



# CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY NEWS

## May, 2015



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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- ♦ Monday, May 4th
- ♦ Monday, June 1st

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## A Vision for the Future of Charlotte

On March 30th, The Charlotte Community Association Board held a special meeting to learn about the community vision plan process. About 55 neighbors attended and heard a presentation by the Community Design Center of Rochester. The CDCR is a non-profit organization headquartered in downtown Rochester and has been serving a nine-county area around Rochester for more than ten years.

CDCR's Executive Director, **Joni Monroe**, **Roger Brown**, Creative Consultant; and **Sebastian Baliva**, Project, Program and Design Coordinator presented "The Charrette and Community Vision Plan Process."

The central theme of the discussion was to inform members of the Charlotte Community about a process to develop a long term vision for the neighborhood. The scope of the vision plan can be as narrow or as broad as the community decides. Ideally it will encompass the entire community.

### How will this happen?

The process begins with a brainstorming session called a "charrette" that takes place over a series of months. It brings together community members and design professionals to create collaborative solutions for cities, towns, and neighborhoods.

- ♦ It begins with a walk through the neighborhood to see what's there now, followed by a series of workshops facilitated by design professionals to solicit input from all attendees to produce sketches of dream neighborhoods and landscapes.
- ♦ Then the CDCR creates a consolidated report, or Vision Plan, of all the ideas from the charrette. The report can include materials such as posters, brochures, etc. with maps, drawings, photos and written commentary. It covers land use, gateways, transportation and connections.
- ♦ The CDCR considers the charrette process as the antidote to the conventional, top-down planning practices that usually generate controversy and delay. They believe this process can help build public trust *and support for community change. Through the process, neighbors learn to trust each other, compromise, and articulate their dreams.*
- ♦ At the end of the process, the community has a Vision Plan that they can take to government and foundation funders when they apply for construction grants to transform their environment.

**A ballot to approve the motion to move forward with this project is included within this newsletter.**

**Who is involved?** The entire community is encouraged to participate.

**What are the benefits?** Single community voice, provide a vision plan for the community.

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**What is the cost?** The approximate cost provided to CCA is \$20,000 for Charrette and \$15,000 - \$20,000 for the Vision Plan - CCA has been informed payments would be parceled out from \$1500- \$2000. The CCA board is leveraging all funding opportunities available through the City, Rochester Area Community Foundation (RACF) and other grant opportunities as they arise to ensure CCA is fiscally responsible.

**Why you should support?** Other neighborhoods such as Maplewood, Cornhill, Upper Mt. Hope, Upper Monroe, Susan B. Anthony, ARTwalk, Downtown (Center City) have been very successful in creating and achieving changes to their neighborhoods.

**Comments from neighbors who attended the meeting:**

*"The charrette and vision plan is a wonderful idea; great start forward to get the community together so we can tell the City what we want."*

*"Having a plan and a structure has a lot of weight with the City. A comprehensive plan on file would be much better to formally present it."*

*"It would give us our own plan, one voice, of how to handle parking. We haven't had one voice. It would give us more power."*

*"I'm concerned about the huge, immediate problem we're facing with the port. I love the idea of a charrette for the entire Charlotte neighborhood; we can be as proud as any neighborhood. Meanwhile, though, we have this horrendous problem facing us with the marina construction."*

*"Will a charrette improve the parcel of land down at the port? Nothing's off the table. If the community wants to focus on the port, then that's what we do. Let's start the conversations."*

*"We all need to get together and use the charrette to communicate to the City from all of us. The CDCR is a professional group. They're legitimate. We should embrace the process as one community."*

*"The current vision for Rochester is going to happen over you if you don't have a plan. CDCR offers a plan that could give us a powerful tool, a fighting chance with the City... It can be an incredibly powerful tool."*

*"I like the inclusiveness of a full-neighborhood charrette. It needs to focus on everything, all areas in the neighborhood, not just the port."*

*"When I came here tonight, I was not in favor of the CDCR. After their presentation, I have changed my mind and am now in favor of them."*

*"We did tell the City no (about the current plan), but we didn't tell them what our yeses are!"*

**Reasons to Attend the May 4th**  
**Charlotte Community Association**  
**Meeting**



⇒ **Vote on Community Design Center of Rochester Project-Charrette**



**CCA Meeting Minutes Available Online**

CCA will post meeting minutes on its website for members to review before the next monthly meeting. For instance, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> minutes will be posted online and a motion will be made to approve at the next CCA meeting, May 4th. Please scroll down to CCA minutes to review at your convenience.

