Registration System

Sign up for classes using a convenient and easy-to-use online registration system. Bookmark www.a2gov.org/parksregister. To verify your resident or nonresident status, visit accessmygov.com. The system will draw directly from the city's property tax data to determine residency status.

Mission and Core Values

Mission statement:
Together, we enrich life by cultivating exceptional experiences.

Our values:
- **STEWARDSHIP**: We responsibly manage and care for our natural, cultural and physical resources for current and future generations.
- **EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE**: We interact with all people in a professional, friendly and respectful manner, while striving to exceed expectations.
- **INNOVATIVE IMPROVEMENTS**: We foster an environment that supports and encourages innovation and dynamic creative solutions.
- **INTEGRITY**: We build trust and maintain accountability by doing the right thing.
- **COMMUNITY**: We work collaboratively to include and engage the full diversity of our community.
- **EXCELLENT PARKS AND SPACES**: We provide safe environments, beautiful spaces and a welcoming atmosphere.
- **FUN**: Have fun!
Staff and Facility Directory

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- **Dave Borneman**, Deputy Manager | 734.794.6627
- **Josh Landefeld**, Deputy Manager | 734.794.6230 ext. 42501
- **Scott Spooner**, Deputy Manager | 734.794.6230 ext. 43319
- **Hillary Hanzel**, Landscape Architect | 734.794.6230 ext. 42548
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Bryant Community Center, www.canannarbor.org
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Buhr Park Pool & Ice Arena, www.a2gov.org/buhr
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1519 Fuller Road, 734.794.6236 | Gayle Hurn, Recreation Supervisor ghurn@a2gov.org

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Andrew Walton, Recreation Supervisor, acwalton@a2gov.org
Victor Morales-Rios, Golf Course Superintendent

Kempf House, www.a2gov.org/kempf
312 S. Division St., 734.994.4898

Leslie Park Golf Course, www.a2golf.org
2120 Traver Road, 734.794.6245 | Doug Kelly, Director of Golf
Andrew Walton, Recreation Supervisor
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1831 Traver Road, 734.997.1553 | Susan Westhoff, Executive Director

Mack Indoor Pool, www.a2gov.org/mack
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Natural Area Preservation, www.a2gov.org/NAP
3875 E. Huron River Drive, 734.794.6627 | Dave Borneman, Deputy Manager
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Northside Community Center, www.canannarbor.org
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Park Maintenance, 4251 Stone School Road | 734.794.6230 ext. 43319
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Jason Nealis, Maintenance Supervisor sspooner@a2gov.org

Park Rentals & Special Events (Customer Service Office), www.a2gov.org/parks
2781 Packard Road, 734.794.6230 | Jessica Black, Recreation Supervisor jblack@a2gov.org

Veterans Memorial Park Pool & Ice Arena, www.a2gov.org/vets
2150 Jackson Road, 734.794.6235 | Bill Meeks, Recreation Supervisor wmeeks@a2gov.org

Stewards: We responsibly manage and care for our natural, cultural and physical resources for current and future generations.
Registration Information

To register online, visit www.a2gov.org/parksregister. Walk-in: Payment and residency verification (if applicable) can be delivered directly to the facility where the class/program is offered.

**DEFINITION OF ANN ARBOR RESIDENCY**
A city resident is defined as a person residing in a dwelling for which taxes are paid to the City of Ann Arbor. Many area township residents live within the Ann Arbor Public Schools District boundaries, but may not pay taxes to the City of Ann Arbor, and therefore are not city of Ann Arbor residents. To take advantage of the discounted resident program fee, proof of residency must be provided in one form: 1. Michigan state-issued driver’s license; 2. Michigan state-issued identification card. 3. Ann Arbor residential lease agreement that is current for the duration of the program/activity.

**NOTIFICATION OF PROGRAM REGISTRATION**
If you do not get into the program you requested, you will be contacted to see about placement into another program OR your registration and payment will be returned to you indicating the program is full.

**DEFINITION OF FAMILY**
For the purposes of parks and recreation services programs, a family is defined as up to two adults and three children (17 years old and younger) residing in the same household. Activities that offer a family rate are based on these numbers. Additional family members must pay individual rates for the activity.

**REFUND POLICY**
Refunds for classes/programs (with the exception of day camps, season passes and rentals) will be made if requested by email or in person at the facility where the class/program is located. Refunds on credit cards or in the form of a personal check are subject to a $10 administrative fee (per activity), deducted from the total refund. Refunds in the form of a personal check will take four to six weeks for processing. The recreation supervisor reserves the right to grant exceptions to the stated policy in situations including, but not limited to, injury, illness and death of a family member.

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
Non-fee and one-half-price program and season passes are available to income-eligible city of Ann Arbor residents. PLEASE NOTE: Scholarship recipients cannot register online at this time. Please register at the facility offering the program. Please call 734.794.6230 for more information.

