



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 September 2, 2025 prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to mdohoney@a2gov.org, mwalton@a2gov.org, or shiggins@a2gov.org.

SAFETY NOTES

Safety Update *Severe Weather Preparedness*

September is National Preparedness Month and it is a great time to make sure that you and you're your loved ones are prepared for an emergency. This could include events such as severe weather, power outages, floods, and other emergencies. Taking a few proactive steps can make a big difference to you, your family, and your home.

- Make an emergency plan. You can visit www.read.gov/plan to get started. Have an evacuation plan and discuss it with the other members of your household. Make sure you are signed up for emergency alerts. You can sign up for alerts by visiting <https://www.a2gov.org/alerts>.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle and keep sufficient emergency supplies at home. This should include several days of food and water as well as flashlights, a first aid kit, batteries, and necessary medications.
- Have important phone numbers written down or memorized.
- Keep important documents in a fire-proof safe.

For more information on preparedness, please visit <https://www.ready.gov> and **thank you for making A2 Be Safe!**

SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATIONS

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](#). 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 are refreshed, meaning Ann Arbor households are eligible for up to \$25,000 in rebates! Residents interested in home energy efficiency improvements are encouraged to learn more at osi.a2gov.org/rebates.
- **Moving to or in Ann Arbor for school?** Want to save money, support local organizations and protect the environment? Residents are encouraged to get their 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 residents get settled as they move to Ann Arbor. And they'll be saving money and supporting the local community!

- **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: https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mPgFWoQHR26ZzL7Lt-f2IA.
- **Monthly Clothing Swap**, September 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. lu.ma/a2zeroclothing swaps
- **Green Fair**, September 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.
- **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/
- **Green Rental Housing Learning Session 2**, Sept 30, 1 – 2 PM, Zoom: 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: https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eM3K1MUIT-qZBrI8P6N7yw
- 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 August 2025 for purchases over \$5,000.

September 2 Council Meeting will feature the following items of interest:

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

Public Hearings. None

Ordinances – Second Reading. None

Ordinances – First Reading. None

OTHER

City to Host LGBTQ+ Historical Marker Unveiling Ceremony Sept. 4. The City of Ann Arbor invites community members to attend a special ceremony unveiling a new LGBTQ+ historical marker on **Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 11 a.m.** The event will take place on the south side of Larcom City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street, to honor a pivotal chapter in LGBTQ+ history that unfolded right here in Ann Arbor.

On February 8, 2024, the Michigan Historical Commission officially approved the City's application and granted permission to City officials to erect a historical marker recognizing **State Site No. 769, Ann Arbor and LGBTQ+ Rights/Ann Arbor and Human Rights**. This project was a result of the City Clerk's Office work with City Council during the Bicentennial year to recognize Ann Arbor's important history in LGBTQ+ elections and elected office.

A new Michigan Historical Marker will be unveiled that commemorates the courageous actions of Ann Arbor City Councilmembers **Nancy Wechsler** and **Jerry DeGriek**, who in 1973 became the first elected officials in the United States to come out as lesbian and gay while holding public office. It also commemorates **Kathy Kozachenko** who was elected in 1974 becoming the first openly LGBTQ+ candidate elected to a public office in the United States. This marker celebrates the Human Rights Party, and LGBTQ+ rights pioneer **Jim Toy**, for their dedicated advocacy that led to the passage of the first-ever Lesbian-Gay Pride Week Resolution by a governing body and the expansion of the city's Human Rights Ordinance to include protections for sexual orientation.

The ceremony will feature remarks from city staff, elected officials, and community leaders, followed by the unveiling of the permanent plaque.

The Public Services Area is Announcing Malisa McCreedy as the city's [new transportation manager](#), effective Aug. 25. Malisa brings more than 20 years of leadership experience in public-sector transportation, mobility systems and community-focused planning, and most recently served as director of transportation and mobility for the City of Gainesville, Florida. Her experience also includes significant roles in Portland, Charlotte, and Orlando, and she served six years as board chair for Get Active Orlando. As Ann Arbor transportation manager, she will collaborate closely with systems planning, engineering and community engagement staff. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Central Florida, as well as a graduate certificate in public health from the University of North Carolina. Please join us in welcoming Malisa to Ann Arbor!

Help Ann Arbor Bring Its First Universal-Access Splash Pad to Life at Bicentennial Park. A major milestone is underway at Ann Arbor's Bicentennial Park: construction has begun on the city's first universal-access splash

pad. The city is now asking residents, businesses and community partners to help close the final funding gap — less than \$400,000 — so families of all abilities can enjoy this one-of-a-kind amenity as soon as possible.

“Bicentennial Park is already transforming,” said City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr. “We’ve started construction on the splash pad and playground, completed important upgrades such as demolition and grading, and we have plans for solar-powered restrooms and carports. But what’s most urgent now is finishing the splash pad. With the community’s help, we can get it across the finish line and complete this truly inclusive play space.”

Your Support in Action

The Bicentennial Park Improvements Project is being built in phases. Phase 1A is already funded and includes the splash pad foundation, new accessible playground equipment, restroom expansion and stormwater improvements. The final push to complete the splash pad and Phase 1B will include fencing, sidewalks, shade structures and landscaping. Without these items, the splash pad cannot open.

