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MAIN STREET CLOSED FRIDAY, JUNE 11 from 3-11 PM for MAYOR'S 10th ANNUAL GREEN FAIR EVENT 6-9 PM

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – June 9, 2011 –In preparation for the **11th annual Mayor's Green Fair**, **downtown Ann Arbor's Main Street will be closed to vehicle traffic on Friday, June 10 from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.** The streets will be blocked off on Main Street between William and Huron. Liberty and Washington Streets between Ashley and Fourth Ave will also be closed to vehicle traffic during the event. Motorists will be diverted around downtown Main Street during this time.

Between 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. the City of Ann Arbor Mayor's Office will host the Green Fair on Main Street as an evening celebrating our community's environmental leadership as exhibited by citizens, nonprofits, businesses, and government. This free event features live music, hands-on youth activities from such organizations as the Scrap Box, live Birds-of-Prey programs, freestyle bike demonstrations, exhibits of energy-efficient construction and green living suggestions. The Green Fair includes participation and displays from over 120 organizations and businesses in four theme areas--Environmental Leadership, Clean Energy Expo, Green Commute, and Bike Fest 2011. The annual Green Fair is coordinated by the Mayor's Office of the City of Ann Arbor, getDowntown, Clean Energy Coalition, and the Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition. For more information on this free event, please consult the city's Web site at www.a2gov.org/greenfair.

- **The Environmental Leaders Area coordinated by the City of Ann Arbor Mayor's Office** showcases over 70 environmental nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and participating businesses that have earned the "WasteKnot*" partner designation from Washtenaw County. Many of the exhibit areas will provide information and host hands-on activities for all ages, such as environmental information and crafts, live Birds-of-Prey demonstrations offered by the Leslie Science & Nature Center (www.lesliesnc.org), information on the city's expanded recycling program, plus live music with amplification provided through solar energy. Food vendors will sell organic "light fare" on Liberty near Main.
- **The Clean Energy Expo, coordinated by the local nonprofit organization Clean Energy Coalition**, provides a forum for innovative energy-saving designs and actions, including displays of alternative fuel vehicles, demonstrations of green building materials, solar energy installations, renewable energy installations, and more! **The Green Commute Area, sponsored by the getDowntown Program (www.getdowntown.org)** showcases a variety of ordinary and innovative sustainable transportation choices—ranging from AATA's new buses to Zipcars.
- **BikeFest 2011, coordinated by the Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition (www.wbwc.org)** will return for a sixth year and feature a freeride bike skills demonstration area, biking games including a biking obstacle course, bicycle maintenance clinics,



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appearances of the multi-seat “conference bike and choir,” and information from local bike shops and area biking/walking organizations. Attended free bike parking is available.

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**Waste Knot business partners demonstrate practices that promote waste reduction, reuse, recycling and recycled-content purchasing. The Waste Knot program was developed in 1998 by Washtenaw County in cooperation with area chambers of commerce and municipalities to recognize voluntary environmental practices in the business and nonprofit sectors. For more information on the Waste Knot business recognition program, contact Washtenaw County at (734) 222-6889 or consult <http://recycle.eWashtenaw.org>. Online registration for WasteKnot Partners is posted at http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/planning_environment/dpw/waste-knot-application-form.*

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and is frequently recognized as a foremost place to live, learn, work, thrive and visit (www.a2gov.org/news). To keep up with City of Ann Arbor information, subscribe for e-mail updates (www.a2gov.org/subscribe), follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/a2gov>) or become a city fan on Facebook (www.facebook.com/thecityofannarbor). The city’s mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that foster fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve. ###