

Tree Town Log



A calendar listing of City of Ann Arbor meetings and events

March 2014

Registration is NOW open for spring/summer programs with Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation! Don't miss a minute of the fun. Register online, or use the registration form in the program guide to sign up in person, by mail or fax. Pick up a program guide at any parks facility or at www.a2gov.org/parks.

Ann Arbor Farmers Market is open Saturdays, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. — 315 Detroit St. Details: 734.794.6255 / www.a2gov.org/market.

Weekly @ the Ann Arbor Senior Center — 1320 Baldwin Ave. Play bridge, Mah Jongg and other social games; take a fitness, French or bridge class. The center is also available for rent. Membership passes available. Facility is open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Details: 734.794.6250 / www.a2gov.org/senior.

Saturdays

3–4 p.m. Raptor Feeding — Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. See how feet and beak work together to help birds like the red-tailed hawk eat a rat or the peregrine falcon consume a quail. Volunteers will be feeding the birds and answering questions. Please be aware that birds may or may not be coming out of their enclosures to eat, dependent on the species of bird. All ages. Free. Details: www.lesliesnc.org / 734.997.1553.

Saturday, March 1

4–6 p.m. Cultural Arts Series: Susan Bloye, Art Show — Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin Ave. As a gardener and local artist, Susan Bloye's acrylic paintings explore the healing qualities of the natural world. She has taught both Tai Chi and watercolors for 18 years at Washtenaw Community College. The Ann Arbor Senior Center will host a show of her acrylic studies of flowers through May. The Ann Arbor Senior Center Cultural Arts Series is made possible by a generous grant from the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor. Preregistration suggested: 734.794.6250.

Sundays

Noon–3 p.m. Critter House Open Hours — Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. Observe frogs, turtles, snakes, rabbits, and more as they hop, crawl, and slither in their homes! Our animals include species native to the region as well many unique and exotic animals that have been donated by supporters. It's a great way to get up close and personal with some adorable and unusual animals and help kids develop an appreciation for the incredible diversity of the natural world. All ages. Free. Details: www.lesliesnc.org / 734.997.1553.

Sunday, March 2

Noon–2 p.m. NAP Salamander Survey Kick-off Training — Leslie Science & Nature Center, Leslie House, 1831 Traver Road. Did you know we have at least five species of salamanders in Ann Arbor? If you are new or returning and have a willingness to get muddy, you're invited to help monitor populations and the health of their habitats. Surveying is done three to six times in early spring at multiple sites, and each round is a few hours. Register by Feb. 28: 734.794.6627 or NAP@a2gov.org.

3–5:30 p.m. NAP Frog and Toad Survey Kick-off Meeting — Leslie Science & Nature Center, Leslie House, 1831 Traver Road. Everyone is invited to join us to help monitor frog populations in Ann Arbor! It's fun learning to identify the frogs of Michigan by ear and

eye. No previous experience required. Family friendly! Surveying is done three to six times from early spring through June, and each round is a few hours. Register by Feb. 28: 734.794.6627 or NAP@a2gov.org.

Monday, March 3

10–11:30 a.m. Tiny Tots: Doctor Seuss on The Loose! — Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. Decorate a truffala tree and make Yurtle the Turtle towers to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birth month. Ages 1–3, caregiver required, siblings welcome. Cost: \$7 per child. Details/to register: www.lesliesnc.org / 734.997.1553.

5:30–8:30 p.m. CTN Workshop: JVC Remote — Community Television Network studio, 2805 S. Industrial, suite 200. Learn how to use a camera and related equipment allowing you to shoot on location. The JVC Remote Class uses a more advanced camera with SDHC cards. Details: www.a2gov.org/ctn.

7 p.m. City Council Meeting (Regular Session) — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Tues. 3/4 at 10 a.m.; Fri. 3/7 at 7:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, March 4

4 p.m. Land Acquisition Committee — Council work room, second floor, Larcom City Hall.

7 p.m. Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council — Council work room, second floor, Larcom City Hall.

7 p.m. City Planning Commission (Regular Meeting) — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Wed. 3/5 at 10 a.m.; Sun. 3/9 at 2 p.m.*

Wednesday, March 5

Noon Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority Meeting — DDA office, 150 S. Fifth Ave., suite 301. *Replays on CTN 16: Sat. 3/8 at noon; and Mon. 3/10 at 10 a.m.*

6:30–7:15 p.m. Adult Log Rolling — Mack Indoor Pool, 715 Brooks St. Log rolling is not only fun, but is also great exercise! Cost: \$6.25 per person. Pre registration is required, and space is limited. Details: 734.794.6237 / www.a2gov.org/mack.

