



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report May 16, 2022

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

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update. It remains vitally important for everyone to follow the latest public health guidelines, both inside and outside of the workplace, and to get vaccinated when eligible.

City facilities are open to the public. The city will continue to share updated information via all channels — including Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TheCityOfAnnArbor>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/a2gov>), NextDoor and via email (subscribe at http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=MIANNA_5).

City staff continue to serve the community and residents can always contact the city's customer service center for assistance Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (except holidays) at 734.794.6320 or via email at customerservice@a2gov.org with questions or concerns.

For the latest COVID-19 health information, please visit www.washtenaw.org/COVID19 or the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/>. For city related business, individual safety reminders include:

- Please check the [city's meeting calendar for](#) the most up-to-date information on public meetings.
- To pay parking tickets, water bills, property taxes, apply for permits as well as other customer service options, residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of online services by visiting www.a2gov.org/services.

A2 Be Safe!

Success Stories

Success. Thank you to staff throughout the organization who have worked and continue to work tirelessly, and those who have gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. You are appreciated! The City extends appreciation to the Ann Arbor community for their patience; cooperation with mask wearing and distancing; increased handwashing; support of local businesses; and for getting/planning to get vaccinated all in a united effort to bring the pandemic to an end.

- **A2 Zero May Newsletter** attached (PDF).
- **Sustainable Energy Utility Overview** — The Office of Sustainability and Innovation has kicked off public engagement to understand the public’s interest in a potential Sustainable Energy Utility. Individuals can learn more and register their opinion on the idea at www.a2gov.org/a2seu. Additionally, staff have produced this 10-minute video providing a high-level overview of the proposed Ann Arbor Sustainable Energy Utility and how it could operate locally to advance clean, reliable, locally built and community-owned energy: <https://youtu.be/MLYcCMga8a8>.
- **Nominate an A²ZERO Champion** – Do you know an individual or organization that is the embodiment of a climate champion? Consider nominating that individual for an A2ZERO Champion award. Nominations can be completed [here](#).
- **Subscribe to the OSI Newsletter** – Every two months we send out a detailed newsletter highlighting some of the sustainability-related activities unfolding in the community. If you aren’t already, consider subscribing by filling out [this short](#) form.
- **Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge:** The Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge is a home energy competition run in partnership with the [GreenHome Institute](#). From multiple months, participants will reduce their water and electric bills through a variety of efficiency improvements – and the household with the largest reduction in energy usage will win \$500. Other prizes will also be available, based on improvements in Home Energy Score, decreases in water usage, and more. For more information, see: [The Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge](#).
- **Sustaining Ann Arbor Together.** The City administers a grant program for residents to advance community-wide sustainability, known as the Sustaining Ann Arbor Together (SA²T) grant program. SA²T is currently accepting applications for this year’s grant program. Successful applicants can receive up to \$10,000 to advance social or environmental sustainability in the community. Learn more at www.a2gov.org/sa2t.
- **Solarize.** If you have been thinking about installing solar at your home, spring is a great season to research and make informed decisions. OSI’s Solarize program is a great resource to help you navigate the terrain. For details, please refer to the web page: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/Ann-Arbor-Solarize.aspx>
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - **Bandemer Park Workdays, second Fridays, 3-5 p.m.** — OSI has adopted Bandemer Park and holds a monthly workday there with GIVE 365 (on the second Friday of each month, except December–February). If you are interested in volunteering to help maintain Bandemer Park with OSI (by picking up trash, removing invasives, clearing brush from trails, etc.), please email **Sean Reynolds** at sreynolds@a2gov.org.
 - **Green Fair 2022** — Save the date for Green Fair 2022, taking place on Main Street and the Council Commons 6–9 p.m. Friday, June 10. If you are interested in applying for a booth, please contact **Christine Schopieray** at cschopieray@a2gov.org.

- **A²ZERO Week** — It's almost here – our week long celebration of the city's commitment to equitable climate action. Mark your calendars for June 5-11th and check out the activities planned at <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/a2zero-week/Pages/default.aspx>.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Police Monthly Report. The April 2022 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report (PDF) is attached.

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The May 2022 Transportation Commission Project Report (PDF) is attached.

Previews

The **May 16 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda (11). There are (11) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. None.

Ordinances – Second Readings – (2).

- **An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:63 of Chapter 29 (Water Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** This ordinance increases water fees for upcoming operating and capital needs consistent with the City's Cost of Service Study, Capital Improvement Plan, and Water Asset Management Plan.
- **An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:69 of Chapter 29 (Stormwater Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** This ordinance increases stormwater fees for upcoming operating and capital needs consistent with the City's Stormwater Utility Rate Study, Capital Improvement Plan, and Stormwater Asset Management Plan.

Ordinances – First readings. None.

New Business – Staff.

