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NOVEMBER 8TH GENERAL ELECTION

On November 8, 2022 the state-wide General Election will be held. Polls will be open from 7am to 8pm for in-person voting. Precinct locations and other election information can be found here:

[www.charlottemi.org/
serviceadministration/city-clerk/election/](http://www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/city-clerk/election/)

Need to register? Beginning October 25th through November 8th at 8 p.m. you must register in person with proof of residency. Regular business hours are Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm (closed for lunch from 1p-2p). You may register in-person on Election Day during poll hours.

Want to vote Absentee? You must first submit an application. Ballots will continue to be mailed as applications are received until Friday, November 4th. The Clerk's office will be open Saturday November 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to issue absentee ballots only. Please note: no other business will be offered during this dedicated time. The last opportunity to obtain an absentee ballot is by visiting the Clerk's office on Monday, November 7th before 4:00 p.m. and the ballot **MUST** be voted on site if requested that day.

All voted ballots must be **received** by the Clerk before 8:00 p.m. election day November 8, 2022. Ballots can be returned by mail, or City Hall Utility/Ballot drop off box, or to the Clerk's Office at City Hall during regular business hours. (cont. page 3)



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CITY MEETING CALENDAR

November

Tuesday, 1 Planning Commission

~~Monday, 7 City Council~~, RESCHEDULED to November 10th

Tuesday, 8 General Election, Polls open from 7:00am to 8:00pm

Tuesday, 8 Camp Frances Board, 6:30pm, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran

Thursday, 10 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live

Friday, 11 City Hall Closed—Veterans Day

Tuesday, 15 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30pm

Monday, 21 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live

Thursday, 24 to Friday, 25 City Hall Closed—Thanksgiving

December

Monday, 5 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live

Tuesday, 6 Planning Commission

Thursday, 8 City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live

Tuesday, 13 Camp Frances Board, 6:30pm, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran

Monday, 19 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live

Tuesday, 20 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30pm

Friday, 23 and Monday, 26 City Hall Closed—Christmas Observance

Friday 30; and Monday, Jan 2 City Hall Closed—New Years Observance

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.

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.

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

(VOTING cont'd from page 1) If you make a mistake on your ballot, bring your ballot to the clerk's office to be spoiled and issued a new ballot. Before sending your ballot, please make sure you sign the outside of your purple envelope; your ballot cannot be accepted without your signature.



Residents in the city of Charlotte will see a question on the back of the ballot as to whether the charter should be amended to change the term of mayor from two years to four years, starting in November 2023. City Council voted to put the question to the voters. If adopted, this would make all elected offices in the city four-year terms. It is important to note that this would NOT affect the current mayor's term or any council member term length.

Ballot Language:

Subsection (B) of Section 13.1 of the City Charter provides for the election of the mayor in November of each odd-numbered year for a two-year term. It is proposed that subsection (B) be amended to provide that commencing with the election in November, 2023, the mayor shall be elected for a 4-year term. Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?

Have more questions? Visit our elections page at www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/city-clerk/election/ or the Secretary of State website for more information mvic.sos.state.mi.us/



Purchasing Code. The City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 10th at 7 pm** to hear feedback on proposed amendments to the city's purchasing ordinance.

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be found online at www.charlottemi.org or viewed at City Hall.

Volunteers Needed. Are you looking to give back? Do you have skills that can benefit the community? The following boards/committees need volunteers.



- Board of Review
- Camp Frances

Interested persons can find more information here:

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

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. Grass and vegetation be maintained so as not to exceed 10 inches in height. A code enforcement inspector will take action on properties that are not maintained. They may also have weeds/grass cut at the property owner's expense. Please keep shrubs and trees trimmed back at corners to prevent traffic hazards, and away from sidewalks for pedestrian safety.

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/

NEWS FROM CITY HALL



From the Police Chief

Downtown Residents—Reminder: parking permits expire at the end of October. Please make sure to complete an application online at www.charlottemi.org to get your updated 6m permit (November through April). Please call 517-543-1552 with any questions on parking permits.



