

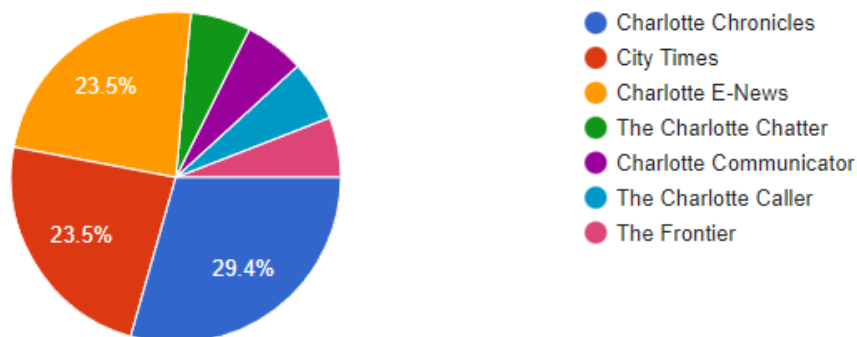


March  
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# THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE MICHIGAN

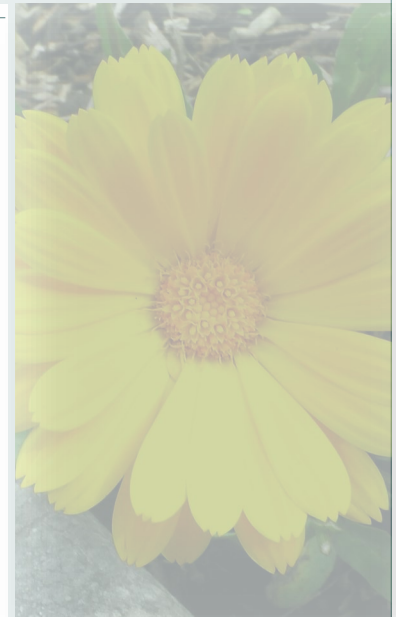
## CITY NEWSLETTER HAS A NAME

The City of Charlotte is pleased to present a monthly newsletter with news from around the community. We asked for your help naming the newsletter, and the results are in! We present you with the Charlotte Chronicles!



## MICHIGAN HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND (MIHAF)

The MIHAF was established under section 3206 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to mitigate hardships associated with the coronavirus pandemic by providing funds to prevent homeowner mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosure, loss of utilities or home energy services and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship on or after January 21, 2020 or for those homeowners who experience a coronavirus pandemic financial hardship that began before January 21, 2020 but continued after that date. For more information, visit [www.charlotteemi.org](http://www.charlotteemi.org).



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# CITY MEETING CALENDAR

## March

- Tuesday, 1 Planning Commission
- Monday, 7 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live.
- Tuesday, 8 Board of Review, organizational meeting, in-person, 10:00 AM.
- Thursday, 10 City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live.
- Monday, 14 Board of Review, appeals meeting in-person from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Tuesday, 15 Board of Review, appeals meeting in-person from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Tuesday, 15 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30 PM.
- Monday, 21 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live.

## April

- Monday, 4 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live.
- Tuesday, 5 Planning Commission
- Tuesday, 5 Parks Advisory Board, in Community Room (basement of City Hall).
- Thursday, 14 City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live.
- Monday, 18 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live.
- Tuesday, 19 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30PM.

## May

- Monday, 2 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live.
- Tuesday, 3 May Election
- Tuesday, 10 Planning Commission
- Tuesday, 10 Parks Advisory Board, in Community Room (basement of City Hall).
- Thursday, 12 City Council workshop meeting in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live.
- Monday, 16. City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live.
- Tuesday, 17 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30PM.

Agendas, meeting details, and zoom links are available online at [www.charlottemi.org](http://www.charlottemi.org).

Meetings are in-person at City Hall Council Chambers at 7pm unless noted otherwise.

# NEWS FROM CITY HALL



**Assessing Update** The Board of Review will be meeting on March 14 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm and March 15th from 9:00am to 3pm at City Hall for the purpose of hearing protests to the 2022 values as set by the Assessor. Appointments may be made after the Assessment Notices are received. Notices will be mailed by March 1st, 2022.

Any Veterans that are considered permanently and totally disabled may be exempt from property tax. Poverty exemption applications are also available from our office. If your household income is less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines you may qualify for a property tax exemption. Please contact our office for details. If you have been exempt in the past, please make sure you file the application as soon as possible. You may contact us by emailing Sandy at [sosborn@charlottemi.org](mailto:sosborn@charlottemi.org) or Randy at [randy@taxassessing.com](mailto:randy@taxassessing.com), or by phone at 517-543-8844.

## 2022 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE  
111 E Lawrence Ave  
Charlotte, MI 48813**

### 2022 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Charlotte Board of Review will be held at City Hall, 111 E Lawrence Ave, on the following dates.

