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CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed for New Years and Martin Luther King Jr holidays on the following dates.

Monday, January 2
Monday, January 16

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

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

February

- Monday, 6 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 7 Parks Advisory Board, Community Room—Basement City Hall
- Tuesday, 7 Planning Commission
- Tuesday, 14 Camp Frances Board, 6:30pm, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran
- Wednesday, 15 City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Monday, 20 City Hall Closed—Presidents Day
- Tuesday, 21 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 21 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/>



2023 Park Reservations Planning a party or event for later this spring or summer? Host your event at one of our beautiful facilities!



Bennett Park pavilion rental calendar is now open for 2023 reservations. Find the rental registration information and forms online at <https://www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/parks/park-reservation-applications/>

You can also contact the Clerk's Office with questions about reservations and date availability at 517-543-2750 or email mdensmore@charlottemi.org

Camp Frances is taking reservations for the 2023 calendar year. Visit the website at <https://www.campfrances.org/> Under the tab "Rental Information" you will find the "Guidelines for Use of the facility". By clicking "Rental Request" you will be taken to the City's website where you can complete a request for dates. Please register as early as possible for your date as it could take up to 7 business days to process your paperwork once submitted.

NEWS FROM CITY HALL



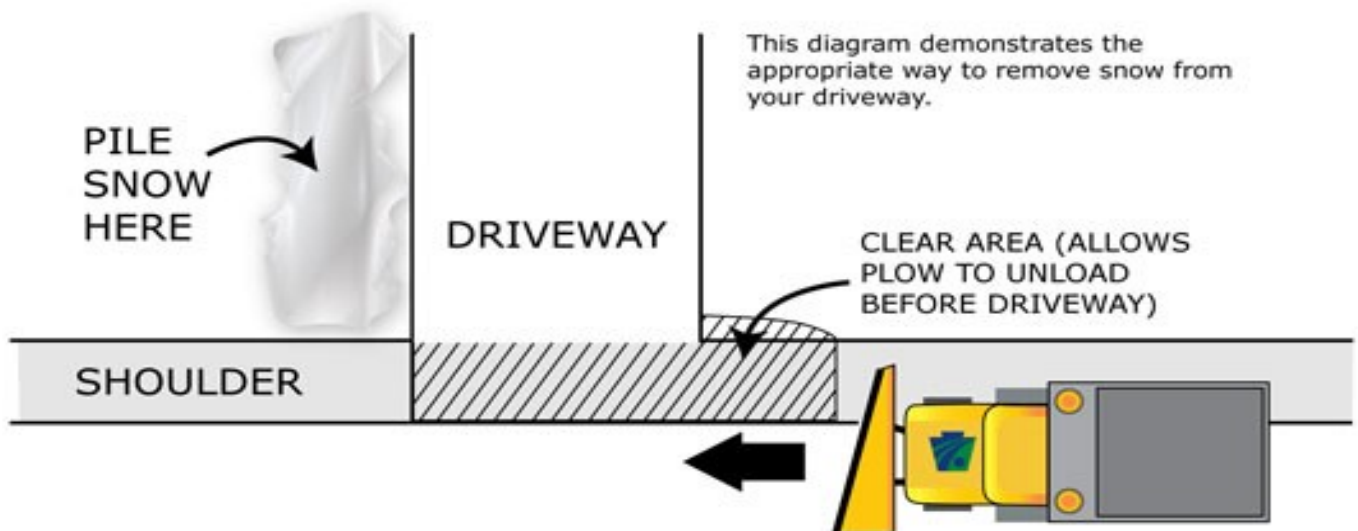
From the Police Chief

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.

Overnight parking is prohibited from 2 am-5 am per city ordinance. No temporary exceptions are granted during winter weather as the snow plows need room to plow roads for safety.

Snow Removal Reminder. The effectiveness of the snow plow is impacted greatly by the actions of property owners when moving snow out of their driveways and sidewalks. Please do not push, blow, plow, throw or otherwise place the snow in the street. Most importantly for the efficiency of our plows, do not push snow back into the street after the plow has been down your street. Pushing snow into the street is not only a safety concern, it's against our code of ordinances.

To help limit the amount of snow that ends up in your driveway, clear a section of the street along the curb before your driveway to create a place for the snow to end up. This will reduce the amount that ends up in front of your drive. If there is a hydrant in front of your home or business, please keep it cleared throughout the winter.



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.

