

CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY NEWS

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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 7 pm Robach Center 7 pm

- ♦ Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 In Person
- ♦ Monday, Feb. 7, 2022 In Person
- ♦ Monday, Mar. 7, 2022 In Person

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Introducing CCA's Newest Gold Sponsor: JOSÈ JOE'S

JOSÈ JOE'S Burgers and Burritos is a new restaurant conveniently located on Lake Avenue; close to Beach Avenue and adjacent to Ontario Beach Park. They opened on July 5th, 2021.

The restaurant is owned and operated by **AnnaMaria Bann**, husband **Tom Bann**, and brother **Tom Buono**.

The commitment to the food business has been in the family for many decades. The brothers' father owned a bakery in Brooklyn, NY when they were young. The family later moved to Chicago where he opened a McDonald. The love and pride of food business ownership was born. Tom and AnnaMaria met in college and wed.

Prior to this entrepreneurial trio opening now their third Jose's restaurants, they previously owned the Arlington Restaurant in Hilton New York for 16 years.

Jose'Joe's is a combination of burgers,

Mexican and salad fare, with over 35 items to choose from. The ability to make a meal out of any item by adding a

side or dessert and a fountain drink for \$3.25 extra is economical.

Childrens' meals are available. Kid size burger, taco or quesadilla plus any side and fountain drink or milk for \$5.99

Dining in, order on line or by phone makes for an easy experience.

When AnnaMaria was asked how she likes Charlotte she said,

"WE ARE HERE TO STAY!"

Contact	Hours	Website & FB
4776 Lake Ave	Tues-Sat 11:00am 10:00pm	www.josejoes.com
Rochester NY 14612	Sunday 11:00am-9:00pm	https://www.facebook.com/
585-978-7271	Monday Closed	JoseJoesBurgersandBurritos





Anna Marie Bann



Beautiful vista from the deck

Volunteer Spotlight

e are always looking for new volunteers but sometimes we forget to publicly thank those who are here for the ★ Charlotte Community Association all the time. This issue we are going to begin a series of short articles thanking our volunteers.

This issue we would like to highlight the continual efforts of Brian Labigan. Currently Brian is chair of the Scholarship Committee. It is up to him along with his committee to develop the criteria for awarding two scholarships every year as well as contact school guidance officers to encourage application. Finally, the group decides who will receive the awards, and make the presentation.

Brian also can be seen most years helping to string the lights and extension cords that allow us to have our Christmas Tree in St. John's Park. In the past he has served on the Board of Directors and is a Past President of the Charlotte Community Association.

He also gives much time to help the youth of our community as he works to support the Charlotte Youth Athletic Association Baseball Program.

THANK YOU, BRIAN, FOR ALL YOU DO.



It is time to Renew your Membership for 2022

eminder, it is time to renew your membership for 2022. We appreciate every one of our members for CCA Membership. supporting this organization. Without YOU we would not be able to provide the programming that we offer to becoming a new member. All help this community grow.

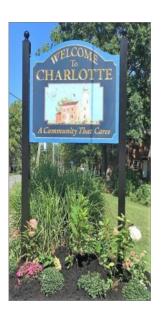
In case you are not aware, your membership dollars are used for many purposes. Besides normal operating expenses, we also use these funds to help cover the costs involved with many of our outreach events, such as Kite Flight, and Community Night Out Against Crime. Your membership dollars also completely 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

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

Thank you for considering membership to allow us to continue our work.



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What's Up Ahead for 2022 - by Sue Roethel, CCA President

Proudly I can say that we accomplished a lot in 2021, despite the many challenges of the pandemic. Our monthly general meetings—held via Zoom for the first half of the year, and then in person/hybrid with Zoom option, and then in person only for the last few months - continue to be well-attended and participatory. The community's

continued engagement is what truly keeps the organization going after 59 years of incorporation!

Our overall plan of work in 2022 is to continue offering multiple opportunities for people to share ideas and information, participate in events, and work together toward the betterment of the neighborhood for all. Each of our 12 committees has its own plan of work structured to execute the goals set by the board for the year. Each committee offers many opportunities for people to get involved, no matter how much time they wish to volunteer. All are welcomed!

Committee Plans of Work are posted on the CCA website at https://charlottecca.org/. Here is a list of the committees and primary goals for 2022:

<u>Beautification</u> – Continue maintaining the many beautiful gardens throughout the neighborhood.

<u>Business Alliance</u> – Outreach to local businesses to become a CCA sponsor and engage with us regularly.