- **Resolution to Approve FY2023 Fee Adjustments for the Community Services Area**
- **Resolution to Approve FY2023 Fee Adjustments for Public Services Area**
- **Resolution to Approve FY2023 Fee Adjustments for the Fire Department**
- **Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2023**

All Invited to the Ann Arbor Public Safety Family Open House May 21. The Ann Arbor community can meet their first responders and see, learn and experience how they serve and protect at a fun-filled, annual event. All are invited to the City of Ann Arbor Public Safety Open House Saturday, May 21, 2022, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., on Fifth Avenue between Huron and East Ann streets, alongside fire station No. 1, 111 N. Fifth Ave. All available via: <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=880>

City of Ann Arbor Expanding Public EV Charging Downtown. The City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI), in collaboration with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), is working to expand public electric vehicle (EV) charging in downtown parking facilities. The city's sustainability goals include providing access to public EV charging, which is one of the primary ways a city can support the transition to electric vehicles.

As part of this work, the city and DDA are supporting the installation of 80 electric vehicle charging ports in seven parking structures, more-than doubling the number of public charging points in the public parking system. Parking structures receiving new or additional chargers include:

- Ann/Ashley.
- Fourth and William.
- Library Lane.
- Maynard.
- Liberty Square.
- Forest.

More information is available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=879>

Ann Arbor Identifies Key Infrastructure Projects Responsive to Federal Funding. The City of Ann Arbor has identified key infrastructure projects that are aligned with the federal funding that will invest trillions of dollars across the country over the next five years. Funds are being distributed through federal and state agencies, but also directly to municipalities in some instances. In order to maximize and coordinate with potential funding opportunities, the City of Ann Arbor's [infrastructure agenda](#) outlines eligible projects needing federal and state support.

Ann Arbor Seeks Input for Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan. The City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan process is now underway. An online survey is gathering community feedback to help identify [goals, needs and priorities for Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation](#) for the next five years. The survey will close June 5, 2022.

Ann Arbor Shares List of Road, Sidewalk, Utility & Resurfacing Projects Planned for 2022. City of Ann Arbor released its list of road and sidewalk projects scheduled for construction in 2022. This year's resurfacing/reconstruction projects will involve 3.6 miles of major roads and 7.5 miles

of local streets. This year's capital preventive maintenance program will involve 16.5 miles of major roads and 8.6 miles of local streets. All projects are listed online at www.a2gov.org/roadconstruction. Projects and schedules are subject to change. Construction may result in road and/or lane closures, so travelers are advised to sign up for email or text alerts at www.a2gov.org/roads.

Volunteer with NAP in June for Pollinator Week, World Environment Day & More. 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 community. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. NAP is sharing events planned for June 2022.

To attend a workday, participants are encouraged to preregister using VolunteerHub at <https://cityofannarbor.volunteerhub.com/lp/nap>; links to each event in VolunteerHub are also provided with each description.

NAP is continuing to closely monitor recommendations from city and other health officials. As a result, the events planned are subject to change in order keep volunteers and the public safe. Should it be prudent to make changes to the event schedule, NAP will update its website and notify anyone registered for events. Visit www.a2gov.org/NAPevents for the most up-to-date information.

At all NAP workdays, please wear long pants and closed-toe shoes, bring a water bottle and gardening gloves. All minors should be accompanied by a guardian. Tools and know-how provided. Stay home if you are feeling unwell. For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP.

Streetlight Outage Reporting. Did you know you can help the community be and feel safer by reporting streetlight outages? Simply visit www.a2gov.org/a2fixit (<https://www.a2gov.org/services/pages/report-a-problem.aspx>), or download the A2 Fix It app on your smartphone, to report streetlights that are no longer working. And remember, A2 Fix It isn't just for streetlights. You can use the tool to report potholes and missed cart pickups as well.

THE CHARGING STATION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF A²ZERO AND THE ANN ARBOR
OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATIONS



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WELCOME

Welcome from the City of Ann Arbor’s Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI)! We hope that this newsletter provides a glimpse into the work we do towards achieving the equitable, healthy, safe, and carbon neutral community envisioned in the A²ZERO Plan. If you are interested in learning more about A²ZERO and our work, more detail can be found on our website: www.a2gov.org/sustainability. And as always, thank you for your interest in sustainability activities here in Ann Arbor!

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Equity and justice are at the center of A²ZERO and staff in OSI are continuing to ground our work in these critical principles. In that light, we’d like to take a moment to honor the geographic and historic space we share. We acknowledge that the land the City of Ann Arbor occupies is the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Anishinaabe and Wyandot peoples. We further acknowledge that our city stands, like almost all property in the United States, on lands obtained, generally in unconscionable ways, from indigenous peoples. The taking of this land was formalized by the Treaty of Detroit in 1807. Knowing where we live, work, study, and recreate does not change the past, but a thorough understanding of the ongoing consequences of this past can empower us in our work to create a future that supports human flourishing and justice for all individuals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Climate Change: Responding to the Latest IPCC Report

Thursday, May 12th | 7:00-8:00pm | Zoom

Climate change is here, and the impacts are already being experienced around the world. What are the existing and projected impacts to our region? What are others doing? What should we do? Join us for this interactive presentation and open Q&A session to learn more. Speakers will share findings from the most recent series of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports, details about climate activities in Michigan and Ann Arbor, and ways you can get more involved. Register [here](#).

