



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report July 1, 2019

Prepared for Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to hlazarus@a2gov.org, jfournier@a2gov.org, or shiggins@a2gov.org.

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Fireworks. There are important reminders to heed for those planning to celebrate the Independence Day holiday with fireworks. While the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act broadens the selection of fireworks available for home/amateur use statewide, it is important to know, there are still usage parameters per City of Ann Arbor ordinance ([Section 9:266 of Chapter 115 Weapons and Explosives of Title IX](#)).

Fireworks usage is permitted only during certain timeframes and only around national holidays. During the Independence Day holiday use is only permitted from July 3 and after July 5.

Please also note:

- Use is only permitted from 8 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. on July 3, 4 and 5 with the following restrictions:
 - Use is always prohibited on public property, including parks and school property, as well as churches and places of worship, and the property of another person unless the person using the fireworks has the expressed permission of the property owner.
 - Use is always prohibited for persons under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.
 - If the region is experiencing a dry spell, find out whether additional fireworks precautions or even restrictions are in place to help prevent fires.
- Please be mindful of sensitivities of other residents, pets and neighbors as well. Veterans and military-support organizations emphasize that fireworks can be particularly troublesome for military and veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder. If you choose to use fireworks, please adhere to the law, but please also use common courtesies, such as:
 - Informing neighbors in advance of your fireworks plans.
 - Limiting the frequency of your use during those acceptable usage hours.
 - Cleaning up all debris resulting from your fireworks use (see disposal tip below).

While the safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals, for those who choose to use fireworks on their own, please note the following safety guidelines from Ann Arbor police and fire departments:

- Keep a source of water available nearby. A connected hose is best, but a bucket of water or a fire extinguisher will work, too.

- Wet down an ignition area at least 30 feet in diameter for ground fireworks. That way if sparks do hit the ground, the chance of a spark igniting a fire will be minimal.
- Light fireworks on a paved surface such as concrete or asphalt. If a hard surface is not available, select a dirt area without grass or vegetation. Keep fireworks away from any wooded or grassy areas.
- Keep an eye out for smoldering fires in the grass or shrubs for 30 minutes after the display is completed. If in doubt, call 911.
- After a fireworks display, never pick up fireworks right away that may be left over, as they may still be active. Fully soak used/dud fireworks in water, and dispose of in the trash, not in recycling.
- The risk of fireworks injury is more than twice as high for children ages 10–14 than it is for the general population. Children should never participate in setting off fireworks, and they should remain a safe distance away from where fireworks are being set off.
- Sparklers may seem harmless, but the tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. That is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.
- A person is legally responsible for any fire started or damage caused by fireworks they ignite.

Additional safety guidelines are available on the National Fire Protection Agency website, <https://www.nfpa.org/public-education>. ***We wish you a happy and safe Independence Day holiday!***

Success Stories

Jacqueline Beaudry MAMC City Clerk of the Year. The Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) announced that Ann Arbor’s City Clerk, Jacqueline Beaudry, has been elected as the 2019 City Clerk of the Year.

Jacqueline “Jackie” Beaudry was one of five candidates on the ballot for City Clerk of the Year. Jackie’s municipal government experience spans 19 years. In her role as City Clerk for the City of Ann Arbor, she administers the city’s elections, she is the official custodian of the city seal and city papers, she oversees the efficient organization of the City Council meetings and legislation, and keeps the City’s public records. Jackie has actively worked with a number of local, state, and national organizations to advocate for clerks and the voting public.

This latest recognition for Ms. Beaudry is well-earned, but is also not a tremendous surprise for those of us who work with her on a daily basis. The City of Ann Arbor is fortunate to have a person committed to excellence as our City Clerk!

Police Chief Recommendation. On Monday, July 1, City Council will consider a recommendation by Ann Arbor’s City Administrator Howard Lazarus to appoint Michael Cox as the City’s next

Police Chief. If confirmed by City Council, Cox is expected to begin leading the Ann Arbor Police Department on July 15, 2019. Thank you to City Council, the Independent Police Oversight Commission, City staff, and community members who participated in the interview process. Please see the news release [online](#), for more information.

City of Ann Arbor Announces Partnership with Climate Mayors EV Purchasing Collaborative, One of 127 Cities to Acquire EVs by 2020. At the second-annual Climate Mayors Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 28, [Climate Mayors Electric Vehicle Purchasing Collaborative](#) (“the collaborative”) — with which the City of Ann Arbor is partnering to electrify its city fleet — announced that 127 cities and 15 counties from across 38 states, including the District of Columbia, have joined the collaborative and committed to purchasing more than 2,100 electric vehicles (EV) by the end of 2020. Since 2004, the City of Ann Arbor has had a Green Fleets Policy, aimed at enhancing fuel efficiency and supporting alternative fueled vehicles within the city fleet. In 2018, the city updated its Green Fleets Policy, directing all city departments to work toward a 25% reduction in fleet-related emissions by 2025. Joining the collaborative provides the city the support and peer-networking platforms needed to meet and exceed this goal, all while helping improve citywide air quality and public health. More information is available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=598> or by contacting [Missy Stults, Sustainability and Innovations Manager](#).

Council Priorities/Initiatives

FY20 Budget. City Council adopted the final [FY20 budget](#) on May 20, 2019. FY20 begins Monday, July 1, 2019 and continues through June 30, 2020. More information regarding financial reporting is available on the [budget public process web page](#).

Council Resolution Reporting. Staff is working on the following item pursuant to Council direction:

ITEM	TITLE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-19-109	Resolution to Increase the Benefit and Use of the Downtown Affordable Housing Premium	July 1, 2019	Status report is included as an Administrator Communication Item on the July 1, 2019 Council Agenda.