**LESLIE SCIENCE & NATURE CENTER REGISTRATION**
As an independent non-profit, Leslie Science & Nature Center has a registration system separate from Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation. Programs are listed on page 26. Program preregistration is recommended. Visit www.lesliesnc.org or call 734.997.1553.
EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE: We interact with all people in a professional, friendly and respectful manner, while striving to exceed expectations.
The Ann Arbor Senior Center is located in Burns Park, a 15-acre neighborhood park adjacent to Burns Park School that hosts both adult and senior programming. Due to COVID-19, the facility is currently closed. Our website and social media will be updated when we can reopen. Visit www.a2gov.org/senior to view our weekly newsletter.

In the interim, Saline Area Senior Center (SASC) has you covered for virtual programs every day of the week! SASC offers an eclectic variety of activities including Zumba, Hathya yoga, watercolor and acrylics, cooking, meditation, virtual bingo and more. For more information, call 734.629.6250 or visit salineseniors.org.Visits www.a2gov.org/senior to view our weekly newsletter.

Washtenaw Community College offers a wide variety of virtual senior-focus classes for adults 65 years or older. Classes include ball exercise, chair exercise, fitness for seniors, line dancing, strength and conditioning, tai chi, watercolor workshop and yoga. For more information, call 734.429.6200 or visit wccnet.edu/start-now/enrich-your-life/seniors.php.

AARP offers a collection of games and puzzles online to relax and challenge players with favorites like crosswords, backgammon, solitaire, mahjong, sudoku, bridge and more! They are free to members and nonmembers alike, although certain games may have members-only access. Play anytime at https://games.aarp.org.

The University of Michigan Turner Resource Center offers an array of high quality, low cost programs and resources for the senior community. Activities include noontime exercises, healthy living presentations, exercise and fitness, recreational and social activities, mentorship in technology and monthly events. For more information, call 734.998.9353 or visit https://medicine.umich.edu/dept/geriatrics-center/community-programs/turner-senior-resource-center/turner-senior-wellness-program.

Kerrytown Crafters Online occurs every Wednesday at 7 p.m. All crocheters, knitters, cross stitchers, hand quilters and other handiworkers are invited to work on their projects with other crafters. Questions are welcome, help is available. Free. Join online at www.facebook.com/groups/KTCrafters. For updates on virtual or in-person meeting location, call 734.926.8863 for more information.
INNOVATIVE IMPROVEMENTS: We foster an environment that supports and encourages innovation and dynamic creative solutions.
Open since 1919, the Ann Arbor Farmers Market is celebrating its 101st year of bringing local farms and local food to the community. The market offers a unique opportunity to shop for local goods and seasonal produce every month of the year. The gathering place for more than 120 local businesses and a great place to greet friends and meet local farmers, the market offers a wide variety of goods such as pumpkins, apples, winter squash, evergreen arrangements, cheese, baked goods, naturally-raised meats, slow-roasted coffee beans, locally crafted artisan wares, honey, maple syrup and so much more. Come visit and experience one of Ann Arbor’s special and longstanding community institutions!

**ANN ARBOR FARMERS MARKET HOURS**
May through December
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

January through April
Saturdays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

**MARKET TOKENS**
Forgot cash? Pick up $5 credit card tokens. The market offers $5 credit card tokens for purchase, which can be used like cash with the vendors in the market. This is a great option for regular customers as well as the perfect gift for your market-loving friends. The tokens never expire and can be used on any market day. Minimum $20 purchase is required.

**FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**
We welcome customers using SNAP dollars at the market. Swipe your food assistance card in the market office and receive $1 tokens to use on eligible food items, including produce, meat, cheese, bread, eggs and edible plant starts. The Double Up Food Bucks program is now available year-round for EBT customers. The $20 daily limit is suspended right now due to COVID-19 so eligible shoppers can receive double any amount they take off their bridge card! For information on this incentive program, visit [www.doubleupfoodbucks.org](http://www.doubleupfoodbucks.org).

We also accept WIC Project Fresh and Senior Project Fresh coupons at the market, redeemable with individual farmers.
INTEGRITY: We build trust and maintain accountability by doing the right thing.
Huron Hills Golf Course

The City of Ann Arbor owns and operates two municipal golf courses, Huron Hills Golf Course (HHGC) and Leslie Park Golf Course (LPGC). To make a tee time, register for a lesson or sign up for a special event, visit www.a2golf.org or www.a2gov.org/parksregister.

HURON HILLS GOLF COURSE
A true “hidden gem” in Ann Arbor, this beautiful 18-hole 5,071-yard golf course is located adjacent to Gallup Park. Established in 1922, this historic, award-winning course is noted for dramatic elevation changes and views of the Huron River.

PLEASE NOTE: As of Sept. 8, the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County are collaborating on a project at HHGC, consisting of wetland creation and creek restoration. The course will be open throughout construction. We hope to keep as many holes open as possible during this project, but do know holes 12-16 will be out play until at least spring 2021. We encourage golfers to sign up for email notifications and visit our website at www.a2golf.org for the latest fall golf discounts and project updates.

