

CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY NEWS

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A Publication of the Charlotte Community Association - our 57th 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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Upcoming CCA Meetings On Zoom (Check email for registration) 7 pm

- ♦ Monday, July 6, 2020 Zoom
- Monday, August 3, 2020 Zoom
- ♦ Monday, September 7, 2020

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From the CCA President, Sue Roethel

ello, CCA Members! I hope you are all faring well amidst the 4th month of the pandemic, Phase 3 of re-opening, and the newly raised awareness of the effects of pervasive racism in our society. As we are all dealing with a lot of heavy stuff right now, be assured that the CCA continues to move forward in its mission to serve the Charlotte community.



Sue Roethel
CCA President

The Board of Directors has been meeting regularly to keep the organization working toward our goals for the year. And while we suspended open community meetings in April and May, we did host a brainstorming session with a small group of neighborhood leaders and resumed hosting monthly CCA meetings starting June 1st. Both meetings were very well attended and productive. **The summer CCA meetings will be held on July 6th and August 3rd at 7 pm via Zoom.** Registration is required to join the Zoom meetings, so watch for the email announcements. Please plan to join us.

We have many success stories to share. One of them is that the CCA has maintained a strong relationship with the Rochester Police Department and will continue to support their efforts that protect all citizens equally and fairly. The RPD is present at every one of our community meetings to bring updates on issues of concern. We welcomed the new Lake Section commander **Captain Nathan Cornell** at our June 1st meeting. Keeping the CCA-RPD relationship strong is vitally important as our nation faces increasing tension and discourse about public safety and the racial divide.

We are strengthening the community's relationship with our local schools and neighborhood youth. The CCA's annual Scholarship program awards two generous scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors. We have also assisted the Leadership Academy for Young Men (LAYM) in fundraising efforts that support activities for the students in the Junior ROTC program. Our Youth Engagement Committee is also exploring other initiatives for outreach to LAYM, Abelard Reynolds School 42, and Holy Cross School. And we continue to donate annually to the Charlotte Youth Athletic Association's baseball program.

A primary goal for the CCA this year is to establish a new alliance with the area's business owners. They have suffered greatly over the past several months, and we are eager to show support for their re-opening. Please consider shopping and dining at local businesses first.

Ontario Beach Park is awaiting your summer fun! While most events are cancelled due to COVID-19, we can still get outdoors and play. The beach is still beautiful as ever, and the Lake Ontario water level has cooperated by not posing a flood threat so far this year. And we are triple-blessed that **Abbott's** is open for business!

Summer is here, so bring on the cheer! Life is too short and precious, so be kind to your neighbors and keep love in your heart always. Let's be respectful of one another. Wear your mask and keep 6 ft. away!

CCA Officers and Board Elections are Coming

s we do every year, we have an opportunity before us to elect one half of our officers and board. The following are to be elected this year, President, Secretary, and three board members. Each of these people will serve a two-year term, from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

We very much need more participation on the board as there is much to do. We want this to be a group fully representing the community. To run for any of these positions you must be a member in good standing of the Charlotte Community Association. You must also reside within the boundaries of Charlotte. Look for more information on charlottecca.org.

The timeline for election is as follows:

- ◆ September 14, 2020 Letter of intent and resumes delivered to CCA. (see below for info)
- ◆October 5, 2020 Slate of candidates will be announced at the General Meeting
- ◆ November 2, 2020 Election of Officers and Board Members at the General Meeting. You must be a member in good standing to vote.

To submit yourself for election, please forward

letter of intent along with relevant resume to infocharlottecca@gmail.com or mailed to:

CCA P.O. Box 12768 Rochester, NY 14612

Any questions can also be directed to that email. We will do our best to respond quickly. Remember the deadline is September 14, 2020.

On another Note: There remain vacancies on the board which are not to be elected this year. They are the Communication Director as well as three more director spots. These would all be due for election at the end of 2021 but can be filled by board appointment at any time to fill the term. Interest in any of these can be submitted as above. Please be specific for the position for which you would like to be considered.

Can you give a few hours a month to a cause you believe in? Might be time to step up.



New RPD Commanding Officer of Lake Section

Greetings, Charlotte Community Association!

From Captain Nathan Cornell, RPD

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself and I'm looking forward to meeting with everybody in-person when we're able. On June 1st I became the Commanding Officer of Lake Section. Previously, I spent all of my career working between both Clinton and Goodman Sections. Each section has a uniqueness.

Looking forward to being in a section where many so many great things have been said of Charlotte.