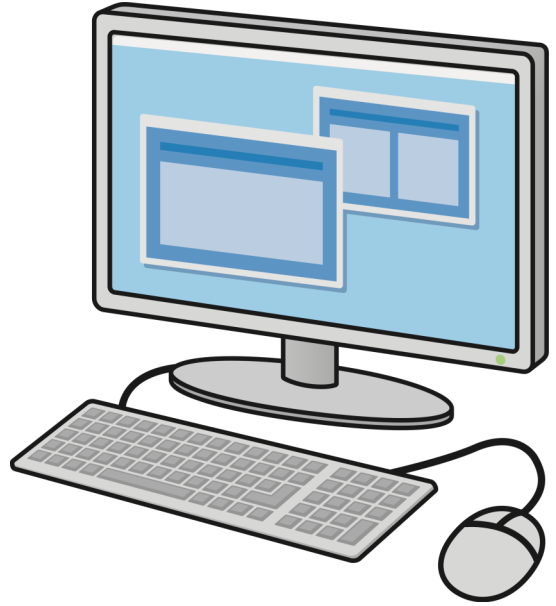
Prior to the development of 988, the [Michigan Crisis and Access Line](#) (MiCAL) was funded by the Michigan Legislature in December 2018. MDHHS was charged with the development of MiCAL, which is currently operating in Oakland County and the Upper Peninsula, and with 988 implementation.

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

Snowy Movie Marathon




Wednesday Jan. 4th
@ 5:30pm

Rated: PG

When a school in upstate New York is snowed in, a group of elementary school kids try to ensure that the schools stay closed by stopping a mechanical snowplow driver by trying to hijack his plow truck.

Charlotte Community Library 517-543-8859 charlottelibrary.org

Snowy Movie Marathon



Wednesday Jan. 18th
@ 5:30pm

Rated: PG-13

A paleoclimatologist must make a daring trek from Washington, D.C. to New York City to reach his son, trapped in the cross-hairs of a sudden international storm which plunges the planet into a new Ice Age.

Charlotte Community Library 517-543-8859 charlottelibrary.org

Snowy Movie Marathon



Wednesday Jan. 25th
@ 5:30pm

Rated: PG

A heavy snow storm in the Antarctic, forces a sled dog trainer to leave the dogs behind. When the rescue mission for the dogs is called off they must fend for their survival as their trainer fights to get back to them.

Charlotte Community Library 517-543-8859 charlottelibrary.org

ROLL INTO READING



2023 WINTER READING PROGRAM

The Winter Reading Program will start January 3rd and go until February 11th.




Reading logs are the same for Youth and Adults.
Only one reading log per person.
Each snowball on the reading log equals either one book or 30 minutes of reading.

Turn in your reading log by 7:00pm on February 11th for a treat and a grand prize entry!

Charlotte Community Library 517-543-8859 charlottelibrary.org


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EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS-DECEMBER



SNOWBALL BINGO

**Thursday,
January 12th
@ 5:30pm**

Adults and Youth welcome!
(GUARDIANS MUST STAY IN ATTENDANCE WITH YOUTH)

Charlotte Community Library
Adult Services Program
517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org



Story Hour

Story Hour sign-ups open Jan. 3rd-Feb. 3rd, 2023.
This program begins Feb. 7th & meets on Tuesdays from 10-11am each week.
A story time for 3 to 6 year old preschoolers who are ready to practice independence.

Activities include stories, songs, rhymes, guided play, and crafts.
Adults leave their children for Story Hour after signing them in, but they must remain in the library building.

Charlotte Community Library
517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org



CRAFT CLUB

Mini Piñata!

**Friday, January 27th
4:00-5:30pm**

Pre-registration is required.

This event will be held in person in the Spartan Room.



Charlotte Community Library
For students entering 4th-12th grade.
517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org



Craft Club Jr

Salt Painting

**Friday, January 6th
4:15-5:15pm**

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



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

Charlotte Community Library
517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org

MINECRAFT CLUB

Friday, January 13 from 3-4pm



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

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



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As 2022 draws to a close and we celebrate the joy of the holiday season, the City of Charlotte is also excited about what the coming year will bring. For 2023, the City of Charlotte has several exciting infrastructure projects planned. There will be road reconstruction projects on Hall, Washington and McClure Streets. Island Highway will see improvements as part of a Drain Commission project. The City, together with Charlotte Public Schools, will make major improvements to the local sidewalk network in 2023 thanks to the Safe Routes To School grant program.

The City is also planning to make important updates to its Master Plan, the long-term planning tool the city uses to guide its land use and planning decisions to ensure the community's vision for the future is achieved, and its assets and resources are protected. We hope every resident of Charlotte finds a role to play in helping write a new master planning document for the community.

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—December 2022:

- Held Public Hearing on proposed Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for redevelopment at Shyft Group
- Approved Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certification for \$15million redevelopment at Shyft Group.
- Set public hearing for January 3, 2023 to establish a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for redevelopment project at Butternut Creek apartment complex, 100 Butternut Drive.
- First Reading of Ordinance 2022-09 to establish a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for redevelopment project at Butternut Creek apartment complex, 100 Butternut Drive.
- Approved contract with MDOT for Safe Routes to Schools project
- Approved 2023 Meeting Dates
- Approved change order for Rose PSC for Safe Routes to Schools project
- Approved purchase of Hurst Extrication tool utilizing Michigan Community Enhancement grant funds
- Approved Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Association Agreement
- Presentation from MDOT AERO regarding the Economic Impact of the Fitch H Beach Municipal Airport .
- Extended lease agreement with Shyft for temporary use at Fitch H Beach airport
- Extended time to hire Fire Chief until February 2023.

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

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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