<u>Communications</u> – Identify a Communications Officer to serve on the Board of Directors. Update the CCA website content and explore best practices for getting our messages out to the community.

<u>Community Development</u> – Continue efforts to rehab the Robach Community Center; update the Community Vision Plan; study the changing demographics in Charlotte (based on the 2020 Census data).

<u>Fundraising</u> – Research grant opportunities and submit grant applications for specific projects.



<u>Governance</u> – Develop a Processes and Procedures guidebook.

<u>Membership & Outreach</u> – Develop an outreach campaign to grow the membership.

<u>Nominating</u> – Recruit candidates for Board of Directors (5 seats available); develop a succession plan.

Programming – Plan a calendar of events: Lakeside Winter Celebration in February; Clean Sweep and Kite Flight in May; Neighborhood Outreach in Summer; CCA Members' Picnic, National Night Out Picnic, and Scholarship Awards Ceremony in August; ROC the Riverway in October, and the Annual Tree Lighting in December. Other special events may be planned as well, if the pandemic allows.

<u>Safety & Security</u> – Continue participating with RPD and RFD; attend PCIC meetings; recruit community members to start a PAC-TAC in their neighborhood.

<u>Scholarship</u> – Continue offering the scholarship program for graduating seniors

<u>Youth Engagement</u> – Continue supporting the Leadership Academy for Young Men by growing the 4H program and sponsoring activities of the JROTC program. Also, make connections with School 42 and Holy Cross School.

Our success is dependent upon people like you who love Charlotte and are willing to volunteer their time.

Won't you join us and commit to making our neighborhood the best it can be?

We hope to see you in 2022!



JROTC at Leadership Academy Are In Demand

The U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) at the Leadership Academy for Young Men's Color Guard has had an amazing experience this year. They were selected to present the colors at the Jets/Eagles game in East Rutherford, NJ on Sunday, December 5, 2021.

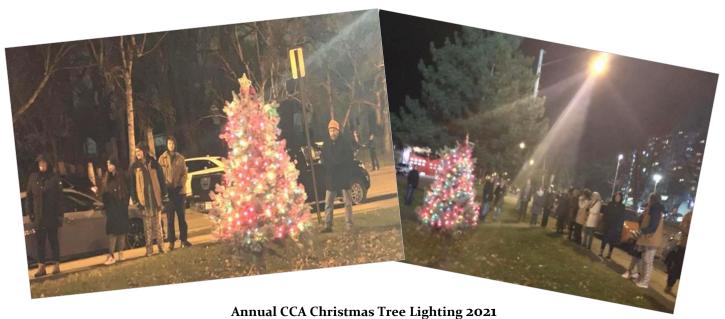
The group's instructor, **Master Sgt. Eric Meister**, said they're motivated and in high demand.

"We've done close to 17 major sports so far," Meister said. "COVID stopped us a little bit but now we're back into the swing... we have the Buffalo Bills, the Cleveland Cavaliers, Boston Celtics, we're hoping to have a Sabres game, and we will have



Major League Baseball for sure."

The JROTC Color Guard is scheduled to present the colors at Bills/Falcons game on January 2, 2022.





December 3, 2021 was a snow-less but cold evening to be outside.

A few Charlotte residents were brave enough to witness the colored lights come a-glow by St. John's Park.

We thank all those that came out to mingle and remember Christmas Lightings of old.











Health & Wellness Program for Seniors

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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

complete schedule of activities is available at www.EpiscopalSeniorLife.org/neighborhood-programs.

Special Offer! If you join the Northeast Greece Neighborhood Program by January 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.





programs such as computer courses,

creative writing and book discussions. A





Joseph D. Morelle -

U.S. Representative for New York

Generally, when we hear the word "infrastructure," we think of roads and bridges, mass transit—all critically important to the success of our community. However, the COVID-19 pandemic made clear that infrastructure must also include reliable access to childcare, healthcare, and solutions to our climate crisis. Making investments in our infrastructure means not only fixing roads and bridges—which we are successfully doing, thanks to the bipartisan infrastructure law I helped pass—but also investing in our human capital by creating jobs, uplifting working families, and making sure our children can thrive.

I'm pleased to have delivered those investments for our community with the Build Back Better Act. Through my work on the Education and Labor Committee, Budget Committee, and the Rules committee, I had the opportunity to play a pivotal role in crafting this legislation that delivers big investments for New York—all without raising taxes on working families.

