



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report May 17, 2021

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

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.

City of Ann Arbor Larcom City Hall will remain closed due to the pandemic, and nonessential operations will continue to take place remotely until further notice. The purpose of the extended closure is to allow more time for vaccine distribution into the community and among city employee groups. In the meantime, city staff is continuing to serve the public, conducting city business during normal business hours via phone, email and online. See the "services" webpage, <https://www.a2gov.org/services/Pages/Home.aspx>, for details and also the "contact" webpage, <https://www.a2gov.org/contact/pages/contactus.aspx>, for how to reach city departments.

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 both indoors and outside; 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.

U-M/City Collaboration on UMMA satellite office - ElectionLine Weekly. The City Clerk's Office and the University of Michigan (U-M) collaborated and created a satellite office at University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA). This article in ElectionLine Weekly highlights the great working relationship between the City Clerk's Office and the U-M in our mutually shared interest in ensuring access to voting for all Ann Arbor residents, including new voters on campus: <https://electionline.org/electionline-weekly/2021/05-13/> . The article focuses on the fact that our relationship is a model for other college towns. This relationship between the City Clerk's Office, Government Relations, Ford School and Ginsberg Center has existed for many years to promote elections and voting on campus. The UMMA project added the arts and design community at U-M to our partnership, making the UMMA office much more than just a clerk's office on campus. This latest press for the project will be read by election officials across the country. Thank you to City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry, the City Clerk's Office, and our U-M Partner.

DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion): Celebrating our Differences. May is:

- Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. For information on Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, visit <https://asianpacificheritage.gov/about/> and Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center: Standing Together Against Hate, at <https://smithsonianapa.org/stand/>.
- Mental Health Awareness Month; the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Mental Health Awareness theme is You Are NOT Alone. Each year, millions of Americans are living with a mental illness. This has been a challenging year for many city employees. The employee assistance program (EAP) through Ulliance is a confidential benefit available to all regular employees of the City of Ann Arbor and can be reached at 800.448.8326.

Anniversary of George Floyd's Death – May 25th is the anniversary of George Floyd's death which sparked a national awakening on how policing has adversely impacted people of color. More broadly his tragedy illustrated how historical public policy and racism have harmed our black population. On this anniversary, we can re-dedicate ourselves to the practices of anti-racism and as an organization change our policies and practices that result in disparities in treatment of those who have been historically harmed.

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

- **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 all nominations are due by May 20, 2021.

- **Climate, Coffee and Conversation** — Join us the second Thursday 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/tJctfuyorzwsHtal_qn-HPQwfVoSbbb01001.
- **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 [registration is required](#). See the series schedule below for more information
 - May 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – **“The Future of Carbon Neutrality (a Youth-focused Forum)”**
- **A²ZERO Ambassadors:** We are currently accepting applications for cohort two. Interested individuals can apply [here](#) (deadline to apply is May 21, 2021.)
- **Range Replacement:** OSI is working to support home electrification by promoting induction ranges through partnerships with local vendors, through educational segments, and through demonstration projects. In addition, OSI has been collaborating with IBEW Local 252 to unite A²ZERO with IBEW training and outreach programs. This has included soon to be launched new website: <https://www.ibewneca252.org/a2zero>.
- **A²ZERO Week:** June 1st, 2021 marks the 1-year anniversary of the adoption of A²ZERO. In honor of this, OSI is launching A²ZERO week. Running for June 1- June 6th, this week-long event will be a series of decentralized and distributed virtual and in-person activities to help people: a) learn about sustainability activities; b) take action; and c) have fun. The full schedule is still being finalized but will be posted at www.a2gov.org/sustainability. If you'd like to partner with OSI in hosting an event, please contact Missy Stults (mstults@a2gov.org). **Please also see the attached A2 Zero Week Newsletter (PDF) highlighting the week's activities.**

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Police Monthly Report. The April 2021 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report (PDF) is attached.

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The May 2021 Transportation Commission Project Report (PDF) is attached.

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 Rule' for Executive and Management Level Hires in the City of Ann Arbor	September 1, 2020	Research ongoing.

Previews

The **May 17 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda. There are (9) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. There are (2) public hearings which are listed below and under second reading.

- **Resolution to Approve the 2065, 2099 South Main Street Annexations, 1.5 Acres, 2065, 2099 South Main Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 1 Nays).** These two parcels were inadvertently left off of the previous annexation by City Council relative to a series of properties related to the proposed Valhalla development.

