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WORKING TOGETHER IN 2015 – Letter to CCA members

Happy New Year! As the new President of the Charlotte Community Association (CCA), I am deeply honored and excited to serve a 52 year old organization whose MISSION is based on building a stronger community while preserving and promoting the heritage of the Village of Charlotte. It is with great privilege to serve our community and lead this Board, so together we can drive our VISION of being a safe, vibrant, and inviting place to live, work and visit; a family-friendly community and a year-round destination celebrated for its rich history and natural resources. As we move forward as a community, we will achieve this by welcoming new ideas from our members and working closely together on all the exciting projects & events planned for this year. Collaborating with one another, communication, and transparency will be key factors to our success as an organization.

As we prepare to move forward, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge all the Past President's of the CCA, past Board members, and all the wonderful volunteers for your dedicated service and commitment to our community. Thank you all for your years of service.

As you know, elections for the 2015 CCA Board were in December 2014 and there was an unprecedented amount of qualified candidates nominated. It was by far a very exciting time for the organization to witness so many talented members of our community willing to serve on the Board and contribute to our community. I would like to welcome Sue Roethel and Patti O'Brien who will serve on the Board, as Directors. I would also like to congratulate both Susan Miller for being appointed to Treasurer, and Pam Postgate

for being elected Secretary. All of their unique skill sets are truly welcomed and will prove beneficial to the CCA.

As President, I request consistent support from members by volunteering to help guide our organization into the future. There will be several opportunities available soon to help address identified needs of the organization and our community, so your participation on Standing and Special (Ad Hoc) committees is essential. If you have suggestions for events in our neighborhood, please let me or another Board member know. We want to hear your thoughts and suggestions – this is YOUR organization. Together, we will strive to make the CCA the very best possible and with member support & dedication, we will make it happen! As always, we also have several community events planned that volunteers are needed as well. One event coming up very soon is the Lakeside Winter Celebration on Saturday February 8th from 11:00 am-4:00 pm. Please consider signing up to volunteer & support your community. It's a fun time for all ages!

In closing, I would like to thank all the members, the most important reason we are here – to serve you and the community of Charlotte. Again, it is a true honor to serve as your President. If we haven't met in person, please feel free to introduce yourself and let's openly discuss how we can work collaboratively to make a positive impact in our community.

My very best,
Clare A. Stortini

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

- Henry Ford

CCA MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

MISSION: To build a stronger community and to enhance the lives of our residents by providing a forum for sharing information, connecting neighbors and stakeholders, and fostering civic engagement while preserving and promoting the heritage of the Village of Charlotte.

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**CCA ELECTION RESULTS**

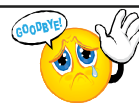
After a careful review of all ballots for eligibility against the CCA membership list, the official 2015 CCA election results are as follows:

Clare Stortini, President
Pamela Postgate, Secretary
Patti O'Brien-Director
Sue Roethel— Director



The new Board takes office on 1/1/15. They will join midterm board members Christine Ridarsky (Vice president), Sue Miller (Treasurer), Brian Labigan (Past President), Sean Schiano, and Julia Tedesco Orr.

The Board would like to extend its thanks to outgoing President Mike, Parker, Secretary Dan Brothers and Director Joe Hinchman for their years of service and contributions to the CCA. Their talents and commitment to community projects will be missed!

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED
by Marie Poinan**

This is my last issue as newsletter editor. I started out as a volunteer in 2005 and in 2007 became an assistant under Editor Patricia Kryzalka. At the same time, I took over the duties of Business Manager and Membership Chair from Jim Wood. The rift caused by Charlotte Strong has deeply divided the community and done irreparable harm. Their claim that the CCA board has failed the community is beyond comprehension, considering that a vast majority of these “new” voices were not involved in the community before 2014! While I respect anyone’s right to voice an opinion, I cannot imagine that attacking or belittling the Mayor, the developer, City Council and members of the CCA board is productive in any way. On June 7th, Charlotte Strong posted on their Facebook page: “We will not undermine the accomplishments of any community association nor do we want to engage in any negative, non-productive dialogue...” I hope they remember these words and learn to appreciate ALL the volunteers who serve the Charlotte community...even if they don't sport a green shirt!

