

# City Beat

## News Briefs

**Pocket Park** . Various delays have pushed back the completion of work on Timepiece Park in downtown Charlotte. The park is now expected to open in the latter half of September.

**Utility Rate Increase Approved.** The 11% increase in water and sewer rates is effective July 1. Customers will begin seeing this increase on bills mailed in early October.

**Fiscal Stability.** City Council is continuing to discuss measures necessary to address budget challenges related to employee pensions, retiree health care and street improvements. Information about this effort can be found on the City's website at [www.charlottemi.org/path-to-fiscal-stability](http://www.charlottemi.org/path-to-fiscal-stability).

## September 2019

## Calendar

**September 2.** City offices are closed for Labor Day.

**September 3.** Planning Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**September 9.** City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**September 10.** Camp Frances Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Camp Frances (Bennett Park).

**September 17.** Downtown Development Authority, 8:00 a.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**September 17.** Constitution Day. "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves..."

**September 23.** City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**Vision 2025—Survey.** The Vision 2025 steering committee is continuing to seek input from Charlotte-area residents as part of its community-based strategic planning initiative. A 19-question online survey has been developed that asks for input on topics such as arts and culture, health and wellness, basic needs and more. The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. The survey can be accessed from a smart phone by scanning the QR code at right. It can be completed as well from a browser by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CharlotteVision2025>. Residents are encouraged to join their neighbors in sharing their thoughts about Charlotte's future.



**On-Line Bill Payment Problems.** Recently, payments made by residents using the bill payment service Doxo were not received in our offices in a timely manner and utility services to those residents were shut off. The City will assess late charges for payments made through on-line services based on when the payment is received in City offices. The City urges residents to thoroughly investigate on-line bill payment services before trusting them with their financial transactions. In addition, consideration might be given to exploring similar services available through banks or other trusted financial institutions. The City accepts on-line credit/debit card payments for taxes and utility bills. Links to access the service that processes these payments are found at [www.charlottemi.org](http://www.charlottemi.org).