



CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY NEWS

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A Publication of the Charlotte Community Association - our 58th 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, January 4, 2021 Zoom
- ♦ Monday, February 1, 2021 Zoom
- ♦ Monday, March 1, 2021

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Open - Secretary
RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer
Open - Communications Director
Linda Litwak, Director
Tony Micciche, Director
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Welcome to 2021 and the Current CCA Board Members

Sue Roethel – President



Sue has served on the CCA Board since January 2015. She has held the role of Secretary, Vice President and now as President. She has also served on multiple CCA committees, including Communications, Governance, Community Development, Membership/Sponsorship/Outreach, Nominating, and Programming & Fundraising. In her day job, Sue is a research project administrator at RIT in the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Originally from Hilton, Sue has lived in Charlotte since 2008, and she is blessed to have her immediate family--two daughters, son-in-law, and 9-year-old grandson--living just a few minutes away in the Town of Greece. They all love Charlotte for its unique beach and lake/riverfront setting.

Patti O'Brien – Vice President

Patti O'Brien has been a member of the CCA since 1975 when she and her



husband Tim purchased their home. She has been a board member since 2014 in various positions, most currently as Vice-President and Acting Secretary. She is also the board liaison to the Ontario Beach Park Program Committee and the Beautification Committee. She says: "My commitment to this community is a big part of who I am, as a third generation Charlotte resident. My goal is to be a part of carrying this community into the future while still holding Charlotte's very special village-like feel. "

Rose Mary Shaw -Treasurer



RoseMary Shaw has been a member of CCA since 2017. She was appointed to the board as Secretary in 2018 and in 2020 was

appointed to the Treasurer position. She is also serving as Acting Communication Director. RoseMary is

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board Liaison to Communications and Nominating Committees. She says "Community is the backbone of what we do as a society. Our special community allows for us to give our residents a great place to live, I want to keep it that way."

Linda Litwak -Board Member



Linda Litwak was appointed to the board in 2016, elected in 2017 and again in 2019. Linda serves as co-chair of the Development Committee and as Board Liaison to Membership and Outreach. Her comments: "My participation on the Charlotte Community Association Board for the last 3 years has strengthened my resolve in my belief of the importance of participation in the community in which one lives. I have found Charlotte to have a friendly village atmosphere with a diverse group of committed residents each having different views on

handling common goals. I hope to help to increase awareness and promote membership for both residents and stakeholders.

Tony Micciche- Board Member



Tony Micciche was appointed to the board in early 2020 and elected in November 2020. Tony is our one board member who does not actually live in the neighborhood. His ties are great however, from busboy at the Pit at the age of 14 to representing most of us in the County Legislature from 2012-2019. He is Board Liaison to Safety and Security. His comments: "This neighborhood was a great place to grow up. I want to be sure that our children are provided the same safe and family friendly place to live."

For more information on our board members or current vacancies please visit www.charlottecca.org.



Remembering the Best of Charlotte in 2019!



**Volunteer of the Year
Suzanne Phillips**

**Congratulations to
Volunteers, First Responders
and community supporters
who were recognized at the
Best of Charlotte event on
December 1, 2019.**



**Citizenship of the Year
Honorable Molly Clifford**

**Rochester City Council –
Northwest District**

**Community Group of the Year
Many Neighbors Building
Neighborhoods (MNBN)**

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A New Tree to Light

On December 4 the Charlotte Community Association sponsored a different version of the Community Tree lighting than in years past. Members of the community gathered in a COVID safe way near the new small tree which was planted last year to replace one that has become too big to decorate. At the appointed time the lights were turned on. **Jonathan Hardin** led the group in a prayer of thanksgiving that we were able to come together and of hope for peace, health, and renewal in the Holiday Season and in the New Year. As the crowd moved around greeting friends that they have not been able to see for a while an impromptu version of Jingle Bells could be heard from one group. *Wishing everyone a Blessed Holiday.*



Left: Students in JROTC at the Leadership Academy for Young Men at Charlotte participated in the Tree Lighting and the Can / Food Drive. They are: **Kyle Benz, Robert Kennedy, Eduardo Aros.**

Above: People socially distancing around the new tree before it was lit.

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Leadership Academy for Young Men

JROTC, Character and Leadership Development

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Updates: Charlotte Lighthouse

and

Ontario Beach Park Programming Committee.

At the December 7 CCA General Meeting **Fred Amato** reported for both Charlotte Lighthouse and Ontario Beach Park Programming Committee.



The **Charlotte Lighthouse** is closed for the season, despite restrictions that had to be put in place there were still many visitors this year. Their last weekend featured the annual sale fundraiser. This year included the wreath sale with the gift shop sale. It was a highly successful

weekend for them. The lighthouse is available through the winter for groups and school tours by appointment. It will reopen in April for regular hours. For more information visit <https://geneseelighthouse.org/>.

Ontario Beach Park Program Committee

has been forced to have a very quiet year. The necessary precautions put a damper on the regular activities which we have all enjoyed. Currently the committee is cautiously moving forward with planned dates for all the usual activities and perhaps some new ones. Bands have been booked for both the spring and fall series of big bands as well as for the Concerts by the Shore.



