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Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update. The City of Ann Arbor continues to experience the effects of the pandemic both internally and throughout the community. 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

As the City navigates through these challenging times, it will continue to share the latest information on city operations via the city's website at www.a2gov.org/covid19 as well as its Facebook, Twitter and NextDoor pages.

Continuing efforts to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and remain in compliance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) most recent order (https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178 98455-545136--,00.html), Ann Arbor Larcom City Hall will remain closed through at least Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Per the MDHHS order, the city will continue to conduct all non-essential operations remotely.

https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=747

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 <u>city's meeting calendar</u> 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! Be safe, be well, be six feet apart!

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!

• A²ZERO Wins National Recognition - American Climate Leadership Awards 2021 Finalist. The A²ZERO program is one of 10 semifinalists selected in the 2021 American Climate

Leadership Awards program. The recognition comes with a \$10,000 grant to support the continued implementation of A²ZERO. Congratulations to the entire community for this recognition. Congratulations to Sustainability & Innovations Manager Dr. Stults and team!

- Community Action Network and Office of Sustainability and Innovation win McKnight Foundation grant – Working together, the Community Action Network and the City of Ann Arbor have secured funding from the McKnight Foundation to work with the Bryant community to develop a whole home assessment aimed at improving indoor comfort, health, and safety, all while decarbonizing the neighborhood. More details about this exciting project coming soon!
- Sale of Lurie Terrace to the Ann Arbor Affordable Housing Corporation Finalizes what the Mayor Described as a "Win" for the Community. What began over two years ago as a vision by the Senior Citizen Housing of Ann Arbor Board of Directors to ensure that Lurie Terrace remained affordable housing permanently, was realized on Friday, March 12. The Senior Citizens Housing of Ann Arbor Board of Directors (which owns and operates Lurie Terrace), and the Ann Arbor Housing Commission are happy to announce the culmination of over two years of work resulting in the sale of Lurie Terrace. As a result of the sale, Lurie Terrace will remain affordable living for adults 62 and older forever pursuant to a deed covenant.

Founded in 1964, Lurie Terrace operated as a nonprofit apartment complex for thousands of adults 62 and older. Located in downtown Ann Arbor, Lurie Terrace has provided an affordable, safe living community for seniors for more than five decades and has been operated by a volunteer board of directors since its inception. The Lurie Terrace Board of Directors is pleased and excited to be passing the baton to the Ann Arbor Housing Commission and the City of Ann Arbor, in what Mayor Chris Taylor described as a "win" for the community. The Ann Arbor Housing Commission, which is a governmental entity, is created and supported by the City of Ann Arbor - an ideal purchaser to continue the mission of providing affordable housing for seniors. After the City Council unanimously approved the purchase on August 17, 2020, the parties got to work completing the required due diligence and closing documents required by the Ann Arbor Housing Commission's lender and HUD. The Ann Arbor Housing Commission obtained a HUD 223(f) loan to purchase the existing multi-family property. Ann Arbor city ownership and management, combined with low interest HUD funding, will permanently assure affordable housing for thousands of future senior tenants in years to come.

The Housing Commission has now added the historical Lurie Terrace property to its ownership and management portfolio of 16 properties, comprising 412 apartments. The tenants of Lurie Terrace will now benefit from being a City managed property, with a staff of over 30 employees.

So what's next for the volunteer Board of Directors, many of whom visited Lurie Terrace daily or weekly throughout the years to visit the tenants and assist the staff to ensure smooth operations of the facility? While Lurie Terrace has been sold, the Board of Directors will continue its mission of improving the lives of seniors in the community and will use the proceeds of the sale of Lurie Terrace to do just that by funding grants to initiatives aimed at addressing older adults needs

and improving the lives and wellbeing of older adults in Ann Arbor. For more information, contact Mary Jane Raab, Board President of Lurie Terrace at 734-395-5589 or at raabmj@aol.com or Jennifer Hall, Ann Arbor Housing Commission at JHall@a2gov.org.