Huron River Day

Sunday, May 15th | 12:00-4:00pm | Gallup Park

Enjoy the beautiful Huron River with free, family-friendly river activities during the Huron River Day festival at Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Road in Ann Arbor, Sunday, May 15, noon-4 p.m. Learn, explore and have fun celebrating Ann Arbor's wonderful freshwater with discounted boat rentals, children's activities, river exhibits, music and food.

You Can Teach an Old House New Tricks: Home Electrification and Energy Efficiency Improvements

Tuesday, May 14th | 6:00-8:00pm | Ann Arbor Distilling Company

How can you emit less carbon at home? At this event, some of the A2ZERO Ambassadors will answer this question by showing you how to develop a roadmap to home electrification, with a focus on older homes. Plus, homeowners who have already started on their electrification journeys will be present to share their experiences and answer questions!

2022 A²ZERO Sustainability Series: A²ZERO & Me

Wednesday, May 25th | 6:00-8:00pm | Zoom

Join the Office of Sustainability and Innovations for the final A²ZERO Sustainability Series event of 2022! This month, we'll be discussing the A²ZERO Plan and how you can get involved. Register [here](#).

For more information on all of our upcoming events, please visit www.a2gov.org/sustainability/events

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

This month, OSI is spotlighting Ann Arbor resident Kathy Sample. Kathy lives on the West Side with her husband (Bill) and runs a small local business known as Argus Farm Stop. Kathy, Bill, and the other talented local foodivores at Argus are dedicated to working with small farms to get the best local food to the consumer and doing it as sustainably as possible. Kathy continually works to find ways to re-use packaging, eliminate single-use plastics, and lessen her and Argus' impact on the planet. As Kathy notes, "We, for example, have far less food waste than a typical grocery, and we find creative ways to move our compostables back to the farms and farmers. We think about these things all the time, because is the right way to operate." Thank you, Kathy, Bill, and the foodivores at Argus for all the great work you are doing!



Pictured above: Kathy Sample and Bill Brinkerhoff

Pro-Tip from Kathy: Ramps are in season and when sustainably foraged, make a great addition to your local egg scramble.

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

This month, OSI is spotlighting A²ZERO Ambassador Jennifer Peterson-Price. Jennifer grew up in Ann Arbor and attended elementary, middle, high school and college here. After college, she moved around a bit before returning to Ann Arbor six years ago.

After finishing the A²ZERO Ambassadors training course, Jennifer chose to work with a team of Ambassadors on a project focused on engaging Ann Arbor's school age students with the A²ZERO Plan. The Ambassador group worked with students to identify ways they could help the city achieve its carbon neutrality goals. Now the team is working on creating a pilot project targeting school lunch waste reduction by teaching kids about composting and by launching a contest among lunch periods to see who can reduce their waste the most. This contest begins in May at Eberwhite Elementary and will hopefully soon expand to many other schools in Ann Arbor!



Pictured above: Jennifer Peterson-Price, A²ZERO Ambassador.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Nominations for A²ZERO Champions

Do you know an individual or organization that goes out of their way to advance sustainability, equity, and climate action? Nominate them to be an A²ZERO Champion! Nominations can be submitted [here](#), and are due by May 20th, 2022.

Solarize Group-Buys

There are new Solarize groups in the process of forming for spring and early summer! Contact Julie Roth at JRoth@a2gov.org for more information or to be added to our Solarize mailing list.

Provide Feedback on the Proposed Ann Arbor SEU

The City of Ann Arbor is seeking public input regarding the potential creation of a Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU). An SEU is a 100% clean, reliable, locally built, affordable, and community-owned energy utility that provides electricity from local solar and battery storage systems installed on homes and businesses throughout the City. Please provide feedback and learn more by visiting a2gov.org/a2seu.

Provide Feedback on the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan

The City of Ann Arbor is seeking feedback to update its five-year Hazard Mitigation Plan. Please take a few minutes to complete [this online survey](#) to help identify how Ann Arbor residents experience and prepare for local hazards, as well as activities the City could be taking to enhance preparedness and resilience. Find more information about the project and additional public feedback opportunities [here](#).

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Did you know that the City offers free tree seedlings to County residents twice each year? Each spring and fall, the 10,000 Trees Initiative holds a FreeTree Giveaway event – and so far, we've distributed nearly 2,500 trees! To be the first to hear about upcoming FreeTree events and receive emails with registration links, sign up for our 10,000 Trees Initiative mailing list [here](#). To learn more about the 10,000 Trees Initiative and other ways in which we're growing our city's tree canopy, visit a2gov.org/10ktrees or email Sean Reynolds at SReynolds@a2gov.org.

SECOND ANNUAL A²ZERO WEEK: JUNE 5th – 11th

June 1st marks the 2-year anniversary of the adoption of the A²ZERO Plan! To commemorate this event, the Office of Sustainability and Innovations will be holding our second annual A²ZERO Week. This week-long celebration consists of a series of events highlighting the work done by OSI and our collaborators in the sustainability space, and the great achievements we still have ahead of us. Check out highlights from the week below!

