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A Publication of the Charlotte Community Association - our 52nd year serving Charlotte- A Community that Cares!

Charlotte Community Association Mission and 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.

VISION: 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.

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This year, the celebration will feature a wide array of activities including the **5th Annual Lake Ontario Wine and Craft Beer Festival on Saturday, February 7**, and then continue on **Sunday, February 8**, with the **“Polar Plunge” at noon**. All events will be held at the Port of Rochester Terminal and Ontario Beach Park.

This event is organized by the all-volunteer Ontario Beach Park Program Committee and sponsored by the City of Rochester, Monroe County, Port of Charlotte Merchants Association, Freetime Magazine, City Newspaper and Wegmans.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 1 - 6 pm

No shuttle on this day

*** Lake Ontario Wine & Craft Beer**

Festival is inside the terminal, featuring breweries and NY state wines sample for a fee and/or buy. Maple syrup, cider, produce, etc. also available for sale.

* **“Rec on the Move”** mobile rec center with snowshoe lessons, nerf bowling & more

* **21st Annual Chilly Chili Challenge** (1-4:30 pm)

* **Ultimate Frisbee Winter Challenge**

* **Wagon/sleigh rides** through the park; giant inflatable slide; dog sled demonstrations; music, “Frostbiters” Sailboat races; and a walking tour of the area

* **Ice carving demonstration**

* **Snow sculpture contest.** Registration starts at 9 am. Theme is “Winter Creatures” and prizes will be awarded at 3 pm.

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Charlotte Community Association (CCA) - ABOUT US:

- We** are a volunteer association striving to make Charlotte a better place to live, do business, and visit.
- We** are responsive to our community's needs through the relationships we build with our neighbors, local businesses, community organizations and the City of Rochester, Monroe County and New York State.
- We** promote events within Charlotte that celebrate our community, including beautification projects, WinterFest, Kite Fight, Concerts-by-the-Shore and the annual Family Picnic.
- We** foster public safety by serving as a conduit between the community and local law enforcement to ensure that all public safety issues are promptly recognized and addressed.
- We** operate as a conduit of information for our neighbors. By providing speakers at our meetings, and maintaining a membership list and website, we keep our neighbors aware of city operations and potential developments in the community.
- We** offer an opportunity for neighbors to bring forth their concerns and problems, providing direction and connecting them to resources for further investigation of their issues.
- We** strive to better align community groups and resources and to enhance the long-term vitality of Charlotte.

2015 Charlotte Community Association (CCA) Board of Directors STATEMENT

We apologize to all those who were affected by the personal views and opinions of the former Newsletter Editor published in the January community newsletter. Those views are not of the Charlotte Community Association (CCA) Board of Directors nor are these views congruent with the Mission & Vision of our organization.

As our organization moves towards a more inclusive, equitable approach to addressing community needs, we want to inform you all external communication, including the community newsletter, will be now overseen by a CCA Board of Director and/or President of the Board prior to public dissemination.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the CCA.



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GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CCA COMMITTEES

Committee membership and leadership through volunteerism is an important part of getting things done in our community. The CCA Board is in the process of documenting the role of each Standing Committee. Below are a few of the committees that have been finalized, and are still looking for volunteers. Additional committee descriptions will be available in the coming months. Stay tuned and please consider donating some of your time to help your friends and neighbors to build a stronger Charlotte community. Send a note to **to get involved!**

Communications Committee: This team will plan and implement effective internal and external systems that support responsive, interactive, and timely modes of communication between the board and community members using a variety of media outlets; assess the usefulness of media options currently used and make recommendations regarding their disposition as well as suggest potential new applications.

Safety and Security Committee: Our neighborhood must be a safe, vibrant,

and inviting place to live, work and visit. This committee fosters neighborly relationships & effective communication between residents, schools, churches and businesses in the neighborhood while working with various agencies (City of Rochester Police Department, City of Rochester Fire Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Town of Greece Police Department, Town of Irondequoit Police Department, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Regional Transportation Service, etc.) to ensure everyone's safety and well-being.

Neighborhood Planning & Zoning Committee: This team will act as an interface between the CCA and the City of Rochester on community development issues. It will establish a positive and productive working relationship with City officials on behalf of the Charlotte community. It will proactively involve volunteers to attend meetings, collect and share information, and advocate for the community's best interests. Ideally, team members will have a diversity of backgrounds and perspectives that will provide a well-rounded, broad representation of our community as a whole. An essential

component of this team's responsibility is community outreach and advocacy. The team will conduct a needs assessment within the community to establish a current priority list. It will also outreach to the Rochester Regional Community Design Center (RRCDC) as a resource to help Charlotte create a neighborhood vision plan (charrette). The data collected from the community needs assessment will be used to inform the vision plan process. The team will also outreach to other neighborhood groups to investigate potential partnership opportunities and to benchmark Charlotte initiatives with those of other communities.

