

July  
2023

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**CHARLOTTE**  
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## Charlotte Chronicles



### INDEPENDENCE DAY—CITY HALL CLOSED

City Hall will be closed, Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Online services are available anytime at [www.charlottemi.org](http://www.charlottemi.org).

Emergency Police/Fire: 9-1-1

Emergency DPW: 517-543-8874

### SUMMER EVENTS—2023

Warm weather means lots of fun events in Charlotte! Be sure to check out the weekly summer concerts and farmers market on Thursdays.



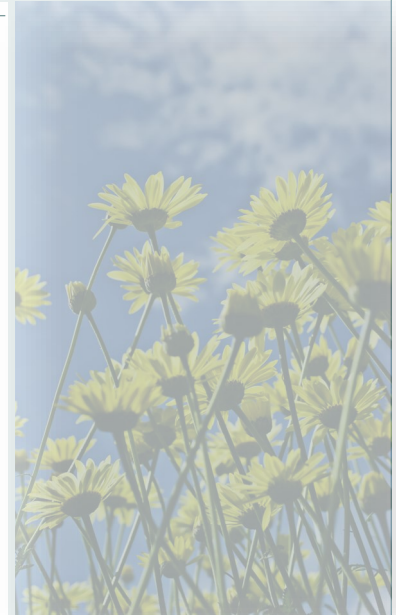
We hope to see everyone at the Eaton County Fair July 8-15! Check out page 15 for more details on all the fair activities.

### CITY COUNCIL ELECTION—2023

The office of Mayor, District 1 (partial term), District 1, District 2 (partial term), District 2, and At-Large each have one seat to be elected in the November 7, 2023 election.

The deadline for filing the required forms with the City Clerk is Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 4pm at the Office of City Clerk.

Considering seeking election for a Council seat? More information can be found on page 3.



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# CITY MEETING CALENDAR

## July

Tuesday, 4 City Hall Closed—Independence Day

Wednesday, 5 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live

Tuesday, 11 Planning Commission

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 Airport Advisory Board, 8:00am, Fitch Beach Airport, 1325 Island Hwy

Monday, 17 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live

Tuesday, 18 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30pm

## August

Tuesday, 1 Planning Commission

Tuesday, 1 Parks Advisory Board, Community Room (City Hall basement)

Monday, 7 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live

Tuesday, 8 Camp Frances Board, 6:30pm, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran

Tuesday, 15 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30pm

Wednesday, 16 City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live

Monday, 21 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live

Thursday, 31 Summer Taxes payable without penalty, must be received by 5:00pm

## September

Monday, 4 City Hall Closed—Labor Day

Tuesday, 5 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live

Tuesday, 12 Planning Commission

Tuesday, 12 Camp Frances Board, 6:30pm, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran

Wednesday, 13 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](http://www.charlottemi.org).

Meetings are in-person at City Hall Council Chambers at 7pm unless noted otherwise.

# NEWS FROM CITY HALL

## PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Nominating Petitions and Affidavits of Identity forms may be picked up beginning Monday May 1, 2023 in the City Clerk's office for the following City Council seats to be elected at the city election on **November 7, 2023**

COUNCIL OFFICE	# OF OFFICES TO ELECT	TERM LENGTH	TERM EXPIRATION (1ST MONDAY FOLLOWING ELECTION)
MAYOR	1	5 YEAR	11/13/2028
DISTRICT 1	1	3 YEAR (PARTIAL)	11/9/2026
DISTRICT 1	1	5 YEAR	11/13/2028
DISTRICT 2	1	3 YEAR (PARTIAL)	11/9/2026
DISTRICT 2	1	5 YEAR	11/13/2028
AT-LARGE	1	5 YEAR	11/13/2028

The City Clerk's office is open Mon. to Fri. 9am-1pm and 2pm to 4pm, located at 111 E. Lawrence Ave. Charlotte MI 48813. The deadline for filing the required forms with the City Clerk is Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 4pm at the Office of City Clerk

**NOTICE** is further given that at the regular City Council Meeting held Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Charlotte passed **Resolution 2023-07 "A resolution establishing regular elections in November of each even year commencing with the city election of November, 2026"**.