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

- Ann Arbor Designated SolSmart Silver for Advancing Solar Energy Growth. The City of Ann
 Arbor received a <u>Silver designation</u> from the national SolSmart program for making it faster,
 easier and more affordable for homes and businesses to go solar.
- A2Solarize Hits 1MW of New Rooftop Solar. This week we officially hit 1MW of new rooftop solar installed as part of A2Solarize (and likely more!). Congratulations to Solarize lead Julie Roth for her hard work! Learn more and sign up for a Solarize event at www.a2gov.org/solarize.
- Energy Benchmarking Public comment is being sought on the proposed Commercial and Multifamily Benchmarking and Transparency ordinance, an initiative of A²ZERO. Developed in partnership with the City's Office of Sustainability & Innovations (OSI) and a community Task Force, the draft ordinance seeks to provide insight into the energy and water usage of commercial and multifamily buildings in the community. Interested stakeholders can learn more, read the draft ordinance, and submit comments at www.a2gov.org/benchmarking.
- Climate, Coffee and Conversation Join us the second Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. for an open community chat about anything and everything A²ZERO and sustainability in Ann Arbor, in Michigan and abroad. Attendance is online and free, but Zoom registration is required
 at https://a2gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsf-igqj00Etdo gc 7sYUDACgGBTmR2Qi.
- Upcoming events

Join us at one of the following upcoming events (register and see more events, which are being added weekly, on the city's public calendar at https://calendar.a2gov.org/CalendarNOW.aspx?fromdate=10/1/2020&todate=10/31/2020&display=Month&more=1/1/0001):

2021 Sustainability Forum Series

The OSI is proud to announce the return of the annual Sustainability Forum Series for 2021! This year's series will be held virtually via Zoom. Attendance is free but <u>registration is required</u>. See the series schedule below for more information

- March 31, 2021, 6:00 p.m. "Waste Reduction & Circular Economy"
- April 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m. "Energy & Efficiency"
- May 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m. "The Future of Carbon Neutrality (a Youth-focused Forum)"

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Police Monthly Report. The February 2021 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report is attached.

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The March 2021 Transportation Commission Project Report is attached.

Pedestrian Crossing at Huron and Thayer – Start construction in July; completion date by September 3, 2021. Project was delayed a little due to a ROW issue, which is now resolved. MDOT is hoping to complete prior to start of fall semester.

Council Resolution Reporting. Staff reported on the following items pursuant to Council direction:

ITEM	TITLE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-20-285	Resolution to Implement a 'Rooney	September 1,	Research ongoing.
	Rule' for Executive and Management	2020	
	Level Hires in the City of Ann Arbor		

Previews

The March 15 Council Meeting will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda. There are (10) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. There are (5) public hearings which are listed below and under second readings.

- A public hearing and Resolution to Approve the Issa Annexation, 1.24 Acres, 201 Scio Church (CPC Recommendation: Approval 8 Yeas and 0 Nays). Approval of this resolution will allow annexation of this property from Pittsfield Township into the City. The property is within the City's water and sewer service area, and the current use is consistent with the adjacent zoning, land uses, and master plan. Council action on the proposed R2A (Two-Family District) zoning will be scheduled after the annexation process is complete.
- A public hearing and Resolution to Approve Lewis Jewelers Site Plan, 300 South Maple (CPC Recommendation: Approval 7 Yeas and 0 Nays). Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of a one-story, 24,529-square foot retail building.

Ordinances - Second Readings (3)

 A public hearing and Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 1.3 Acres from TWP (Township District) to R1A (Single-Family District), Talpos-Knight Property, 2731 Newport (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-21-01). This ordinance will zone this property R1A (Single-Family District), now that the property has been officially annexed into the City.