My career with the Rochester Police Department began in 2006. Prior to law enforcement, I received my B.A. in Psychology from the University of Rochester. Still unsure of what I wanted to do but leaning towards law enforcement, I attended graduate school at Niagara University where I received my M.S. in Criminal Justice. Upon graduating, I realized law enforcement was my calling. I've always enjoyed the academics and research



Captain Nathan Cornell, RPD

aspect of the field but I wanted to work on the ground, directly with the people serving and being served. Having been in the profession for over 14 years, there are no regrets as I thoroughly enjoy the work that we do. I'm excited about my new role and the challenges that it brings.

Thank you for the warm reception I've received from CCA and I look forward to working with you all in whatever capacity we

can at this time.

Nathan.Cornell@cityofrochester.gov 585-428-6074 (desk) 585-481-3721 (cell)



Ontario Beach Program Committee Update, May 30, 2020

Provided by Fred Amato

Volunteers and Friends,
This is a strange summer at the beach. For over 30 years the concerts by the shore have been a community favorite and brought thousands to the area. It was a hard decision to make, but the COVID 19 crisis forced us to cancel the entire summer series of concerts. We discussed with our sponsor Wegmans and our partners at the City and Monroe County and unfortunately could not find a safe way to go forward.

We continue to explore social distanced alternative events and may have a surprise in store before the end of August. But, for now, we hope you enjoy the beauty and serenity of the beach and port area.



Committee Officers and Directors: Vice-Chairperson, Glenn Gardner; Secretary, Fred Amato, and Directors at large, Bob Whiting, Jamie Gardner-Henderson, and Bob Owens were re-elected.

Congratulations to everyone and we thank you for your volunteer service. There is still

one open seat and nominations from the community are welcome!

Planning for next season has already begun. The Committee would like to hear your thoughts, ideas, and comments. Feel free to reach out to Jim Farr at jamesfarr55@gmail.com.

Jim Farr, Ontario Beach Park Program Committee Chair WEB SITE: www.ontariobeachentertainment.org

HOT LINE: 585.865.3320 CELL PHONE: 585.943.2873







Community Mourns Loss of Lt. Colletti



Lt. Aaron Colletti,

he Charlotte
Community
Association, Inc. sends our
condolences to the family,
friends and the Rochester
Police Department family
as they deal with the death
of Lt. Aaron Colletti, 44
years of age. Thursday,
June 11th around 8:00 pm

Lt. Colletti and his 17-year-old son were biking near their home in the Town of Canandaigua, when they were struck by a truck between State Route 21 and Rossier Road.

Lt. Colletti leave behind a wife, four children and large family that are grieving his loss. He was a man of deep faith and, according to Rochester Police **Chief La'Ron Singletary**, had led a group of strangers in prayers in front of the City of Rochester Public Safety

Building earlier that afternoon.

Lt. Colletti was briefly the Lieutenant of Lake
Section and constant community partner for
neighborhood associations across the City of
Rochester. He was always engaging with our
community leaders at neighborhood meetings or
while leading the Police Citizens Interactive
Committee (PCIC) meetings in the northwest. His
character, compassion and leadership will be sorely
missed by all.

We will leave you with a statement from **Rochester Police Chief La'Ron Singletary**.

"Lieutenant Aaron Colletti
was a Father, a Husband, a Brother, a Man of
Faith, and a Public Servant.
May God Bless the Colletti Family and his RPD
Family.
May You Rest In Peace."

LAYM and CCA Partnership 2020 *Master Sergeant Eric Meister, JROTC Leader at LAFYM*



The Charlotte Community Association, Inc. and past President Jonathan Hardin partnered with the JROTC program at the Leadership Academy for Young Men to raise \$1,000.00 this past school year for their activities. Below is a message from MSG Eric Meister and the JROTC program.

The JROTC at the Leadership Academy for Young Men has been partnered with the Charlotte Community Association for over 3 years now. It has been an outstanding opportunity to combine the

community with our city's youth. The kids enjoy the projects that they receive from the community. It gives them a chance to give back and show the leadership skills they have learned. These kids are not



afraid of hard work and are motivated by purpose, direction and motivation. With this partnership the Charlotte Community Association has donated money to sponsor our events. These events include our Military ball, summer camp and Color Guard opportunities with professional sports. This financial support has allowed us to never say no to a student that wants to participate. That is big deal for these kids in a world full of "no's".

I was also like to express how much **Mr. Jonathan Hardin** means to us. He is the pillar in this partnership. He goes above and beyond. We teach students to become better citizens and he is an excellent role model for that vision

We are so thankful to have the Charlotte Community Association on our team. We will continue to be at the community's call. Together we can make a difference.





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

piscopal SeniorLife 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.