In years past, golfers could play the “front 7” holes at HHGC in December, January and February depending on the weather. But due to the construction project, golfing in the off-season will be prohibited. The sledding hills on holes 8, 9, 10 and 18 will be open as weather permits.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Like and follow us on twitter.com/huronhillsgolf, facebook.com/a2golf and Instagram.com/a2golf.

LEAGUES
HHGC has openings for 2021 golf leagues. Call or email dkelly@a2gov.org.

BOOK A TEE TIME AT HURON HILLS GOLF COURSE
Due to the construction, tee times can only be booked this fall by calling 734.794.6246

FOOTGOLF AT HURON HILLS GOLF COURSE
FootGolf is closed for the season. Thanks for your support.

BENZ CREEK PROJECT
A City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County collaboration is underway at HHGC, which will consist of wetland creation and creek restoration to what will formally be called Benz Creek. Currently, there are several issues on the golf course, including stream channel erosion, periodic flooding, limited stormwater detention and limited water quality treatment. The many ecological goals include adding stormwater detention, phosphorus reduction and habitat improvement to improve the stormwater impact in the area. From a recreational standpoint, these improvements look to improve design, playability and reduce the impact of rain events to the golf course. The course will be open throughout construction and will have a varying number of holes available for play. Construction and restoration are expected to be completed in spring 2021.

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Leslie Park Golf Course

Leslie Park Golf Course is where great golf, impeccable conditions and customer service never go out of style! LPGC was created in 1967 under the meticulous design of E. Lawrence Packard. For the last 52 years, it has been our creed to provide affordable golf together with some of the friendliest staff around. Located in the rolling hills of northeast Ann Arbor, LPGC offers an "up-north secluded feel," while being right in your own backyard.

We offer various specials/discounts and events throughout the fall, so golfers are encouraged to sign up for email notifications and visit our website at www.a2golf.org. The course will close for the 2020 season Sunday, Nov. 22.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Like and follow us twitter.com/leslieparkgolf, facebook.com/a2golf and Instagram.com/a2golf.

BOOK A TEE TIME AT LESLIE PARK GOLF COURSE
Call 734.794.6245 or book online anytime at www.a2gov.org/LPGCTeeTimes.

FALL SPECIALS
• Weekday senior morning special 8-10:59 a.m., 18 holes/cart: $29.
• Weekday after 11 a.m. special: $30, adults; $25, seniors.
• Weekend after 2 p.m. special: 18 holes with a cart: $34, adults; $29, seniors.
• Fall family special: Sunday nights after 2 p.m., kids (15 and under) play free (walking) with a paid adult.

FALL EVENTS CANCELLED
Due to COVID-19 and the executive order created by the State of Michigan, we have cancelled all fall golf events for this season. We apologize for the inconvenience.

PRACTICE STATIONS
LPGC has two hitting nets located behind the clubhouse for your pregame warm up. While these nets are self serve, the equipment is sanitized daily for your protection. Please note: The nets are seasonal and are taken down Oct. 15-April 15.

ROBO CARTS
Experience the “future of golf” here and now by renting one of four ClubCar autonomous golf caddies. Also known are robocarts, they allow golfers to walk the course while the cart carries equipment and refreshments so the golfer can be hands free. Watch an introductory video online.
The **GIVE 365** program is adapting to the pandemic and continuing to offer volunteer opportunities in the parks. Whether you are looking for independent opportunities or have a small group looking to make an impact, the parks still need that extra love and stewardship from volunteers. We are working with new COVID guidelines in which mask wearing, physical distancing and frequent sanitizing are the new normal. We invite you to read below for ways you can get involved with your community, spend time outdoors and make an impact at your local city park. Call us anytime at 734.794.6445; visit our website for updates and more information; or shoot us an email at volunteer@a2gov.org.

**GIVE 365 AND ADOPT-A-PARK COVID GUIDELINES**

The health and safety of our volunteers, staff and park patrons is always our top priority. If you are interested in volunteering with us or have a volunteer event already scheduled, please review the following guidelines which will be followed during each volunteer event.

**BEFORE THE VOLUNTEER EVENT**

- Participants for each volunteer event are limited to 10 individuals.
- We ask that each participant complete and email back a signed safety waiver prior to volunteering with us. Paper safety waivers will be provided at the workday site for those who have not emailed their completed safety waiver.
- Please perform a self screening prior to volunteering with GIVE 365 and Adopt-a-Park.
- Please stay home and notify us of your need to reschedule if you respond “yes” to any of the following.
  - Do you have symptoms of fever, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea that may not be attributable to regular symptoms related to a chronic medical condition?
  - Have you had close contact (less than 6 feet) in the last 14 days with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 without the use of a face covering or face mask?

