



City Administrator's Report December 18, 2023 prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to mdohoney@a2gov.org, jfournier@a2gov.org, or shiqqins@a2gov.org.

SAFETY NOTES

Safety Update *Holiday Season Safety Tips*

The holiday season brings joy and celebrations, but it's also a time to prioritize safety. Here are some tips to sleigh through the season safely.

Drink Responsibly – If you are indulging in holiday spirits, have a designated driver or a plan for safe transportation to get back to your gingerbread house.

Stay Healthy – Being sick over the holidays is no fun. Make sure to practice good hand hygiene, cover your cough and sneeze, and be cautious attending gatherings if you are not feeling well. It's not too late to order free COVID-19 tests (four tests per household) which you can request by visiting COVIDTests.gov.

Home Safety - Keep your home safe and secure by locking doors and windows when you're away. Avoid posting specific holiday plans on social media to prevent advertising an empty house. No need to invite the Grinch while you are away.

Travel Safety - If traveling through winter wonderlands, plan ahead, check road conditions, ensure your vehicle and tires are in good condition and have emergency kit with supplies. Stay updated on weather forecasts and road closures.

Fire Safety - Be cautious with decorations, lights, and candles. Keep flammable materials away from heat sources, never leave candles unattended and if you have a live tree, make sure it gets plenty of water!

Mental Well-being - The holidays can be stressful, so take some time self-care and reach out for support if needed. Prioritize mental health as much as physical safety.

Emergency Preparedness - Familiarize yourself with emergency contacts and have a plan in case of unexpected situations. Know where to seek help if needed.

Have a safe, healthy and joyful holiday season and thank you for making **A2 Be Safe!**

Ann Arbor Bicentennial (1824-2024). Planning is underway for Ann Arbor's 200th birthday, to be celebrated throughout the entirety of 2024, with a myriad of events that will be fun, educational, unifying, and inclusive. To kick off this planning year, the Bicentennial Coordinating Committee quickly identified the need to develop a special logo to commemorate the year-long celebration, one that can be used by the community and event organizers to establish consistency and be a recognizable symbol of our collective efforts. The Bicentennial logo will be shared with event organizers and others who wish to use it on their promotional materials. Logo requests can be directed to info@a2bicentennial.org. We encourage you to cobrand your events. A bicentennial events calendar is available via <https://a2bicentennial.org/events>. We encourage to submit your events and celebrate!

Current Bicentennial Celebration planning progress and opportunities for community involvement are available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=1006>

SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATIONS

Sustainability & Innovations Corner. Catch up on the latest from the Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI). For more information, including registration links, visit <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/Pages/default.aspx>.

- As the sun sets on 2023, there is a new dawn for solar in Ann Arbor. With 1.8 MW of solar added across 217 systems and counting, there have been more solar systems installed in Ann Arbor than any other year! And with continuing incentives from the federal government and Ann Arbor's Solarize program, 2024 is set to become an even bigger year. Learn more and get involved at: [a2gov.org/solar](https://www.a2gov.org/solar).
- The Office of Sustainability and Innovation's **A²ZERO Ambassador Program** applications are now open for our 6th cohort! If you or anyone you know is interested in being an A²ZERO Ambassador please visit: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/A2ZERO-Ambassadors.aspx>. Applications close Wednesday, February 14th. As part of the program Ambassadors can opt into assisting on a sustainability related project with other members of their cohort supported by Office of Sustainability and Innovation staff or community partner. If your office or one of your community partners have an idea for a sustainability related project that could use a team of dedicated volunteers, please reach out to bfrohlich@a2gov.org. Come be a part of the cohort that will achieve the goal of 100 trained A²ZERO Ambassadors by 2025.
- **Sustainability Series** . OSI is bringing the Sustainability Series back in 2024 for another season at the Ann Arbor District Library! Attend these public events to learn more and ask questions about exciting new programs, initiatives, and updates from our office and our amazing community collaborators. Session topics and registration links are still in the works, but consider saving the following dates below if you're interested in attending. We look forward to engaging and sharing with you!
 1. Wednesday, January 31st, 6:00-7:30pm
 2. Wednesday, February 28th, 6:00-7:30pm
 3. Wednesday, March 27th, 6:00-7:30pm
 4. Wednesday, April 24th, 6:00-7:30pm
 5. Wednesday, May 29th, 6:00-7:30pm
- **Ann Arbor Solar Stories** takes place the first Thursday of each month, 7–8 p.m. This one-hour, online event is hosted by the GLREA where the community can hear from Ann Arborites who have gone solar and have a chance to ask them all your questions! Register for "Thursday Night Energy Events" to receive meeting links. [Register in advance](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information to join the meeting.

