

# **CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY NEWS**

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#### A Publication of the Charlotte Community Association - our 58<sup>th</sup> year serving Charlotte- A Community that Cares!

#### **Charlotte Community Association Mission and Vision Statements**

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. 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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Upcoming CCA Meetings 7 pm Robach Center (Hybrid) Live and on Zoom (request link through email for pre-registration)7 pm

- Monday, Nov. 1, 2021 Live/ Plus
- Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 Live/ Plus Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 Live/ Plus

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A bi-monthly publication of the Charlotte Community Association PO Box 12768, Rochester, NY 14612 Circulation 350 Sue Roethel, President Patti O'Brien, Vice President Open - Secretary RoseMary Shaw, Treasurer Open - Communications Dir. Linda Litwak, Director Tony Micciche, Director Open - 4 Directors

# CCA Year in Review

t is so good to be back to operating almost normally. This is our last issue for 2021. Let's take a look back at the year:

Winter: Senator Cooney announced he is working with Monroe County to get updates to the Robach Center to make it safe and user friendly.

- Welcomed our new neighbor and our newest sponsor MTed opened on Lake Ave. providing lessons in music and drama.
- All city library branches are open. ٠

**Spring:** Board member **Barbara Lake** is bringing 4-H to LAFYM.

**County Legislator Yversha Roman** will be helping students at LAFYM to

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(Year in Review continued from page 1) understand civics.

- RFD announced the new fire rescue boat has arrived and is moored in the Marina. They now begin training.
- The Food Bank at Abundant Grace reopened with COVID restrictions.
- Kite Flight was a resounding success for both the community and for CCA. Thank you all that attended!

**Summer:** After a very long respite we are live again at the Robach Center, with the addition of Zoom for those that wish to join this way.

- Maxwell English was awarded the 2021 CCA Scholarship.
- CCA walkarounds with RPD are beginning.
- NW Service Center is moving to 400 Dewey Ave.

- / Concerts by the Shore returned to Ontario Beach.
- Welcome back to a sponsor 75 Stutson, which provides a venue for artistic expression, particularly music pursuits.

And a **Big Thank You** to them for partnering on a fundraiser with us.

Fall: Senator Cooney and Assemblyperson Clark organized a program with the CCA to bring information to small business regarding available assistance through State, County, and City.

 Planning for the Robach Center renovations continue.

fooking forward to keeping up the momentum in 2022!

## It is time to Renew your Membership for 2022

**Reminder,** it is time to renew your membership for 2022. We appreciate every one of our members for supporting this organization. Without **YOU** we would not be able to provide the programming that we offer to help this community grow.

In case you are not aware, your membership dollars are used for many purposes. Besides normal operating expenses, we also use these funds to help cover the costs involved with many of our outreach events, such as **Kite Flight**, and **Community Night Out Against Crime**. Your membership dollars also completely **fund the scholarship**, awarded every year to a high school graduate who lives with the Charlotte neighborhood, regardless of where they go to school.

You can renew or become a member by filling out the form on page 11 in this newsletter and mailing it with your payment to Charlotte Community Association, P.O. Box 12768, Rochester, NY 14612. Or you can go to our online membership service at www.charlottecca.org. Select CCA Membership.



Please consider renewing or becoming a new member. All memberships received now will make you a member in good standing until December 31, 2022.

## Jhank you for considering membership to allow us to continue our work.



# CCA By-laws Revision

A n Ad-hoc committee of the Board of Directors was tasked with examining the by-laws for revision to bring them up to date with changes that have been approved by the board, or to make this an inclusive document which will serve with little revision in the future. These changes will be reviewed at the November General Meeting, and you will be asked to vote on them at the December General Meeting. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to infocharlottecca@gmail.com.

The following issues were identified and have been changed as follows:

### Membership and Dues:

Members shall be those residents, non-residents, or businesses interested in the goals and purpose of the CCA, upon completion of a CCA membership application and payment of dues or sponsorship. The annual membership period shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. In the case of Sponsors, those also seeking advertising space and accommodation, the membership will be one twelve-month period commencing with the month of payment.

A member in good standing shall receive all communications and have voting privileges to cast one vote in person or by proxy at any Association meeting on any matter as to which membership are entitled to vote. In the case of joint memberships (Couples, Family/Supporter, or any designation decided upon by the Board of Directors) each person listed on the membership shall have one vote.

