



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report December 21, 2020

Prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to tcrawford@a2gov.org, ifournier@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. Despite the promise of a vaccine in the near future, it's not anticipated broad availability will be available for months. It remains vitally important for everyone to follow the latest public health guidelines – both inside and outside of the workplace.

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.

Continuing efforts to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and remain in compliance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) most recent order (https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-545136--,00.html), Ann Arbor Larcom City Hall are closed to the public Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 – Friday, Jan. 15, 2021. Per the MDHHS order, the city will conduct all non-essential operations remotely.

<https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=747>

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/>. 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! Be safe, be well, be six feet apart!

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!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Thank you to all of the staff who have worked extremely hard during this challenging year. Happy holidays to staff, your families, and our community.

Water Assistance Program Brings \$18,000 in Bill Credits to Ann Arbor Customers. Through funding from the federal CARES Act and state appropriations bill SB 690, the city has secured funding to pay off nearly \$18,000 in Ann Arbor water and sewer customer bills in arrears. Through a partnership with the Washtenaw County Office of Economic and Community Development, the city identified eligible customers and will be providing direct payments for families in need of assistance. The eligible participants were identified through customer billing data that was securely transferred through the county to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services food assistance program records. Customers with unpaid bills who also qualify for state aid will see a credit on their next billing statement and do not need to take any additional action.

Residents who believe they may qualify and have not received a credit can reach out to the Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development at 734.544.6748. The city also partners with Washtenaw County on the Barrier Busters program for emergency needs, <https://www.washtenaw.org/2818/Barrier-Buster-Agency-Provider-List>.

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

- **A²ZERO** — Our carbon neutrality work is continuing to move swiftly, so to stay up to date, check out our website: www.a2zero.org.
- **Energy Criteria and Principles:** OSI has been working on a draft set of Energy Principles to help guide energy-related investments necessary to meet A²ZERO. These principles will be discussed with Council at a working session in January and re-presented to the Energy and Environmental Commissions in January. OSI plans to bring the final set of principles to City Council for formal adoption in early 2021 as they will be instrumental when seeking solutions to achieve some of the goals identified in A²ZERO. You can learn review the draft principles [here](#).
- **Solar** — Individuals interested in learning more about solar are invited to check out our A²Solarize program which helps reduce the upfront cost of solar by 5%–15% through a coordinated bulk buy. The program is available to all Washtenaw County residents. Learn more [here](#). You can join one of our live events and bulk buys by contacting Julie Roth (juliekayeroth111@gmail.com). And stay tuned for some potential new solar opportunities for City facilities and commercial entities.
- Join us for **Climate, Coffee, and Conversations** at 8am the second Thursday of every month. This informal conversation provides an opportunity for members of the public to share their ideas and concerns, to learn more about A²ZERO, and to find ways to get engaged in local sustainability activities.
- Do you know community-based organizations that could help distribute **energy savings kits** or **emergency preparedness kits**? OSI is looking for partners to help provide these kits to residents in need. If you know of an organization we could partner with to get these kits into our community, please let OSI know.

- **Aging in Place Efficiently Program:** In summer of 2020, the City of Ann Arbor, along with Meals on Wheels, Program for Multi-Cultural Health, Habitat for Humanity, Washtenaw County, Michigan Saves, and the Housing Bureau for Seniors won a grant to support low-income seniors with aging in place for longer through a combination of social services and physical improvements to their residence. The program is currently in the design phase, but if you know any organizations we should be partnering with, please let OSI know.
- **The University of Michigan:** The University of Michigan will be releasing their draft recommendations on achieving carbon neutrality any day. These recommendations will be open for public comment until mid-January. Individuals are encouraged to review these recommendations, which will be posted on [this website](#).
- **10,000 Trees Initiative:** In early fall the City announced a new 10,000 Trees Initiative to support individuals with planting and nurturing trees on private property. The goal of planting 10,000 trees is in the City’s carbon neutrality plan: A²ZERO and will help address issues related to urban heat, stormwater, air quality, and climate change. We’re delighted to announce that we’ve hired Sean Reynolds to help coordinate the program. Welcome to the team, Sean!
- **Greenhouse Gas Accounting:** Are you interested in greenhouse gas emissions tracking? Well then, we’ve got good news. We’ve updated our website, created a video, and published a report that dives more deeply into how we calculate greenhouse gas emissions. Learn more and check out these resources [here](#).
- **Award for A²ZERO Ambassadors and Solarize:** Thank you to the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association for recognizing the A²ZERO Ambassadors and the Solarize Program as the GLREA Exemplary Project of the Year. And congratulations to Galen Hardy, Zach Waas Smith, Heather Seyfarth, and Julie Roth for their hard work on these programs!

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Police Monthly Report. The November 2020 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report 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 **December 21 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda. There are (15) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. There are (2) public hearings which are listed under Second Readings.