Polar Plunge is scheduled, and the organizers are planning both a live event and a virtual one depending on how things work out for the next few months. Fred also mentioned that the Robach Center is open and can be rented for events. Please visit <https://www.monroecounty.gov/parks> for rental information and restrictions.



Charlotte Community Association thanks these two organizations for all they do to promote visitation to our community.

The events are always enjoyed by the entire city and county and bring people here to enjoy all that Charlotte has to offer.



Roger Robach Community Center

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Health & Wellness Program for Seniors



Episcopal SeniorLife Communities has expanded its Northeast Greece Neighborhood Program — a health and wellness initiative for seniors — to include

individual wellness coaching and support. The program is typically offered at Beatrice Place, located at 600 Denise Road in Northeast Greece, but due to current restrictions, is being offered virtually through Zoom technology. Assistance available for those who are not familiar with Zoom.

Classes include meditation, exercise, weekly talks on positive thinking, plus educational programs such as computer courses, creative writing and

book discussions. A complete schedule of activities is available at www.EpiscopalSeniorLife.org/neighborhood-programs/greece.

New Year's Special! If you join the Northeast Greece Neighborhood Program during the month of January, you will receive one free month of an annual membership.

Consider taking part in this exciting new program — space is limited! To register or for more information, contact:

Becky Hurysz

at

rhurysz@EpiscopalSeniorLife.org

or

585.546.8439 x4412.



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Pastor Ray Poling

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Jose Peo - NE City Councilman

No more swerving – Dewey, Lake and Beach Avenues have finally received the attention they deserved. I wrote to Commissioner Jones expressing my gratitude for the quality and thoroughness of the work. With the final step of cement and raising all the manhole covers to be level with the road we should have roads that need little maintenance for a few years.

Community Outreach – To do my job as Northwest Councilperson I reach out regularly to community leaders to hear about issues in each neighborhood. I have held outreach events and town halls throughout my first year in office to become acquainted with each neighborhood's specific issues and the get to know better the leaders of each neighborhood as well as those city employees who work directly at the Northwest Service Center and RPD in this quadrant. One of the things this helped to accomplish was a greater police presence and the beach on weekends and especially holidays.

Show me the money-

It was important to be sure that the Northwest neighborhoods received our fair share of the grant monies that came out of the COVID and rioting. Up to

October 31 70 Business Emergency Grants were awarded in the Northwest. Seven deserving seniors have received roofing grants. There are still monies available for roofs. Please contact Katrina Davis and the Northwest Service Center about the Roof Grant Program. Her phone is 585-428-7620.

We have delivered 3,452 meals to Seniors. Four Northwest restaurants participated in the Senior Meal Delivery Program:

- ◆ El Divino Restaurant, 1149 Lyell Ave.
- ◆ El Sazon Restaurant, 144 Lyell Ave.
- ◆ Kandie's Bar and Restaurant, 703 Lake Ave.
- ◆ Taste of the Bahamas, 4705 Lake Ave.

Please consider supporting these local businesses who gave to help the community.

For more information and news please visit my website <http://josepeo.com/>, find me on Facebook at Vote for Jose Peo, or download my app.

"I believe that all power belongs to the people and I will continue to be your voice"



Thank You, Senator Robach



For your Service to the Community



FREE RING VIDEO DOORBELL

WHAT:

CCA is seeking residents that are interested in being part of a grant proposal for one (1) free Ring Door Camera system for their residence.

Benefits of Using a Ring Video Doorbell

- Digital Signal Post to the Burglar
- Auto-arming Motion-activated Doorbell
- Works on various Operating Platforms
- Highly Cost Effective
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- Save time by Screening Visitor
- Looking After Your Kids Entry
- Reduces Insurance Cost
- Rewards Standard Of Living with Security
- Works to secure package deliveries
- Works remotely from your smartphone

CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SIGN UP

Residents can be a homeowner or a renter. You will be required to provide your name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

To sign up please send your information to Jonathan Hardin at: mrjhardin@yahoo.com

COST

There is no cost to the participant. You receive a video doorbell. Installation is NOT covered.

DEADLINE

Please e-mail your interest to participate to: mrjhardin@yahoo.com by 5:00 PM., January 15th, 2021.



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ROCHESTER, NY 1461

Volunteerism During Covid19

Jonathan Hardin, Past President CCA

CCA like the rest of the World, has had to cancel most of our events this year and we are unsure of when we will return to normal. We miss the days of gathering for a monthly meeting or planning for the crowd at the Best of Charlotte, our largest fundraiser of the year. The most coveted award each year was the *Best of Charlotte Volunteer of the Year Award*. This award was for someone that gave back to our community through the year.



Pastor Leonard Banks

While Covid19 has stopped everyone in our tracks, it has only increased the demand on the Food Pantry at Abundance Grace Church.

Pastor Leonard Banks and his congregation have been longtime supporters of the Association and their pantry is a great resource for many in our community. CCA has for the past several years collected non-perishable food items for Pastor Banks at the Charlotte Community Tree Lighting and we did the same this year.