Late Delivery of the December Newsletter by Editor Marie Poinan

There were many inquiries made about why the December issue of the newsletter was so late being delivered. The newsletter was completed on time and I actually sent it to the printer from the confines of my hospital bed at RGH, where I had been admitted the day before. The copies were picked up by President Mike Parker and labeled by our dedicated newsletter team (Aloyse Hahn, Nancy Owens and Mike Parker) on the Monday before Thanksgiving. But unfortunately, the newsletters could not be mailed due to the fact that the \$500.00 deposit, which had

been made at the Charlotte branch post office, did not get credited to our bulk mail account at the Jefferson Road post office for over three weeks!

So I apologize for the inconvenience that this caused our subscribers, given the fact that you were unable to get timely info about the CCA tree-lighting ceremony, the Holy Cross breakfast with Santa and the gift shop specials offered by the lighthouse. It is unfortunate that a clerical error caused such a problem in the delivery of the December issue to our members.

JOE MORELLE
ASSEMBLY MAJORITY LEADER

“Best wishes for 2015 to all of my friends and neighbors in the Charlotte Community Association.”



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**MONROE COUNTY UPDATE from Legislators
Tony Micciche and Brian Marianetti**

At the December meeting of the County Legislature, we were proud to support the 2015 budget proposed by County Executive Maggie Brooks. For the 11th consecutive year, the property tax rate did not increase. Holding the line on property taxes has been a signature accomplishment of the Brooks Administration and the Republicans in the County Legislature.

Despite a record amount of costs mandated by State government in Albany, which equate to 85% of the County budget, the Brooks Administration has been successful in doing more with less, keeping your hard-earned dollars where they belong – in your wallet. This has been possible because of our commitment to fiscal responsibility, while also maintaining the services which are vital to our community's high quality of life. This includes the areas of parks, public safety and transportation infrastructure. We believe that local tax dollars should be used to finance local programs; not Albany-mandated programs.

In the news recently, you may have heard some discussion about cuts to subsidized childcare. Quality childcare is an essential part of a child's upbringing, providing a foundation for future education, development and responsibility. We can all agree that this is a high priority in our community. However, subsidized daycare is a State program which has been underfunded year after year, putting the burden of covering the shortfall on local governments that cannot afford it. Finally, thanks to Senator Joe Robach, New York State has increased its childcare allocation to Monroe County in 2015, stepping up to the plate to fund one of its own programs and provide relief to local governments. Because of this increase, we are proud to say that more funding will be provided to daycare subsidies in 2015 than in the previous year.

While the County has been able to maintain a flat property tax rate, reduce spending, cut the mandate-fueled structural deficit *and* provide quality of life services, we cannot do it alone. Senator Robach has been a great voice for us in Albany, but there is still much work to be done. Until New York State addresses some of the underlying issues around mandates, we will continue to hear people refer to New York State as the Tax Capital of the Country. But despite all of these challenges, Monroe County has made great strides and put together a fiscally sound budget that any community member can be proud of.

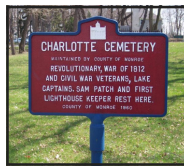
We are proud to represent the Charlotte community in the County Legislature. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact our office by phone at 753-1922, or by email: Brian at monroe7@monroecounty.gov -or - Tony at monroe26@monroecounty.gov.



**Charlotte Cemetery Project Funding
by Marie Poinan**

After months of preparation, there will be new installations at the Charlotte Village Cemetery in 2015. My thanks to **Ron Penders and John McMahon** for working with me and getting the funding which will purchase and install a nautical yardarm flagpole to honor the veterans (especially those of the War of 1812) who are interred in the cemetery, flags for each of the four service branches and solar lighting. Thanks to the funds raised during a 2013 cruise and auction on board the HarborTown Belle, the CCA has \$653.19 in its account which will be used to buy benches, planters and whatever else the Seabees need in the way of concrete and gravel to repair the headstones.

