



## Manager's Report May 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting

### Curbside Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

The Department of Public Works will be conducting the second spring leaf and brush curbside collection the week of May 2nd through May 5th. Please place leaves in brown, yard waste bags and stack any brush in neat piles at the curb. We cannot collect leaves in plastic bags. Please do not place dirt, rocks, or similar materials in yard waste bags. We cannot collect non-compostable materials. You may take your yard waste to the DPW Garage, Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Saturday drop-off hours will resume on May 7th from 8am-11:30am.

### Election Information: May 3rd election

Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm for in person voting. Walk-in absentee ballots must be received by Monday, May 2nd at 4:00 pm. You may contact the City Clerk's Office by emailing [clerk@charlottemi.org](mailto:clerk@charlottemi.org) or by phone at 517-543-2750 for more information.

Voters can find more information on their current registration status, view ballot information, and more by visiting the State of Michigan website page:

<https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Home/RegisterToVote#how>

### Volunteer Opportunities

The City has several opportunities for citizens to participate in their local government. City Council, District 1—partial term appointment; Downtown Development Authority; Charlotte Area Recreation Co-Op; and Ad Hoc Water Treatment Committee. Interested persons can find more information here: <https://www.charlottemi.org/volunteers-wanted/>

### Recycling Events

Eaton County Resource Recovery is hosting a number of recycling events in the spring and summer: Spring Cleanup, May 7<sup>th</sup> in Delta Twp; Recycling Fever, June 18<sup>th</sup> in Charlotte; and Recycle-Palooza, August 13<sup>th</sup> in Charlotte. Check out their website for more information at [www.eatoncounty.org/913](http://www.eatoncounty.org/913)

### ARPA Townhall and Survey

The City has approximately \$877,000 available for funding projects from federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. We are asking for feedback on how to invest these one-time federal dollars. [Click here to complete the survey.](#)

Join us on Thursday, June 9th at 7pm in the Council Chambers to give your feedback. More

information is available at [www.charlottemi.org/ARPA/](http://www.charlottemi.org/ARPA/)

### **May Communications**

The monthly editions of City Beat (backside of water bills) and Charlotte Chronicles (monthly e-newsletter) are available online. Interested persons can see the current and past editions here: <https://www.charlottemi.org/about/city-beat/> and here: <https://www.charlottemi.org/charlotte-chronicles/>

### **Water Shut Off Program**

The Council directed administration to resume the procedures outlined in City Ordinance to discontinue water service to customers due to non-payment in 2022. The City has included notices in city communications (e.g. city beat) and sent out a mailing to those customers who would be subject to shut off earlier this year. This was done to provide those customers with ample notice to contact the city, or other agencies if needed, for information and assistance in resolving the outstanding balance. Beginning with the April billing cycle, customers who do not pay their bill as required will be subject to shut-off for nonpayment. They will receive a second notice the first week of May. If payment is not made a final notice will be posted at their property 10 days later and shut off will occur 5 days following the final notice posting.

Anyone who is struggling to pay their past due balance should contact the city at 517-543-2750, call 2-1-1, or visit our website for programs that may be available:

<https://www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/>.

### **Assistance Programs**

The State has announced another fund for assistance, the Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund (MIHAF). The Homeowner Assistance 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, visit MSHDA site here:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/Homeownership/mihaf-homeowner-assistance>

For persons who may be facing financial difficulties with utilities, mortgage/rent, or other hardships, there are a number of assistance programs available. More information can be found on the city's website: <https://www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/>

### **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. The documents have been sent to MDOT for bidding and we expect construction to begin in June or July. This project will take place over this summer and summer 2023 for completion.

### **RAVE Alerts**

The City participates in RAVE Alerts which provides alert notifications to participants via voice, email, text, and posts to social media. There are several ways to register: Text CHARLOTTE to 67283; Download the Smart911 app; Register for a free and secure safety profile online at [Smart911.com](https://www.smart911.com).