



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report March 21, 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.

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

- **OSI March 2022 Newsletter.** Please see attached.
- **RESIDENT RACE TO ZERO ENERGY CHALLENGE (formerly the Biggest Loser):** 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, winter 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>
- **2030 District and Solar Faithful** — Have you been searching for a way to bring your faith-based community into the climate conversation? Check out the sources put together by HoW (Houses of Worship) at <https://www.2030districts.org/annarbor/ann-arbor-houses-worship>.
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - **Green Rental Housing:** Policy Recommendations Presentation, Tuesday, March 15, 2022 6–7:30 p.m. Join us to learn about and give your feedback on the policy recommendations developed by a Task Force of tenants, property managers, low-income housing representatives, and city departments to help make our city's rentals healthier, safer, more comfortable, and more energy efficient. All are welcome. Register in advance at https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kGwDIqobTzqSiTryZq33Cw.
 - **Climate Change in 2022:** The recent IPCC report and relevance for Michigan, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 6 p.m. If you've read anything about the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, you probably have some questions and concerns. At this session, Dr. Jonathan Overpeck ("Peck") will provide an overview of the findings and their relevance for Michigan. This will be followed by remarks from Cory Connolly, Climate and Energy Advisor at the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy about activities and opportunities to advance climate action in Michigan. Join us to learn, ask your questions, and find out a bit more about what is happening in Michigan to address the climate crisis. Co-sponsored by: The City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations, Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor 2030 District, Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association, Scio Township’s Sustainability Task Force, Ann Arbor for Public Power,

Live Zero Waste, Ann Arbor Citizens Climate Lobby, and Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice.

- **AZZERO Sustainability Series:** "The Circular Economy of Soil: Environmental Impacts of Soil from Earth, to Plants, and Back Again." Wednesday, March, 2022, 6–8 p.m.
- **Bandemer Park Workdays:** 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, June 10. In the coming weeks, we'll have more details regarding when applications for the Green Fair will be sent out and how to go about tabling at this event. For now though, reserve the date on your calendars.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

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

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

Previews

The **March 21 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

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

Public Hearings – none.

Ordinances – Second Readings – none.

Ordinances – First readings (1)

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.5 Acre from TWP (Township District) to R1B (Single-Family District), Wilson-Barry Property, 614 Riverview Drive, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays).** This ordinance will zone this parcel R1B (Single-Family Residential District), now that the property has been officially annexed into the City.

Other

City Council to Consider American Rescue Plan Act Funding Resolution on April 4. City Council will consider the city staff-proposed [Resolution to Direct the Allocation of ARPA Funding](#) at its meeting on Monday, April 4.

On March 11, 2021 President Biden signed the [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\), which](#) provides financial support to local governments to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In January and February, city staff gathered public feedback to determine how to allocate the one-time \$24.1 million in ARPA funds the city is receiving. To help facilitate conversations, city staff developed a list of potential projects that:

- Met ARPA funding criteria;
- Would impact an important public policy priority of City Council;
- Provide an opportunity for the city to pursue new or transformative initiatives;
- Could help free up funds from other sources to accelerate investment in other critical city programs or infrastructure.

Because there are more potential projects than available funding, the city reached out to the public to find out which projects they would like to see advanced using ARPA funding. City Council will take community input into consideration to make the final decision about what projects receive ARPA funds at its April 4 meeting. City Council was provided a [memo](#) outlining the program and funding. Council was also provided a follow-up [memo](#) on Nov. 4, 2021 to help explain why specific projects were being considered with the public's input taken into consideration.

To learn more about the projects that were proposed, please see the brief descriptions and videos on the [ARPA project webpage](#).

New Services Added to Online Permitting System. The City of Ann Arbor launched the second phase of the EnerGov permitting software it debuted in 2021. Beginning on March 18, the system manages the resources and processes for:

- Building and trade permitting.
- Right of way permits.
- Plan submittal and review.
- Land management.
- Record retention.

Access to EnerGov is located at <https://stream.a2gov.org>.