SPECIAL (AD HOC) COMMITTEE(S)

Not for Profit Status (NPS) Committee:

This Special (ad hoc) Committee is formed to ensure that the CCA upholds its membership and fiduciary responsibilities in accordance with New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (NPCL).

Coming Soon:

Beautification Committee, Event & Volunteer (Program) Committee, Membership Committee ✖

ANNOUNCING THREE BOARD VACANCIES

The CCA Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of three board members: **Sean Schiano, director; Julia Tedesco, director; and Christine Ridarsky, vice president.** A plan for filling these vacancies will be discussed at the next General Membership Meeting on Monday, February 2nd, 7:00 pm at the Roger Robach Community Center. Each board member sent a separate letter to the board indicating that other obligations and conflicts were their reasons for stepping down at this time.

In his resignation letter, Sean stated that he will continue serving on the Beautification Committee, as well as assisting with the summer concert series and other events throughout the year. He said, "I would like to thank the Charlotte Community for giving me the opportunity to serve on this board and look forward to working with my friends and neighbors on community activities in the future."

Julia stated in her letter, "It has been a pleasure to get to know each and every one of you, and I sincerely value the commitment each of you has made to help to bring positive change to our community."

Christine's final remarks included, "I remain committed to the CCA and the Charlotte community and will continue to volunteer at events as time allows. Thank you for allowing me to serve you for these past few years. It has been an honor."

The Board wishes to thank Sean, Julia and Christine for their years of service to the community as board members and hope they will continue to participate in CCA activities as much as they are able. ✖

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE UPDATE

On Monday January 12, 2015, the City Planning Commission (CPC) approved a three year Special Permit (until January 31, 2018) for Lakesiders Bar and Grill, located at 4783-4785 Lake Avenue, to re-establish live entertainment; specifically trivia games, karaoke, DJs and small bands, with hours of operation from 2:00PM to 2:00AM, daily. A condition on this Special Permit is for all exterior doors, except for the front door located near Lake Avenue, shall remain closed at all times during all live entertainment. ✖



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UPDATE ON THE MARINA SITE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Submitted by William Brown

There are still unanswered questions concerning why Pike Construction and the City of Rochester have parted ways. With the upcoming bid for Contract 2 of the Marina construction, the contractors at the recent bid review conference ask why the two entities parted ways. The city staff offered no explanation.

Bill Brown, a CCA member who has extensively researched the marina development project, has continued his efforts to educate the community and City Council about the site soil conditions. He continues to restate those conditions with the following: "The site soils are a mixture of regulated, contaminated cap material, with a variety of soft soils at the next layer, completely flooded with water." He goes on to say, "When the regulated material mixes with the water, it becomes very corrosive". Also due to the extreme drop in elevation from Lake Avenue at 275 feet above sea level to the river bottom at 220 above sea level, there is a chance for

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serious erosion during the construction." These conditions create very complex development issues. If they cannot be resolved, Mr. Brown believes that the full marina/development project could be jeopardized.

Mr. Brown has referenced the City's own research as the primary source of his information as well as conversations with **Dr. Richard Young** of SUNY, Geneseo, who is a professor of geotechnology and an expert on the geology of the Genesee River.

At the City's Bidder's Conference last Tuesday, January 6th, 2015

there were a variety of questions asked concerning the site condition. You can see the full discussion of the site issues at Mr. Brown's website at

. He also has posted there a variety of other related documents to the marina geology site conditions and City of Rochester research documents. ✕

ANNOUNCING NEW EDITOR AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE FOR CCA NEWS

The Charlotte Community News is the official printed communications media of the Charlotte Community Association (CCA). It is published each month under the direction of the editor, with review and approval by the CCA Board Liaison. In keeping with the Charlotte Community Association Mission and Vision, it includes neighborhood and community news, association notices, and articles. Advertising from local businesses are included on a subscription basis.



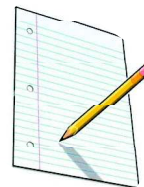
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Reasons To Attend February 2nd CCA Meeting!

Guest Speakers will include **Rochester City School District Superintendent, Bolgen Vargas**, who will speak on his recommendation to close Charlotte High School. A public meeting was held in December at Charlotte High School and reported on in the January Charlotte Community News.

Also, **Mitch Rowe, Director of Planning & Zoning** for the City of Rochester, will provide an update on Edgewater Resources plans now that the plans are with his office.

