

ISSUES & PROGRAMS (Q3 – 2023)

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ISSUES COVERED

- **Plymouth-Canton Community Schools News**
- **Public Safety and Municipal Government News in Plymouth, Canton and the surrounding communities**
- **Municipally sponsored Recreation and Programming News in Plymouth, Canton and the surrounding communities**
- **Arts and Educational Events and News in Plymouth, Canton and surrounding communities**
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- **News from the Local Libraries**
- **Non-Municipal Community programming, News and events**

ISSUE ONE:

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools News

7/7/23 My P-CCS Life 5:45pm 19:42

When Adrienne Davis was elected to the P-CCS Board of Education in 2009, she became the first black Board member in P-CCS History. She also worked with P-CCS schools on improving diversity training and inclusion efforts, and sent her children to P-CCS. 88.1 the Park Assistant Manager, John Kreger, spoke with Mrs. Davis about her time on the Board, her work to help students eat healthier meals in school cafeterias, her trip to the White House lawn as a Board member, and her work to help students learn more effectively.

7/11/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16

P-CCS appoints Cathie Williams to serve as Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator.

7/12/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:14

P-CCS Board votes 6-1 to retire Canton High School Chiefs mascot.

7/19/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:13

Dr. Denise Lilly appointed P-CCS' New Executive Director of Elementary Education.

7/21/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:17

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will host Back to School Bash on August 26

8/18/23 My P-CCS Life 5:45pm 30:59

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plus years. Clint held a variety of positions across the district, but will be best remembered for his tenure as Principal of West Middle School. Cathy spent her entire career with the district as a science teacher at Salem High School, helping students understand and love the scientific world. The Smileys were also district parents, seeing their children graduate from P-CCS. The pair retired at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Listen in as P-CCS Executive Director of Communications and Marketing Nick Brandon explores the Smileys' journey of life and love for family, education, and each other that has stood the test of time.

9/5/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:19
PHS Senior, Mahira Tandon, hosts fundraiser for Artistic Skating World Championships trip

9/5/23 Moments with Merritt 5:45pm 16:45
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P-CCS partners with Ulliance for health and life management support program

9/11/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:18
US News and World Report ranks P-CEP Schools among the best in the State and Country.

9/12/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:13
The P-CCS Department of Student and Family Engagement hosts a family homework event.

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9/13/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
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9/20/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:15
P-CCS Superintendent Dr. Monica Merritt speaks to Michigan lawmakers about security.

9/21/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:20
P-CCS will host a Job Fair, for jobs throughout the district, on October 25.

9/26/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:13
Miller Elementary's new Principal, Cynthia Nickel, returns to school she attended as a student.

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ISSUE TWO:

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

7/6/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:11
Canton Leisure Services to host a Family Movie Campout

7/10/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
Bolly Fest will come to Canton in August.

7/10/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:15
Plymouth Township Police will host Coffee with a Cop this week.

7/13/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:10
Canton Leisure Services announces plans for new splash pad			
7/14/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:12
South Lyon announces plans for new social district with open carry alcohol			
7/20/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:13
Plymouth's Saxton parking lot set to close for construction project.			
7/20/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:14
Popular band Steve King and the Dittlies set to play Kellogg Park for Music in the Air			
7/24/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:15
Canton Police Officer Erik Kaledas retires			
9/15/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:16
City of Plymouth will host Citizens Academy to let residents learn more about local government			
9/20/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:12
Canton Township Police offer look at law enforcement careers with explorer program			
9/20/23	Community Focus	5:45pm	18:06
The City of Plymouth is presenting a Parks and Recreation Millage to voters. If passed the millage would provide funds to maintain and improve current parks, and potentially add new parks. 88.1 the Park's, Anya Read, spoke with Plymouth Mayor, Nick Moroz to learn more about the millage.			
9/27/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:13
Canton Township's Fire Department to host an Open House.			
9/29/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:18
Plymouth to host Community Conversation with author of 13 Ways to Kill Your Community			

ISSUE THREE:

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

7/17/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:12
Schoolcraft College and Corwell Health announce new nursing scholarship program.			
7/17/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:15
Canton's Village Theater exhibits the work of artist Edward Tillery through the end of July			

