

January-March 2019

‘Housing in Plymouth’

Presented by Museum Guest Speaker Ellen Elliott



Plymouth Historical Museum guest speaker Ellen Elliott, is executive director of Friends of the Penn, and is active in the local community as a volunteer at the Plymouth District Library, Plymouth Historical Museum and the Northville Historical Society.

Ellen Elliott, a well-known community volunteer, will discuss the history of “Housing in Plymouth,” at the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 7 PM.

The presentation will examine the impact of restricted covenants on the development of Plymouth’s neighborhoods and the citizens’ reaction to unfair housing practices, which eventually led to the adoption of the Open Housing Ordinance in 1968.

This is an encore presentation of one that was first given on September 26, 2018, in conjunction with the Know Our Neighbor/Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion program at the Plymouth District Library.

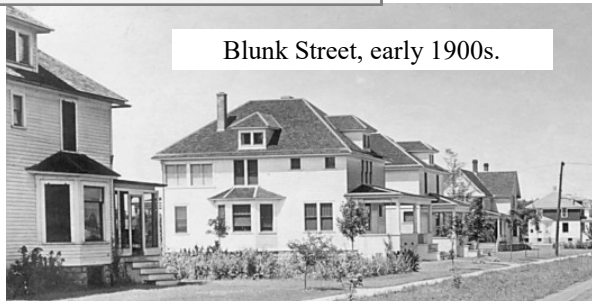
Ellen has lived in the City of Plymouth since the age of 9. She attended Madonna College and the University of Michigan, and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry.

She has been the executive director of Friends of the Penn since 2005.

Ellen is active in the local community as a volunteer at the Plymouth District Library, Plymouth Historical Museum and the Northville Historical Society.

She also serves on the board of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Ellen and her husband, Joe, have two adult children.

The talk is open to the public and admission is free.



Blunk Street, early 1900s.



Church Street, early 1900s.



Oak Street (Starkweather), early 1900s.

**Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum
Meeting**

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 7 PM

**Guest Speaker Ellen Elliott
“Housing in Plymouth”
Talk is open to the public & admission is free**

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 Plymouth, Michigan 48170
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Monthly Drawing

Maryanne Zavagnin, Ken West, and Brian Higgins are the respective winners of the January, February, and March drawings for a \$25 gift certificate.

Nominations for Board of Director candidates will be taken from the floor at the April 9, 2019, meeting of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

According to the bylaws:

“Candidates must be members in good standing of the Society on or by the deadline for nominations and maintain their membership throughout their term. Employees and immediate family members of employees and the then acting Directors may not serve as Directors.

“Additional nominations may be made by individual members at the regular meeting at which the report of the Nominating Committee is presented [the regular meeting prior to the annual meeting]. No nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting. Members may not be nominated for office unless they have given their consent and agree to serve if elected.”

New Members—Welcome!

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The Plymouth Historical Museum is a privately funded 501(c)3 charitable organization. We receive no government funding. We always have a "wish list" of things that help us as we work to preserve and share the history of Plymouth.

Here are some of our common purchases to provide inspiration.

- IT/Network support **\$250**
- ½ month heating bill **\$375**
- ½ month electric bill **\$475**
- 1 month employee salary **\$500**

To donate, make your check payable to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Bits 'n Pieces

By Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, executive director

The CSX caboose is becoming a reality! Our caboose is currently parked at the CSX Detroit lot waiting for us to move it.

But first, we have to prep the area to house the caboose. That includes removing the existing sidewalk, relocating the sprinkler heads, and putting in the subgrade and tracks for the caboose to sit on. That work can't begin until the ground is no longer frozen, probably some time in May.

Once we get the caboose in place, the real work begins. We had hoped that CSX would be able to help with restoration, but that is not going to happen. Therefore restoration, both of the interi-

or and exterior of the caboose, will take place on site. We're still investigating how to do this and the costs involved.

Thankfully, we've had some successful fundraisers. We appreciate your support! But because CSX can't help with the restoration, we still need your help! At this point, the best way to contribute would be to purchase an 8" x 8" brick paver for the new sidewalk that will be next to the Museum near the caboose.

We've already sold 25 pavers, but that leaves 425 more that can be purchased and engraved with your personalized message. You get up to 5 lines with 14 characters per line to leave a last-

ing legacy on our caboose brick paver sidewalk. The bricks sell for \$250 each.