ITEM	TITLE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-18-291	Resolution to Support One Community Initiative and Ongoing Equity Work	July 1, 2019	FY19 Q4 report is included as an Administrator Communication item on the July 1, 2019 Council Agenda

Previews

The **July 1 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Introductions. Proclamation Recognizing Roger Moon as Volunteer of the Month for July 2019. Roger Moon has dedicated himself to volunteering in the assistance of rain gardens and the Ann Arbor Parks, Give365 and Natural Area Preservation (MAP).

Consent Agenda. There are (18) items on the consent agenda. Included is a Resolution to Appoint Michael Cox as the City of Ann Arbor Police Chief.

Public Hearings. The agenda includes seven (7) Public Hearings, which are referenced below under second readings.

- **Resolution to Approve the Broadway Park Redevelopment Brownfield Plan (BRC Recommendation: Approval - 4 Yeas and 0 Nays)**
- **Resolution to Approve the 841 Broadway Area Plan, 841 Broadway (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 2 Nays)**

Second Readings. The agenda includes five (5) second readings.

- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Section 5.18.1 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Front Porch Exception from Front Yard Setback) (Ordinance No. ORD-19-17).** This ordinance amendment would allow unenclosed, covered porches, decks, and platforms to encroach into a required front yard setback by up to eight feet, with additional limitations.
- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map Being a Part of Section 5:10.2 of Chapter 55 of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor, Rezoning of 13.81 Acres from M1 (Limited Industrial District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District), 841 Broadway PUD Zoning and Supplemental Regulations (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 2 Nays) (Ordinance No. ORD-19-20).** This ordinance amendment will zone the property Planned Unit Development (PUD) to allow a minimum of 90 residential units.

- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 (Risk Fund) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** The City recently conducted a review of certain code sections to ensure they conform with practice and are in line with City interests. The proposed changes are a result of that review.
- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:292 of Chapter 13 (Special Assessments) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Ordinance No. ORD-19-22).** The City recently conducted a review of certain code sections to ensure they conform with practice and are in line with City interests. The proposed changes are a result of that review.
- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Sections 1:311, 1:316, 1:317, 1:319, and 1:324 in Chapter 14 (Purchasing, Contracting and Selling Procedure) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Ordinance No. ORD-19-23).** The City recently conducted a review of certain code sections to ensure they conform with practice and are in line with City interests. The proposed changes are a result of that review.

WIP (Work in Progress)

Road Construction Season. Road construction season in Ann Arbor is underway with much to accomplish in 2019. The City has plans to resurface or restore 12 major streets and 33 local streets, and an additional 40 major and local streets will undergo preventative maintenance. A list of roadways planned for construction this year is available so residents and visitors will know what to expect (and where to avoid if possible). Updates are posted on the City's [road construction project page](#). You can also [subscribe to updates](#).

Soil Testing at the Leslie Science & Nature Center (LSNC) has prompted programming changes out of an abundance of caution. On Sunday, June 23, the city received formal guidance from an industrial toxicologist indicating that the level of heavy metals, specifically arsenic and lead, at the LSNC were elevated and could pose a risk if soil were to be ingested. As a result, in an abundance of caution, the LSNC has moved all programming offsite until further testing is completed. Temporary fencing has been installed to prevent access to the areas that were tested, which includes the future site of a Nature Playscape, which is on hold until further testing is completed and remediation steps are known. Signage will be installed to inform park users to avoid restricted areas. Please go online for [more information and answers to \(anticipated\) frequently asked questions](#).

Other

Independence Day City Municipal Offices Schedule. There will be no trash, recycling or compost collection in the City of Ann Arbor on Thursday, July 4. The Thursday pickups will occur on Friday.

The normal Friday routes will be serviced on Saturday, July 6. Commercial customers with weekly Saturday service through the city franchise with Waste Management will receive Saturday pickups without delays.

Recycle Ann Arbor's Drop-off Station at 2950 E. Ellsworth Road will be closed on Thursday, July 4. The Drop-off Station is normally open weekly on Mondays 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. until Aug. 26, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.–6 p.m. For more information on the city's solid waste services, please visit a2gov.org/recycle.

Ann Arbor Firefighters Spray Park Comes to State Street District Thursday, July 4. A spray park is coming to Ann Arbor! Presented by the Ann Arbor Fire Department and the State Street District, all are invited to cool off with some water fun Thursday, July 4 following the Jaycees 4th of July Parade. The spray park will be located on Maynard between East Liberty and East William streets and will take place approximately between noon and 4 p.m.

The free, one-day, family event will include opportunities to:

- Spray a REAL fire hose.
- See fire apparatus and equipment on display.
- Meet some of your local firefighters.

“The Ann Arbor Fire Department is excited to partner with the State Street District to offer this free family event,” said Ann Arbor Fire Chief Mike Kennedy. “This is a great way for our firefighters to interact with the community, and it also provides the rare chance for those who attend to spray a real fire hose and run through water sprayed by our fire trucks — all at safe pressures, of course.” Be sure to bring a towel!

July Events & Opportunities with NAP. City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) works to protect and restore Ann Arbor's natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its citizens. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor's parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. Find more information about NAP at www.a2gov.org/NAP.

Ann Arbor Farmers Market to Host Monthly Events in Celebration of 100th Birthday. This August marks 100 years for the Ann Arbor Farmers Market (AAFM) serving the community with local, fresh food, goods and so much more. There are some great events planned for the community all season long, including guest chef cooking demonstrations, kids activities and a 100th birthday party Saturday, Aug. 24. But first, here's how you can join the AAFM (315 Detroit St.) in kicking off the season-long celebration in May: <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=578>