Three years of restoration work by the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-12 Seabees started on May 19, 2012 when the former Seabees began a dedicated effort to reset, repair and replace missing and damaged headstones. I have worked closely with the past three years with Commander John Cubit and his crew. Volunteers from the Charlotte community made the cemetery one of their featured Clean Sweep projects in 2012, 2013 and 2014. I have to single out and thank Terri and Terry Sharpe, Joe Hinchman, Mike Parker, John McMahon and Tony Micciche who lent a hand whenever it was needed and also to members of Lake United Methodist who have taken care of the graves in the Holden family plot for many years. Since we are losing both Mike and Joe as CCA board members, we will have to see who will step up from the new board to help recruit volunteers and help with the ongoing work that we have started.



Senator Joe Robach
56th Senate District



**Best wishes to everyone
in the CCA!**

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Charlotte Branch Library January Programs

by Paul Tantillo

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Digitizing Day-Saturday, January 10, 11am-1pm. Do you have Charlotte memorabilia you'd like preserved and made available for future historians, genealogists and researchers? Charlotte High School archivist Marie Poinan will be on hand to scan and digitize your photos, diary pages, vintage advertising, etc...so they can be added to the Charlotte Digital Archives. Help preserve Charlotte history!

Food For Thought Book Discussion Group – Tuesday January 20, 1pm. This month's selection is *Transatlantic* by Colum McCann. In this highly praised novel, McCann creates a tribute to his native Ireland and its enduring ties to America. Reviewers describe it as "stunning", "entrancing" and "sweeping". Borrow a copy, enjoy a terrific read, and then join the group for some great talk. Adults.

Terrarium Workshop - Saturday, January 24 from 11am to 12:30pm. Terrariums are fascinating little gardens in glass containers. In this workshop you'll learn the histo-

ry of terrariums and how they work. Then you'll make one to take home. All materials will be provided. *Class size is limited so reservations are a must!* Call 428-8217 to sign up. Ages 14 through adult.

Monthly Book Sale – Thursday January 29, Friday January 30, Saturday January 31 during open hours. Buy quality discs and donations at amazingly affordable prices. On Saturday, fill a bag for \$1.00. All ages.

Basic Computer Classes – Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10:30-11:30 am. Our popular computer tutoring for beginners is back! Sign up for 1-on-1 assistance with computer basics: Internet; E-mail; Web searching; basic Word; e-book assistance. Registration is required. Please call 428-8216 or sign up at the circulation desk. Adults.

Teen Services:

Junior DaVinci Arts & Crafts Club – Thursday, January 15, 3:45-4:45pm. Spend time with friends while expressing your creativity! This month we'll be creating terrariums! Ages 10-16. Call 428-8248 to register.

Children's Services:

Story Time with Miss Kim – Tuesdays January 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 11am*; Fridays January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 1:30pm. Art, music and action mix with the best in kids' literature for a well-rounded program that includes fun with friends! Ages 2-4 (siblings are welcome) *Please knock at the front door on Tuesdays to enter.

Crafts with Miss Caitlyn – Tuesdays January 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 3:30pm. Join Miss Caitlyn as she explores the world of crafts. Ages 4-12, siblings welcome with

parental assistance.

Family Movie Night – Wednesdays January 7, 14, 21, 28 at 5pm. Enjoy some family time with a movie and popcorn at the library. Please call 428-8248 for upcoming title. All ages.

Fun Fridays – Fridays January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 3:30-5pm. Join the "imagination station" as we play with play dough, finger paints, and LEGOs! We will also bring out the Wii! Ages 4-12 (younger children welcome with parental guidance)

SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday, February 7, 2015 we will join more than 470 libraries in 3 countries to celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day". We'll have a library scavenger hunt complete with prizes from 10:30am – 1:30pm. Mark your calendar now and be sure to stop in.

