# THE CHARGING STATION

# THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF A<sup>2</sup>ZERO AND THE ANN ARBOR OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATIONS



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OSI Staff (from left: Meredith King, Azella Markgraf, Bryce Frohlich, Maggie Halpern) in front of the Sesame Solar Unit.

## **WELCOME**

Welcome from the City of Ann Arbor's Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI). In this issue of the Charging Station, OSI is delighted to introduce the Sesame Solar Unit - a mobile unit that generates its own renewable energy and can operate off the grid. If you are interested in learning more about OSI's resilience initiatives featured in this issue and how you can get involved, more detail can be found on our website: www.a2gov.org/sustainability. As always, thank you for your interest in sustainability activities in Ann Arbor!

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Equity and justice are at the center of A<sup>2</sup>ZERO and staff in OSI are continuing to ground our work in these critical principles. In that light, we'd like to take a moment to honor the geographic and historic space we share. We acknowledge that the land the City of Ann Arbor occupies is the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Anishinaabe and Wyandot peoples. We further acknowledge that our city stands, like almost all property in the United States, on lands obtained, generally in unconscionable ways, from indigenous peoples. The taking of this land was formalized by the Treaty of Detroit in 1807. Knowing where we live, work, study, and recreate does not change the past, but a thorough understanding of the ongoing consequences of this past can empower us in our work to create a future that supports human flourishing and justice for all individuals.

# **A LIVING LEARNING LAB**

GET TO KNOW THE SOLAR MOBILE NANOGRID UNIT

#### **SESAME SOLAR**

The Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) is proud to announce the arrival of our community's Solar Mobile Nanogrid Unit from the Jackson, MI-based company, Sesame Solar. The Unit is a fully self-sustaining, solar-powered trailer that's as versatile as it is innovative. Ann Arbor's Unit will serve as more than just a mobile power source; it will also be a hands-on, mobile classroom and community engagement tool aimed at bringing sustainability and resilience education directly to Ann Arborites.

The City will deploy the Solar Mobile Nanogrid Unit as a "living learning lab." The Unit will make its home at different locations across the city - at Resilience Hubs, community centers, and other public spaces for weeks or months at a time to support community workshops, demonstrations, and events focused on renewable energy, climate resilience, and sustainable behavior change.

"We are ecstatic to add this unit to our toolbox, helping us advance resilience, foster enhanced community engagement, and continue growing our culture of preparedness. Thanks to Bryce and the OSI team for working tirelessly to bring the unit here and for their future work to help us activate it," said Dr. Missy Stults, Sustainability and Innovations Director for the City.

With the Unit, OSI aims to deepen the level of engagement that the Ann Arbor community can have with A<sup>2</sup>ZERO, the City's bold climate neutrality plan, by bringing accessible renewable power systems and the ability to host emission-free community events right to residents'



The Unit before being activated, with all panels and doors closed.

doorsteps. Whether it's through guided tours, hands-on displays, or youth education programs, the Unit will be an "example you can touch."

Since the Unit can be activated anywhere it can safely fit, these extended deployments will provide community gatherings with sustainable power for events while fostering dialogue about *how* residents can take local action on climate.

The Unit won't only be about demonstrations technical and taking action. It will also help power community joy. Imagine an evening community movie night under the stars, run entirely on clean, renewable energy, or a block party where the sound system and lights are powered by the sun. From art workshops to neighborhood potlucks, the Unit will give residents new ways to gather, celebrate, and connect, courtesy of quiet and clean renewable energy.

# WANT TO HELP NAME OUR UNIT?

OSI invites YOU to help us come up with a name to describe this awesome new resilience tool. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- The name should reflect the purpose and capabilities of the unit (for example, that it runs completely on renewable energy)
- The name should be appropriate for all ages
- Submissions will be accepted until Oct. 3 @ 5 PM.
- Creativity is encouraged!!
   Submit your ideas in the online form online or by scanning:



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The Sesame Solar Unit can operate independently on renewable energy that can be used to support community engagement."

### **FUTURE RESILIENCE USES**

While the early focus of the Unit will be on engagement, OSI will work in conjunction with the Ann Arbor Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Management to determine how the Unit can best be strategically deployed during disruptions and extreme weather events.

