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Charlotte Community Association Mission and Vision Statements

M ISSION: 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. **V ISION:** 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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CHARLOTTE - A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE - During the Pause By RoseMary Shaw

Some posts on social media would lead you to believe that our neighborhood is rough, crime ridden, and full of uncaring individuals.

That is not the case. I have been spending a lot of time recently on the sidewalks of Charlotte, taking my daily one hour of fresh air, particularly in the area north of Denise to the Beach.

Every person I have encountered along the way has carefully moved, along with me, to allow for social distancing, but still has had a smile, a hello, or a friendly word.

One day I witnessed a lady come out of her house in mask and gloves. She went to her neighbor's home, got the neighbor's mail, and then knocked on the door and waited for the older lady to answer. I would not be surprised if this has been a daily occurrence for some time, but it is good to know that even with the new guidelines for social distancing, it is still occurring.

Another day I noticed masks and gloves strewn all over streets, sidewalks, and grass. When I went back the next day equipped to start cleaning it up, it had already been done. Thank you, neighbors!

There is much to see if you take the time to slow down. Beautiful homes and buildings; there is a lovely alcove in front of Holy Cross for prayer. The Lighthouse, the beach, Robach Center, the depot. And of course, the river.

Today I walked from my home to the base of Pettin and picked up the Genesee River Trail. I found a small garden, freshly cleaned up for the summer, and on closer look, found out why it was there. Benches were being repaired by volunteers. A sign reminding us there is still hope that summer will come, and normalcy will return to this

great neighborhood.



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Community Updates – May, 2020

- Update from the Ontario Beach Park Program Committee: The Spring Big Band Series, typically held on Wednesday evenings in April and May in the Roger Robach Community Center, as well as the Kite Flight scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd, have been cancelled due to the covid-19 outbreak. Also, the June Concerts by the Shore series will unfortunately need to be cancelled as well. The committee is coordinating closely with County and City officials as we make decisions related to the remainder of the summer events. Check our website at www. ontariobeachentertainment.org for the latest updates.
- Monroe County Parks are closed to all events, and shelter reservations have been cancelled till the end of May.
- Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse the 2020 opening is delayed until further notice. Guests may walk the grounds and take photographs while keeping within the social distancing guidelines.
- Lake Avenue maintenance work north of Pattonwood to Beach Ave. and Beach Ave. are proceeding as planned
- City of Rochester will hold virtual meetings: 5/6 Preservation Board; 5/7 Zoning Board; 5/11 City Planning Commission; 5/21 Zoning Board.
- North West Service Center is closed but sending out daily updates to all neighborhood association presidents, monitoring calls & investigating only complaints with hazardous situations.
- Remember to complete your Census 2020! If you haven't received a letter or blue postcard go to the census website at https://2020census.gov/
- A new program, Business Emergency Retention

Grant Program, provides up to \$2,000 working capital to help small businesses continue operations and retain employees. <u>https://www.cityofrochester.gov/businessResources/</u>

- The Charlotte Branch Library will remain closed for the fore seeable future. While we are closed, we encourage you to try some of the online resources available from the Rochester Public Library's website (https://roccitylibrary.org). Go to the 'Collections button" on the home page. There you'll find Overdrive (ebooks, audiobooks and magazines), Hoopla (ebooks, audiobooks, movies, TV, and music), a number of digitized local history materials, and a wealth of other resources. If you don't already have a library card, you can easily apply for an ecard online (https:// libraryweb.org/using the library/e-cardregistration/). And, don't forget to check our Facebook page regularly. We're all well, but we miss you. We're looking forward to the day when we can again assist you in person. Until then, stay safe, stay strong!
- CYAA Registration Suspended, due to the NYS Pause. Check the CYAA Facebook page for further updates.



People in need of food

can call the hotline at

683-9674 Monday

through Friday between

9 am and 3 pm.

GREECE ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF

The Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf (GEFS) provides food to families and individuals in Greece and Charlotte, NY who are facing a temporary food emergency. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, many households are feeling the effects of family members losing their jobs or experiencing cutbacks in hours. The GEFS wants to let the community know they are still operating. **People in need of food can call the hotline at 683-9674 Monday through Friday between 9 am and 3 pm**. All clients must be verified over the phone before receiving food through delivery or pickup.