City staff thank the generous sponsors to date, including the State of Michigan, University of Michigan, Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, AFC Ann Arbor, IWSH, United Association, Kohler Co., Shoner Plumbing and Mechanical, and Lockwood Senior Communities, who have already laid the groundwork. Now, residents have the chance to add their names to the project’s legacy

Closing the Gap

To make a donation or learn more about giving opportunities, visit the [Bicentennial Park online donation site](#) or scan the QR code on the [project website](#). If you or your business would like to make a substantial donation, please email Parks and Recreation Manager Josh Landefeld at jlandefeld@a2gov.org.

“Every gift counts,” said City Project Manager and Park Planner Adam Fercho. “A donation of any size will help us finish the splash pad. For a lasting tribute, families can dedicate a bench or picnic table plaque for \$5,000. This is a way to give back, leave a legacy and know you helped build a space where everyone belongs.”

Building for the Future

Later phases will bring additional upgrades, including repaved paths and lots, ADA accessibility improvements and solar-powered features to sustainably run the park. More information is available on the [project website](#).



MEMORANDUM

TO: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
FROM: Colin Spencer, Purchasing Manager
DATE: 8/29/2025
SUBJECT: Sole/Best Source Data for August 2025

Pursuant to changes made to Chapter 14, 1:316 on 7/15/19 by Council, attached is the Sole/Best Source data for August 2025 for purchases over \$5,000. Any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

cc: Marti Praschan, Chief Financial Officer
Sara Higgins, Director of Operations

Sole/Best Source for August 2025

Unit	Amount	Vendor/Source	Item	Description	Type
Parks & Rec	\$ 5,003.84	Aquatic Source	*AP Invoice	BUHR POOL - PLUMBING/LEAK REPAIRS	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 7,500.00	Fortified Plumbing and Drain	*AP Invoice	LESLIE PARK BARN - SEWER REPAIR	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 9,361.00	Turnkey Network Solutions	*AP Invoice	BICENTENNIAL PARK - RUN FIBER OPTIC	Best Source
Fleet & Facilities	\$ 6,218.75	Uline Inc	RACKS, METAL, STATIONARY AND MOBILE.42562	PALLET RACKS	Best Source
Sustainability	\$ 18,528.00	Comprenew	*AP Invoice	ELECTRONICS COLLECTION RECYCLING EVENTS	Best Source
Sustainability	\$ 25,000.00	Anthony Zarembski Marketing LLC	*AP Invoice	MARKETING SUPPORT SERVICES	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 6,444.97	Certasite, LLC	*AP Invoice	VETS - FIRE SUPPRESSION REPAIR	Best Source
Fleet & Facilities	\$ 6,500.00	Auto Trim Design of Southeast Michigan	AUTOMOBILE, TRUCK AND BUS PARTS AND EQUIPMENT.99809	CONTRACTED SERVICES	Best Source
WWTP	\$ 6,047.26	Andritz Separation	SPECIAL PARTS (NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED).55975	GBT REBUILD PROJECT	Sole Source
15th District Court	\$ 12,000.00	The Dispute Resolution Center	ARBITRATION, MEDIATION, AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION S.96105	SMALL CLAIMS MEDIATION SERVICES FY26	Sole Source
Public Works	\$ 25,000.00	Safety Services	EQUIPMENT (PPE), (BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN	PPE	Best Source
HR	\$ 50,000.00	Gallagher Benefit Services	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED)	PAY EQUITY & COMPENSATION SYSTEM REVIEW	Best Source
Transportation	\$ 260,000.00	Carrier & Gable	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	SIGNAL INVENTORY	Sole Source
Clerks	\$ 25,000.00	Palmer Moving & Storage	*AP Invoice	2026 VOTING EQUIPMENT TRANSPORTATION	Sole Source
Fleet & Facilities	\$ 42,900.00	DiClemente Siegel Design	*AP Invoice	CITY HALL ROOFTOP HVAC DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 5,000.00	McNaughton-McKay	*AP Invoice	741 VFD INSPECTION	Sole Source
Water Treatment	\$ 12,000.00	Corrigan Oil	*AP Invoice	FUEL	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 20,000.00	Newlin Darrin	*AP Invoice	CUSTODIAL SERVICES	Best Source
Safety	\$ 13,655.00	Aclaimant Inc	*AP Invoice	INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM/DASHBOARD/DATA	Best Source
City Admin	\$ 45,000.00	Home of New Vision	*AP Invoice	DEFLECTION PROGRAM-SUPPORTIVE CONNECTIONS	Best Source
IT	\$ 40,958.00	Citydata Inc	*AP Invoice	FY26 - SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE	Best Source

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15th District Court	\$ 15,081.30	Justice AV Solutions	*AP Invoice	ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 32,296.00	Preservation By Design	*AP Invoice	COBBLESTONE FARMHOUSE RESTORATION	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 35,070.00	Heco, Inc	*AP Invoice	BARTON PUMP MOTOR # 2	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 9,710.87	T Stevens Construction	*AP Invoice	GALLUP DOCK HELICAL PIER INSTALL	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 6,565.00	New Tech Drywall	*AP Invoice	LED KIT INSTALL AND PLASTER REPAIR	Best Source