To purchase a brick, you can come in to the Museum and fill out the form, or you can pay online and send us your form. The link for online payment is:

<http://www.plymouthhistory.org/support-us/donate.html>

If you pay online, please be sure to fill out the order form as well. It's located at:

http://www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/articles/36/Caboose_Paver_Form.pdf

Upcoming Museum Events Ticket Sales Dates

Date	Event	Members	Public
April 27	Ghosts of Plymouth Walk	NOW	NOW
May 5	Practically Perfect Tea	NOW	March 25
May 19	Wilcox House Tour	April 8	April 22
June 15	Phantom of the Auction House Murder	April 29	May 13
August 11	Ice Cream Social	June 24	July 8
August 18	Wilcox House Tour	July 1	July 15
September 14	Murder at the Bourbon Club	July 29	August 12
September 22	Wilcox House Tour	August 5	August 19
October 5	Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk	July 8	July 22
October 26	Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk	July 29	August 12
November 3	Wilcox House Tour	September 16	September 30

In our next exhibit, "Revolutionary '60s," we are going to tell the story of the 1960s and many of the important events that happened in that decade.

We are asking members to loan us items they have saved from the '60s: clothing, mementos, pictures, toys, household items,

items relating to war, peace, pop culture, etc. The '60s have a lot of history to talk about, and we need items to display to help tell the story.

Please send an email to exhibits@plymouthhistory.org, describing your loan, along with a photo if possible. Thank you in advance!

**Help the Museum
Celebrate the '60s!**
Please loan us items
to display



**Donations Received
December 2018 – February 2019 Thank You!**

Thank you for the following generous donations that were received between December 2018 and February 2019:

**Empire State Gala Sponsor
(\$6,000) Free Summer Saturdays**

Comfort Keepers

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(\$2,500)**

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Thank you to those who have added the Plymouth Historical Society to their **Kroger Plus Card**. The Museum receives a small percentage from any purchases made by those who have an up-to-date registration on their cards.

To participant in the program, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll."

You must have a valid online account at Kroger.com to participate. If you need help, give us a call at 734-455-8940 ext. 9. We'll be happy to help you get enrolled.

Kroger Plus Card Donations



**Save the Caboose Fundraiser Donations Received
December 2018 – February 2019 Thank You!**

The Lincoln (\$1,000+)

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The Starkweather

(\$500–\$999)

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(\$250–\$499)

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If you know of anyone who would be willing to volunteer three hours of service at the Museum each month, please let us know.

Please phone the Museum at 734-455-8940 and leave a message. We will return your phone call as soon as we are available.

Thank you for your support, and thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers!



**Plymouth Historical Museum
Antique Appraisal Clinic
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
10 am - 4 pm**

The Plymouth Historical Museum will be holding an antique appraisal clinic with Chuck Schmidt, of Schmidt's Antiques in Ypsilanti, on Wednesday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Items to be appraised include antique furniture, art, and small objects. No jewelry or dolls please. Appraisals are by appointment only and time slots will fill up quickly. Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item (paid at the door). There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15 minute time slot.

Please call now for an appointment, 734-455-8940 x 0. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, just north of downtown Plymouth.

'History of the Yankee Air Museum'



Plymouth Historical Museum guest speaker Barry Levine is an aviation historian and author. After his talk, Barry will have copies of his book The History of the Yankee Air Museum available for purchase and signing. All profits from the book sale will be donated to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Presented by Museum Guest Speaker Barry Levine

Barry Levine, an aviation historian and author, will discuss his debut book, *The History of the Yankee Air Museum*, at the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 6:30 PM.

The Yankee Air Museum was established in 1981 by a group of local aviation enthusiasts. The Museum is located on the grounds of the Willow Run Airport, near the former Willow Run bomber plant, which produced over 8,600 B-24 Liberator bombers, a key part of the allied arsenal in WWII.

The Museum built a substantial collection of flyable and static aircraft and aviation artifacts, many of which were destroyed in a 2004 fire.

Despite this loss, the Museum remained open in temporary facilities, while considering options for a permanent home.

The Museum bought the last 144,000 square feet of the original Bomber Plant, with the goal of renovating this facility into a state-of-the-art museum. The Yankee Air Museum highlights some of the people and events at the center of Southeast Michigan's aviation history.

