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Charlotte Chronicles

ARPA TOWNHALL AND SURVEY

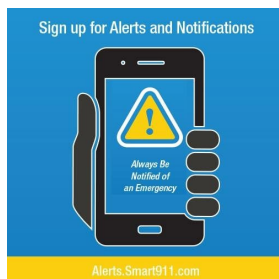
The City has approximately \$877,000 available for funding projects from federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. City Council is asking for feedback on how to invest these one-time federal dollars. In May we conducted a survey on ideas for how to spend these funds.



Join us on Thursday, June 9th at 7pm in the Council Chambers to give your feedback. We will be reviewing the survey results, hearing from those in attendance, and discussing the funding opportunity. More information is available online at:

www.charlottemi.org/ARPA

RAVE ALERTS



The City of Charlotte uses Rave alerts to keep residents, business owners, everyone informed! 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.

We also use the system to post other city information. 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.

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CITY MEETING CALENDAR

June

- Monday, 6 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 7 Planning Commission
- Thursday, 9 ARPA Townhall and City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 14 Camp Frances Board, 6:30 PM, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran
- Monday, 20 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 21 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30 PM

July

- Monday, 4 Independence Day—City Hall Closed
- Tuesday, 5 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 12 Planning Commission
- Tuesday, 12 Camp Frances Board, 6:30 PM, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran
- 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
- Monday, 18 Airport Advisory Board, 8:00AM, Fitch Beach Airport, 1325 Island Hwy
- Tuesday, 19 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30PM

August

- Monday, 1 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 2 Primary Election
- Tuesday, 9 Planning Commission
- Tuesday, 9 Camp Frances Board, 6:30 PM, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran
- Thursday, 11 City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Monday, 15 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 16 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30PM

Agendas, meeting details, and zoom links are available online at www.charlottemi.org.

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

NEWS FROM CITY HALL



2022/2023 FY Budget. A public hearing will be held on the proposed 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Charlotte on **Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM** at Charlotte City Hall Council Chambers, 111 E Lawrence Ave, Charlotte, MI 48813. The proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget can be reviewed in-person at the City Clerk's Office or online here: [DRAFT Fiscal Year 2022-23](#)

Special Assessment District. The City of Charlotte Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM** at Charlotte City Hall Council Chambers, 111 E Lawrence Ave, Charlotte, MI 48813 to consider the distribution of a special assessment to defray 85% of the annual estimated costs of \$1,041,221 for fire protection as provided under MI Public Act 33 of 1951, as amended. The proposed hearing shall consider the assessment roll on the properties to be specially benefiting. A copy of the Special Assessment Roll is available at the City Clerk's office in-person or online. Information about the Special Assessment District, and the 2022 Assessment Roll can be found here: [Fire Protection Fund](#)

Sign Ordinance. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 7th at 7 pm** to hear feedback on proposed amendments to the city's sign ordinance. A copy of the proposed ordinance and an informational video can be found here: <https://www.charlottemi.org/new-sign-ordinance-proposed-for-charlotte/>

ARPA Townhall. The City has approximately \$877,000 available for funding projects from federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. City Council is asking for feedback from residents on how to invest these one-time federal dollars. We conducted a survey in May. Join us on **Thursday, June 9th at 7pm** in the Council Chambers to give your feedback. We will present survey results and discuss funding ideas.

Persons with disabilities who require assistance in order to participate in the public meeting should contact the City at the earliest opportunity by emailing the City Clerk at clerk@charlottemi.org or by calling (517) 543-2750.

Volunteers Needed. Are you looking to give back? Do you have skills that can benefit the community? The City has several opportunities for citizens to participate in their local government. The following boards/committees need volunteers.

- Board of Review
- Camp Frances
- Planning Commission
- Charlotte Area Recreation Co-Op
- Ad Hoc Water Treatment Committee



Interested persons can find more information here:

<https://www.charlottemi.org/volunteers-wanted/>

NEWS FROM CITY HALL



From the Police Chief Please remember to not give out any personal information over the phone or online. Online scams are increasing where messages are being sent through social media requesting personal information. Social media can become very detrimental so be very cautious of what you share online.