The meeting begins at 7pm sharp in the Roger Robach Community Center, 188 Beach Avenue. See you there! ✧

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CCA MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 5, 2015

Submitted by Kate Karshick

The board was introduced by **Clare Stortini, President** followed by the police community report.

Treasurer Susan Miller gave an extensive financial report.

President Stortini encouraged attendees to invite neighbors and friends, especially non-CCA members to meetings, especially those new to Charlotte. It's not necessary to be a paid member to attend meetings; however only paid members can vote. She also covered rules of meeting etiquette.

Lakeside Winter Celebration, Feb. 7 – 8!!! Interested in volunteering.....check the website or contact **Patti O'Brien at**

Zombie properties, empty homes taken over by the banks, are more than a nuisance, especially when maintenance isn't taking place. Suggestions were

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CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Submitted by Dana Michaud



Happy 2015 everyone! We're keeping busy here at CHS preparing for January Regents exams. In addition to our year-round exam prep classes offered in our Extended Learning Period, we are offering "cram sessions" for students until the week of exams. We encourage all students to take the Regents exams for which they are eligible in January as well as June to increase their chances of success and to continue to meet graduation requirements as efficiently as possible. We also have some students graduating in the mid-year commencement ceremony on February 7th.

Our congratulations to them!

Our DECA Club has once again made us proud at the Regional Competition. Ten students attended the event and twin sisters **Christian and Crystal Hastings** each won a trophy in the Job Interview category! They qualified to compete at the State level. We hope to have six students represent Charlotte at that

event.

Christian Hastings will also represent Charlotte in the All City Commencement Band's performance at the Eastman Theater on May 11. Christian is a talented flautist and will also be performing a solo at the Solo Festival in the springtime. Busy girl!

Our Music Director is working on the 2nd Annual "Charlotte's Got Talent!" Talent Show scheduled for March 27th. Meanwhile our Bowling, Basketball and Indoor Track teams continue with their busy schedules.

We would like to remind all local agencies and groups that we have **Participation in Government students that are always looking for ways to complete their Community Service hours in order to graduate. If you have a need for extra help** at an event or on an on-going basis feel free to **contact Dana Michaud at 663-7070 ext. 1031**. We especially welcome activities within the Charlotte Community!

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE FORMED TO ADDRESS CCA'S NOT-FOR-PROFIT STATUS

The CCA Board of Directors has established a new Not-for-Profit Status (NPS) Committee. The board approved the appointment of community member **Jack McKie** as chairperson and **Clare Stortini** as board liaison. For the past year, Clare has been serving on a similar committee for the *Corn Hill Neighborhood Association* and is well-versed in what is required. This Special (ad hoc) Committee is formed to ensure that the CCA upholds its membership and fiduciary responsibilities in accordance with New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (NPCL).

The team is specifically tasked to:

- Research and identify attorney(s) and accounting firm(s)/CPA who specialize in advising not for-profit organizations (NPOs).
- Confer with CCA attorney and accounting firm/CPA to review current level of compliance, the implications of such, and determine all potential costs to the organization to come into compliance with applicable laws.
- Determine potential cost to the organization to file changes to CCA Certificate of Incorporation with New York State.
- Create appropriate change in wording to the CCA Certificate of Incorporation (COI), CCA Mission & Vision Statements, and CCA Bylaws.
- Create Conflict of Interest Policy for Board of Directors and Committee Chairs in accordance with NYS Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (NPCL).

Any community member who wishes to serve on the NPS Committee should contact Clare Stortini at :info@charlottecca.org ☐

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made about what to do about these vacant buildings without any real conclusion.

Sadly, Lakeside Presbyterian Church has permanently closed. In doing so, the members of this venerable church made generous donations of \$1,000 each to the Charlotte Youth Athletic Association and the Charlotte Lighthouse!

These were just some of the topics covered January 5th. Complete minutes of that meeting will be submitted for approval at the February CCA Meeting and then can be seen on the CCA website.

Interested in hearing what will happen to Charlotte High School? Make sure you come to the February 2nd CCA meeting to hear **RCSD Superintendent Bolgen Vargas** talk about his proposal. Also speaking will be **Mitch Rowe, Director of Planning and Zoning** for the City of Rochester. He will update the community on Edge-water Resources' plans for the Port of Rochester. ☐



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Charlotte Branch Library

- February Programs By Paul Tantillo

Adult Services:

Basic Computer Classes **– Tuesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24, 10:30-11:30am. 1-on-1 assistance with computer basics: Internet; E-mail; Web searching; basic Word; e-book assistance. Adults.