Barry is a resident of Canton, and has been a volunteer at the Yankee Air Museum since 2015. His interest in aviation history began during his youth, when his father took him to watch airplane landings and takeoffs at Bradley Field in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

Barry attended Boston University and the University of Connecticut, and is employed by the Ford Motor Credit Company.

The talk is open to the public and admission is free.

After his talk, Barry will have copies of his book available for purchase and signing. All profits from the book sales will be donated to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

**Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2019 6:30 PM
Guest Speaker Barry Levine
"The History of the Yankee Air Museum"
Talk is open to the public & admission is free**

Presentation &
Book Signing



**The Plymouth Historical
Museum Presents**

Ghosts of Plymouth Walk

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Purchase tickets at the
Plymouth Historical Museum
155 S. Main, Plymouth
Tickets are \$15 in advance,
\$20 per person day of the
Ghost Walk.

The walks begin at
4 p.m. and leave
every 15 minutes,
circling Kellogg Park
and lasting up to
90 minutes.

Participants should
meet near the
fountain
in Kellogg Park.

Phone 734-455-8940

May 2019 Board Elections

Elections for the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum Board of Directors are coming up!

Elections will take place at the Plymouth Historical Museum annual meeting on Tuesday, May 14.

You can also vote absentee! If you won't be at the May meeting, be sure to pick up an absentee ballot from the Museum beforehand and return it to the Museum by 3:30 PM on Monday, May 13, or else your vote will not be counted.

The absentee ballot will also be available on the Museum's website on April 10, 2019, www.plymouthhistory.org. The May membership meeting is a potluck dinner. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

Candidates for the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum Board



Christian (“Chris”) Huffman was born in Plymouth Township in 1976, and grew up in the Pilgrim Hills subdivision at the corner of Napier and Warren Roads. He received his formative education in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, having attended Geer, Bird, and Smith Elementary Schools. After moving out-of-state with his parents in the late 1980s, Chris returned to Michigan in 1999 to attend law school. During law school he worked as a legal intern for Michigan’s Lieutenant Governor, served as an editor for the *Journal of International Law*, and was involved with several academic organizations. After graduating magna cum laude from the Michigan State University College of Law, Chris served as a pre-hearing attorney and then in 2006, he entered private practice with the law firm of Garan Lucow Miller, P.C., handling both civil litigation and appeals. He lives in downtown Plymouth, and enjoys writing novels that will never be published, researching local history, and volunteering at the Plymouth Historical Museum.



Carol Souchock grew up in Dearborn and moved to the Plymouth community from Adrian, Michigan, in 2013 to accept the position of director of the Plymouth District Library. She currently serves as vice president of the Plymouth Historical Museum board and has proudly served on the board since 2016. She previously served on the Lenawee County Historical Museum board in Adrian. Carol is also very active in Rotary and looks forward to serving as the president of the Plymouth Rotary Club in 2019/20. Her interests include traveling and she can often be found visiting museums, historical sites, national parks and libraries throughout the county. She is also passionate about the arts, technology, and economic development. Her educational background includes a Master Degree of Library and Information Science and Archival Administration Certificate from Wayne State University.



Kathy Sullivan lives in Plymouth Township with her husband and two children and has served as the Secretary of the Museum Board for the past three years. She holds a Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University and, prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom, was a medical librarian at the Sladen Library at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Her interests include reading, history, photography, golf, spending time with family and friends, and writing. She is currently working on her second mystery novel that (if she makes her self-imposed deadline) will be published this year.



Stephanie Hoff was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and moved to Michigan in the fall of 2011. She is currently working as a mortgage underwriter for a Plymouth-based mortgage company. She moved to downtown Plymouth in the fall of 2013 and has been an active member of the Fairground Park Association since 2014. She enjoys supporting local businesses in downtown Plymouth and has attended the Penn Theater auction fundraiser every year since 2014 to help support the non-profit organization. She looks forward to collaborating with the other board of directors to help the Museum continue to thrive.