Thursday, March 6

4:30 p.m. Greenbelt Advisory Committee — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Fri. 3/7 at 10 a.m.; Sat. 3/8 at 9 a.m.*

Friday, March 7

7:15 – 8:45 p.m. Funky Frosty Friday: Rock the 80s Skate — Buhr Park Outdoor Ice Arena, 2751 Packard Road. Rock the 80s, and skate to big-hair bands and monster ballads. Details: 734.794.6234 / www.a2gov.org/buhr.

5 p.m. Deadline to submit an application for the Citizens Police, Fire and Court Academy. A background review will be conducted on all applicants, who also will be contacted directly if accepted into the program. For details/to download application: www.a2gov.org/police or call AAPD Program Coordinator Adele El-Ayoubi 734.794.6933 or Fire Training Officer Craig Sidelinger 734.794.6961 ext. 49689.

Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9

1–4 p.m. Critters Up Close! — Leslie Science & Nature Center offsite at Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum 220 E. Ann St. LSNc is bringing live animals and special, animal-oriented, hands-on

activities to AAHOM. While at the museum, pick up the "Critters-Up Close!" passport, and start collecting stamps for this year-long series. Visit LSNc Critter House open hours on Sundays, noon to 3 p.m., to see more critters and get additional stamps! Program is free with paid museum admission. Details: www.lesliesnc.org / 734.997.1553

Saturday, March 8

10 a.m.–noon Materials Recovery Facility Open House: Make Some Music — MRF, 4150 Platt Road. Create your own musical instruments . . . from garbage. Join in and turn trash into musical treasures. An optional MRF tour is available. Closed-toe shoes and long pants are required for recycling plant floor tours. Free. Groups of five or more, please preregister by contacting the Ecology Center at education@ecocenter.org or 734.369.9272.

Monday, March 10

5:30–8:30 p.m. CTN Workshop: JVC Remote — Community Television Network studio, 2805 S. Industrial, suite 200. Learn how to use a camera and related equipment allowing you to shoot on location. The JVC Remote Class uses a more advanced camera with SDHC cards. Details: www.a2gov.org/ctn.

7 p.m. City Council Meeting (Work Session) — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Tues. 3/11 at 10 a.m.; Fri. 3/14 at 7:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, March 11

7:30–8:30 a.m. Stewards' Circle — Bruegger's Bagels, 709 N. University Ave. Topic: Propagating native plants. Details: www.stewardshipnetwork.org.

Log Rolling Program — Mack Indoor Pool, 715 Brooks St. Log rolling is a great workout, requires no experience and it's fun to learn. Available to youth and adults. Reserve your 45-minute time slot: 1–1:45 p.m., 2–2:45 p.m., 3–3:45 p.m., 4–4:45 p.m. Cost: \$20 for a group of five; \$5 extra for additional people up to 10. Details: 734.794.6237 / www.a2gov.org/mack.

1 p.m. Testing of the outdoor warning sirens — Conducted by the City of Ann Arbor Office of Emergency Management, 734.794.6980.

6 p.m. Ann Arbor Energy Commission (Work Session) — Council work room, second floor, Larcom City Hall.

Wednesday, March 12

7 p.m. Human Rights Commission — Council workroom, second floor, Larcom City Hall.

7–8 p.m. Springwater Subdivision Improvements Project Public Meeting — Multipurpose room, Mitchell Elementary School, 3550 Pittsview Drive. The project involves extensive street reconstruction and stormwater improvements in this neighborhood. The purpose of this meeting is to share feedback from neighborhood property owners and to discuss how input has informed the project design. Questions: contact project manager Anne Warrow, 734.794.6000, ext. 43639 / awarrow@a2gov.org.

7–8:30 p.m. Sustainable Ann Arbor Forum: Climate and Adaptation. Ann Arbor District Library, Downtown Branch, 343 S. Fifth Ave. The city is collaborating to host monthly community forums focused on sustainability. This third forum in the series of four (January through April) focuses on climate and adaptation, including a discussion of current adaptation and resiliency strategies within the community, an introduction of the newly launched Community

Climate Partnership, a coalition of community stakeholders working to further support the city's Climate Action Plan and how to take steps to both mitigate and adapt to climate change. Details: www.a2gov.org/sustainability.

Thursday, March 13

1:30 p.m. Building Board of Appeals — Second floor, Council chambers, Larcom City Hall.