**Thank you!**

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### Meet New CCA Board VP – Matt Juda

If you want something done, give it to a busy person! If that saying is true, then the CCA Board has the right man for the job in Matt Juda.

Matt and his husband Jalen are brand new to the Charlotte neighborhood where they bought their home in October, 2014. He is a science teacher for Rochester City School District and teaches 7th & 8th grade general science at School #50 (he's achieved the degree of Doctorate of Education Leadership from the U of R). He also owns his own company, Matthew Juda Glassworks, where he is a glass artist and creates and sells fused glass (plates, bowls, jewelry). Oh, and he's also a Realtor with Keller Williams Realty.

In addition to volunteering with CCA, Matt volunteers with the POCMA and is the Membership Chairman for Canandaigua Yacht Club.

As Vice President of the CCA Board, he is the right hand to the President and has strong views for the future. "I believe in the community and that with the proper balance of reflecting our history and developing for the future we can become a vibrant year round community. We should be a "Park Ave on the Water"" His favorite thing to do in Charlotte is to visit local businesses and talk to owners and residents.

When asked what he hopes to accomplish while being on the board he says, "I'd like to see a unified community with all of the organizations working together. I would also like to see the community branded and marketed as a year round area that is vibrant and happening. I would like to see more community events both for the local neighbors and the community at large."

Matt's free time is spent playing with his three dogs (Zoe-yorkie poo, Quincy-yorkie, Icy-Maltese-bichon) and two cats (Xena and Yianni).



Matt Juda

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### Meet Patrick O'Neill, Newest CCA Director



Patrick O'Neill

The Charlotte Community Association is lucky to have someone who is as invested in the neighborhood as its newest Director, Patrick O'Neill. Patrick has lived in the Charlotte neighborhood for over 8 years and, during that time, has rebuilt 4 Stutson Street houses on the river side of Lake Avenue - and he and Pam Postgate "are still at it"! He lives in one of the houses and is here to stay.

Patrick's duties on the CCA Board consist of helping with the Clean Sweep and Mini Clean Sweep committee and he is the Board Liaison for Planning and Zoning. He is also a member of the Port of Charlotte Merchants Association (POCMA). Besides his full-time job at the FAA and house projects, Patrick has a car, boat, and aircraft protective coating company called **Jetshineusa**.

Being involved in the Charlotte community is important as he feels that "Charlotte success will be my success". With everything else Patrick's involved in, he also finds time for some hobbies including bike riding, walking, kayaking and winemaking, making Charlotte "the perfect place for me to live".

Please take a minute to welcome Matt and Patrick at the next Charlotte Community Association meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>!



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## CCA Letter to Mayor Lovely Warren

April 7, 2015

The Honorable Lovely A. Warren, Mayor of Rochester  
and Members of the City Council  
Rochester City Hall  
30 Church Street  
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### RE: Update from the Charlotte Community Association (CCA), Inc.

Dear Mayor Warren and Members of the City Council:

The Charlotte Community Association (CCA) Board of Directors is examining ways to effectively address concerns and questions the community has with respect to planning and development in Charlotte, including the Port of Rochester project. We also recognize how critical it is for our Board to foster ongoing discussions to create short-term and long-range goals for the greater Charlotte neighborhood, with its boundaries beginning on the east at the Genesee River, reaching west to the boundary of the Town of Greece, south to historic 19th century Holy Sepulchre and Riverside Cemeteries, and ending north at Lake Ontario.

