City Beat

News Briefs

November 2019

Calendar

Absentee Ballots . Any registered elector may now vote using an absentee ballot. Ballots for the November 5 election are available up to the date of the election.

Leaf Collection. The final curbside collection of bagged leaves will take place from November 11—14.

CARA Fundraiser. A benefit dinner for the Recycling Center will take place on November 22 at the Senior Center.

Did You Know...? The Department of Public Works responds to emergency calls for service in the evenings, on holidays and on weekends. The City contracts with an answering service that dispatches on-call employees to take care of problems that occur after regular hours. This service can be reached at 543-8874.

November 5. Election Day. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

November 11. Veterans Day. City offices are closed.

November 12. City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

November 12. Camp Frances Board of Directors, 6:00 p.m., Camp Frances, Bennett Park.

November 13. Planning Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

November 19. Downtown Development Authority, 8:00 a.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

November 25. City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

November 28 & 29. Thanksgiving Holiday, City office are closed.

Overnight Parking Regulations. City code prohibits parking vehicles on the street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. This restriction is particularly important during the winter months when Public Works crews often work the during these hours to remove snow. City code also prohibits parking vehicles in front yard areas other than on driveways or approved parking spaces. On occasion, residents find it impractical to park vehicles on their property because they have overnight guests or their driveway is being repaired. At such times, the Police Department may grant permission to park on the street overnight for very a day or two. Residents are encouraged to call the Police Department if they have questions about parking regulations.

New Council To Address Key Budget Issues. The City Council that begins its term on November 12 will be dealing with at least two significant budget issues during the early months of its term. It will be revisiting the street reconstruction plan to identify the projects to be undertaken over the next several years. In addition, the Council will be discussing means of funding the City's liabilities for employee pensions and other post-employment benefits, a \$12 million issue to be addressed over the next 20 to 30 years. Among the choices Council will likely consider is whether to request voter approval of additional millage to meet these needs. Citizens may submit comments on both these issues by attending Council meetings or through charlottemi.org/contact-us/citizen-comments.

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