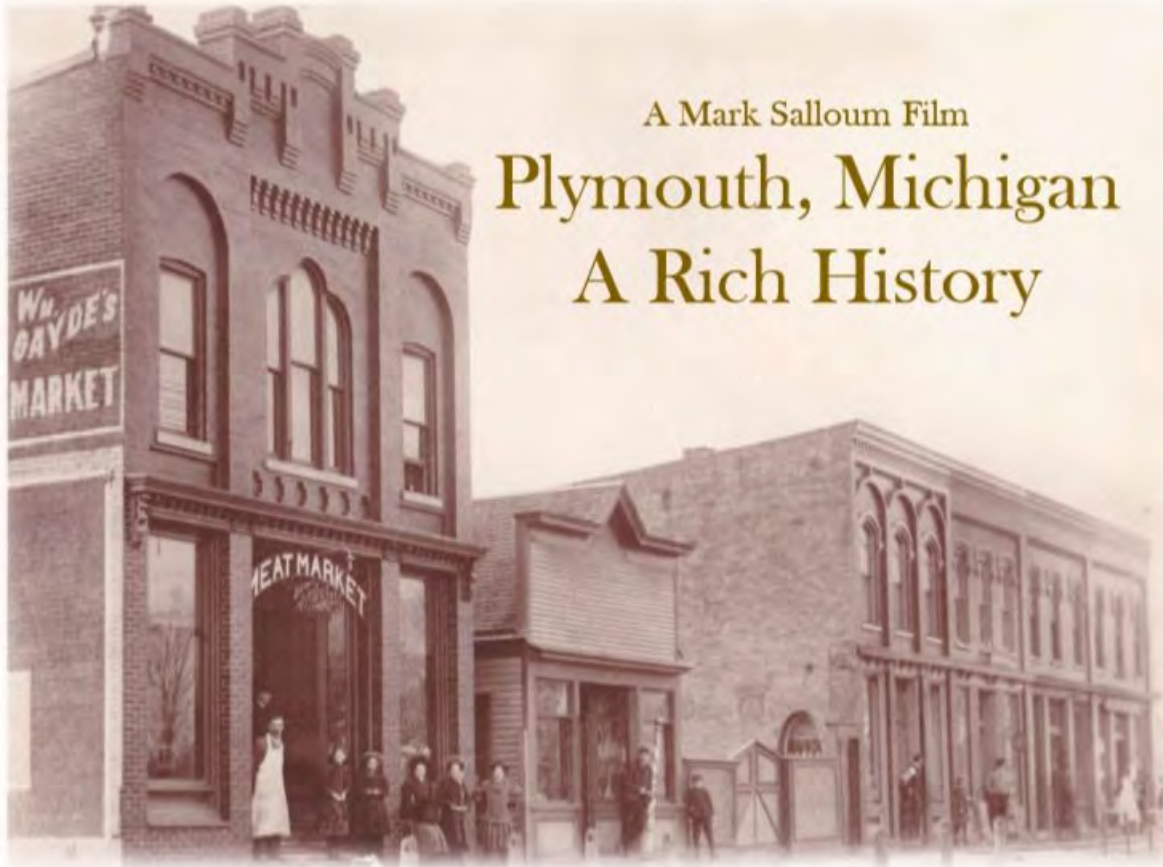


July-September 2019



A Mark Salloum Film

## Plymouth, Michigan A Rich History

**A** new documentary film about Plymouth's 192-year history will debut at the Penn Theatre November 15–17 and November 21. The film, *Plymouth, Michigan, a Rich History*, was produced by Mark Salloum with expert research assistance from Ellen Elliott.

In the film, the Museum's Executive Director Liz Kelley Kerstens, as well as volunteers Dan Packer, Jack Grant, and Elliott, offer their insights about various aspects of Plymouth history.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is one of the beneficiaries of

the production, as monies received from tickets sold by the Museum will be put toward archive renovations.

Much of the historical documentation was meticulously researched, primarily in the Museum's Archive, by Elliott over the past three years. Additionally, many of the images contained in the film are from the Museum's Archive.

The project began as a result of the 150th celebration of the Village/City of Plymouth in 2017. Financial backers of the documentary were Don Soenen, Sally Fedus, and Joe Elliott.