As our community embraces the vision of a safe, vibrant, and inviting place to live, work and visit—celebrated for its rich history and natural resources—we believe it is important for our Board to ensure that the City of Rochester remains informed of the following information, so we can work collaboratively to better support our citizens:

1. We understand Edgewater Resources, LLC architectural plans are currently under review by the City's Bureau of Planning and Zoning. Despite the preliminary project assessment indicating the proposed uses and building heights comply with district regulations, there are multiple project elements (approximately nine) that are not in compliance with the Marina District code that will require a variance(s) from the City's Zoning Board of Appeals. We are very concerned. The last time the community was afforded the opportunity to meet in person with Edgewater Resources, LLC was in September 2014, with limited opportunity to provide feedback to the revised proposal. This raises several concerns related to the obligations and responsibilities outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Rochester and Edgewater Resources, LLC.

- ♦ **Our community remains dissatisfied with the current building proposal by Edgewater Resources. These deficits have heightened community members' concerns, and there continues to be specific concerns related to the appropriateness of the proposed building height.**
- ♦ **Our board is requesting from the City of Rochester an updated project timeline and clarification regarding the current status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed September 8, 2014, and its associated 8-month negotiation period.**

2. We understand funding has been allocated to assist in updating Rochester's Comprehensive Plan, to be known as the "Rochester 2025 Plan". Of note, the last Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1999, 16 years ago. If City Council approves legislation on April 14, 2015 for an agreement with Bergmann Associates, P.C., to provide technical assistance and overall process coordination and facilitation, we understand this process will take approximately 12 months. This process will also be used to assist citizens, neighborhood groups and other stakeholders in the review and update of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

- ♦ **Given the critical timing of the Port of Rochester project and our Board facilitating increased community engagement and consensus, we support updating the City's Comprehensive Plan so land use planning and development in Charlotte is further evaluated by community stakeholders. This will provide Charlotte with an opportunity to evaluate and address the actual and potential impacts of development and work with the City of Rochester to modify the portions of the Comprehensive Plan to ensure that development serves everyone's long-term interests.**

3. Our Board is working diligently to provide our residents and association members with opportunities to partner with known community agencies that are highly skilled and supportive of neighborhood revitalization and preservation efforts. Community Design Center of Rochester (CDCR) presented at a Special Community Meeting hosted by

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(Letter to Mayor Warren, continued)

CCA on March 30, 2015 about quality design and thoughtful use of the built environment and natural resources. CDCR provided us an overview of how their technical assistance and access to educational and training opportunities can increase awareness, the impact of design and the importance of good urban planning. We specifically invited their organization to review the Charrette and Vision Plan process so we could introduce this meaningful resource tool to the community as a proven mechanism to bring together communities through healthy discourse and consensus building. The Board will execute a plan soon to determine if the residents of Charlotte and members of CCA want to move forward with CDCR to begin the Charrette and Vision Plan to help focus Charlotte's vision for the future.

- ♦ **Engaging in discussion with CDCR has allowed our community to recognize the need for a plan and for our community to come together in order to achieve this. Early response has been highly favorable. If our community chooses this option, this will allow Charlotte to better convey the community's vision to the City of Rochester and for this vision to be included in the Comprehensive Plan. We believe a Comprehensive Plan enhances a Vision Plan, and vice versa; therefore, this is a unique opportunity for both the City and our citizens to work collaboratively.**

Mayor Warren and Members of Council, in light of the information provided above, we respectfully request the City of Rochester provide the Charlotte community more time to carefully determine and examine our vision for planning and development so it will serve the citizen's best interests. It is crucial for Charlotte to have on-going community conversations about what we want with multiple opportunities for in-person dialogue so we can look at the big picture as a community. Allowing our community more time will afford our vision to be incorporated in the updated Comprehensive Plan. We hope you can support the Charlotte community to this end as we move forward together.

If your office has any questions, please contact me at (585) 865-6101 or [cstor216@gmail.com](mailto:cstor216@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Clare A. Stortini, Board President

Charlotte Community Association (CCA)

cc: Jeremy A. Cooney, Chief of Staff  
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## State Budget Delivers Property Tax Relief

By Senator Joe Robach



It is no secret that New York's high property taxes impose major burdens on hardworking homeowners, as well as senior citizens who are struggling to make ends meet.

With this in mind, I have been working to help reduce property taxes, and to provide real relief for our local families and seniors.