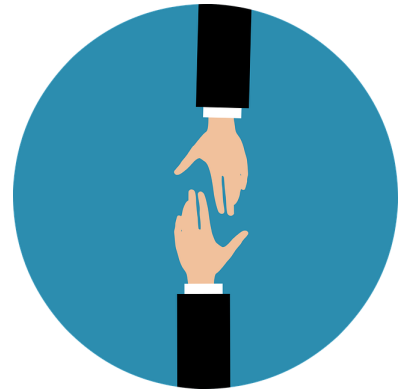
We are also seeing an increase in scam phone calls involving callers stating that they are from your local police department and are requesting money. No police agency will ever call you and ask you for money over the phone. You should never give out financial information to anyone over the phone. If it sounds too good to be true, it is! Always call to report suspicious calls or messages to the police, 517-543-1552.



From the Fire Chief Prior to burning this spring and summer, don't forget to get a Burning Permit from the Charlotte Fire Department. This permit can be issued at either the West Side Fire Station or the Downtown Station, by calling (517) 543-0241, or online at <https://www.charlottemifire.org/content/permits/>.

The permit is issued at no cost.

Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund (MIHAF). The Fund was established under section 3206 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the ARP) 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 or to apply, visit [MSHDA's website](#).



Emergency Home Repair Program. Eaton County administers an Emergency Repair Program. No interest, no payment loans to Eaton County residents who meet federal, state and County Housing Program guidelines may be provided. This program assists with emergency repairs that are causing a health and safety risk to the occupants and the structure of the home.

The program offers up to \$20,000 in no interest, no payment loan assistance to repair and improve program participant's home. A deferred mortgage is recorded against the property for the amount invested into the home. Contact Housing at: 517-543-3710 or visit their website at <https://www.eatoncounty.org/181/Emergency-Home-Repair> for more information.

Other Assistance Programs Available. There are other programs for those having trouble paying rent/mortgage or utilities. 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/ or by calling 2-1-1.

NEWS FROM CITY HALL



Lead Service Line Replacement. A survey of the city's water system is needed to comply with the amended Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act which was changed in 2018 to require all municipal drinking water providers to inventory their water lines by 2025.

Part of that work includes verifying the material of the water service inside the residence. Water service lines can be copper or plastic, but some may be galvanized steel, iron, or lead.

While Charlotte has begun work on the outside portion of the project, a concerted effort will be undertaken soon to verify service material inside a home. If you would like to schedule an appointment for a city employee to verify your service, please call 517-543-8858.

A \$350,700 grant to assist in the effort to identify lead service leads has been obtained from EGLE. This work is mandated by the state, and more information about lead service lines can be found here: [Michigan.gov lead and copper rule](https://www.michigan.gov/lead-and-copper-rule).

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, or report it online at www.charlottemi.org/contact-us/. Individuals in need of assistance can find resources on our website at www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/

Rental Registration. City Ordinance requires that residential dwellings, including homes and apartments, occupied by tenants must be registered and inspected by the City. Contact our Rental Inspector at 517-543-8830 or email pkanuszewski@charlottemi.org. You can find out more about our rental program on the city's website here: <https://www.charlottemi.org/rental-registration-program/>

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. The project is out for bids and we will have a construction schedule soon. This project is expected to take place in the summer of 2022 and 2023. Look for more information later this year!



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHAMBER EVENTS-SUMMER 2022



June
16

- Touch A Truck 5-8 (Downtown)
- Summer Concerts w/ Dwayne Spaw 6:30 (Courthouse Lawn)
- Community Band Concert, An American Story 7 (Lawrence Methodist Church)

June
17

- Vendors on the Square 11-7
- Cruise In Car Show 5-9 (Downtown)
- Brews at Beach 7-11 w/ Tom Baker, Tom & Helena Lost & Whistle Pig BBQ (Beach Market)

June
18

- Free Movie 11 (Eaton Theatre)
- Family Fun and Vendors on the Square 10-5
- CAG Basketball Tournament 10-3
- Colossal Cookie Challenge 2-4 (Congregational Church)
- Charlotte Celebrates Local Bands 12-8 (Congregational Church & Beach Market)
- Windwalker Open Mic 8-11 w/ Whistle Pig BBQ (Beach Market)

June
19

- Father's Day Pancake Breakfast 7-1 (Eaton County Fair Grounds)