To accommodate for the change from odd to even year elections, all terms of office for City of Charlotte Council seats are extended for one (1) year, one (1) time only. Six (6) Council seats that are open for election at the November 7, 2023 city election; Mayor, District 1 and 2 and an At-large seat each with a 5-year term and District 1 and 2 each with a 3-year (partial) term. One (1) At-Large seat that is not open for election in 2023 has been extended 1 year (exp. 11/9/2026).

Questions? Contact Mary LaRocque, City Clerk at 517-543-2750 or [clerk@charlottemi.org](mailto:clerk@charlottemi.org)



### Notice of Election Location Change.

Voting for all precincts will take place at City Hall for the November 7, 2023 City Election. City Hall is located at 111 E Lawrence Ave. Voters who typically vote in another location will receive a mailed notice regarding the change.

Please note, this change is only for the November 2023 City Election.

## 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](https://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.



**Lead Service Line Replacement.** The City of Charlotte Department of Public Works (DPW) is verifying the material of water service lines throughout the City as a requirement of the 2018 Michigan Lead and Copper Rule. EGLE is requiring a complete inventory of the water service lines by January 1, 2025. The inventory must include material verification at 3 locations along the service line, including inside the home where the water service comes into the house. The City received a Grant from EGLE to help with the material verification. Contact DPW at 517-543-8858 to schedule an inspection.

In place of an in-home inspection, a self-completed survey is available to residents which includes taking a picture of the water service line at the in-home water meter. Contact DPW at 517-543-8858 or [edean@charlottemi.org](mailto:edean@charlottemi.org) to complete the self-survey of your home's water service.



### **Notice: Permit and/or Registration Required to Solicit or Canvass within City.**

#### *What is soliciting or canvassing?*

Soliciting is to seek out sales for profit. A permit and registration is required, background check and fees apply.

Canvassing is to seek votes, contributions or sales for non-profits or to conduct surveys, or public discussions. Registration is required, but no fees apply.

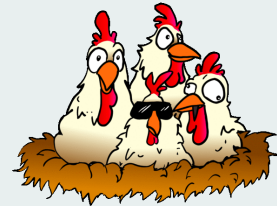
A copy of the ordinance and forms can be found on our website: [www.charlottemi.gov/forms-applications/](https://www.charlottemi.gov/forms-applications/), then scroll down to find the appropriate form.

# NEWS FROM CITY HALL

**Backyard Chickens.** Did you know that backyard chickens are allowed in Charlotte if you obtain a permit? It's true - residents can keep up to 6 egg-laying chickens (No roosters!) in a coop and fenced enclosure after getting a permit from the City Clerk's Office.

The permit costs \$50 and is good for two years, after which it can be renewed for no charge. The permit is easy to obtain and the rules are easy to follow. This regulation only covers chickens, however; it cannot be extended to other fowl, like ducks or geese, and it does not allow for the keeping of other farm animals such as rabbits or goats.

If interested, call (517) 543-8853 for more information and a copy of the application.



It's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it! Please make sure to pick up after your dog. Not only is it neighborly, it's the law!

City code requires pet owners clean up after their pets. Please do your part to keep our city clean.



**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](mailto: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

**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. Interested or want to learn more? Contact the Mayor or the City Clerk at 517-543-2750 or [clerk@charlottemi.org](mailto:clerk@charlottemi.org).

- Board of Review (2)
- Downtown Development Authority (3)
- Airport Advisory Board (1)

Interested persons can also find more information here:

[www.charlottemi.org/board-and-commission-volunteer-opportunities-available/](http://www.charlottemi.org/board-and-commission-volunteer-opportunities-available/)



DO YOU KNOW?

Streetlights are owned and maintained by Consumers Energy.

Report outages, check status, and more online at [streetlights.consumersenergy.com/](http://streetlights.consumersenergy.com/)

**Blight, Weeds, or Junk Vehicles** Warm weather means more time outdoors! It is also a great time for yard clean-ups and general outdoor property maintenance. Residents who have a concern about the condition of a specific property, because of an accumulation of junk, refuse, improperly stored recreational vehicles, or unregistered vehicles should contact Code Enforcement so it can be evaluated.