You can purchase tickets at the Plymouth Historical Museum or online at <https://plymouthhistory.square.site>. Don't hesitate! Tickets will sell fast!

- **Friday, November 15, 7 PM**  
Tickets are \$20 each and include popcorn and beverage
- **Saturday, November 16, 7 PM**  
Tickets are \$10 each
- **Sunday, November 17, 3 PM**  
Tickets are \$10 each
- **Sunday, November 17, 5 PM**  
Tickets are \$10 each
- **Thursday, November 21, 7 PM**  
Tickets are \$10 each

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**Monthly Drawing**

Mike Janz, Margaret Stepp, and Christy Haradean are the respective winners of the July, August, and September drawings for a \$25 gift certificate.



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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.

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**Thanks for Supporting the Plymouth Historical Museum**

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:

- 1 Roll Postage Stamps **\$55 per**
- 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 Museum's caboose is looking pretty spiffy these days! The exterior refurbishing and painting is complete, thanks to Jeff Conner of Railcar & Military Equipment Painting. The brick paver sidewalk is now in place and the railroad crossbuck has been moved over by the caboose, as seen above.

The first order for engraved pavers for this sidewalk will be submitted in early October, so you still have time to order your paver for the first round. We still need funds to complete this project. Remaining items on the refurbishment list include: platform and stairs, interior rehab, landscaping, heating/cooling unit, and electrical work. Donations are being accepted at the Museum and online at [plymouthhistory.org/get-involved/support-the-plymouth-historical-museum/](http://plymouthhistory.org/get-involved/support-the-plymouth-historical-museum/). You'll find the caboose paver form on that page as well. Thank you to everyone who has generously donated so far!

## New HVAC Units

The Margaret Dunning Foundation generously granted the Plymouth Historical Museum \$40,000 recently to replace three rooftop heating/air conditioning units that were each about 29 years old. Expert Heating and Cooling was able to take over the parking lot on the north side of the Museum so the crane could lift all three units and accompanying parts up to the roof. Thanks to Norm Weast, our next door neighbor, for letting us use the parking lot that day!

With new units came new thermostats and the ability to remotely control temperatures in the building.

We are incredibly grateful to the Margaret Dunning Foundation for allowing us to modernize our environmental controls!



School groups visit the Museum and we teach them about Lincoln, the Civil War, the Victorian period, old toys, Underground Railroad, communities, Native Americans, and the Erie Canal.

We have all of the materials; our Education Coordinator Leslie Ryder will help you organize the presentation.

## Jump into the Pool !

We are looking for people to join our pool of educational presenters.



Please join our pool !

Contact the Museum at 734-455-8940 x 2, or by email at [education@plymouthhistory.org](mailto:education@plymouthhistory.org).

**Donations Received**  
**June – August 2019 Thank You!**

Thank you for the following generous donations that were received between June and August 2019:

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SCHEDULE A NIGHT  
AT THE MUSEUM  
PARTY

For more information contact the Museum or visit the Museum website.



The party is \$250 for 3-4 hours of fun! Accommodates up to 10 kids. Includes watching a *Night at the Museum* movie, pizza or subs & drinks, and meeting the Museum characters.

**Support the Plymouth Historical Museum**

The Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum (a.k.a. Plymouth Historical Society) is privately funded and receives no government support for its mission of providing historical education and maintaining the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Donations are sent directly to the Plymouth Historical Society, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and all donations are tax deductible. If your donation is more than \$100, you will be acknowledged on our donor wall in the stairwell leading to the lower level.

We appreciate your support!



If you haven't seen our special exhibit, "Revolutionary '60s," yet, you have until November 6! You're in for a treat as two students from the Plymouth/Canton Schools have painted select windows throughout our Main Street. Just as students did in the 1960s, Khadija Kapuswala and Hannah Finch painted Halloween decorations on some windows, like the haunted house above on the drug store door. Hurry in!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Plymouth Historic Museum's  
Annual Fundraising Gala

Friday, March 27, 2020  
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More to Come...



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!

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**Your Kitchen Can  
Be Family Comfort**

A kitchen can be a constant comfort to a woman and her family. Or it can be just a place where all the drudgery is done. Which will you have? And how do you arrive at it?

