

## Staff Updates for Environmental Commission, August 2023

### Office of Sustainability and Innovations

The second annual Ann Arbor Local Food Fest will be held on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-8:00pm at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market. Local food vendors, farmers, and non-profits will be in attendance. Join us to enjoy a meal featuring local ingredients, buy local farm products, learn about our local food system, and listen to music from band Ain't Dead Yet. Learn more at [www.a2gov.org/localfoodfest](http://www.a2gov.org/localfoodfest).

The 10,000 Trees Initiative will be holding a Community Tree Planting on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-11:00am at Samaritas Affordable Living at Sequoia Place – and we're looking for volunteers to help us plant five trees at this site! Interested volunteers should sign up at <https://forms.office.com/g/ZFeLCa3UkT>.

The 2023 Mayor's Autumnal Green Fair is coming up on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 5:00 - 8:00pm. Dozens of nonprofit, governmental, and other exhibitors will be on hand to answer questions and provide resources for sustainable action, including: the circular economy, solar technologies, green transportation, plant-based foods, climate resiliency, environmental education, clean water protections, and energy waste reduction. Learn more at [www.a2gov.org/greenfair](http://www.a2gov.org/greenfair).

### Public Services

The City is currently interviewing candidates for a new position titled Environmental Services Manager. This position will reside in Public Services, and staff look forward to working with the Environmental Commission during the on-boarding process.

Environmental Commissioner's comments on the draft Urban Forest Management Plan are being reviewed for implementation in an updated draft of the document.