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Design Wonder

Ann Arbor Charter Township is home to a breathtaking corporate campus with a fluid design that highlights the surrounding forest and provides its 470 employees with stunning views at every turn. KLA chose the site in the Township's Ann Arbor Tech Park for its inherent beauty and close proximity to the University of Michigan North Campus.



KLA photos supplied by KLA Corp.

"This new campus and its amenities are a magnet for attracting talent," says John McLaughlin, KLA's Global Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Leader and the site lead for the Ann Arbor campus. "We are recruiting tech talent from Michigan and across the Midwest, as well as tech hubs like California." The company is looking to add another 134 employees in coming months.

KLA Corporation began in 1976. Today virtually every chip manufactured worldwide goes through KLA's advanced inspection tools, metrology systems, and computational analytics to identify tiny defects and variations that can lower chip quality.

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New Preferred Hauler

Republic Services told Ann Arbor Township officials in March that it was ending waste, recycling and yard waste collection to Ann Arbor Township residents on April 29. The company agreed to leave its waste and recycling carts with customers.

This unexpected news sent Township officials scurrying to quickly get bids from other haulers. The Township Board approved the lowest bid for a new preferred hauler on April 18.

Waste Management (WM) is providing the same weekly waste, and every-other-week recycling collection. Also, WM increased seasonal yard waste collection to weekly service.

Township residents who had been serviced by Republic Services will receive an invoice from WM for May - July. The quarterly fee will be less than Republic's current fee. Republic will refund customers who prepaid for service that Republic is not providing.

Residents can sign up for WM service on wm.com or by calling (866) 797-9018.

Starting on May 16, WM changed the Township's collection day from Fridays to Mondays. Waste and yard waste must be at your pickup location by 6 am – and same timing for putting out your recyclables during your recycling collection week.

All waste must fit inside your 96-gallon waste cart, same for recyclable materials inside your recycling cart. Please ensure that acceptable recyclable materials are free of food residue, including glass, aluminum and plastic containers

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Among its functions as a Research & Development Center, McLaughlin says KLA envisions this new facility as the starting point for initiating a semiconductor ecosystem in Michigan. This is a huge global industry; semiconductor companies are projected to sell \$600 billion worth of chips this year.

The building, billed as KLA's second U.S. headquarters, includes global corporate executives and their teams in ESG, Legal and Compliance, Cybersecurity, Total Rewards (compensation and benefits) and Global Workplace Services.

It is in KLA's culture to believe that technology plays a role in advancing humanity. The saying - We believe in the power of technology to make this world a brighter place for the benefit of humanity – is displayed prominently in a spacious cafeteria that offers locally roasted coffee and foods from local grocers and bakeries. A 24/7 fitness center offers high-end equipment and yoga and spinning classes.

There is space for quiet, intensive work and small group meetings as well as a small lecture hall where U-M professors meet with employees and students on research projects sponsored by KLA. Rick Wallace, KLA President and Chief Executive Officer, earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from U-M.



Among the building's environmental features is a 62,000 sq. ft. green roof with various species of sedum and built-in irrigation. Charging stations are available on the first floor of the underground garage, which was incorporated into the site to limit tree removal. Tables fashioned from the site's felled trees are a design feature in the lobby. KLA has a goal to use 100% renewable electricity across global operations by 2030.

Smith Group designed the building and Barton Malow managed its construction. It includes a "tour aisle" which allows visitors to see inside a cleanroom, a controlled environment that filters out micro pollutants. The building holds one of the largest cleanrooms in the state.



"We like to think this is a corporate version of NASA, where researchers from a variety of disciplines work on basic scientific research as well as its market implementation in cross-disciplinary teams," says McLaughlin.

Researchers at the site include KLA's Artificial Intelligence R&D team. The team is developing new AI applications such as deep learning to extract intelligence from semiconductor manufacturing data sets.

Phil Santer, Senior Vice President at Ann Arbor Spark, worked closely with Township and KLA officials to facilitate Township Board approval of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. The IFT provides a 50% property tax break for 12 years for KLA's new building.

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with a number. WM is mailing customers a flyer with a list of materials acceptable for recycling. Similar to current service, plastic bags and film, boxes with food /grease residue, clothes and construction materials are among the materials that cannot be recycled.

