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CHARLOTTE
— MICHIGAN —

Charlotte Chronicles

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed for
President's Day on Monday,
February 20th.

Emergency Police/Fire 9-1-1
and Emergency DPW
517/543-8874



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 re-
quires 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

February

- Monday, 6 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Monday, 6 Airport Board, 8:00am, Fitch H Beach Airport, 1325 Island Hwy
- Tuesday, 7 Planning Commission
- Tuesday, 7 Parks Advisory Board, Community Room—Basement City Hall
- 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

March

- Monday, 6 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 7 Planning Commission
- Monday, 13 Board of Review hearings, 3:00 pm - 9 pm
- Tuesday, 14 Board of Review hearings, 9:00 am - 3 pm
- 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 Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 21 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30pm, Community Room—Basement City Hall

April

- Monday, 3 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 4 Planning Commission
- Tuesday, 4 Parks Advisory Board, Community Room—Basement City Hall
- Tuesday, 11 Camp Frances Board, 6:30pm, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran
- Wednesday, 12 City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Monday, 17 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 18 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.

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.



March Board of Review. Property Owners who seek to appeal their annual assessment should contact Deputy Assessor Sandy Osborn by phone at 517-543-8844 or by email at SOsborn@charlottemi.org for the forms and deadlines to be heard before the March Board of Review. You can find out more about assessing and board of appeals process online here: www.charlottemi.org/councilboards/board-of-review/

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
- Downtown Development Authority
- Airport Advisory Board
- Camp Frances

Interested persons can find more information here:

www.charlottemi.org/board-and-commission-volunteer-opportunities-available/



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

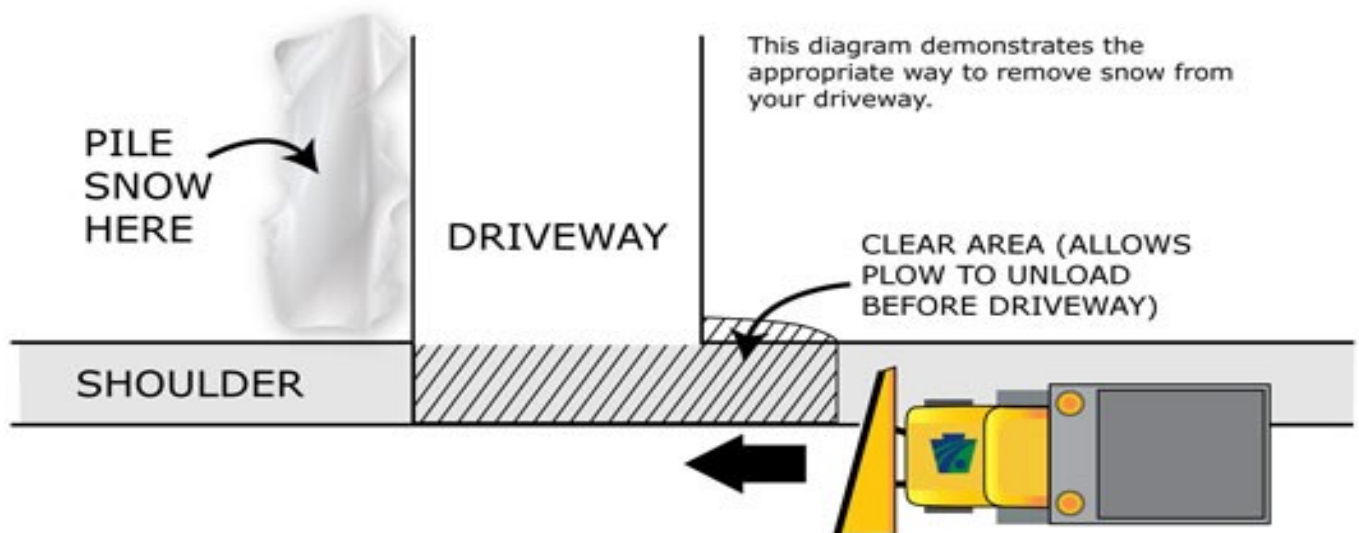
Reminder—Please beware of scams: One of the common scams is for someone to call and state that they are with a police department and that you need to give them money to avoid being arrested. No police department will ever call you and demand money over the phone. We have seen many people fall for this scam so please pass this information along so that others don't fall victim.



