



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report April 18, 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.

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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.

- **Sustainable Energy Utility Overview** — The Office of Sustainability and Innovation has kicked off public engagement to understand the public’s interest in a potential Sustainable Energy Utility. Individuals can learn more and register their opinion on the idea at www.a2gov.org/a2seu. Additionally, staff have produced this 10-minute video providing a high-level overview of the proposed Ann Arbor Sustainable Energy Utility and how it could operate locally to advance clean, reliable, locally built and community-owned energy: <https://youtu.be/MLYcCMga8a8>.
- **Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge:** The Resident Race to Zero Energy Challenge is a home energy competition run in partnership with the [GreenHome Institute](http://GreenHomeInstitute.com). 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](http://TheResidentRace.com).
- **Sustaining Ann Arbor Together.** The City administers a grant program for residents to advance community-wide sustainability, known as the Sustaining Ann Arbor Together (SA²T) grant program. SA²T is currently accepting applications for this year’s grant program. Successful applicants can receive up to \$10,000 to advance social or environmental sustainability in the community. Learn more at www.a2gov.org/sa2t.
- **Solarize.** If you have been thinking about installing solar at your home, spring is a great season to research and make informed decisions. OSI’s Solarize program is a great resource to help you navigate the terrain. For details, please refer to the web page: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/Ann-Arbor-Solarize.aspx>
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - **Bandemer Park Workdays, second Fridays, 3-5 p.m.** — OSI has adopted Bandemer Park and holds a monthly workday there with GIVE 365 (on the second Friday of each month, except December–February). If you are interested in volunteering to help maintain Bandemer Park with OSI (by picking up trash, removing invasives, clearing brush from trails, etc.), please email **Sean Reynolds** at sreynolds@a2gov.org.
 - **Earth Day Festival 2022, Sunday, April 24, 1–4:30 p.m., Leslie Science & Nature Center** — The Ann Arbor Earth Day Festival is an annual celebration coordinated by the Ann Arbor Earth Day Festival Planning Committee, a coalition of local environmental nonprofits and agencies, and will be held this year at Leslie Science & Nature Center. This free, family-friendly event features displays; hands-on activities; live entertainment; green building & commuting technologies; energy topics; water awareness; sustainable agriculture; and more. For details, visit the festival's [website](http://www.a2gov.org/earthday).
 - **Can Teach an Old House New Tricks: Home Electrification and Energy Efficiency Improvement, Tuesday, April 26, 6–8 p.m., Ann Arbor Distillery** — How can you

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

- **A²ZERO Sustainability Series – “Air Quality Monitoring: Keeping an Eye on Ann Arbor’s Air”**. Wednesday, April 27th 6pm-8pm. Join us this month to learn about air quality, why it's important to measure, and how air pollutants can impact our health. We'll also discuss how Ann Arbor, other communities in SE Michigan, and the State are monitoring air quality and how you can get involved. Speakers will include Erica Wolf from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE); Katie Grantham from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG); and Sean Reynolds from the Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI). Register [here](#).
- **An Introduction to Ann Arbor’s Proposed Sustainable Energy Utility - April 29th at 3pm**. The City of Ann Arbor is seeking public input regarding the potential creation of a Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU). An SEU is a community owned energy utility that provides electricity from local solar and battery storage systems installed on homes and businesses throughout the City. The envisioned Ann Arbor SEU is a community-owned utility that provides 100% clean, reliable, locally built, and affordable electricity; built by the community, for the community. It is a supplemental utility to what we currently have, meaning residents would have a choice for how to procure their energy; a choice most do not have today. Join us for this event to learn more and share you feedback. Registration required: https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gKebO6ziTFe9RFgcM5005g.
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- **Climate Change: Responding to the latest IPCC Report - May 12th at 6pm**. Climate change is here and the impacts are already being experienced around the world. What are the existing and projected impacts to our region? What are others doing? **What should we do?** Come and join us for this interactive presentation and open question and answer session to learn more. Speakers will share findings from the most recent series of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports, details about climate activities in Michigan and Ann Arbor, and ways you can get more involved. Registration is free but required:

https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OOCTtNsDTQqqMuueXcZdVw.

Speakers include: Dr. Jonathan Overpeck, Edith Juno, and Dr. Missy Stults.