**Tuesday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m. Organizational Meeting  
Monday March 14, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Appeals  
Tuesday March 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Appeals**

**To schedule a Board of Review appointment  
please email [sosborn@charlottemi.org](mailto:sosborn@charlottemi.org) call 517-543-8844.**

**By board resolution, residents can protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14.**

**The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class  
Of real property and personal property are as follows**

<b>Commercial.....</b>	<b>48.07%.....</b>	<b>1.0401</b>
<b>Residential.....</b>	<b>46.14%.....</b>	<b>1.0836</b>
<b>Industrial.....</b>	<b>46.32%.....</b>	<b>1.0794</b>
<b>Personal Property.....</b>	<b>50.00%.....</b>	<b>1.0000</b>
<b>Utility.....</b>	<b>50.00%.....</b>	<b>1.0000</b>

**The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7 days notice.**

# NEWS FROM CITY HALL



**From the Police Chief** Reminder—If you see something, say something by calling us to let us know. We encourage all residents to report any suspicious activity that they see by calling Eaton County Central Dispatch at 541-0767.



**From the Fire Chief** As we approach Spring, many Charlotte citizens will begin to have bonfires and recreational fires. The following are the rules for a burn permit. Please note **ONLY** recreational fires & bonfires are allowed within the City of Charlotte.

- Bonfire- minimum distance of 50 feet from any combustible structure.
- Recreational Fire- minimum distance of 25 feet from any combustible structure. (Pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height)

\*Exception: Fires in approved containers or Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be operated with a minimum distance of 15 feet from any combustible structure.



ONLY dry seasoned wood is to be burned, and prohibited items may include but not limited to: Brush, yard waste/clean-up, construction materials, painted or treated wood, plastics, trash, rubbish, etc.

Please visit: [www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/fire/burning-permits/burn-permit-application/](http://www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/fire/burning-permits/burn-permit-application/) or [www.charlottemifire.org](http://www.charlottemifire.org) to apply for a burn permit.

**Water Shutoffs Resume.** The City will be resuming its procedures for collection of unpaid utility billings, including shutoffs for non-payment. Utility customers who have an unpaid balance that is subject to shutoff per ordinance will receive a mailing detailing the amount owed and deadlines for payment.

Persons who are in need of assistance due to financial or other hardships can find information on available programs online at [www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/](http://www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/) or by calling 2-1-1.



# NEWS FROM CITY HALL

## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

In 2019, a partnership of Charlotte Public Schools, Sparrow Hospital (formerly Hayes Green Beach), CanDo!, Barry Eaton Health Department, the Eaton County Road Commission, and the City, applied for funds through MDOT from the Safe Routes to School grant program to construct certain infrastructure projects throughout the City, including sidewalks, crosswalks, and signage to enable and encourage children to safely walk and bike to school. In 2021, we received conditional approval of the \$1.3 million in grant funding and we are working on the pre-construction stage of this project. Crews have been out surveying and meeting with affected property owners. Look for more information later this year!



**Blight, Weeds, or Junk Vehicles** Properties must be kept in good repair, including exterior siding and roofs, and free of junk/debris. Additionally, city code states that vehicles must be registered and operable. If you see a property in your neighborhood in need of maintenance, please call 517-543-8837, [ccummings@charlottemi.org](mailto:ccummings@charlottemi.org), or

report it online at [www.charlottemi.org/contact-us/](http://www.charlottemi.org/contact-us/).

With the warmer weather around the corner it's a good time to start thinking about Spring cleaning. Remember that trash companies will only pick up what is in the trash receptacle, if you have extra bags, boxes or items that don't fit in the receptacle you have to call the company you use and let them know you have extra. On the same note, trash receptacles have to be moved back the end of the day of pickup.



Individuals in need of assistance can find resources on our website at [www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/](http://www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/)



# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

## CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS—MARCH

### AUTHOR VISIT

**Dr. Edward Sarkis Balian**



*Dr. Balian, who grew up in Detroit and was in a local band at the same time as Bob Seger, writes the first and only biography spanning Seger's entire life and career.*

**Thursday, March 31st at 6pm**



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Community  
Library

Adult Programming

517-543-8859  
charlottelibrary.org

### Sheet Music Brooch Craft

Wednesday, March 16th at 5pm

Pre-registration required



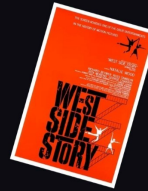
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### MUSICAL MATINEES

Every Monday in March  
@ 2pm



March 7th—Oklahoma  
March 14th—Walk the Line  
March 21st—West Side Story  
March 28th—Dreamgirls



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### Baby & Me

Rhyme Time

- SONGS
- ACTIVITIES
- PLAY

A special time of interaction between adult and babies/toddlers.