In fact, we will bring down costs that have held back families in New York for decades by cutting taxes and

making childcare, home care, education, healthcare, and housing more affordable. Here in New York, 163,000 uninsured people will gain healthcare coverage and 192,200 will save hundreds of dollars per year thanks to our legislation. Right now, the annual cost of a childcare in New York for a toddler is twenty-three percent of a parent's salary, placing an incredible financial and emotional burden on families. Thanks to our legislation, that cost will be cut in half for most parents. These are real, impactful solutions that will strengthen our economy and support Monroe County families at a time when they need it most.

I'm proud of the long overdue investments this legislation makes in the future of our community, and I'm committed to continuing to deliver results like this for the people of Rochester. You can read more about the bills I'm supporting at morelle.house.gov 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.

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Jose Peo - NW City Councilman

hope that everyone had a great holiday season and ready for the Polar Plunge! If you would like to join Team Charlotte, please contact my Legislative Aide Jonathan Hardin at mrihardin@yahoo.com. The Rochester Polar Plunge is held in cooperation with the Lakeside Winter Celebration at Ontario Beach Park and raises money for the Special Olympics of New York. This year the Lakeside Winter Celebration will take place on Saturday, February 5th, 2022 and the Polar Plunge will take place on Sunday, February 6th, 2022.

The Northwest Neighborhood Service Center (NW NSC) is currently taking applications for new roof grants. The applications must be taken in person at the NW NSC office at 400 Dewey Avenue. Please call ahead and schedule a time to come into the office. You can contact **Bruce Wilder**, Assistant to NSC Administrator, 585-428-7620.

Additionally, Mr. Wilder with the NW NSC has funds available for Senior Project and the Flower City Work Camp is coming back to Rochester this Spring. This program will connect youth with seniors and the youth can make the repairs. If you would like more information about the

Senior Project grants and the Flower City Work Camp, you can contact Katrina Davis, Grant Specialist at the NW NSC at 585-428-7620.

Finally, NeighborWorks Community Partners of Rochester has programs for first-time home buyers and home energy audits. There are programs to help with the down payments, closing cost and energy upgrades to your home.

You can find more information at:

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Lakeside Winterfest Celebration and Polar Plunge return February 5 and 6th, 2022

he 36th Lakeside Winterfest Celebration will be held at Ontario Beach Park, Saturday and Sunday February 5 and 6th - depending on status of COVID restrictions.

Saturday, February 5, from 12pm until 4 pm, features an afternoon of fun and family events. Most activities will take place in a large, heated tent in the east courtyard of the Robach Center and in the surrounding park.

- * Come take a horse drawn wagon ride
- * Vote for Rochester's best chili in the "Chilly, Chili Challenge"

- * Taste and purchase local wines and craft beers
- ** Watch expert ice carvers create unique frozen art and compete in the annual snow sculpture contest, this year's category," Rochester Landmarks"
- ★ Demonstrations of sled dogs, a chance to try snowshoes and fun for the kids with the City's Rec on the Move Staff
- * The Neil Van Dorn Band, will rock the tent from 1- 3:30pm

For sustenance, enjoy the many restaurant choices in the area, one of the onsite vendors.

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Pictures from Winterfest 2019 provided by Fred Amato











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CCA will have a table in the tent.

Sunday, February 6, Special Olympics New York's largest Polar Plunge...the Rochester Polar Plunge takes over the beach, with over 1,000 polar plungers dipping into the frigid water of Lake Ontario at 12, Noon! Enjoy the costume contest, team and individual award ceremonies, food, raffles and the famous march to the water led by the Gates Keystone Club Pipes & Drums as they escort the athlete and Torch Runner carrying the Flame of Hope. Join us as we salute local Special Olympics New York athletes, who stand up for inclusion on and off the field, day in and day out. Every dollar raised gives all local athletes an opportunity to compete at no cost to them or their families.

Though pre-registrations are preferable, walk-up registrations, which require the \$60 registration fee and you will receive the coveted and collectible, Rochester Polar Plunge sweatshirt. Registrations begin at 9 AM. Plunge at 12 Noon. Spectators are also welcome at no cost.

Visit <u>polarplunge.</u>net o get all the information and to register today.t

The Ontario Beach Park Program Committee, with support from Wegmans, the City of Rochester and Monroe County and Special Olympics New York, sponsors the Winterfest. For more information call the OBPPC hotline @585-865-3320 or go to https://www.ontariobeachentertainment.org/ or www.facebook.com/





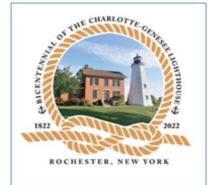


Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse News

The Charlotte Genesee
Lighthouse is proud to say that
in 2022 we will be celebrating the
200th Anniversary of this well-known
lighthouse.