This will include piloting its capabilities during simulated or real power outages to understand its effectiveness in keeping critical services online. Because the Unit is mobile, fully solar-powered, and battery-equipped, it can be quickly relocated to where it's most needed. One promising scenario OSI will explore is a partnership with Ann Arbor's Resilience Hubs. In such cases, the Unit could be parked on-site to strengthen essential services like after-school programs, mental health support, food distribution, charging stations, and cooling or heating stations. By supplementing these trusted community spaces with an independent, renewable

power source, OSI can help ensure that vital programs continue, even when the grid goes down. Ultimately, this work will help our community develop a blueprint for how mobile clean-energy units can not only educate and inspire local climate action but also serve as a key support system during emergencies, keeping Ann Arbor residents connected, supported, and safe.

Curious to see the Solar Mobile Nanogrid up close? Join OSI at the 2025 A<sup>2</sup>ZERO Green Fair on Friday, September 19th on Main Street from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., where the Unit will be fully powered up and ready for exploration. Take a tour, chat with staff, and imagine what it could bring to your own neighborhood.

To learn more about A<sup>2</sup>ZERO and upcoming events featuring the Unit, visit osi.a2gov.org/events.

# **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS**

**BUILDING A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS** 

September has the distinct privilege of hosting many celebrations, including Library Card Sign-up Month, Climate Week, and Zero Waste Week. Another notable event that happens in September is <u>National Preparedness Month!</u> While creating a culture of preparedness in your home is a year-round effort, National Preparedness Month is a great chance to review and update your <u>household's preparedness plan</u>. Being prepared is a crucial step to take before disruptions, like short-term power outages, extreme heat days, or emergencies, occur.

#### WHAT DOES A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS LOOK LIKE?

Creating a culture of preparedness means making emergency planning a normal part of life, sharing knowledge, and building trust within personal communities. It's not just about having extra batteries or storing canned food, though those are helpful. It's about weaving preparedness into our daily routines. This includes checking on neighbors even on sunny days, practicing your emergency plan, knowing where to go for help, and investing in community infrastructure that helps everyone succeed during disruptions. As stated in Strategy 6 of the A<sup>2</sup>ZERO Plan, building community and personal resilience helps our community not only survive but thrive, regardless of what disruptions may occur.

### WHY PREPAREDNESS MATTERS IN ANN ARBOR

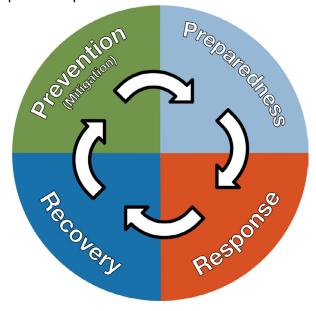
Climate change has arrived, and Ann Arbor is feeling its local impacts. In recent years, the city has experienced:

- <u>Extreme heat waves</u> that strain power grids, impact health, and limit outdoor activity.
- Increased extreme precipitation from more intense rainstorms that can and are damaging homes, roads, and stressing key public infrastructure.
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- <u>High-wind events</u> that down trees and power lines, causing extended outages.
- Poor air quality days from wildfire smoke drifting into our region. Learn more about air quality in Ann Arbor in the special feature short article on page 6!

Despite the United States being one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, preparedness isn't equally practiced or accessible. A recent study underscores that disaster readiness is often shaped by personal factors like age, political beliefs, gender, and lived experience. Building a culture of preparedness ensures Ann Arborites are ready to face challenges together, climate-related or not, with the resources and knowledge needed to stay safe and bounce forward, not back, after disruption.

This National Preparedness Month, OSI is focusing on two essential actions every Ann Arbor household can begin: connecting with neighbors and starting a household preparedness plan and kit.



The Disaster Preparedness Cycle.

Two friendly faces who are "helping A<sup>2</sup> be carbon neutral by 2030" by learning about community resilience!

# **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS**

**BUILDING A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS** 

Below are ways you can start fostering a culture of preparedness in your home and neighborhood.

# 1. BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS WITH CONSENT AND CARE

Building a culture of preparedness relies heavily on strong relationships. In emergency situations, a nearby neighbor could be your closest "first responder." Check in with neighbors, get to know one another, and start building relationships that will strengthen your neighborhood every day – including during times of disruption.