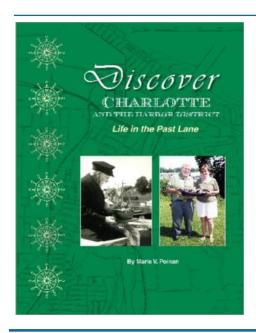


topics. The virtual program has been a great success, allowing seniors to feel connected and energized, despite the challenges of remaining at home. The full schedule of classes offered, together with instructions on how to access the classes, are available on ESLC's website at

Classes include meditation, exercise, weekly talks on positive thinking and several other special

EpiscopalSeniorLife.org/NeighborhoodPrograms

Local Historian Publishes New Book on Charlotte History



Marie Poinan, local historian, recently published a new book entitled <u>Discover Charlotte and the Harbor District...Life in the Past Lane</u>. The book includes stories about constructing the terminal and the carousel, chapters on the schools and churches of Charlotte, as well as about individuals who have left their mark in this area. There are also lesser known stories about the two Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse digs to uncover the footprint of the original 1822 keeper's house and the Village jail cells on Tapecon property. Printed in full color, there are over 400 photos representing the 200+ years of local history of this maritime village. You can find the book for sale at the Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society and the Greece Historical Society.

Blast from the Past - Front Page CCA News August 2005

Bill Davis Overlook Becomes Part of Charlotte's History

The heat of the morning on July 18th, 2005 did not stop over 100 residents, government officials and guests from honoring Charlotte historian, **Bill Davis** and dedicating the Overlook that bears his name. State Senator, **Joseph Robach** referred to Bill as the "jeweler of Charlotte" for his lifelong contributions to the lighthouse and to the Genesee River Trail. **Glenn Gardner**, President of NBN, called the Bill Davis Overlook the crown jewel in the final component in the O'Rorke Bridge Project.

In the audience were members of **Bill and Lois Davis** family which included grandchildren from California and Bill's younger brother, 80 years old, from Pennsylvania.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Robach Center. **Bo Monsour** from the Monroe County Transportation Department had a slideshow of the construction of the Overlook while the guests dined on a delicious buffet and were treated to Abbott's custard!



Photo by P.Kryzalka

Ribbon cutting at the Bill Davis Overlook. Taking part in the ceremony are (L-R) Mayor Bill Johnson, State Senator Joe Robach, Lois Davis, Bill Davis, Councilman Bob Stevenson, CCA President Michele Labigan, and County Legislator Fred Amato.

Happy 15th Anniversary to the Bill Davis Lookout!

Senator Joseph Robach

56th Senate District



Best wishes to everyone in the CCA!

Proudly born & raised in the Charlotte community.

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Photo by P.Kryzalka

Bill & Lois Davis listening to the many speakers.



Photo by P.Kryzalka Bill Davis addresses the crowd.



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Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf and Clothing Closet MENICAL Reopened - With Limited Hours

he ongoing Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect our community's need for food. In this time of uncertainty, the volunteers of the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf (GEFS) are diligently working to make sure people in our community have food. Many individuals and businesses made food or monetary donations in April and May. We thank all of you for your generosity and caring to help our community neighbors.

Families and individuals in need of food can call the Hotline at 683-9674 Monday through Friday between 9 am and 3 pm. All households must be verified over the phone before receiving food through delivery or pickup. We have modified our service model in response to these unusual times. Call our verifiers to discuss your situation and see if we can provide additional help.

The Greece Ecumenical Clothing Closet (GCC), located next door to the Food Shelf, has been closed during the COVID-19 "Stay-at-Home," but has reopened with limited hours. We are now providing curbside shopping! Families will be asked to remain in their car and a volunteer will come to them, socially distanced with masks. Our volunteer will check the ID and go over the shopping list. While the customer is relaxing in their car, we will shop for them.

The Food Shelf and Clothing Closet rely on food, clothing, and monetary donations from the community for our support. Monetary donations allow us to purchase food from **Foodlink** at a significant discount. Donations for either program can



Volunteers provide curbside deliveries right to the car.

be mailed to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf, 500 Maiden Lane, Rochester NY 14616. Please indicate which program.

Please follow the Food Shelf on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/greecefoodshelf.



To Make a Monetary Donation: Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf

500 Maiden Lane Rochester NY 14616

Please indicate Food Shelf or Clothing Closet Program



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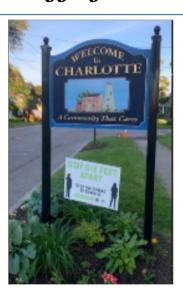
Won't you help a garden out? Adopt a garden and get digging!

Get involved! Adopt a Garden!!

Several gardens in Ontario Beach Park, and "Welcome to Charlotte" signs are in dire need of some TLC! Why don't you adopt one?

