

City Beat

News Briefs

Meeting Cancelled. The April 2 meeting of the Planning Commission has been cancelled. It meets next on May 14.

School Bond Election. A special election will be held May 7 to consider a Charlotte Public Schools bond proposal.

Grant Applications Authorized. City Council approved submitting grant applications for the reconstruction of a portion of West Harris Street and Independence Boulevard.

Utility Billing – Did You Know... that you can pay on your account before your bill comes? Any payments you make will be credited against your next bill. If your bill is usually, \$175 and you make 3 payments of \$50, your quarterly bill will show only \$25 due when it arrives. Questions? Call Lisa at 517-543-8839.

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April 1. April Fools Day. Please celebrate responsibly.

April 8. City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers. Public hearings will be held on ordinances regarding vaping and recreational marihuana businesses

April 9. “Tim Talks,” Facebook Live., 4:00 p.m. Mayor Tim Lewis and a special guest have a conversation about issues and activities in the Charlotte area.

April 9. Camp Frances Board, 6:00 p.m., Camp Frances.

April 19. Good Friday. City offices close at 12:00 noon.

April 22. Final day of voter registration for May 7 election other than in-person at the City Clerk’s office.

April 22. City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

April 29-May 2. Curbside bagged leaf collection.

April 30. Water and sewer bill payments due.

Calendar

Do You Know When to Stop for School Buses? The Charlotte Police Department receives daily complaints of school bus arm violations, especially on Cochran Avenue. Drivers should be aware that Michigan law (MCL 257.682) requires all vehicles to stop at least 20 feet away from a school bus displaying flashing red lights. This applies to vehicles traveling in any direction. Drivers of vehicles found in violation will be issued a citation. Charlotte Public Schools bus drivers are watching and noting license plate numbers and Charlotte police officers are patrolling bus stops before and after school. Please be sure that all drivers in your household are aware of the safe driving practices around school buses so that Charlotte school children can be kept safe.

Council Considers Recreational Marihuana Ordinance. In November, Michigan voters approved an initiative that decriminalized some possession of marihuana for recreational purposes. The proposition also established a regulatory scheme for the production and distribution of marihuana. Under this law, municipalities must adopt an “opt out” ordinance if they wish to prohibit the operation of recreational marihuana-related businesses. Several Council members prefer opting out at least until the State has issued rules regulating those businesses. Others support permitting marihuana businesses and have advocated a wait-and-see approach. A public hearing on the proposed opt-out ordinance will be held April 8 at 7:00 p.m. when residents may comment on the issue.