Watch for many news and activities revolving around this special event in the months ahead.

Note the new logo for the bicentennial. We will have pins and badges with this new logo available



to purchase in the Lighthouse store.

We want to thank everyone who made our last season successful. We had large numbers of visitors and tours. Our final event, our annual sale the first weekend in December was a great success.

We are closed now for the season, but our work goes on. We

are undertaking a refurbishment of our second and third floors during this down time.

CHARLOTTE GENESEE LIGHTHOUSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Third Tuesday of the month at 11 am.

September 2021 – June 2022

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January 18, 2022:

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

"A book lover's dream...an ambitiously researched, elegantly written book that serves as a portal into a place of history, drama, culture, and stories' (Star Tribune, Minneapolis),

Susan Orlean's thrilling journey through the stacks reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books—and why they remain an essential part of the heart, mind, and soul of our country. Amazon.com

February 15, 2022:

Evvie Drake Starts Over by Linda Holmes

"In a sleepy seaside town in Maine, recently widowed Eveleth "Evvie" Drake rarely leaves her large, painfully empty house nearly a year after her husband's death in a car crash. Everyone in town, even her best friend, Andy, thinks grief keeps her locked inside, and Evvie doesn't correct them. A joyful, hilarious, and hope-filled debut, Evvie Drake Starts Over will have you cheering for the two most unlikely comebacks of the year—and will leave you wanting more from Linda Holmes." Amazon.com

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

Library Hours Mon, Tues, 10 am - 5 pm Wed, Thur, 10 - 6 pm Fri, Sat, 10 am - 3 pm Sun. - Closed

In Memorium

t is with great regret that we share the loss of Father Thomas H. Wheeland. He passed on December 7, 2021. Father served the Charlotte community for 35 years as pastor of Holy Cross Church. But his service went far beyond being pastor to a church. He was always in the community, with good words to everyone he met. He was mindful of our youth, championing Holy Cross School and CYA. He reached out to



every young person he ran across to be sure they were doing the right thing.

Even after his supposed retirement he served as chaplain to the Rochester Police Department for which he is much respected.

Per the obituary, memorial donations can be made to Holy Cross School, 4488 Lake Avenue, 14612.

Rest in Peace Father Wheeland.



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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CCA Meeting Dates for 2022 General Meetings - Robach Center (1st Monday of every Month @ 7pm

- ♦ January 43
- ♦ February 7
- ♦ March 7
- ♦ April 4
- ♦ May 2
- ♦ June 6
- ♦ July 11 (change due to July 4th)
- ♦ August 1
- ♦ September 12(change due to Labor Day)
- ♦ October 3
- November 7
- December 5



36th Annual **Lakeside Winter** Celebration Saturday, February 5, 2022

Activities from 12 pm to 4 pm. All events will be held in a heated tent next to the Robach Center.

See page 7 for details





February 6, 2022 Plunge at 12 Noon in front of Robach Center. See page 8 for registration details



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

Seabreeze - 142 Years of Family Fun* by Kevin Dorey Tuesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. **Greece Public Library**

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County Bicentennial Reflections* by Carolyn Vacca Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m. **Greece Public Library**

* Registration required https:// www.greecepubliclibrary.org/

Check our website or Greece Public Library's web site prior to the event as COVID restrictions may have changed.

> http://www.greecehistoricalsociety.org greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

> > "Like" us on Facebook



January, 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Happy New Year
2	3 CCA Meeting 7pm In Person	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 PCIC Meeting on ZOOM 7pm	12	13	14	15
16	17 DAY A DREAM	18	19	20	21	22
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Community Membership 2022

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Name(s):			
Email / Phone #:			
Address:			
	Membership Level		
Senior (age 62 and above)		\$20	
♦ Student		\$20	
♦ Single (any person not over 62)			
Ocuples (any two people at the	same address)	\$40	
Family / Supporter (any four people at the same address)			
	Business Sponsorship		
Company Name (s): Email / Phone #			
Address:			
	Sponsorship Level*		
◆ Platinum (3.5"x 3") ad on CCA Newsletter and website	 Feature story in newsletter Hyperlink to company website and social media Semi-annual advertisement published on CCA communication channels 	\$350	
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◆ Silver (3.5"x 1.5") ad on CCA	Hyperlink to company website OR social media	\$150	

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Paper: Complete this form and mail to: CCA Membership, PO Box 12768, Rochester, NY 14612 with your payment.

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Contact us for details at ccanewsny@gmail.com.

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February, 2022



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20	Happy Presidents Day!	22	23	24	25	26
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