

Staff Updates for Environmental Commission, March 2023

Office of Sustainability and Innovations

The Spring 2023 FreeTree Giveaway is planned for Sunday, April 30th from 10am-4pm. We will be giving out approximately 2,500 seedlings to residents of Washtenaw County. Keep an eye on www.a2gov.org/10ktrees for updates, and contact Sean Reynolds, Community Sustainability Coordinator, at SReynolds@a2gov.org with questions or if you are interested in volunteering.

The 2023 Ann Arbor Earth Day celebration will be held on Sunday, April 23rd from 12pm-4pm at Leslie Science & Nature Center. This free, family-friendly event features booths from local environmental organizations; hands-on activities; live entertainment; wildlife encounters; and more. Learn more and apply for a booth at www.a2earthday.org.

A²ZERO Week is just around the corner! The week kicks off on Sunday, June 4th and concludes Saturday, June 10th with events at Summer Fest. Contact Jennifer Wolf, Senior Energy Analyst, at JWolf@a2gov.org if you want to participate by hosting an event.

Public Works

The City's Move-In/Move-Out Drop-Off Event will take place at 2000 S. Industrial on April 26th, 28th, and 30th and May 1st and 3rd from 10am-3pm daily. Contact Jennifer Petoskey, Solid Waste Outreach and Compliance Specialist, at JPetoskey@a2gov.org if you are interested in volunteering.

The new Commercial Solid Waste Franchise contract is going to City Council for approval on Monday, March 20th.

Public engagement meetings for the drop-off station design will be on April 13th at 6:30pm at the Ann Arbor Senior Center in Burns Park and on April 19th at 6:30pm at Pittsfield Township Hall. For more information, go to www.a2dropoff.com.

Systems Planning

Staff have started the Source Water Protection Plan Project (a comprehensive update of the Surface Water Intake Protection Plan & Wellhead Protection Plan). Over the next several months, there will be a series of internal meetings including local and national technical experts regarding surface water protection and wellhead protection. Areas of discussion include upstream land use management topics, climate adaptation strategies, upstream and wellhead protection area pollutant potential, and contingency planning. City staff anticipate this endeavor to be near completion in 12-18 months.