



CITY OF ANN ARBOR Administrator's Report

The city's mission is to deliver exceptional services that sustain and enhance a vibrant, safe and diverse community.

City Administrator's Report July 7, 2025 prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to mdohoney@a2gov.org, mwalton@a2gov.org, or shiqgins@a2gov.org.

SAFETY NOTES

Safety Update *Stay Safe on the Water*

As summer heats up, rivers and lakes become popular destinations for adventure and relaxation. Boating and kayaking offer great ways to enjoy the outdoors, but they also come with risks that can quickly turn a day of fun into a dangerous situation. Whether you're a seasoned paddler or heading out on the water for the first time, water safety should always be a top priority.

Before enjoying the water, know the water conditions:

- *River currents:* Swift or high water can be deceptive and dangerous, especially after rainstorms.
- *Lake conditions:* Winds can cause choppy water or waves that may capsize small boats or kayaks.
- *Water temperature:* Even on warm days, water can be cold enough to cause hypothermia from prolonged exposure.

Wear a Life Jacket

- Drowning is a leading cause of death on lakes and rivers, and most victims were not wearing life jackets. Wear a life jacket that is in good condition, fits properly and is appropriate for your activity.

Don't Go Alone

- It is always safer to boat or kayak with a buddy. In case of an emergency, someone else can call for help. If you head out solo, tell someone your planned route and return time.

Avoid Alcohol and Drugs

- Being under the influence will slow your reaction time, affect your balance, and increase your risk of drowning.

Be Prepared

- Make sure to check the forecast for any inclement weather and be ready to respond to changing weather. Dress appropriately for conditions, pack extra food and water for longer trips, protect yourself from the sun, and bring a first aid kit.

Use Common Sense

- Stay clear of dams, weirs and hazard zones
- Do not try to paddle or boat in conditions beyond your skill level
- Keep a safe distance from other boats and swimmers.

Thank you for making A2 Be Safe!

Sustainability Corner Catch up on the latest information submitted from the Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI). For further details, including registration links, visit [OSI online](#).

- **NEW FISCAL YEAR, NEW REBATES!** As of July 1, 2025, all Home Energy Rebate categories will be 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 osi.a2gov.org/rebates.
- **GREEN RENTAL HOUSING ORDINANCE APPROVED** Office of Sustainability and Innovations staff have been working for four years with community stakeholders to craft a new Green Rental Housing Ordinance. Approved by City Council on June 16, the Ordinance will help protect the health, safety, and well-being of renters across the city. Learn more about the Ordinance at the Green Rental Housing Ordinance webpage.
- **SOLARIZE ANN ARBOR** Have you considered solar and/ or battery storage to reduce your emissions, reduce your energy bills, move toward energy independence, or to power your new e-bike or electric vehicle? Solarize Ann Arbor has groups running now! Join your fellow Ann Arbor area residents to learn about solar and for the opportunity for bulk-buy savings in Solarize. Email Connor Dailey (cdailey@a2gov.org) if you are interested in joining or hosting a group, or if you have any questions about Solar!
- **ELECTRIC LEAF-BLOWER COMPLIANCE** The use of gas-powered leaf blowers is prohibited within Ann Arbor city limits June 1 – September 30, 2025. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health and welfare of Ann Arbor residents as well as to promote the City’s sustainability goals by reducing noise, air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and other negative effects of gas leaf blowers. If you are interested in learning more about the ordinance or sustainable lawncare, take a look at our gas leaf blower phase-out website at osi.a2gov.org/leafblowers.
- **THE A²ZERO HEAT PUMP CONCIERGE PLATFORM** Users can input home information to generate initial heat pump system design options in a process that takes approximately five minutes. Together, this information aims to empower residents to choose the heat pump that’s right for them, including any and all necessary improvements that might be needed as part of transitioning from fossil gas heat to heat pumps. The entire process is free for Ann Arbor residents. Learn more at osi.a2gov.org/HeatPumpConcierge!
- **HOME ENERGY SCORE LOCATOR** This online map will make it easier for buyers to locate Home Energy Scores for homes for sale in Ann Arbor.
- **POLLINATOR-AWARE YARD CARE:** As you get back outside this year, we encourage you to consider using pollinator-aware yard care practices. Pollinators are vital to our native plants, ecosystems, and food systems - and what we do in our yards can have a huge impact on pollinator populations. Learn more about how you can get involved and find resources to guide you in your pollinator-aware journey at osi.a2gov.org/pollinators.
- **JOIN THE SEU WAITLIST** The city is currently registering interest in the Ann Arbor Sustainable Energy Utility. If you are interested in enrolling or getting more information as it becomes available, please join the waitlist.
- **PLAY THE SUMMER GAME WITH A2ZERO!** We’ll have badges all summer long, so head over to play.aadl.org to get your clues and earn some points! Plus, there are three codes hidden in this newsletter, can you find them all?