Ordinances – Second Readings (2)

- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.16.6 and 5.18.4 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Solar Energy Systems; Exceptions to Height Limits).** Amendments are proposed to the Unified Development Code to allow solar panel installation as carports without a site plan requirement and to allow an exemption for up to 12 feet above the height limit for a district solely in order to permit the installation of Solar energy system.
- **A public hearing and 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 is an amendment to Section 2:63 of Chapter 29 of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor to increase water rates for current operating and future system needs. The amended rates are requesting approval for two increases, one with an effective date of January 1, 2021 and a second effective July 1, 2021. The rate increases are being requested to provide stability for planning and budgeting purposes.

Ordinances– First Readings (4)

- **An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.16.6.D, 5.17.4, 5.17.6.C, 5.26.2.A, and 5.28.8, and Tables 5.15-1, 5.15-2, and 5.15-3 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Marijuana Processor, ADU, Security, Building Materials, FAR Determination, Fence Graphic, Use Tables).** An amendment is proposed to the Unified Development Code to correct errors and make changes.
- **An Ordinance to Add a New Section to 5.19, Amend Sections 5.19.1, Table 5.19-1, in Section 5.19.2, Section 5.19.3, and Section 5.37.2.E, and to Add a New Section 5.19.11 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of The City of Ann Arbor (Electric Vehicle Parking).** This ordinance proposes amendments to the City’s Unified Development Code to require Electrical Vehicle (EV) parking infrastructure as part of any City Council approved site plan. The proposed changes were developed with community volunteers from the Energy Commission and in partnership with the Office of Sustainability.
- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 7.23 Acres from R1C (Single-Family Residential District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District), Lockwood of Ann Arbor PUD Zoning and Supplemental Regulations, 2195 East Ellsworth (CPC Recommendation: Approval – 7 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this ordinance will zone this property PUD (Planned Unit Development) to allow 154 independent senior residential units and amenities with a 154 space surface parking lot. Approval of this ordinance will also create supplemental regulations for the new PUD district. Supplemental regulations create the standards and requirements, as well as regulating the uses, for the corresponding PUD District.

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Zoning of 0.9 Acre from P (Parking) to C3 (Fringe Commercial), 2111 Packard Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will zone this 0.9 portion of a 1.69 acre parcel from P to C3 to allow the construction of a mixed-use building.

Other

City Schedule Notes.

- **Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25:** City municipal offices are closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Trash/recycling will be collected as usual on Thursday. Friday collections will instead take place Saturday, Dec. 26.
- **Thursday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 1:** City municipal offices are closed for New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. Trash/recycling will be collected as usual on Thursday. Friday collections will instead take place Saturday, Jan. 2.

Christmas Tree Disposal. It is important to remember that Christmas trees cannot be discarded on the street or be left out on extensions. The City of Ann Arbor provides four free drop-off locations for undecorated Christmas trees from Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, through Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 .

The four park locations will be open for Christmas tree drop offs during normal park hours, 6 a.m.–10 p.m. The collected trees will be chipped on a regular basis at the park sites. The drop-off locations are:

Southeast Area Park located on Ellsworth at Platt. Trees may be left at the dirt lot north of the basketball courts.

West Park parking lot off Chapin near West Huron Street.

Gallup Boat Launch parking lot (not the Gallup Livery) , entrance on the southeast side of Geddes Road, East of Huron Parkway.

Olson Park parking lot, 1515 Dhu Varren Road, near Pontiac Trail.

For more information on disposal of Christmas trees, winter composting and other recycling and trash information, please visit www.a2gov.org/solidwaste.

Shop local at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market. Shop local on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market, 315 Detroit St., for onsite sales, 7 a.m.–3 p.m. Vendors will have wreaths, greenery, and décor plus apples, apple cider, winter squash, sweet potatoes, carrots, radishes, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, turnips, greens, herbs, meat, eggs, cheese, bread, honey, baked

goods, coffee, hot sauce, jam, pasties, Polish food, Mediterranean food, masks, candles, jewelry, textiles, body care products and more.

Preordering from select vendors continues with curbside or walk-in pickup 7 a.m.–noon. For preorders, contact the vendor directly from our directory. We are accepting cash, and tokens for credit cards and SNAP/EBT/P-EBT are available at our market office window. While shopping and picking up preorders, please follow all physical distancing and safety guidelines posted and communicated by market staff. All vendors and market staff are required to wear masks, and masks are required for customers as well.

The last Saturday market before Christmas is Dec. 19 and the Wednesday market ends for the year on Dec. 23. There will be no market on Saturday, Dec. 26, and the winter market hours of 8 a.m.–3 p.m. begin Saturday, Jan. 2.

More information about the Ann Arbor Farmers Market can be found at <http://www.a2gov.org/market>.

Water Quality Matters. The December Quality Water Matters issue is available at https://www.a2gov.org/departments/water-treatment/PublishingImages/Pages/default/quality_water_matters_newsletter_2020_decFinal.pdf

January 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 community. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor’s parks. NAP is releasing its schedule for January. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP.