PLEASE NOTE: The library will be closed on January 1 and January 19.

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Below are some photos from the December 11th Book Fair. Thank you to Jill Fortune, Joanne Dambra, Michael Keene, Mary Ellen Ostrander, Rose O'Keefe, Marie Poinan and Maureen Whalen who participated and to all who attended.



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### CHARLOTTE HIGH ARCHIVES by Marie Poinan

Since the recommendation by Superintendent Bolgen Vargas to close Charlotte High School was made public, I have heard from a number of graduates who are saddened over the loss of their Alma Mater. As the archivists, Judy and I are most concerned with the fate of the extensive collection which fills seven file cabinets. Our hope is that these will remain in the building and that we can continue the public tours of the school for its graduates and viewing of the WPA murals.

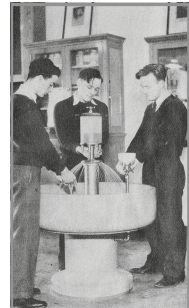
A sample of the hidden gems held in the archives can be seen in the photos and also a 1947 document which contained the following information about the school's construction:

- 1) The site was acquired in 1926. Funds to construct the building were made available in 1931 and the building opened in January 1933
- 2) The site had many pockets of fine sand which caused builders to go 42 feet below grade to reach bedrock where they sunk 1429 steel-encased concrete piles.
- 3) Exterior walls are made of manganese spotted brick, lower trim and entrance pylons are made of Indiana limestone, upper trim is terra cotta.
- 4) The auditorium seats 1364 pupils with an orchestra pit that holds 65 seats
- 5) The tiled pool is 75 feet long and has 18 underwater lights in its side walls
- 6) Three boilers that heat the school use 1275 tons of coal per year. A concrete bunker houses 300 tons of emergency reserve coal.
- 7) 800 pupils currently attend. The Class of 1946 graduated 123 students


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Sept. 25, 1925 sinking foundation




Left-1933 sink



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### CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE



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oliday Greetings from Charlotte High School!

Since the last Newsletter was published, Superintendent Vargas announced the decision to recommend the closing of Charlotte High School effective September 2017. The building will continue to house the Leadership Academy for Young Men. Many of you joined us for a meeting in the auditorium a few days after this announcement. As always, we appreciate the community's involvement. Charlotte (the community) has always had a close and special bond with Charlotte (the school). The School Board will vote on this recommendation in March. Meanwhile it is, of course, business as usual – doing our best to provide our students with a quality education.

We are busy with holiday preparations! We will be delivering Holiday Baskets to several of our families as will the RTA who contributes to all of our schools each year. We have a "Giving Tree" this year to benefit our students and their families and we have been fortunate to have many winter coats, hats & gloves donated for our kids. Our Junior class is having a Christmas Fund Raiser and our band is performing for the Faculty Holiday Gathering. We'll keep you posted on any upcoming performances.

Our Senior class is busy with college prep work in their classes and many are working with their Counselors to prepare college applications. The Seniors are also having a Fund Raiser in the hopes of financing a Senior Trip.

We are pleased to announce that **Matthew Hough** has been named Valedictorian for the Charlotte High School Class of 2015. Matt is a Charlotte resident and an all-around wonderful young man! We are also very proud of our Co-Salutatorians, twin sisters **Brianna and Cianna Hall**. This is the first time in Charlotte history that there have been Co-Salutatorians and the Hall girls are absolutely deserving of the honor!

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

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## WATERFRONT ROCHESTER PROJECT UPDATE

**A**s you may have heard by now, City Council voted to authorize the sale of the northern portion of parcel one (the area bounded by Lake, Corrigan, North River, and Portside) to the Edgewater Resources team. This important step allows us to begin the more detailed design development phase, and follows the unanimous approvals and positive feedback we received from the City of Rochester's Environmental Commission (REC) and Project Review Committee (PRC), both of which are independent advisory boards that provide input to the Director of Planning and Zoning at the City of Rochester.