Ordinances –Second Readings (1)

- **An Ordinance to Add a Temporary Emergency Ordinance Section 1.327b (Third-Party Delivery Services) to Title I of Chapter 15 (Emergency and Disaster Management) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** This proposed ordinance temporarily caps delivery fees during the COVID-19 pandemic and prohibits third-party delivery services from publishing inaccurate or misleading restaurant menus.

Ordinances – First Reading - none

Other

May Water Quality Matters. The May issue of Quality Water Matters encourages residents to celebrate national Drinking Water Week May 2-8 by attending a virtual Water Treatment Plant tour. Those interested can [sign up](#) for a 45-minute tour to learn about how the city treats and delivers drinking water to more than 125,000 customers. There are multiple dates and times available during the week as well as two tour types, one for ages 10 to adult and one for ages under 10. Read the issue [online](#).

Celebrate Huron River Day Throughout May! The Huron River is a major environmental asset of the Ann Arbor community and beyond. Everyone has a responsibility, individually and jointly, to actively participate in its care and protection. In the past, Huron River Day was observed as a single, day full of activities on the river. In an effort to bring to the forefront the impact the river has on our daily lives, Huron River Day 2021 will be celebrated every day in May with a photo contest, self-guided walks in parks along the river and a wide variety of in-person events planned, with COVID-19 precautions in place. Learn more [online](#).

Free Wood Chips Available. City of Ann Arbor Public Works Department is making free wood chips available to residents at five locations around the city beginning Thursday, April 22, 2021. Residents are required to load and haul the material away themselves. The wood chips will be available while supplies last.

Locations for free wood chip pickup:

- Veterans Memorial Park.
- Southeast Area Park.
- Allmendinger Park.
- Furstenberg Park.
- 721 N. Main Street.

Location maps, as well as information about curbside composting and other compost issues, are available at www.a2gov.org/compost.

AAPD is Accepting Applications for Police Chaplains Program. Applications are now being accepted for the [Ann Arbor Police Department Police Chaplains Program](#). This program will help the city provide a more comprehensive response to those in need, through support to both civilians and officers alike and during times of crisis and non-crisis incidents.

Applications Now Being Accepted for New Ann Arbor Equitable Engagement Steering Committee. A City of Ann Arbor initiative is underway to help ensure the city functions in a more inclusive manner and that there are opportunities for community members to have their voices heard. Applications are now being accepted for participation on the new Ann Arbor Equitable Engagement Steering Committee. The application is available at www.a2gov.org.A2EquitableEngagement or by calling to request a copy at 734.794.6430, ext. 42590. Applications are due by Monday, June 7, 2021. More information, and a link to subscribe for future updates, can be found at www.a2gov.org.A2EquitableEngagement

Ann Arbor Shares List of Planned 2021 Road, Sidewalk, Utility and Resurfacing Projects. The City of Ann Arbor released its list of road and sidewalk projects scheduled for construction in 2021. This year’s projects include resurfacing/restoration of nearly 9 miles of roads, 6.2 miles of preventative maintenance and 5,700 feet of new sidewalk construction. All projects are listed online at www.a2gov.org/roadconstruction. Projects and schedules are subject to change. Construction work will cause road and lane closures, so travelers are advised to sign up for email or text alerts, at www.a2gov.org/roads.

June Events with NAP. Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation has a busy June planned, filled with volunteer opportunities to preserve, restore and enhance the beauty of natural areas throughout the city and protect the well-being of their flora and fauna. Please see the news release online at, <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=793> for details. For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP.

17-year Cicadas. Ann Arbor, along with large parts of the Midwest and eastern United States, will experience a 17-year cicada emergence in May and June 2021. The cicadas, which do not bite

and are harmless to humans, will present challenges to smaller saplings while benefiting larger and established trees. In response, the City of Ann Arbor is suspending its spring tree planting efforts and has established a website, www.a2gov.org/cicada (<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/forestry/Pages/17-Year-Cicada-Emergence-.aspx>), to help the community understand and prepare for the event.

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.



