



## **Memo**

To: Honorable Mayor Armitage; City Council  
From: City Manager LaPere, MPAP  
Date: January 13, 2023  
Re: Staff report on approval of 2023 Fairgrounds events

### **Background**

City of Charlotte is the owner of property known as the Eaton County Fairgrounds. Through a long-standing relationship and lease agreement, that property is leased to the Eaton County Agricultural Society. The lease between the City and the Eaton County Agricultural Society provides, in part, that the Society must obtain permission from the City for various events that will take place at the fairgrounds. A list of events for the 2023 calendar year has been provided for approval by the City.

### **Recommendation**

The City approve the events, as requested.

### **Financial Impacts**

No direct financial impacts. Through other agreements the City provides public safety support to certain larger events, and those associated expenses are largely reimbursed to the city.

### **Suggested Motion**

City Council approves the list of events as described in the written correspondence from the Eaton County Agricultural Society, dated January 7, 2023, for the 2023 calendar year at Eaton County Fairgrounds.



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City of Charlotte Council members,

January 7, 2023

I'd like to start by thanking you all for your continued support of the Eaton County Fairgrounds and our mission of providing a safe and fun venue for our community to enjoy. Attached you will find the tentative list of major events happening at the Fairgrounds in 2023. You may notice that I have also included on this list the dates of our monthly Board of Directors meetings, which you are more than welcome to attend.

I would also like to thank the City Council for a resolution which you adopted last year in support of the Fair Grounds' application for a State Capital Improvement Grant. I'm happy to say that with your help, ECAS was awarded the grant in the amount of \$62,000. The funds are slated to help preserve the Grandstand as well as to make some needed improvements to make our facility more accessible. Work on the project began last summer and is slated to be completed in the spring of this year.

As we prepare for our events and our Fair, we are excited to be able provide an outdoor venue for various events which our community can safely enjoy. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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### 2023 Eaton County Fairground Tentative Event Schedule

- January 16:** ECAS Board of Directors Meeting
- February 20:** ECAS Board of Directors Meeting
- February 24-26:** Michigan Nordic Fire Festival
- March 18:** Fairgrounds Fundraiser Dinner
- March 20:** ECAS Board of Directors Meeting
- April 1:** Winter Storage pick-up
- April 14-15:** Eaton Conservation District Tree Sale pick-up
- April 17:** ECAS Board of Directors Meeting
- 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 15:** ECAS Board of Directors Meeting
- 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 19:** ECAS Board of Directors Meeting



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**June 22-24:** Charlotte Bluegrass Festival

**July 10-15:** Eaton County Fair

**July 17:** ECAS Board of Directors Meeting

**July 29:** Horse Show

**August 5:** Dairy Goat Show

**August TBD:** Mid-Michigan Gospel Fest

**August 18-19:** Horse Show

**August 21:** ECAS Board of Directors Meeting

**September 6-10:** Charlotte Frontier Days

**September 15-16:** Horse Show

**September 18:** ECAS Board of Directors Meeting

**October 7:** Horse Show

**October 13-14:** Horse Show

**October 16:** ECAS Board of Directors Meeting

**October 27-28:** Winter Storage Drop Off

**November 20:** ECAS Board of Directors Meeting

**December 18:** ECAS Board of Directors Meeting

\* Note: This is a tentative list of major events scheduled at the Eaton County Fairgrounds. This list is subject to change as events are canceled and added.