

Tree Town Log



A calendar listing of City of Ann Arbor meetings and events

April 2014

Curbside compost collection resumes for the season Monday, March 31. Details: www.a2gov.org/compost.

April is "Free Cart Friday" month. Tee off on Fridays in April after 11 a.m. at either Huron Hills or Leslie Park golf course, pay the going greens fee and get a FREE individual power cart to use (not valid with other offers).

Registration is NOW open for spring/summer programs with Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation! Whether golf, swimming, canoeing, day camp or dozens of other choices, 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. Looking for a new hobby? Join us for a fitness, language, or bridge class. Come play Mah Jongg, bridge and other social games. 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.

Tuesday, April 1
4:30–6 p.m. Joint Land Advisory Commission and Greenbelt Advisory Commission — Conference room, sixth 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. 4/2 at 10 a.m.; Sun. 4/6 at 2 p.m.*

Wednesday, April 2
Noon Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority Meeting — DDA office, 150 S. Fifth Ave., suite 301. *Replays on CTN 16: Sat. 4/5 at noon; and Mon. 4/7 at 10 a.m.*

4–5:30 p.m. and 6:30–8:30 p.m. Ann Arbor Station Environmental Review Public Meeting — Lower level multipurpose room, Ann Arbor District Library, Downtown Branch, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Presentations at 4:30 and 7 p.m. The purpose of the Ann Arbor Station Environmental Review Project is to conduct an environmental review and produce a conceptual design for a new or enhanced railroad passenger station/intermodal facility in the City of Ann Arbor as outlined in the city's adopted 2009 Transportation Plan Update. Details: www.a2gov.org/annarborstation.

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.

Friday, April 4

2–4 p.m. Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force Kick-off Meeting — Sixth floor conference room, Larcom City Hall.

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Saturday, April 5

9 a.m.–noon Dolph Nature Area Workday* — Meet at the parking lot on the east side of Wagner Road, between Liberty and Jackson.

9 a.m.–noon Scarlett Mitchell Nature Area Workday* — Meet in the Scarlett Middle School parking lot off Lorraine Street.

10–11 a.m. Nature Tales: Butterfly Tales — Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. Join us for this naturally unique story time! We will read a fun story and then take a hike looking for native butterfly host plants. Ages 1–5; caregiver required. \$3/child per session. Details/to register: www.lesliesnc.org/ 734.997.1553.

Sundays (closed Easter April 20)

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, April 6

9 a.m.–noon Black Pond Woods Workday* — Meet at the Leslie Science & Nature Center parking lot, 1831 Traver Road.

Monday-Friday, April 7–11

10 a.m.–noon Youth Log Rolling Class — Mack Indoor Pool, 715 Brooks St. Spend two hours at the pool learning how to log roll, play games, swim and have a great time during the Ann Arbor Public Schools break. Cost: \$55 residents; \$70 nonresidents. Space is limited! Details/to register: 734.794.6237 / www.a2gov.org/mack.

Monday, April 7

8 a.m.–5 p.m. Last day to register to vote in the May 6 Special Election. Registrations are accepted at all Secretary of State branch offices and the Ann Arbor city clerk's office (second floor of Larcom City Hall). Mailed registrations with a postmark by

the deadline are also accepted. Details: 734.794.6140 / www.a2gov.org/elections.

7 p.m. City Council Meeting (Regular Session) — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Tues. 4/8 at 10 a.m.; Fri. 4/11 at 7:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, April 8

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

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 — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Wed. 4/9 at 10 a.m.; Sun. 4/13 at 2 p.m.*

7 p.m. City Planning Commission (Work Session) — Basement conference room, Larcom City Hall.

Wednesday, April 9

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

7–8:30 p.m. Sustainable Ann Arbor Forum: Local Food. — Ann Arbor District Library, Downtown Branch, 343 S. Fifth Ave. The city is collaborating to host monthly community forums focused on sustainability. This final forum in the series of four focuses on local food, including highlights from the Ann Arbor Farmers Market, our local food economy, and tips on how to support and participate in Ann Arbor's local food system. Details: www.a2gov.org/sustainability.

Thursday, April 10

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

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

5 p.m. Public Market Advisory Commission (Work Session) — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall.