**DURING THE VOLUNTEER EVENT**

- Volunteers must maintain 6 feet of physical distance from those not in their same household.
- Households will be established at the beginning of the volunteer event for everyone’s comfort and understanding.
- Wearing a face mask or covering is required at all times during the volunteer event. We encourage volunteers to bring their own mask or face covering, but we will provide single-use masks for those without.
- A handwashing station will be provided at each volunteer workday.
- Tools and supplies will not be shared or will be sanitized between users.

**OPEN-TO-THE-PUBLIC OPPORTUNITIES**

Lend a hand, give your time and join us to help beautify and clean up a park that needs a little love and attention. With over 160 parks in the park system, there are lots of ways to support park maintenance and beautification efforts. We bring the music and tools; you bring the energy and desire to make a difference, and together we make a beautiful “park”nership! All volunteers must register prior to the workday.

*These dates are open to the public but will be capped at 10 volunteers. Please review the previous COVID guidelines for volunteer workdays. Volunteers must always wear a mask and practice physical distancing during the workday.*

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**EXCELLENT PARKS AND SPACES:** We provide safe environments, beautiful spaces and a welcoming atmosphere.
To register for any of the event below contact volunteer@a2gov.org or 734.794.6445. For additional information visit our website.

**Sunday, Oct. 4, 1-3 p.m. Love a Park Day.** Join us at Fritz Park (1450 Pauline Boulevard). Volunteers will be assisting with tasks such as weeding playgrounds, trimming overgrowth, spreading woodchips or picking up litter in the parks.

**Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2-4 p.m. Love a Park Day.** Turnberry Park (3255 Turnberry Lane). Volunteers will be assisting with tasks such as weeding playgrounds, trimming overgrowth, spreading woodchips or picking up litter in the parks.

**Sunday, Oct. 18, 1-3 p.m. Love a Park Day.** Las Vegas Park (1455 Las Vegas Drive). Volunteers will be assisting with tasks such as weeding playgrounds, trimming overgrowth, spreading woodchips or picking up litter in the parks.

**SMALL-GROUP OPPORTUNITIES**

We have many projects that are perfect for groups and organizations looking to do service. These work great for teambuilding or community engagement! Our program works in about 110 parks and facilities, and we can always find one that could benefit from your volunteer energy and is suitable for your group. Typical projects include weeding playgrounds, mulching trees, cutting invasive overgrowth, picking up litter, painting and more!

We are currently working with groups of 10 or less; please see the previously stated COVID-related guidelines. If you are interested in learning about potential projects, simply send us an email with information about the group size, preferred date and any details regarding group abilities or interest. We will then take a look at what parks need attention and come up with some options. A typical work day would be two hours long but we can adjust as needed. To begin coordinating, email volunteer@a2gov.org or call 734.794.6445.

**TRASH TRAILBLAZERS**

Have some spare time or want volunteer hours? Help us keep the parks clean! Contact us at volunteer@a2gov.org to receive your own Trash Trailblazer kit that includes a volunteer t-shirt, park map, trash picker, bucket, trash bags and gloves. We can rent supplies for about two weeks at a time and can coordinate low-contact pick up and drop off.
ADOPT-A-PARK
Do you have a favorite park that you walk and play in? Adopt-a-Park is a program that works with long-term volunteers to help maintain and enhance our local parks. Adopters can be individuals who coordinate with a group of friends, coworkers, or a club to host structured workdays facilitated by staff. Adopters can also be individuals working on preapproved projects on their own time. Typical tasks include caring for gardens, weeding play areas, mulching, raking leaves and more. Commitments can span one season or several years.

Adopt-a-Park is also an avenue for a group of neighbors or a neighborhood association to work together to beautify their nearby park and help keep an eye on things. Through Adopt-a-Park, we work together to advocate for park improvements and work on special projects. Volunteering together is a great way for neighbors to get to know one another and create camaraderie! Physical distancing is practiced during Adopt-a-Park workdays, and other COVID guidelines must be followed. All Adopt-a-Park volunteers are required to wear a mask or face covering while volunteering in city parks.

Email adopt-a-park@a2gov.org or call 734.794.6445 to get involved! For more information visit www.a2gov.org/adopt-a-park.

VISIT EVERY PARK
Looking for a reason to still get some outdoor time as the weather cools? Are you interested in getting to know your community better? Look no further! We invite you to embark on the visit Every Park Challenge! The Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Services Unit has 163 park properties. This includes traditional parks, natural areas and our recreation facilities. How many have you already been to, and how many are awaiting your visit?
Check out the Visit Every Park page for featured parks and a checklist of the park properties to inspire your adventure. The VEP challenge survey is now available. If you had a chance to participate in the park challenge this summer, or have feedback about the program, we would love to hear from you. The survey can be found here.