One symbol of kitchen comfort is good equipment. An ample refrigerator-freezer, an up-to-date dishwasher, and an efficient range with cooking features that save time and trouble while turning out top results

are prime requirements.

Another kitchen comfort is good planning -- work and storage space arranged for step-saving convenience.

Scrubable walls, floors that don't show scuff marks or spills, rounded corners, exhaust hoods to carry off grease vapors, non-stick oven liners and cook-pots -- these are among the many developments that keep today's kitchens clean with less effort.

The greatest of the new spic-and-span kitchen features is the self-cleaning oven, which eliminates one of the most-hated household chores.



## Tea and Gossip—Downton Style

Sunday, November 24, 2—4 PM

- Revel in service by the “Downstairs” staff—you never know what they’ll say!
- Enjoy tea delicacies from Diann’s Catering
- Drink “Mary’s Blend” tea
- Tickets are \$30 for members and go on sale to members only on October 7
- Tickets are \$35 for non-members and go on sale to the public on October 21
- [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org)

## Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk

Coming this Fall

### Riverside Cemetery

Saturday, Oct 5 & 26, 2019

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## \$9 Million Expansion To Double St. Mary

With less than five months remaining until the hospital’s 10th anniversary, Sister Mary Columbine, executive director of St. Mary Hospital of Livonia Monday announced a \$9 million, three-stage expansion program. The program will almost double the number of beds and more than double the total space in the hospital.

The executive director, in announcing the hospital’s third expansion in less than 10 years, noted that the present patient load is straining the present facilities. The number of patient admissions to the 212-bed hospital has increased 43 per cent, from 7,000 per year to 11,000 per year, since it opened in December, 1959.

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A five-story wing, containing 191 additional beds on the third, fourth, and fifth floors, is scheduled to begin construction in April, 1970. The structure will add 127,200 square feet of new space to St. Mary.

Laundry, heating and air conditioning, and maintenance facilities will be housed in the basement of the first stage together with additional storage.

The first floor of the stage one expansion will contain a cafeteria for 280 persons, new kitchens and dishwashing rooms, a new receiving desk and expanded emergency rooms.

## Police Get Wage Boost

After months of negotiations, terms for a new contract have been agreed upon by the city’s negotiating team and the Plymouth police department.

The new contract, calling for substantial increases, was given to the City Commission Monday evening and almost caused a storm.

Several members of the commission complained that they were in no position to act on the agreement because of insufficient time to study it.

Under the new contract starting patrolmen will receive \$7,800 and can go to \$10,000 in four years. This is in comparison to the current schedule which calls for a starting salary \$7,371 and a high point of \$8,697 in three years.

# Volunteer Spotlight

## Sal Cavallaro



He has been married to his wife, Beverly, for 61 years. They raised five children and today have five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Sal's background was a sales manufacturing rep who worked in engineered assembly products. That interest has led Sal to one of his favorite hobbies, making mechanical "Do-Nothings." When pressed to explain what exactly that was, Sal responded "small mechanical objects that look interesting but have no productive value." They "Do nothing!"

Sal is very unlike his hobby, constantly working and keeping busy in the Museum. Some recent jobs that he helped finish was the reversal on the door leading into the lower level meeting room and hanging the donated Box Bar stain glass windows on our Main Street exhibit.

Sal also is very proud of his other activities, including ushering for 40 years at St. Johns Episcopal Church in Plymouth and mentoring 7th & 8th grade kids at Cornerstone Charter School in Redford.

The Museum is very grateful for Sal's work effort and dedication.

**O**ur Museum is lucky to have dedicated volunteers in many areas, and one area are the people who are behind-the-scenes building and fixing; the Maintenance Crew.

Sal Cavallaro has been part of that important responsibility for five years, starting part-time and going full time two years ago. Sal is a busy man in retirement, spreading his capabilities between our Museum and the Yankee Air Museum. When asked why he likes to volunteer, he simply responded "I just like to fix things."

Sal was born in Brooklyn and grew up in Fulton, New York. He came to Michigan due to a job transfer back in 1981 and today lives in Plymouth.

**Volunteers Make a Difference!**

### *Police Try To Drive Pesky Birds Away*

The City of Plymouth began a noisy war on the starlings of Ann and Blunk Streets this week, as police officers armed with scatter guns tried to drive the birds away.