7–8:30 p.m. Breeding Bird Survey Kick Off — Nature House, Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. Sign up for your favorite park and pick up materials for the annual survey. Some experience in bird identification is necessary. City ornithologist will also report on the 2013 data and survey highlights. Details/to register (by April 9): 734.794.6627 / NAP@a2gov.org.

7 p.m. Historic District Commission — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Fri. 4/11 at 10 a.m.; Sat. 4/12 at noon.*

Saturday–Sunday, April 12–13

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, April 12

9 a.m.–noon Stapp Nature Area Workday* — Meet in the Traverwood Library parking lot.

1–4 p.m. Onder Nature Area — Meet at the park entrance on Brookside Drive off Pontiac Trail.

Sunday, April 13

Noon Season-opening Golf Scramble — Leslie Park Golf Course, 2120 Traver Road. Golfers of all levels are encouraged to sign up as an “A” or “B” twosome, based on handicaps or abilities. Staff will choose the four-person team using one twosome from each of the two groups. Prizes given to first, second, fifth, eighth and 10th places, so you’d rather be lucky than good! Cost: \$40 per team and includes lunch and special coupons. Preregistration (with payment) required. Details: 734.794.6245 / www.a2gov.org/golf.

1–2:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Series: Through Russia with Music — Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin Ave. It’s an afternoon of music with Aleksandr Chernyak, Russian native and local performer. Listen as Chernyak shares stories and sings and plays folk music from his homeland. 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.

2–5 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 freeform discussion with refreshments provided, reflection and individual writing time in our beautiful natural setting. This is the fourth and final in a four-session series featuring four different authors. Cost: adults and teens, \$10/individual; \$5/LSNC members. Details/to register: www.lesliesnc.org / 734.997.1553.

2–5:30 p.m. Turtle Steward Training — Leslie House, Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. Learn all about Michigan’s many turtles! We’ll cover turtle species identification, turtle-nest monitoring and ways to report observations. Participants should dress for classroom and possible field training. Details/to register (by April 11): 734.794.6627 / NAP@a2gov.org.

Monday, April 14

10–11:30 a.m. Tiny Tots: Spring Awakening — Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. Discover the plants and animals that are “waking up” from their winter slumber through a nature hike, hands-on activities and stories. Ages 1–3, caregiver required, siblings welcome. Cost: \$7 per child. Details/to register: www.lesliesnc.org / 734.997.1553.

Tuesday, April 15

4 p.m. Park Advisory Commission — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Sat. 4/19 at 9 a.m.; Mon. 4/21 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. 4/16 at 10 a.m.; Sun. 4/20 at 2 p.m.*

Wednesday, April 16

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. 4/17 at 10 a.m.; Sat. 4/19 at 3 p.m.

6–8 p.m. Ann Arbor Housing Commission — Green Baxter Court, 1737 Green Road.

Thursday, April 17

5:30 p.m. Public Market Advisory Commission — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Fri. 4/18 at 10 a.m.; Sun. 4/20 at noon.*

6:30 p.m. Sanitary Sewer Wet Weather Evaluation Project Citizens Advisory Committee — Media center, Slauson Middle School, 1019 W. Washington St. Staff and consultants will present an update on the status of the project, with a focus on the follow up performed after the footing drain disconnection survey. Details: www.a2gov.org/sswww.

Friday, April 18

City municipal offices close at noon in observance of Good Friday. No interruption will occur for trash/recycling/compost collection

Noon Good Friday Golf Scramble — Leslie Park Golf Course, 2120 Traver Road. This four-person scramble has prizes and fun for all, including 18 holes of golf, cart, continental breakfast, lunch, prizes and a coupon for one free 18-hole round at Huron Hills. Shotgun start is at 12:45 p.m. (rain, snow or shine). Cost: \$160 per team (\$40/person); \$80 of each team entry will go toward the Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Scholarship Fund. Registration deadline is Saturday, April 12 at noon. Details: 734.794.6245 / www.a2gov.org. Interested in volunteering? Be a volunteer with Give 365 to lead on-course events. Details/to register as a volunteer: volunteer@a2gov.org / 734.794.6230, ext. 42594 / www.a2gov.org/volunteer.