- **COMMUNITY CLOTHING SWAP**, July 17, 4 - 7 PM | City Hall Join the Office of Sustainability and Innovations for monthly clothing swaps on the third Thursday of each month from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, starting July 17th! These will be taking place in Council Chambers in Larcom City Hall (2nd floor) and are a perfect way to give your gently used clothes a new home and find items of clothing you have been looking for, without having to buy them new. Each person can bring up to 5 items of clothing in good condition (no rips, holes, stains, or unwashed items). Accessories are also welcome. You can take clothing without bringing anything, or bring clothing without taking anything. This is a completely free event and open to the public. RSVP at lu.ma/a2zeroclothingswaps.
- **A2ZERO AT THE ANN ARBOR FARMERS MARKET** July 9 & 23 | 8 AM – 2 PM Stop by and say hi to staff from the Office of Sustainability and Innovations at your visit to the Farmer’s Market. Learn about our summer programming, ask your questions, and get connected with sustainability resources.
- **SFBC GATHERING: FOOD SAFETY & SUSTAINABILITY** July 22, 2-3:30 PM | Argus Farm Stop – Packard Cafe How can sustainability-minded food businesses balance their environmental goals with the need to protect public health? Join the Ann Arbor Sustainable Food Business Coalition for an engaging, peer-led discussion on the intersection of emerging sustainability practices and food safety regulations. Featuring insights from Kristen Schweighoefer, Director of the Washtenaw County Department of Environmental Health, this gathering offers a chance to connect with fellow food business owners and collaboratively explore solutions for reducing environmental impact while maintaining high standards of food quality and safety. Come ready to learn, network, and brainstorm together! RSVP by July 20th.
- **SAVE THE DATE: ANN ARBOR LOCAL FOOD FESTIVAL** August 28, 5 - 8 PM | Ann Arbor Farmers Market Join us for a delicious evening celebrating Michigan food & farming! The Ann Arbor Local Food Festival brings together farmers, chefs, food lovers, and makers for a lively night of tastings, demos, music, and more! Meet your growers, sample seasonal fare, discover new flavors, and learn how local food builds a stronger, more sustainable community. Food trucks & vendors will be on site with locally sourced meals available for purchase. Plus, enter for a chance to win prizes from local food businesses! The Local Food Festival is free to attend. For more information, please visit a2gov.org/localfoodfest. Note: Vendor & community exhibitor applications are now open through July 25th. Apply today to sell your product or engage your community at the Local Food Festival!
- **CONNECT WITH THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATIONS** sustainability@a2gov.org | FB: A2Zero | IG: @a2zero2030 JOIN OUR MAILING LIST | YOUTUBE | a2zero.org
- For more information on our upcoming events, please visit www.a2gov.org/sustainability/events



COUNCIL PRIORITIES/INITIATIVES

- **Ordinance Chapter 14, 1:316 Sole/Best Source Data.** Pursuant to changes approved by City Council on July 15, 2019, to [Chapter 14, 1:316](#), attached is the Sole/Best Source data for June 2025 for purchases over \$5,000.

PREVIEWS

July 7 Council Meeting will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda (14). There are 14 items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings (none).

Ordinances – Second Reading (none).

Ordinances – First Reading (none).

OTHER



A2 retains AAA! In April 2025, S&P Global Ratings confirmed the City of Ann Arbor’s credit rating of “AAA,” the highest rating a municipality can be assigned. S&P indicated a stable financial outlook, positive operating results, and a growing and resilient local economy for the continued rating. The credit rating was confirmed as the city prepared for the sale of its 2025 Capital Improvement Bonds to construct a new Fire Station 4, which will be located at 2415 S. Huron Parkway and expected to open in summer 2026. Ann Arbor is one of only 15 Michigan cities to hold the prestigious “AAA” rating from S&P Global Ratings and is also the most populous AAA-rated city in the state.



Get ready for the Aug. 5 election. The Special Election will be held in Ann Arbor Tuesday, Aug. 5, with polling places open 7 a.m. –8 p.m. Here are some notes to know now:

Do you need to register to vote in Ann Arbor? Check your voter registration status, and if you're not already, register online to vote through the [Michigan Voter Information Center](#). City residents can also submit a voter registration form by mail, email, fax or in-person at the [Ann Arbor City Clerk's office](#).

Voters on the permanent absent voter (AV) application list should have already received their AV applications in the mail in May or June. If you’re interested in voting absentee or to learn more, find all the details on the city [absentee voting page](#).