The new 2015-16 budget will build upon this progress in three important ways:

### 1. Property Tax Freeze Rebate Checks

For the second consecutive year, the new State Budget will deliver new -- and much larger -- property tax freeze rebate checks in the mail to millions of homeowners.

### 2. Record Funding for STAR

The new 2015-16 State Budget provides \$3.2 billion to help fully fund STAR and Enhanced STAR -- two outstanding programs which deliver major tax relief to millions of middle class families and seniors each year.

### 3. An increase in State Education Aid of Approximately \$1.4 billion

The new Budget provides a state school aid increase of approximately \$1.4 billion. This major funding increase is not only great news for our local schools, teachers and children across the state -- but it will also help to reduce pressure at the local level for property tax increases.

These three key elements of this year's new State Budget will ensure that millions of hardworking New Yorkers and their families will see meaningful property tax relief this year -- helping them save, invest in their futures, and pursue their dreams and aspirations.

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**Matt Juda** ([mandjuda@gmail.com](mailto:mandjuda@gmail.com))

**Check back next month for more information**

## Icicles Got You Down?

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PathStone is a private, non-profit community development and service organization offering a range of programs to assist in building stronger communities including homeownership assistance; housing development; home repair and economic development.

If you are interested in attending the workshop call (585) 442-2030 ext. 213 to register.

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## Senator Joe Robach

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**Best wishes  
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### SUMMARY REPORT of the CCA Community Survey January to Mid-March, 2015

The 2015 CCA board conducted a Community Survey from January 5 to March 31, 2015. Copies of the survey were handed out to members and other participants at the January 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting and were collected that evening. The survey was also published on the CCA website and in the February and March newsletters.

The survey consisted of ten basic questions designed to gather demographic information, baseline data about current satisfaction with the organization, and suggestions for improvement. An 11<sup>th</sup> question was later added to ask about preferred methods for communication.

We collected 45 responses over a 3-month period, most of which were received at the first general meeting of the new board on January 5th. The vast majority of the respondents have lived in Charlotte more than 20 years, are CCA members, and attend most meetings. About a quarter of respondents own a business in Charlotte. The members who responded represent approximately 13% of the CCA membership.

The survey is not a valid reflection of the entire membership as the responses represent only 13% of all CCA members. The results are valuable as a limited snapshot but are inconclusive as tool for strategic planning.

Overall, this survey indicates these takeaways:

1. Regular meetings are important but they should be managed better. The board should be hospitable, inclusive, and stick to the agenda timeline.
2. The primary purpose of the organization should be to function as an information resource.
3. The newsletter is a primary source of information and has value.
4. There is a demand for communications in both electronic and hardcopy versions. Some members are not online and cannot attend meetings to get information.
5. The climate and operations of the organization need to improve.
6. How the CCA should represent the community on important issues remains unclear.

### Why the Marina Site Geology is Wrong for Ten Story Buildings!

By Bill Brown

CHARLOTTE STRONG has asked Bill Brown, a local system analyst to provide an educational seminar on the geological history of the Genesee River and specifically the critical issues related to building on the Marina site. It will be held on **May 21<sup>st</sup>**, 2015 at the Roger Robach Community Center, 180 Beach Avenue, Charlotte, NY. The presentation will start at 7:00 PM, but the doors will be open at 6:30 PM. In addition to the presentation there will be informational displays for the review of the community. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Since Pike Construction and the City parted ways in November, Bill has been researching the reasons for Pike's exit. At a very early point Bill had projected

that the Marina site had problems with water, contamination and the overall soil quality. He has developed a detailed understanding of the river site, with the assistance of **Dr. Richard Young**, a geologist from SUNY at Geneseo. Dr. Young has gained national recognition for his geological research. The sub-surface conditions at the Marina site, the reasons why the O'Rourke Bridge went 40 million dollars over budget and the geology of the Genesee River at the Port will be discussed during the lecture.

Come and learn about the river, the City's research and the risk of building at the Marina Site. Learn why Pike walked away. Discover a key historical fact overlooked by the City research engineers. Develop a new appreciation for why this project could cost taxpayers much more than the Fast Ferry. Find out why building there IS JUST NOT LIKE anywhere else along the Genesee in Rochester.