Pre-Covid19 residents and members of the church would come and go from the pantry as needed. But due to Covid19 restrictions, the pantry has had to stop accepting visitors and started delivery food to residents in our community. This is back breaking work and adding stress to the volunteers as they are putting themselves at risk to make the deliveries.

The best part of being President of the association was hosting the Best of Charlotte and honoring our volunteers. This year the essential workers and volunteers such as Pastor Banks are

the backbone of our community and we are forever grateful. We could never repay their service to our community and thank you for being the Best of Charlotte and our greater community. As **President Sue Roethel** reminded us at the Tree Lighting, we need to spread as much kindness and love as possible during these trying times.

If you can volunteer to help deliver food for the pantry, donate food or resources to Abundance Grace Church, I would suggest that you contact Pastor Banks at:

Abundance Grace Church

4292 Lake Avenue,
Rochester, NY 14612
(585) 621-4490

Pastor Leonard Banks
Leonard.banks@gci.org



*"We need to spread
as much
kindness and love
as possible during these
trying times."
~ Sue Roethel*

Abundant Grace Church Congregation of Grace Communion International

4292 Lake Avenue
Rochester, NY 14612

Pastor Leonard A. Banks
(home) 585-271-2394

Sunday Service: 10 A.M.



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FOOD PANTRY OPEN 6-8 P.M.
2nd & 4th Friday of Each Month

Charlotte Branch Library

Curbside Service Continues and Some Changes

Pick up a copy of each month's **Food for Thought Book Discussion** selection at Charlotte Branch Library by calling for curbside pickup (585) 428-8216.

Curbside pick up hours have changed. The library is doing curbside **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 2pm.** On **Thursday pickup hours are from 1pm to 6pm.**

Food for Thought Book Discussion

Third Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m.

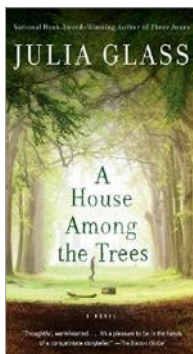
Registration required.

Email your request to Charlotte.Programs@libraryweb.org to receive Zoom invitation.

Pick up a copy of each month's selection at Charlotte Branch Library by calling for curbside pickup (585) 428-8216.
(See above)

January 19, 2021

A House Among the Trees by Julia Glass



"In Julia Glass's fifth book since her acclaimed novel *Three Junes* won the National Book Award, she gives us the story of an unusual bond between a world-famous writer and his assistant - a richly plotted novel of friendship and love, artistic ambition, the perils of celebrity, and the power of an unexpected legacy." Amazon.com

February 16, 2021

If the Creek Don't Rise by Leah Weiss



"Sadie is desperate to make her own mark on the world, but in remote Appalachia, a ticket out of town is hard to come by and hope often gets stomped out. When a stranger sweeps into Baines Creek and knocks things off kilter, Sadie finds herself with an unexpected lifeline...if she can just figure out how to use it." Amazon.com



Dennis Williams

New Charlotte Branch Librarian Appointed

Dennis Williams was recently appointed to the position of branch Librarian of the Charlotte branch library.

Dennis grew up in the Dewey corridor, and Charlotte was his first library as a kid.

Having a true passion for libraries, after having several other successful careers, Dennis went back to school while raising the first two of his five children and completed a master's degree in Librarianship. After finishing his degree he was hired full time by the City and has been working in the library system since.

We welcome Dennis to the Charlotte branch.

We hope to enjoy a long and enjoyable relationship.

Community



Events



CCA Meeting Dates for 2021

General Meetings

(1st Monday of every month @ 7pm)

- ♦ January 4
- ♦ February 1
- ♦ March 1
- ♦ April 5
- ♦ May 3
- ♦ June 7
- ♦ July 12 (pushed back due to July 4th weekend)
- ♦ August 2
- ♦ September 13 (pushed back due to Labor Day)
- ♦ October 4
- ♦ November 1
- ♦ December 6



GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

595 Long Pond Rd.
585-225-7221

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

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

Upcoming Events

January 12, 7:00 p.m.

Mark Twain and the Civil War

by Rosemary Irwin

**All upcoming programs will be presented
via Zoom.**

**To register, go to our Web site calendar for
instructions.**

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2021 Membership and Sponsorship Form

Name (s):

Company Name:

Email:

Phone # :

Address:

Membership Level	Value	Sponsorship Level	Value	Value Details
<input type="checkbox"/> Seniors (62+) & Students	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Sponsor	\$125.00	Single ad (3.5 X 1.5) in newsletter and on CCA Sponsorship website page.
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January, 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 CCA Meeting 7pm On ZOOM	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 	19 PCIC Meeting on ZOOM 7pm	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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February, 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 CCA Meeting 7pm On ZOOM	2 Happy Groundhog Day! 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Deadline CCA News Mar/Apr 2021 Articles Due 	12	13
14 Happy Valentine's Day 	15 Happy Presidents Day! 	16 PCIC Meeting on ZOOM 7pm 	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 National Peanutbutter Day 	25	26	27
28	28	29	30	31		