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. Grass and vegetation be maintained so as not to exceed 10 inches in height. Residents who own larger lots in the city (5 acres or more) must also keep those areas within 100 feet of a street, alleyway or neighboring property line at 10 inches or less. Please keep shrubs and trees trimmed back at corners to prevent traffic hazards, and away from sidewalks for pedestrian safety.

A code enforcement inspector will take action on properties that are not maintained. Residents who are not mowing will be given notice of the violation and a reasonable time to remedy the problem. If the problem persists, the City may mow the lot and the homeowner will be charged for the work. Continued violations may result in the issuance of a civil infraction ticket.

If you see a property in your neighborhood in need of maintenance, please call 517-543-8837, [ccummings@charlottemi.org](mailto:ccummings@charlottemi.org), or report it online at [www.charlottemi.org/contact-us/](http://www.charlottemi.org/contact-us/).

Individuals in need of assistance can find resources on our website at [www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/](http://www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/)



# NEWS FROM CITY HALL



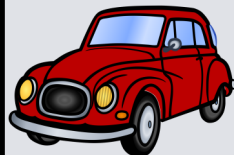
**Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA) Maintenance Professional of the Year:** This award was given to our own, Matt Mitschke on June 19, 2023. Matt has been employed by the City of Charlotte for 8 years. This designation is awarded to a worth individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in maintenance, has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the public, excelled professionally, and publicly promoted the water environment profession. Matt has experi-

ence the areas of electrical, instrumentation, and mechanical maintenance. He is a contributor to the advancement and understanding of maintenance issues for the City of Charlotte.

From all of us at Charlotte, congratulations Matt!



**From the Police Chief** Did you know the police department does vacation checks? If you are going to be out of town for an extended period of time, just let us know and we'll check on your property while you are gone. Either stop down to the police department or call us at 517-543-1552 and we'll take care of you.



**Attention** —As warmer weather occurs, so do larcenies from vehicles. Please lock your vehicles at all times and remove your valuables. Report any suspicious activity to the police department by calling Eaton County Central Dispatch at 517-541-0767.



**From the Fire Chief** Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 residents in the City of Charlotte will no longer need to contact the Charlotte Fire Department to obtain a burn permit. Residents are permitted to have a recreational, cooking, or ceremonial fire any time of the year without a permit. Township residents may still be required to have a burn permit.

§3.3.226 Recreational fire. Fuel used for a recreational fire shall be untreated dry-season wood or charcoal. The total area for the fire shall not exceed 3 FT in diameter and 2 FT in height.

Burning of leaves, brush, yard waste, and trash is prohibited within city limits. Residents may be subject to a fire response charge if found in violation of city ordinance.

Additional information can be found at [www.charlottemifire.org](http://www.charlottemifire.org)

## NEWS FROM CITY HALL



**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/](http://www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/) or by calling 2-1-1.



**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/](http://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 Middaugh: in-person during regular business hours, by phone at 517-543-8841, or email [mmiddaugh@charlottemi.org](mailto:mmiddaugh@charlottemi.org).



## 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/>.



Michiganders in crisis now have an easy-to-remember three-digit number to call for help – 988. Michigan has joined the nation with 988, 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 to expand the existing support beyond people who are feeling suicidal to all individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, including 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, including mental health-related distress; thoughts of suicide; substance use crisis; or 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.

# NEWS FROM CITY HALL

## Do I need a building permit for my home improvement project?

Depending on your project, whether it's performed by a contractor or you the homeowner, a building permit may be required. Understanding when a permit is required, and making sure to get one prior to starting can save a lot of time and trouble.

Many smaller projects do not require a building permit. These include fences, small accessory buildings, re-siding, re-shingling and window replacement. However, there are circumstances when the project must be reviewed for zoning compliance even when a building permit and inspections are not required.

For fences and shall sheds, city zoning approval is required even though a building permit is not. If more than two sheets of roof decking will be replaced during the shingling, or if window dimensions are changing, then a building permit is necessary. Larger sheds, garages and pole barns require zoning reviews, building permits and inspections.

Decks that are accessed by an exit door from your home (which is most decks), do require a building permit, even if they are not attached to the house. Interior remodeling projects usually require a building permit, but do not require a zoning review.