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FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Offense and Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: May 13, 2021

AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) – April 2021

NIBRS Category	2019	2020	2021	Monthly % change	Previous Year (to-date)	This Year (to-date)	Yearly % change
Aggravated Assault	9	10	12	20.0%	52	58	11.5%
Animal Cruelty	2	0	0	no crimes	1	0	-100.0%
Arson	0	0	0	no crimes	0	1	-
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	19	6	15	150.0%	43	44	2.3%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	5	2	-60.0%	21	15	-28.6%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	27	14	30	114.3%	91	94	3.3%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	8	2	3	50.0%	24	11	-54.2%
Embezzlement	3	1	0	-100.0%	9	3	-66.7%
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0	2	-	0	4	-
Fraud Offenses	48	37	53	43.2%	173	179	3.5%
Homicide Offenses	0	0	2	-	1	2	100.0%
Intimidation	12	5	8	60.0%	28	41	46.4%
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	0	-100.0%	1	0	-100.0%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	210	71	97	36.6%	433	367	-15.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	3	7	133.3%	20	26	30.0%
Robbery	5	2	2	0.0%	13	3	-76.9%
Sex Offenses	17	2	10	400.0%	23	32	39.1%
Simple Assault	48	32	45	40.6%	178	147	-17.4%
Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	1	-	11	2	-81.8%
Weapon Law Violations	0	2	0	-100.0%	12	7	-41.7%



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Notes for AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report:

- COVID-19 restrictions went into effect on 3/13/2020
- We are using national crime categories, known as NIBRS, for comparison with other cities
- There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports at the time report was run.
- Please note that reports are for calendar month and that the months being compared may have different number of days.

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – April 2021

There are no pedestrian crashes to report for the month of April 2021.



Transportation Project Updates May 2021

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

Visit a2gov.org/TransportationCommission for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at TransportationCommission@a2gov.org

2021 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 2021 program is now posted on the [project website](#). Construction is scheduled to start the week of May 17 on the first phase of the residential street work, which includes Baldwin, Brockman, Crestland, Eastover, Ferdon, and St. Francis. The contractor will also start work shortly on the repaving of the asphalt paths along Packard in early June.

Plymouth Road Phase 2 (Murfin to lower Broadway)

This project is a preventative maintenance project (partial depth milling & repaving), very similar in scope to the work that was just completed further east on Plymouth. The scope of this project includes the addition of buffered bike lanes in both directions. This project utilizes Federal funding, and construction is currently anticipated to start in August.

Geddes Road Watermain

This project consists of a watermain replacement between Windycrest and Earhart. No changes to the road configuration are anticipated. Due to the limited work space, the road will be open to local traffic only during construction. Through traffic will be detoured using Huron Parkway, Glazier Way, and Earhart. Construction is scheduled to begin in early June.

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). Construction on the project began May 10, and is expected to be completed in early July. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh)

The project includes watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the [project website](#). City Council approved removal of on-street parking in favor of buffered bike lane installation at their November 16 meeting. Some delays in the plan review process with MDOT have been experienced, however construction is still expected to begin in July of 2021.



Sidewalk Gaps

Gaps in the sidewalk system that are expected to be filled in 2021 include (some tentative timelines shown in parentheses):

- Barton Drive (north side from Brede to Pontiac) (Late summer/fall)
- Boardwalk Drive (east side from Eisenhower to Oakbrook) (Late summer/fall)
- Jackson Avenue (south side from Wagner to Park Lake) (July/August)
- Scio Church Road (north side from Landmark Court to Winsted and Greenview to Seventh) (Late summer/fall)
- Stimson Street (both sides; near State Street) (Late summer/fall)
- Yost and Eli (at frontage of 2609 Yost Avenue) (TBD)
- Manchester (near Washtenaw) (TBD)

Huron Street Improvements

Huron Street sidewalk improvements are substantially complete. The requested transportation and safety enhancement work will be performed by MDOT as follows:

1. Leading pedestrian intervals (LPIs) at signalized intersections between First and Division Streets: MDOT initially shared that adequate walk time already existed and noted that adding pedestrian walk time could negatively affect the vehicular operations at the subject intersections. Subsequently, MDOT approved LPIs at the First and Ashley Street intersections with installation as part of the First and Ashley Street Improvements in 2020 and 2021. City/DDA staff will continue to follow up on this request.
2. Third and Chapin full signal: Approved. MDOT installation is underway.
3. Restricted Right Turns: Approved. MDOT installation planned for late summer 2020.
4. Permissive/Protected left turn phase at 5th Avenue: Approved. MDOT installation is now complete.

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. Construction has been completed on the Island Drive bridge, and is ongoing at the Broadway and Fuller Road bridges.

