

City of Ann Arbor



City Administrator's Report – December 3, 2018

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

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! The City of Ann Arbor is committed to protecting the safety and health of all employees, contractors, customers, visitors, partners and the community in which we operate. The city strives to incorporate safety and health in every aspect of our operations and is committed to fulfilling our moral and legal obligation of providing a safe and healthful workplace. While the City of Ann Arbor is a safe and healthy place to work, there is always room for improvement. To help us in our goal of continuous improvement, the City of Ann Arbor conducts an annual internal safety culture survey, which is in progress through December. All City employees are encouraged to participate in this 12-question survey, developed to assess staff viewpoints toward workplace safety. Feedback will assist the Safety Unit in improving safety and health for city employees.

Winter weather safety. Residents are encouraged to be safe during cold, icy, and snowy conditions. A sand/salt mixture for residents to treat sidewalks is now available at 7 locations around town. Residents are permitted to take 1-5 gallon bucket per season. Sand/salt mixture is not for contractors or landscapers. Residents need to bring their own shovel and bucket and must load material themselves. Locations include [721 N. Main Street](#), [Huron Hills golf course](#), or one of five park locations: [Allmendinger](#), [Buhr](#), [Burns](#), [Leslie](#) and [Veterans Memorial](#).

Success Stories

City staff conducted **New Councilmember Orientation** sessions on November 15th and 16th for incoming elected officials. Staff also hosted a day of site visits on November 30th that concluded the initial orientation. Thank you to all who participated and who contributed to a successful orientation.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Sustainability and Climate Action. The City's Office of Sustainability and Innovations, in partnership with 13 community organizations, is hosting a Community Climate Conversation on Fri., December 7 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. at the Ann Arbor Public Library, Downtown Branch, 343 S. 5th Ave. The event will be broken into two parts. The first will be presentation style whereby we have 3 speakers who helped author the recently released [4th National Climate Assessment](#), all of whom will speak about climate change and its impacts to the region. The second part is an interactive breakout sessions where participants will have the chance to explore what actions they think should be taken to both mitigate

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and adapt to climate-related impacts in the region (across various sectors and scales). The event is open to the public.

Previews

The **December 3 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Administrator's Communication Item

- **415 W. Washington Chimney Swift Structural Evaluation Report – November 20, 2018.** As directed in Resolution R-18-401, Resolution to Direct the City Administrator to Evaluate Preservation of the Chimney Swift Roost at 415 West Washington.

Public Hearings (2)

- **Resolution to Petition the State of Michigan Boundary Commission to Annex Various Parcels from the Charter Township of Ann Arbor, the Charter Township of Pittsfield, and Scio Township**
- At second reading **An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:22a of Chapter 27 (Water) and Section 2:42.2 of Chapter 28 (Sanitary Sewer) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Connection Requirements).** If adopted, this ordinance will provide for an 18-month waiting period after the date of annexation before sending a 90-day notice to connect to impacted property owners. The waiting period applies only to properties that annexed by petition and only if the water and/or sanitary sewer lines are in place on the date the annexation of the property is final.

Resolutions:

- **Resolution No. 2 – Northside STEAM Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Gap Project – Sidewalk Special Assessment. (Postposed from the 11/19/18 Council Meeting)** This resolution requests Council approval to establish the estimated cost and distribution of costs for new sidewalk that would be constructed as part of the Northside STEAM Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Sidewalk Gap Project (Sidewalk Special Assessment District #51). Because this is a federal-aid project, approximately \$400,000.00 of the construction cost of the sidewalk will be paid by the SRTS Grant. The remainder of the costs will be local share. The City's ability to use grant funds for this project creates the opportunity for the private property owners impacted by the special assessment to receive the sidewalk improvements at a significantly lower cost.
- In addition, there are numerous Council-sponsored resolutions including the **2019 Council Calendar** and **2019 Council Committee Appointments.**

WIP (Work in Progress)

Staff is working on the following items pursuant to Council directions:

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ITEM	DUE DATE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-18-195	Resolution to Adopt FY19 Budget: Amendment No. 2 – Community Participation and Engagement in development City Budget and Spending Priorities for FY20-21	December 1, 2018	Survey completed. Results to be shared soon.
R-18-293	Resolution to Appoint a Task Force to Review Policies and Procedures for Special Events	December 31, 2018	Under review

Other

Curbside compost collection ends for the season on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018. Our recent cold spell has caused the contents of compost carts to freeze and stick to the inside, preventing them from being emptied. Because of this, we encourage residents to use paper lawn bags until temperatures rise and stay above freezing for the rest of the compost curbside season, which ends on Friday, Dec. 7. If you need your compost cart emptied, please try to break up the material and prevent it from becoming frozen to the cart itself. Be aware that you may have to tend to your cart multiple times as contents may refreeze during overnight hours. Thank you!

Ann Arbor's seasonal curbside compost collection program for 2018 began on Monday, April 2 with weekly pickups (from paper yard waste bags, city provided compost carts and bundled brush) on [normal solid waste collection days](#).

Applications Being Accepted for Citizens Police, Fire & Courts Academy. The City of Ann Arbor is offering those who live or work in the city an opportunity for an inside look at our local public safety and justice systems. Those 18 years old and older who are interested are invited to submit an application to attend the 2019 Jack Dentler Ann Arbor Citizens Police, Fire and Courts Academy. The program has been renamed this year to honor the memory of long-time, beloved volunteer with the Ann Arbor Police Department, Jack Dentler, who passed away earlier this year.

The deadline to apply to participate in the CPFCA program is Friday, Jan. 25, 2019, or sooner, should the 20 available spaces become filled. Find the application on the City of Ann Arbor website at www.a2gov.org/departments/police/Pages/Getting-Involved.aspx#citizens

The CPFCA is a free program that will be held at the Ann Arbor Justice Center, Ann Arbor Fire Department Fire Station No. 6, AAFD Fire Training Grounds and Washtenaw Community College. Classes will take place once a week on Tuesdays, 6:30–9:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 12 and ending April 9, 2019.

CPFCA topics will include: AAPD and AAFD history, emergency management, fire responder's role, use of force, hazardous materials, K-9 unit, investigative unit, court duties/processes and much more. Through this program, participants will gain a better understanding of the challenges facing police officers, firefighters, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys and judges. Participants will take part in various mock trial roles such as judge, juror member, prosecutor and defense lawyer; learn about operations of AAPD's Patrol and Support Services Division including procedures and equipment, community outreach

programs and participating in a mock traffic stop; role play in scenarios, such as selecting the appropriate fire extinguisher and demonstrating the use of that fire extinguisher to put out a small, controlled training fire; and much more.

The goal of CPFCA is for its graduates to become partners in finding solutions to the safety issues that affect their Ann Arbor communities. Graduates are expected to share their knowledge with their neighbors.

If you have questions, please contact Ann Arbor Police Service Specialist Jamie Giordano at 734.794.6900, ext. 49528, or jgiordano@a2gov.org. A background investigation will be conducted on all applicants; applicants will then be notified if accepted into the program.

Volunteer Opportunities 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 parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. Find more information about NAP at www.a2gov.org/NAP.