Any entity which chooses to become a sponsor, and pays the appropriate fee, will be considered a single member and be entitled to one vote as stipulated above for a member.

#### **Board of Directors:**

All members of the Board of Directors are required to reside within the boundaries of Charlotte except that, <u>three</u> members may reside outside of the boundaries of Charlotte, with the understanding that as members of the Board of Directors, they adhere to the principle of being interested in the goals of the CCA.

#### Finance:

### Budget:

A proposed annual budget shall be prepared by the Treasurer, who shall consult with the Chairs of all committees of the Association. The Treasurer shall present the proposed budget to the Board of Directors for their review in <u>November</u>. The Board of Directors will adopt the budget and present it to the membership at the <u>December</u> general meeting. Committees shall stay within budget allocations of the fiscal year unless expenditures in excess of budget allocations are approved by the Board.

#### Checks:

The Treasurer and President shall have the authority to sign checks or can use charge via debit card, on behalf of the CCA.

### Communication:

In the entire document, communication to members will be changed to read, "current most expedient means possible".





### CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS

The nominating committee has presented a slate of candidates to be elected on 11/1/21, to serve a two-year term commencing 1/1/22.

Every member can vote in person or by proxy on this date.

Please see the proxy in the September/October Newsletter for information. To be elected for the term 1/01/22 to 12/31/24: Vice President: no candidate Treasurer: RoseMary Shaw Communication Officer: No candidate Directors (three)

- Patti O'Brien
- Jonathan Hardin
- No candidate



## Fire Department Open House

E ngine 19 held an open house for the community on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to begin Fire Prevention Week. It was a beautiful day for families to visit the firehouse at the corner of Lake Ave. and River St. Everyone had the opportunity to talk with the firefighters and examine and learn about all the equipment.

There was also information available regarding fire prevention and planning with your family what to do in case of fire.



Jhank you to the firefighters of <u>f</u>ngine 19 for taking the time to provide this pleasant afternoon to the community. And of course, thank you for your continued efforts to help keep us safe.

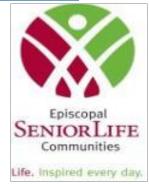




## Health & Wellness Program for Seniors

**E** piscopal 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 offered at Beatrice Place, located at 600 Denise Road in Northeast Greece, and is being

offered virtually through Zoom technology with the recent addition of in-person classes. Assistance is 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 <u>www.EpiscopalSeniorLife.org/</u> <u>neighborhood-programs.</u>

**Special Offer!** If you join the Northeast Greece Neighborhood Program by December 31, receive one free month

of an annual membership.

Consider taking part in this exciting program – space is limited! To register or for more information, contact Julie Montgomery at jmontgomery@EpiscopalSeniorLife.org or

585.546.8439 x4420.



(585) 865-6101



### Joseph D. Morelle -

U.S. Representative for New York

Recently, a United Nations report confirmed what we have long known to be true: that human activity is to blame for the alarming levels of carbon within our atmosphere, and that we are perilously close to the point of no return. There is no question that we are facing a climate crisis, and the time to act is now.

We need bold, transformative policies that tackle this crisis head-on. That's why I'm fighting for legislation to reduce our carbon emissions, end our reliance on fossil fuels, protect our vital natural resources, and invest in a sustainable economy.

In early October, I was proud to host local climate advocates to push for legislative changes like the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act as well as measures to address environmental justice in underserved communities, promote and expand renewable energy, and fight back against the harmful impacts of pollution. We've already begun to see the severe effects of climate change, especially in our lakeshore communities, which underscores why investing in



## JosePeo - NW City Councilman

Some have been asking about the status of the proposed new Neighborhood Service Center and Police Department Sub-Station at the intersection of State Route 104 and Lake Avenue. Currently, the project has stalled and is up in the air. Many from outside our community have been speaking to council and writing our city officials to stop the project.

I need you more than ever to speak up and be heard. It is imperative you attend our Speak to Council's monthly sessions and write a letter or e -mail to the mayor's office and city council. There are five at-large members of city council who represent our community as well! They also need to hear from you, and your support of moving forward with the building of the new community centered NW Neighborhood Service Center and Lake Sections Police Sub-Station. proactive infrastructure is so critical.

Reversing the effects of the climate crisis is one of my top priorities and something I'm continuing to push for. I'll keep working to advance solutions in Congress and ensure we leave behind a healthy, clean, vibrant world for future generations.

