

City Beat

News Briefs

City Hall Still Closed. As cases of COVID-19 remain elevated in Eaton County, City officials have opted to keep City Hall closed to the public to protect staff members who work in the building.

City Branding. Mayor Michael Armitage announced an update to the City brand used on letterhead and social media. The new branding will be rolling out in coming weeks.

Leaf Collection Schedule. Curbside collection of leaves and brush will take place October 19 through 22 and November 2 through 5. Leaves must be in paper bags. The drop off site at the DPW garage is open during regular business hours and on Saturdays from 8 am to 11:30 am until November 7.

October 2020

October 12. City Council meeting, 7PM, Meeting expected to be held via Zoom and Facebook Live. Details at charlottemi.org

October 26. City Council meeting, 7PM, Meeting expected to be held via Zoom and Facebook Live. Details at charlottemi.org

November 3. Election Day.

Trick-or-Treat Caution Urged. Mayor Michael Armitage has asked that Charlotte residents make themselves aware of CDC and Health Department recommendations on how to conduct Halloween activities in a safe manner during the pandemic. These recommendations are for both children and homeowners.

Calendar

Interim Positions Filled. The recent resignations of City Clerk Ginger Terpstra, who remains as Director of Elections through November, and City Manager Gregg Guetschow, who resigned effective October 2, created vacancies at the top of the administrative organization at City Hall. City Council worked with GovTempsUSA to contract for individuals to fill these vacancies on an interim basis while permanent replacements were sought. Darwin McClary began serving as city clerk on September 15 while Thomas Thomas started work as city manager on September 30. Both Mr. McClary and Mr. Thomas have extensive backgrounds as city managers. The City Council awarded a contract for an executive search and expects to fill the city manager position in January 2021.

Voting Absentee. All absentee ballots for which an application has been received had been mailed to City voters as of September 30, according to Charlotte Director of Elections Ginger Terpstra. Voters are still able to apply for an absentee ballot up to the day of the election. If you would like to apply for an absentee ballot or have any other questions about the November election, you are welcome to contact Ms. Terpstra at (517) 543-8843 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5 pm or by email to gterpstra@charlottemi.org. Drop boxes for turning in absentee ballots are available in the front entrance of City Hall and behind the building. The Clerk's office will be open to assist voters on Saturday, October 31 from 9 am to 2 pm and Sunday, November 1 from 10 am to 2 pm.