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## Charlotte High School Update

By Dana Michaud

Spring has sprung and we're as busy as ever here at CHS!

Our students are looking forward to the Junior/Senior Prom which will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Harro East Ballroom downtown.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> we will host our annual Senior Dinner at the Stardust Ballroom at Edgerton Recreation Center. This is a formal dinner attended by our Seniors and their parents. It is an opportunity to recognize students for their accomplishments during their time at Charlotte High School. Awards are presented for a variety of achievements.

We would like to thank Junior Achievement and St. John Fisher College for their presentation of the *JA It's My Future* program taking place here at Charlotte throughout April and May. This is a six lesson program that allows our students to explore different career possibilities through a series of workshops and activities. It takes place during the Advisory



period each week and is a wonderful opportunity for our kids!

We're also grateful for the *Pathways to Public Safety* program that many of our students are able to participate in each year. This program is a product of a partnership between the Rochester City School District and the City of Rochester and it offers training in Law Enforcement, Firefighting, Emergency Communications (911), and Emergency Medical Services. It is a school-day program which is credit-bearing and is offered to students based on grades and attendance. Many of our students who participate do so through their Junior and Senior years and are planning careers in these fields.

Our Commencement Ceremony for the Charlotte High School Class of 2015 will take place at the Hochstein School of Music on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. This is perhaps more "special" to us this year because it will likely be the last graduating class from CHS and also because we anticipate a larger graduating class than we have had in many years.

Until next month –



CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2015

By Jean Carrozzi

Once again, the Charlotte Community Association is offering two scholarships for high school seniors who are planning to attend college next year. You must live in Charlotte to be eligible for a scholarship. There are two \$1000.00 awards being offered.

The Charlotte Community Association works on fund raising events throughout the year to raise money for these awards in order to help young men and women in the community further their education. The CCA encourages our young people to get involved in their community by participating in volunteer activities.

Applications are available at the Charlotte Branch of the Rochester Public Library and on the CCA Website. Deadline for filing the applications is June 5, 2015. The Scholarships will be awarded at the CCA Picnic at Ontario Beach Park in August.

Anyone needing further information may call **Jean Carrozzi** at 865-3096.

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 11:00 am Worship Service

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### Charlotte Branch Library Programs for April 2015

By Paul Tantillo

#### Adult Services:

**Basic Computer Classes** – Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 10:30am. 1-on-1 assistance with computer basics: Internet, e-mail, basic Word, e-book assistance. Adults. By appointment; **registration required. @@**

**Local History Program: "Much Ado About the Hair-Do"** – Thursday, May 7 @ 2pm. The Gibson Girl... the bob... the Edwardian side swirl...join local historian and genealogist **Anne Schaetzke** for a most entertaining look at women's hair-dos of yesteryear. Learn how fashion in women's hair was influenced by the culture of the day and vice-versa. This will be a lot of fun! Ages 14-adult.

**Food for Thought Book Discussion** – Tuesday, May 19 @ 1pm. **How The Light Gets In** by Louise Penny. Follow Chief Inspector Gamache to the village of Three Pines as he investigates the strange death of the last of a set of famous quintuplets. Mystery, office politics and intrigue meld with a beautiful French Canadian setting to produce a "magnificent novel that appeals not only to the head, but also to the heart and soul". Borrow a copy at the library and then join our group for some engaging conversation. Adults

**Gardening With Edibles and Perennials** – Saturday, May 30 @ 10:30am. Master gardener Melanie Popick will give some expert

advice on working food plants and flowers into your garden plans. Ages 14-adult.

**Monthly Book Sale** – May 28, 29 & 30 during open hours. Buy quality discards and donations at amazingly affordable prices. On Saturday fill a bag for a dollar! All ages.

