## City Beat

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## December 2019

## Calendar

**Timepiece Park.** An official dedication ceremony for the park and its sculpture was held on November 21.

**Audit Presented.** The City's auditors presented their findings to Council on November 25, issuing a "clean" opinion.

**City Manager Recognized.** Representative Angela Witwer presented Gregg Guetschow with a state tribute recognizing his 40 years of local government service in Michigan.

Water Testing Available. Concerned about copper in your drinking water? The Department of Public Works will include additional residences in the next round of water testing to take place in 2020. To participate in this testing, which is available at no cost, contact the Department at 517-543-8854.

**December 3.** Planning Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**December 9.** City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**December 10.** Camp Frances Board of Directors, 6:00 p.m., Camp Frances, Bennett Park.

**December 17.** Downtown Development Authority, 8:00 a.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**December 23.** City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers

**December 24 & 25.** Christmas holiday. City offices are closed.

**December 31 & January 1**. New Year holiday. City offices are closed.

Some Residences Test Positive for Copper. Recent routine testing of water found several residences with levels of copper above established guidelines. Although copper is an element essential to health, excess amounts can have adverse effects. Copper is not found in the City's well supply but makes its way into water through the corrosion of copper plumbing in individual homes. Residents who are concerned about consuming too much copper are advised to run their cold water for up to two minutes before drinking it or using it for cooking, particularly if the water has not been used for several hours. Additional information about drinking water and copper can be found on the City website at www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/public-works/utilities.

New Council Seated. New City Council members were sworn in and began their terms of office November 12. On November 25, an additional member was appointed to fill an unexpired term. Elected to office earlier in the month were Yvonne Ridge (Mayor), Michael Armitage (Council member, District 1), Dan Christian (Council member, District 2), Tammy Weissenborn (Council Member, District 2), and Branden Dyer (Council member at large). L. Daryl Baker remains on the Council as an at-large member, completing the final two years of his term. Elizabeth Hoogstra was selected by the Council from among three candidates to complete the two years left on Yvonne Ridge's term as Council member representing District 1.

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