Fall Leaf Collection Curbside collection of bagged leaves will take place on the following dates:

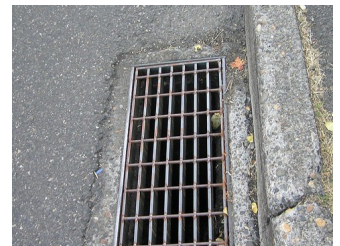


- Monday, October 17th to Thursday, October 20th
- Monday, October 31st to Thursday, November 3rd
- Monday, November 21st to Wednesday, November 23rd

Bags must be placed curbside, no plastic please. Please, leaves only. Brush will not be collected curbside but may be taken to drop-off site.

Please note: Saturday, Nov 5th is final weekend for Saturday DPW garage drop-off hours until spring. Winter drop-off hours are 8a to 4p, Monday through Friday.

This fall as you are preparing to clean up your lawn, please do NOT rake leaves or other debris into storm drains. Nothing but rain water should flow from your yard into storm drains. Lawn clippings, leaves and other debris often clump, which can contribute to a larger problem underground in the city-wide storm system.



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.

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

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.

The City also sends out notifications specific to users by address, such as notices when quarterly utility bills are sent out. If you're already registered, make sure to update your profile address so you're receiving accurate information.



Email Billing Feature Now Available! Ready to ditch the paper utility bill? You can now sign up for emailed billing of your quarterly utility bill. Please complete the form below and return it to City Hall, in-person or drop-box, or you can sign up online at www.charlottemi.org/email-utility-bill-form/

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Service Address: _____



Utility Billing Customer Service. If you have questions or need to update your utility billing account, contact UB Clerk Mikayla by phone at 517-543-8841 or email mdensmore@charlottemi.org.

NEWS FROM CITY HALL



Michiganders in crisis now have an easy-to-remember three-digit number to call for help – 988. Michigan has joined the nation in [transitioning to the 988-dialing code](#), which will operate through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline’s network of more than 200 locally operated and funded crisis centers across the country.

In 2020, Congress designated the new 988 dialing code to operate through the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#). This action expands the existing Lifeline beyond people who are feeling suicidal to all individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, including suicidal thoughts or substance abuse issues. Trained counselors will be available 24/7 to field calls. They will listen to the caller’s problems, assess their needs and provide support by connecting them with resources, and alert local emergency crisis teams, if necessary.

Anyone with these concerns can call:

- Mental health-related distress.
- Thoughts of suicide.
- Substance use crisis.
- Emotional distress.
- There are specialized services available for veterans, LGBTQ individuals and other groups.
- People who are worried about a loved one who may need support also can call.

The 988-dialing code does not replace the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800-273-TALK (8255)) or other locally operated crisis lines. Instead, it serves as a universal entry point to connect individuals in need to trained crisis counselors who can help. MDHHS is working to ensure a solid infrastructure is built through coordination with 911 and other crisis service providers as the 988-dialing code launches.

Prior to the development of 988, the [Michigan Crisis and Access Line](#) (MiCAL) was funded by the Michigan Legislature in December 2018. MDHHS was charged with the development of MiCAL, which is currently operating in Oakland County and the Upper Peninsula, and with 988 implementation.

MiCAL is built on the SAMHSA’s National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care which is also the foundation for 988. In Michigan, MiCAL is responsible for answering 988 calls in all areas of Michigan. In Macomb and Kent counties, Macomb County Community Mental Health and Network 180 will answer 988 calls with MiCAL providing back-up call coverage.

For more information, visit [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and Michigan Crisis & Access Line](#).

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a federal program run by the FCC to assist qualifying low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices such as laptops or tablets. Households may be eligible if their income is below 200% the Federal Poverty Line or if someone in the household receives a government benefit such as SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Pell Grant, or Free and Reduced-Price Lunch.

If eligible, households may receive up to a \$30/month discount on internet service, up to \$75 a month discount on qualifying Tribal lands, and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50).

Information regarding ACP may be found here: <https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/>.



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](#).

