

December
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CHARLOTTE
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CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed for Christmas and New Years holidays on the following dates.

Friday, December 23
Monday, December 26
Friday, December 30
Monday, January 2

Emergency Police/Fire 9-1-1 and Emergency DPW 543-8874

Please note, many city services are available online at www.charlottemi.org. You can look up assessing, tax, or utility billing information, and make payments from the convenience of your home!

WINTER SNOW REMINDERS

- The City has adopted an ordinance that requires property owners keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow. Property owners are required to clear the sidewalks within 48hrs of a snow or ice event.
- The streets in the city are plowed by City, ECRC, and MDOT crews, depending on jurisdiction. Please do not push, blow, plow, throw or otherwise place the snow in the street.
- If there is a hydrant in front of your home or business, please keep it cleared throughout the winter.



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CITY MEETING CALENDAR

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 City Hall Closed—New Years Observance

2023

January

Monday, 2 City Hall Closed—New Years Observance
Tuesday, 3 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
Tuesday, 3 Parks Advisory Board, Community Room—Basement City Hall
Monday, 9 Airport Advisory Board, 8:00am, Fitch H Beach Airport, 1325 Island Hwy
Tuesday, 10 Planning Commission
Tuesday, 10 Camp Frances Board, 6:30pm, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran
Wednesday, 11 City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
Monday, 16 City Hall Closed—MLK Jr Day
Tuesday, 17 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
Tuesday, 17 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30pm, Community Room—Basement City Hall

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

Sign up for Alerts and Notifications



Alerts.Smart911.com

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](https://www.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.



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/>

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



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, ccum-mings@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

Reminder—lock your car doors and do not leave valuables unattended/overnight. Most property theft from vehicles happens when thieves can easily grab and go.

Saturday Dec 3rd officers will be out at Walmart collecting non perishable food for the Annual Fill-A-Cop-Car event. Please stop by and help us fill up our cars to help those in need this holiday season. Donations are brought to Helping Hands and the East Side Food Pantry by Beacon Sales. We look forward to partnering with the community to see that no one goes hungry. See you then!!



Streetlights are owned and maintained by Consumers Energy. Report outages, check status, and more online at streetlights.consumersenergy.com/



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 going to be re-bid in December and we will have a construction schedule earlier 2023. The prep work and tree removal portion of this project will take place over winter of 2022 and 2023, and sidewalk construction in 2023. Look for more information early next year!

NEWS FROM CITY HALL



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.

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](http://Michigan.gov/lead-and-copper-rule).



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.

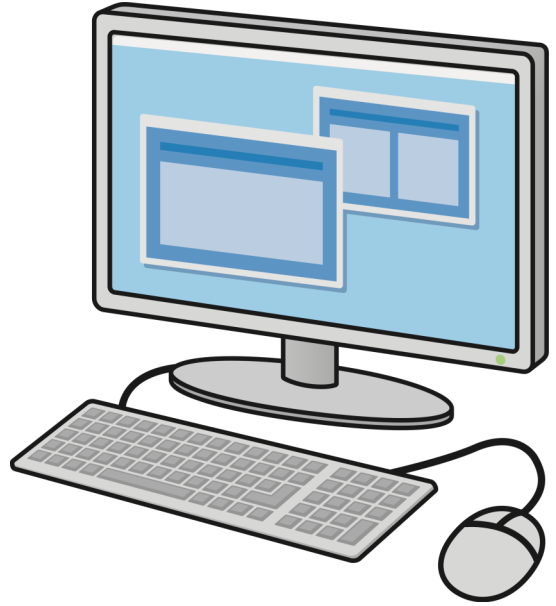
Prior to the development of 988, the [Michigan Crisis and Access Line](#) (MiCAL) was funded by the Michigan Legislature in December 2018. MDHHS was charged with the development of MiCAL, which is currently operating in Oakland County and the Upper Peninsula, and with 988 implementation.

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 PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS—DECEMBER

MINECRAFT CLUB

Wednesday, December 28th 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

Christmas Pj Story Time

Friday, December 9 at 6:30pm



Fun for all ages!

Come decked out in holiday themed pajamas and enjoy festive stories! Classic Kona Kocoa will be served for guests afterwards.

Youth Program

Charlotte Community Library
517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org

ADULT TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT

MAKE A TEA CUP FROM A RECYCLED BOOK




Available for pick-up beginning Tuesday, December 6th!

While Supplies Last!

Charlotte Community Library
517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org

STOP MOTION MANIA

Wednesday, December 7 at 2:45–4:00pm



Come enjoy exciting STEM activities and a delicious snack!

For students in 3rd–6th grade.

Pre-registration is required.

Charlotte Community Library
517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org

HOLIDAY BUSY BOXES

Available Monday, Dec. 5th, 2022.



These bags will include activities, crafts, and snacks!

Pick one up at the Circulation Desk.

First come, first serve.

For students in K–12th grade.

Craft Club Jr
Charlotte Community Library
517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org

The Library will be closed for Christmas Friday through Monday, December 23–26, 2022.



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The Library will be closed for New Year's Friday through Monday, December 30, 2022–January 2, 2023.



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EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

ALIVE! EVENTS-DECEMBER

Alive! Is showcasing a number of fabulous special programs in the month of December. Please see the program guide here for more details: [Winter Program Guide](#)

Dec. 4 FREE Week Begins

Dec. 5 Gift of Heart

GROW Christmas Performance Practices Begin

Dec. 7 Healthy Holiday Desserts

Dec. 8 Beginner Meditation

Dec. 10 Grinchmas

Dec. 11 Session 1 Begins

Dec. 13 Kids' Table: Gift in a Jar

Dec. 14 Tile Ornaments & Decor

Dec. 16 Community Blood Drive

Dec. 19 GROW Christmas Performance

Dec. 20 Ornament Workshop

Dec. 22 Diabetes Support Group



All programs are held at
800 W. Lawrence Avenue,
Charlotte, MI unless other-
wise noted

CARA EVENTS-DECEMBER



STRING LIGHT COLLECTION

December 1, 2022 - January 31, 2023

Recycling available during regular hours of operation at the following locations:

- Charlotte Area Recycling Authority
- Sunfield Recycling Center
- Delta Township Administration Building
- Delta Township Recycling Center

Both LED and Non-LED string lights will be accepted.

NO other types of electronic items/equipment, lightbulbs, or batteries.

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

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



I want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday season. During December we celebrate the giving spirit. There are many community programs to help those in need, including Christmas Kiddies. Please consider supporting those in need this holiday season.

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cell/text 269-223-9809
email elapere@charlottemi.org

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—November 2022:

- Proclamation honoring Kenneth E. Wirt
- Received FY21-22 Annual Audit and presentation by City Auditors, Plante & Moran
- Held Public Hearing on amendments to Ordinance on Purchasing, Contracting, and Selling Procedures and Ordinance related to jostling and fee schedule re-numbering.
- Held Public Hearing on creation of an Industrial Development District
- Approved sale of surplus firewood
- Approved creation of Industrial Development District
- Considered land sale at Combs Park
- Approved purchase of sludge pump
- Confirmed Fire Chief Selection Committee and Christmas Tree/Holiday Décor Committee members
- Approved change order for fire truck purchase utilizing Michigan Community Enhancement Grant
- Approved application for Neighborhood Enhancement Grant
- Approved Ordinance amending purchasing, contracting, and selling procedures
- Approved Ordinance amending prohibition on fortune telling and renumbering of fee schedule
- Approved grant agreement amendment for Brownfield Redevelopment Grant
- Discussed 2023 meeting dates schedule

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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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

