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THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE MICHIGAN

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CURBSIDE LEAF AND BRUSH PICK UP

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.

Miss curbside collection? 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.

ARPA TOWNHALL AND SURVEY

The City has approximately \$877,000 available for funding projects from federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. City Council is asking for feedback on how to invest these one-time federal dollars. [Click here to complete an online 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

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CITY MEETING CALENDAR

May

- Monday, 2 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 3 May Election
- Tuesday, 10 Planning Commission
- Tuesday, 10 Parks Advisory Board, in Community Room (basement of City Hall)
- Thursday, 12 City Council workshop meeting in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Monday, 16 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 17 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30PM
- Monday, 30 Memorial Day—City Hall Closed

June

- Monday, 6 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 7 Planning Commission
- Thursday, 9 ARPA Townhall and 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, 6:30 PM

July

- Monday, 4 Independence Day—City Hall Closed
- Tuesday, 5 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 12 Planning Commission
- Thursday, 14 City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Monday, 18 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 19 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30PM

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



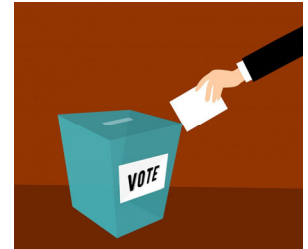
Election Information: May 3rd election Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm for in person voting.

Absentee ballots sent by mail must be received by Saturday, April 30th at 5 pm. Walk-in absentee ballots must be received by Monday, May 2nd at 4:00 pm.

Saturday, April 30th from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, the City Clerk's office will be open only for receiving absentee ballots.

Voters can find more information on their current registration status, view ballot information, and more by visiting the State of Michigan web-site page: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Home/RegisterToVote#how>

Questions? You may contact the City Clerk's Office by email-ing clerk@charlottemi.org or by phone at 517-543-2750.



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.



Monday, May 30th—Memorial Day. City Hall will be closed. In-person hours resume on Tuesday at 9am.

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

NEWS FROM CITY HALL



From the Police Chief We are seeing an increase in scam phone calls involving callers stating that they are from your local police department and are requesting money. No police agency will ever call you and ask you for money over the phone and you should never give out that kind of information to anyone over the phone. If it sounds too good to be true, it is! Always call to report suspicious calls like this 517-543-1552.



Parking Permits for Downtown Residents—Parking permits expired April 30th, please make sure to complete an application online at www.charlottemi.org to get your updated 6m permit (May through October).

Please call 517-543-1552 with any questions on parking permits.



From the Fire Chief Prior to burning this spring, don't forget to get a Burning Permit from the Charlotte Fire Department. This permit can be issued at either the West Side Fire Station or the Downtown Station, by calling (517) 543-0241, or online at <https://www.charlottemifire.org/content/permits/>.

The permit is issued at no cost.



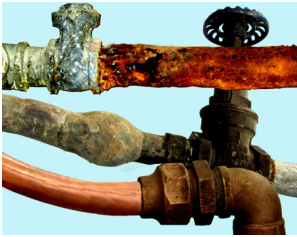
Blight, Weeds, or Junk Vehicles Properties must be kept in good repair, including exterior siding and roofs, and free of junk/debris. Additionally, city code states that vehicles must be registered and operable. If you see a property in your neighborhood in need of maintenance, please call 517-543-8837, 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/

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/>

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

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](#).



Water Shutoffs Resume. The City will be resuming its procedures for collection of unpaid utility billings, including shutoffs for non-payment. Utility customers who have an unpaid balance that is subject to shutoff per ordinance will receive a mailing detailing the amount owed and deadlines for payment. Questions? Please call Utility Billing at 517-543-8841 or email mdensmore@charlottemi.org.

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/

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. Look for more information later this year!



Do you have an idea to improve the City? Are you passionate about something happening in your neighborhood? Reach out to your elected officials to share your thoughts: [click here for their contact information](#).

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

RECYCLING EVENTS-SPRING/SUMMER 2022

ELECTRONICS AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2022 COLLECTION EVENTS

For Eaton County Residents

Electronics:

Computer accessories, CPUs, printers, fax machines, scanners, TVs, cellphones, laptops, CD players, camcorders, copiers, small kitchen appliances, and more!

Household Hazardous Waste:

Household products — cleaning products, polishers, pool chemicals, mercury thermometers, propane tanks, etc.
Paint and stain products — oil-based paints, spray paints, preservatives, and strippers.
Automotive products — antifreeze, oil, etc.



Spring Clean Up Event
May 7, 2022 9 AM - 2 PM
Delta Township, MI

Recycling Fever Event
June 18, 2022 9 AM - 2 PM
Charlotte, MI

Recycle-Palooza Event
August 13, 2022 9 AM - 1 PM
Charlotte, MI

Event Registration and Additional Information:
www.eatoncounty.org/913

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS—MAY

SPARTAN ROOM CLOSURE



Beginning April 29th, the Spartan Room will be closed for renovation until mid-June.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

We are excited to share our new community space with you!



517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org

CRAFT CLUB Jr



Take-and-Make Cactus Wind Chime Kits!

Kits will be available
Monday, May 2nd.

First come, first serve.

For students in 1st-3rd grade.



517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org



ADULT TAKE-AND-MAKE Birdseed Ornament

Kits will be available
Tuesday, May 3rd.

One per adult while supplies last



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charlottelibrary.org

Library Yard Sale

May 12th-13th
10am-4pm

All proceeds from the sale will go
towards new furniture for our
Spartan Room.



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charlottelibrary.org

Charlotte Community Library

Board Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2022
at 7pm

Meeting is held at the Library in the Spartan Room.



517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org



Craft Club!

Take-and-Make Wind Chime Kits!

Kits will be available
Monday, May 23rd.