When getting to know your neighbors, you might start small. A brief chat while walking the dog, or a block meeting over coffee, a shared group text, or a casual "check-in buddy" arrangement. These trust-based connections create the foundation for faster connections and responses when other systems of communication, such as cell phones or the internet, go down.

If you aren't sure where to start, here are some ideas:

Low effort: Learn your neighbor's name if you haven't already.

High effort: Throw a block party and invite your neighbors. Information for the permitting process for a block party can be found at <a href="mailto:a2gov.org/city-clerk/licenses-and-permits/">a2gov.org/city-clerk/licenses-and-permits/</a>

# 2. CREATE A HOUSEHOLD PREPAREDNESS PLAN AND KIT TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS

Preparedness starts at home, and every household's plan should reflect its unique circumstances. Consider the needs of everyone who lives with you, including age, health conditions, mobility concerns, disabilities, pets, and language or cultural needs. Creating a thoughtful plan ensures that no one gets left out or left behind in an emergency. Ensuring people feel safe and cared for makes responding to a stressful situation easier. Below are some resources on how to do both!

Make a household preparedness plan. Know how you'll communicate with your household and loved ones, where you'll go, and what you'll need if you have to leave your home quickly or shelter in place without power. Include details like medication schedules, accessibility needs, or pet care arrangements.

Build an emergency kit. Include essentials such as water, non-perishable food, flashlights, a first-aid kit, medications, copies of essential documents, and any specialized or unique supplies your household may require. You should be prepared to be self-sustaining for 5-7 days if someone in your household does not require immediate medical attention. Remember that each emergency kit will vary in appearance, and that's okay! Preparedness doesn't have to happen all at once — you can build your kit over time, adding one or two items each week.

Visit a2gov.org/fire-department/emergency-management/ emergency-preparedness/ for additional preparedness resources to help guide you or your household through the planning process. Plus, visit the Household Preparedness events listed on our events page (page 8) to learn more and go home with your own emergency kit!

Resources to get your household started:

- Making a household preparedness plan: <a href="https://www.ready.gov/plan">https://www.ready.gov/plan</a>
- Assembling an emergency kit: www.ready.gov/plan
- Talking about preparedness with children: <u>www.ready.</u> gov/kids/kids-resource-library
- Disaster preparedness with pets: <a href="https://www.aspca.">https://www.aspca.</a>
   org/pet-care/general-pet-care/disaster-preparedness
- Preparedness supply reviews on Consumer Reports <a href="https://www.consumerreports.org/home-garden/emergency-preparedness/storm-emergency-guide-a2418029143/">https://www.consumerreports.org/home-garden/emergency-preparedness/storm-emergency-guide-a2418029143/</a>
- Understanding different types of disruptions and emergencies: <a href="https://www.ready.gov/be-informed">www.ready.gov/be-informed</a>

**Stay informed by** signing up for Washtenaw County emergency alerts (<u>washtenaw.org/alerts</u>) or local National Weather Service alerts (<u>weather.gov/wrn/wea</u>) to get real-time updates.



Students with their emergency kits.

# **SPECIAL FEATURE ARTICLES**

AIR QUALITY IN ANN ARBOR & CLOTHING SWAP AT ANN ARBOR PRIDE

### A2AQ - ANN ARBOR AIR QUALITY

Author: Sean Reynolds, Senior Analyst

Clean, healthy air is critical to ensuring the health and resilience of our community. Research has linked air pollutants such as ozone and particulate matter to lung and heart disease, increased asthma rates, and other health concerns. In our community, the main sources of these air pollutants include smoke from wildfires and emissions from the burning of fossil fuels. Climate change also negatively impacts air quality by causing more extreme heat days - which drives up cooling needs (and thus emissions), creates the conditions for the formation of ground level ozone, and increases the likelihood of wildfires.

Because of the potential impacts of air pollutants on community health and wellbeing, one of the actions under "Strategy 6: Enhance the Resilience of Our People and Our Place" in the A<sup>2</sup>ZERO Plan is to "implement sensors to monitor heat [and] air quality." In order to achieve this goal, OSI has installed ten air quality monitors across the city. These solar-powered monitors measure pollutants such as fine particulate matter (PM2.5), nitrogen dioxide, and ozone. To view the current Air Quality Index (AQI, the reporting index used by the US EPA) at each of our ten monitors, visit www. a2gov.org/airquality. To sign up for alerts when AQI is at the 'Unhealthy' level, simply click on the monitoring station you want to receive alerts for and then click on the bell icon next to the station name on the sidebar that opens.