517-543-0400 or www.micharlotte.org

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHAMBER EVENTS-SUMMER 2022

Summer Concert Series 2022



**THURSDAYS
AT 6:30 PM**

6/2 SEA CRUISERS: 50'S/60'S
6/9 THE ROLLING HILLS: INDIE FOLK
6/16 DWAYNE SPAW: COUNTRY
6/23 KATHLEEN &
THE BRIDGE STREET BAND: BLUES
6/30 FRENZ: THRU THE DECADES
7/7 LAURIE & THE LEFTIES: COUNTRY
7/14 ACOUSTIC LIBERTY: FOLK
7/21 SPOONFUL: YACHT ROCK
7/28 CHOSEN: GOSPEL
8/4 CLAIM JUMPERS: COUNTRY
8/11 PARTED WATERS: OLDIES
8/18 EZY STREET BAND: 50'S/60'S

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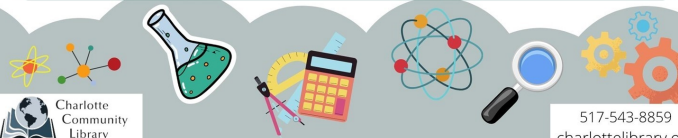
CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS—JUNE

IT'S ELEMENTARY

June 22...Saltwater vs. Freshwater
 July 6...Build a Mini-Boat
 July 20...Glow Party
 August 3...Sea Life Code Breakers

For children entering Grades 3rd–6th.

Participants must sign up one week before the scheduled event.
 This event will be held in the Spartan room at 10am.



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 517-543-8859
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NATURE DISCOVERY

Michigan Amphibians Exhibit

Exhibit @ 6:00pm
 Families are invited to walk around the Spartan Room and view different amphibians native to Michigan.
 Live feedings may be viewed!

Presentation @ 6:30pm
 Families are welcomed to stay and view a PowerPoint presentation on the amphibians.

June 24
 No charge to attend.



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2022 MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOK AUTHOR VISIT

Christina A. Yared


June 15th
 6pm

PRIVATE LOVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Gay Teacher Under Fire



Foreword by Jay Kaplan, ACLU of Michigan
CHRISTINE A. YARED



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Adult Craft Program:

Pressed Flower Bookmark

Friday June 17th
 at 5:30 pm

Pre-registration is required.
 All materials are provided.




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Charlotte Community Library

Board Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2022
 at 7pm

Meeting is held in the Spartan Room at the Library.



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CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS—JUNE



Summer In The Park

Oak Park @ 11am–Noon

June 14...Summer Start Off
 June 21...Farm Day
 June 28...Caribbean Steel Drum
 July 5...Water Water Everywhere
 July 12...Pirates- Ahoy!
 July 19...Potter Park Zoo with "Last Ark"
 July 26...Toddy the Turtle and Penelope the Park Ranger

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 No charge to attend this event.
 *In case of bad weather, we will meet at the library.

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CRAFT CLUB

Take-and-Make Secret Message in a Bottle Kits!

Kits will be available Monday, June 27th.

First come, first serve.

For students entering 4th–12th grade.



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Stick Together 2022



What will this summer's image be?

Add a sticker each time you come into the library to discover what the image is at the end of summer!

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Craft Club Jr

Take-and-Make Ocean Day Lantern Kits!

Kits will be available Monday, June 6th.

First come, first serve.

For students entering 1st–3rd grade.



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BABY & ME

SONGS, RHYMES, AND PLAY!

For babies and toddlers with their caregivers.

This event will take place on the Library's Yard*.
 Please bring a blanket to sit on.

THURSDAYS
 10–10:30 am

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 *In case of bad weather, wet grass, or bugs, we will meet inside the Spartan Room.
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Free Summer Family Movies

@ Eaton Theatre

Scoob - June 30
Smallfoot - July 7
Tom & Jerry - July 14
Pokémon - July 21
Space Jam - July 28

Concessions will be available for purchase.

Movies are free thanks to the partnership of:

Charlotte Community Library
 Friends of Charlotte Community Library
 Eaton Theatre

Summer 2022 movies are at Noon.

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EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

RECYCLING EVENTS—SUMMER 2022

ELECTRONICS AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2022 COLLECTION EVENTS

For Eaton County Residents

Electronics:

Computer accessories, CPUs, printers, fax machines, scanners, TVs, cellphones, laptops, CD players, camcorders, copiers, small kitchen appliances, and more!