Local History Series: **History of the Odenbach Shipbuilding Corporation** – Thursday Feb. 5, 2 pm. The Odenbach Shipbuilding Corporation was started in Greece, NY during WWII to produce battle ships. Local historian **Marie Poinan** will give us a fascinating look at one of Rochester's most important contributions to the war effort. Ages 14-adult.

Affordable Care Act Healthcare Navigator **– Monday, Feb. 9, 1-4pm. A certified application counselor will be here to assist you in enrolling for health insurance through the New York State Health Exchange. Bring ID, previous year's tax return, SSNs and birth dates for all members of your family you will be enrolling.

Music for the Valentine Season – Tuesday, Feb 10, 4-5pm. Harpist **Sandy**

Gianniny will play songs of love. Join us for a gorgeous concert of romantic music, or just enjoy the atmosphere while you're using the library. All ages.

Food for Thought Book Discussion Group – Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1pm. This month we're reading **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** by **Rebecca Skloot**. This beautifully written book chronicles the life of an impoverished southern farmwoman who made one of history's most enduring contributions to medicine. Borrow a copy of this remarkable book and join us for a fascinating discussion. Adults.

Monthly Book Sale – Thursday Feb. 26, Friday Feb 27, Saturday Feb. 28 during open hours. Buy quality discards and donations at amazingly affordable prices. On Saturday, fill a bag for \$1.00. All ages.

Digitizing Day-Saturday, February 28, 11am-1pm. Preserve Charlotte's heritage! Archivist **Marie Poinan** will be on hand to scan and digitize your Charlotte photos, diary pages, vintage advertising, etc...so they can be added to the Charlotte Digital Archives. Help save Charlotte history!

Teen Programs:
Junior DaVincis' Art & Craft Club **–

Thursday Feb. 19, 3:45-4:45 pm. Express your creative side! Spend time with friends while making some great crafts.

Children's Programs:

Story Time with Miss Kim – Tuesdays Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 11 am*. Fridays Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 1:30pm. Art, music and action mix with the best in children's literature for a well-rounded program that includes fun with friends! Ages 2-4 (siblings are welcome). *On Tuesdays, knock at the front door to enter.

Crafts with Miss Caitlyn – Tuesdays Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 3:30pm. Ages 4-12, siblings welcome with parental assistance.

Family Movie Night – Wednesdays Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 5pm. Enjoy family time with a movie and popcorn at the library. Please call 428-8248 each week for the upcoming title. All ages.

Fun Fridays – Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 from 3:30-5pm. Join the "imagination station" as we play with play dough and finger paints. We will also bring out the Wii! Ages 4-12, younger children welcome with parental guidance.

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****CALL 428-8216 to Register for these Programs**



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* **Winter hike:** Turning Point Park, 1 pm

* **Fireworks over the river, 6 pm**

* **Charlotte area businesses will also feature specials and discounts all weekend.** Discount coupon available here: www.portofcharlottenny.com
Community groups will have items for sale.



Sunday, Feb. 8, 12 - 4 p.m.

Shuttle available 8:30 am-2 pm.

Annual Polar Plunge fundraiser for the Special Olympics – 12 pm The Roger Robach Community Center

*** Free off site parking lot and shuttle for all plungers and spectators at Greece Arcadia High School, 120 Island Cottage Road

Everyone will be dropped off and picked backed up directly in front of the Plunge site at The Robach Center.

✂

A Request from Kneads and Wants

I am looking for photos of the diner that used to be here at this space 4464 Lake Ave in the '50s. A while back I was told the name, and the woman that was still living here in Charlotte. I was wondering if you had any info about her and the soda shop / diner...the name escapes me. I would like to display some photos here in my shop. Any other historical photos that you think would be interesting to have printed and display would be appreciated as well. If you know of any local art etc, that would make a nice addition to my bakery I would really love to support the beautiful history and people of the area.

Thank you!!

Tracy Burgio @ Kneads and Wants ✂

COMMUNITY EVENTS



2015 CCA Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held at The Roger Robach Community Center (Bathhouse), Ontario Beach Park, 188 Beach Ave.

Meetings are typically held the first MONDAY each month unless noted below with ***:

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

February



CHARLOTTE LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY

Join us on **February 5 at 2pm** for our next program by **Marie Poinan:**

Memories of the Greece Odenbach Shipbuilding Corporation

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

Next scheduled scanning day at the library:

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



CHARLOTTE Strong Meeting February 12th, 7:00pm Roger Robach Center

CHARLOTTE Strong is a grass-roots group of very concerned community members who have taken a proactive approach that is focused on three primary issues relating to the Port of Rochester Development Project:

1. Ensuring that *all* community members' voices are heard
2. Starting the Phase II development process over
3. Requesting a new & different Request for Proposal (RFP) process

We respect everyone's opinion. We encourage citizens to examine the facts and exercise their right to question their elected officials' decisions. We care about our precious waterfront and we hope to see you at our next meeting.

