



**City of Ann Arbor
City Administrator's Report
October 19, 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. City of Ann Arbor Emergency Management personnel are in active collaboration with the Washtenaw County Health Department, local hospitals, the University of Michigan, and the American Red Cross for the coronavirus outbreak. It's important to note that the Washtenaw County Health Department is the lead agency as they have emergency operations plans to address infectious disease and pandemics.

The city will continue to monitor this situation and coordinate closely with its local partners, including Washtenaw County Health Department, to determine if this closure date should be expanded. This and other information will be shared via the city's website at www.a2gov.org/covid19 as well as its [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [NextDoor](#) pages.

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.

Halloween Guidance. City of Ann Arbor Urges Residents to Keep Safety Top of Mind for Halloween Celebrations this Year. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued guidance on how to safely celebrate Halloween during the COVID-19 pandemic (<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339--540429--,00.html>). In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends alternative ways to celebrate this year (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>).

As a result, the City of Ann Arbor encourages parents to follow these recommendations and celebrate Halloween safely at home. Most importantly, if you choose to celebrate the holiday outside of your home, the city is asking all residents to follow the below safety tips as well as Washtenaw County Health local orders on social gatherings and events in Ann Arbor.

Tips for all groups include staying home if you are sick; maintaining social distancing of at least 6 feet; wearing a cloth mask that covers both the mouth and nose; and washing hands often or frequently using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

Tips for trick-or-treaters and parents:

- Share with your children that this year may be different than last but let them know some of the new ways you plan to celebrate and still have lots of fun.
- Talk with children about safety and physical distancing guidelines and expectations. Keep a 6-foot distance from others not in your group.
- Participate in one-way trick-or-treating and guide children to stay to the right to ensure proper distancing.
- Trick-or-treat with people you live with.
- Avoid congregating in groups around houses.
- Wear a face mask covering both mouth and nose.
- A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask if wearing both causes difficulty breathing. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- Only go to houses with safety measures in place.
- Check out halloween2020.org to find exciting activities and ways to celebrate Halloween this year based on levels of COVID risks in your area.
- Consider a neighborhood costume parade; it is an easy way to keep safe space between children.

Tips for homeowners:

- Use duct tape to mark 6-foot lines in front of home and leading to driveway/front door.
- Position a distribution table between yourself and trick-or-treaters.
- Distribute candy on a disinfected table to eliminate direct contact.
- Consider handing out candy in an open space where distancing is possible, rather than from the front door.

The guidance also urges Michiganders to consider hosting virtual parties instead of in-person Halloween gatherings. If a gathering is hosted, it should be limited to 10 people or less, distancing should be maintained, cloth masks should be worn and food and party favors should be set out individually to prevent cross contamination. View the Washtenaw County Health webpage for more information <http://bit.ly/WCHDHalloween20>.

A2 Be Safe! Be safe, be well!

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! Thank you to those in the City Clerk's Office, Public Works and other units who have gone above and beyond during this election season. A special thank you to Dena Waddell, Chuck Fojtik, and Jeremy Sype who have demonstrated excellence during election preparation.

Satellite City Clerk's Office located in U-M Museum. The first of its kind in the state, the satellite City Clerk's office, located inside the U-M Museum of Art Stenn Gallery, first floor, 525 S. State St., will be open with the following hours until Tuesday, Nov. 3:

- Tuesday, Sept. 22–Friday, Oct. 23: 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 - Thursday, Sept. 24: Absentee voting begins.
- Saturday, Oct. 24–Saturday, Oct. 31:
 - 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 - 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturdays.
- Monday, Nov. 2: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 3: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

Thank you to Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk, and team, University of Michigan, including UMMA, Stamps, and the Big Ten Challenge for their efforts!