As the new year begins, we will get back to work on the detailed design development process. This design process will involve a lot of work running well into the spring and summer months, and we anticipate that the next round of meetings with the Charlotte Community, CCA, the Port of Charlotte Merchants Association, and Charlotte Community Development Corporation will occur in March or April. The first round of these meetings will pick up where the last meeting left off, and provide the opportunity for feedback on the more developed concept design we will be working on in the coming months. This effort will incorporate many of the comments we received from the community, REC, and PRC, and will provide additional detail and specifics on many of the design details that people are interested in seeing.

As you may have heard, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) awarded the City a \$1.45 million grant for the construction of the new marina, but you may ask, why did they choose the Port of Rochester over many other communities? One of the most important criteria for USFWS is the

"quality of the community as a destination", and points are awarded for each of the attractions of local, regional, and national importance close by to the proposed marina. We were not at all surprised to learn that, based in large part on the quality of the community, the Port of Rochester was the highest scoring project in the whole country! As the holiday season winds down, I can't help but think about the potential for the community and businesses in Charlotte having a more active winter season in the coming years, with more residents, more shops, and more winter festivals and activities for everyone to enjoy. Both the City of Rochester and the community of Charlotte have a lot to offer to visiting friends and family, and we look forward to being a part of the reason people choose to live in Charlotte and visit in the future.

We would like to give our thanks to the many residents of Charlotte and City of Rochester who have sent us positive, encouraging messages over the last nine months. We really appreciate the thoughts, suggestions, ideas, and constructive criticism that will help us make our project a seamless part of Charlotte. We are happy to be a part of this growing community, and we will continue to do our very best to create a project we can all be proud of.



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## CHARLOTTE VILLAGE BOASTS FESTIVE LOOK FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

**T**he elves from the Charlotte Beautification Committee (CBC) were hard at work to bring the holiday spirit to Charlotte! Volunteers decorated 17 planters along Lake Avenue with pine boughs, bulbs and bows! Thanks to Van Putte Garden Center, Wilbert's Christmas Tree farm, Sean Schiano and Sarah Gallivan for donating the greenery. A special thank you to Bill Briggs from

Lakeside Floral for making and donating the bows. Linda Paruta and the CBC volunteers put it all together for a wonderful holiday look!

The Charlotte Beautification volunteers are constantly working to help make Charlotte a beautiful destination year-round. While spring may be a distant five months away, visions of marigolds and zinnias are in the

minds of CBC volunteers as they flip through pages of the seed magazines that have started to arrive. And you can help, too! Linda Paruta has a garden for you and your friends to work on! Contact her by phone at 621-6406 or email her at [lpflowers2004@yahoo.com](mailto:lpflowers2004@yahoo.com). Here's wishing you a very Happy New Year and we'll see you in the spring!



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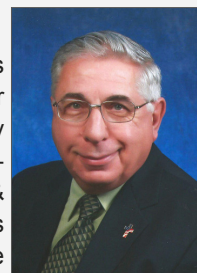
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### FRED AMATO APPOINTED TO PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Fred Amato, who was recently appointed to the **Monroe County Parks Advisory Committee** by County Executive Maggie Brooks.



This is a volunteer position. Fred, who was recommended by County Parks Director Larry Staub, served in the Monroe County Legislature for 22 years. While in the Legislature, he served on the Recreation & Education committee, several years as chairperson. He also was a legislative representative to the Monroe County Parks Advisory Committee during his tenure.