City Manager Richard Blodgett explained that his office had received many complaints over the months about the birds, who come in at dusk by the hundreds to roost.

Two patrolmen and a public works employe have been

shooting the birds and gathering them up, Blodgett said.

"Since we don't allow fire-arms to be fired in the city, we felt it was safer if the police did this. Hopefully we can discourage the birds so they will go some place else," he said.

Blodgett said the fine shot would not hurt anything else and that "very few" birds had really been killed.

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"I SUPPOSE in some com-

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munities, Humane Society people might object. But everyone who has been over to the neighborhood knows this is really a tremendous health problem, and the humans there will have to come first," Blodgett said.

Blodgett said numerous other approaches had been tried. Once the city sprayed water in the trees, later added ammonia to the water, later still ammonia and detergent.

# Plymouth Days Gone By

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

## Festival Sets Record

A question raised following Plymouth's 1968 Fall Festival was, "What can be done for an encore?"

It was answered last weekend with a visit from Gov. William Milliken, a record-breaking crowd, and a reasonably cooperative weatherman.

"I don't have exact figures but from our best estimates it would appear that between 65 and 70 thousand people attended during the four days," said Ronald Coosaia, president of the 1969 Fall Festival board of directors.

Winners in the merchant costume competition were St. Mary's Art Guild, first prize; The Plymouth Mail and Observer Newspapers, second; and Adams House, honorable mention.

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Merchant window - display winners were Minerva's-Dunning's, first; and Terry's Bakery, second; with honorable mention to Wayside Gifts.

COOSAIA ALSO was happy to report that there were no accidents to mar the Festival, a statement which was later confirmed by Sgt. Rod Cannon of the Plymouth Police Department.

In past years throngs of people have been attracted to the Festival for its food and this year was no exception, unless in amounts consumed.

Robert Sincock, general chairman of the enormous Rotary chicken barbecue, reports that 13,282 chickens were roasted, boxed and sold with no problems or lags in serving the thousands of park diners.

## Rapid Rails

### Could Be Reality By 1990

A rapid transit line from downtown Detroit to Redford Township, Livonia and Plymouth is in Observerland's future if a recommended regional plan is adopted.

Another major feature would be a freeway along the Middle

Belt Road corridor from Metropolitan Airport through Westland, Inkster, Garden City, Livonia and Farmington to Pontiac.

The recommendation came from Director Irving J. Rubin and the staff of TALUS -- the seven - county Transportation and Land Use Study.

Rubin unveiled the plans Tuesday to the TALUS administrative committee.

The administrative committee approved it by unanimous voice vote. Taking part in the voting was Wayne County Supervisor Carl Pursell of Plymouth.

THE RAPID transit line from Detroit to Plymouth would be one of four in the region and would be called the Grand River - Schoolcraft line. The other three are called Van Dyke, Woodward and Downriver.

No breakdown of the cost was immediately available, but the whole 81-mile transit system's cost was pegged at \$1.1 billion.

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'Is Long Hair

Only Measurement?'

EDITOR:

In regards to all of the letters in the July 30 issue, speaking as one of today's teenagers, I'm sick and tired of all these people constantly putting us kids down just because we dress differently than they did and we wear our hair longer than they did.

Does long hair mean that you aren't as qualified for a job as a guy with short hair? Does long hair mean you have less brains? I know lots of guys with long hair that are as smart, or smarter than the ones with short hair.

Just because they have long hair people think they are all hippies. Those people probably wouldn't know a real hippie if one was standing on top of them. If the guys were really hippies believe me, they wouldn't be worried about getting a job.

If these people think long hair looks bad on teenagers, why don't some of these women look at some of the men between 35 and 40 years old, that are trying to grow hair long, and have beards, long sideburns and mustaches. Does that look good? The only reason they might say it does is because they aren't teenagers.

Why don't some of these people wake up, and realize that the times have changed, and that long hair doesn't make you unqualified for a job. After all, what does the work, your mind and hands, or your hair?

## Who Can Control The Lake Levels? If Man Can't, Maybe Nature Will

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You can't see it from the majestic height of the Big Mac Bridge or from U.S. 2 that parallels the shoreline, but Lake Michigan is higher this year.

You can see it up close, though. Wide beaches that you could walk on for miles are narrow today and in some cases washed out entirely.