Saturday-Sunday, April 19–20

Fourth Annual Give 365 Earth Day Volunteer Extravaganza — We choose four Ann Arbor recreation facilities to volunteer over a two-day event. Come to all four events, and receive a special Earth Day token of appreciation. **Saturday:** 10–11:30 a.m. Veterans Memorial Park Trash-a-thon; 1–4 p.m. Fuller Park Pool Freshen Up. **Sunday:** 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Senior Center Spruce Up; 2:30–4 p.m. Gallup Park Painting and Pick Up. Sign up/details: volunteer@a2gov.org / 734.794.6230, ext. 42510 / www.a2gov.org/volunteer.

Saturday, April 19

9 a.m.–noon Wurster Park Earth Day Workday* — Meet at Edgewood Place cul-de-sac off West Davis Avenue.

10 a.m.–noon Materials Recovery Facility Open House: T-shirt Bags — MRF, 4150 Platt Road. In celebration of Earth Day, learn how to transform an old t-shirt into a fun, reusable bag. Please bring your own t-shirt. Programs are at 10 and 11:30 a.m. 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.

10 a.m.–noon Spring Eggstravaganza — Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. Celebrate spring with this unique egg hunt! Bring your own basket, and set off on a scavenger egg hunt through our trails. Find them all, and turn them in for a prize. What animals at LSNC lay eggs? What do those eggs look like? Find out as you complete our egg size and shape hunt. Also enjoy stories around a campfire, crafts and LSNC’s live animals. All ages. Space is limited. Cost: \$8/individual, \$30/family. Preregistration required: 734.997.1553 / www.lesliesnc.org.

10 a.m.–7 p.m. Gallup Canoe Livery Opens for the Season — 3000 Fuller Road. Details: 734.794.6240 / www.a2gov.org/canoe.

Monday, April 21

7 p.m. City Council Meeting (Regular Session) — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Tues. 4/22 at 10 a.m.; Fri. 4/25 at 7:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, April 23

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. 4/24 at 10 a.m.; Sat. 4/26 at 3 p.m.*

Thursday, April 24

7 p.m. Environmental Commission — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Fri. 4/25 at 10 a.m.; Sun. 4/27 at 7 p.m.*

Saturday, April 26

9 a.m.–noon Dolph Nature Area Arbor Day Workday* — Meet at the parking lot, east side of Wagner Road, between Liberty and Jackson.

9 a.m.–noon Mary Beth Doyle Nature Area Arbor Day Workday* — Meet at the end of Verle Avenue, west of Platt Road between Packard and Ellsworth.

1–4 p.m. Barton Nature Area Arbor Day Workday* — Meet at the Barton Dam parking lot at Huron River Drive and Bird Road.

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 Frozen. Cost: adults, \$5; kids, \$4; ages 3 and under are free with a paid adult. Details: 734.794.6237 / www.a2gov.org/mack.

Sunday, April 27

Noon–4 p.m. Earth Day Festival — Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road. This free, family-friendly event features 40 local environmental, non-profit and government organizations; live animal demonstrations; hands-on activities; guided hikes; face painting; live entertainment; green building and commuting technologies; energy topics; water awareness; sustainable agriculture; Recycle Ann Arbor’s Recycled Runway Competition; and more. Join the fun and wear a costume to represent plants and animals for the All Species Parade. Details/to volunteer: www.a2earthday.org.

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.

Monday, April 28

7 p.m. City Council Meeting (Work session) — Council chambers, second floor, Larcom City Hall. *Live on CTN 16. Replays: Tues. 4/29 at 10 a.m.; Fri. 5/2 at 7:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, April 29

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

Away from your television when a city meetings is being covered by CTN? Go online to watch meetings LIVE at <http://a2govtv.pegstream.com/>.

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate in public meetings. Accommodations, including sign language interpreters, may be arranged by contacting the City Clerk’s office at 734.794.6140 or by written request via e-mail to cityclerk@a2gov.org, or mailed or delivered to the City Clerk’s office, Larcom City Hall, 301 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Requests need to be received at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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

* Nature area workdays: Minors must either be accompanied by a guardian or contact Natural Area Preservation in advance (NAP@a2gov.org) to obtain a release form. Please wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. Contact NAP for details at 734.794.6627.