**TENNIS BALL RECYCLING**
An estimated 100 million tennis balls are disposed of in landfills annually throughout the U.S. This is a significant amount of waste! We have partnered with Recycle Ann Arbor to participate in the nationwide movement to tackle this problem. Tennis ball recycling bins are at Buhr Park, Burns Park, West Park and Veterans Memorial Park. The tennis balls will be collected and sent to partners at Project Green Ball and reBounce, then recycled into various recreational surfaces. Up to 10,000 tennis balls can be recycled into tennis courts surfaces. Look for these bins after your tennis practice to dispose of your unwanted tennis balls or call 734.794.6445 to recycle large quantities. If there is a city park you think would be a good fit for a tennis ball recycling bin, email adopt-a-park@a2gov.org.
Natural Area Preservation

Natural Area Preservation (NAP) works to protect and restore Ann Arbor’s natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its citizens. Volunteers work within broad areas of ecological concern, maintaining biodiversity and restoring damaged ecosystems. Through a combination of hands-on involvement and scientific understanding, we can forge a connection between our community and the needs of our ecosystems. Sign up for our newsletter at www.a2gov.org/NAP. Follow us online at www.twitter.com/a2NAP and www.facebook.com/ann.arbor.NAP. Email us at NAP@a2gov.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE

• Lend a hand at stewardship workdays where we maintain trails, collect native seeds and remove invasive plants.
• Join our team of park stewards and focus on your favorite natural area.
• Check out our website for information on how to remove invasive plants from your own yard!
• Come with your stewardship questions at monthly Stewardship Network’s Stewards’ Circles on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Link to join the Zoom meeting can be found here.

NAP WORK DAYS

Listed below are several of our upcoming stewardship workdays. Please visit www.a2gov.org/NAPevents for more workday opportunities. Participants must wear a mask and maintain at least 6-feet of distance from others at all times. Please wear long pants, closed-toed shoes and leather work gloves. All minors should be accompanied by a guardian. Tools and know-how provided. Space is limited and registration is required. Meeting location will be provided after registration.

Marshall Nature Area, Sunday, Oct. 4, 1-4 p.m. Join us in one of Ann Arbor’s largest parks for a Sunday afternoon of volunteering for nature. Several trails popular with hikers and runners alike loop through the hills and slopes of the park and lead to Washtenaw County’s Freeman Preserve. There is plenty of nature to protect and restore in this park, and we need your help removing invasive shrubs from the area. Preregistration is required here.

Mary Beth Doyle Park, Saturday, Oct. 10, 1-4 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of shrub cutting. Renamed for Mary Beth Doyle, a local environmentalist and activist, restoration efforts in this park continue her legacy and provide a natural oasis for the surrounding neighborhoods. Participants must wear a mask and maintain at least 6-ft of distance from others at all times. Please wear long pants, closed-toed shoes and leather work gloves. All minors should be accompanied by a guardian. Tools and know-how provided. Meeting location will be provided after registration. Preregistration is required here.
Stapp Nature Area, Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m.-noon. Don’t let the cooling weather “Stapp” you from participating in outdoor volunteer opportunities! Meet us in this oak-hickory woodland to experience a morning full of colorful autumn leaves while protecting the natural areas we love. Stapp Nature Area is home to a vernal pool, which is important habitat for salamanders and other critters like frogs and toads. Come help us improve this key habitat for our reptile and amphibian favorites. Preregistration is required here.

Narrow Gauge Way Nature Area, Sunday, Oct. 25, 1-4 p.m. Visit a beloved neighborhood park known for its precious geologic features. Between 10,000 and 16,000 years ago, the advancing and retreating of glaciers across the land created features known as a kames. Narrow Gauge Way has one of these kames, which is a sand and gravel hill deposited from an ice sheet. Enjoy views of this natural wonder as we remove invasive shrubs from the park. Preregistration is required here.

Berkshire Creek Nature Area, Sunday, Nov. 1, 1-4 p.m. Help restore native ecosystems alongside Mallets Creek’s floodplain on a refreshing November afternoon! Join us to cut invasive shrubs from the area, which can spread quickly and cover the understory, choking out the sunlight needed by native plants below. Preregistration is required here.

Family Volunteer Day, Sunday, Nov. 22, Kuebler Langford Nature Area, 1-4 p.m. Join us and spend time with your family! Family Volunteer Day is a global day of service that celebrates the power of families who work together to support their communities and neighborhoods. We’ll be cutting non-native shrubs as well as collecting seeds in the prairie. Join us to help the native plants thrive. Preregistration is required here.
Leslie Science and Nature Center (LSNC) is proud to serve our community for over 30 years. We are situated on over 50 acres of forest, pond, and fields, all available to explore every day of the week. Our site is home to many non-releasable birds of prey as well as a variety of mammals, reptiles and amphibians, allowing all visitors to experience close encounters with live educational animals. See our website, www.lesliesnc.org, for information about how to meet our resident wildlife and participate in ongoing public programs including programming with our sister site, the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum! Outside and explore, year-round. Given the changing landscape of COVID-19, please see our website for updated event descriptions, registration information and deadlines, www.lesliesnc.org.

