn event with Plymouth Community Literacy Council

3/13/24 Community Focus 5:45pm 17:18
The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council has been making a difference English as a Second Language learners in Canton and Plymouth for nearly 40 years. 88.1 the Park’s Mihir Shastry spoke with PCCLC Program Director, Andrea Hug. They talked about the council’s history, work in the community, and impact on English language learners.

3/22/24 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:14
Plymouth District Library receives Michigan Quality Service certification.