7/19/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:16
The Michigan Phil hosts fundraiser at the Wilcox House in Plymouth on July 29.			
7/19/23	Community Focus	5:45pm	16:16
More people are experiencing the challenges of loneliness, especially senior adults. Jill Engel founded JBE Advantage to provide companionship for older adults. Some may know Jill from her years as the Executive Director of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton. Bill Keith recently spoke with Jill about the need for friendship for all people, but especially as we age.			
9/5/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:10
Sea Life of Michigan hosts a contest for students to be a Marine Biologist for a day.			
9/6/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:14
Canton Author Maggie Lourdes releases her latest novel, Butterfly Angels.			
9/11/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:18
Schoolcraft College and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce partner on Touch a Job.			
9/14/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:16
The Village Arts Factory has launched a GoFundMe for storm damage repairs.			
9/15/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:13
Michigan Philharmonic will kick off their 78th season on September 30 with A Fantastique First.			
9/18/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:17
Michigan Association of Broadcasters launches recruitment campaign, targeted at young people.			
9/19/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:11
The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts an exhibit from local artist Greg Lubin.			
9/22/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:12
Michigan Philharmonic will kick off their 2023/2024 season at Salem High School			
9/25/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:15
Canton's Village Arts Factory and Village Theatre join together to present Artober Fest.			
9/25/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:21
Michigan college's join together to guarantee admission for students with 3.0 GPAs or higher.			
9/28/23	Newsfile @ 5:30	5:30pm	1:18
Schoolcraft College celebrates upgrades at the VistaTech Center.			

ISSUE FOUR:

Local Non-Profit Organizations' News and Events

7/5/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:17
Shedneck Foundation invites community to annual Hoedown fundraiser for kids battling cancer.

7/5/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:14.
The Westland Community Foundation hosts Christmas in July fundraiser.

7/6/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:11
The Brews, Brats and Bands Festival will come to Cherry Hill Village in September.

7/7/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:18
Plymouth's Old Village will host Bumpers, Bikes and Bands on July 19.

7/18/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
The Friends of the Rouge will host a dinner cruise fundraiser on August 10.

7/24/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:15
Plymouth Community United Way hosts school supply drive through August 19.

7/26/23 Community Focus 5:45pm 10:09
Canton Parkrun has created a weekly 5K run on Canton's Lower Rouge Trail. 88.1 the Park's Operations Manager, Avneet Pandher, spoke with Chapter Founder, Event Director and Volunteer Coordinator, Devansh Shende, about the growth of the run.

9/6/23 Community Focus 5:45pm 13:04
The Canton and Plymouth area faced extensive damage from the storms at the end of August. The Village Arts Factory in Canton faced significant damage from flooding and water back up. 88.1 the Park's Station Manager, Bill Keith talked with Kevin Ryan, Community Program Director for Canton, about the damage and the effort to recover from it. Kevin provides leadership for the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities and the Village Arts Factory.

9/7/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:11
Penn Theatre receives grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation.

9/8/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:14
The Local Impact Alliance will host their annual Veteran's Summit.

9/8/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:12
Detroit Red Wings Alumni to play in fundraiser for the Living and Learning Enrichment Center.

9/13/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
The Agent Orange 5K in Canton's Cherry Hill Village rescheduled for Saturday September 30.

9/19/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:11
Plymouth Community United Way seeks volunteers to rake leaves on Make a Difference Day.

9/21/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:12
Local charity seeks bike donations to give to less fortunate children this holiday season

9/26/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:13
Local Jazz musician Chris Plum to perform a benefit concert for the Penn Theatre.

9/27/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:18
Canton's Local Impact Alliance hosts Lunch and Learn on the importance of pollinators.

9/27/23 Community Focus 5:45pm 17:11
The Penn Theatre will present a concert with local Jazz musician, Chris Plum, on November 18, at 6:00 p.m. The proceeds from the show will benefit the Penn Theatre. Chris Plum is a Plymouth based musician. His most recent album, The Small Hours, reflects a musical change for Plum. 88.1 the Park's Station Manager, Bill Keith, talked with Plum about the show, the importance of the Penn Theatre and his musical pursuits.

ISSUE FIVE:

News from the Local Libraries

7/5/23 Community Focus 5:45pm 9:41
The Plymouth District Library is offering a Summer Reading Program for all community members. 88.1 the Park's Sydney Capen spoke with Library Director, Shauna Anderson, about the program, the library's 100th Anniversary and other special programs this summer.

7/11/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:13
Canton Library celebrates Summer of Reading midpoint with a disco event.

9/14/23 Newsfile @ 5:30 5:30pm 1:16
Friends of the Plymouth and Canton Libraries will host a panel discussion about the first amendment and censorship at the Penn Theatre.