

Plymouth Township Council – Chris Manero (incumbent)

Free feel to use this space to tell readers about yourself and anything else you want to share.

What is the most important issue in your ward and how would you address it if elected?

How have you funded your campaign and who are your five largest donors?

In 2018 Plymouth Council's discussed the need to renovate or replace the township building. Selling the sewer system was one of the ways under consideration to fund the project. Now a year later, what is the status of the project and what do you believe is the best way to fund it?

The Colonial School District recently underwent a bidding process for a new middle school. The bids received under its "Responsible Contractors" policy resulted in just two bids and both were over budget. After the school board waived the policy for the general contractor and rebid the project, it received double the number of bids and was able to secure a general contract at a savings of three to four million dollars. Should Plymouth Council review the ordinance and consider repealing it?

There is a growing concern among the public about the environmental and quality-of-life impact of the Covanta plant located in the township. Are there any alternatives that you would support in regards to how the township disposes of its trash? Since alternatives may drive up the cost of trash disposal, how would you incorporate those factors when making a decision?

An October 2018 article in the Philadelphia Inquirer reported on a rising number of arrests for marijuana in the suburbs, especially involving African-Americans, and Plymouth Township statistics were utilized to document the trend. Representatives of the NCAAP attended a November 2018 meeting of Plymouth's Council and addressed concerns it had about the issues outlined in the Inquirer article and submitted a list of requests. A November 5th article in The Times Herald reported that Council member Chris Manero would "welcome sitting down with all parties to discuss the group's concerns in the near future." Has that meeting taken place and what was the outcome?

Articles referenced:

Philadelphia Inquirer - <https://www.inquirer.com/philly/news/weed-marijuana-legalization-arrests-pennsylvania-new-jersey-african-american-20181004.html-2>

Times Herald - https://www.timesherald.com/news/plymouth-faces-allegations-of-racism/article_e4baf4de-e909-11e8-828f-6b4cd74c8df2.html

In May of 2019 MoreThanTheCurve.com sought comment from Plymouth Council on an incident at the Plymouth Meeting Mall involving a teenage Jamaican track team staying at a local hotel while they participated in the Penn Relays and the Plymouth Township Police Department. The incident, from the perspective of the track team, was detailed in the *Philadelphia Sun*. Why did you choose not to respond to that inquiry?

Article referenced:

Philadelphia Sun - <https://www.philasun.com/local/innocence-taken/>

You have not yet signed the transparency pledge. Can you explain why you have chosen thus far not to sign it?

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