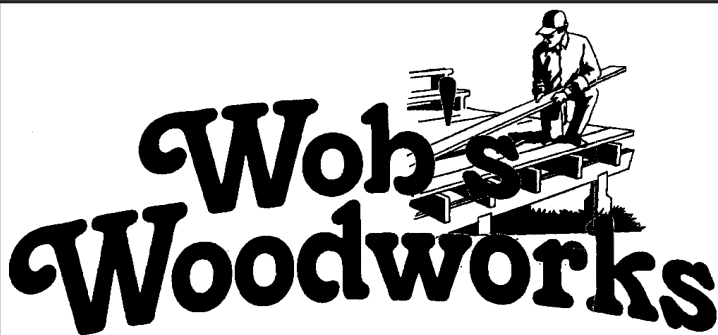
This committee helps provide comprehensive planning for the park system and a vital link between county government and the community it serves. It assists and supports the Monroe County Parks Department.

The appointment is for a two-year term and is effective as of January 1, 2015.

### LAKE LEVEL PLAN CONSIDERED CONTROVERSIAL

**T**he Nature Conservancy started a social media and advertising campaign in early November to gain support for the new "Plan 2014," a water-level plan that would regulate the water levels of Lake Ontario. While supported by a number of people, some shoreline property owners feel this plan may prove harmful to their property. Although over 10,000 people have signed

petitions in support of this plan, there are many who feel that this plan, advocated by the International Joint Commission, can potentially destroy wetlands and cause damage to the lake's natural eco-system. Among those who are opposed to the plan is County Executive Maggie Brooks, who held a news conference at Ontario Beach Park on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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[www.thomasfuneralchapels.com](http://www.thomasfuneralchapels.com)**LAKESIDE CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER IS RENAMED  
"CREATIVE BEGINNINGS CHILD CARE CENTER LAKESIDE"**

In last month's CCA News there was an article on the closing of the Lakeside Presbyterian Church and the continuation of the Lakeside Child and Family Center. The article was accompanied by excellent pictures of the Lakeside stained glass windows and sanctuary taken by Marie Poinan.

Since that article was written, it has been decided that the center will be renamed **Creative Beginnings Child Care Center Lakeside**. This will line us up with the name of our new owner/

operator and the name of their center in Irondequoit. So in the future, look for news about the center with this new name.

In all other respects our program will run exactly as it has for the past 30 years-- providing high quality services to children ages 6 months to 10 years of age. Cris Cook will remain as our capable and friendly director and all staff will continue as well. We look forward to serving your children in the years ahead. Please give Cris a call at 663-3670 if you need information or want to stop in for a tour at our center located at 75 Stutson Street.

**CARLA PALUMBO HEADS LEGAL AID SOCIETY**

The CCA extends its congratulations to our City Council representative, **Carla Palumbo**, who took over as the President and Executive Director of the **Legal Aid Society** on December 1, 2014. She replaced Alan Harris, who retired in November.

Carla has been an attorney with the society since 1984. She most recently served as the head of its civil division and Chief Operating Officer.

A former County Legislator, Carla was elected to City Council in 2007 and continues to serve as our Northwest representative on Council and Chair of the Neighborhood and Business Development Committee.

**EDGEMERE WINS DESIGN AWARD**

On Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Community Design Center presented its 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Reshaping Rochester" awards at a luncheon held at Temple B'rith Kodesh. The awards recognized projects "that positively impact people, neighborhoods and the community."

We extend our congratulations to **John Oster** of Edgemere Development who won the "**Robert Macon Award for Urban Innovation**," chosen for his work on the Frederick Douglass Apartments, the Voters' Block Community on West Main Street and The Mills on State Street.

**SALUTING CHARLOTTE'S NATIVE SONS**

Congratulations to **Judge John Owens**, who was sworn in as Surrogate Court Judge on Monday, December 22, 2014.



Congratulations to **Jack Foy**, who returned to Belgium in December as a guest of the Greatest Generation Foundation to mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge.





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## Community meeting for parents & the public at Charlotte High School

by Clare Stortini

Approximately 50 people were in attendance on December 2, 2014 to include, RCSD Board President Van White, CHS Principal Michael Allen, Susan Miller from the CCA Board, teachers, parents, community members and alumni.