Staff from the city clerk's office, public services customer service and building services customer service are available to answer any questions, as they have been trained and have used the software.

- City Clerk's Office – 734.794.6140.
- Public Services Customer Service – 734.794.6000.
- Building Services Customer Service – 734.794.6263

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.

2021 Water Quality Report. The 2021 Water Quality Report is now available on the city's website at www.a2gov.org/waterreport. It will be promoted via city communication channels and directly to water customers in quarterly billing statements.

March 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 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. Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation is sharing its March calendar of events, which includes a salamander, frog, and toad survey kickoff, volunteer workdays, a winter nature walk and more. Please visit www.a2gov.org/NAPevents for the most up-to-date information.

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 OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATIONS



A²ZERO
EQUITABLE • SUSTAINABLE • TRANSFORMATIVE

In This Issue:

- WELCOME 1
- LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 1
- UPCOMING EVENTS 2
- RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT 2
- ANNOUNCEMENTS 3
- AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT 3
- PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT 3
- COLLABORATOR SPOTLIGHT 4
- OSI PROGRAM UPDATES 4
 - 10,000 Trees Initiative 4
 - A²ZERO Ambassadors 4
 - Aging in Place Efficiently 4
 - Air Quality Monitoring 5
 - A²R³ 5
 - City Fleet 5
 - Benchmarking 5
 - Electrification of Vehicles 5
 - Energy Concierge 5
 - Green Rental Housing 6
 - Home Electrification 6
 - HERD 6
 - Municipal Energy Use 6
 - Bryant Neighborhood 6
 - Proposed SEU 7
 - RE4M 7
 - Resident Race to Zero 7
 - Solarize 7
 - Sustainable Food 8
 - SA2T 8



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

2022 A²ZERO Sustainability Series

Last Wednesday of each month, January-May 2022
6:00-8:00pm | Zoom

Join the Office of Sustainability and Innovations on the last Wednesday of each month for our virtual A²ZERO Sustainability Series! Each forum will focus on a different sustainability topic and will feature speakers from OSI, other government groups, non-profits, local businesses, and more! The seminar on March 30th will be on "The Circular Economy of Soil." For a list of other topics and to register for individual seminars or the full series, please visit <https://bit.ly/2022-SS>.

Ann Arbor Solar Stories

First Thursday of each month | 7:00-8:00pm | Zoom

This one-hour virtual event is hosted by the GLREA on the first Thursday of each month. Hear from Ann Arborites who have gone solar and have a chance to ask them all your questions! Register for "Thursday Night Renewable Energy Events" at www.2glrea.org/events to receive meeting links.

Tresna Taylor Solarize Group-Buy

Saturday, March 12th | 10:00-11:00am | Zoom

Join Ann Arbor resident Tresna Taylor and solar installer Solar King to learn about solar and the group-buy process and get all of your questions answered. Registration is required; please register [here](#).

Green Rental Housing Policy Recommendations

Wednesday March 9th | 2:00-3:30pm | Zoom
Tuesday March 15th | 6:00-7:30pm | Zoom

Join us to learn about the policy recommendations developed by a Task Force of tenants, property managers, low-income housing representatives, and City departments to help make our city's rentals healthier, safer, more comfortable, and more energy efficient. All are welcome. Please register for March 9th [here](#) or for March 15th [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 residents Carrie and Derrick Miller, who are committing to creating a more sustainable and resilient world for their family, friends, and community.

Derrick and Carrie have transitioned one of their vehicles to electric and, in the process, upgraded their electrical system so that they can transition their second vehicle to electric in the near future. When they realized they needed to replace the roof on their house, the Millers decided to seize the opportunity to install solar. Working through the City's Solarize program with their solar installer, Homeland, the Millers deployed a solar system to power the majority of their electrical needs with clean energy from the sun. And, because resilience is important to the Millers, they also installed a battery storage system to ensure they have power even with the grid goes down.

The Millers are always happy to share their ongoing sustainability journey with friends and neighbors, including through Derrick's service on the Ann Arbor Public School's Sustainability Advisory Committee. Thank you for the work you are doing for A2, Carrie and Derrick!



