



Manager's Report August 1st Council Meeting

August 2nd Primary

The statewide primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd. Polls open 7:00 a.m. and close 8:00 p.m. for in-person voting. Clerk LaRocque reminds voters to update registration information if you had any changes to your address, your name, or other personal information. If registering within 15 days of the election that you wish to vote in, including on election day, you must appear in person to the Clerk and bring proper residency and identity documentation. An application for an absentee ballot must be submitted to obtain an absentee ballot. Applications for absentee voting are available now, the deadline(s) for absentee ballots for the August 2 election are below:

- Saturday, July 30 is the last day a ballot can be mailed to you via first class mail if your application is received by the clerk before 5:00 p.m. On July 30th the Clerk's office will be open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the purpose of issuing absentee ballots only.
- Monday, August 1 an absentee ballot must be applied for and received in person at the Clerk's office until 4:00 p.m. Note: a ballot issued on this day cannot leave the building, you must vote the ballot and return it to the Clerk before leaving.

Return your voted absentee ballots to the Clerk's office at your earliest opportunity after voting it. All voted absentee ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. (close of polls) on election day, August 2, 2022, to be processed in the election.

There are two drop boxes available at City Hall, 111 E. Lawrence, for you to deposit your applications and voted ballots: in the vestibule at the front door and drive up/drop off along N. Washington St.

Visit the Michigan Voter Information Center for more information:

<https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Home/Index>

Charlotte Chronicles and City Beat – August

The August editions of City Beat and Charlotte Chronicles are both available online now. There is a lot of important information, including details on the newly created statewide crisis number, 988, for those suffering mental health crises. Residents can also find out about upcoming events and a recap of recent Council actions. Check them out online at www.charlottemi.org/charlotte-chronicles or www.charlottemi.org/city-beat.

Public Hearings

Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to Chapter 82, Home Occupations to consider modifying regulations on home occupations on Tuesday, August 9th at 7pm.

RAVE Alerts – Water Utility Bill Notification Feature

The City participates in RAVE Alerts which provides alert notifications to participants via voice, email, text, and posts to social media. We have expanded the service options to include targeted text and email messaging for quarterly utility billing. We will send out a notice to registered users when we send out the bills for their cycle area. This alert will notify them the bill has been mailed and provide other billing related information. If you're already registered for alerts, make sure your address information is up-to-date. 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.

General information about utility billing can be found on the city's website here:

<http://www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/finance/utility-information/> and you can check your utility billing information anytime online here: www.bsaonline.com

Volunteer Opportunities

The City has several opportunities for citizens to participate in their local government. We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Ad Hoc Water Treatment Committee; Camp Frances Board; and Board of Review. Interested persons can find more information here:

<https://www.charlottemi.org/volunteers-wanted/>

Assistance Programs

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/>