The GEFS made changes to their operations to protect clients and volunteers. Verified clients can pick up food Tuesdays 10 AM to noon, Wednesdays 4 to 6 PM, and Saturdays 9 to 11 AM. When clients arrive at the Food Shelf, they should stay in their car until a volunteer comes out. Food is put in the car's trunk or set down next to the car for the client to load.

For clients without means to get to the Food Shelf, volunteer drivers make deliveries on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Drivers set the food at the door, ring the bell and step back at least 6 feet. Clients who live in apartment buildings need to come to

the entrance vestibule and take the food into their apartments.

The Food Shelf relies on food and monetary donations from the community for its support. Recently, food donations have declined substantially, as people stay at home during the Covid-19 crisis. The Food Shelf plans to hold a major food drive when the crisis ends.

> Monetary donations allow GEFS to purchase food from Foodlink at a significant discount. Donations can be mailed to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf, 500 Maiden Lane, Rochester NY 14616.

> > Please follow GEFS on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/ greecefoodshelf.

The Greece Ecumenical Clothing Closet (GCC), located next door to the Food Shelf, is closed until further notice.

Grab and Go Meals Available at #42 School

The City of Rochester announced that starting April 20, 2020, meals will be distributed at 12 RCSD school sites from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The grab-and-go meal distribution system is a partnership between the City of

Rochester, Foodlink and the Rochester City School District.

* Abelard Reynolds School No. 42, 3330 Lake Ave.

- * Douglass Campus, 940 Fernwood Park
- * Mary McCleod Bethune School No. 45, 1445 Clifford Ave.
- * Roberto Clemente School No. 8, 1180 St.

Paul St.

- * Enrico Fermi School No. 17, 158 Orchard St.
- * East Upper & Lower School, 1801 E. Main St.
- * Dr. Freddie Thomas Campus, 625 Scio St.
 - * The Former Jefferson High School, 1 Edgerton Pk.

* James Monroe High School, 164 Alexander St.

* John Williams School No. 5, 555

Plymouth Ave.

* Wilson Foundation Academy, 200 Genesee St.

* Virgil I. Grissom School No. 7, 31 Bryan St.

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What are Charlotte Businesses Doing?

Many businesses are still open to serve the Charlotte community. Please support our local businesses! A quick check of Facebook shows:

Restaurants:

Mr. Dominic's: 585-730-5444. Curb side, delivery -5 mile radius, or run in. Thursdays thru Sundays 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., until we are back to normalcy. We are posting on our Facebook page as well.

Taste of the Bahamas: Open til 8 for take out; 270-4889.

Windjammers Bar and Grill: is open for takeout from noon to 10 daily, delivery from 5 to 10; 663-9691.

Pontillos Pizza: on Lake and Latta is still open and making deliveries! 621-1816

Abbotts: open 12-5 Friday-Sunday. Offering a special Friday Sundae for delivery – preorder by Thursday online at <u>https://www.abbottscustard.com</u>

Charlotte Tavern: – Curbside Tuesday-Sunday from 2-8; 663-9649.

Charbroil House: 1395 Island Cottage Rd, 11-8 pm; call for take out 663-3860.

Salvatore's Pizza: – pick up or deliver – 663-4000.

♦ Sylvios Pizza – 581-1222.

Restaurant Temporary Closings:

Lakeside Haven has closed for the time being. Karin says since she is not open for dinner and breakfast is really not a takeout meal. She felt it was better for her staff to stay safe.

Whiskey River Pub decided to close due to health

concerns on March 22. On that day they cooked everything they had and donated to feed about 100 staff members at Rochester General Hospital.

LDR Char pit – closed until further notice.

Other updates:

Cheryl's Kitty B&B, still available. She is offering free boarding to any health care workers who are traveling out of town to work at other hospitals. Thank you, Cheryl, that is a wonderful thing.

Holy Cross Church is live streaming services. On Palm Sunday, they held a parade of cars to receive palms.