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. Individuals interested in helping support implementation should send a note to sustainability@a2gov.org. Other current efforts of the Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) include:

- **RE4M** — The City has just launched a 4-part internal learning series focused on how to pair renewable energy, efficiency, electrification, and equity into a program for all Ann Arborites. This initiative is funded through a small grant from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network and will provide insights the OSI team will use to craft a community-wide program. More details coming soon.
- **Solar on your home** — Interested in getting solar on your home? If yes, check out our new 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: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGt5xJTxyY&feature=youtu.be>. You can join one of our live events and bulk buys by contacting Julie Roth (juliekayeroth111@gmail.com).
- **Electric and Traditional Bicycles** — Ann Arbor's e-bike discount program is going strong! We've just signed up Sic Transit to join our list of vendors, who is offering discounts on traditional bicycles. Check a2gov.org/evs for updates, and email Simi Barr (sbarr@a2gov.org) with any questions.
- The City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations is launching the [A²ZERO Climate Ambassador Program](#), inviting the public to actively engage in reducing our collective environmental footprint and enhancing our community's overall resilience. Ambassador training will take place Wednesday evenings Nov. 18, 2020-Feb. 3, 2021.
- **City Awards 11 Sustaining Ann Arbor Together Grants.** The City of Ann Arbor is delighted to announce that, over the summer and into the early fall, 11 Sustaining Ann Arbor Together (SA2T) grants were awarded to community-based organizations to advance community sustainability. Read more here: <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=741>

- **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, which includes hiring two part-time, grant-funded, program coordinators to join the team. If you or someone you know has experience working with, volunteering with, or being a low-income seniors, please consider applying for [this job opportunity](#).
- **Solar Options Event – Wednesday, October 21st at 7pm:** Are you interested in learning more and potentially accessing renewable energy but not sure what options are available to you? Come join us for a panel discussion exploring numerous ways you can currently access renewable energy on your roof, on the ground, in the community, through your utility, or through third party organizations. This panel will run from 7pm-8:30pm and will feature live question and answer sessions with participants. To RSVP, please register [here](#) or at: <https://a2gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkf-ygpjlrHtBIZDXEczoELvDG8bqRG6Gt>.
- **Climate, Coffee, and Conversation, November 12, 8am:** Come join us for an open community chat about anything and everything A²ZERO and sustainability in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and abroad. Register at: https://a2gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsf-igqj0oEtdo_gc_7sYUDACgGBTmR2Qi
- **Transportation Power Hour, November 12th, 6pm:** Come join us for a presentation and discussion of ways to use EVs (purchase, rideshares, etc), EVSE incentives, Micromobility trends and discount program, EV strategy overview. Register for this event here: https://a2gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsf-mgrTsqHtYmoZAS83WiShJZ_I4laRTz

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Transportation Commission Monthly Report. The October 2020 Transportation Commission Project Report is attached.

Police Monthly Report. The September 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 **October 19 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Introductions.

Consent Agenda. There are (11) items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings. There are (3) public hearings which are listed below and under Second Readings

- **A Public Hearing and a Resolution to Approve Veridian at County Farm South (Thrive) Site Plan and Development Agreement, 2270 Platt Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of 99 homes including detached, attached, apartments, and community buildings on an 8.4-acre site with advances sustainability and efficiency.
- **A Public Hearing and a Resolution to Approve Veridian at County Farm North (Avalon) Site Plan and Development Agreement, 2270 Platt Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for the construction of 50 affordable apartment homes in 9 two-story building on a 4.4-acre site.

Ordinances – Second Readings

- **A Public Hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 12.8 Acres from PL (Public Land) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District), Veridian at County Farm PUD Zoning and Supplemental Regulations, 2270 Platt Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this ordinance will zone this property PUD.

Ordinances– First Readings – None.

Other

Ann Arbor Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes & Information for Voters. The Ann Arbor City Clerk's Office has issued more than 45,000 absentee ballots so far for the upcoming Presidential Election, and requests continue to come in daily leading up to Nov. 3 Election Day. The city is preparing for a high volume of ballot returns with the introduction of additional options and conveniences. Information on new ballot box drop boxes and other new conveniences can be found at: <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=739>. For complete Election Day information, visit www.a2gov.org/elections.