All Week Long: Zero Waste Challenge - Learn how to live a more eco-friendly lifestyle and support the circular economy by joining the Zero Waste Challenge, hosted by non-profit Live Zero Waste. Pledge to create as little trash and recycling as possible during the week! You'll be entered into a drawing for prizes from local businesses and have access to zero waste crash courses and resources during the challenge. Learn more and sign up at www.livezerowaste.org/a2.

Sunday June 5th: A²ZERO at the Taste of Ann Arbor - The Office of Sustainability and Innovations will be joining the Main Street Area Association for the annual Taste of Ann Arbor event, where local restaurants showcase their flavors through bite-sized offerings. Join us to learn about how we can make our food system more sustainable, while enjoying delicious fare! Learn more about the Taste of Ann Arbor event [here](#).

Monday June 6th: Cargo Bike Rally and Test Ride - Join us from 6-9 at the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market for a fun and informative cargo bike rally. Cargo bike owners are encouraged to come share their experiences and talk about how they've reduced their carbon footprint through bike riding. Urban Rider Cargo Bikes will have various bike models on hand to test drive, Common Cycle will be hosting a bike fix-it workshop, and ice cream treats will be available!

Tuesday June 7th: A Celebration of Local Food: Discussion and Tasking – Join us from 6pm-8pm at Bløm Meadworks to celebrate the thriving local, sustainable farm to table scene in Southeastern Michigan. During this event you'll hear from local farmers, chefs, and brewers about why choosing local and sustainable food matters, and how sustainable food and sustainable farming practices are being applied in the region. You'll also have the chance to taste some delicious local and sustainable food. Reservations are required and space is limited to the 70 individuals. [RSVP here](#).

Wednesday June 8th: A²ZERO at the Farmers Market – Stop by the A²ZERO table at the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market from 7:00am-3:00pm to learn more about our carbon neutrality's goals, the programs we offer, and how you can get involved. Plus, check out a cooking demo from [VegMichigan](#), showcasing a delicious, healthy, and sustainable vegetarian meal!

Thursday June 9th: A²ZERO Night on Main Street, Dance Party for the Planet, and Climate Change and Beer - Join us on Main Street for a walkable, family-friendly, and informative night all about A²ZERO! This includes a dance party for the planet, with a local DJ powered by a solar generator and a tasting of a special beer brewed to mimic what climate-altered beer in Michigan will taste like.

Friday June 10th: Mayor's Green Fair - Downtown Main Street and the Community Commons will be open to pedestrians to explore a multitude of exhibits showcasing local green businesses and non-profits, along with A²ZERO collaborators. Stop by to learn what you can do to help us achieve our carbon neutrality goals and forge a cleaner, greener future for you and our planet! Check out some energy saving appliances; learn from interactive solar displays; ask questions of solar installers; learn about green commuting options like electric vehicles, e-bikes, and cargo bikes; engage with local green businesses and non-profits; or just enjoy some live entertainment - whatever you do, there's something for everyone at Green Fair! Learn more [here](#).

Saturday June 11th: A²ZERO Day at Top of the Park – Join the Office of Sustainability and Innovations at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival's annual Top of the Park. We'll be enjoying great music while helping to make this year's Top of the Park a zero-waste event. We'll also be hosting a series of interactive exhibits, so come and join us to learn more, have fun, and enjoy this great community event! Learn more about Ann Arbor Summer Festival [here](#).

Learn more and see a full schedule of events at www.a2gov.org/a2zeroweek.

OSI PROGRAM UPDATES

10,000 Trees Initiative

So far, the 10,000 Trees Initiative has distributed nearly 2,500 trees! We recently gave out over 600 tree seedlings to residents of Washtenaw County at our Spring 2022 FreeTree Giveaway event and are planning our next FreeTree Giveaway for the fall. We are also looking to hold more community tree planting events, beginning in the fall of 2022. Visit www.a2gov.org/10ktrees to keep up to date on all things 10K Trees and sign up for our mailing list. For more information or with any questions, please contact Sean Reynolds at SReynolds@a2gov.org.

A²ZERO Ambassadors

Our third cohort of Ambassadors are nearly through their training courses, learning about sustainability topics and our programs at OSI. Meanwhile, our first and second cohorts continue to work on their community projects and have been invaluable in our community engagement efforts. For more information or with any questions about the Ambassadors program, please contact Galen Hardy at GHardy@a2gov.org.

Aging in Place Efficiently

Our AIP pilot project – offering energy efficiency improvements and home safety installs to support older, income-qualified adults wishing to age-in-place – has been completed in six homes, with 11 additional homes in progress! We are looking to scale the model up in conjunction with Washtenaw County to ensure that the investments in AIP homes help to stabilize housing stock and support inter-generational home retention. Meanwhile, we are collecting feedback from participants, vendors, and partner agencies; compiling participant data for evaluation; and actively seeking additional financial support. For more information or with any questions on the AIP program, please contact Jennifer Wolf at JWolf@a2gov.org.