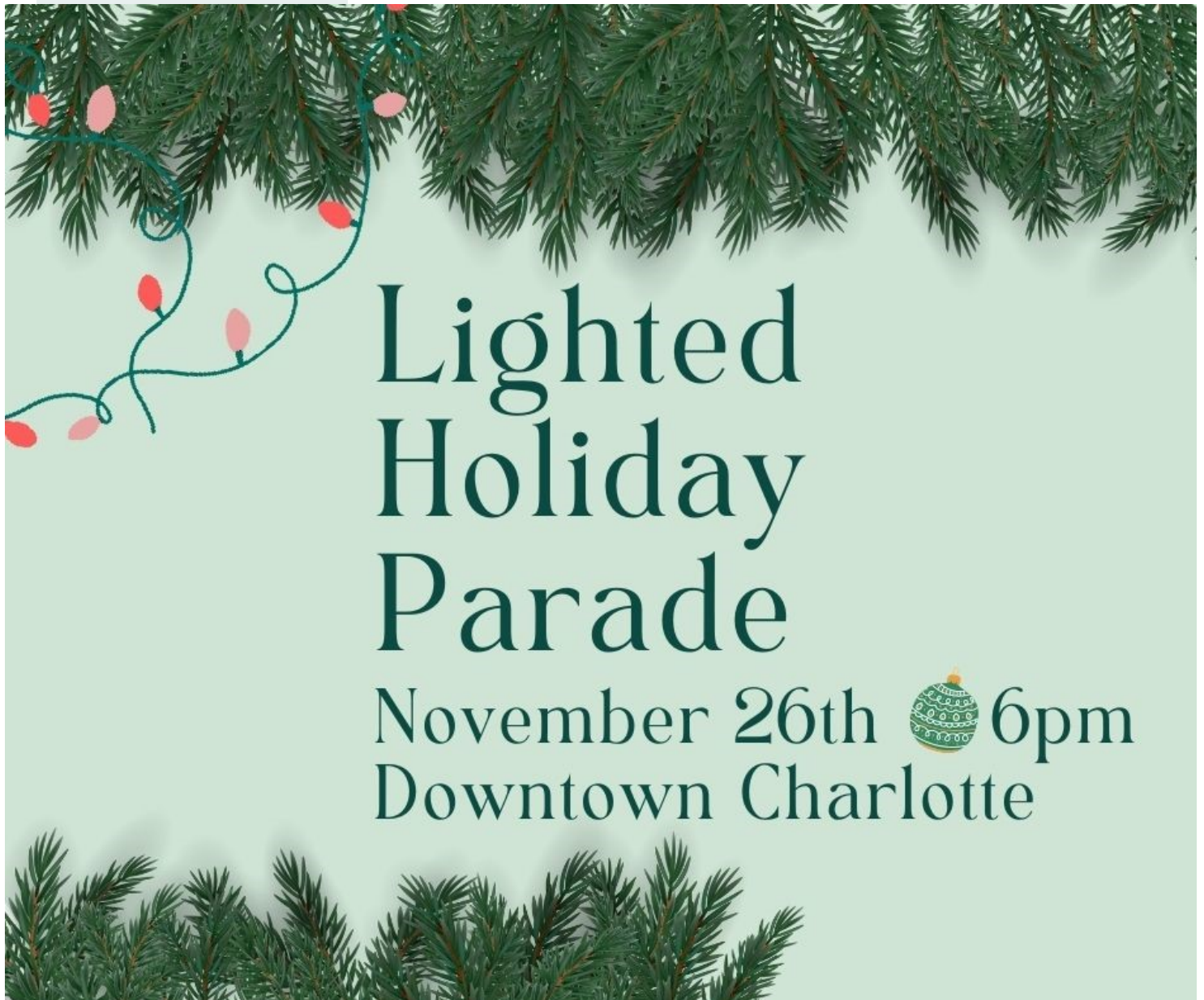
Emergency Home Repair Program. Eaton County administers an Emergency Repair Program. No interest, no payment loans to Eaton County residents who meet federal, state and County Housing Program guidelines may be provided. This program assists with emergency repairs that are causing a health and safety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

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHARLOTTE CHAMBER & OTHER 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 Center is available for rent—banquets or special events; fundraising!