- A public hearing and Ordinance to Amend Section 1:271(4) of Chapter 12 (Financing Local Public Improvements) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor. On November 3, 2020, voters approved a millage to fully fund eligible new sidewalk projects starting 2021 through the life of the millage and replace special assessments for the construction of new sidewalks subject to some exceptions. The Use Memo approved by Council on July 20, 2020 provides that, if approved, the new sidewalk millage would not change the obligation of developers to install sidewalks at their cost along a parcels right-of-way frontages when those parcels are developed or redeveloped, and the costs of constructing new sidewalks on tax-exempt parcels are also excluded from being funded from the millage; thus, those new sidewalk projects would be special assessed to or paid for by the adjacent benefitted owner(s). To recognize the voters' approval of the new sidewalk millage, Chapter 12 of the City's Code pertaining to Financing Local Public Improvements must be amended. The attached ordinance amendment removes new sidewalk projects eligible for funding by the new sidewalk millage from the definition of "local public improvement" which will continue to be funded by special assessment. See, also, Code Sections 1:272(1), 1:274(2), and Chapter 13 (Special Assessments). Consistent with the approved Use Memo, the amendment would retain the special assessment requirements and procedures for new local public improvement projects that are not eligible to be funded by the new sidewalk millage, including the examples above. City staff recommends approval of this ordinance amendment to reflect the voters' approval of the new sidewalk millage.
- A public hearing and Ordinance to Add Chapter 122 (Fair Chance Access to Housing) to Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor. Formerly incarcerated people experience significant barriers in access to rental housing beyond just the high cost of rent. Often, formerly incarcerated people are screened out when applying for rental housing due to their criminal background. Persons with criminal records have not been shown to be a source of criminal activity, property destruction, or rental housing policy violations any more than have persons without a criminal history. Obtaining stable housing enables people to successfully reintegrate into their communities and significantly reduces recidivism rates. Such housing opportunities will also reduce the incidence of homelessness for persons with criminal records.

Fair Chance Housing ordinances and legislation are being enacted across the county to prohibit the use of criminal histories in determining access to housing. Fair Chance Housing legislation helps remove barriers to housing and allows landlords to consider the merits of housing applicant, providing formerly incarcerated people with a fair chance.

The Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission has drafted a Fair Access to Housing ordinance to eliminate the use of criminal history in tenant selection by Ann Arbor Housing Providers in order to give persons with a criminal record a fair opportunity to compete for rental housing and to be able to reside with family members and others, thus putting them in a better position to return to their communities and to obtain gainful employment.

The only exemptions in the ordinance are for Public Housing Agencies, like the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, which are governed by federal law, and Permanent Supportive Housing providers, such ss Avalon Housing, who work to provide housing those who need it most, with no pre-conditions, offer a broad array of supports to help individuals stay housed, and practice harm reduction to engage and support people on their path to recovery.

Ordinances – First Readings (3)

- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Zoning of 1.2 Acres from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to R4C (Multiple-Family Dwelling), Near North Rezoning, 700 North Main Street, (CPC Recommendation: Approval 9 Yeas and 0 Nays). Approval of this resolution will rezone a 1.2-acre parcel from PUD (Near North Planned Unit Development) to R4C (Multiple-Family Dwelling) to allow the site to be redeveloped with 22 townhouses.
- An Ordinance to Amend Section 9:46 of Chapter 107 (Animals Dog Licenses) of Title Ix of The Code of The City of Ann Arbor. Staff is recommending several changes to the existing ordinance to better serve dog owners and to improve customer service and efficiency. The proposed changes would allow dog owners to purchase tags at any time of the year, corresponding with their pet's rabies vaccination month. Expiration of the new tags would be on the same month as the rabies expiration. Tags would be sold as either one or three-year options, which corresponds with rabies expiration dates, and complies with State law. The current two-year option would be eliminated. Staff recommends adoption of this ordinance, noting that issuance of licenses year-round will eliminate the annual backlog that occurs with one single expiration date. Existing fees for one and three-year tags would remain as previously approved, which match the rates charged by the County Treasurer.
- An Ordinance to Amend Section 4.60 of Chapter 47 (Streets) of Title IV of the Code of the
 City of Ann Arbor. The proposed ordinance amendment would reduce the current fine from
 \$100 to \$60 for a first-time violation of an owner of the property or an occupant who fails to
 comply with section 4.60 regarding removal of snow and ice from sidewalks, walks, and
 ramps.