Projects Currently in Design/Planning

People Friendly Streets Initiative

First and Ashley Streets construction continues. Construction completion and restoration to two-way traffic is anticipated in summer 2021. People for Bikes ranked the First Street Bikeway as one of [America's Best New Bikeways of 2020](#).



Other Updates and Information

“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

[A public engagement survey tool](#) was used to solicit community input from March 5 to April 2, 2021. We received 963 comments: 457 in support; 393 in opposition; and 111 other. The design was completed by the engineering firm and an invitation to bid was released on April 9. The proposed program includes 34 Neighborhood Slow Streets, and deployments on Main St (William to Stadium), N Packard (Hill to State), and S Packard (Eisenhower to city limits). At the April 20 meeting the Transportation Commission recommended approval of the resolution to approve a construction contract for the Healthy Streets 2021 implementation; however, at the May 3 City Council meeting, the resolution for construction contract approval was not passed. More information is available on the City’s Healthy Streets [project website](#).

Lower Town Mobility Study:

Following the second public meeting held in November 2020, the project team launched an online survey to gather input from the community on mobility improvements to the Lower Town. The survey closed on January 12, 2021 and the results will be reviewed and analyzed to help inform the study. The third public meeting will be held June 10, 2021, via Zoom, additional details coming soon. The meeting will include a presentation of alternatives and public discussion. More information about the project and engagement opportunities can be found on the [project website](#).

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. The following project is currently being coordinated with MDOT:

- Jackson/Highlake/I-94 East ramp – MDOT will signalize the intersection to improve the safety of this intersection, especially for those accessing the on-ramps for I-94E. In tandem with this project, the City made improvements to the sidewalk on the south side of Jackson at Highlake. Concerns have been voiced from the neighborhood about the turning radius of a curb extension and meetings are scheduled to discuss these improvements with the neighborhood, MDOT, City staff and elected officials. Construction is on-going. A meeting was held April 23, 2021 to listen to concerns and provide answers to questions.

Transportation Plan Update

The document has been updated in response to comments received during the community review of the draft plan. At their joint session on April 20, 2021, the Planning Commission adopted and both the Planning Commission and Transportation Commission recommended City Council adoption of the Plan. Staff introduced the Plan at the Council Work Session on May 10, 2021 and will bring the document before City Council for approval on June 7, 2021. The latest version of the document and other related materials can be found on the project website: www.a2gov.org/visionzero.



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A²ZERO WEEK

Welcome to a very special edition of the A²ZERO Newsletter! This edition is focused on our upcoming A²ZERO Week - a celebration of the one-year anniversary of our A²ZERO Plan.

In the last year, we have achieved so much in our journey towards carbon neutrality. We have trained our first cohort of A²ZERO Ambassadors. We have enabled over 1 MW of new solar in our community, through the Solarize program. We have distributed over 1,000 trees to residents of our community, through the 10,000 Trees Initiative. And so much more. But, we still have a long way to go to achieve our goal of an equitable, sustainable, and transformative transition to community-wide carbon neutrality. A²ZERO Week is a chance not only to look back and celebrate our achievements, but also to look forward and prepare for the milestones we have yet to reach. We will celebrate our 23 ambassadors. We will tell the stories of those who have installed solar on their homes. And we will celebrate the contributions made by local businesses, through Green Fare. We also hope to inspire our community to take action through our [A²ZERO Pledge](#) and our Day of Service. And so, we hope you will join us, from June 1st to 6th, as we celebrate our very first A²ZERO Week.

*-Missy, Fang, Simi, Galen, Josh, Julie, Christine,
Sean, Zach, Thea, Julius, Kora, and Jennifer*



GREEN FARE

A celebration of local, sustainable, and plant-based food. All week long, you can dine at (or take out from) one of 12 local restaurants that are committed to offering sustainable cuisine. Learn more [here](#).

Green Fare is centered on these five categories:

Local Fare (L) – businesses offering a product that sources at least 50% of ingredients or materials from within 150 miles of Ann Arbor

Plant-Based Fare (V) – businesses offering vegetarian or vegan products

Sustainability-Focused Business (S) – businesses that integrate sustainability into operational practices

Reusable / Compostable Materials (R) – businesses that provide reusable and/or compostable materials for to-go orders

Additional Options (A) - businesses that support other initiatives that benefit the community

Participating Businesses:

Blom Meadworks (L, S, C)

Cherry Republic (A)

Conor O'Neill's (V, S)

Detroit Street Filling Station* (L, V)

EAT (L, V, C)

El Harissa* (V, C)

Jolly Pumpkin Café & Brewery (V, C)

Juicy Kitchen (L, V, S, C)

Miss Kim* (L, V, S, C)

TAQ - Taqueria Restaurant & Bar (S, C)

Thrive Juicery (L, V, S, C)

Zingerman's Delicatessen* (L, C)

*Indicates a business that has partnered with us on our A²R³: Reusable Container Pilot Program

FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Below is a full schedule of the events taking place across A²ZERO Week! You can find up-to-date information on all of these events on our dedicated A²ZERO Week webpage - find more details [here](#)!