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- Ultimate Frisbee Challenge
- Horse-drawn carriage rides
- Dog sled demo
- Outdoor children's games with Rec on

the Move

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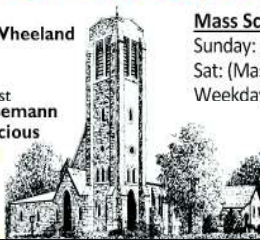
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Charlotte Beautification Update –

City of Rochester Gardening Community Looking for Your Input



**B**elow is a message from **Sara Scott**, Coordinator of Horticultural & Environmental Programming for the City of Rochester.

"I hope this message finds you well and looking forward to warmer weather and dirt under your fingernails! Enthusiasm and interest in gardening is growing steadily in the City of Rochester, with new gardens sprouting up each year. Looking to the future of community gardening in Rochester, I'd like to bring gardeners together to gather feedback and input about your experiences gardening in the city. Your insights are invaluable as the City of Rochester strives to improve the programming and support offered to community gardens. I hope that you will consider participating in one of the following Community Gardening Input Sessions:

- \* Thursday, February 5th from 6:30pm-8pm at Gantt R-Center
- \* (700 North Street)
- \* Thursday, February 12th from 6:30pm-8pm at Adams R-Center
- \* (85 Adams Street)
- \* Thursday, February 26th from 6:30pm-8pm at Edgerton R-Center

(41 Backus Street)

The sessions will include opportunities to mingle with fellow gardeners, a brief overview of community gardening in Rochester, a brainstorming and feedback session, and snacks!

Some of the questions that we'll explore during the brainstorming/feedback session include:

- \* How can the City of Rochester better support community gardening efforts?
- \* What resources are most necessary to improve your community garden?
- \* What types of workshops and/or classes are most appealing to your gardeners?
- \* How can community gardens better support each other?

Please confirm your attendance via email or phone (585) 820-8860 by Monday, January 28th. When you RSVP, please indicate which of the Community Gardening Input Session you plan on attending: Gantt (02/05), Adams Street (02/12) or Edgerton (02/26)." ✕

## Your Feedback Is Needed!

The following survey is intended to provide a better understanding of what community stakeholders need from the CCA. You can help the whole neighborhood by spending 5 minutes answering a few questions. All of your answers are completely confidential. Bring to the meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> or mail to: CCA, PO Box 12768, Rochester NY 14612-0768. Thank you for your invaluable feedback!

### How long have you lived in Charlotte?

☐ 0-5 years      ☐ 5-10 years      ☐ 10-20 years      ☐ More than 20 years

### How long have you owned a business in Charlotte?

☐ 0-5 years      ☐ 5-10 years      ☐ 10-20 years      ☐ More than 20 years

### Are you a member of the CCA?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_

### How often do you attend CCA meetings?

☐ I attend most meetings

☐ I attend once or twice a year

☐ I rarely attend meetings

☐ I was unaware that non-members are welcome to attend general meetings

### Would you attend more CCA meetings if (check all that apply):

☐ Meetings were shorter

☐ Agenda items were of interest to me

☐ Guest speaker topics was of interest to me

☐ Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

### Overall, how satisfied are you with the CCA?

☐ Very satisfied      ☐ Somewhat satisfied      ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

☐ Somewhat dissatisfied      ☐ Very dissatisfied

Comment(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### How satisfied are you with the association as an information resource?

☐ Very satisfied      ☐ Somewhat satisfied      ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

☐ Somewhat dissatisfied      ☐ Very dissatisfied

Comment(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### How satisfied are you with how the CCA represents your interests? (check all that apply)

☐ The association promotes issues that are important to me.

☐ The association has my best interests in mind.

☐ The association listens and responds to my questions quickly and efficiently.

☐ The association has the knowledge and expertise to address any needs I may have.

Comment(s): \_\_\_\_\_

What does the CCA do well? \_\_\_\_\_

What could the CCA do better? \_\_\_\_\_

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank You For Your Comments*



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| Sun               | Mon                                                                                       | Tue                    | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                                                                                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                 | 2<br>CCA meeting<br>7pm Robach Center                                                     | 3                      | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7<br>Winter Celebration Begins!                                                             |
| 8<br>Polar Plunge | 9                                                                                         | 10                     | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14<br> |
| 15                | 16<br> | 17<br>PCIC Aquinas 7pm | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21                                                                                          |
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