One of our solar-powered air quality monitors, installed at the Ann Arbor Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### **CLOTHING SWAP AT ANN ARBOR PRIDE**

Author: Claire DeBlanc, Circularity Coordinator

On August 2nd, The City of Ann Arbor's Office of Sustainability and Innovations, in partnership with the Jim Toy Community Center and Zerowaste.org, hosted a clothing swap at Ann Arbor Pride. Clothing swaps allow for free exchange of clothing—participants are welcome to take items without donating, donate without taking, or both donate and take items. Swaps promote circular economy practices and help foster a resilient sharing community.

One Pride organizer who was instrumental in connecting OSI to Pride, Chloe (she/her), highlighted the value of clothing swaps for the LGBTQ+ community:

Swaps provide a safe, welcoming space to access genderaffirming clothing without the risk of discrimination from stores, staff, or other shoppers. For many trans and gendernonconforming people, access to such clothing is vital for social transition.

The clothing swap at Ann Arbor Pride was a success, with about 500 participants and over 320 items donated. From starting a new wardrobe, to excitement to pass clothes on to others and finding items that sparked joy, attendees shared stories of what this swap meant to them and embraced A<sup>2</sup>ZERO with pride! Remaining items were donated to Affirmations LGBTQ+ Community Center.

Thank you, Ann Arbor Pride, the Jim Toy Community Center, and all of the attendees who stopped by for welcoming A<sup>2</sup>ZERO into the celebration!



Ann Arbor Pride attendees visiting the clothing swap.

### **COLLABORATOR HIGHLIGHT: RESILIENCE HUBS**

**GREEN BAXTER COURT AND PEACE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER** 

Resilience Hubs, as defined by the Resilience Hub Collaborative, are physical buildings and/or enclosed structures located in neighborhoods or rural areas that serve community members year-round. They are enhanced to provide continuous support throughout any type of disruption, from extreme weather events to health crises and beyond. They provide a community "home" and a trusted space for gathering, programming, skill-building, sharing of resources and information, support, and enhancing quality of life.

Below are two local collaborators, Green Baxter Court Community Center and Peace Neighborhood Center, whose work exemplifies the core components of what Resilience Hubs can be.

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# GREEN BAXTER COURT COMMUNITY CENTER

Green Baxter Court Community Center is making exciting progress in its transition into a Resilience Hub. Operated by Community Action Network (CAN), the center already functions as a year-round space for youth programs, food distribution, and community activities.

With support from a <u>Sustaining Ann Arbor Together</u> (<u>SA2T</u>) <u>Grant</u>, CAN is expanding the Community Center's role in fostering resilience through new programming and physical improvements guided by residents' voices. The aim is to support the center as the focal point of the community, serving not only as a place for services but also as a space where neighbors come together, recreate, learn, and receive support services.

Whan asked what impact the SA2T Grant will have in seeding community building around the Community Center, Klay Krogol, Director of Green Baxter Court Community Center, said, "Partnering with OSI on the GBC Resilience Hub has opened new opportunities for community connection. Thanks to the SA2T grant, we've hosted popular all-ages craft nights and are planning cooking and fitness classes to build skills and community." The first major project under the Center's SA2T grant began with a community-wide survey, which identified the Community Garden as a valued neighborhood space with high potential for community building. In response, CAN is partnering with a group of A<sup>2</sup>ZERO Ambassadors to engage residents in a co-design process. Through community events and conversations, neighbors will share their vision for the garden's future — from what should be planted, to how the space can be more welcoming and functional. Ambassadors will assist with physical improvements to

the garden and support the planning of a new community toolshed based directly on residents' self-identified needs.

"With the A<sup>2</sup>ZERO Ambassadors, we're expanding our community garden through fall planting, indoor herb workshops, and accessible gardening education, setting the stage for a vibrant spring", Klay added.

In the coming months, Green Baxter Court Community Center will undergo upgrades to implement renewable energy, including installing solar and battery storage, thereby allowing the site to operate even during power outages. These improvements will give the community center a longer runway to continue providing essential services to Green Baxter residents in the face of disruptions, extreme weather, and other emergencies.

