

JULY NEWSLETTER



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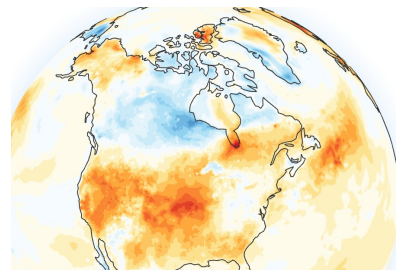
Take action to reduce emissions by supporting the local economy AND improve your health through engaging with our local food system



Last summer was the hottest in 2,000 years. Here's how we know.

Researchers rely on tree rings, glaciers, and fossil records to put our current climate in context.

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Climate Pulse Tool

Near-real time updates of key global climate variables from the the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S)

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Home | The Hungry Locavore



Farmers Markets, Family Farms, CSAs,



Harvest Kitchen | Fresh & Convenient

We Are Your Local Food Collective The Hungry Locavore is a local food project designed to benefit our local community, our local businesses and our environment.

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Organic Food and Pick your Own

Find local food near Ann Arbor, MI! Use our map to locate farmers markets, family farms, CSAs, farm stands, and u-pick produce in your neighborhood.

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Meals from Local Farms

Harvest Kitchen cooks, prepares, and delivers locally sourced and inspired meals to residents in Ann Arbor MI and surrounding areas.

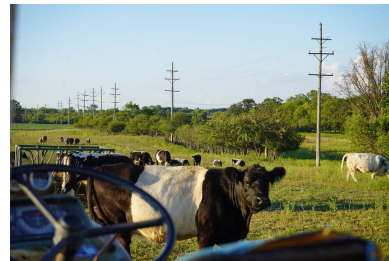
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Washtenaw Meats | SE Michigan | Farmers Working Together to Feed our Community

Washtenaw Meats brings Southeast Michigan livestock farmers together to share processes and efforts. Locally produced meats are available for purchase online at Washtenaw Meats.

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VESTERGAARD FARMS

Vestergaard Farms pasture raises natural meats: hand-raised, free-range, grass-fed, chemical-free beef, pork, and chicken. Farm market with seasonal produce, dairy, bread, and other local dry goods.

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Composting Commercial / Multifamily

The city encourages all commercial properties* that generate food scraps to sign up for compost collection services. The program offers customizable and flexible service options to fit your individual business needs. (*includes multifamily)

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Washtenaw County Conservation District

The WCCD holds sales of composters, rain barrels, water catchment supplies, native plants and trees. The page also includes links to more information on composting.

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Events





SFBC (Sustainable Food Business Coalition) Meeting Improving Energy & Water Efficiency in Business Operations with the Ann Arbor / Washtenaw 2030 District

Date: Tuesday, July 9th

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm Register [here](#).

Location: Bløm Mead + Cider, 110 S Fourth St, Ann Arbor, MI

Upcoming Meeting Topics:

Reducing Waste & Building Community: October 2024 (Details TBA)

Sourcing Local & Sustainable Foods: December 2024 or January 2025 (Details TBA)

Seeking speakers to help facilitate future meetings of 2024! If your business focuses on reducing waste (food or packaging) or sources / produces local and sustainable foods, you may be the right fit! Reach out to amarkgraf@a2gov.org to set up a time to chat about how the SFBC can highlight your work.

Learn more about the SFBC [here](#), to join the coalition fill out this [form](#).

For questions contact Azella Markgraf AMarkgraf@a2gov.org or Lissa Spitz lissaspitz@2030districts.org.



A2ZERO Home Electrification Expo 5 - 8pm
A free public event for homeowners, renters, & building professionals, featuring live music, food trucks, and industry experts. [More info](#)
Ann Arbor Farmer's Market, 315 Detroit St.

ANNUAL SUMMIT FOLLOW UP

Decarbonization Technical Workshop

Leaders: Caleb Kline, Inclination Engineering; Steve Hamstra, PE, Genesys Geothermal

[Technical Workshop](#)

Who Speaks for the Trees?

Assessing municipal tree preservation policies & ordinances after Canton Township lost a state and federal court challenge
Leaders: Richard K Norton, Ph.D., J.D., Professor, U-M Urban and Regional Planning and Program in the Environment; Ann Marie Nicolson; Parker Wise.