You can read more about the bills I'm supporting at <u>morelle.house.gov</u> and stay informed by signing up for my newsletter. As always, if my office can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. All the best,

#### Congressman, JoeMorelle

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You can find all the contact information by downloading my App to your smartphone or emailing my legislative aide Jonathan Hardin at <u>mrjhardin@yahoo.com</u>.

I have also teamed up with State Representatives to help host a Small Business round table this past month and working with the newly formed Charlotte Business Association. There are multiple Grants available for small businesses along Lake Avenue, and I have been assisting the business owners with accessing these much needed funds.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out, and let's stay engaged.

Jose Peo, NW Coucilman, City of Rochester

## **Heating Safety**



National Fire Protection Association

nfpa.org/education Check out their website for more fire and heating safety tips.

Heating is the second leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, and the third leading cause of home fire deaths. Local fire departments responded to an estimated average of 48,530 fires involving heating equipment per year in 2014-2018, accounting for 14% of all reported home fires during this time. These fires resulted in annual losses of 500 civilian deaths, 1,350 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage.

#### BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

 Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.



- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

75 Stutson St.

## Equipment Smarts

**Install** wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

**Install** and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

## FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December**, **January**, and **February**.

## Happy Holidays

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

From the CCA Board and Volunteers

To All

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## The Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse **2021 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE** Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021; 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM CHARLOTTE-GENESEE LIGHTHOUSE 70 Lighthouse Street, Rochester, NY 14612



he Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society returns with its Annual Christmas Sale at the Lighthouse. Plan a visit to find the perfect gift for the lighthouse, mariner, or history buff at this year's shopping extravaganza.

Again we will have Christmas Decorated Wreaths and our 200 Anniversary Mug. Some of the items available are sweatshirts, t-shirts, polo shirts, hats, posters, and other items. Several books

SOME OF THE OTHER ITEMS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE





**Decorated Wreath** Check our WEB site at www.geneseelighthouse.org for updates to the Sale and ordering information for Wreaths and items available only through our website.

available about Lighthouses and the Charlotte area are also available. How about a book about the **"GHOST OF THE CHARLOTTE GENESEE** LIGHTHOUSE"?

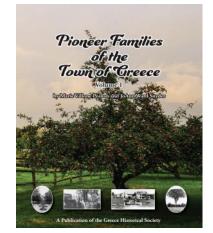
The Lighthouse will give 10% off most Items, members receive an additional 10% for a total of 20% off. Not a member, you can join and get a total of 20% discount.



## In Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Town of Greece in 2022

n celebration of the Bicentennial of the Town of Greece in 2022, the Greece Historical Society honors its pioneer families who settled in the town during its first fifty years (before 1872). This new 150+page book contains vignettes and photos that highlights each family's contribution to the town and

preserves their legacy. It has been written by Marie Villone Poinan and Jo Ann Ward Snyder with input from descendants of each of these families. It will be available for purchase on December 10th from the Greece Historical Society or on Amazon.



Marie Poinan will be presenting



her book at the Greece Public Library Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 pm. Reservations Required. https://www.greecepubliclibrary.org/



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# **Charlotte Branch Library**

## Food for Thought Book Discussion

Third Tuesday of the month at 11 am.

Join us in person or email your request to receive Zoom invitation.\*

## November 16, 2021

## Virgil Wander by Leif Enger.

"Carried aloft by quotidian pleasures including movies, fishing, necking in parked cars, playing baseball and falling in love, Virgil Wander is a swift, full journey into the heart and heartache of an often-overlooked American Upper



Midwest by a "formidably gifted" (Chicago Tribune) master storyteller." Amazon.com

### December 21, 2021:

### Oysterville Sewing Circle by Susan Wiggs.

"The #1 New York Times bestselling author brings us her most ambitious and provocative work yet a searing and timely novel that explores the sustaining power of women's friendships." Amazon.com

#### First Thursday Local History Programs Return

**Maureen Whalen and Marie Poinan** have restarted the monthly history programs on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 2pm at the Charlotte library basement meeting room. The program is also on Zoom and you can contact the library to request the access code.\*

#### November 4, 2021 at 2 pm: <u>Sam Patch: The First American</u> <u>Daredevil</u> presented by Maureen Whalen

Nik Wallenda is just the latest in a long line of American

daredevils. The first was Sam Patch who made his reputation "jumping falls," and who will always be remembered for what happened to him in Rochester on that fateful day in November in 1829. And he is buried right here in Charlotte.