- **Bryant Video.** Thanks to the McKnight Foundation, we are delighted to share a new video about our work to make the Bryant neighborhood the nation’s first carbon neutral neighborhood. Checkout the video at: <https://www.mcknight.org/news-ideas/making-ann-arbor-bryant-neighborhood-most-sustainable-place-america/>
- **Subscribe to the OSI Newsletter.** If you haven’t already, please subscribe to monthly, detailed newsletter highlighting some of the sustainability-related activities unfolding in the community. If you aren’t already, please subscribe at: https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIANNA/subscriber/new?topic_id=MIANNA_146

COUNCIL PRIORITIES/INITIATIVES

Police Monthly Report. The November 2023 AAPD Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report (PDF) is attached.

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The December 2023 Transportation Commission Project Report is available via <https://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6454313&GUID=E8888611-DF88-43EB-ABD5-601C7907F748&Options=&Search=>

PREVIEWS

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

Consent Agenda (18). There are 18 items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings (3). Public hearings are listed below and under second readings.

- A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve The Village of Ann Arbor Site Plan at 1710 Dhu Varren Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays).
- **Ordinances – Second Readings (2).**
- A Public Hearing and An Ordinance to Add Chapter 75 (Leaf Blowers) to Title VI of the City Code
- A Public Hearing and An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, Being a Part of Section 5.10.2 of Chapter 55 of Title V of the Code of The City of Ann Arbor, Zoning of 5.9 Acres from TWP (Township District) to R4A (Multiple-Family Dwelling District), 2520 Pontiac Trail and 2540 Pontiac Trail (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-23-34)
- **Ordinances – First Readings (3).**
- An Ordinance An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 54 Parcels in the Plymouth Road Area to TC1 (Transit Corridor District), City-Initiated Rezoning, (CPC Recommendation: Approval as Amended - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays)
- An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.15, 5.16 and 5.37 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Banquet Hall, Personal Services, Veterinary Uses) CPC Recommendation: Denial (5 yes, 0 no)
- An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.16 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Personal Scale SES) (CPC Recommendation: Denial 8, 0 No)

Ann Arbor Shares Christmas Tree Drop-off Locations and Composting Updates. The City of Ann Arbor regular, seasonal curbside composting pickups concluded Friday, Dec. 15, 2023. In 2024, the city will once again offer winter pickup of compost carts as part of the monthly winter composting program. Compost cart pickups will take place the weeks of Jan. 8, Feb. 5, and March 4, 2024. More information is also available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=1019>

Please keep the following guidance in mind to help prevent material from freezing to carts:

- Drain as much liquid as possible from food scraps.
- Place an opened paper yard-waste bag inside the compost cart to hold the food scraps or yard material.
- Put pieces of flattened cardboard (one–two large pizza boxes are perfect) at the bottom of the compost cart before adding produce. This buffer at the bottom of the cart allows the materials to slide out more easily and not freeze to the cart.
- To keep the compost cart from getting messy, wrap drippy, wet items (e.g., coffee grounds, melon rinds) in one–two sheets of compostable paper towels before putting into the compost cart.
- If material is frozen to the cart when the city attempts service, it won't be serviced again until the following month.
- Use bungee cords to thwart clever raccoons; remember to remove them at the curb.
- Rinse out carts, if temperatures allow, with non-toxic soap and water and empty onto your grass or gravel, never down the storm drain.