Free Wood Chips for Ann Arbor Residents Available. City of Ann Arbor Public Works began making free wood chips available to residents at five locations located around the city on Saturday, Sept. 19. Residents will be required to load and haul the material away themselves. The wood chips will be available until November or while supplies last. <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=732>

Fall Leaf Season. On Monday, Oct. 12, fall leaf operations expanded at the Ann Arbor Compost facility, located at 4170 Platt Road, to allow contractors to begin dropping off unlimited amounts of leaves. If a resident or contractor must use many paper yard bags, the city strongly encourages those be brought to the compost facility instead of being left at the curb. Large volumes of bags not only present a safety issue to the staff who must load them by hand, it also hinders the city's ability to service all properties.

To help deal with fall leaves, and to save putting large numbers of paper yard bags at the curb, residents are encouraged to:

- Use a mulching mower to feed grass clippings and leaves back into your lawn (<https://www.leaveleavesalone.org/home/how-to-mulch/>).
- Utilize a compost cart.
- Create a compost pile. This step-by-step guide shows you exactly how to do it, <https://www.wikihow.com/Build-a-Compost-Pile>.

More information about wood chips, fall leaves and other compost issues is available at www.a2gov.org/compost.

Natural Area Preservation Fall Controlled Ecological Burn Season to Begin Oct. 22. City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) will be conducting controlled ecological burns in local natural areas between Oct. 22 and Dec. 23. Burns are conducted on weekdays between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., weather permitting. On the day of a controlled burn, signs will be posted around the park and staff will be available on site for questions. The fire will be under control at all times.

Annual Fall Fire Hydrant Maintenance. The City of Ann Arbor's annual fire hydrant inspections and system maintenance will resume Monday, Oct. 5, 2020. This annual process is necessary to prepare for approaching cold temperatures and is conducted to eliminate the potential for frozen hydrants.

Once winter weather does arrive, residents can also play a role when it comes to fire hydrants. If able, residents should keep fire hydrants adjacent to their property or in their neighborhoods free from snow and ice. Leaving a 3-foot clearing around hydrants can provide easy access for firefighters in the event of fire.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the hydrant maintenance process, please call City of Ann Arbor Customer Service at 734.794.6320 or visit www.a2gov.org/departments/public-works/Pages/Hydrant-Flushing.aspx.



Transportation Project Updates October 2020

[Subscribe](#) to receive monthly Transportation Project Updates.

Visit a2gov.org/TransportationCommission for additional background.

Contact the Transportation Commission at TransportationCommission@a2gov.org

2020 Construction Projects

Allen Creek Berm Opening:

This tunnel will provide safe, convenient and legal access to the Argo Cascades for the first time in over one hundred years. The project is currently expected to be substantially complete by early November. However, due to supply chain issues (related to COVID), the contractor has not been able to obtain the safety fencing that is to be installed at the site. Therefore, it is likely that the project will not be opened to traffic until early December. More information is available on the [project website](#).

Annual Street Resurfacing Project:

This suite of projects encompasses the majority of the City's street resurfacing activities, including several major and multiple local streets. A full list of streets is posted on the website at: a2gov.org/RoadConstruction. Construction is currently active in the Dicken & Lawton neighborhoods and on Granger Ave. Work on Geddes Ave, Boardwalk, the Oakbrook, and South Main asphalt paths have been completed. Work on Granger is expected to be completed in late October. Work on the overall project is expected to continue into November.

Barton Drive (M-14 to Pontiac):

The scope includes street resurfacing, watermain improvements, new sidewalk construction, and intersection reconfiguration at the Chandler intersection. Also included in the project is the reconfiguration of the Barton/Starwick intersection, and the filling of sidewalk gaps at this location. Construction is expected to be completed approximately October 23.

Fuller Court Sidewalk Gap Project:

This project includes the filling of sidewalk gaps on Fuller Ct. (south side) from Fuller Road to 2250 Fuller Ct. The University of Michigan has chosen not to participate in the construction of the sidewalk adjacent to their property (at the corner of Fuller Road and Fuller Court) due to COVID-related budgetary issues. Therefore, this portion of the project has been removed. Construction is scheduled to begin mid-October of 2020 and last for about 4 weeks.