By blending physical improvements with communityidentified programming, Green Baxter Court Community Center is strengthening core pillars of what it means to be a Resilience Hub.

To learn more about Community Action Network and their impact, visit <u>canwashtenaw.org.</u>



The Green Baxter Court community center.

# **COLLABORATOR HIGHLIGHT: RESILIENCE HUBS**

GREEN BAXTER COURT AND PEACE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

#### PEACE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

This summer, Peace Neighborhood Center (Peace) centered its Leadership Development Camp (LDC) STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) programming around the theme "Renew." The theme carried a dual meaning: during camp, LDC youth were both exploring how Ann Arbor can increase the resilience of our communities through clean, renewable energy and learning how to renew themselves through social and emotional growth.

Each week, LDC Campers explored various renewable energy sources, including solar, wind, geothermal, and hydropower. Through hands-on experiments, field trips, and collaborative projects, these activities introduced students to the science of clean energy while fostering curiosity, problem-solving skills, and local environmental awareness. Campers built mini wind turbines, made print art using local flora and the sun, and created water wheels to understand the mechanics of hydropower. These experiences culminated in a capstone project where LDC campers envisioned and designed their ideal resilient community.

"This group of campers in particular are very imaginative, so we really wanted to harness their strengths and creativity in our annual summer research project. In designing their own resilient communities, they were challenged to learn more about upcoming changes happening in their own community and envision themselves as future leaders a part of the change. It was evident from the project that our campers want to lead with compassion, collaboration, and curiosity, making us all very hopeful for the future our young people are creating," said Adriana Jarret, Peace's Middle School Program Manager, reflecting on the summer of *Renew*.

In addition to learning about renewable technologies, campers participated in a social-emotional learning curriculum centered on discussions of resilience, personal well-being, and what it means to show up for your community. LDC explored what it means to care for themselves and others through daily conversations, reflection activities, and cooperative games. By building emotional awareness and support skills, campers contributed to a positive, connected camp environment.

Similar to how the summer camp nurtured resilience through hands-on learning and emotional development, Peace



Neighborhood Center is also investing in its physical space to better serve the community year-round. Through grant-matched funds unlocked through the Community Climate Action Mileage, planned improvements, scheduled for completion in early September, include an LED lighting retrofit, a new lighting control system, and an upgraded HVAC control system. These updates will reduce energy consumption, lower operational costs, and ensure that Peace remains a safe, trusted, and reliable gathering place providing year-round critical services. Peace is also exploring solar and energy storage systems to help provide resilience power, ensuring their kitchens and freezers stay operational even when the centralized grid fails.

To learn more about Peace Neighborhood Center, visit peaceneighborhoodcenter.org. Visit www.a2gov.org/sustainability-innovations-home/adaptation-resilience to learn more about Resilience Hubs.



Peace campers using local flora to print artistic designs on A<sup>2</sup>ZERO tote bags.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thanks for playing the Summer Game with us! The A<sup>2</sup>ZERO Badges were awarded over FIVE THOUSAND times to this year's players!!

**New Fiscal Year, New Rebates!** As of July 1, 2025, all Home Energy Rebate categories have been refreshed. Categories that ran out of money in the previous fiscal year are open and available to be drawn from again! Learn more and finance your home energy improvements at <a href="mailto:osi.a2gov.org/rebates">osi.a2gov.org/rebates</a>.

**Green Rental Housing Ordinance** - Office of Sustainability and Innovations staff have been working for four years with community stakeholders to craft a new Green Rental Housing Ordinance. The Ordinance was passed by council in June 2025 and will help protect the health, safety, and well being of renters across the city. To learn the facts about the Ordinance, we encourage residents to visit the <u>Green Rental Housing Ordinance webpage</u>.

Moving to or in Ann Arbor for school? Want to save money, support local organizations and protect the environment? Buy your living and school supplies from one of the many places that sell gently used, good condition items. From Scrap Creative Reuse for things like notebooks, pencils, markers, and crafts, Kiwanis for furniture, organizers, lamps, appliances, bikes, and even mattresses, to Ann Arbor Thrift Shop for clothes, housewares, and linens, there are many organizations that can help you get settled as you move to Ann Arbor. You will be saving money and supporting the local community!