**Friends of the Plymouth
Historical Museum
Annual Meeting &
Election of Board of Directors
May 14, 2019 6:30 PM**



**Meeting includes a Potluck Meal
Please bring:
Last names beginning A-H—Side Dish
Last names beginning I-R—Dessert
Last names beginning S-Z—Main Dish**

Plymouth Days Gone By

Compiled by Gerry Sabatini from the newspaper archives at the
Plymouth District Library

Stevens Dies At 103

50 Years Ago - February 1969

A portion of the history of Plymouth was lost this week when the town's oldest citizen, Clarence Stevens, quietly died in his sleep, Tuesday.

Mr. Stevens was 103 years old and was possibly the one person left who could accurately tell what it was like to live here before automobiles and indoor plumbing.

He was born Nov. 23, 1865, on Canton Center Road south of Plymouth. He and his family moved to 240 N. Harvey Street about 1900.

The centenarian said about himself last November, when he celebrated his 103rd birthday, "I guess I've led an uneventful but full life."

At the time, the one thing he regretted the most was having sold his piano. Because his eyesight had been failing, he was not able to read and playing the piano would have helped pass the time, he said.

Mr. Stevens was an amazing man, despite what he said about himself.

He retired from active life as a piano tuner in 1963 at the age of 98.

Piano tuning was a career he taught himself when he was

in his late 50's because, he said, he was not making enough money from teaching voice and piano.

After he graduated from Plymouth High in 1882, he spent one year at Ypsilanti Normal (now Eastern Michigan University) and then became a music teacher.

He gave private lessons in the area and also taught school in Plymouth, Belleville, Detroit and for one year in Colorado.

His father, Arthur Stevens, a three-year veteran of the Civil War, lived to be almost 100, and his mother, Agnes (Sawyer) Stevens, lived to be almost 90 years of age.

Rocks Finally Win Title

50 Years Ago -
March 1969

Plymouth High won its first undisputed Suburban Six basketball crown in history in the manner of a thoroughbred race horse which runs away and hides from the pack in the first few furlongs and then wilts in the stretch to win by a whisker.

The Rocks sewed up their title with a 67-64 triumph over Belleville on the latter's court Friday in a contest which saw Plymouth go without a field goal in the entire fourth quarter.

Early in the third period Ply-

mouth had a 24-point lead, 44-20, and appeared to be home free after going on a 21-point scoring binge in the first quarter and adding 17 more in the second quarter for a 38-18 halftime edge.

Plymouth fans turned the Belleville gym into a jubilant mob scene as the final buzzer sounded, players being enveloped in a crush of well-wishers in celebration of the league championship. The best the Rocks ever had done previously in the Suburban Six was to tie for title with Trenton in 1955.

The Plymouth High School boys basketball team won its first undisputed Suburban Six basketball crown in school history, defeating Belleville High School, 67-64. Belleville, who trailed Plymouth by 20 points at halftime, 38-18, rallied in the second half when Plymouth failed to score any field goals in the fourth quarter. Plymouth center Don Gullekson was the game's high scorer, scoring 28 points. With the championship win, the Rocks finished the 1969 Suburban Six season with an 8-1 record.



Railroad Commuters, A Vanishing Breed.

50 Years Ago -
February 1969

ALL ABOARD!! In 1969, the old familiar cry of the railroad conductor would eventually become a thing of the past in Plymouth. This trainman is getting ready for the traditional signal. But, as too often was the case on the daily train ride from Plymouth to downtown Detroit, the only people getting on the passenger train at the Plymouth station were the trainmen, conductor, and less than 20 passengers.

There is little likelihood that a monument ever will be erected in their honor. Their names never will be carved in granite. But there is a group of hardy citizens in the Plymouth Community who should be paid tribute for waging a stubborn battle against almost insurmountable odds.

They are the commuters, a fast vanishing breed, who ride the C&O passenger trains each day to and from Detroit with full knowledge that they are not wanted and that the railway officials will welcome the day when they no longer seek the service.

"We were told years ago we

weren't wanted," Richard War-nette, leader of the hardy band who has been commuting by rail for the past 18 years, commented, "and, more than that, Buford Nash, area chief of the railroad told us the sooner he could get rid of us, the better."

The former Plymouth Mayor and City Commissioner, employed in Probate Court in downtown Detroit, looked around the almost vacant car on the trip home the other evening and commented --

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"THERE WAS a time when we had between 100 and 150 Plymouth people taking the train each day. Now, our number

has been reduced to about 20 at the most.