In most cases, permits and zoning reviews can be obtained very quickly and will not delay your project. However, failing to get a permit or allowing for an inspection can cause significant delays and even cost increases.

As always, if you are not sure whether a permit is required, it is a good idea to call the City of Charlotte at (517) 543-8853 to find out.

Forms are available online at: [charlottemi.gov/planning-and-zoning/](http://charlottemi.gov/planning-and-zoning/)



**Contact**  
**MISS DIG 811**

## Doing Any DIY Projects This Season?



- Decks & Patios
- Trees or Shrubs
- Swing Sets
- Signs

- Fountains
- Tents
- Fences
- Mailbox Posts



- Room Additions
- Gardens
- Swimming Pools
- Landscaping

## Know What's Below Before You Dig!

Even hand digging  
can cause damage.

## Become part of the solution!

Over 25% of damage is  
from homeowners.



## It's the **LAW!** It's fast and it's **FREE!!!**

### What do you mean FREE?

When you contact **MISS DIG 811**, the public facility companies are notified to mark the location of their underground lines.

Public facilities are marked for **FREE** by facility company representatives known as Locators. The Locators paint lines and/or place flags to mark the approximate location of underground public lines.





# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS



Visit us For  
Daily Specials  
& Activities

[eatoncountyfair.com](http://eatoncountyfair.com)



**168<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION**

## EATON COUNTY FAIR

### JULY 8-JULY 15

**GATES OPEN DAILY AT 9:00 A.M.**

**GATE ADMISSION**  
Daily: (Age 6+) \$6  
Week Pass: (Age 6+) \$25  
Children 5 & Under: FREE







**GRANDSTAND PRICES**  
General Admission: \$20  
Reserved Seating: \$25

**SATURDAY, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**9 a.m.** Dog Show, Wawiernia Pavilion

**9 a.m.** Non-Livestock Exhibits Judged, Exhibition Building and Kardel Hall

**9 a.m.** Clover Bud Non-Livestock Exhibit Judging, Savage Exhibit Building

**1 p.m.** Harness Horse Race, Grandstands  
\$5 General Admission

**6 p.m.** Horse Pulls, Grandstands  
\$5 General Admission

**SUNDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**9 a.m.** All Open Class Exhibit Set Up, Savage Exhibit Building, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

**1 p.m.** Open Class Judging

**6 p.m.** Carcass Animal Live Evaluation, Cattle Show Arena

**6:30 p.m.** Entertainer DeWayne Spaw, Grandstands  
\$20 General Admission, \$25 Reserved Seating

**7 p.m.** Super Kicker Rodeo, Grandstands  
Bull Riding & Girls Barrels Racing, Team Roping, Mutton Busting, Boot Scramble  
\$20 General Admission, \$25 Reserved Seating

**MONDAY, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
FARM BUREAU DAY  
**FREE GATE ADMISSION FOR VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY & EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL**  
**NO CARNIVAL RIDES**

**8:30 a.m.** Swine Showmanship & Market Classes, Wawiernia Pavilion

**9 a.m.** Goat Show, Cattle Show Arena

**10 a.m.** Pee Wee and Special Needs Horse & Pony Classes, Back Horse Arena

**10 a.m.** Horse & Pony Classes, Back Horse Arena

**5 p.m.** Horse/Pony Gymkhana Classes, Back Horse Arena

**6:30 p.m.** Entertainer DeWayne Spaw, Grandstands  
\$20 General Admission, \$25 Reserved Seating

**7 p.m.** Super Kicker Rodeo, Grandstands  
Bull Riding & Girls Barrels Racing, Team Roping, Mutton Busting, Boot Scramble, Bronc Riding  
\$20 General Admission, \$25 Reserved Seating

**TUESDAY, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**9 a.m.** Beef Cattle Show, Cattle Show Arena

**9 a.m.** Rabbit Show, Wawiernia Pavilion

**9 a.m.** Horse & Pony Classes, Back Horse Arena

**2 p.m.** Carnival Midway  
Presale Only 3 day MEGA Pass: \$45, Presale All Day Armband \$17, All Day Armband at the Event \$20