Other

March Water Quality Matters. The March issue of Quality Water Matters includes an overview of Water Treatment Plant security measures in place to protect drinking water processes from cyber security threats as well as upcoming Huron River Day and Huron River Watershed virtual events and is available online.

Public Input Welcomed During March 16 Planning Commission Meeting for Proposed ADU Ordinance Amendments. The community is invited to share feedback on the proposed

amendments to the <u>accessory dwelling unit ordinance</u> during the city planning commission meeting Tuesday, March 16.

City Online Survey is Seeking Input on Healthy Streets Program. An online survey is open now through Friday, April 2, asking for the community's input on whether to reinstate the <u>Healthy Streets program</u> for 2021. The Healthy Streets program closed sections of select streets in 2020 to help residents continue to physically distance due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and to encourage safe walking and cycling.

April Events 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 community. 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. Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation has a full schedule of events and opportunities planned for April, including Earth Day and Global Youth Service Day activities, volunteer workdays in Ann Arbor's parks and nature areas, a breeding kickoff kickoff. bird survey and turtle steward Please a https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=771, for details. For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP.

Golden Paintbrush Awards Now Accepting Nominations. Nominations are now being accepted for the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Golden Paintbrush Awards. This award recognizes adults, children and organizations who have encouraged creativity in Ann Arbor's publicly visible spaces. Nomination forms are online and must be submitted by April 30, 2021. Please see the news release, below and at https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=761, for details.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Crawford, City Administrator **FROM:** Ann Arbor Police Department

SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report

DATE: March 11, 2021

AAPD ARM Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) – **February 2021**

Part A Crimes

Crime Category	Feb-2021	Jan-2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1	0	1	2	-50.0%
ARSON	1	0	1	0	N/C
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	11	16	27	27	0.0%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	23	32	55	100	-45.0%
BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	1	5	6	7	-14.3%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	5	5	10	15	-33.3%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	14	19	33	47	-29.8%
DRUG OFFENSES	0	2	2	8	-75.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	1	1	2	1	100.0%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	1	0	1	0	N/C
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	3	4	7	9	-22.2%
FRAUD	28	30	58	87	-33.3%
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	11	12	23	14	64.3%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	0	0	0	0	No Change
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	35	46	81	92	-12.0%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	15	13	28	100	-72.0%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	11	18	29	53	-45.3%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	10	2	12	15	-20.0%
OBSCENITY	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
ROBBERY	0	1	1	9	-88.9%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	7	2	9	13	-30.8%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	0	0	0	0	No Change
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	0	0	0	0	No Change
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	0	0	6	-100.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	0	5	5	8	-37.5%
Total	178	213	391	615	-36.4%

Part B Crimes

Crime Category	Feb-2021	Jan-2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	% Change
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	1	0	1	2	-50.0%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	2	6	8	12	-33.3%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	1	1	2	3	-33.3%
DISORDERLY	0	0	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	0	1	1	0	N/C
FAMILY OFFENSE	1	1	2	4	-50.0%
FRAUD	0	3	3	3	0.0%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	0	0	2	-100.0%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	0	2	2	4	-50.0%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	3	1	4	9	-55.6%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	10	6	16	57	-71.9%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	2	2	4	15	-73.3%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	14	3	17	22	-22.7%
PUBLIC PEACE	5	5	10	36	-72.2%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	0	1	1	1	0.0%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	1	5	6	18	-66.7%
VAGRANCY	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
Total	40	37	77	189	-59.3%

*N/C represents an increase of "0" which is mathematically "Not-Calculable" ARM Monthly Comparison Report ran 0630hrs, on 3/9/2021, using CrimeView Advanced Reporting Module.

COVID-19 restrictions went into effect on 3/13/2020

*There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports at the time report was run. This report does not include "Locked" cases.