"We saw the beginning of what is certain to be the end back in 1962 when the train called The Sportsman was taken off. This passed through Plymouth about 8 o'clock in the morning and got us to work in good time. The trains made the day pleasant, too, because there were two trains leaving downtown in the evening that got us home about 6:15 in the evening."

Here he chuckled a bit and added --

"And we used to pay only a 30-cent fare each way."

Tigers Open April 8;

For the 1969 baseball season, reserved seat ticket prices at Tiger Stadium were raised to \$2.75 each, an increase of 25 cents.

The world champion Detroit Tigers will launch the 1969 defense of their title at Tiger Stadium on Tuesday, April 8, against the Cleveland Indians, a traditional rival in the American League which has been expanded to 12 teams.

In announcing the home schedule, it was disclosed by Jim Campbell, executive vice pres-

ident and general manager, that the Tigers will play their 81 home games on 77 dates, which is four more than last season, with 45 at night, matching the club's all-time peak, set in 1966.

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EXPANSION OF THE box seat area at Tiger Stadium and an increase in ticket prices also

were announced by Campbell.

Box seats in the upper deck will be expanded by 958, boosting the box seat total to 10,335. The new figures give Tiger Stadium a total seating capacity of 54,220.

Reserved seats will be \$2.75 each, an increase of 25 cents. Box seats remain \$3.50, general admission \$1.50 and bleachers \$1.

50 Years Ago -
February 1969

City Hikes Auto Fines

The cost of illegal automotive parking in the City of Plymouth has gone up on the heels of a 5-2 decision by the City Commission Monday night in favor of an across-the-board hike in fines.

After wrangling over the proposed increases since early December, the commission finally gave Police Chief Herbert Straley majority backing in his quest for updating the scale of parking fines to a par equivalent to neighboring cities.

Straley told the commission Monday that his officers have been handicapped "by the narrow-minded attitude the city has assumed on parking" and called the old schedule of offenses and fines "outmoded."

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The cost of a ticket for overtime parking in other prohibited but unmetered areas jumps from \$1 to \$3. The fine for leaving a car parked in any public zone more than 48 hours soars from \$1 to \$5.

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UNDER THE new schedule the following offenses which formerly carried \$3 fines go to \$5.

No parking anytime, no parking here to corner, no parking between signs, parking in a loading zone - bus stop or taxi stand, obstructing traffic, blocking an alley, double parking or standing.

Volunteer Spotlight



Joe Grima

Our spotlight this month is on Joe Grima, a dedicated volunteer at the Museum for the past five years. Joe first started helping out by sponsoring for his company, Freudenberg, at the Museum events.

He then was graciously recruited to supply the audio microphones for some of the Museum functions. This morphed into supplying video, lighting and other electronic assistance for the annual gala, murder mysteries, teas, and other events.

Joe also helped out at our recent gala by being a committee member, supplying the backdrop display of New York City, the music and even the photography (contributed by his son, Sam.) Joe has become invaluable in helping the Museum's events become big successes.

Joe was born and raised in northwest Detroit, attending Catholic Central High School and Madonna and Central Colleges. He now resides in South Lyon. His wife, Karen, assists Joe at many of the events. Joe has three children, Sam, Robbie and Rachel.

Joe's passion is collecting vintage automobiles. He started with a 1931 Willys Whippet he bought off eBay. His wife, Karen, also enjoys this hobby. She owns a 1916 Overland Touring 75B. At the present time, Joe is in the process of refurbishing a 1966 Mustang Convertible with his son Robbie.

If you attend the annual Greenfield Village Old Car Festival, you are sure to see Joe there with one of his automobiles. If you are nice to him, he may even give you a ride.

Thanks, Joe, for being a valuable asset to the Museum!

Angels in the Archive

Every day there is a little bit of excitement happening in the archive, with a new story discovered under dust and long-forgotten memories found in items put away for safe keeping years ago. Recently presented was the letter from Margaret Dunning officially giving the Museum to the Plymouth Historical Society.

In a 1920 suitcase, we found the WWI uniform of George Burr including camp newsletters, photos, and papers. You have a chance to see these items on display during our current exhibit "Votes and Vice." By the way, anyone have an empty can of snuff or chewing tobacco we could borrow for the exhibit?