Free sand/salt for residents. The city provides up to 5 gallons of a sand/salt mixture, per visit, at various locations around Ann Arbor. Residents must bring their own shovel and bucket as well as load material themselves from the marked piles. Material is available now; however, note that sand/salt mixture is not provided for contractors or landscapers. Locations for pick up include: **721 N. Main St. | Almendinger Park | Buhr Park | Burns Park | Gallup Park | Leslie Park | Veterans Memorial Park.** For maps and more snow information, please visit www.a2gov.org/snow.

Shelter from the Cold. The Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development and the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC) are again providing information regarding emergency warming centers for those experiencing homelessness during severe, cold temperatures. Due to the need to maintain proper distancing, the winter capacity for the Delonis Center has been reduced; however, to help fill the gap, six congregations have partnered with SAWC to provide rotating overnight shelter (and, in some cases, daytime shelter), for an entire month each through March. Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Meri Lou Murray

Recreational Center may also serve as an overnight shelter overflow as needed throughout the winter.

The Washtenaw County Health Department recognizes the safety measures that are/will be in place at congregate sites. The Delonis Center, for example, is conducting weekly COVID testing for clients and staff, as well as temperature screenings, and also requires mask wearing and proper distancing. The health department will also provide ongoing oversight to ensure a healthy environment is maintained, including CDC cleaning standards and COVID-19 screenings prior to entry to facilities. Those exhibiting symptoms will be immediately transported to Michigan Medical for evaluation.

Anyone who is homeless or experiencing a housing crisis should contact Housing Access of Washtenaw County 734.961.1999.

Learn more! A recent episode of CTN's FYI features the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County Executive Director Daniel Kelly discussing the winter warming shelters and keeping those who are vulnerable safe amid COVID-19. Watch FYI at <https://youtu.be/FesNqP-w0xk>.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Crawford, City Administrator
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: December 11, 2020

AAPD ARM Monthly Comparison Report – November 2020

Part A Crimes

Crime Category	Nov-2020	Oct-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	0	0	7	3	133.3%
ARSON	1	0	4	8	-50.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	17	21	177	143	23.8%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	36	43	479	554	-13.5%
BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	4	5	50	47	6.4%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	8	9	101	125	-19.2%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	35	54	338	304	11.2%
DRUG OFFENSES	3	2	51	112	-54.5%
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	1	5	26	-80.8%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	1	2	10	12	-16.7%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	5	5	48	65	-26.2%
FRAUD	27	37	488	531	-8.1%
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	1	5	2	150.0%
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	0	0	1	2	-50.0%
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	8	6	85	115	-26.1%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	0	0	3	10	-70.0%
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	45	63	620	682	-9.1%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	59	55	452	661	-31.6%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	15	28	219	361	-39.3%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	10	9	84	141	-40.4%
OBSCENITY	0	1	2	8	-75.0%
ROBBERY	3	7	37	45	-17.8%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	3	6	65	74	-12.2%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	0	0	1	2	-50.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	3	2	19	19	0.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	2	2	29	29	0.0%
Total	285	359	3,380	4,083	-17.2%

Part B Crimes

Crime Category	Nov-2020	Oct-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	0	1	8	19	-57.9%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	14	9	88	132	-33.3%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	0	1	11	14	-21.4%
DISORDERLY	0	0	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	0	0	0	6	-100.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	0	3	23	41	-43.9%
FRAUD	2	1	13	23	-43.5%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	3	0	15	11	36.4%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	2	3	32	309	-89.6%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	3	2	38	43	-11.6%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	15	15	156	350	-55.4%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	3	8	48	89	-46.1%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	8	11	111	128	-13.3%
PUBLIC PEACE	6	10	124	205	-39.5%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	3	3	16	17	-5.9%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	6	8	88	95	-7.4%
VAGRANCY	0	0	2	0	N/C
Total	65	75	773	1,482	-47.8%

*N/C represents an increase of "0" which is mathematically "Not-Calculable"
 2020 ARM Monthly Comparison Report ran 0705hrs, on 12/10/2020, using CrimeView
 Advanced Reporting Module.

COVID-19 restrictions went into effect on 3/13/2020

*There may be a slight variation in crime stats due to incomplete or unapproved reports
 at the time report was run. This report does not include "Locked" cases.

**Please note that reports are run for calendar month and that the months being compared
 may have different number of days.

AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – November 2020

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury			
20-37219	Packard Rd & Charing Cross Rd	11/7/2020	7:07 PM	Going Straight	No*	A			
20-39014	Ellsworth Rd & Platt Rd	11/24/2020	5:21 PM	Turning Right	Yes	C			
*Pedestrian was lying in the roadway in the outside lane of travel. There is little to no lighting in this are and the driver did not see the pedestrian in the roadway									