William Street Improvements:

Temporary hardened centerline treatments have been installed at Division and will be installed at Thompson with the goal of reducing left-hand turn speeds. Staff will monitor effectiveness of treatment.



Projects Currently in Design/Planning

People Friendly Streets Initiative:

First Street construction is underway, Ashley Street is scheduled to begin spring 2021. Both streets are scheduled to be completed in the 2021 construction season. The State Street improvement project originally scheduled to begin in 2021 has been moved to 2022. Public engagement with the immediate stakeholders is scheduled to take place this fall followed by broader public engagement this spring. In December 2019, the DDA Board approved funding for another round of People-Friendly Streets Projects – a collaborative effort with City Engineering. This next round of projects will continue the community conversation about safe, equitable streets in coordination with other on-going efforts, including the City’s Transportation Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program (CIP). On Monday, July 6, City Council approved [Healthy Streets Pilot Projects Downtown](#). Pilot installation began on August 27 and will remain in place for up to 90 days (Nov. 29) Staff have been monitoring pilot locations and making adjustments as needed. User feedback is encouraged via an online survey, which can be found on the project [website](#).

Scio Church Road (Maple to Seventh):

The project includes some watermain and stormwater work, resurfacing, installation of bike lanes, new sidewalk, and crosswalks. More information is available on the project [website](#). This project is scheduled for construction in 2021. Staff is proposing on-street parking removal on the north side of Scio Church and buffered bike lane installation. This recommendation will come before the Transportation Commission on October 21 and then City Council on November 16. Construction is scheduled for the spring of 2021.

Other Updates and Information

Street Millage and New Sidewalk Millage:

On July 20, City Council approved the ballot language and Use Resolutions for both the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage and the New Sidewalk Millage for the November 2020 ballot. Reference a2gov.org/transportationmillage, and follow the city on Facebook, Twitter and NextDoor. Social media posts about the millages began the week of September 21. Share these posts with your network to help get the word out.

“Healthy Streets” - Transportation opportunities for social distancing

City Council reviewed the Healthy Streets program for arterials outside of the downtown area at its meeting on October 5. Council directed staff to end “the Healthy Streets program outside of the downtown as contemplated in resolution R-20-262 on Packard between Platt and Eisenhower, on Broadway between Detroit Street and Maiden Lane, and on South Main Street between Pauline and East Stadium and directs the City



Administrator to end the lane reconfigurations only on these street segments by October 15, 2020. These deployments were removed on October 13 and 14.

Staff continues to advance the Healthy Streets initiative consistent with City Council Resolution R-20-158, "Resolution to Promote Safe Social Distancing Outdoors in Ann Arbor." Data collection activities on the arterial segments are being collected and will be compiled into a report presented to City Council later this year.,

Staff installed 26 neighborhood slow street treatments in July and August. No further neighborhood slow street treatments are being considered at this time due to timing and budget. These deployments will be taken down in November in anticipation of winter maintenance and the need for snow plowing.

Lower Town Mobility Study:

The project team is hosting a series of "office hours" every other Friday (9/25, 10/9, 10/23, and 11/6) to allow members of the public to drop in virtually and ask questions. More information about the project and engagement opportunities can be found on the project website: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/engineering/traffic/Pages/Lower-Town-Traffic-Study.aspx>.

Streetlight Implementation:

32 new streetlights were installed so far in 2020. 1087 streetlight outages have been addressed by DTE in 2020.

Traffic Calming Program Submittals:

Updates on recent Traffic Calming Program petitions are provided below:

- City Council approved the Fernwood Traffic calming project as well as funding to implement the devices. Construction is expected to occur in late October or November 2020.
- Polling for the final draft traffic calming concept on Glenwood is currently underway and responses are due back to the City October 26. Subsequent action will follow based on the responses received.
- Because the City decided to advance the Fernwood traffic calming construction this year, there will be no remaining budget for traffic calming activities for the remainder of the fiscal year. Staff will withhold advancing other traffic calming activities (process or construction) until after July 1, 2021.