CYAA Registration Suspended due to the NYS Pause, the CYAA has suspended all registrations until further notice. Check their Facebook page further information.

The Estate Sale Store on Lake Ave is temporarily closed and misses all of her customers. Follow them on their website at

https://www.estatesalesbycolleen.com/Store.

Like us and share. We will be giving away a \$100 gift card to the lucky winner on Re-opening Day!

All businesses considered essential, such as the

- **♦ 7-11's**
- Brothers Collision
- Suss Service
- Herrema's

remain open, with some change of hours.



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MAY, 2020 **Donald Starver** Loved Rochester and Rochester Loved him back!

ur community is filled with great, caring and professional people that are bright lights of hope. We are sad to hear that one of those lights in our community has dimmed. It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Donald Starver. Donald was best described by a friend as a "give you the shirt off his back type of guys" and he will be greatly missed.



Donald Starver

Donald was a native of Pittsburgh, PA but made Rochester his home. He served as the City of Rochester's Deputy Director of Communications

and Special Events from 2014 to 2017. He was a founding member of Rochester's My Brother's Keeper and Pillar of Hope initiatives. He served as a mentor to young men of color in our city and he will greatly be missed.

The Charlotte Community Association send our condolences to his family and friends.

Donald will be greatly missed and our city is the better for the heart he put in our community.



A New Way for Seniors to Have Fun and Stay Engaged!

piscopal Senior Life Communities has launched a new way for seniors to stay active and social, even in the midst of the need to remain at home. Through ESLC's Virtual Neighborhood Program, seniors may access many classes from their electronic devices with the use of Zoom technology. Classes include meditation, exercise, weekly talks on

positive thinking, and several other special



topics. The virtual program has been a great success, allowing seniors to feel connected and energized, despite the challenges of remaining at home. The full schedule of classes offered, together with instructions on how to access the classes, are available on ESLC's website at https://episcopalseniorlife.org/ <u>neighborhood-programs/</u>

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2020 CCA Scholarship Deadline June 30, 2020

Brian Labigan, CCA Scholarship Committee Chair, reminds everyone that the Charlotte Community Association (CCA) is proceeding with its scholarship program for two college bound students who are residents of the Charlotte community or attend the Leadership Academy for Young Men.

Brian contacted the Rochester City School District to resend the Scholarship information. They will make sure all Guidance Counselors receive it again. In addition, **Tom Brewer** is contacting all private school guidance offices. Despite the school closing and other COVID-19 restrictions, the committee will proceed as normal, with a deadline of June 30, 2020.

The CCA will award one \$2,000 award, which is made possible through community fundraising and membership donations.

Another award of \$2,000 is provided by a fund created in memory of *Edward Watson*, a Charlotte resident and former Charlotte High student.

The requirements for both scholarships are as follows: To qualify for the Edward Watson Scholarship, the college bound senior must attend the Leadership Academy for Young Men (formerly Charlotte High School). To qualify for the CCA Scholarship, the college bound senior must reside in the Charlotte neighborhood and attend any school, public or private. All applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

For many years, the Charlotte Community Association has offered scholarships to students who qualify based on academics, community service, and extra-curricular activities. We are pleased to continue this tradition, as well as facilitate with the *Edward Watson Scholarship*.

Applications are available for both scholarships online at the CCA website (charlottecca.org).

Absentee Voting for June 23, 2020 Primary Election

Submitted by Many Neighbors Building Neighborhoods (MNBN)

G overnor Cuomo has signed an executive order allowing New York voters to vote by Absentee Ballot for the June 23rd Primary Election Primary. You can find the New York State Absentee Ballot Application on the Monroe County Board of Elections website at <u>https://</u> <u>www2.monroecounty.gov/elections-index.php</u> and if you have any questions you can e-mail mcboe@monroecounty.gov.

All completed Absentee Ballot Applications can be mailed to the Board of Elections, 39 W. Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614.

Please find the related information below. When completing your application, make sure that in **box 1** you <u>choose the temporary illness or physical disability</u> option, and in **box 2** you <u>choose Primary Election only</u>, as the Executive Order is currently only for the primary election.

