

Plymouth Nice Place to Live

Nestled in the research corridor between the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and the metropolitan area of Detroit, the city of Plymouth has a rather unique distinction.

Although only two miles square it is named for its counterpart in Massachusetts where the Pilgrims made their famous landing in 1620 and is one of the few cities in Michigan that has retained any resemblance to its colonial beginnings.

This resemblance is quite prominent in the downtown area where the business section is built around Kellogg Park—a reminder of the "Village Green" and the "Commons" that dotted every community of Early America.

Plymouth's "Village Green" is complete with another "Plymouth Rock" and goes one better by having its only hotel

named "The Mayflower" and which is furnished in the colonial motif.

While the Community of Plymouth is celebrating its centennial as an incorporated city this year, the first settlers arrived here in 1825 and laid ground work for what has become a quiet city of homes.

These first settlers staked their claims on the present site of the Mayflower Hotel and this deed has been recorded for posterity by the placing of a bronze plaque on the outside of the hotel.

From its very beginning Plymouth has been accepted as a nice place in which to live. Through its early years and up to the present it has been noted as a "city of homes" and an outstanding setting in which to raise a family.

Unlike most early commun-

ities, Plymouth is not cluttered with heavy industry. Rather, it is the setting for light industry that serves a dual purpose—providing a broad tax base and employment for many of the residents.

Due to the fact that it is light industry there is little air pollution, making Plymouth a healthy place in which to live.

Another feature that makes Plymouth attractive to homeowners is its outstanding school system. The educational facilities are not confined to the City of Plymouth, but are spread over the community which includes Plymouth Township and part of Canton Township.

While it has only one high school at the moment plans are just about complete for a second, which is to be erected at a cost of more than \$6 million. Through the years Plymouth

has maintained a high cultural level and its residents are lovers of good music and the arts. This is evidenced by the fact that Plymouth is one of the few small cities in the state that boasts a symphony orchestra.

Folks come from miles around to the symphony concerts and the annual "pop" concerts, another by-product, are among the outstanding

social events of the year for the southeastern section of the state.

Add all of these things—location, quiet wooded area, colonial tinge to downtown district, attractive light industry, good schools, and neighbors with a love of music and the arts—and you have an ideal community.

That's Plymouth, Michigan.

Service Is Keyword

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Service to his client which will exhibit knowledge, honesty and professionalism, thereby elevating the high position of trust the public places in him.

Service to the other professions through cooperation and participation in those activities needed for the betterment of

the community.

Service to his fellow Realtors through cooperation in business transactions and active participation in his Board's committees and business.

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Appraiser Knows Answers

If you are a home owner who is selling a house, you may worry about a visit from a real estate appraiser who has been assigned to determine the value of the property, possibly for loan purposes for the new buyer.

According to the Society of Real Estate Appraisers, this worry would occur only if "you don't know what he isn't looking for."

The woman who is unfamiliar with the objectives of the home appraisal is understandably apprehensive about the appraiser's inspection. Unless she is relaxed, she may even hamper his work.

As a homemaker, the woman is the one who is naturally most concerned with appearances. The beds made, the floors swept, furniture polished, etc. The appraiser does not care about these things. He is a case-hardened professional who has trained himself to ignore superficial, non-permanent conditions.

He is only concerned with the number and size of bedrooms, not the quantity and size of toys on the floor. He looks to see if the kitchen floor is linoleum or tile, not if it needs washing. He is interested in that new enclosed shower in the bathroom not the crumpled towels in the corner.

For the appraiser, features of construction, built-ins, floor space and layout affect the value estimate.

So relax, ladies. The time for the home to pass a minute inspection is when the prospective buyer comes to look and ask questions.

The appraiser looks for data, not dirt. It is helpful to an appraiser however, to have available information on real estate taxes, heating costs for last year, and the approximate dates of major repairs or remodeling, and the bills for such work. This will help him in his overall evaluation of the property.

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