Call Cindy for details, 517-541-2934



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

ALIVE! EVENTS-NOVEMBER

11/1 10a – 11a	Breakfast On-The-Go	Learn to make some quick and easy breakfasts that you can take on-the-go. Learn about the importance of starting your day right, and some healthy alternatives to integrate versus hitting the drive-thru on the way to work	\$12
11/5 9a – 5p	Empowering Our Children	Gain a solid understanding of the importance of relationships with children. Learn to Identify the many ways children invite us in, and possible solutions to customize situations for our children. Listen to research and anecdotes from our instructors, learn how to support risk-taking and come away with a framework for thinking about the role that risk plays in the healthy development process of young children. Lunch will be available for purchase at NOURISH café. Pre-registration required; call 517.541.5800 opt 1 to register.	\$20
11/7 6p – 8p	Gift of Heart	A support group for foster, adoption and kinship families in Eaton County and the surrounding areas. Free childcare provided. Please contact Amy Nierenberger at 517.749.4136 for more information	Free
11/9 12:15p – 12:45p	Fall Soup & Salad Lunch	Relax and enjoy some fall flavors with a harvest inspired soup and salad while you watch our dietitians demonstrate how to make our delicious recipes.	\$12
11/12 5p -9:30p	Parents' Great Escape: GIVE	Parents, drop the kids off for some fun at ALIVE while you take the evening to relax or go out. Supervised activities include themed crafts/snacks, singing songs, group games, group stories and more. Dinner Provided. Ages 3-12 (young children must be fully potty-trained). Pre-registration is required by the Wednesday prior to the event; call 517.541.5803.	\$25 First Child \$20 per add'l child GROW: \$20 First Child \$15 per add'l child
11/12 10a – 1p	Women Health Experience	Celebrate this FREE, annual, community event that focuses on women's health. Event features include catered lunch, educational and interactive booths, latest fashion/attire for women, healthy cooking demos, group exercise demos, free childcare in GROW and more!	Free
11/14 6p – 8p	Sourdough Bread Making	Come bake and sample the results, while learning about the health benefits of sourdough. A sourdough starter will be used to make artisan bread, waffles, and crunchy crackers. Class includes sourdough starter and recipes to take home, nurture, and create your own baked goods.	\$20
11/15 12:15p – 12:45p	Beginner Meditation	Feeling the need to be a bit more present? Wanting to become the calm within the chaos? Help center yourself and cultivate calm through this meditation workshop.	Free
11/15 10a – 10:30a 11/17 5p – 5:30p 12/12 5:30p – 6p 12/16 9a – 9:30a	Weigh Beyond: Info Session	Weigh Beyond is a medically-supervised weight loss program utilizing Health Nutrition Technology meal replacements in addition to whole foods. Participants focus on behavioral, nutritional, and environmental topics in weekly group coaching sessions, as well have access to private weigh-ins and a check-in outside of regular class time. Join to learn more about the curriculum, pricing, and structure and have questions answered by a Weigh Beyond Coach.	Free
11/17 1p – 2p	Diabetes Support Group	Assistance for all individuals with diabetes and their families. Healthcare professionals and speakers present topics ranging from new medications and treatments to healthy eating. Please contact Deborah.dillon@sparrow.org for more information.	Free
11/22 6p – 6:30p	Kids' Table: Nour- ishing Thanksgiv- ing Feast	Kids ages 5-12 learn valuable culinary skills and new recipes with a hands-on cooking experience. Our goal is to expand young taste buds to discover that "real food" can be delicious and fun to prepare.	\$12/Child

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS—NOVEMBER

**CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
FIBER CIRCLE**



**Tired of crafting alone?
Grab your yarn,
needles, work-in-
progress, & join our
Fiber Circle!**

Meets weekly on Mondays at
6:00pm in the Spartan Room
starting November 7th.

**ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS & AGES WELCOME
SOCIALIZE WHILE YOU KNIT, CROCHET OR STITCH.
COME PET SOME YARN!!!**

 517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org



Seed Sorting Shindig

 Saturday, November 5th
12pm - 3pm

Come help Charlotte Community Seed Share comb
through hundreds of seeds!

Learn about the organization and the Seed Library
coming soon to the library.