First come, first serve.

For students in 4th-12th grade.



517-543-8859
charlottelibrary.org



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

ALIVE! EVENTS—MAY

May 2 (Monday) – Gift of Heart Support Group **6:00-8:00PM | FREE**

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.

May 6 (Friday) – Cricut: The Basics **6-7:30PM | \$25/person**

Have a cricut machine at home that you've been wanting to create with but unsure where to start? Then Cricut: The Basics is just the class for you! Learn different parts of the cricut, how to create designs on your phone/laptop, send them to print, cutting vinyl, applying the final design to decor, and more. Take home all the tips and tricks while also creating a wooden wall hanging, yours to keep or give as a gift! Please bring cricut machine. All other materials provided (including vinyl). Instructor will be using Explore Air 2.

May 6 (Friday) – Not Your Mother's: Mother's Day Workout **6-6:45PM | \$10/person, \$5/MOVE member**

Grab your mom and celebrate her with this fun-filled workout for two that will be sure to have you laughing and sweating all-in-one! (Ages 9 and up.)

May 10 (Tuesday) – Guided Morning Meditation **10:00-10:30AM | \$10/person or \$5/person for MOVE Members**

Feeling the need to be a bit more present? Wanting to become more calm amid the chaos? Join Jen as she guides you through a meditation to help center yourself and cultivate the calm.

May 11 (Wednesday) – Community Blood Drive **12-6PM | FREE**

community safe. Sign-up in advance as a donor at redcrossblood.org (use code **Alive** in the “make your appointment” field) or call 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.2767) to request a reservation. Two timeslots available every 15 minutes during drive.

May 14 (Saturday) – Cheese Making: Feta **9AM-12PM | \$40/couple or \$20/person (individuals will be paired up with a fellow class attendee)**

Learn to make cheese in your own kitchen. You will learn the basics on making various cheeses including cooking, draining, forming, using cheese cloth, storage and aging, as well as different milks. Work with your partner and take one pound of your delicious concoction home with you.

May 15 (Sunday) – Plant Exchange **10:30AM-12PM | FREE**

Spring is here which makes for a great time to transplant for the new year! Participants bring plant(s) they are willing to divide or part with and exchange for something new in multiple rounds of give and take. Bulbs, perennials, shrubs, self-seeding annuals, grasses, or herbs are welcome. Held in HARVEST, outdoors. Please register by calling 517-541-5800, opt. 7.



All programs are held at 800 W. Lawrence Avenue, Charlotte, MI unless otherwise noted

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

OTHER CHARLOTTE AREA EVENTS

ALIVE! Events—MAY continued

May 18 (Wednesday) – Professional Speaker Series: Managing Pain

Presenter: Dr. Jamie Mueller-Smith

11:45AM-1:00PM | FREE, includes lunch

*Join us for an educational session on managing pain. Learn about the benefits of osteopathic neuromusculoskeletal medicine (ONMM) as well as other techniques and lifestyle changes that can help you manage pain. **Complimentary lunch will be provided for those who register by Mon., May 16.***

May 19 (Thursday) – Dine & Design

6:30-8:00PM | \$40/person

Enjoy an evening out as you paint your own spring-themed masterpiece. This beginner-level, step-by-step, instructor-led class will guide you through painting your own set of tile canvases (3 total). Come with an appetite as this program features dinner catered by The Big Salad.

May 25 (Wednesday) – Clean Eating Lunch: Mexican

12:15-12:45PM | \$12/person

Book Wednesday lunch breaks over tasty, heart-healthy, world fare. Eat while you watch how to easily prepare dishes at home.

May 26 (Thursday) – Diabetes Support Group

1:00-2:00PM | FREE

Assistance for all individuals with diabetes and their families. Healthcare professionals and speakers present topics ranging from new medications and treatments to healthy eating. For more information about this monthly offering, contact deborah.dillon@sparrow.org.

Eaton County Fairgrounds

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 2022. Here's what is happening in May:

- April 30-May1: Eaton County Home & Business Expo
- May 5-8: Spinsanity Flow Down
- May 7: Horse Show
- May 7: Llama Show
- May 21: Cattle Show
- May 29: FFA Elite Lamb Show
- May 30: FFA Elite Hog Show



CITY OF CHARLOTTE

Michael Armitage—Mayor

Tammy Weissenborn—Mayor Pro-Tem/
Councilmember

Branden Dyer—Councilmember

Anthony Rodriguez—Councilmember

Adrianne Van Langevelde—Councilmember

Ronald Horvath—Councilmember

Vacancy—Councilmember

Erin LaPere—City Manager

Mary LaRocque—City Clerk

Eric Smith—Finance Director/Treasurer

Amy Gilson—DPW Director

Paul Brentar—Police Chief

Mark Jordan—Interim 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

Are you looking to give back? The City has several opportunities for citizens to participate in their local government. City Council, District 1—partial term appointment; Downtown Develop-



ment 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/>



Want to be informed? Charlotte uses Rave Alerts! Get notified with important information 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.

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

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



Bennet Park and Camp Frances—Event Rentals.

Planning an event this summer? Look no further than our own Bennet Park or Camp Frances for the perfect location.

Bennet Park is home to a number of recreational opportunities from the playgrounds to hiking trails. Groups can rent a pavilion for their event. More information and application is available here: <https://www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/parks/park-reservation-applications/>

Camp Frances is a small rustic cabin located at 1501 S. Cochran Avenue at the south end of Bennett Park in Charlotte. Groups can rent the facilities for day or overnight use. More information and rental application form can be found here: <https://www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/parks/camp-frances/>

Questions about rentals? Contact Deputy Clerk, Mikayla Densmore at 517-543-2750 or mdensmore@charlottemi.org.