Parking Reminder: Overnight parking is prohibited from 2 am-5 am per city ordinance. No temporary exceptions are granted during winter months as the snow plows need room to clear 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.

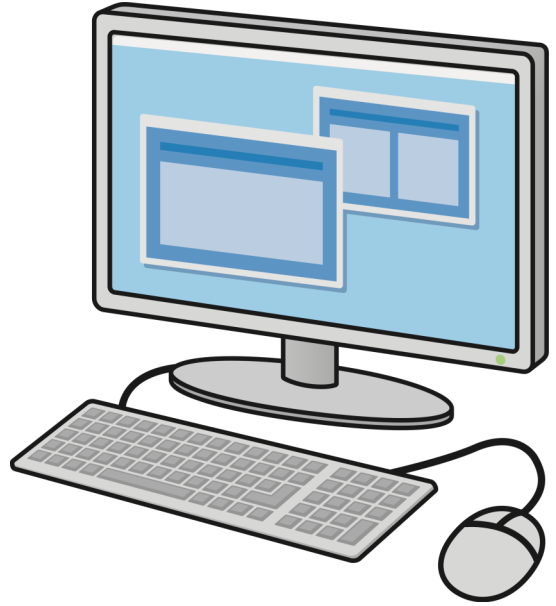
Prior to the development of 988, the [Michigan Crisis and Access Line](#) (MiCAL) was funded by the Michigan Legislature in December 2018. MDHHS was charged with the development of MiCAL, which is currently operating in Oakland County and the Upper Peninsula, and with 988 implementation.

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—FEBRUARY



Craft Club Jr

Salt Dough Magnets

Friday, February 3rd
4:15-5:15pm



Choose a shape & create a masterpiece!

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

Pre-registration is required.

For students in 1st-3rd grade.



517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org



CRAFT CLUB

Diamond Painting

Friday, February 24th
4:00-5:30pm



Relax while making diamond art!

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

Pre-registration is required.

For students entering 4th-12th grade.



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charlottelibrary.org

BABY & ME

SONGS, RHYMES, AND PLAY!

For babies and toddlers with
their caregivers.

THURSDAYS
10-10:30 am



This event will take place in
the Spartan Room.

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charlottelibrary.org



TOM CARR

AUTHOR VISIT

AUTHOR OF THE
BLOOD ON THE MITTEN SERIES

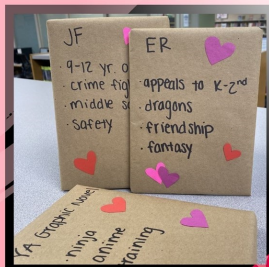
SATURDAY
FEB 18
@ 1:00 PM



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BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK *For Kids!*



- Ages 0-17 years
- Titles range from board books to YA
- First come, first served
- One book per patron
- Gently used, yours to keep!

Starts February 1st

Youth Program



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EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS-FEBRUARY

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.

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

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MINECRAFT CLUB

Friday, February 10th from 4:00-5:00pm



Play on the Library's private Minecraft server!

For students in 3rd grade and up.

Laptops provided.

Pre-registration required.

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charlottelibrary.org

GLOBAL DAY OF PLAY!



Wednesday, February 1
9:00am-7:00pm

We will supply toys and kids of all ages can drop in anytime and play in the Spartan Room

Adult Supervision Required

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charlottelibrary.org

DIY Canvas Tote Bag

DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH
TIME: 5:30PM
LOCATION:
WALTON TOWNSHIP HALL
6933 STINE ROAD, OLIVET



PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AS THERE IS LIMITED SEATING

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

NEW! FAMILY STORYTIME

The Library is taking the show on the road!

