

City Beat

News Briefs

Timepiece Park . Although a few items are left to complete, the new pocket park in downtown is open for public use.

Police Chief Appointment. Paul Brentar, a 17-year veteran of the Charlotte Police Department has been appointed to succeed Chief Lisa Sherman who retired on August 30 after more than 30 years of service to the City, the last 6 as Chief.

Absentee Ballots. Absentee ballots for the November City Council election are being mailed by the City Clerk's office. To request an absentee ballot, call 517-543-2750 or come to the Clerk's office in City Hall. Remember: Michigan law now permits any registered elector to vote using an absentee ballot.

October 2019

Calendar

October 1. Parks Advisory Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall Community Room, (basement level).

October 1. Planning Commission meeting canceled.

October 8. Camp Frances Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Camp Frances (Bennett Park).

October 14. City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

October 15. Downtown Development Authority, 8:00 a.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

October 16. Tim Talks, 4:00 p.m., Facebook Live. Mayor Lewis's guest will be Police Chief Paul Brentar

October 28. City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

October 29. Tim Talks, 4:00 p.m., Facebook Live, Mayor Lewis will reflect on his 4 years in office.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. The Charlotte Area Recreation Cooperative and the City's Parks Advisory Board have been working to update the area's 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan. The plan identifies current parks and recreation assets and needs in the area that includes the City and Carmel and Eaton Townships. It is essential to have an up-to-date master plan in order to apply for state grants for facility development. The plan will be available for public review throughout the month of October at City Hall, the Township offices and the Charlotte Community Library. One or more public hearings will be held to receive citizen input concerning the plan. Hearing dates will be announced in the near future.

Edmond Senior Apartments, Phase II. The developers of Edmond Senior Apartments in downtown Charlotte had submitted plans to develop a second phase on the same site. Public hearings on their requests for a tax abatement and for a reduction in the number of required parking spaces were on the City Council's September 23 agenda. Concerns were voiced during the hearings about the conditions in the existing building and about the impact on downtown parking if a reduction in spaces was allowed. City Council postponed action on parking issue and took no action on the tax abatement request. The developers subsequently notified the City that they would not be proceeding with the development at this time.