1:30–3 p.m. Alternative Transportation Committee — DDA office, 150 S. Fifth Ave., suite 301.

6:30–7:15 p.m. Adult Log Rolling — Mack Indoor Pool, 715 Brooks St. Log rolling is not only fun, but is also great exercise! Cost: \$6.25 per person. Pre registration is required, and space is limited. Details: 734.794.6237 / www.a2gov.org/mack.

7 p.m. Historic District Commission — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Fri. 3/14 at 10 a.m.; Sat. 3/15 at noon.*

Friday, March 14

7–9 p.m. Owl Prowl (adults only) — Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. Join us for an enchanting evening with owls. Night hikes, owl calling and visits with live owls will fill the evening with wonder as we discover how ears, eyes and feathers help these raptors survive the night. Adults only; cost: \$8 per individual. Space is limited, and preregistration is encouraged. Details: www.lesliesnc.org / 734.997.1553.

Saturday, March 15

10–11 a.m. Nature Tales: Rabbit Tales — Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. Join us for this naturally unique story time! Looking forward to spring, we'll read "Snow Rabbit Spring Rabbit" and meet one of the fuzzy, hopping friends. Ages 1–5; caregiver required. \$3/child per session. Details/to register: www.lesliesnc.org / 734.997.1553.

Noon–5:30 p.m. NAP Workday Leader Training — Leslie Science & Nature Center, Leslie House, 1831 Traver Road. For volunteers interested in leading and/or co-leading NAP volunteer stewardship workdays, we will focus on procedures, ecological considerations, tips and tricks to lead a successful event. An interest and background in ecology (and plant ID) is strongly desired, but not required. A strong commitment to preserving the environment, while fostering community and engaging the public is necessary. Minimum age is 18. Register by March 14: 734.794.6627 / NAP@a2gov.org.

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Sunday, March 16

10–11:30 a.m. NAP Photo Monitoring Kick-off — Leslie Science & Nature Center, Leslie House, 1831 Traver Road. Do you like photography and spending time outdoors? Photo monitoring may be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! Volunteers are needed to take beautiful photos at specific locations each season to record and track the progress of our restoration work. You must have your own digital camera. Come join us at this informational meeting for more details about this volunteer opportunity! Please register by March 14: 734.794.6627 or NAP@a2gov.org.

1 p.m. Cultural Arts Series: Skylark – American Roots and Irish Tunes — Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin Ave. Betsy Beckerman and Skylark inspire with a gentle tune on the hammered dulcimer, raise spirits with toe-tapping fiddle tunes and get everyone singing with their engaging harmonies. Paul, Sara, David and Betsy present American-roots music and Irish tunes for St. Patrick's Day. The band uses humor and musicianship to enthrall audiences of all ages. The Ann Arbor Senior Center Cultural Arts Series is made possible by a generous grant from the Kiwanis Club

of Ann Arbor. Cost: \$5 general admission; \$4 for 60 years and older. Free for Ann Arbor Senior Center members and for children 12 and under with an adult. Preregistration suggested: 734.794.6250.

2–4 p.m. Splash Days — Mack Indoor Pool, 715 Brooks St. Join us for an afternoon of games, activities and prizes both in and out of the pool. Cost: Adults, \$5; youth (17 and under) and seniors (55+), \$4; ages 3 and under: free with a paid adult swimmer. Details: 734.794.6237 / www.a2gov.org/mack. Interested in volunteering at this event? Be a volunteer with Give 365 to lead games and activities for kids both in and out of the water. Details/to register as a volunteer: volunteer@a2gov.org / 734.794.6230, ext. 42594 / www.a2gov.org/volunteer.

7–9 p.m. Writing in Nature/Writing in Place — Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. Local guest authors discuss their craft and how their surroundings, particularly the natural world, impact what and how they write. A workshop designed for writers of all stripes, each of the four sessions will include both directed and freemform discussion with refreshments provided, reflection and individual writing time in our beautiful natural setting. This is the third in a four-session series featuring four different authors; the final session is April 13. Cost: adults and teens, \$10/individual; \$5/LSNC members. Details/to register: www.lesliesnc.org / 734.997.1553.

Monday–Wednesday, March 17–19

Leslie Park and Huron Hills golf courses are offering three exclusive golf certificates, available these three days only! Check out the specials: the 2x2; the 4x4; and the WEE 3 — each offering great savings on golf this season. Details: www.a2gov.org/golf or contact Director of Golf Doug Kelly: dkelly@a2gov.org / 734.794.6245.

