

Staff Updates for Environmental Commission, April 2023

Office of Sustainability and Innovations

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

The A²ZERO Collaborators Planning Session yielded six potential projects around the topics of: renewables at local multifamily complexes and businesses, an outreach campaign to increase the adoption of solar at commercial sites, a Green Business challenge, circular economy practices relating to housing evictions, and a sustainability education campaign at housing commission sites.

May 7th is the Ann Arbor Climate Teach-In, sponsored by eight local congregations. Learn more at www.a2climateteachin.com.

Three current A²ZERO Ambassador teams are working on projects related to the circular economy and green infrastructure. (1) Hosting two neighborhood swap days in May: Kerrytown Neighborhood Swap Day May 6th from 11:00am - 3:00pm; and Foxfire Neighborhood Swap Day May 20th from 10:00am - 2:00pm. (2) Working with Public Works on developing efforts to encourage and increase successful curbside composting behaviors. (3) Beginning installation of a rain garden at the Genesis Building.

Public Works

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

The Commercial Solid Waste Franchise contract was approved by City Council.

Public engagement for the DOS was completed. An additional meeting may be scheduled virtually.

City Clerk

Commissioner reappointments will be on the City Council Agenda on May 1st for first reading. May 15th will be the second reading and approval from City Council. Once approved, commissioners will receive their reappointment letter from Sarah Alanis before May 31st.

The Clerk's office will be hosting an orientation for new and existing Board and Commission members. It will be 45 minute presentation followed by a 45 minute Q and A session. This orientation will be in Mid-June - the date is still being finalized. The orientation will be recorded and will be available for later viewing.