Pictured above: The Miller family in downtown Ann Arbor.

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

This month, OSI is spotlighting A²ZERO Ambassador Melody Meek. Melody is an architect, focused on making space for what matters. That means making homes and businesses that work for the people using them – and that are as sustainable as possible. She’s fascinated by building science, and always looking to learn more about how to build in a truly sustainable way – and in a way that creates buildings that are comfortable and easy to live and work in.

This year, Melody has been working with other A²ZERO Ambassadors on an educational event to help homeowners figure out the next steps to make their (old) homes more sustainable. She’s also helping with our neighborhood climate action in Bryant by working to create a do-it-yourself version of an energy audit, which will make it easy for residents to get a good idea of where they are using their energy and the improvements they can make.



Pictured above: Melody Meek, A²ZERO Ambassador.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Did you know that you can now get select take-out orders from Zingerman’s Next Door Café, El Harissa Market Café, or Ginger Deli in a reusable; returnable; microwave-, freezer-, and dishwasher-safe takeout container? To learn more and sign up for the Ann Arbor Reduce, Reuse, Return (A²R³) program, visit www.livezerowaste.org/a2r3. Bon appetit!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resident Race to Zero

Later this year, the Office of Sustainability and Innovations and non-profit the Green Home Institute will be running a Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge. Participants will aim to increase their home's efficiency by reducing their gas, electric, and water usage - and the households with the largest reductions will win prizes! To learn more and register, please visit www.a2gov.org/race2zero.

Solarize Group-Buys

There are new Solarize groups in the process of forming for early- and mid-2022! Contact Julie Roth at JRoth@a2gov.org for more information or to be added to our Solarize mailing list.

Volunteer Opportunities

On the second Friday of every month (March-November), OSI staff have a work day in Bandemer Park with GIVE365 to help remove invasive species, clean up trash, and other upkeep. If you are interested in joining us for one or more of these work days, please email Sean Reynolds at SReynolds@a2gov.org.

Earth Day 2022

The Leslie Science & Nature Center will host an in-person Earth Day event on April 24th, with environment- and sustainability-focused activities for all ages! More details coming soon.

In celebration of Earth Day, the A2 Citizen’s Climate Lobby will be hosting virtual screenings from the Wild & Scenic Film Festival! Tickets provide on-demand access to the year’s top environmental films from April 22nd through the 27th. Tickets and additional film information are available at www.tinyurl.com/WSFF2022. Use discount code CCLAA for \$5 off your ticket!

A²ZERO Week

The second annual A²ZERO Week will be held June 5th to 11th - and we’re actively seeking ideas for events and engagement activities, as well as collaborators to co-host events. If you have an idea for an event, please reach out to Christine at CSchopieray@a2gov.org.

OSI PROGRAM UPDATES

10,000 Trees Initiative

So far, the 10,000 Trees Initiative has distributed 1,860 trees! We plan to hold two FreeTree Giveaways in 2022 - one in late April, and the second in October. Registration information for the April giveaway is coming soon. We're also excited to announce that the 10,000 Trees Initiative was awarded the Michigan Urban and Community Forestry Council Governmental Award for Urban Forestry! If you are interested in volunteering at a 10,000 Trees Initiative event, please reach out to Sean Reynolds at SReynolds@a2gov.org. And visit www.a2gov.org/10ktrees to keep up-to-date on all things 10K Trees and to sign up for our mailing list.

A²ZERO Ambassadors

Our third cohort of Ambassadors was recently selected and began their training courses on March 2nd! For this application cycle, we received 34 applicants. 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 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 help 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 on the AIP program, please contact Jennifer Wolf at JWolf@a2gov.org.

COLLABORATOR SPOTLIGHT

This month, OSI is spotlighting A²ZERO Collaborator Adapt: Community Supported Ecology, which exists to sustain and promote the connections between people and the land that supports us, through community co-creation of native plant and perennial food landscapes.