Residents who do not have a compost cart can obtain one for free by contacting the city customer service center at 734.794.6320 or customerservice@a2gov.org. For more information on this program, visit www.a2gov.org/wintercompost.

Ann Arbor Shares Information to Prepare for Winter Weather. Severe winter weather poses health and safety concerns with extremely cold temperatures, dangerous travel conditions, freezing pipes, potential propane shortages and power outages. City of Ann Arbor is sharing important information regarding emergency alerts as well as ways to prepare for what winter may bring from the Michigan State Police [MIREADY program](#).

- Sign up now for [emergency alerts](#) from the City of Ann Arbor, via Everbridge, to be notified in the event of a weather-related or any other emergency.
- Washtenaw County residents should be aware of the winter-weather condition categories as set by Washtenaw County, and the accompanying actions necessary.
 - Red: Extremely hazardous driving conditions exist on major highways and roads with heavy snow and/or ice, severe drifting and/or extremely limited visibility. Motorists are urged not to drive.
 - Yellow: Very hazardous driving conditions exist with heavy snow, ice, drifting or limited visibility. Motorists are urged if they must drive, use extreme care, and allow for significant drive time.

- Warning: Hazardous weather has arrived and poses a threat to life or property. Take protective action.
- Advisory: Hazardous weather is imminent or likely.
- Watch: The risk of hazardous weather has increased but occurrence, location or timing is uncertain.

More information is available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=1011>



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TO: Milton Dohoney, Jr.
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report
DATE: December 11, 2023

AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) Part A – November 2023

Crime Category	Part	Nov-2023	Oct-2023	% Change	Nov-2022	% Change	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	A	1	0	N/C	1	0.0%	8	6	33.3%
ARSON	A	0	0	No Change	1	-100.0%	10	10	0.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	A	18	25	-28.0%	19	-5.3%	234	200	17.0%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	A	56	63	-11.1%	40	40.0%	641	513	25.0%
BRIBERY	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	A	6	6	0.0%	2	200.0%	56	66	-15.2%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	A	5	11	-54.5%	25	-80.0%	134	171	-21.6%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	A	26	25	4.0%	26	0.0%	386	360	7.2%
DRUG OFFENSES	A	4	6	-33.3%	9	-55.6%	95	80	18.8%
EMBEZZLEMENT	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	17	9	88.9%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	A	1	2	-50.0%	2	-50.0%	21	13	61.5%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	A	0	5	-100.0%	3	-100.0%	51	64	-20.3%
FRAUD	A	38	52	-26.9%	45	-15.6%	479	485	-1.2%
GAMBLING	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	A	1	0	N/C	0	N/C	2	2	0.0%
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	1	1	0.0%
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	2	1	100.0%
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	A	7	10	-30.0%	15	-53.3%	151	130	16.2%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	A	1	0	N/C	0	N/C	3	0	N/C
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	A	41	70	-41.4%	73	-43.8%	685	731	-6.3%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	A	41	35	17.1%	95	-56.8%	544	599	-9.2%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	A	39	22	77.3%	14	178.6%	336	182	84.6%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	A	24	17	41.2%	10	140.0%	160	147	8.8%
OBSCENITY	A	1	0	N/C	4	-75.0%	8	6	33.3%
ROBBERY	A	2	5	-60.0%	2	0.0%	40	38	5.3%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	A	11	8	37.5%	10	10.0%	86	83	3.6%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	3	-100.0%
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	A	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
STOLEN PROPERTY	A	0	1	-100.0%	2	-100.0%	18	23	-21.7%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	A	2	4	-50.0%	1	100.0%	50	53	-5.7%
Total	A	325	367	-11.4%	399	-18.5%	4,218	3,976	6.1%