As a long term project, we have hundreds of unidentified photos from the *Community Crier* that need to be identified. We would like to invite you to come in and take up the challenge of identifying faces and places. Just email archivist@plymouthhistory.org to volunteer for an hour or two. We are open Wednesday and Friday 1-4 PM. Come take a trip down memory lane.

13-Story City Apartment Studied

50 Years Ago -
March 1969

A study now is under way that is expected to lead to the erection of a high rise apartment in downtown Plymouth within the next two years.

According to authoritative sources, the building will be a 13-story affair with the first three underground for parking. The other 10 stories, at this stage of the study, are to be flexible enough to be used for both offices and apartments.

Before such a building could be erected, however, a change in the City of Plymouth zoning code would have to be made.

The present code limits the height of buildings to five stories for fire protection.

For obvious reasons the exact location of the building site was not revealed, but it will be the first high rise in the northwest suburban area and will be a beacon for the city when the new expressways -- M-14 and I-275 -- are completed.

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FIRST INKLING that such a plan was under way came in a recent issue of the Dodge Report that tells of prospective developments. The report was a simple statement that the apartment was planned.

Since then it has been learn-

ed that the high rise apartment is being planned as the first step in a re-vamping of the entire area of the city.

Some of the thinking now going into the study is to provide not only the apartment, but several retail shops and the other essentials to a good development.

From what could be learned, the project is to be financed solely by Plymouth residents, names of whom were not revealed. It was said that the Plymouth people will finance it, but not control the management.

PHS Enacts New Appearance Policy

50 Years Ago -
February 1969

In February 1969, after Plymouth High School administrators ordered three students to get hair cuts, students, parents, and administrators met and adopted a new dress code and appearance policy.

Tensions in Plymouth High School may ease in the coming months as a result of a new appearance policy recently adopted by students, teachers, parents and administrators.

Besides removing the negative words of the former policy, the group left the matter of student dress up to the good judgment of each student.

The new "dress code" went into effect Feb. 6 and its establishment was the result of protests by students and teachers at the beginning of this school year over the former code.

As in the former code, the high school reserves the right to enforce the new policy, which allows students more latitude.

The new policy reads:

"Clothing should always be neat and clean. Students should be particularly careful about personal hygiene as well as appearance of hair, clothing and shoes. School clothing need not be expensive, but should be appropriate for specific occasions.

"If it should be necessary to counsel a student about his appearance, it will be done in a friendly and helpful manner. Should the school deem it desirable, the student's parents may be involved in the process.

"The above statements are intended to be rather general in nature, thus allowing students considerable latitude in their decision making.

"However, the following are not acceptable for school wear: slacks for girls; shorts and bizarre-type clothing for girls and boys."

The most objectionable portion of the former appearance policy was struck.

This was, "If a student has not learned what clothing is appropriate for the occasion, he should look about him while attending Plymouth High School and dress as he sees 98 per cent of the students dressed."

An opinion survey conducted among the high school teaching staff showed about one-third of the 90 teachers wanted the old code abolished while the remainder desired the old code brought up to date.

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Calendar of Events

For a detailed list of events, visit the Museum website at www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html.

April

- 9—Tuesday, FoPHM Membership Meeting, 7 PM, “Housing in Plymouth,” with Ellen Elliott.
27—Saturday, Ghosts of Plymouth Walk. Walks begin at 4 PM near fountain in Kellogg Park; tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 day of walk. The walk lasts up to 90 minutes.

May

- 5—Sunday, “Practically Perfect Tea,” Noon-2 PM. Tickets on sale now. \$30 for one adult & one child; \$15 for an additional person; add \$5 after April 22. Children must be 4 or older.
8—Wednesday, Antique Appraisal Clinic with Chuck Schmidt of Schmidt's Antiques, 10 AM-4 PM,
14—Tuesday, FoPHM Annual Meeting, 6:30 PM, “History of the Yankee Air Museum,” with Barry Levine. Board of Directors election. Potluck suggestions: Last names beginning A-H— Side Dish; I-R—Dessert; S-Z—Main Dish.
19—Sunday, Wilcox House Tour, 1-5 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person and go on sale to members April 8; tickets go on sale to the public April 22. **This tour sells out very quickly!**

June

- 15—Saturday, “Phantom of the Auction House Murder Mystery,” 5:30-8 PM. See inside for ticket sales dates.
16—Sunday, “Votes and Vice” closes. Museum closed for changeover June 17-July 1.



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