There are extensive marshes now, and the annoyance of mosquitoes seems to have increased proportionately.

What was a babbling brook last year is today a fairly deep river. A funny thing: The current no longer flows out to the big lake all the time; half the time, the current flows in from the lake, changing as often as every five minutes. The subtle variations in air pressure on the lake seem to be the cause.

The change isn't all bad. The toothy, tasty northern pike have found their habitat extended now that the little river is deeper.

**TIMES — AND RAINFALL —**  
change.

There are rainfall cycles of about 20 years. The low point seems to have come around 1963-64. We are now in a period of greater rainfall and deeper lakes.

In that low-water era of six years ago, this reporter recalls

a tract by an amateur politician in the Kalamazoo suburb of Portage. His theory was that the reason for low lake levels was that the City of Kalamazoo's tapping of underground water for its domestic supply was lowering the water table. His proposed solution was that Kalamazoo be prohibited from building any more residential sewers in order to recharge the aquifers.

That was one of the more preposterous ideas. Other frightened suburban leaders blamed the activities of the Upjohn Co. or one of the paper mills. All sorts of water diversion schemes were hatched.

The answer in 1963 was simply lack of rainfall. This spring we made up for lost time, and the lake levels—notably of Superior and Michigan—are rising.

### *Don't Burn The Leaves*

Autumn leaves caress the streets, not the trees, during the fall months and it is better to leave them there than burn them and risk a fine or imprisonment.

The reason for the ordinance that prohibits burning of leaves is because the heat from the fire causes havoc with the concrete streets and melts asphalt.

The city will pick up the leaves free of charge and deliver them to a dump that will use them for fill. A special machine for picking leaves up that is aptly called a leaf picking machine will do the honors in addition to a catch basin cleaner that will inhale the leaves from the curb line.

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Act On  
Snarled  
Corners

The City of Plymouth has embarked on a program it hopes will relieve the traffic snarls, jams and hot tempers that evolve every weekday at two of the city's worst intersections.

City Engineer Tom Waffan has been authorized to begin planning with Wayne County to find the best solution to traffic tie-ups that occur at Mill Street and Main Street and Mill Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

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## Moderate Living Needs \$9,864 Income In Area

According to a survey compiled by the Research Department of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, only four cities had a total living cost lower than Detroit while the others ranged from two per cent to 13 per cent higher. The average total "moderate" income in 1968 in Detroit was \$9,864. New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., were all more expensive places to live.

The survey was based on costs from 1968 using nine indicators and comparing Detroit with New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. and 11 other cities.

All comparisons were based on a four-person family with moderate income - that is, income less the luxury, but more than subsistence.

## Pay Parking In Central Lot Will Begin Sept. 8

Nickel-an-hour parking will start in the 240-space Central Parking Lot in downtown Plymouth on Monday, Sept. 8, it was tentatively agreed by the City Commission Monday night.

This is the biggest parking facility in the downtown area and lies within the business block surrounded by Main, Penniman, Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail.

# Volunteer Spotlight



## Frank Cozza

The Museum would like to welcome our new guide, Frank Cozza.

Frank came aboard in July after just retiring as a program manager at Yazaki North America in Canton.

Frank is originally from New Castle, Pennsylvania. After graduation from High School, he was ac-

cepted at West Point. After graduation, he began a career in the Army and spent 12 years on active duty.

A good portion of that time was spent teaching physics to cadets at West Point. He also spent nine years in the reserves, leaving the military altogether in 1994.

Besides his stint at Yazaki, Frank worked as a project and sales manager at Honeywell, Johnston Controls and Siemens.

Frank lives in town at the Daisy Square condominiums with his wife, Holly. They have three grown children and one grandchild, living in Spain and California.

Frank was attracted to volunteer at the Museum because of his love of history. His current passion is reading books related to the Roman Empire. Frank also likes to golf and travel with his wife. Recently he spent time in Spain and New Orleans.

For Frank's short time at the Museum, he has demonstrated a keen interest in all the goings on as a volunteer guide. It is interesting to note that Frank lives by his father's advice, "You are better than you think you are." In fact, he has inscribed that saying on his West Point graduation saber.

The Museum is very appreciative of Frank's volunteer work.