Registered voters in Ann Arbor can vote as early as five days before Special Election Day — Wednesday, July 30– Sunday, Aug. 3 — at any one of these [early voting](#) locations: **Larcom City Hall**, hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. | **Traverwood Library Branch**, hours: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. | **Malletts Creek Library Branch**, hours: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. | **Westgate Library Branch**, hours: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Plan to vote in person on Election Day? Voters in Precinct 5–50 who are assigned to Haisley School will be temporarily reassigned to Forsythe Middle School for this election only, due to construction at Haisley. All affected voters were mailed a postcard notice in June about the temporary change.

The Ann Arbor City Clerk’s Office has extended office hours during early voting. Beginning Wednesday, July 30, through Friday, Aug. 1, the office will be open to the public until 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours, Aug. 2 and Aug. 3 are 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

More information about the upcoming election, including ballot proposals, AV drop box locations and more, can all be found at [a2gov.org/elections](#). And, of course, the Ann Arbor City Clerk’s office is happy to answer your questions, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–noon –and– 1–5 p.m., as well as during special office hours (see above), and at 734.794.6140 or [cityclerk@a2gov.org](#).

Sole/Best Source for June 2025

Unit	Amount	Vendor/Source	Item	Description	Type
Sustainability	\$ 10,080.00	Chargepoint	*AP Invoice	COMMERCIAL CLOUD PLAN	Sole Source
Accounting	\$ 75,000.00	Covalence Consutling	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED).96258	UKG PRO DEDICATED SUPPORT	Best Source
Fire	\$ 33,202.03	Robertson Morrison	*AP Invoice	STATION 1 EOC HVAC	Best Source
Mayor & Council	\$ 25,443.45	Dollar Bill Printing	*AP Invoice	WARDS 3, 4 & 5 COUNCIL NEWSLETTERS	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 6,066.76	Aquatic Source	*AP Invoice	BUHR - PUMP MOTOR ACTIVITY PIT	Best Source
Sustainability	\$ 10,000.00	Giraffe Financial	*AP Invoice	E-FILING SERVICES	Best Source
Sustainability	\$ 75,000.00	Nova Consultants	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED).96258	SOLAR INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 7,787.00	RTD Manufacturing	*AP Invoice	FLOC SHAFTS	Best Source
City Admin	\$ 73,500.00	Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber	*AP Invoice	ARBOR SOUTH PARKING CONSULTING SERVICES	Best Source
City Admin	\$ 21,987.50	Julota	*AP Invoice	DEFLECTION PROGRAM-SUPPORTIVE CARE SOFTWARE	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 9,450.00	Performance Sports Turf	*AP Invoice	LPGC - TEE AREA GRADE/SHAPE	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 12,600.00	Performance Sports Turf	*AP Invoice	PARKS - BALLFIELD GRADING	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 15,000.00	Belfor USA Group	*AP Invoice	PARKS - ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP SERVICES (FULLER & TUBINGEN)	Sole Source
Transportation	\$ 7,632.00	Give 'Em A Brake Safety	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, NON-ELECTRIC (INCLUDING RUMBLE STRI.55079	DELINIATORS FOR RESURFACING PROJECT ON 5TH AND JACKSON	Best Source
Police	\$ 7,250.00	Cellebrite USA	*AP Invoice	AAPD DB SOFTWARE RENEWAL	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 5,848.19	Spartan Distributors	*AP Invoice	LPGC - SPRAYER REPAIR	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 6,054.85	Spartan Distributors	*AP Invoice	HHGC - IRRIGATION SPRINKLER HEADS	Sole Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 6,565.73	Aquatic Source	*AP Invoice	BUHR POOL - TOT POOL PIPING AND VALVE REPAIR	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 9,705.59	Michigan CAT	*AP Invoice	GENERATOR SERVICE	Sole Source
Police	\$ 16,615.38	Axon Enterprise	*AP Invoice	TASER 7 CERTIFICATION BUNDLE AAPD	Best Source

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Parks & Rec	\$ 75,000.00	Legacy Land Conservancy	*AP Invoice	EASEMENT MONITORING 4/15/25 - 4/14/26	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 10,254.84	Mid America Rink Services	*AP Invoice	BUHR RINK - ZAMBONI MAINTENANCE	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 12,368.48	McNaughton-McKay	*AP Invoice	WTP: PLC PROCESSOR	Sole Source
Assessor	\$ 5,125.00	Gerald Alcock Company	*AP Invoice	APPRAISAL 3285 BOARDWALK	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 5,444.21	Aquatic Source	*AP Invoice	BUHR POOL - ACTIVITY PUMP MOTOR REPLACEMENT	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 9,760.00	A.F. Smith Electric	*AP Invoice	FULLER - POOL LIGHTING REPLACEMENT	Best Source