- **Green Fair 2022** — Save the date for Green Fair 2022, taking place on Main Street and the Council Commons 6–9 p.m. Friday, June 10. If you are interested in applying for a booth, please contact **Christine Schopieray** at cschopieray@a2gov.org.
- **A²ZERO Week** — Save the date for A2ZERO Week. Coming June 5–11, this week-long celebration of sustainability activities and creativity is a great way to have fun and learn a little. If you are interested in working with OSI on an event during this week, please reach out to **Christine Schopieray** at cschopieray@a2gov.org.
- **Spring 2022 Move in/Out event.** Are you Looking for an opportunity to lessen waste when students move off campus? The city is hosting its Spring 2022 Move in/Out event for students and landlords/property managers on **April 29; May 1-4, 6-7, and 9, 2022** at 2000 South Industrial Highway between **10 a.m. and 3 p.m.** We're offering reuse, recycling, and trash drop-off opportunities. Kiwanis will be at the site to accept reusable items. There will also be recycling for scrap metal, foam block, and recyclables accepted curbside including cardboard. We are looking for volunteers to staff the event. This is a great opportunity to participate in materials management around student goods. If you are interested, please see the sign up [here](#). If you have any questions or thoughts, please reach out to Jenny Petoskey at jpetoskey@a2gov.org or 734-545-2868. Link:

Council Priorities/Initiatives

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

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

Previews

The **April 18 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Introduction – City Administrator’s Presentation of Proposed FY23 Budget

Consent Agenda (16). There are (16) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings (1). Public hearings are listed below under second readings.

Ordinances – Second Readings – (1)

- **A Public Hearing and 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 Years and 0 Nays) (ORD-22-05).** This ordinance will zone this parcel R1B (Single-Family

Residential District), now that the property has been officially annexed into the City.

Ordinances – First readings (3)

- **An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:63 of Chapter 29 (Water Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** This ordinance increases water fees for upcoming operating and capital needs consistent with the City’s Cost of Service Study, Capital Improvement Plan, and Water Asset Management Plan.
- **An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:69 of Chapter 29 (Stormwater Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.** This ordinance increases stormwater fees for upcoming operating and capital needs consistent with the City’s Stormwater Utility Rate Study, Capital Improvement Plan, and Stormwater Asset Management Plan.
- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 112 (Non-Discrimination), Sections 9:150, 9:151, 9:156, and 9:159, Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor To Update Definitions of Gender Expression, Gender Identity, and Sexual Orientation; Reorder Definitions; Add Definition of Religion to Include Prohibition Against Religious-Based Hair and Head Coverings Discrimination; and To Remove Requirement that Complaint be Filed within 180 Days**

The Human Rights Commission recommends the following updates to the Non-Discrimination Ordinance:

- Adding definition of “Religion” to clarify that the ordinance protects against religious-based hairstyle discrimination, including religious head coverings.
- Changing some of the definitions (Gender Identity, Gender Expression, Sexual Orientation) to match the definitions in the more-recently passed Conversion Therapy Ban ordinance.
- Removing the requirement that complainants file their complaint with the HRC within 180 days.
- Re-ordering references to the list of protected categories to make “ethnicity” listed in alphabetical order.
- Switching the order of how complaints are resolved to have informal mediation take place first to match the current practice.

Other

Lower Town Area Mobility Study. The purpose of the Lower Town Study was to understand how the effects of growth impact the movement of people through the central northeast part of Ann Arbor known as Lower Town. The study identifies ways to support the ease and safety of all travelers, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and those in personal and commercial

vehicles in the face of increasing congestion. The study and all appendices are now complete and available for download on the project website: www.a2gov.org/lowertown

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

Application Process Open for New Class C Liquor License. The City of Ann Arbor Council Liquor License Review Committee is accepting applications for new Class C liquor licenses. There are eight licenses available in the city following the release of 2020 Census data, which shows Ann Arbor's population grew to 123,851 from approximately 119,000 residents. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2022, and must be submitted to the Ann Arbor City Clerk's Office, 301 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. A \$150 non-refundable processing fee is due with the application. A one-time \$600 fee will be assessed by the city from those selected to receive a new license. Additional fees may also be due to the State Liquor Control Commission once the license is obtained.

The review committee will consider all applications submitted by the deadline with particular interest in applicants who intend to enhance the community with the uniqueness of their business and by diversifying the city's offerings. The committee also requests applicants to provide information on their commitment and actions related to the city's A2ZERO initiative to achieve a just transition to community-wide carbon neutrality by 2030 (www.a2gov.org/a2zero).

Applications received after the 5 p.m. April 22, 2022, deadline will be rejected. For more information, including the link to the Class C Liquor License application, visit <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/city-clerk/Pages/Licenses-and-Permits.aspx>.

April Water Quality Matters. The [April issue of Quality Water Matters](#) features the 2021 Water Quality Report and upcoming water events, including an in-person Water Treatment Plant tour on Saturday, May 7. Advance sign-up is required.

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.

May 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 May calendar of events. Please visit www.a2gov.org/NAEvents 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.