[Tree Preservation Presentation Norton](#)
[Designing a Strong Urban Forestry Program](#)

Financing Efficiency and Decarbonization

Leaders: Todd O'Grady, Michigan Saves; Lissa Spitz, Washtenaw 2030 District

[Funding Michigan Saves Presentation](#)
[Funding DTE Presentation](#)
[Funding Washtenaw 2030 D Presentation](#)
[IRA Guidebook](#)

Ann Arbor's Green Rental Housing Ordinance

Leaders: Joe Lange, Energy Analyst, City of Ann Arbor; Kevin McNeely, McNeely Building

[Green Rental Housing City of Ann Arbor Presentation](#)

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<https://2030districts.org/annarbor/ajointhedistrict/>

**THANK YOU
ALL FOR HELPING
MAKE THIS A
GREAT EVENT!**



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New Members



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[El Harissa](#)



[First Presbyterian
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[Carleton Court](#)



[Arlington Square](#)

[618 Main](#)

[400 Maynard](#)

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[Woodland Plaza
Shopping Center](#)

[The Highlands Apartments](#)

[Food Gatherer's](#)



News



Michigan LCV | Stories From the Field: Energy Savings Now!

Through the incredible Inflation Reduction Act, folks across the country - many right here at home in Michigan! - are saving money on their energy bills through climate-smart home energy investments. Read some of their stories here.

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Green Light on CTN Ann Arbor

Presented by City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations, the program discuss about A2ZERO, equitable work, and upcoming sustainability action in Ann Arbor. Recent shows have discussed the Home Energy Ratings Disclosure (HERD), pollinator aware yard care, and electric yard care.

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Member Resources

City of Ann Arbor - Benchmarking Extention

For covered buildings or properties 100,000 square feet or greater:

- 2024 deadline: extended to September 1, 2024. Enforcement for buildings out-of-compliance will begin after September 1.
- Covered buildings or properties 100,000 square feet or greater must benchmark 2021, 2022 and 2023 calendar year data by September 1, 2024.

For covered buildings 20,000-99,999 square feet:

- 2024 deadline: The deadline after which enforcement will begin for these buildings is postponed from June 1, 2024 to June 1, 2025.
 - Covered buildings or properties 50,000-99,999 square feet must benchmark 2022, 2023 and 2024 calendar year data buy June 1, 2025.
 - Covered buildings or properties 20,000-49,999 square feet must benchmark 2023 and 2024 data by June 1, 2025.



EMPOWER | EV Friendly Workplaces

The **EMPOWER Workplace Charging Project** is catalyzing workplace charging (WPC) adoption by connecting workplaces nationwide with local workplace charging coaches, reducing barriers through education, and providing access to a centralized library of helpful workplace-focused resources.



The Office of Sustainability and Innovations is pleased to announce the launch of the Residential Energy Rebates at osi.a2gov.org/rebates. This program is brought to you with funding from the Community Climate Action Millage passed by voters in 2022.

These rebates will help Ann Arbor residents make improvements to their homes and invest in cleaner transportation options to reduce carbon emissions, lower energy usage, and help move the City towards our A2ZERO goal of a just and equitable transition to community-wide carbon neutrality by 2030.

Reminder / ICYMI

ALERT - are you currently enrolled in DTE's VOLUNTARY MIGreenPower program?

By participating in MIGreenPower, you're reducing your personal carbon footprint while supporting the development of new wind and solar energy projects in our state.

*As a MIGreenPower participant, you pay a subscription fee and receive a market-based credit for your enrollment, both of which are indicated on your monthly DTE Electric bill. Starting June 1, 2024, your net cost for MIGreenPower (subscription fee minus credit) increased **from -0.34 cents to 2.5 cents per kilowatt hour.***

Control your cost with MIGreenPower Fixed pricing
MIGreenPower Fixed pricing, which lets you decide how much you want to pay – as little as \$1 – for the program each month. The Fixed pricing program gives you all the benefits of MIGreenPower while enabling you to control your individual program cost.
To calculate your new cost visit www.migreenpower.com for additional details.
For disenrollment, go to your DTE online account.

Energy Management Grants

Ann Arbor / Washtenaw 2030 District 2024 Energy Management Grant Program. Member buildings are eligible for grant funding for Energy Audits, Retro Commissioning and Electrification Plans. We support you wherever you are on your carbon neutrality journey. Contact: jculbertson@2030Districts.org if you are interested in learning more.



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