**5 p.m.** Horse/Pony Gymkhana Classes, Back Horse Arena

**6 p.m.** Sheep Lead Classes & Decorative Class, Wawiernia Pavilion

**7 p.m.** MotoCross, Grandstands - By SJO Productions.  
\$20 General Admission, \$25 Reserved Seating

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**SENIOR DAY (FREE GATE ADMISSION, 62YRS & UP) • 9 A.M.-NOON**

**9 a.m.** Horse & Pony Classes, Back Horse Arena

**9 a.m.** Dairy Market & Dairy Feeder Show, Followed by Dairy Show, Cattle Show Arena

**9 a.m.** Sheep Show, Wawiernia Pavilion

**2 p.m.** Carnival Midway  
Presale Only 3 day MEGA Pass: \$45, Presale All Day Armband \$17, All Day Armband at the Event \$20

**5:00 p.m.** Horse/Pony Gymkhana Classes, Back Horse Arena

**7 p.m.** MotoCross, Grandstands - By SJO Productions.  
\$20 General Admission, \$25 Reserved Seating

**THURSDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**TODDLER'S DAY (6YRS OR YOUNGER) • 2 P.M.-4 P.M.**

**9 a.m.** Horse & Pony Classes, Back Horse Arena

**10 a.m.** Market Livestock Sale, Wawiernia Pavilion

**2 p.m.** Carnival Midway  
Presale Only 3 day MEGA Pass: \$45, Presale All Day Armband \$17, All Day Armband at the Event \$20

**6:30 p.m.** Entertainer DeWayne Spaw, Grandstand  
\$20 General Admission, \$25 Reserved Seating

**7 p.m.** Truck & Tractor Pulls, Grandstands - Super-Farm Stock Tractors, Limited Light Super-Stock Tractors, Modified Tractors, Two-Wheel Drive Trucks, Mini-Mods  
\$20 General Admission, \$25 Reserved Seating

**FRIDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**KID'S DAY • \$1 PER RIDE 2PM-4PM**

**2 p.m.** Carnival Midway • All Rides Open at 2 p.m.  
Presale Only 3 day MEGA Pass: \$45, Presale All Day Armband \$17, All Day Armband at the Event \$20

**6:30 pm** Entertainer DeWayne Spaw, Grandstand  
\$20 General Admission, \$25 Reserved Seating

**7 p.m.** Truck & Tractor Pulls, Grandstands - Limited Light Super Stock Tractors, Four-Wheel Drive Trucks, Mini Mod Tractors, 3.0 Diesel 4x4 Pickups \$20 General Admission, \$25 Reserved Seating

**SATURDAY, JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**KID'S DAY • \$1 PER RIDE 12 P.M.-4 P.M.**

**8:30 am** Large Animal Sweepstakes, Back Horse Arena

**9 a.m.** Antique & Farm Stock Tractor Pull, Grandstand Show - FREE Grandstand Admission

**9:30 a.m.** Small Animal Sweepstakes, Small Animal Barn

**10:30 a.m.** Overall Sweepstakes Showmanship, Cattle Show Arena

**12p.m.** Carnival Midway • All Rides Open at 12 p.m.  
• Kids Day \$1 Per Ride 12- 4 p.m.  
Presale Only 3 day MEGA Pass: \$45, Presale All Day Armband \$17, All Day Armband at the Event \$25

**1 p.m.** Small Animal Sale, Wawiernia Pavilion

**3 p.m.** Horse & Pony Costume Fun Classes, Back Horse Arena

**4 p.m.** Non-Livestock Exhibit Auction, Wawiernia Pavilion

**7 p.m.** Street Diesel & Semi Pull, Grandstand Show  
\$20 General Admission, \$25 Reserved Seating



## Carnival Advanced Ticket Sales

**AVAILABLE NOW  
THROUGH JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> ONLY**

ALL ONLINE SALES ONLY

**3 Day Mega Pass:**  
Advanced Unlimited Rides for 3 days - \$45

**Daily Unlimited Ride Wristbands:**  
Purchase your daily unlimited ride wristbands for only \$17.00 each!

Tickets available online at  
**EatonCountyFair.com**

**Under The New Community Tent**

**NEW!** Live Entertainment  
Noon-6:30 p.m. Daily

**Check out our Website for More Activities & Events!**

# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

## CHARLOTTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS 2023

LOCAL

2023



MAY- OCT.  
THURSDAY

2-6 PM

BECOME A  
VENDOR!