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TO: Milton Dohoney, Jr., Interim City Administrator

FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department

SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Offense and Pedestrian Crash Report

DATE: April 14, 2022

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

Crime Category	Part	Mar-2022	Feb-2022	% Change	Mar-2021	% Change	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	A	1	0	N/C	1	0.0%	1	2	-50.0%
ARSON	A	3	2	50.0%	0	N/C	6	1	500.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	A	17	11	54.5%	16	6.3%	39	43	-9.3%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	A	40	38	5.3%	45	-11.1%	129	100	29.0%
BRIBERY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	A	3	7	-57.1%	4	-25.0%	14	10	40.0%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	A	4	8	-50.0%	7	-42.9%	24	20	20.0%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	A	31	16	93.8%	27	14.8%	69	61	13.1%
DRUG OFFENSES	A	11	5	120.0%	5	120.0%	20	7	185.7%
EMBEZZLEMENT	A	2	0	N/C	1	100.0%	2	4	-50.0%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	A	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	4	2	100.0%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	A	4	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	14	11	27.3%
FRAUD	A	28	34	-17.6%	44	-36.4%	106	107	-0.9%
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%	6	66.7%	30	30	0.0%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	A	45	49	-8.2%	64	-29.7%	147	150	-2.0%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	A	50	52	-3.8%	42	19.0%	156	70	122.9%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	A	8	21	-61.9%	15	-46.7%	49	47	4.3%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	A	16	7	128.6%	7	128.6%	33	19	73.7%
OBSCENITY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
ROBBERY	A	1	4	-75.0%	0	N/C	8	1	700.0%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	A	8	5	60.0%	6	33.3%	16	18	-11.1%
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	0	2	-100.0%	0	No Change	4	0	N/C
WEAPONS OFFENSE	A	6	5	20.0%	2	200.0%	18	7	157.1%
Total	A	289	281	2.8%	297	-2.7%	889	710	25.2%



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ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	B	0	2	-100.0%	0	No Change	2	1	100.0%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	B	4	6	-33.3%	6	-33.3%	11	14	-21.4%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	B	2	0	N/C	0	N/C	2	2	0.0%
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	2	3	-33.3%	4	-50.0%	6	6	0.0%
FRAUD	B	3	5	-40.0%	1	200.0%	9	5	80.0%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	B	2	1	100.0%	1	100.0%	3	1	200.0%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	B	1	1	0.0%	0	N/C	2	2	0.0%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	B	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	3	5	-40.0%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	B	16	18	-11.1%	17	-5.9%	54	34	58.8%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	B	15	6	150.0%	4	275.0%	32	8	300.0%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	B	20	11	81.8%	16	25.0%	55	33	66.7%
PUBLIC PEACE	B	13	14	-7.1%	10	30.0%	47	22	113.6%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	B	1	2	-50.0%	1	0.0%	5	3	66.7%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	B	11	9	22.2%	5	120.0%	30	11	172.7%
VAGRANCY	B	0	1	-100.0%	0	No Change	1	0	N/C
Total		90	79	13.9%	66	36.4%	262	148	77.0%

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – March2022

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
220008338	N Fifth and Catherine	3/3/2022	4:13 PM	Turning Left	Yes	B
220010636	Packard and S State	3/19/2022	2:45 PM	Entering Roadway	No (Scooter on sidewalk)	O
220011230	S Main and W Stadium	3/24/2022	7:48 AM	Slowing/Stopping	No (Scooter on sidewalk)	C
220011331	N Maple and Dexter	3/24/2022	6:07 PM	Going Straight	No	B
220011535	Washtenaw and S University	3/25/2022	10:49 PM	Turning Left	Yes	B

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



Transportation Project Updates April 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. Local resurfacing work in 2022 will occur primarily in the area bounded by Miller, Maple, Jackson, and Huron. Resurfacing of various segments of asphalt paths is also included. The complete list of streets included in the 2022 program is posted on the [project website](#).

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](#). Some delays in the plan review process with MDOT have been experienced, which has now caused the start of construction activities to move to summer of 2022.

Platt Road

This is a Federal aid project the consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and Greenhills Drive. The project scope includes resurfacing, watermain replacement work and pedestrian improvements. Final plans have been submitted to MDOT for review. Construction is scheduled for summer 2022.

Earhart Road

This is a Federal aid project the consists of the resurfacing of Earhart Road between Geddes and Greenhills Drive. The project scope includes resurfacing and the addition of bike lanes. This project has been delayed due to requirements related to the Federal funding but is anticipated to be constructed in the summer/fall of 2022.

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

Streetlight Implementation

New streetlights were installed on Baylis (near 3264/3265 Baylis), on Stone School (Eisenhower to I-94), at S. Main/Hoover, at S. Main/Davis, at Barton/Chandler, at Barton/Long Shore, at Barton/Northside, and at S. State/Michigan Union. 310 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.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding

City Council approved the projects which will receive federal COVID relief funds through the program known as the "American Rescue Plan Act" (ARPA). Included in this slate of projects is \$2M for Vision Zero Plan Implementation. More information is available on the [ARPA project website](#)