

City Beat

News Briefs

July 2020

Calendar

Primary Election Aug. 4. All registered electors are eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Additional info is available at <http://www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/city-clerk/voting-absentee-requests/>

Leave/Brush Drop-Off Open. The drop-off site at the Public Works garage is open weekdays during business hours and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

City Council Meetings. The City is experimenting with a combination of Facebook Live and conference calling for City Council meeting public participation while audience size is limited due to the pandemic. Visit the City website before each meeting for information about how to attend the meeting virtually.

July 6. City Hall re-opens to the public.

July 13. City Council budget work session, 6:00 p.m., Facebook Live plus conference call.

July 13. City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., Facebook Live plus conference call.

July 27. City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. Details for public participation to be announced.

Contacting Staff. Some staff members are working remotely. Please consult the City website for contact information, including email addresses, or call 517-543-2750 for a phone directory. For public works emergencies, call 517-543-8858 during business hours and 517-543-8874 after hours.

Paying Utility and Tax Bills. Several options are available to pay City utility and property tax bills without coming to City Hall. Payments may be mailed to 111 E. Lawrence Avenue. Drop boxes are available on Washington Street behind City Hall and in the front vestibule area of City Hall. Payments may be made by credit and debit card and by electronic check via a link on the City's website. Auto-pay is available for utility bills. Finally, customers who pay their bills with cash can do so at the Independent Bank branch located at 129 Lansing Street, provided they bring the lower portion of the bill with them. To keep yourself, your neighbors and City staff safe during this time, please consider using one of these methods for paying your bills. Thank you.

City Hall Re-Opens July 6 — But Think Twice Before Visiting. City Hall was closed to the public on March 24 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will re-open on Monday, July 6 for the purpose of providing services that must be handled in person. As much as City staff misses its interactions with the public, residents are encouraged to use other means to do business with the City to protect their health and that of the employees who work there. If you find you absolutely must come to City Hall, please do not do so if you are not feeling well. Wash your hands. Wear a face mask. Maintain a 6-foot distance from others. The City will do its part by sanitizing public areas of the building on a regular basis for your safety; do your part to keep those serving you safe as well.