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Green Rental Housing Learning Session | Sept 10, 11 AM - 12 PM | Virtual:

To help landlords and property managers understand the Green Rental Housing Ordinance and learn more about how to save money, stay compliant, and simplify planning, OSI and Rental Housing Services will be hosting educational webinars with time for questions and answers. Anyone is welcome to attend, but registration is required: <a href="https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_mPgfWoQHR26ZzL7Lt-f2lA">https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_mPgfWoQHR26ZzL7Lt-f2lA</a>.

Visit OSI at the Wednesday Farmer's Market | Sept 10 and 24th, 8 AM-2 PM | Ann Arbor Farmer's Market Stop by the OSI table at the Wednesday Farmer's Market to say hi, ask questions, and learn about programs, resources, and upcoming events! We look forward to seeing you there.

### Household Preparedness Office Hours | Sept 17, 10 AM - 5 PM | AADL Downtown

Need help getting started on crafting your preparedness plan? Join for a hands-on workshop to craft your household's Preparedness Plan during National Preparedness Month. Registration is required and space is limited. Participants will walk away with a household preparedness guide and basic emergency kit. Contact Willow Krupin (wkrupin@a2gov.org) with any questions.

### Sustainability and Innovation Meetup | Sept 18, 8-9:30 AM, Mothfire Brewing

Monthly Clothing Swap | Sept 18, 4 - 7 PM, Council Chambers, City Hall: Join the Office of Sustainability and Innovations for monthly clothing swaps on the third Thursday of each month! These are a perfect way to give your gently used clothes a new home. And you might just find an item of clothing you have been looking for, without having to buy it new. Learn more and RSVP online at lu.ma/a2zeroclothingswaps

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### Green Fair | Sept 19, 5 - 8 PM | Main Street Ann Arbor:

Join us for this annual event featuring 100 exhibitors advancing sustainable living with information about renewable energy, energy waste reduction, the circular economy, local food systems, environmental resources, green transportation, environmental advocacy and justice, urban forestry, and so much more! Learn more at a2gov.org/greenfair.

### SUN DAY | Sept 21, 2 - 3 PM | First Unitarian Universalist **Congregation of Ann Arbor**

As part of the national SUN DAY climate initiative, representatives from many local faith communities will share their inspiration and actions to address climate change. By "showing up" for SUN DAY, we will be joining with others across the country who are "standing up" for the climate, and demonstrating resistance against those who are creating roadblocks to a clean energy future.

### OSI Park Workday | Sept 26, 3 - 5 PM | Redwood Park:

This work could include removing invasive plant species, litter pick-ups, planting native trees and gardens, maintaining garden beds, touching up faded murals, etc. Volunteers are welcome - come prepared to get dirty and make a difference! Close-toed shoes, long pants, and a refillable water bottle are recommended. Please email Sean Reynolds with questions (<a href="mailto:sreynolds@a2gov.org">sreynolds@a2gov.org</a>).

### Cinema & Sustainability Series: The Lorax | Sept 28, 1:30 PM | Michigan Theater

This FREE event will include the screening of The Lorax and a short post-screening discussion about the importance of trees in Ann Arbor! Reserve your free tickets for the Lorax and the rest of the series online at:

marquee-arts.org/cinema-and-sustainability/

### **University of Michigan Climate Week:**

Join us at the below events at the University of Michigan's Climate Week. Learn more and see the full calendar of events at climateweek.umich.edu.

Refugia Festival, Sept 28, 12 - 6 PM, Nichols Arboretum Harvest Fest, Sept 28, 1 - 4 PM, Matthaei Botanical Garden

Sustainable Future Forum, Sept 29, 10 AM - 3 PM, Venue by 4M

Clothing Swap, Sept 29, 11 AM - 1 PM, Ingalls Mall Climate Week Kickoff, Sept 29, 12 - 1 PM, Ingalls Mall Earthfest, Sept 30, 10 AM - 2 PM, Central Campus Diag Wege Lecture, Sept 30, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, Rackham Auditorium

### Green Rental Housing Learning Session 2 | Sept 30, 1 - 2 PM | Zoom

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### Household Preparedness Office House | Sept 30, 10 AM - 5 PM | AADL - Westgate

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For more information on our upcoming events, please visit <u>www.a2gov.org/sustainability/events</u>.

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