Walton Township Hall
6933 Stine Road, Olivet

THURSDAY 10:00AM
FEBRUARY 9TH & 23RD
MARCH 9TH & 23RD

Come on, let's have some fun!

Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes, games, movement & more!

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charlottelibrary.org

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHARLOTTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS 2023



The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and our Chamber Member Partners look forward to **CELEBRATING** with the **Charlotte Community** all year long!

Check out our webpage
MICharlotte.org

*Download our new app
on Android and Apple*
MICharlotte

*Call us today to learn more
about becoming a member*
517-543-0400

*Office hours are
Mondays and Wednesdays
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.*



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Charlotte
Chamber of Commerce

Community Events 2023

- Eaton County Expo: April 22nd - 23rd
- Charlotte Artisans & Farmers Market:
Thursdays 2-6 from May-October (120 W. Lovett St.)
- Summer Concerts on the Lawn:
Thursdays 6:30 from June - August
- Charlotte Celebrates: June 15th - June 17th
- Taste of Eaton County: August 17th
- Almost Midnight Madness: October 23rd
- Small Business Saturday and Lighted Holiday Parade:
November 25th

Chamber Member Events 2023 *To Be Announced*

- Annual Dinner - February 9th
- Golf Outing - August 31st
- Quarterly Networking and Education Events

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

EATON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 2023

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 2023, below is the tentative schedule:

February 24-26: Michigan Nordic Fire Festival

March 18: Fairgrounds Fundraiser Dinner

April 1: Winter Storage pick-up

April 14-15: Eaton Conservation District Tree Sale pick-up

April 21-22: Eaton County Home Expo

April 22: Great Lakes Barbeque Association Competition

April 28-29: Horse Show

April 29: Fiber Festival

May 13: Dog Show

May 13-14: Llama Show

May 17-21: Spin Hoop Convention

May 20: Cattle Show

May 28: FFA Elite Hog Show

June 3-4: Magical Realm Fantasy Faire

June 9-10: Horse Show

June 22-24: Charlotte Bluegrass Festival

July 10-15: Eaton County Fair

July 29: Horse Show

August 5: Dairy Goat Show

August TBD: Mid-Michigan Gospel Fest

August 18-19: Horse Show

September 6-10: Charlotte Frontier Days

September 15-16: Horse Show

October 7: Horse Show

October 13-14: Horse Show



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



Winter means snow, ice, and cold but there is a lot to enjoy in Charlotte! The Charlotte Library has a variety of fun activities for all ages, the Nordic Fire Fest will be returning to the Fairgrounds the weekend of February 24-26, and Alive! has fabulous programs available in their beautiful facility.

office 517-543-8850
cell/text 269-223-9809
email elapere@charlottemi.org

Do you have an idea? Something happening in your neighborhood that you want to share? Concerned about a city matter? You can reach out to me anytime via phone, email, or stop by the office. You can also reach out to your elected officials, their contact information is available [online by clicking here](#).

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—January 2023:

- Held Public Hearing on proposed PILOT proposal for Butternut Creek Apartments
- Approved Ordinance to establish a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for re-development project at Butternut Creek apartment complex, 100 Butternut Drive.
- Discussion on Commercial Marihuana Licensing programs
- Discussion on City Manager annual evaluation process
- Approved 2023 Fairgrounds Events
- Approved interlocal agreement for FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, Regional SCBA Application
- Received and filed elected official's salary determination by Local Officers Compensation Commission
- Awarded bid for grit chamber maintenance work
- Approved well pump replacement by Peerless Midwest
- Authorized letter of intent for proposed land sale at Combs Industrial Park
- First reading and scheduled public hearing for February 6th on proposed ordinance adopting high BAC portion of Michigan Vehicular Code
- Received annual report from Planning Commission for 2022
- Received annual report from Fire Department for 2022

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

City Hall

111 E Lawrence Ave
Charlotte, MI 48813

Phone: 517-543-2750

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E-mail: 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