Transportation Plan Update:

The Project Team is preparing to release an initial draft plan for review by several advisory groups. Meetings are scheduled with the Planning Commission, the Transportation Commission, the project's Technical and Community Advisory committees and a public virtual open house during October. Once this round of plan review meetings is complete, the plan will be prepared for county and adjacent community review as it advances to adoption this winter. More information about the Plan, and upcoming public engagement opportunities, can be found on the project [website](#). Please subscribe to receive updates on this project.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Crawford, City Administrator
FROM: Ann Arbor Police Department
SUBJECT: Monthly Comparison Report – Monthly Pedestrian Crash Report
DATE: October 15, 2020

AAPD ARM Monthly Comparison Report – September 2020

Part A Crimes

Crime Category	Sep-2020	Aug-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1	1	7	2	250.0%
ARSON	0	0	3	6	-50.0%
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	12	19	139	108	28.7%
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	42	49	396	456	-13.2%
BRIBERY	0	0	0	0	No Change
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	8	7	41	41	0.0%
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	8	18	84	111	-24.3%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	37	49	244	247	-1.2%
DRUG OFFENSES	8	7	46	92	-50.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	4	22	-81.8%
EXTORTION - BLACKMAIL	1	0	6	8	-25.0%
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	2	1	36	46	-21.7%
FRAUD	29	34	409	441	-7.3%
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	No Change
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	2	4	2	100.0%
HOMICIDE - JUSTIFIABLE	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
HOMICIDE - NON-NEGLIGENT	0	0	1	2	-50.0%
INTIMIDATION / STALKING	7	7	66	100	-34.0%
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	0	0	3	8	-62.5%
LARCENY - ALL OTHER	70	74	508	535	-5.0%
LARCENY - FROM AUTO (LFA)	50	30	335	578	-42.0%
LARCENY - RETAIL FRAUD	26	24	176	315	-44.1%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT / FRAUD	7	8	64	118	-45.8%
OBSCENITY	0	1	1	8	-87.5%
ROBBERY	5	1	27	37	-27.0%
SEX CRIME (VIOLENT)	4	5	49	63	-22.2%
SEX OFFENSES - COMMERCIALIZED	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
SEX OFFENSES - CSC	0	0	1	2	-50.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	3	1	13	17	-23.5%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	2	4	25	26	-3.8%
Total	322	342	2,688	3,392	-20.8%

Part B Crimes

Crime Category	Sep-2020	Aug-2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
ACCIDENT - HIT & RUN	0	0	7	12	-41.7%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	8	15	64	100	-36.0%
BURGLARY - ALL OTHER	2	2	10	11	-9.1%
DISORDERLY	0	0	0	0	No Change
ESCAPE / FLIGHT	0	0	0	4	-100.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	1	2	20	31	-35.5%
FRAUD	0	1	9	20	-55.0%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	3	2	12	11	9.1%
HOMICIDE - NEGLIGENT	0	0	0	0	No Change
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	3	2	27	210	-87.1%
MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY	1	2	33	34	-2.9%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	11	14	126	312	-59.6%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	5	4	37	76	-51.3%
OUI OF LIQUOR / DRUGS	12	14	92	101	-8.9%
PUBLIC PEACE	15	6	107	172	-37.8%
SEX OFFENSES - OTHER	2	1	10	15	-33.3%
TRESPASSING / INVASION OF PRIVACY	13	6	74	82	-9.8%
VAGRANCY	1	0	2	0	N/C
Total	77	71	630	1,191	-47.1%

2020 ARM Monthly Comparison Report ran 1638hrs, on 10/08/2020, 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 – September 2020

Report #	Location	Date	Time	Vehicle Movement	Ped In Crosswalk	Ped Injury
20-32119	S State St & Packard Rd	9/26/2020	1:30 AM	Going Straight	Yes	A