Air Quality Monitoring

The City has installed two solar-powered AQMesh air quality monitors - one at the Kerrytown Farmer's Market, and another at the Bryant Community Center; and are working to install additional air quality monitors at a local Elementary School and on Main Street at the intersection with Washington, with further locations in the works. These monitors will measure pollutants such as particulate matter (PM), carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, ozone, and nitrous oxides. All data collected by the monitoring network will be made publicly available. For more information or with any questions on our air quality monitoring efforts, please contact Sean Reynolds at SReynolds@a2gov.org.

Ann Arbor Reduce, Reuse, Return (A²R³)

US-made; USDA-approved; microwave-, freezer-, and dishwasher-safe reusable containers are available for select takeout orders at Zingerman's Next Door Café, Ginger Deli, and El Harissa Market Café. Containers can be returned to participating businesses to be cleaned and used for future takeout orders, reducing single-use container waste, and supporting Ann Arbor's circular economy. Additional businesses will be added to the program continually. Simply visit www.livezerowaste.org/a2r3 to register and to check out a container each time you visit a participating business! For more information or with any questions on the A²R³ program, please contact Sean Reynolds at SReynolds@a2gov.org.

Circular Economy

The circular economy is an economic system that generates value by reusing, repairing, sharing, lending, and promoting all activities that give goods and resources a new life or extend the useful life of an item. Strengthening our circular economy is outlined in Strategy 5 of A²ZERO and it's an exciting area of existing and future work in the City. The City just released [this website](#) to provide more details about emerging workstreams related to the circular economy – check out some great resources and get ready to give feedback on what you think a circular economy means for Ann Arbor (public input request coming soon).

City Fleet Electrification

We've procured two electric refuse trucks for the City Fleet, partially funded with over \$600,000 in Federal and State grants. So far, we have exceeded 15% electrification of the City's light fleet! For more information on the electrification of our City fleet, please contact Simi Barr at SBarr@a2gov.org.

Commercial and Multifamily Energy and Water Benchmarking

Last year, City Council passed an energy and water benchmarking ordinance. To support implementation, OSI has procured benchmarking software to provide data collection and organization, as well as customized help desk functionality. We are also coordinating with the 2030 District, five UM SEAS students, and five volunteers (including A²ZERO Ambassadors) to provide support for the program. For more information on our benchmarking program, please contact Thea Yagerlener at TYagerlener@a2gov.org.

Electrification of Vehicles and Electric Vehicle Readiness

The City's Planning Department, with help from the Transportation Electrification subcommittee of the Energy Commission, is considering improvements to the EV Readiness Ordinance, which will be submitted to the Ordinance Review Committee. Additionally, four DC fast chargers were installed at City Hall this winter, and the DDA has signed a ChargePoint agreement to deploy 80 charging ports across DDA parking garages. We are also assisting multi-unit dwellings interested in EV charging by connecting them with incentives, contractors, and other resources. If you live in an apartment or condo and are interested in EV charging at your community, please reach out to Simi Barr at SBarr@a2gov.org.

Energy Concierge

With help from the Energy Concierge Service subcommittee of the Energy Commission, OSI has evaluated the pros and cons of multiple energy concierge service business models, interviewed vendors that provide energy concierge platform development and energy advisory services, and developed a draft work plan. OSI is currently working with the City's IT office to develop an energy concierge service website, based on lessons learned. The energy concierge service will provide consolidated and organized educational information on energy efficiency improvement, electrification, and renewable energy options. We are also working with A²ZERO Ambassadors to provide workshops where homeowners can share experiences on home energy upgrades. For more information on the energy concierge program, please contact Fang Wu at FWu@a2gov.org.

Green Rental Housing

OSI created a green rental housing task force composed of property owners, renters, landlords, and affordable housing colleagues which worked for months to develop green rental housing policy recommendations. These recommendations were shared with the public from February through April 2022. Feedback is currently being assessed, and updated policy recommendations will be released soon. For more information on the green rental housing program, please contact Zach Waas Smith at ZWaasSmith@a2gov.org.

Home Electrification and Heat Pumps

The Electrification Contractor Badging program, created in partnership with Michigan Saves, assists residents in finding qualified professionals (e.g., HVAC technicians, plumbers, energy auditors, electricians, and solar contractors) who can assist them with home electrification efforts. Contractors are completing the training now, and badged contractors can be found on the Michigan Saves locator tool (<https://michigansaves.org/find-a-contractor/>) by searching "Electrification." Additionally, OSI staff are participating in an RMI cohort of cities and front-line organizations across the country working on electrification campaigns, with targeted goals around program design and implementation. The Electrification webpage has been updated with additional information and resources at www.a2gov.org/electrify. Additionally, the IBEW/NECA, our local Electrical Workers Union, is partnering with A²ZERO on electrification readiness and is launching a campaign called "The Future is Electric." As part of this campaign, they are releasing [informational videos](#) to help residents know what might be involved with upgrading homes for electrification of appliances and vehicles. Finally, OSI is also planning an [Electrification Expo](#) for July 15th at the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market. For more information on electrification, please contact Julie Roth at JRoth@a2gov.org.