Week-long Events

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A²ZERO Scavenger Hunt | Join us in this fun new game that helps "daylight" many of the sustainability activities underway in our community. Not only will you learn, but you can win prizes for playing - including free ice cream! More details available soon on the Sustainability website.

Tuesday, June 1st

8:00am-9:00am | A²ZERO Week Opening Meditation with Mindful City Ann Arbor

Start off A²ZERO Week with an hour-long intention-setting meditation session. Free and available to all. This event will be held via Zoom. Join [here](#) - no registration necessary!

12:00pm | Launch of the "Saving Energy" Design Contest

It's time to get creative! As part of A²ZERO Week, the Office of Sustainability and Innovations is launching the "Saving Energy" design contest. Students in grades K-12 can help us design a sticker/badge to promote saving energy and reducing our carbon footprint. The public will be invited to vote on the finalists, and winners will receive a \$200 cash prize and have their design featured at future A²ZERO community events! Learn more [here](#).

3:00pm | Unveiling of the A²ZERO Mural at Huron Parkway

Mayor Taylor will unveil the new A²ZERO mural along the B2B trail in Gallup Park! Check the [CTN YouTube channel](#) post event for video of the unveiling, and make sure to come by and see the mural on your next visit to the park!

7:00pm-8:30pm | Carbon Pricing Panel with the Citizens' Climate Lobby

Join the Ann Arbor chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby for an evening to exploring putting a price on carbon. Panelists will discuss different carbon pricing strategies, their social and economic impacts, and how they compare with and complement other emission reduction initiatives. The event will be moderated by Kris Olsson, chair of the Washtenaw County Environmental Council and a biologist with the Huron River Watershed Council. We hope to see you there! This event will be held via Zoom. Register [here](#).



FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (CONT.)

Wednesday, June 2nd

7:00am-2:00pm | A²ZERO at the Farmer's Market

Stop by the A²ZERO booth at the Farmer's Market to say "hi" and learn about electrification initiatives and other ways to engage with the Office of Sustainability and Innovations!

1:00pm | Educational Event with Ann Arbor Hands on Museum

The Office of Sustainability and Innovations is partnering with the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum to launch an educational solar kiosk that will provide an opportunity to learn and interact with a live solar array. The Kiosk will feature a solar display that gives live readings of the power being generated, along with information on the solar panels themselves. Come see the kiosk and learn about the City's efforts around renewable energy! More details coming soon.

3:00pm | Emergency Preparedness Kit Winners Announced

In partnership with Ann Arbor Public Schools and The American Red Cross, the City of Ann Arbor is encouraging all families with kids in grades pre-K through 5 to make an emergency preparedness communications plan. All families that complete a plan will be entered into a drawing to win one of four emergency preparedness kits. Template plans will be circulated the week of May 17th and completed plans are due by May 31st. Plans can be submitted to sustainability@a2gov.org.

6:00pm | A²ZERO Awards Night

The A²ZERO Awards Night is an opportunity for the City of Ann Arbor to recognize its first cohort of 22 A²ZERO Ambassadors, as well as five A²ZERO Champions. The Ambassadors have undergone 10 weeks of training, learning topics related to sustainability and climate action - and are currently working on sustainability-related projects throughout the City, under the mentorship of City government employees. The five A²ZERO Champions are Ann Arbor area businesses or individuals who, through their work, have demonstrated a commitment to our sustainability goals and have gone well beyond the call of duty in advancing the A²ZERO Plan. You can watch the A²ZERO Awards Night ceremony post event on the City's CTN YouTube channel.



FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (CONT.)