#### December 2, 2021 at 2pm : <u>Pioneer Families of the Town</u> of Greece presented by Marie Poinan

The Town of Greece is celebrating its Bicentennial in 2022. Marie Poinan and JoAnn Ward Snyder have coauthored a new book about the early pioneers who settled before 1872 & also sought out input from the descendants of these families. You will hear stories about early Greece/Charlotte settlers.

About our presenters: Maureen Whalen was a librarian with the Rochester Public Library for more than thirty years and the manager of the Charlotte Branch Library when she retired in 2007. Since her retirement she has been a volunteer at the Greece Historical Society. She has been a docent at the Seneca Park Zoo since 1996 and is their historian. In April 2020, she published her book A History of the Seneca Park Zoo. Marie Poinan volunteers at the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse and

the Greece Historical Society. She helped design the signage at the Bill Davis Overlook and served as editor of the

"Discover the Harbor District" magazine/directory from 2000 through 2009. She has authored books on the history of Holy Cross Church, Charlotte High School and highlights of Charlotte history. <u>Library Hours</u> Mon, Tues, 10 am - 5 pm Wed, Thur, 10 - 6 pm Fri, Sat, 10 am - 3 pm Sun. - Closed

\* Email your request for Zoom to: Charlotte.Programs@libraryweb.org to receive a Zoom invitation.

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Genera	eting Dates for 2021-2022 Meetings - Robach Center day of every Month @ 7pm	Charlotte Fall Leaf Collection November 15-19
<ul> <li>November 1</li> <li>December 6</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>January 3, 2022</li> <li>February 7, 2022</li> </ul>	It's that time of year again!
or b	GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM 595 Long Pond Rd. 585-225-7221 undays: 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm or appointment ondays, 10:00 a.m. – Noon	<ol> <li>Leaves be raked into loose piles between the sidewalk and the curb before the Monday, November 15th.</li> <li>Please note that it is unsafe and therefore illegal to place leaves directly onto streets or sidewalks.</li> <li>Refuse collection: Residential and</li> </ol>
Upcoming Events Pioneer Families of the Town Greece by Marie Poinan Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 p.r Greece Public Library Reservations Required https://www.greecepubliclibrary.or Craft & Collectibles Show November 20, 10 am - 3 pm Holiday Open House December 19, 1:30 -4:00 Greece Museum	Museum CLOSED December 20 February 27 Appointments Only Check our website or Greece Public Library's web site prio to the event as COVID restrictions may have	<ul> <li>commercial refuse customers may always place bagged leaves at the curb for pickup on their regular refuse collection day.</li> <li>3. Drop off: Residents may drop off loose leaves at the Materials Give Back site on Ferrano Street, near Colfax Street. Leaves are accepted NovDec., Monday - Saturday, 7 a.m 3 p.m. NO BAGS ARE PERMITTED. Residents can call 311 to report the address that needs leaf pickup and the City will do its best to service these situations after the city collection cycle has been completed.</li> </ul>
Greece Museum	"Like" us on Facebook	limits, call (585) 428-5990)

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Name(s):		
Email / Phone #:		
Address:		
	Membership Level	
Senior (age 62 and above)		\$20
◊ Student		\$20
<ul> <li>Single (any person not over 62)</li> </ul>		\$25
<ul> <li>Couples (any two people at the same address)</li> </ul>		
Family / Supporter (any four people at the same address)		
	Business Sponsorship	
Company Name (s): Email / Phone #		
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<ul> <li>Platinum (3.5"x 3") ad on CCA Newsletter and website</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Feature story in newsletter</li> <li>Hyperlink to company website and social media</li> <li>Semi-annual advertisement published on CCA communication channels</li> </ul>	\$350
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◆ Silver (3.5"x 3") ad on CCA	Hyperlink to company website OR social media	\$150

\*All content and graphics are the responsibility of the advertiser and are accepted as submitted 14 days before publication deadline on a first come first served basis.

\* **Sponsors:** Please send us a high resolution jpeg (300 dpi of greater). Sent a message to <u>ccanewsny@gmail.com</u> with questions or request for help!

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O - Go Green Option: Check here if you want your newsletter delivered electronically to your email.

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#### Advertising

Want to promote an event or purchase ad space in the CCA Newsletter? \*Non-Profit business is \$25. \*For-profit business is \$50.

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**O** - Check here if you give CCA permission to print your name and sponsorship level in the CCA Newsletter.

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