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – February 2021

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Injury Category
210004407	Packard and Stone School	2/16/2021	11:50 AM	Turning left	No	В
210005185	Platt and Packard	2/23/2021	8:25 PM	Unknown	YES	В

Injury Legend:
K - Fatal Injry (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)

^{**}Please note that reports are run for calendar month and that the months being compared may have different number of days.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

City of Ann Arbor



Transportation Project Updates March 2021

<u>Subscribe</u> to receive monthly Transportation Project Updates.

Visit <u>a2gov.org/TransportationCommission</u> for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at <u>TransportationCommission@a2gov.org</u>

2021 Construction Projects

South Industrial Concrete Pavement Repairs

This project consists of spot repairs of the concrete pavement. The project will include the addition of bike lanes and a road diet in the four-lane segment immediately south of Stimson (conversion from four to three lanes to make room for bike lanes). A public meeting on the design concept occurred on March 11, 2021. The work is anticipated to begin in April or May. More information is available on the <u>project website</u>.

Sidewalk Gaps

Manchester Drive (near Washtenaw) is added back to the list of projects to be completed in 2021 because the Parks and Recreation Dept. was able to find funding for the segment along parks frontage.

Bridge Maintenance Project

This project consists of capital maintenance work on several of the City's bridges, including the Broadway bridges, the Fuller Road bridge (east of Maiden Lane), and the Island Drive bridge over Traver Creek. While no major changes to the roadways are anticipated, there will be detours set up for this work. More information will be available once a detailed schedule is developed. Construction has begun on the Island Drive and Broadway bridges.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

People Friendly Streets Initiative

Construction resumed on First and Ashley Streets this month. Construction completion and restoration to two-way traffic is anticipated in summer 2021. People for Bikes ranked the First Street Bikeway as one of <u>America's Best New Bikeways of 2020</u>.

People-Friendly Streets Part 2

Public engagement occurred over a series of workshops and online information sessions on March 9, 10, and 11, 2021. Concepts for Division, Catherine/Miller, State, Fourth, and other areas downtown were shared and discussed. The project team is currently synthesizing the input received. Project updates can be found on the <u>project website</u>.

Other Updates and Information



"Healthy Streets" - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

A public engagement survey tool was launched on March 5, 2021 to solicit input (support and opposition) to proposed projects as well as accept additional recommendations. This is also accessible from the City's Healthy Streets project website. Comments will be accepted through this site until April 2, 2021. Staff are working with a design consultant, the Healthy Streets Committee of the Transportation Commission, and other stakeholders on refining the concepts and designs.

MDOT Coordination

The City has regular coordination with MDOT on State projects within the City. MDOT allows for local installed improvements on their facilities, subject to their review. In addition to the updates provided above under Huron Street updates, some projects currently being coordinated with MDOT include:

- Huron and Seventh at the request of CM Ramlawi, MDOT analyzed the Huron and Seventh Street intersection. Staff received a memo from MDOT in late February in which they propose prohibiting the southbound left turn movement at this intersection. Staff is evaluating this proposal to help determine next steps.
- Jackson ped crossings in December 2020, MDOT acknowledged that the road reconfiguration along Jackson is permanent. This started discussions between MDOT and City staff about pedestrian crossings. There was also a meeting with residents, MDOT staff, and City staff that occurred in February 2021. City staff is working with MDOT on vetting suggestions for crossings and identifying next steps.

Streetlight Implementation

13 new streetlights are being processed with DTE for installation in the coming months.. 279 streetlight outages were addressed by DTE in 2021.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

 Glenwood - was approved by City Council on February 16, 2021 and will be scheduled for construction in the fall.

Transportation Plan Update

The county and adjacent community review of the draft plan concludes in March. The comments received will be evaluated and incorporated into the plan where appropriate. The Planning Commission and Transportation Commission will have a joint session on April 20, 2021 to review the final draft and make a recommendation to City Council. Staff anticipates bringing the document before City Council for adoption consideration in May.