

# City Beat

## News Briefs

**May Election To Be Held.** An election will be held on May 7 on a Charlotte Public Schools bond proposal.

**Absentee Voting.** State law now permits any voter to vote absentee. Contact the City Clerk's Office for information.

**Street Reconstruction.** Bids are being solicited for rebuilding the 100-300 blocks of W. Lovett Street. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in May.

**Utility Billing — Did You Know...** that you can pay on your account before your bill comes? Any payments you make will be credited against your next bill. If your bill is usually, \$175 and you make 3 payments of \$50, your quarterly bill will show only \$25 due when it arrives. Questions? Call Lisa at 517-543-8839.

## March 2019

**March 5.** Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**March 11-12.** Board of Review meetings. For meeting times, visit [charlottemi.org](http://charlottemi.org). Contact Sandy at 517-543-8844 or [sosborn@charlottemi.org](mailto:sosborn@charlottemi.org) for an appointment.

**March 11.** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**March 12.** Tim Talks, Facebook Live, 4:00 p.m. Mayor Tim Lewis and guest Lisa Barna from CharlotteRising.

**March 12.** Camp Frances Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Camp Frances.

**March 17.** St. Patrick's Day. City Hall closed.

**March 25.** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**March 31.** Water and sewer bill payments due.

## Calendar

**City Looks To Address Vaping.** A recent presentation to City Council about the danger to youth health from the use of e-cigarettes, or vaping, has spurred the formation of a committee to recommend a response. Kim Thalison, Prevention Services Supervisor with Eaton RESA, reported a significant increase in use of the devices by middle and high school students in Charlotte. A committee of City Council members, school representatives and police officers has been formed to consider actions to address the public health concerns. The City Attorney's office has been asked to draft an ordinance to deal with the problem. The committee will be meeting to review the proposed ordinance and is expected to make a recommendation to Council yet this spring.

**Community Strategic Planning Effort To Be Launched.** City Council allocated funds this year to undertake the preparation of a community-based strategic plan. Mayor Tim Lewis has asked Council member Yvonne Ridge to lead the effort which will involve a broad cross section of community members. "We have made great strides over the last few years in moving Charlotte forward," said Ms. Ridge. "A strategic plan will help to identify opportunities to further revitalize the community." Several firms have submitted proposals to provide consulting services for the plan. City Council is expected to award a contract for the services by the end of March. It is anticipated that work will commence in April and the strategic plan will be finalized by November.