Superintendent Bolgen Vargas identified three reasons/factors for his recommendation to the RCSD Board to close CHS and to expand the Young Men's Leadership Academy. The #1 factor is a 36% graduation rate and noted even more challenging is serving students with special needs. The other two reasons are attendance & student enrollment. He discussed his concerns related to student performance and explained per NYS Education Law; the Commissioner has the power & duty to take action. Before this happens, Vargas is making this recommendation.

Superintendent Vargas noted Commissioner will give us [RCSD] choices such as: close the school, open a charter school, or even an EPO. Writer's note: An EPO is an Educational Partnership Organization and currently in our City, the University of Rochester, is in the process of working with the New York State Education Department, the Rochester City School District, its collective bargaining units, and the East High School community to prepare a proposal to serve as an EPO for East High School starting in the 2015-16 school year.

Superintendent Vargas stated the following:

- The RCSD is losing students to Charter Schools.
- He wants to bring stability.
- Attendance is a direct correlation with grades / performance.
- The Young Men's Leadership Academy faces serious challenges
  - Their own branding/marketing
  - Need to rebuild

- Doing this is a necessity.
- Young Men's Academy currently has about 56 enrolled seniors, started with 104.
- He discussed the need to "clean the books" – he identified students still on the books that moved out of the district, even out of state with impacted the enrollment data.
- Academy is doing better & has a better projected graduation rate.
- \$60 million is spent on transportation
- CHS student enrollment 450 vs 350-370 attend.

Much discussion from attendees regarding student loitering after school hours late into evening after sport practices, the need for buses to drop off students in front of school to increase student attendance, student smoking marijuana on Lake Ave, throwing items on neighbors lawns, etc. Attendees commented and directed suggestions to Superintendent Vargas about the need to engage the community, Alumni to mentor students, guidance counselors to identify student strengths and put students in programs they would excel at (i.e. horticulture, music, etc.)

CHS Alumnus & County Legislator Tony Micciche said he was appointed by Mayor along with other County Legislators to be involved with truancy blitzes where they go to student's homes. Vargas informed those in attendance they are setting up a hotline to address truancy – people are to call 322.

Attendee requested for CHS rep to attend Charlotte Community Association meetings every month & noted the need for outreach to the community.

Superintendent Vargas assured those in attendance this evening there will be more meetings in future about his recommendation to close Charlotte High School and expand the Young Men's Leadership Academy.

*-Minutes recorded by Clare A. Stortini*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Rochester City School District Superintendent Dr. Bolgen Vargas will be attending the February 2nd CCA meeting to provide an overview of his recommendation to close Charlotte High School. He will respond to questions and concerns from the community.



## RPD REORGANIZATION MEETING



The RPD had a meeting at Aquinas on December 4<sup>th</sup> for the Northwest Quadrant, giving neighbors the opportunity to ask questions about the upcoming changes happening in the Rochester Police Department. The RPD reorganization is targeted to start March 2015, changing from its current (East and West) two-division patrol structure to a five-section model, each commanded by a Captain.

**Captain Ray Dearcop** is in charge of Lake Section and he has attended the past two CCA meetings. At the December meeting,

he announced that a new Lieutenant will be named to replace the spot vacated by Lt. Dave Gebhardt.

The five sections will be: Lake, Genesee, Goodman, Clinton and Central. These five sections will have 37 individual Patrol Beats, an increase from the current Service Areas. In regarding to staffing:

- Staffing model will retain the same number of police officers assigned to patrol duties as exists in the current two-division structure

- RPD will continue to work out of its 3 current police facilities during plan implementation
- Roughly equivalent number of police officers assigned to patrol in each part of the City
- Staffing will include 2 additional Captains (Staff Duty), 6 additional Sergeants (Patrol Sections), 2 less Lieutenants due to attrition and the elimination of 5 vacant officer position, 4 vacant Tactical Unit Officer positions and 1 vacant unreimbursed SRO position.