“Through crowdfunding, education, and volunteer effort, we aim to build a community network that supports this work on small parcels of privately- and publicly-owned land where there might otherwise not be the resources to do so,” says founder William Kirst. “We believe that it is a fundamental right of each person to be able to experience the truly positive, life-affirming power of ecological restoration. Since our inception in the autumn of 2019, we have provided micro-meadow installations, garden kits, consultation, and invasive species control to over 230 individuals and groups, all free of charge. Originally intending to stay fairly close to our neighborhood near A2STEAM, we have now created chapters in 10 cities in Michigan and one each in Illinois and Pennsylvania. Good ideas take on a life of their own! We hope you will join us as a volunteer, recipient of our services or as a supporter so that we can transform our landscape and culture one person and one yard at a time.”

You can learn more about Adapt: Community Supported Ecology at www.adaptecology.org and can help to support their work by donating at www.patreon.com/adaptecology.



Pictured above: An Adapt planting party in Windsor Park West, Canton, MI

OSI PROGRAM UPDATES

Air Quality Monitoring

The City will soon be installing two AQMesh air quality monitors - one at the Kerrytown Farmer's Market, and another at the Bryant Community Center; we hope to install additional air quality monitors at other locations City-wide. 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 publicly available. For more information 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 on the A²R³ program, please contact Sean Reynolds at SReynolds@a2gov.org.

City Fleet

We are procuring two electric refuse trucks for the City Fleet, partially funded with over \$600,000 in Federal and State grants. So far, we have exceeded 10% 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 is working to procure 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

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 this work plan. 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

The task force brought together to develop green rental housing policy recommendations concluded at the end of January. The policy recommendations will go before public comment on March 9th from 2:00-3:30pm and on March 15th from 6:00-7:30pm. For more information on these public comment meetings, please see the "Upcoming Events" section on page 2 of this newsletter. 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 just launched! Created in partnership with Michigan Saves, the program 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, a recording of the Sustainability Series seminar on "Everyday Electrification" can be found on the Sustainability playlist of the City's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/CTNAnnArbor>). For more information on electrification, please contact Julie Roth at JRoth@a2gov.org.

Home Energy Rating Disclosure

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 could come, 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. It is expected this project will be presented to Council in May for consideration. 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 are currently working on a U.S. Department of Energy grant to help provide deep weatherization support for up to 30 households in the neighborhood. To learn more about the work in Bryant or to get involved, please contact Missy Stults at MStults@a2gov.org.

Proposed Municipal Sustainable Energy Utility

In January, Ann Arbor City Council voted to move forward with additional 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. In the coming weeks, the City will be releasing a series of requests for proposals as well as launching our public outreach and engagement activities related to the SEU. To learn more, please see www.a2gov.org/a2seu or contact sustainability@a2gov.org.

RE4M

The City is working with a coalition of communities across the nation to unlock our collective power to support rapid climate action. Right now the coalition is conducting 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 Race to Zero - Energy Challenge

The Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge will be held July 1st - December 31st, 2022 in collaboration with non-profit The Green Home Institute. During the challenge, monthly webinars will be held on how to increase the energy performance of your home. Free energy audits are available for the first 25 people to sign up for the challenge, and the households that improve energy usage the most will win prizes! Learn more at www.a2gov.org/race2zero or contact Hannah Loftis at HLoftis@2gov.org.

Resident Race to Zero - Waste Challenge

The Resident Race to Zero Waste Challenge was held February 6th – 12th in conjunction with non-profit Live Zero Waste and over 30 collaborating businesses. 561 participants averaged a 28% reduction in their waste – congratulations to all participants! A second Resident Race to Zero Waste Challenge will run during A²ZERO Week this June, and a third challenge – in partnership with on-campus organizations and geared towards students – will run during the fall. Learn more at www.a2gov.org/race2zero or contact Hannah Loftis at HLoftis@2gov.org.