Bulk pickup can be scheduled through wm.com or by calling (866) 797-9018; bulk tags are no longer needed or accepted. Please schedule this two business days in advance to allow adequate time for processing. Pickup cost is \$35 for up to three items, with additional items \$15 each.

WM is providing service on a temporary basis only to about 60 homes in “township islands” located within Ann Arbor City limits. These homes are scattered throughout the City and typically are completely surrounded by adjoining neighbors who are City residents. The Township is contracting with the City to provide waste collection service to these customers starting in a few months. Affected customers will receive a letter from the Township in May.

Treasurer Della DiPietro has taken the lead in managing this transition. While WM is your primary information source, you may reach out to her with additional questions at dipietro@aatwp.org or 734.663.3418.

A preferred hauler contract typically provides residents with the most cost-effective service, but Township residents are free to contract directly with the hauler of their choice.

News Notes

Ann Arbor Township recently received a **rezoning request** from Sun Communities and J.A. Bloch & Company to rezone 13.916 acres from A-1, General Agriculture, to R-6, for the purpose of developing manufactured houses. Consistent with our ordinance, a public hearing

for the rezoning request is scheduled for the June 6th Planning Commission meeting. This parcel is immediately east of US 23 and north of Warren Road.

It also is one of three parcels, comprising a total of 139 acres, that is subject to ongoing litigation. J.A. Bloch & Company and a company named Sun ACQ, LLC, have sued the Township seeking to develop 94.12 acres east of US 23 (including the 13.916 acres) for the purpose of developing 500 manufactured housing units there. The litigation also concerns a 46.5-acre parcel immediately west of US 23.

That litigation, titled **J.A. Bloch & Company and Sun ACQ, LLC versus Ann Arbor Township**, Washtenaw County Circuit Court Case No. 21-000173-CZ, is pending in the Michigan Court of Appeals. The plaintiffs appealed the decision of the Washtenaw County Circuit Court to dismiss their case. Notwithstanding the pending appeal, Sun Communities, Inc. and J.A. Bloch & Company filed a new petition to rezone property that is part of the ongoing litigation.

Consistent with our attorney’s recommendation, the Township does not discuss the substance of pending litigation. Public documents are available at the Washtenaw County Circuit Court and the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Have you thought about installing **solar panels for your house**? The Township’s and Barton Hills Village’s Climate Resilience Committees, along with Ann Arbor’s A2ZERO, are promoting Solarize, a group-buy program that provides up to 15% off for solar installations. There is a current group-buy hosted by an Ann Arbor resident and Oak Electric, which is enrolling through June. A federal tax credit of 26% for solar installation completed in 2022 will be reduced to 22% in 2023, with no guarantee thereafter. The Township has committed to an urgent effort to end township-wide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible. Group buys for solar installations will be a key component of our plan. Contact Julie Roth at A2Zero, JRoth@a2gov.org, for more information about Solarize.

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Bridge Repairs

The Warren Road Bridge over US-23 will remain closed through the end of October, according to Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials. A truck carrying a construction excavator hit the bridge in February, causing severe damage. MDOT manager Mark Sweeney reports a temporary span replacement is planned, but there is a backlog for procuring the necessary beams which is delaying the project. The Warren Road Bridge, as well as the Joy Road Bridge, are the lowest along that stretch of US-23. MDOT plans to replace and raise both bridges in 2025.

Rehabilitation projects on the Maple (Foster) Road Bridge and the E. Delhi Road Bridge are scheduled to start in early July. Due to the nature of the work on these historic and beloved metal truss bridges, work must be performed

when weather conditions are more likely to be conducive to cleaning and coating (painting).

The Maple (Foster) Road Bridge will close for about 12 weeks, weather permitting. The E. Delhi Road Bridge will close for about two weeks.

Both projects will require full closure to all vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic due to the space required to conduct the painting operation. River traffic under the bridge also will be closed. Detours and additional information can be found at www.wcroads.org/wcrc-project/e-delhi-rd-and-maple-foster-rd-bridge-rehabilitation/ or by contacting Nate Murphy at murphyn@wcroads.org or (734) 327.6647.

The unique character of Maple (Foster) Road Bridge was highlighted in 2004 by a Governor's Award for Historic Preservation.