BEACH MARKET  
120 W. LOVETT ST.

EBT & DEBIT ACCEPTED



# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHARLOTTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS 2023



## Summer Concert Series 2023

On the Historic Courthouse lawn  
Thursdays at 6:30pm

- 6/1 Sea Cruisers: 50's/60's
- 6/8 Frenz: Thru the Decades
- 6/15 Claim Jumpers: Country
- 6/22 Detroit Social Club: Blues
- 6/29 Jimmy & the Mortals: 60's
- 7/6 Frog & the Beeftones: Americana
- 7/13 Dwayne Spaw: Country
- 7/20 Laurie & the Lefties: Variety
- 7/27 Soul Town: Motown Hits
- 8/3 Whistle Pig Surprise band
- 8/10 Parted Water
- 8/17 Blind Ambition: 50's/60's





# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

## CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS—JULY

Youth Program- Take and Make

### BALLOON TENNIS

**Available Monday, July 10th**

Intended for families with children.  
One per family unit.  
While supplies last



Charlotte Community Library  
517-543-8859  
charlottelibrary.org


**MAPPING MOSQUITO HABITATS**

Wednesday, July 12th  
3:00-4:00pm

Come enjoy exciting STEM activities!

For students entering grades 3rd-6th.

Pre-registration begins June 28th.



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**ZOMBEE HUNTING**

Wednesday, July 26th  
3:00-4:00pm

Come enjoy exciting STEM activities!

For students entering grades 3rd-6th.

Pre-registration begins July 12th.



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**MOVIE NIGHT AT CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

A soon to be divorced Beverly Hills socialite is determined to prove to her husband and herself that she can finish what she starts out to do, by becoming a den mother to a troop of Beverly Hills Girl Scouts.

Wednesday, July 5  
5:30 PM

Bring your friends for a fun evening movie and popcorn!



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**After Dinner Stroll**

Tuesday, July 25th  
6:30pm

Get social!  
Meet up at the library for a walk around the neighborhood.



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**Summer In The Park**

**Oak Park @ 11am-Noon**

June 13- Pint-sized Polka  
June 20- An All in this Together Time  
June 27- Celebrate International Mud Day

July 11- Craft at the Park  
July 18- Wild Tales with Potter Park  
July 25- Dance for Kindness

August 1- Jungle Story Time  
August 8- Joel Tacey with Mobile NERF games  
August 15- Swordsmanship Showcase: Medieval Longsword

No charge to attend these events.  
\*In case of bad weather, we will meet at the library.



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**CPR/AED Session**

Saturday, July 15th  
9:30am - 12:30pm  
Spartan Room

Informational class on CPR/AED, with hands on training.  
Completing the session will earn each participant a certificate of completion\*.  
\*Certificate of completion differs from a CPR Card.

Pre-registration is required.



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### Library Hours:

M-F 9am-7pm  
Sat 10am-2pm

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# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

## CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS-JULY



### CRAFT CLUB

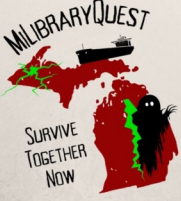
**Friendship Bracelets**

**Friday, July 28th**  
**4:00-5:00pm**



**Pre-registration is required.**  
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Teens, can you survive the MiLibraryQuest this summer? Face all manner of ghosts and ghouls as you solve the mystery of their appearance in our state. Puzzles and riddles will aid you in the quest to Survive Together Now beginning July 1st! MiLibraryQuest: Summer Edition 2023 will be held from July 1 through August 5, 2023. Visit [www.mi.gov/MiLibraryQuest](http://www.mi.gov/MiLibraryQuest) to learn more!

**Enter to win a prize!**

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### HUNT A KILLER

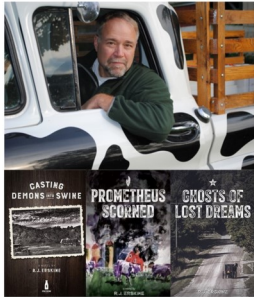
Channel your inner detective to unravel a twisted tale of foul play and catch a killer.