Home Energy Rating Disclosure (HERD)

City staff have developed a pathway to Home Energy Rating Disclosure implementation based on best practices from RMI. Stay tuned for more information about the program and how it can help improve the comfort of homes in Ann Arbor. Please contact Zach Waas Smith at ZWaasSmith@a2gov.org with any questions.

Municipal Energy Use

The City is working with two firms to design over 4MW of solar energy systems for various municipal sites - including City Hall, the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants, the airport, and various Parks sites. Funding for this project is coming, in part, from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Additionally, the City is conducting energy audits of various municipal sites, to understand energy consumption and make improvements where needed. In addition, the City is working on the final details related to the proposed 20MW landfill solar project. For more information on municipal energy use, please contact Simi Barr at SBarr@a2gov.org.

Neighborhood-Scale Climate Action – Bryant

The City continues to collaborate with the Community Action Network, the residents of the Bryant neighborhood, Elevate, and other collaborators to make Bryant the first fully decarbonized existing neighborhood in America. OSI is delighted to share that the project team recently won a Solar Moonshot grant to support two households with deploying solar, as well as a continuation grant from the McKnight Foundation to continue and deepen our engagement work in Bryant. The City and partners also applied for a U.S. Department of Energy grant to help provide deep weatherization support for up to 30 households in the neighborhood. We should know more about that grant by fall. In addition, energy audits of neighborhood residences are now underway. To learn more about the work in Bryant or to get involved, please contact Missy Stults at MStults@a2gov.org.

Net Zero Energy Affordable Housing

Working in collaboration with the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, OSI continues to advance energy waste reduction, electrification, and solar energy deployments at affordable housing sites. This includes a \$3 million earmark received from Congresswoman Dingell to support the transition of 3-4 existing affordable housing sites to as close to net zero energy as possible. The team is currently working on the RFPs for solar installations and electrification support at these sites so more details available soon. To learn more, please contact Missy Stults at mstults@a2gov.org.

Proposed Municipal Sustainable Energy Utility

In January, Ann Arbor City Council voted to move forward design work related to the proposed Ann Arbor municipal Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU). This includes starting to register public interest in the utility, designing potential governance and staffing structures, conducting a rate analysis, and studying the technical and economic elements of deploying micro- and nano-grids as part of the SEU. OSI is currently seeking public feedback on the proposed SEU. To learn more and provide feedback, please see www.a2gov.org/a2seu or contact sustainability@a2gov.org.

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The City is working with a coalition of communities across the nation to unlock our collective power to support rapid climate action. The coalition just completed a Landscape Assessment to holistically understand opportunities and actions being taken around the nation to equitably decarbonize buildings. Stay tuned for more information. Please contact Missy Stults at MStults@a2gov.org with any questions.

Resident Zero Waste Challenge

The Resident Race to Zero Waste Challenge is returning during A²ZERO Week (June 5th – 11th)! Hosted by non-profit Live Zero Waste, the week is a chance to learn how to live a more eco-friendly lifestyle and support the circular (repair, refill, reuse) economy in Ann Arbor. Join the challenge by pledging to do your best to go a week without creating trash or recycling! By joining, you'll be entered into a drawing for prizes from local businesses and have access to the zero waste courses and resources. Over 500 residents and 30 businesses participated in our first challenge in February! A third challenge – in partnership with on-campus organizations and geared towards students – will run during the fall. Learn more and sign up for the upcoming challenge at www.livezerowaste.org/a2 or contact Hannah Loftis at HLoftis@2gov.org.

Solarize

New Solarize groups are forming for May and June – join a group to receive discounts on solar, or simply to learn more – no commitment required. The 2-year-old Solarize program has hit the milestone of 3 MW of new solar in our region! This represents well over 450 installations, over \$1.5 million saved in upfront costs, and well over \$15 million saved in energy costs over the 25-year warranted lifespan of solar panels. The program is also introducing a whole segment of the population to the topics of electrification and energy efficiency and is deepening our residents' connection to their energy usage and production. The Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association (GLREA) is now assisting folk outside of Washtenaw County in implementation of Solarize groups utilizing the Ann Arbor Solarize Toolkit. Additionally, a commercial solarize program is currently in the design phase. For more information on the Solarize program, please contact Julie Roth at JRoth@a2gov.org.

Sustainable Food

Recommendations on a sustainable food purchasing policy – applying to all City purchases of food items – were sent to City Council on February 1st. On March 21st, City Council passed a resolution based on these recommendations. The resolution can be found [here](#). City staff and local food experts will be meeting routinely over the coming months to develop a framework for defining sustainable food in Ann Arbor. This framework will be used in developing the preferred food and vendor lists called for in the resolution. For more information on sustainable food programs, please contact Sean Reynolds at SReynolds@a2gov.org.

Sustaining Ann Arbor Together (SA2T)

The Sustaining Ann Arbor Together grant is an opportunity to fund publicly focused sustainability-related activities. In the last few weeks the grant team has awarded three grants: The Community Action Network was awarded \$10,000 for their Environmental Sustainability Curriculum, Live Zero Waste Inc. was awarded \$10,000 for their Zero Waste Week pilot program, and Girls Group was awarded \$10,000 for a girl leadership development program. For more information or to apply for our SA2T grant program, please contact Galen Hardy at GHardy@a2gov.org.