Monday, March 17

5:30–8:30 p.m. CTN Workshop: JVC Remote — Community Television Network studio, 2805 S. Industrial, suite 200. Learn how to use a camera and related equipment allowing you to shoot on location. The JVC Remote Class uses a more advanced camera with SDHC cards. Details: www.a2gov.org/ctn.

7 p.m. City Council Meeting (Regular Session) — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Tues. 3/18 at 10 a.m.; Fri. 3/21 at 7:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, March 18

4 p.m. Park Advisory Commission — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Sat. 3/22 at 9 a.m.; Mon. 3/24 at 10 a.m.*

7 p.m. City Planning Commission (Regular Meeting) — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Wed. 3/19 at 10 a.m.; Sun. 3/23 at 2 p.m.*

Wednesday, March 19

3 p.m. Design Review Board — Basement conference room, Larcom City Hall.

3:15 p.m. Commission on Disability Issues — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Thurs. 3/20 at 10 a.m.; Sat. 3/22 at 3 p.m.*

6–8 p.m. Ann Arbor Housing Commission — Miller Manor, 727 Miller Ave.

Thursday, March 20

5:30 p.m. Public Market Advisory Commission — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Fri. 3/21 at 10 a.m.; Sun. 3/23 at noon.*

6–8 p.m. CTN Showcase and Networking Night — Community Television Network, 2805 S. Industrial, suite 200. Join us for a social media presentation on branding and blogging, followed by a Q&A with Di Henderson, owner of Collaborative Communications, LLC. Open to the public. Light refreshments. FREE! Seating is limited. Reservations are appreciated. Contact: mbondy@a2gov.org / 734.794.6150.

6:30 p.m. Sanitary Sewer Wet Weather Evaluation Project Citizens Advisory Committee — Media center, Slauson Middle School, 1019 W. Washington St. Project details: www.a2gov.org/sswwe.

Saturday, March 22

6:30 p.m. Dive-in Movie — Mack Indoor Pool, 715 Brooks St. Bring the whole family for this poolside movie night. The feature presentation is Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2. Cost: adults, \$5; kids, \$4; ages 3 and under are free with a paid adult. Details: 734.794.6237 / www.a2gov.org/mack.

Monday, March 24

7 p.m. City Council Meeting — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Tues. 3/25 at 10 a.m.; Fri. 3/28 at 7:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, March 26

4:30 p.m. Ann Arbor Public Art Commission — Basement conference room, Larcom City Hall.

6 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Thurs. 3/27 at noon; Sat. 3/29 at 3 p.m.*

Thursday, March 27

7:30–8:30 a.m. Footing Drain Disconnection Citizen Advisory Committee — Conference room B, Wheeler Service Center, 4251 Stone School Road. Questions: contact Anne Warrow, 734.794.6000, ext. 43639 / awarrow@a2gov.org.

7 p.m. Environmental Commission — Basement conference room, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Fri. 3/28 at 10 a.m.; Sun. 3/30 at 7 p.m.*

Friday, March 28

5 p.m. Deadline to submit comments on the Ann Arbor Urban and Community Forest Management Plan draft. View the plan at www.a2gov.org/urbanforestry; or printed copies of the plan are available by calling Kerry Gray at 734.794.6430 extension 43703. Input may be shared via email: kgray@a2gov.org; fax: 734.794.1744 – attn: Kerry Gray; or mail: 301 E. Huron St., PO Box 8647, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 – attn: Kerry Gray.

Sunday, March 30

2–4 p.m. Splash Days — Mack Indoor Pool, 715 Brooks St. Join us for an afternoon of games, activities and prizes both in and out of the pool. Cost: Adults, \$5; youth (17 and under) and seniors (55+), \$4; ages 3 and under: free with a paid adult swimmer. Details: 734.794.6237 / www.a2gov.org/mack. Interested in volunteering at this event? Be a volunteer with Give 365 to lead games and activities for kids both in and out of the water. Details/to register as a volunteer: volunteer@a2gov.org / 734.794.6230, ext. 42594 / www.a2gov.org/volunteer.

6:30–8 p.m. Fireside Fun: A Good Ol' Fashioned Campfire Circle — Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. Campfire and marshmallows are provided, so bring along the family, camp chairs, and the rest of your s'mores fixings. Free, and no registration required. Details: www.lesliesnc.org / 734.997.1553.

Monday, March 31

7 p.m. City Council Meeting (Work Session – tentative) — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Tues. 4/1 at 10 a.m.; Fri. 4/4 at 7:30 p.m.*

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Ann Arbor Larcom City Hall is located at 301 E. Huron St.