**MEMBERSHIP**
Become a LSNC member. Benefits include discounts on LSNC summer and school break camps, rentals, birthday parties and select public programs, and at local businesses, as well as invitations to members-only events. Members also get exclusive early registration access for Unity in Learning Summer Camps (in partnership with Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum and Yankee Air Museum).

Want more from your membership? Explore the Family Plus Premium membership level that includes benefits for both LSNC and Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum and includes reciprocal memberships with hundreds of children's museums, science centers and nature centers across the country! Join online at www.lesliesnc.org/support-us/membership.

**ADOPT AN ANIMAL**
Throughout the pandemic, our staff has come in daily to care for and work with our wildlife ambassadors. These raptors, amphibians, reptiles and mammals are incredible ambassadors for their species, and are integral to many of our programs. If you’re interested in helping us as we train, feed and care for our animals, consider adopting one today! Adoptions make great holiday and birthday gifts as well. To learn more, visit www.lesliesnc.org/adopt.

**DEPENDING ON THE CURRENT CLIMATE AND SAFETY CONCERNS AROUND COVID-19, WE MAY OR MAY NOT BE OFFERING THE FOLLOWING.**
Please look to our website, www.lesliesnc.org, or join our e-newsletter for the most up-to-date information on all programs and events.

**BIRTHDAY PARTIES**
We know how important birthdays are, and while we are not offering our traditional in-person birthday parties, we are happy to help make yours special! We are offering outdoor in person birthday experiences for you this year, or you can also consider our virtual distance learning opportunities or consider booking one of our wildlife to zoom into your party virtually!

Birthday Experiences: Reserve our outdoor tent and picnic tables at LSNC, to celebrate with up to 20 people total and enjoy a half hour activity with one of our amazing educators. Choose from a Live bird presentation, owl pellet dissection, Slime, or rockets; add on an outdoor firepit rental as well! Extra COVID guidelines apply, including a required mask during the educator activity. Parents need to stay with the children participating for the entirety of the rental.

**SCHOOL PROGRAMS**
is designed with your grade level and curriculum requirements in mind. Our programs were recently updated to ensure they continue to complement current standards. See Next Generation Science Standards, Disciplinary Core Ideas and Cross Cutting Concepts alignments for grades K-5 outreach online at www.lesliesnc.org/education. Each program focuses on specific vocabulary, content, and themes that can easily be integrated into your curriculum for the year. Many programs include encounters with our wildlife and utilize engaging, hands-on activities. We have over a decade of experience offering virtual programs for the entire STEM spectrum, complementing curriculum and providing engaging science experiences for your students. Please visit www.lesliesnc.org or call 734.997.1553 to learn more.
EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE: We interact with all people in a professional, friendly and respectful manner, while striving to exceed expectations.
INNOVATIVE IMPROVEMENTS: We foster an environment that supports and encourages innovation and dynamic creative solutions.

2020 PUBLIC PROGRAMS
Our program calendar includes community favorites and new opportunities. Events are designed for families and for adults alike! We are working to provide opportunities for everyone to get outside and explore, year-round. Given the changing landscape of COVID-19, please see our website for updated event descriptions, registration information and deadlines, www.lesliesnc.org.

ANIMAL HAUNTS
Friday, Oct. 23; Saturday, Oct. 24 and Friday, Oct. 30, 6:30-10 p.m. $10 for individual admission or $35 for family admission (up to 5 people). We couldn’t be more excited to return with our annual Animal Haunts tradition, reimagined for a COVID responsible and fun experience. Join us on select October evenings for a non-scary, educational, and entertaining fall event. Put on your costume and join our staff as we and follow clues to help solve the Black Walnut Mystery!

Preregistration is required. Note: This is a candy-free event, but there will a special take home gift for every child in attendance! We expect this event to sell out and no walk-up slots will be available.

FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
We are always looking for ways for everyone to get outside to explore and feel inspired. Check our website for any upcoming free programs, including: Fireside Fun, Critter House Open Hours and Raptor Feeding. Join us as we build community, learn something new and enjoy our natural world together. In addition, we have offered free weekly virtual programs since March 2019. With themes like The Art of Fireworks, Animal Anatomy, Kitchen Science and more, there was something for everyone! Stay up to date on additional free virtual programs by joining our e-newsletter, or looking at our STEM at home webpage, www.lesliesnc.org/stem-home. Many of our offerings are listed there for you to enjoy anytime!
PARK AND PUBLIC SPACE MAINTENANCE
The park system is highly valued by the community and enhances urban living within Ann Arbor. This unit is responsible for maintenance of city parks, including mowing, playground repairs, all athletic fields, 52 miles of multi-use path maintenance including snow and ice control, shelters, building maintenance of all recreation facilities and Fairview Cemetery. Noticeable enhancements are taking place as a result of the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage that was renewed in November 2018.