Solarize

The 2-year old Solarize program has now achieved 2.6 MW of new solar in our region, representing well over 350 installations, over \$1 million saved in upfront costs, and well over \$13 million saved in energy costs over the 25-year warrantied life-span 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 folks

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 February 23rd, OSI hosted a Sustainability Series seminar on Sustainable Food. Speakers included Jae Gerhart and Keesa Johnson from the Washtenaw County Food Policy Council, Scott Nelson from the USGS, and Dr. Olivier Jolliet from the Department of Environmental Health Sciences at the University of Michigan. You can find a recording of the seminar on the Sustainability playlist of the City’s YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/CTNAnnArbor>). For more information on sustainable food programs, please contact Sean Reynolds at SReynolds@a2gov.org.

Sustaining Ann Arbor Together (SA2T)

The Community Action Network was awarded \$10,000 for their Environmental Sustainability Curriculum, and Live Zero Waste Inc. was awarded \$10,000 for their Zero Waste Week pilot program. For more information or to apply for our SA2T grant program, please contact Galen Hardy at GHardy@a2gov.org.



A²ZERO

EQUITABLE • SUSTAINABLE • TRANSFORMATIVE

CONNECT WITH THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATIONS

[EMAIL US \(SUSTAINABILITY@A2GOV.ORG\)](mailto:SUSTAINABILITY@A2GOV.ORG) | [VISIT US ON THE WEB \(A2GOV.ORG/SUSTAINABILITY\)](http://A2GOV.ORG/SUSTAINABILITY)

[JOIN OUR MAILING LIST](#) | [CHECK OUT OUR YOUTUBE PLAYLIST](#)



Ann Arbor Police Department
Office of the Chief
Chief Michael Cox

Deputy Chief
Aimee Metzger

Deputy Chief
Jason Forsberg

TO: Milton Dohoney, Jr., Interim City Administrator
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Offense and Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: March 10, 2022

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

Crime Category	Part	Feb-2022	Jan-2022	% Change	Feb-2021	% Change	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	A	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	0	1	-100.0%
ARSON	A	2	1	100.0%	1	100.0%	3	1	200.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	A	10	11	-9.1%	11	-9.1%	21	28	-25.0%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	A	37	51	-27.5%	23	60.9%	88	54	63.0%
BRIBERY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	A	7	4	75.0%	1	600.0%	11	6	83.3%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	A	8	12	-33.3%	8	0.0%	20	13	53.8%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	A	16	23	-30.4%	15	6.7%	39	34	14.7%
DRUG OFFENSES	A	5	4	25.0%	0	N/C	9	2	350.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	A	0	0	No Change	2	-100.0%	0	3	-100.0%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	A	1	2	-50.0%	1	0.0%	3	1	200.0%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	A	2	6	-66.7%	3	-33.3%	8	7	14.3%
FRAUD	A	24	37	-35.1%	32	-25.0%	61	63	-3.2%
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	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	A	10	10	0.0%	12	-16.7%	20	24	-16.7%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	A	43	52	-17.3%	40	7.5%	95	86	10.5%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	A	49	54	-9.3%	15	226.7%	103	28	267.9%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	A	19	20	-5.0%	13	46.2%	39	32	21.9%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	A	7	10	-30.0%	10	-30.0%	17	12	41.7%
OBSCENITY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
ROBBERY	A	4	3	33.3%	0	N/C	7	1	600.0%