#### Teen Services:

**Junior DaVincis Art & Craft Club** – Thursday May 21, 3:45pm. Spend time with friends while making some terrific crafts. Ages 10-16. Registration required **@@**

**Save the date! The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival** will be held Saturday, May 16 at Nazareth College (4245 East Avenue, Rochester NY). Enjoy a day of events focused on great reading for teens. Participate in workshops with your favorite authors; have your books autographed; attend a teen film festival; learn to draw Manga; win prizes, and much, much more. Go to [www.teenbookfestival.org](http://www.teenbookfestival.org) for more info.

#### Children's Services:

**Story Time with Miss Kim** – Tuesdays May 5, 12, 19 and 26 @ 11am\* and Fridays May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 1:30pm. Art, music and action mix with the best in children's literature. Ages 2-4 (siblings are welcome). \*Please knock at the front door on Tuesdays to enter.

**Crafts with Miss Caitlyn** – Tuesdays May 5, 12, 19 and 26 @ 3:30pm. Come see what Miss Caitlyn is creating in the wonderful world of crafts. Ages 4-12, siblings

welcome with parental assistance.

**Family Movie Night** – Wednesdays May 6, 13, 20, & 27 @ 5pm. Enjoy family time with a movie and popcorn at the library. Please call 428-8248 each week for the upcoming movie title. All ages.

**Fun Fridays** – Fridays May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 3:30-5pm. Have fun with play dough and finger paints, and LEGOs! We will also bring out the Wii. Ages 4-12 (younger children welcome with parental guidance).

**Yoga Story Time** - Saturday May 9 @ 11am. Join yoga instructor Erin Wafer for a full half-hour story time combining kids' literature and beginning yoga. Strengthen young minds, bodies *and* spirits! Ages 2 - 5 with a caregiver, but older siblings are welcome. Registration required. **@@**  
**Doll House Explorers** with Paula Marra - Saturday May 30 @ 11am. Come tour a gorgeous homemade dollhouse. Learn how it was created and about it's imaginary inhabitants, and then make a doll house craft to take home. Ages 4 and up. Registration required. **@@**

Mark your calendars now for a fabulous **Family Night Out!** "Be a Part of the Art" with **Defiant Monkey Improv** on Thursday June 4 from 6:00-6:45 pm. This funny and fun interactive show will create on-the-spot theater based on audience suggestions and participation, and will prove that we all have creativity within! Appropriate for all ages. Registration required. **@@@**

**@@ Call 428-8248 to Register  
for these events**

### Planning & Zoning Update:

On March 16, 2015, The City Planning Commission Approved Case # E-043-14-15 for a seasonal restaurant at 490 River Street: with a vote of 7-0-0 and with the following condition,

Case #: E-043-14-15: To establish a seasonal restaurant with outdoor seating and with hours of operation 10:00AM to 2:00AM, daily and outdoor entertainment Sunday through Wednesday from 10:00AM to 11:00PM, and Thursday through Saturday from 10:00AM to 12:00AM

Decision: Seasonal Restaurant with Outdoor Seating Approved on Condition; Outdoor Entertainment HELD for further study.

Condition: The hours of operation of the seasonal restaurant with outdoor seating shall be 10:00AM – 11:00PM Sunday through Thursday and 10:00AM – 12:00AM Friday and Saturday.



Renderings of proposed new restaurant on River St.



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## ONTARIO BEACH PARK PROGRAM COMMITTEE 2015 BIG BAND DANCE SERIES

Big Band Dances are held Wednesday Evenings at  
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Ontario Beach Park – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

The AL BRUNO TRIO plays from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM

The featured band of the week plays  
from 7:15 PM to 9:00 PM

Admission Fee \$2.00 per person For Information –

Call 865-3320 OR visit

[www.ontariobeachentertainment.org](http://www.ontariobeachentertainment.org)



### 2015 SPRING SERIES

April 29 <sup>th</sup>	JOHNNY MATT BAND
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	NOSTALGIC REUNION
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	JACK ALLEN BAND
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	ROCHESTER METROPOLITAN JAZZ BAND
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	GREECE JAZZ BAND



### City of Rochester Clean Sweep in Charlotte Saturday, May 2nd

Volunteers needed to help at Charlotte Branch Library and Holy Cross Church in the morning.