Thursday, June 3rd

9:00am-10:00am | Ann Arbor 's Office of Sustainability and Innovations at MISCON 2021

Join OSI at the 2021 Michigan Sustainability Conference, a virtual three-day event offering a multitude of sessions focusing on successful business case studies, community sustainability efforts, the linkage to public health, and funding opportunities. The OSI team will be presenting on the development of the A²ZERO Plan and lessons learned from our first year of carbon neutrality efforts. Learn more and register for the conference on the [MISCON webpage](#).

10:00am | Launch of A²ZERO Kits with Ann Arbor District Library

OSI is partnering with AADL to create an A²ZERO Kit. This kit will include sustainability-related materials and will be available for check out from any AADL branch this summer. The kit will include meters for measuring energy use, indoor air quality, air leakage, solar capacity, and more. More details coming soon on the AADL and City websites!

5:30pm | Emergency Preparedness and You (Tentative)

Join us for a special presentation by representatives from the American Red Cross on how to prepare for disasters. More details coming soon and available on the City's Sustainability website.

7:00pm-8:00pm | Launch of Ann Arbor Solar Stories

Come hear your neighbors and peers present about what brought them to solar and how it is going, and have a chance to ask all your questions! This event will be held via Zoom. Register [here](#).

Friday, June 4th

12:00pm-1:00pm | Reflecting on A²ZERO Week Meditation Session with Mindful City Ann Arbor

Reflect on the events of A²ZERO week with an hour-long meditation session and explore how we can continue the momentum built during the first year of A²ZERO. Free and available to all. This event will be held via Zoom. Join [here](#) - no registration necessary!

4:00pm-6:00pm | Sweet Treat Meet & Greet in the Park with Your A²ZERO Ambassadors

The first 22 A²ZERO Ambassadors have successfully completed their training! Talk with some of the Ambassadors living in your ward during a meet and greet in one of the parks listed below. Learn about concrete climate actions you and your neighbors can take, and find out the multitude of ways in which you can reduce your climate impact. Plus, sweet treats (e.g., ice cream, popsicles, cookies, etc.) will be available - and there will be raffles and pledge cards for everyone in attendance!

Meet & Greet Locations:

- Esch Park
- Arbor Oaks Park
- Glacier Highlands Park
- Arbor Oaks Park
- Green Park

FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (CONT.)

Saturday, June 5th

8:00am-3:00pm | A²ZERO at the Farmer's Market

Stop by the A²ZERO booth at the Farmer's Market to say "hi" and learn about A²ZERO and ways you can get involved.

10:00am-2:00pm | Bike Repair Clinic with Common Cycle

Common Cycle is a community-based organization empowering Ann Arbor to ride bicycles by providing access to education, workspace, and resources. Join us at the Farmer's Market for hourly workshops on bike repair and maintenance basics. Bring your bike!

2:00pm-10:00pm | A²ZERO Drink Unveiling at Ann Arbor Distilling Company

Stop by the Ann Arbor Distilling Company (220 Felch St, Ann Arbor, MI 48103) and enjoy an Eezy Treezy, the new A²ZERO-branded drink at the Ann Arbor Distilling Company! A portion of all proceeds supports tree plantings in low income neighborhoods. The Eezy Treezy will also be available as a canned cocktail throughout the week.

4:30pm-7:30pm | Freeman Environmental Education Center Youth Council "Green Michigan" Eco-Symposium

The Freeman EE Center Youth Council brings students together from all five AAPS high schools to collaborate around critical environmental issues that affect young people today and in the future. Youth Council members work together to promote environmental literacy and carry out action projects that demonstrate and engage our school communities in stewardship and sustainability practices. This year, the Youth Council is hosting an Eco-Symposium focused on the topic of "Green Michigan." Presenters will include students from school green clubs across AAPS, as well as guest speakers - including some of our own A²ZERO Ambassadors! This event will be virtual - more details coming soon!

Sunday, June 6th

All Day | Day of Service

A²ZERO Week will culminate in a Day of Service, which will offer multiple ways for you to get involved in your community. Join the Office of Sustainability and Innovations and some of our collaborating organizations in an organized, socially-distanced service event. Donate to a local food pantry or shelter. Or volunteer individually with a local organization of your choice. No matter how you participate, we hope you'll join us in bringing A²ZERO Week to a close by taking action to help make our community more sustainable, more resilient, and more connected! Learn more about the volunteer activities available and register at bit.ly/a2zerodayofservice.

Want to Collaborate on an Event?

Do you have an event you'd like to collaborate with the Office of Sustainability and Innovations on? If so, please contact [Missy Stults](#) to share your idea.