**Thursdays 10-10:30am**

For babies and toddlers with their caregivers.



### Preschool Storytime

- Thursdays at 11am
- For children ages 3-6 and their caregivers
- Yoga mat or blanket recommended but not required



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March is Reading Month

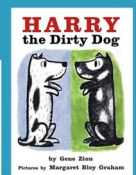
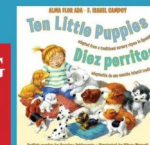
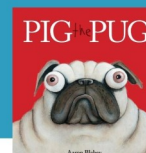


### PUPPY PACKS

Puppy Packs include four dog books, activity ideas, crafts, and special surprises!

Fun for families with children 0-5 years old.

Sign-up now and pick up your family's literacy party pack in March.



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## CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS—MARCH



### Craft Club!

**Tuesday, March 29th**  
**4:00–5:30pm**  
**Create a time capsule!**



*Registration required.  
Intended for students in 4th–12th grade.*

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charlottelibrary.org

### CRAFT CLUB Jr



**Friday, March 4th**  
**4:15–5:15pm**  
**Make your own rain stick!**

*Registration required.  
Intended for students in 1st–3rd grade.*

 517-543-8859  
charlottelibrary.org

### Minecraft

**Thursday, March 17th, 4–5 pm**  
for students 3rd grade and up



Pre-registration is required.

 Play on the library's private Minecraft server.  
Laptops provided. 517-543-8859  
charlottelibrary.org

## OTHER CHARLOTTE AREA EVENTS

### Eaton Area Senior Center “The Center”

The Senior Center invites one and all to join as a member and support the non-profit’s mission. All ages can join! Please contact 517-541-2934 or visit <https://www.eascmi.org/> The Center is located at 804 S Cochran Ave, Charlotte, MI 48813.

**BINGO!** Every Tuesday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM the Center hosts Bingo games. All are welcome to attend and join in the fun!



The spring program guide is available here: <https://www.myalive.com/sites/default/files/AL%20VE%20Spring%202022%20Program%20Guide%20FINAL.pdf>

## CITY OF CHARLOTTE

**Michael Armitage**—Mayor

**Tammy Weissenborn**—Mayor Pro-Tem/  
Councilmember

**Branden Dyer**—Councilmember

**Anthony Rodriguez**—Councilmember

**Adrianne Van Langevelde**—Councilmember

**Christopher Lake**—Councilmember

**Ronald Horvath**—Councilmember

**Erin LaPere**—City Manager

**Mary LaRocque**—City Clerk

**Eric Smith**—Finance Director/Treasurer

**Amy Gilson**—DPW Director

**Paul Brentar**—Police Chief

**Robert Vogel**—Fire Chief

**Bryan Myrkle**—Community Development  
Director

**Randy Jewell**—Assessor

## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



office 517-543-8850  
cell/text 269-223-9809  
email [elapere@charlottemi.org](mailto:elapere@charlottemi.org)

Spring is the time of year for fresh starts and new beginnings. As the snow melts, I look forward to seeing the trees budding and flowers blooming across the city. I invite you to take a moment to savor this opportunity and to enjoy all Charlotte has to offer. Visit shops downtown, take lunch outside at Timepiece Park, go for a hike on the trails in Bennet Park, or walk over to the library for a new book.

Please reach out to me with information about your neighborhood, places we can improve services, or any questions about city operations. I'd love to hear from you!

You can also learn more about what's happening in Charlotte online at the city's website: [www.charlottemi.org](http://www.charlottemi.org); facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CityCharlotteMI>; or twitter: @CityCharlotteMI

*- Erin E. LaPere*

### City Hall

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Charlotte, MI 48813

Phone: 517-543-2750

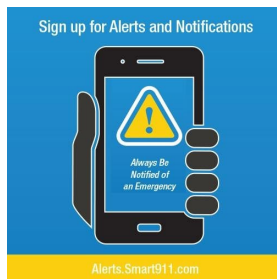
Fax: 517-543-8845

E-mail: [manager@charlottemi.org](mailto:manager@charlottemi.org)

Clerk/Treasurer/Police  
In-Person Service Hours  
Monday thru Friday  
9 am - 1 pm  
2 pm - 4 pm

City Hall Staff Hours  
Monday thru Friday  
8 am - 5 pm

Emergency Services 9-1-1  
After-Hours DPW 517-543-8874



**Rave Alerts.** The City of Charlotte is using Rave alerts! Get notified with important information about what is happening in the community such as street closures, water system work, or emergencies that may affect you. There are several ways to register: Text CHARLOTTE to 67283; Download the Smart911 app; or Register for a free and secure safety profile online at [Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com).

**Camp Frances Reservations.** The repairs have been completed. Cabin and grounds at Camp Frances are available for rent!