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## Northwest Quadrant Meeting

**Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00pm**

**Stardust Ballroom at Edgerton  
41 Backus Street 14608**

The LaBella Group is going to do a study for a 5 year Quadrant City-wide plan and they need public input. The project is for the entire City of Rochester, but those residing in the Northwest, including Charlotte, will have an opportunity to voice ideas with respect to what you would like to see in the future. This will enable Charlotte to have a big impact on what happens in our area, so now is the time to speak up. Please be prepared and bring all your ideas to the table.

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- Rec on the Move mobile rec center with snowshoe lessons, nerf bowling & more
- Chilly Chili Challenge 1pm to 4:30pm
- Snow Sculpture Contest
- Ultimate Frisbee demonstration
- Ice carving demo; fireworks at 6pm



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## CHARLOTTE LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY

There is no 1st Thursday History Program in January since it falls on New Year's Day.

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**Memories of the Greece  
Odenbach Shipbuilding Corporation**

1st Thursday Local History programs will be held at 2:00pm on March 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4th.

Don't forget the next scheduled scanning days at the library:



**11am-1:00pm  
Saturday, January 10 &  
Saturday, February 28**

The City of Rochester (the City) is preparing a Five (5) Year strategic plan to guide its use of federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Please help decide where these funds get directed by going online and completing the survey at:

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## WELCOME TO THE CCA!

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## 2015 CCA meeting dates

ALL 2015 meetings will be held at the Robach Center. (Please note that winter meetings will NOT be held at the Library. (see article on pg. 11)

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| January 5  | July 13**      |
| February 2 | August 3       |
| March 2    | September 14** |
| April 6    | October 5      |
| May 4      | November 2     |
| June 1     | December 7     |

The **Abundant Grace Church** will be hosting a Super Bowl party on ...



## Sunday February 1, 2015 Doors open at 4:00 P.M.

We will be having a chili tasting competition and prizes awarded for the best tasting chili to the participants. Cartoons will be available for the children to watch before the game.

The church is located at 4292 Lake Avenue just south of the Parkway. Hope to see you there for an evening of food, fun and football.



The Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse is now closed for the 2014 season. Due to ongoing work in the Keeper's House we will not be accepting any special tours this winter. See you all starting in May 2015.



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"Rochester's Patent Medicine Men"  
By Don Hall

**Thursday January 15, 2015**  
7:00 pm,  
Greece Community & Senior Center.  
Members Annual Meeting

**Sunday, January 18, 2:00 p.m.**  
Greece Museum  
Oberammergau, Germany  
Travelogue  
by Bill Sauers

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The monthly newsletter keeps neighbors informed on what is happening in Charlotte. Please remember that the major benefit of your CCA paid sub-

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Despite increased costs for postage, printing and mailing the newsletter this past year, we do not intend to raise our subscription rates for 2015.

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### JAN. FEB. and MARCH CCA MEETINGS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO ROBACH CENTER

After receiving feedback from community members and consulting with the County, we are pleased to announce CCA meetings for the months of January, February and March 2015 will all be held at The Roger Robach Community Center.

We've confirmed the building will be heated and sidewalks will be plowed and salted. If a member needs any assistance, please contact us as we have made arrangements for volunteers to assist you in arriving to The Robach Center safely from the parking lot for each meeting. Thank you.



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| 4   | 5<br>CCA<br>meeting<br>Robach<br>Center                                             | 6                            | 7   | 8                                                                                         | 9   | 10  |
| 11  | 12                                                                                  | 13                           | 14  | 15                                                                                        | 16  | 17  |
| 18  | 19                                                                                  | 20<br>PCIC<br>Aquinas<br>7pm | 21  | 22<br>Quadrant<br>Meeting<br>6pm<br>Edgerton<br>(See pg. 10)                              | 23  | 24  |
| 25  | 26                                                                                  | 27                           | 28  | 29                                                                                        | 30  | 31  |