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TO: Milton Dohoney, Jr., Interim City Administrator
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Offense and Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: May 12, 2022

AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) – April 2022

Crime Category	Part	Apr-2022	Mar-2022	% Change	Apr-2021	% Change	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	A	0	1	-100.0%	3	-100.0%	1	5	-80.0%
ARSON	A	1	3	-66.7%	0	N/C	7	1	600.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	A	17	17	0.0%	13	30.8%	56	56	0.0%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	A	37	41	-9.8%	44	-15.9%	167	144	16.0%
BRIBERY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	A	1	3	-66.7%	7	-85.7%	15	17	-11.8%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	A	7	4	75.0%	6	16.7%	31	26	19.2%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	A	21	32	-34.4%	30	-30.0%	92	91	1.1%
DRUG OFFENSES	A	9	11	-18.2%	3	200.0%	29	10	190.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	A	0	2	-100.0%	1	-100.0%	2	5	-60.0%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	A	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%	5	4	25.0%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	A	1	4	-75.0%	1	0.0%	15	12	25.0%
FRAUD	A	24	35	-31.4%	43	-44.2%	142	150	-5.3%
GAMBLING	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	A	0	0	No Change	2	-100.0%	0	2	-100.0%
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	A	7	10	-30.0%	7	0.0%	37	37	0.0%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	A	37	48	-22.9%	49	-24.5%	187	199	-6.0%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	A	28	51	-45.1%	34	-17.6%	185	104	77.9%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	A	17	8	112.5%	12	41.7%	66	59	11.9%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	A	13	17	-23.5%	7	85.7%	47	26	80.8%
OBSCENITY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
ROBBERY	A	3	1	200.0%	2	50.0%	11	3	266.7%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	A	2	8	-75.0%	5	-60.0%	18	23	-21.7%



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SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	A	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	0	1	-100.0%
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
STOLEN PROPERTY	A	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	6	1	500.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	A	4	6	-33.3%	0	N/C	22	7	214.3%
Total	A	231	304	-24.0%	273	-15.4%	1,141	983	16.1%
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	2	1	100.0%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	B	6	6	0.0%	1	500.0%	19	15	26.7%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	B	3	2	50.0%	2	50.0%	5	4	25.0%
DISORDERLY	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	1	-100.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	B	1	2	-50.0%	1	0.0%	8	7	14.3%
FRAUD	B	4	3	33.3%	1	300.0%	14	6	133.3%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	B	1	2	-50.0%	1	0.0%	4	2	100.0%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	B	1	1	0.0%	3	-66.7%	3	5	-40.0%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	B	1	0	N/C	0	N/C	4	5	-20.0%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	B	10	16	-37.5%	12	-16.7%	64	46	39.1%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	B	6	15	-60.0%	3	100.0%	38	11	245.5%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	B	18	20	-10.0%	8	125.0%	73	41	78.0%
PUBLIC PEACE	B	9	14	-35.7%	4	125.0%	57	26	119.2%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	B	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%	6	5	20.0%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	B	14	11	27.3%	2	600.0%	44	13	238.5%
VAGRANCY	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	1	0	N/C
Total		75	93	-19.4%	40	87.5%	342	188	81.9%

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – April 2022

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
220014727	Verle and Platt	4/17/2022	3:20 PM	Going Straight	Yes	O
220014759	E Huron and S State	4/18/2022	9:00 PM	Turning Left	Yes	B
220015614	S First and W Liberty	4/22/2022	10:00 PM	Going Straight	Yes	B,B, B
220015489	Hill and Oakland	4/24/2022	1:42 PM	Turning Left	Yes	B

Injury Legend:
K - Fatal Injury (any injury which results in death)
A - Suspected Serious Injury (Any injury other than fatal which prevents normal activities and generally requires hospitalization)
B - Suspected Minor Injury (Any minor injury that is evident to others at the scene)
C - Possible Injury (Any possible injury that is reported or claimed)
O - No Injury (No indication of injury)



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2022 Construction Projects

Annual Street Resurfacing Project

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's street resurfacing activities and includes some asphalt path resurfacing. Local resurfacing work in 2022 will occur primarily in the area bounded by Miller, Maple, Jackson, and Huron. Resurfacing of various segments of asphalt paths is also included. The complete list of streets included in the 2022 program is posted on the [project website](#). Work is scheduled to begin in mid-May.