Absentee Voting

Executive Order 202.15 allows voters who are affected by COVID-19 pandemic and wish to apply to vote by absentee ballot to utilize the <u>absentee ballot application (</u>

484KB) and check the box for "Temporary illness or physical disability", with no requirement for in-person signature or appearance to be able to access an absentee ballot. The Order contains no change in the application deadlines. Applications for absentee ballots may be made by mail, email, fax, or in person.

Delivery of absentee ballots to voters still remains the same – via mail or in person. There is no change in the return methods: mail or in person. Applications for elections conducted after June 23rd revert back to the original process, unless further modified by an executive order or by law.

The link for the Executive 202.15 is: <u>https://</u> <u>www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20215-continuing-temporary-</u> <u>suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency</u> Deadlines for ANY June 23rd Election:

(Presidential Primary/Special Election/Primary Election)

•May 29 - Last day for Board of Elections to receive Military or Special Federal Absentee Ballot application if not previously registered

•June 16 - Last day for Board of Elections to receive Military or Special Federal Absentee Ballot application if already registered

•June 16 - Last day to postmark an application for an Absentee Ballot

•June 22 - Last day to apply in person for an Absentee Ballot (includes Military or Special Federal)

•June 22 - Last day to **postmark** return an Absentee Ballot (includes Military or Special Federal)

•June 23 - Last day to **deliver** an Absentee Ballot in person to the Board of Elections by 9:00PM

•June 30 - Last day Board of Elections can receive an Absentee Ballot postmarked timely (6/22/20) (includes Military or Special Federal)

We Need YOU!

MAY, 2020

We are all working to find our place in this world that has been thrust upon us. The Charlotte Community Association understands that each of you has been asked to absorb so much in the last few months. Complete changes in the way we live. We, however, are looking forward to the time when some of this is lifted and life begins to open up again. We want to continue our event schedule as soon as possible. We want to continue to provide you with information about what is going on in the neighborhood.

In order to do that we need your support.

- If you have not already become a member for 2020, please do so now. The membership form is at the end of this newsletter. Just print, fill out, and mail, or go to <u>www.charlottecca.org</u> and click on become a member.
- ◆ To our valued sponsors, without you, much of

what we do is not possible. We know that most of you have been affected by this crisis, but we ask each of you to think about renewing for 2020, if you have not already.

 Volunteers! Still, hopefully coming up in 2020 and to look forward to: Community Picnic, National Night Out, Best of Charlotte, and 4 more editions of the newsletter, not to mention regular monthly meetings, and a Facebook page to keep you informed in-between.

> Jhank you all for continuing to support the Charlotte Community Association. The CCA Board of Directors.

CCA Meeting Schedule

- May 4th –Cancelled
- June 1st–To be determined.

Please check our Facebook Page regularly for updates

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2020 Membership and Sponsorship Form

Name	s)):
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Company Name:

MUST PROVIDE E-mail:

Address:

Membership Level

□ Benefactor *

□ Seniors (62+) & Students \$15.00
 □ Single Membership
 □ Patron *
 □ Sustaining *
 \$40.00

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* Check here if you give permission to CCA to print your name and Sponsorship level in the 2020 CCA Newsletter.

\$50.00

Phone #:

Sponsorship Level

□ Platinum: \$300.00
□ Double Ad (3 ½" X 3") Space on CCA Web Homepage and Sponsorship page.
□ Gold: \$250.00
□ Double Ad (3 ½" X 3") Space on CCA Web Sponsorship page.
□ Silver: \$135
Single Ad (3 ½" X 1 ½") Space on CCA Web Sponsorship page.

□ Are you interested in volunteering? One time or on a committee? Check here and we will contact you!

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Many Thanks!



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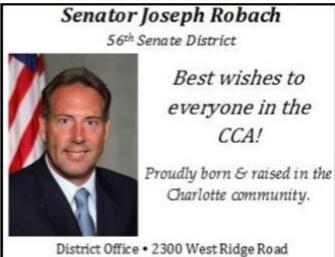
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