Several flower gardens are located within Ontario Beach Park, on Beach Avenue, on the sidewalk by Abbotts, and in large flowerpots along Lake Avenue. "Welcome to Charlotte" Signs are located at each entry point into the community on Lake Ave, Britton Road, the Parkway, Denise and Beach Ave.

Spend a few hours a week to plant and care for your own public garden by the beach! You will get fresh air, keep you flexible, meet new people, instantly see results,



To THIS!



Turn your gardens from this.....





You provide the love ... we provide the plants! Contact Linda Paruta at 585-621-6406.

She will help you choose your garden and explain all of the details!

🌋 Your community depends on you! 🌋

Brought to you by the Charlotte Beautification Committee, a team of volunteers from the Charlotte Community Association.



Charlotte Branch Library Curbside Service as of June 22nd

By Paul Tantillo

e are pleased to announce that the Charlotte Branch Library will soon begin providing curbside service! We expect to start this on June 22. Here's how it will work: You'll call the library with your and are excited to be able to get you some books and requests and we'll check them out to your account and schedule a date and time for pickup. You will come to the library at your scheduled time, and we'll have your materials waiting for you on a table outside the library or in the vestibule, depending on the weather. This will be a no-contact, socially distanced service.

Here are a few things to know: Checkouts will be limited to 10 items per pickup. This system will work best if you can log on to the Rochester Public Library website (www.libraryweb.org) and check to see if we own what you want before calling. If that is not possible for you, we're happy to help you with all of that on the phone. Call 428-8216 beginning on June 22 for service. Please wear a mask to pick up your materials...no mask, no service. Our service hours for curbside pickup will be Monday through Wednesday from 9 am to 3 pm, and Thursday from noon to 6 pm. No service on Friday. Libraries that have already begun offering curbside service are reporting strong demand, so don't be surprised if there is a wait of several days before you can pick up your materials. No 3. Pick up your items. returns will be accepted at curbside, but we plan to open the book drop and you can return materials there. You will not be able to enter the library, and we will be providing no other services for the time being.

Note: All materials currently checked out will be due on **June 29**, so it is time to gather up all those library books and DVDs you've been sheltering since mid-March and think about getting them back to the library. Again, we expect to have our book drop open beginning on June 22. Don't worry if you can't get your materials back exactly by June 29. We will be forgiving overdues for a couple of weeks past that date.

It's a start, folks. It's not as much as we'd like, but gradually fuller library access and services will be returning, and we'll keep you posted. We miss you DVDs again. Also, remember that there are lots of digital resources available for borrowing on OverDrive and Hoopla. You can access those services through the Rochester Public Library website (www.roccitylibrary.org). You'll find e-books, audiobooks and movies, and more digital titles are being added to these collections every day. Stay safe, stay strong.

Procedure

- 1. Before placing your phone order for books or DVDs:
- ◆Check Rochester Public Library website (www.libraryweb.org) to see if we (Charlotte Library) own what you want before calling.
- ♦ Make out list and limit to 10 items.
- ♦ Have your Library Card and your calendar ready.
- 2. Call Charlotte Library 428-8216 with your list and Library Card Number.
- ♦ Schedule on Day and Time to pick up your books &/or DVDs. Monday - Wednesday from 9 am to 3 pm, and Thursday from noon to 6 pm.
- ♦ Items will be on a table out side or in the vestibule depending on the weather.
- ◆MUST WEAR a MASK.



Community Events

Greece United Methodist Church

Fundraisers



Book Sale

Also, CDs & DVDs & Puzzles
Thu., August 13 - 10 am – 6 pm
Fri., August 14 - 10am – 6 pm
Sat., August 15 - 9 am – 2 pm



Chicken BBQ Drive Thru
Thursday, July 16th, Aug. 20th & Sept. 17th
4:30 to sellout

Just \$10, enjoy half a chicken, the choice of two sides (salt potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, or macaroni salad), a roll & butter and a brownie for dessert!

For additional information, call: 225-1880.



GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

595 Long Pond Rd. 585-225-7221

Temporarily Closed Due to COVID 19

Museum open Sundays: 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm or by appointment

Office Hours: Mondays, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

There is a possibility we will be open before the end of this summer.

Check our website, Facebook page or call 585-225-7221

http://www.greecehistoricalsociety.org greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com "Like" us on Facebook



After more than 100 days of shutdown due to the Covid-19 virus, Charlotte community businesses are opening with outdoor and indoor seating, as well as take out and curbside pick up!

Prime Time Brass,

Rochester's powerhouse brass band, marked the event with some Big Band Jazz on the Avenue!

Come down and support our local businesses!

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Charlotte Community Association. Inc.

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2020 Membership and Sponsorship Form

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Company Name:				
MUST PROVIDE E-mail:	Phone #:			
Address:				
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July, 2020

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23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	National Bacon Day