Maintenance and improvements scheduled through 2021 will include:
- Refurbishing of all sand and fibar material in and around playground structures, on a regularly scheduled basis.
- Planting trees within park space.
- Routine pruning of park trees in select parks.
- Recreation facility equipment repair and replacement schedules.
- Renovation of select park shelters.
- Corrective action within 24 hours of being notified of graffiti in parks.
- Turf restoration for heavily used areas.
- Improving park accessibility

IF YOU SEE A PROBLEM, REPORT IT!
The City of Ann Arbor’s A2 Fix It system makes it quick and simple to notify City Hall of problems that require attention. This website, iPhone and Android app provides users the ability to track service requests — their own as well as others — and be notified when issues are resolved. Click on “Report a Problem” at www.a2gov.org or visit your app store and search “A2 Fix It.” In addition to issues at city parks, users can report missed cart pickups, street tree problems, sidewalk hazards, clogged storm drains, graffiti, missing traffic signs and more.
Dog Parks | a2gov.org/dogparks

Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Services provides three off-leash dog play areas in city parks, open during the parks’ regular hours, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. An annual permit is required for access to the designated off-leash areas. Dog park permits/tags and licenses are on sale in the Ann Arbor City Clerk’s Office 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. Visit www.a2gov.org/dogparks for details.

**Swift Run Park**: Located at the northeast corner of the Swift Run landfill.

**Olson Park**: Located at Olson Park, 1505 Dhu Varren Road (northeast corner).

**Broadway Park**: Located at 800 Broadway St. along the Huron River, with designed areas for small and large dogs.

Bryant & Northside Community Centers

Bryant Community Center, 3 W. Eden Court, 734.477.0292
Northside Community Center, 815 Taylor St., 734.994.2985

The Bryant and Northside community centers have enhanced the quality of life in Ann Arbor for more than 20 years. Programs are funded by the City of Ann Arbor, Food Gatherers, United Way of Washtenaw County and Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation among other sources.

The community centers are operated by Community Action Network, which partners with children, youth and families from under-resourced Washtenaw County neighborhoods to create better futures for themselves and improve the communities in which they live. Both facilities are barrier free.

CAN operates the food distribution at Bryant and can be reached at 734.994.2985; and Catholic Social Services operates the distribution at Northside and can be reached at 734.662.4462. For more information, visit www.canwashtenaw.org.
The Cobblestone Farm house, completed in 1845, was originally a two-family home. Dr. Benajah Ticknor, a U.S. Naval surgeon, and Heman Ticknor, Whig politician and farmer, shared occupancy of this classic revival structure with their families. Being restored and interpreted to reflect its mid-19th century appearance, the site provides a view of past rural life in Washtenaw County.

Today, the site is administered through Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Services with support from the Cobblestone Farm Association. The Cobblestone Farm Association is a 501 (c) (3), nonprofit volunteer organization that interprets the farmhouse and its material collections for the public. The association maintains and restores the historic interiors, mounts exhibits, provides educational programming and conducts guided tours of the museum.

Tours of the museum farmhouse are arranged by appointment. For more information, contact the Cobblestone Farm Association at 734.794.7120.

This charming 1853 Greek Revival house was home to the German-American Kempf family from 1888 to 1953. It is furnished with Victorian antiques and many of the Kemptfs' treasures, including Ann Arbor's first concert grand piano, an 1877 Steinway.

When the coronavirus is no longer a threat, the museum will return to presenting exhibits of period domestic life, a traditional German family Christmas, Valentine teas, and a Wednesday noon lecture series in both spring and fall. There will also be guided tours on selected Sundays 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. (Most events are free with donations appreciated.)

Email kempfhousemuseum@gmail.com or visit kempfhousemuseum.org. For event updates, you can also follow "Kempf House Museum" on Facebook.
Disability Resources | a2gov.org/disabilityresources

Everyone is welcome to use Leslie Park and Huron Hills golf courses and programs. Both clubhouses meet ADA-accessibility guidelines. For special accommodations, call 734.794.6245 or 734.794.6246.

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor Centennial Playground is a newer addition to the parks system. Located within Gallup Park, it offers children with disabilities opportunities to gain self-confidence and greater independence. Children of all ages and abilities can develop and play together. Additionally, caregivers with disabilities have the chance for their children to play, where they, too, can engage, supervise and interact together with them as never before.

Gallup Park Canoe Livery has an ADA dock built specifically for paddlers to board and launch kayaks and canoes in the Huron River. Utilizing a roller and guide rail system, the launch allows users of all ability levels to glide on and off while providing optimum access and stability. With the addition of the launch accessible-transfer system, the dock provides individuals with disabilities universal accessibility offering choices of variable heights for transfer from different wheelchairs and to accommodate different watercraft heights.

Ann Arbor Senior Center provides closed-caption television and multiple services that help promote aging in place, senior health, wellness and safety-related services. Please call 734.794.6250.

