

# City Beat

## News Briefs

**Lovett Street.** The reconstruction of 3 blocks of W. Lovett St. in downtown will continue through the summer.

**Pocket Park .** Work began in late June and is expected to be completed on or about August 16.

**Drop-off Site.** The site behind the DPW garage on Tirrell Road is available to city residents for brush drop-off during regular business hours and on Saturdays from 8:00—noon.

**Did You Know...** that the fairgrounds where the Eaton County Fair takes place each year are owned by the City of Charlotte? The same is true of the property to the south used by the Charlotte Junior Orioles. In both instances, the organizations have leases that require them to have insurance and keep up the properties.

## July 2019

**July 2.** Planning Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**July 4.** Independence Day. Celebrate the founding of our republic and its preservation of our liberty.

**July 8-11.** Vision 2025 Focus group meetings. See below for addition details.

**July 8-13.** Eaton County Fair.

**July 8.** City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**July 9.** Camp Frances Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Camp Frances (Bennett Park).

**July 16.** Downtown Development Authority, 8:00 a.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**July 22.** City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

## Calendar

**Vision 2025—Shaping Our Future Together.** A community-based planning effort has been launched to identify opportunities to move Charlotte forward over the next five years. The next phase of this effort will take place July 8 through 11 when area residents are invited to join one or more of seven focus groups to explore topics such as the economy, the environment, health and wellness, basic needs, arts and culture, education and neighborhoods. Each session will take place in the evening from 5:30—7:00 at different locations around Charlotte. Organizers are encouraging every interested person to attend so that a broad cross-section of the greater Charlotte community is represented. More information is available at: [charlottemi.org/vision-2025](http://charlottemi.org/vision-2025).

**Utility Rate Increase.** Each year at budget time, City staff reviews the amount the City charges for water and sewer services. The last rate increase was in 2015. Significant cost increases are forecast related to replacing water and sewer lines during street construction projects, upgrading aging equipment at the waste water treatment plant and complying with state mandates related to things such as locating and replacing lead and galvanized pipe service lines and developing asset management plans. City Council has taken the first step toward implementing a rate increase that would add about \$6.60 per month to the average residential water bill beginning with bills mailed in October. Final action is expected during the July 8 City Council meeting.