*N/C represents an increase of "0" which is mathematically "Not-Calculable"



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AAPD Offense Monthly Comparison Report (preliminary and advisory) Part B – November 2023

Crime Category	Part	Nov-2023	Oct-2023	% Change	Nov-2022	% Change	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	% Change
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	B	0	1	-100.0%	2	-100.0%	16	7	128.6%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	B	5	7	-28.6%	3	66.7%	120	67	79.1%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	B	0	4	-100.0%	2	-100.0%	19	12	58.3%
DISORDERLY	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	1	0	N/C
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	1	0	N/C
FAMILY OFFENSE	B	1	1	0.0%	0	N/C	22	18	22.2%
FRAUD	B	1	0	N/C	2	-50.0%	7	28	-75.0%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	B	1	1	0.0%	3	-66.7%	16	17	-5.9%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	B	41	22	86.4%	29	41.4%	308	160	92.5%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	B	1	4	-75.0%	0	N/C	24	10	140.0%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	B	25	22	13.6%	12	108.3%	250	192	30.2%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	B	8	11	-27.3%	7	14.3%	115	90	27.8%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	B	11	11	0.0%	16	-31.3%	173	186	-7.0%
PUBLIC PEACE	B	13	13	0.0%	19	-31.6%	162	194	-16.5%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	B	0	2	-100.0%	2	-100.0%	19	21	-9.5%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	B	4	1	300.0%	8	-50.0%	57	98	-41.8%
VAGRANCY	B	0	0	No Change	0	No Change	1	3	-66.7%
Total	B	111	100	11.0%	105	5.7%	1,311	1,103	18.9%

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AAPD Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report – November 2023

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Pedestrian in Crosswalk	At Fault Party	Pedestrian Injury
230049543	N Fifth and E Huron	11/6/2023	11:19 AM	Turning Left	Yes	Motorist	B
230049902	Washtenaw and Geddes	11/8/2023	8:58 PM	Going Straight	Yes	Pedestrian	C
230050200	E Stadium and S Main	11/10/2023	6:17 PM	Slowing/Stopping on Roadway	No	Pedestrian	B
230051586	1000 E Stadium and S Industrial	11/19/2023	4:15 PM	Leaving Parking	No	Motorist	B
230052213	N Maple and Jackson	11/24/2023	4:25 PM	Turning Right	Yes	Motorist	C
230052986	Hill and S Main	11/28/2023	6:30 PM	N/A	No	N/A	B

N/A represents the information was "not available" at the time of the report



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AAPD Monthly Bicyclist Crash Report – November 2023

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Bike Movement	At Fault Party	Bike Injury	Helmet
230048821	Packard and Baldwin	11/2/2023	5:23 PM	Turning Right	Crossing at Intersection	Motorist	B	Yes
230049600	Geddes and Hill	11/6/2023	4:42 PM	Going Straight	Turning Left	Bicyclist	A	No
230050131	Packard and Arch	11/10/2023	9:45 AM	Turning Right	Going Straight	Motorist	B	Yes
230050292	S State and Stimson	11/11/2023	10:01 AM	Turning Right	Going Straight	Motorist	C	Yes
230050744	Packard and Independence	11/14/2023	7:56 AM	Turning Right	Going Straight	Motorist	B	Yes
230050798	Packard and Easy	11/14/2023	12:51 PM	Turning Right	Going Straight	Bicyclist	O	Yes
230050819	Packard and Brockman	11/14/2023	4:10 PM	Going Straight	Crossing not at Intersection	Bicyclist	B	Yes
230051590	S State and N University	11/19/2023	4:30 PM	Turning Left	Going Straight	Bicyclist	N/A	No
230052667	Packard and S Fifth	11/26/2023	4:02 PM	Entering Roadway	Going Straight	N/A	C	No

N/A represents the information was "not available" at the time of the report

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)