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## INFORMATION:

### **June 9 – Ribbon Cutting for First Rapid Charge Electric Vehicle Charging Station**

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A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Friday, June 9, 10 a.m., at 1225 Thomas Avenue to celebrate the installation of a Rapid Charge Electric Vehicle Charging Station on City property. This station will charge electric vehicles in 15-30 minutes, significantly faster than the City's current publicly available charging stations, which take 2 to 4 hours to charge.

In partnership with Nissan Motors and Brightfields Transportation Solutions, the Thomas Avenue parking lot located off Central Avenue was selected in fall 2015 to house a rapid charge electric vehicle charging station. Aimed at preparing Charlotte for the future influx of electric vehicles, this partnership helps create a sustainable alternative fuel network.

There are currently 68 publicly owned and operated charging stations throughout Charlotte. The Thomas Avenue location will be the second rapid charging station; the other is at the AAA facility on South Boulevard.

### **Applications for Neighborhood Board Retreat Due June 26**

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The next semiannual Neighborhood Board Retreat will be held on Saturday, July 16 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at UNCC Center City, 320 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street. These retreats help neighborhood and business associations assess the current state of their community, identify and prioritize strategic goals, and create action plans to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

The deadline to apply is 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 26. Interested neighborhoods can apply online at [charlottenc.gov/nbs](http://charlottenc.gov/nbs) or by calling 704-336-7846. Capacity is limited. First-time participants will receive priority consideration.

Staff request that as Council member meet with neighborhood and business organizations, they will encourage those groups to apply to attend the July 2016 retreat. Attached is an information card for the retreat. Additional copies for constituents are enclosed in today's Council packets. The event also will be posted to the Neighborhood & Business Services' social media pages, [facebook.com/NBSCharlotte](https://facebook.com/NBSCharlotte) and [twitter.com/NBSCharlotte](https://twitter.com/NBSCharlotte), where it can be shared with Council's social media followers.

If Council members have additional questions, or would like to request additional information cards please contact Nicole Storey at 704-336-2929 or [nrstorey@charlottenc.gov](mailto:nrstorey@charlottenc.gov)



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## 2016 NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD RETREAT



SATURDAY JULY 16, 2016, 8 am - 1:30 pm  
UNC Charlotte Center City Campus 320 E 9th St



### Neighborhood Board Retreats offer neighborhood boards and business associations opportunity to:

- Work with trained facilitators to assess community strengths and enhancement opportunities
- Develop vision statement, strategic priorities and community action plan
- \$1,500 Neighborhood Matching Grant credit (if eligible)

Register at [nbsretreat.eventbrite.com](http://nbsretreat.eventbrite.com) by 6/26 or by calling 311. Five (5) person minimum required to register, 1st time attendees receive priority consideration.

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