Get a t-shirt and ticket to the Red Wings game in the afternoon.  
Contact Patti O'Brien at 663-6433 for more information and to sign up!

### Lighthouse Re-Opens for 2015 Season!

The Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society is opening for tours for the 2015 Season starting May 1 until the end of October Thursday – Monday from 1:00 5:00.

70 Lighthouse Street, Rochester, New York 14612.

Call (585) 621-6179 or visit the website at

[www.geneseelighthouse.org](http://www.geneseelighthouse.org)



Charlotte Branch Library Presents

### Gardening with Edibles and Perennials

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

Master gardener Melanie Popick will give some expert advice on working food plants and flowers into your garden plans. Ages 14-adult.



### Kite Flight

Returns To Ontario Beach Park

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>! From 11am to 3 pm.

Come and join the fun! Everyone is invited!

11 a.m. to 3p.m. Expert Kite Flying Demos

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children's Kite Making Workshops

Noon to 3 p.m. Public Kite Flying

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Jugglers and Additional Performers

Contact Patti O'Brien at 663-6433 to volunteer for a few hours!

### MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATED



The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge will be having their regular Memorial Day ceremony at their monument at the entrance to

Ontario Beach Park  
at 11 AM

Memorial Day,  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 2015.

### Why Is The Marina Site Geology Wrong for Ten Story Buildings!

Bill Brown, a local systems analyst who has studied the city research information on the Marina Site and the geology of the Genesee River will inform you about why the Marina site should not be used for ten story buildings.

Thursday May 21st, 2015

Presentation at 7 PM, Doors open at 6:30 PM

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Museum open Sundays:

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Office Hours: Mon. 9:30 a.m. – Noon

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Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 7:00 pm,

Greece Public Library.

### "Where Have You Gone Joe DiMaggio,"

Ethnic Heroes in Baseball's Melting Pot

By Dr. William M. Simons,

May 14, 2015

### "Our Town in World War II"

Exhibit Opens

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<http://www.greecehistoricalsociety.net>

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## Charlotte Community Association 2015 Membership/Subscription Form

Name(s)	e-mail
Address	Phone
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Note: If your address label is on the back, we have your information. Just add your email and phone number.	Date Paid:

Charlotte Community Association's ability to achieve its mission is entirely dependent on the help of volunteer members like you. All committees are looking for help! You can also sign up for a single event if your time is limited. Get involved and make it happen!

☐ **CHECK THIS BOX** if you're interested in helping and we will contact you to find a match!

Individual Membership Information	2015 Advertising Rates (Please note: call 865-6101 for availability of Sponsor Ad space)	
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PO Box 12768  
Rochester, NY 14612-0768

## Charlotte Community Association needs your time and talents to make great things happen in Charlotte!

Please consider helping out in some of these areas.

Call the CCA info line at 585-865-6101 or send an email to [info@charlottecca.org](mailto:info@charlottecca.org) to get more information and to sign up!

**Contact Patti O'Brien at 663-6433 to help with:**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kite Flight** Volunteers help with selling food and CCA merchandise

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Clean Sweep** Volunteers to help with two sites:

- ♦ Charlotte Branch Library, 3557 Lake Ave for gardening work
- ♦ Holy Cross Church, 4492 Lake Ave .



### Committees in need of Chairperson and team members!

- \* Membership
- \* Not-for-Profit Status
- \* Planning & Zoning
- \* Programming & Fundraising
- \* Safety & Security
- \* Scholarship
- \* Nominating

### Committees in need of team members

Beautification – help with planting and maintaining gardens in Ontario Beach Park and the charlotte neighborhood

Communications – help needed once a month to write or review articles, prepare newsletter for mailing, take photographs

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# May 2015

Calendar sponsored by the Charlotte Community Association



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Clean Sweep</i>
<b>3</b> <i>Kite Flight</i> <i>OBP</i> <i>11am-3pm</i>	<b>4</b> <i>CCA Meeting</i> <i>Robach Center</i> <i>7pm</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> Deadline for Newsletter Articles	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>PCIC</i> <i>Aquinas HS</i> <i>7pm</i>	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>11:00 Ceremony</i> <i>at Ontario Beach</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>						