 517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org



Craft cLub Jr

Trink-a-Links!
November 4th
4:15-5:15pm

**Design your own hand painted,
mix-and-match jewelry!**

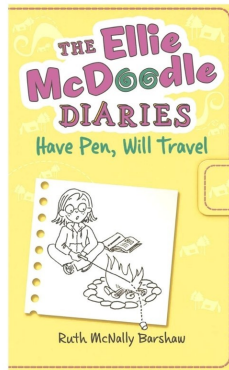


**This event will take place in person in
the Spartan Room.**

Pre-registration is required.
For students in 1st-3rd grade.

 517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org

Ruth McNally Barshaw




Join us while local author Ruth
McNally Barshaw discusses her
book and leads an interactive
story-creation workshop!

Books by Ruth may be purchased
at Schuler Books prior to her visit
should you like them signed.

**Tuesday,
November 29, 2022
6-7pm**

Pre-register today!

 Youth Program 517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS—NOVEMBER

DIY Holiday Gift
Workshop

Join us as we put together different crafts that you can use for a holiday gift!

Saturday, Nov. 19
11am–1pm

No cost, pre-registration required



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517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org

Adult Programming

FOSSIL FRENZY

Come enjoy exciting STEM activities and a delicious snack!

Wednesday, November 2
at 2:45–4:00pm



For students in 3rd-6th grade.
Pre-registration is required.

Charlotte Community Library
517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org

The Road to Better Health

with Deb Dillon, MS, RDN & Hayley Walker, MS, RDN
Tues., Nov. 22nd | 5:30-6:30p.m. | Cost: FREE
at Charlotte Community Library

Whether you're managing a chronic illness such as diabetes, heart disease or high blood pressure or you just want to learn about prevention, this event is for you.

Come and talk openly with ALIVE's registered dietitians and learn simple steps you can take today to put you on the road to better health!



Charlotte Lions Club
100 West Lawrence, Suite B
Charlotte, MI 48813-1494

BRING OUT THE POPCORN!

**WEDNESDAY
MOVIE NIGHT**

NOVEMBER 16TH, 2022 - 5:30 PM
RATED: R



Get in the holiday traveling mood before heading off on your adventures for the Thanksgiving season

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charlottelibrary.org

MINECRAFT CLUB

Friday, November 18th from 4-5 pm



Play on the Library's private Minecraft server!

For students in 3rd grade and up.

Laptops provided.

Pre-registration required.

Charlotte Community Library
517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org

CITY OF CHARLOTTE

Michael Armitage—Mayor

Tammy Weissenborn—Mayor Pro-Tem/
Councilmember

Joseph Chin Jr.—Councilmember

Michael Duweck—Councilmember

Branden Dyer—Councilmember

Anthony Rodriguez—Councilmember

Adrianne Van Langevelde—Councilmember

Erin LaPere—City Manager

Mary LaRocque—City Clerk

Eric Smith—Finance Director/Treasurer

Amy Gilson—DPW Director

Paul Brentar—Police Chief

Vacant—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

November is a month of transition from fall into winter and the start of the holiday season. As families we often start the celebrations with a delicious Thanksgiving dinner, and the City also kicks off the holiday excitement with our Lighted Parade on Saturday, November 26th. We hope to see everyone there!

Do you have a great idea to improve the City? Are you passionate about something happening in your neighborhood? Contact me via phone 517-543-8850/text 269-223-9809/email elapere@charlottemi.org. Or, reach out to your elected officials to share your thoughts: [click here for their contact information](#).

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

Recent City Council Actions—October 2022:

- Approved agreement to extend Goeble Field Lease with CJO
- Approved contract for replacement of boilers at City Hall using ARPA funds
- Approved request for routine water meter purchase
- Approved contract for cleaning and maintenance of Well #6
- Conducted a first reading of proposed amendments to the city's purchasing ordinance
- Conducted a second reading and approved amendments to the city's fence ordinance
- Approved purchase of two mini-pumper trucks for Fire Department using Michigan Enhancement Grant funding
- Amended November Council meeting schedule due to election
- Held workshop to discuss commercial marihuana regulations

Want to know more? Check out www.charlottemi.org/category/2022-city-council-meetings/ to see prior meeting agenda packets and minutes.

City Hall

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Charlotte, MI 48813

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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