Sidewalk Gaps

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2022 include (some tentative timelines shown in parentheses):

- Barton Drive (north side from Brede to Pontiac) – Substantially completed in 2021, however the new crosswalk will remain closed until all project elements are complete. Lighting and pavement markings are in. Crosswalk will be opened once crosswalk signage is installed.
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) – construction in mid-May
- Broadway (north/west side from Broadview Ln to Plymouth)
- Ellsworth Road (north side, State to Stone School)
- Hiscock Street (east side, near Summit)
- Hutchins & Prescott (near Stadium)
- South Main Street (address 2878)
- Newport (east side from Sunset to Downup Circle)
- Nixon/Traver (Westbury to Logan Elementary)
- Platt Road (address 2231)
- Russell Street (with first time paving project) – construction in late summer
- Saunders Crescent (address 1121)
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh)
- Tuebingen Parkway (Lancashire to Traver)
- Winchell, Brockman, Frieze loop
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) – construction began May 11th, and should be completed by the end of May

**Division Street**

City staff have completed engagement and analysis of extending the cycle track from Division to Hoover and recommend moving forward with this configuration. Staff will bring forward an item to the Transportation Commission in May which will then be forwarded to City Council to eliminate on-street parking to make way for the cycle track.

Platt Road (Huron Parkway to Packard)

This is a Federal aid project which consists of resurfacing, watermain replacement work and pedestrian improvements. Final plans have been submitted to MDOT for review. Construction is scheduled for late summer 2022.

Earhart Road

This is a Federal aid project which consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and Greenhills Drive. The project scope includes resurfacing and the addition of bike lanes. Construction is anticipated in the summer/fall of 2022.

Broadway Street (Plymouth to Plymouth)

This project includes the replacement of an aging watermain as well as resurfacing of the street. The project will also replace the existing speed humps and fill sidewalk gaps on the north side of the road at the east end of the project. Design work on the project is underway and construction is scheduled for late summer/fall of 2022, however it is possible that this project may slip to the spring of 2023 due to material shortages. A public engagement meeting is being planned for this project and details will be shared with Transportation Commission when available.

Huron Parkway/Tuebingen Resurfacing (Nixon to Traver)

This project includes road resurfacing, filling of a sidewalk gap, repair of culvert headwall, and evaluation of the existing pedestrian tunnel. Construction is expected to begin in July 2022.

Geddes Ave Resurfacing (Observatory to Highland)

This project includes resurfacing, stormwater improvements, and crosswalk upgrades. Construction is expected to begin in July 2022.

South Main Street Reconfiguration Pilot (Packard to Stadium)

South Main Street from Packard to Stadium was reconfigured from a four-lane cross section (2 vehicle lanes in each direction) to a three-lane cross section (1 vehicle lane in each direction, a center turn lane, and protected bike lanes) as part of the 2021 Healthy Streets Program. Staff has completed engagement and analysis of this reconfiguration and will make it permanent this summer. A memo will be shared with the Transportation Commission in May and with City Council shortly thereafter.



Projects Currently in Design/Planning

Barton Drive Bike Lanes

When Barton Drive was resurfaced in 2020, staff had proposed the removal of on-street parking between Pontiac and Northside in order to install dedicated bike lanes. This proposal was supported by the Transportation Commission and then presented to City Council for their approval (Chapter 10 of City Code requires approval from City Council to eliminate on-street parking for more than one block). At that time, Council tabled the Resolution, saying that the results of the Lower Town Study should be finalized before making this determination. The Lower Town Study is now complete and recommends bike lanes on Barton Drive. To that end, staff is seeking to bring this Resolution back to City Council for their consideration. Further details will be shared once available.

State & Hill Improvements

This is a Federal aid project (Surface Transportation Program, Highway Safety Improvements Program, and COVID relief funding). The project limits are as follows:

- State Street (South University to Packard)
- State Street (Hoover to Granger)
- Hill Street (Fifth Ave. to Church)

The project scope includes watermain replacement and lead transfers, street resurfacing, non-motorized improvements, crosswalk upgrades, new streetlights, and the evaluation and potential installation of the segment of the Treeline Trail along State Street south of Granger. A public engagement meeting was held on April 26th to gather initial feedback on the project. Additional public engagement opportunities will be forthcoming and will be communicated to the Transportation Commission in advance. A presentation will also be scheduled for a future Transportation Commission meeting.

Other Updates and Information

MDOT Coordination

The City has regular coordination with MDOT on State projects within the City. MDOT allows for locally installed improvements on their facilities, subject to their review and approval. The following projects are currently being coordinated with MDOT:

- Huron/Revena signal modernization – MDOT has agreed to the City's request to add a signal at the intersection of Revena and Huron. This work will include a new crosswalk on the eastern leg of the intersection across Huron.
- Huron/Seventh signal modernization – MDOT is proceeding with design of signal modifications at Huron and Seventh. A left turn restriction will be implemented for the southbound to eastbound movement. Conversely, a protected green arrow phase will be added for the northbound to westbound movement. Some realignment will occur on the north leg of the intersection to shift the vehicular travel lanes, bring the bike lane up to the signal, and make pedestrian signal improvements.
- M-14/Barton Interchange study – MDOT recently kicked off a 'planning and environmental linkages' study for the M-14/Barton interchange. They will solicit input on the project area at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market on June 8 at mid-day.



More information will be shared with the Transportation Commission when it becomes available.

Streetlight Implementation

New streetlights were installed on Newport at Lowell/White Oak. 472 streetlight outages have been addressed to date by DTE in 2022. Additionally, work continues on streetlight maintenance which paints, replaces, or performs other preventive maintenance work on existing City-owned streetlights to ensure operability.