Household Hazardous Waste:

Household products — cleaning products, polishers, pool chemicals, mercury thermometers, propane tanks, etc.
Paint and stain products — oil-based paints, spray paints, preservatives, and strippers.
Automotive products — antifreeze, oil, etc.



Spring Clean Up Event
May 7, 2022 9 AM - 2 PM
Delta Township, MI

Recycling Fever Event
June 18, 2022 9 AM - 2 PM
Charlotte, MI

Recycle-Palooza Event
August 13, 2022 9 AM - 1 PM
Charlotte, MI

Event Registration and Additional Information:
www.eatoncounty.org/913

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

ALIVE! AND OTHER EVENTS– JUNE



A list of June events at Alive! can be found below. All programs are held at 800 W. Lawrence Avenue, Charlotte, MI unless otherwise noted.

Check out the complete Summer Brochure here: [My Alive! Brochure](#)

- June 5-11 FREE Week
- June 6 Gift of Heart
- June 11 Parents' Great Escape: School's Out Summer Bash
- June 13 Summer Beach Market Series: PiYo
- June 14 Kids' Table: Red, White & Blue Smoothies
- June 20 The Basics of Canning
- June 22 Eat the Rainbow: Lunch Series Red/Orange
- June 23 Diabetes Support Group
- June 24 Family Movie Night
- June 25 10-Year Anniversary Celebration
- June 25 HARVEST Garden Planting
- June 25 Straw Bale Garden Workshop
- June 27 Summer Beach Market Series: Zumba

Eaton County Fairgrounds

The events at Eaton County Fairgrounds are managed by the Eaton County Agricultural Society. The Eaton County Agricultural Society is a Non-Profit 501(c)(5) corporation established in 1855. ECAS is operated by the Board of Directors, AKA the Fairboard. The Fairboard consists of 15 members who make the majority of the decisions regarding the operation of the Eaton County Fair and the grounds. Learn more here: <https://eatoncountyfair.com/pageserver/ag-society>.

The Fairboard has a full slate of exciting events planned for 2022. Here's what is happening in June and July:

- June 4-5: *Magical Realm Fantasy Faire*
- June 10-11: *Horse Show*
- June 23-25: *Charlotte Bluegrass Festival*
- July 9-16: *Eaton County Fair*
- July 30: *Horse Show*



CITY OF CHARLOTTE

Michael Armitage—Mayor

Tammy Weissenborn—Mayor Pro-Tem/
Councilmember

Michael DuWeck—Councilmember

Branden Dyer—Councilmember

Anthony Rodriguez—Councilmember

Adrianne Van Langevelde—Councilmember

Vacancy—Councilmember

Erin LaPere—City Manager

Mary LaRocque—City Clerk

Eric Smith—Finance Director/Treasurer

Amy Gilson—DPW Director

Paul Brentar—Police Chief

Mark Jordan—Interim Fire Chief

Bryan Myrkle—Community Development
Director

Randy Jewell—Assessor

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



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Warmer weather and long sunny days, summer officially begins June 21st and all the wonderful community spring and summer events are happening in Charlotte! Join us June 16-18 for Charlotte Celebrates and enjoy family friendly events

like touch-a-truck. There are a number of fun events planned at the Fairgrounds, and the summer concert series is happening on Thursdays through August. Check out pages 6-11 of this newsletter for more details and events!

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

- Erin E. LaPere

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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



Bennet Park and Camp Frances—Event Rentals.

Planning an event this summer? Look no further than our own Bennet Park or Camp Frances for the perfect location.

Bennet Park is home to a number of recreational opportunities from the playgrounds to hiking trails. Groups can rent a pavilion for their event. More information and application is available here: <https://www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/parks/park-reservation-applications/>

Camp Frances is a small rustic cabin located at 1501 S. Cochran Avenue at the south end of Bennett Park in Charlotte. Groups can rent the facilities for day or overnight use. More information and rental application form can be found here: <https://www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/parks/camp-frances/>

Questions about rentals? Contact Deputy Clerk, Mikayla Densmore at 517-543-2750 or mdensmore@charlottemi.org.