**Tuesday, July 18th**  
**@ 5:30pm**



**Storyline:** Old Scratch Tavern seems like your average small town dive bar...until the owner, Nick Webster, falls from a cliff behind his roadside establishment. And though the authorities rule his death an accident, one of Nick's loyal employees isn't so sure.

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**AUTHOR VISIT:**  
**R.J. ERSKINE**

**THURSDAY**  
**JULY 13TH**  
**6:00 PM**

R.J. Erskine served as a large animal veterinarian for 40 years. In his suspense novels, he relies on personal experiences and events while practicing within an Amish community in Pennsylvania.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUTHOR:  
[WWW.STRAYVOLTAGEPRESS.COM](http://WWW.STRAYVOLTAGEPRESS.COM)

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### 2023 SUMMER FAMILY MOVIES

At the Eaton Theatre

**FRIDAYS AT NOON**

June 30: Minions: Rise of Gru  
July 7: Bad Guys  
July 14: Sing 2  
July 21: Puss in Boots: Last Wish  
July 28: Shrek 2



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### Science Alive!

**Saturday, July 22nd**  
**10am, 11am, and 12pm**  
**Sign-ups begin June 22nd**

Call or visit the library to register for one of these time slots.





Participants will get to visit with live animals.  
For families with youth ages 3 & up. Adults must be present.  
Science Alive presentations are designed to stimulate further learning.

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### Hot Sauce Contest

For all the brave souls who wish to gain the title of champion:  
Answer trivia questions between each round of hot sauce and make it through all 10 rounds to win.

**Registration Required with \$5 entry fee**

**Friday, July 21st**  
**@ 7:00 pm**

For individuals 13 and older.  
Ages 13-17 will need guardian permission.  
**Prize: Gift Certificate to WhistlePig BBQ**  
Contest for ages 8-12 is the same night (3 rounds).  
Registration required. No fee for ages 12 and under.




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### MINECRAFT CREEPER PARTY!

**Friday, July 14th**  
**4:00-6:00pm**

- Refreshments
- Mini-Games
- Play on the Library's private server!

**Pre-registration begins June 30th.**  
For children entering grades 4th-12th.

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## 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

**Dan Daly**—Interim Fire Chief

**Bryan Myrkle**—Community Development  
Director

**Randy Jewell**—Assessor



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July is an exciting month for Charlotte! The Eaton County Fair will be in town from July 8th through 15th. Carnival rides and games, rodeo events, animal demonstrations, musical entertainment, and more! We also hope you take advantage of the weekly farmers/artisans market and concerts downtown on Thursdays, hosted by the Charlotte Chamber—come join us!

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/text, 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](http://www.charlottemi.org); the city's [facebook page](#), or twitter: @CityCharlotteMI

*- Erin E. LaPere*

### Recent City Council Actions—June 2023:

- Approved ongoing School Resource Officer agreement with Charlotte Public Schools
- Approved resolution for grant reimbursement from MDOT Aero for expenses related to airport easement acquisition
- Approved resolution to apply for a grant for road improvements on Walnut St
- Approved City Manager evaluation form for 2024
- Confirmed Mayoral appointments to various boards and committees
- Approved retainer agreement with City Attorney
- Approved initial resolution for land sale in Combs Industrial Park
- Approved final cannabis district maps for proposed licensing program
- Approved resolution establishing Water and Sewer rates effective for usage as of July 1st
- Approved resolution denying proposed changes to volunteer fire department constitution and bylaws
- Approved change order for keyless entry project
- Approved resolution recognizing Eaton Community Health as a non-profit organization
- Approved FY22/23 Budget amendments
- Held discussion on status of the lead service line replacement program
- Approved fees for certain services effective July 1st
- Approved purchase of tertiary filter pump replacement
- Rescheduled first meeting in July to Wednesday, July 5th due to the holiday
- Approved contract for Park Master Plan update

Want to know more? Check out [www.charlottemi.org/](http://www.charlottemi.org/) to see 2023 meeting agendas and minutes.

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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