**Volunteers Make  
a Difference!**

## U-M Has New Approach To Its Football

In 1969, the University of Michigan football program announced two major changes. The natural grass football field was replaced with an artificial turf, and a new coaching staff was hired, led by first year head coach, Bo Schembechler.

Football fans who follow the fortunes of the University of Michigan team are due for a real surprise when the Wolverines open their new season on Saturday, Sept. 20, against Vanderbilt.

Not only will they get their first glimpse of the new Tartan Turf that covers the playing area, but they'll see a new coaching staff in action and an entirely new approach to the game. Even the terminology has been changed.

These things became evident Tuesday when the team posed for the annual picture, and the new system was introduced to the members of the press.

GONE WAS THE serious atmosphere of "Do or Die For The Maize and Blue" that has been prevalent on the Wolverine campus for years. In its place is a spirit of eager anticipation sparked with a sense of humor and an emphasis on condition.

"We don't have a big team," Bo Schembechler, the new head coach explained in his first press conference of the year, "but we are going to play interesting football.

"We're giving our followers the best facilities and guaranteeing them suitable playing conditions for every game--now it will be up to our team to entertain them."

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### War Dead Memorial Proposed

If present plans materialize, the eastern point of Kellogg Park is going to become a hallowed shrine.

Separated from the park by the proposed continuance of Union Street, the three-cornered plot will be dedicated to the service men of Plymouth and will be the focal point for both VFW and American Legion memorials.

Aside from the large Plymouth Rock, which has been placed on a new concrete foundation, the plot will contain a flag pole, and the new Freedom Flame that will burn continuously as part of the American Legion tribute to the war dead.

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In 1969, Plymouth Rotary club members joined with city officials at a formal ceremony in downtown Plymouth to dedicate the new fountain in Kellogg Park. The fountain was a gift to the city from the Rotary Club.

## A Dream Comes True

From faraway Estes Park, Colo., Mrs. Blanche Johannsen sounded the theme for the dedication of the fountain in Kellogg Park Friday afternoon.

"Congratulations," she wired, "Dreams come true are most gratifying."

Mrs. Johannsen, a former resident of Plymouth, who, with Mrs. Myrilla Schrader, was a prime mover in the beautifying of Kellogg Park, now lives in Colorado where she and her husband, Arnold, retired little more than a year ago.

The fountain, a gift of the Rotary Club to the city, was one of the dreams of these two public spirited women and it really was a dream come true when it

solicited the funds for the old gas lights that now border the park and they inaugurated a plan for the planting of trees to add further beauty.

Loren (Bud) Gould, a past president, sounded the note for the Rotary Club at the dedication when he recalled the day the women approached him about the fountain and how the Rotary Club gladly accepted the idea and provided the funds. Along with the fountain, the Rotary Club also provided the brick walk around the fountain and the shrubbery that borders the fountain wall. The Kiwanis Clubs donated the brick cross walks and the concrete benches.

In accepting the fountain in behalf of the city, Mayor James McKeon also stated that the fountain was a dream come true--not only for the Rotary Club--but for all citizens who had looked forward to the day when it would be a reality.

Mrs. Schrader, speaking in behalf of the Women's Garden Club, thanked not only the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs but all the people who are making the beautification of the park possible.

The rehabilitation of the park is to be completed within the next year. Most of the work centered around the fountain.

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## **Calendar of Events**

### **October**

- 5—Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk, 4–9 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person and are on sale now to members.
- 11—Halloween Family Night, 6–8 PM. Free. Characters on our Main Street.
- 26—Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk, 4–9 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person and are on sale now to members.

### **November**

- 3—Sunday, Wilcox House Tour, 1–5 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person. This sells out quickly so don't hesitate!
- 6—"Revolutionary '60s" exhibit closes.
- 7–19—Museum closed for exhibit changeover.
- 19—Members-only Reception.
- 20—"A Red Ryder Christmas Story" special exhibit opens.
- 24—"Tea & Gossip—Downtown Style", 2–4 PM. Tickets are \$30 for members; \$35 for non-members. Tickets go on sale to members on October 7; to the public on October 21.
- 29—Santa's Workshop, 6–8 PM. Free.

### **December**

- 6—Simply Dickens, 7–8 PM. Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Tickets go on sale to members October 28; to the public on November 11.



**Revolutionary '60s**  
New Exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum  
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