Buhr, Fuller, Mack and Veterans Memorial park swimming pools offer either ramps or swimming pool chair lifts to provide assistance.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
Access to our programs and facilities are intended to be nondiscriminatory. For information on special accommodations, call 734.794.6230. If possible, we request a minimum of a two-week notice to arrange special accommodations.
As you may know, Cobblestone Farm is currently closed for rentals due to COVID-19 and the State of Michigan Executive Order based on the number of people that can gather indoors and out. Our staff miss seeing the guests, caterers, DJ’s and rental companies we work with on a daily basis and being able to be a part of your milestone life events such as birthdays, weddings, retirements and more. Did we mention the goats miss you too? We are hoping to resume rentals in 2021. In the meantime, please contact our office at 734.792.6230 or by email at cobblestone@a2gov.org for rental information or to schedule a tour.

We have been busy working on projects at the barn, and on the grounds, keeping Cobblestone looking its best.
In November 2003, Ann Arbor residents voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage, commonly referred to as the Greenbelt Millage. The Greenbelt Millage is a 30-year, 0.5 mil tax levy. A portion of the funding is used to purchase new city parkland, and a portion is used to protect farmland and open space outside of the city, within the Greenbelt District.

Since the millage passed in 2003, an additional 156 acres have been added to the city’s park system. Collectively, these parcels have helped to provide linkages between existing parks, added to existing parks and protected some of the remaining critical urban natural areas.

To date, the Greenbelt Program has protected over 6,148 acres of farmland and open space surrounding the city of Ann Arbor, and has leveraged the city’s funds with an additional $28.3 million from grants, landowner donations and other locally funded programs. The Greenbelt has protected over 28 miles of river, stream and waterway frontage, with 60 percent of those waterways located in the Huron River Watershed and contributing to the filtration and protection of the City’s drinking water. As well, the farmland protected by the Greenbelt can produce enough calories to feed over 55,000 people annually.

Local partners have included Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, Ann Arbor Township, Lodi Township, Scio Township, Webster Township, Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy and Legacy Land Conservancy.

To see some of the properties protected by the Greenbelt, take a virtual tour on our website.

For more information, contact Program Supervisor Remy Long at 734.794.6210, email rlong@a2gov.org, or visit www.a2gov.org/greenbelt.
The Greenbelt Program
ANN ARBOR OPEN SPACE AND PARKLAND PRESERVATION

LAND
Total Greenbelt acres preserved: 6,128
Forest acres preserved: 1,341
Farmland acres preserved: 3,737
Wetland acres preserved: 1,476
Percent Greenbelt district preserved: 7%
Percent available farmland preserved: 15.3%

FINANCIAL
Market value of Greenbelt lands: $70,000,000
Developments rights value: $42,000,000
Matching funds secured: $28,000,000
Total Greenbelt investment: $24,500,000

IMPACT
The Greenbelt’s preserved lands have the potential to produce enough calories to feed over 55,000 people/year.

The Greenbelt has preserved over 26 miles of river, stream and water frontage and 79% of those waterways are within the Huron River Watershed, contributing to the filtration and protection of the City of Ann Arbor’s drinking water.

The Greenbelt has helped establish 11 new public nature preserves, totaling 722 acres of public land to explore.
Voters approved a six-year park millage renewal in November 2018 that funds maintenance and capital improvements to Ann Arbor’s park system. Natural Area Preservation (NAP), Adopt-a-Park and GIVE 365 volunteer programs are also funded from the millage. The Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage, along with private donations/grants, brings projects like these to fruition:

**RECENTLY COMPLETED**
Renovations to six park bridges in Barton Nature Area, Argo Cascades, Mitchell Field and Gallup Park.

**UPCOMING**
- Playground improvements at Bromley Park and West Park.
- Court renovations at Southeast Area Park, Leslie Park and Burns Park.
- Trail renovations at Gallup Park.

**VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PARK SLIDE STAIRS PROJECT**
In fall of 2020, the pool slide stairs at Veterans Memorial Park are scheduled for restoration work. Starting in October, construction activities will include removing old paint, replacement of steel support members and an application of new paint. Work will be completed this year and the slide will be up and running by the start of the 2021 pool season.
We love to be social

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Practice physical distancing on the Border-to-Border (B2B) Trail

Practice physical distancing of six feet or more on paths, trails and sidewalks. Remember to form a single file line if you’re walking together with members of your household to insure a safe distance for both you and the passersby.

___ 6 feet ___

DO NOT gather in groups on the trail.
Keep SIX FEET between you and others.
Carry hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes if you have them.
GO AROUND PEOPLE/STEP OFF THE TRAIL UNTIL THEY PASS.

A2GOV.ORG/COVID19PARKS
ENJOY THE PARKS SAFELY!

- Get some fresh air, bike/hike/run
- Dispose of trash
- Wear a mask inside buildings and around others in public places
- Please maintain physical distancing of at least six feet between yourself and others. Form a single file line when passing on a trail or walkway.

Explore the 160+ parks and natural areas

Shop local at the Ann Arbor farmers market

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