Ann Arbor Police Department

Deputy Chief
Aimee Metzger

Office of the Chief
Chief Michael Cox

Deputy Chief
Jason Forsberg

	A	5	3	66.7%	7	-28.6%	8	11	-27.3%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	A	5	3	66.7%	7	-28.6%	8	11	-27.3%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
STOLEN PROPERTY	A	2	2	0.0%	0	N/C	4	0	N/C
WEAPONS OFFENSE	A	5	7	-28.6%	0	N/C	12	5	140.0%
Total	A	256	312	-17.9%	195	31.3%	568	412	37.9%
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	B	2	0	N/C	1	100.0%	2	1	100.0%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	B	6	1	500.0%	2	200.0%	7	8	-12.5%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	B	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	0	2	-100.0%
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	3	1	200.0%	1	200.0%	4	2	100.0%
FRAUD	B	4	1	300.0%	1	300.0%	5	4	25.0%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	B	1	0	N/C	0	N/C	1	0	N/C
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	B	1	0	N/C	0	N/C	1	2	-50.0%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	B	0	3	-100.0%	3	-100.0%	3	4	-25.0%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	B	18	20	-10.0%	10	80.0%	38	17	123.5%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	B	5	11	-54.5%	2	150.0%	16	4	300.0%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	B	10	23	-56.5%	14	-28.6%	33	17	94.1%
PUBLIC PEACE	B	14	19	-26.3%	6	133.3%	33	12	175.0%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	B	2	2	0.0%	0	N/C	4	2	100.0%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	B	9	10	-10.0%	1	800.0%	19	6	216.7%
VAGRANCY	B	1	0	N/C	0	N/C	1	0	N/C
Total		76	91	-16.5%	42	81.0%	167	82	103.7%

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – February 2022

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Injury Category
220004399	N Main and W Huron	2/2/2022	12:35 AM	Going Straight	Yes	B
220005018	Broadway and Wall	2/7/2022	11:22 AM	Negotiating a Curve	No	A
220005970	Hill and S Forest	2/10/2022	3:14 PM	Turning Right	No (Bike Lane)	O
220006390	W Washington/ S Third	2/16/2022	5:48 PM	Turning Left	Yes	O

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)



Transportation Project Updates

March 2022

[Subscribe](#) to receive monthly Transportation Project Updates.

Visit a2gov.org/TransportationCommission for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at TransportationCommission@a2gov.org

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. The complete list of streets included in the 2022 program is posted on the [project website](#). 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. Specific locations will be reported once finalized.

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 launched a survey in February 2022 to solicit feedback on the reconfiguration which will help inform if the reconfiguration will be made permanent or if the road will be restored to the previous configuration. The survey will remain open until March 21, 2022 and is accessible from the [project website](#)

Projects Currently in Design/Planning**E. Medical Center Drive Bridge**

On March 7, 2022, City Council approved an amendment to DLZ's contract to design and provide a construction cost estimate for the east-west pathway under the E. Medical Center Drive bridge.

Other Updates and Information**Lower Town Mobility Study:**

The Lower Town Mobility Study has been finalized and was shared with the Transportation Commission at their March 16, 2022 meeting. It has also been posted to the [project website](#).



Streetlight Implementation

No crosswalks have been upgraded with positive contrast lighting (DTE) to date in 2022 but there are 24 requests in queue with DTE. 170 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. . A resolution related to reliability of DTE streetlights was tabled indefinitely by City Council on March 7, 2022. Lastly, quarterly reports about extended streetlight outages will begin sometime after April per Council resolution R-22-016.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals

The Traffic Calming Team is beginning work on the engagement phase for the next projects in the queue, with the intent to work on three of them concurrently. The next projects in queue are, in order:

- Longman-N. Fairview (Dexter to Jackson) – City Council approved the project on March 7, 2022. Construction is expected to occur in the summer/fall of 2022.
- Northside Ave (Barton to Pontiac Trail) – City Council approved the project on March 7, 2022. Construction is expected to occur in the summer/fall of 2022.

American Rescue Plan Funding Recommendation

The City is the recipient of \$24.2 million in federal COVID relief funds through the program known as the “American Rescue Plan Act” (ARPA). Staff shared a recommendation for City Council’s consideration in early March (<http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5470325&GUID=D37A98C1-2974-4716-B10F-FB4F767DEDF&Options=&Search=>). The recommendation includes \$2M for Vision Zero Plan Implementation. City Council may make a final determination on the use of these funds in April. More information is available on the ARP project website: <https://www.a2gov.org/rescuefunds>.

2022 Bike Map Update

The City of Ann Arbor & Washtenaw County Bike Map has been updated. The updated map is currently available on the [City’s bike website](#). Print copies will be available later this spring.