

## **CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY NEWS**

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A Publication of the Charlotte Community Association - our 59<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.

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, Sept 12, 2022 In Person
- ♦ Monday, Oct 3, 2022 In Person
- ♦ Monday, Nov, 2022 In Person

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## CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP EDWARD WATSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2022

The Charlotte Community
Association is pleased to announce
the recipient of the 2022 Charlotte
Community Association Scholarship
which is awarded annually to a
Charlotte area high school senior who is
planning to attend college in the fall in
order to help a young man or woman in
the community further their education.

The recipient is: **Alexander Rosario**, son of Jahaira Rosario of St. Johns Park. Alex will be attending Monroe Community College (MCC) majoring in Graphic Design.

The \$2000.00 Charlotte Community Association award is funded by donations and various fundraising events throughout the year.

The **CCA** also is the facilitator of the \$2000.00 Edward Watson Memorial Scholarship that is awarded annually to a college bound senior who attends The Leadership Academy for Young Men (formerly Charlotte High).

The recipient is: **William Major**, son of Shamika Session and William Major. William. He will be attending Monroe Community College (MCC) majoring in Business Administration.

The \$2000.00 award, in memory of **Edward Watson**, a Charlotte resident and former
student of Charlotte High School is funded by
donations provided by the former congregants
of the **Lakeside Presbyterian Church** and the
late Edward Watson.

(Scholarships continued on page 2)

# CONGRATULATIONS Alex and William



L-R: Brian Labigan, Scholarship Committee, Alexander's brother, Alexander Rosario, Barbara Lake, Scholarship Committee, William Major and Shamika Session, William's mother.

## Volunteer Spotlight ~ Sue Roethel

Sue Roethel has given an enormous amount of energy to this organization. She joined the board approximately 8 years ago as a director. At that time, she became Liaison to the Development Committee. Sue was instrumental in planning and carrying off the Charette which allowed the community at large to have input into how this neighborhood's

resources should be used to its advantage.

Ever since, she has continued to work with City planners and outside providers to present a concise vision of what the residents seek to have this neighborhood look like. With a grant currently under review we believe that the final version of the Vision Plan will be completed and published with the next few months.

Along with this work, Sue also accepted responsibility as Secretary, which was an open position. She fulfilled that responsibility until someone was appointed to take it over. Still serving as a director, she was appointed President about three years ago upon the resignation of another and elected two years ago. She has continued to work



tirelessly to keep this organization on track, while still maintaining her work with the Development Committee. She has been highly involved in every event and fundraiser, from cooking hot dogs to gathering items for the silent auction, while still taking on the contact and communication with City and County that the presidency requires.

In July Sue found it necessary to resign her position as president. She will continue as a director until the end of her term at least. She is helping our new president with the transition, and yet again has volunteered to shift some responsibilities to allow for others to accept new ones.

Although Sue has indicated she will not seek re-election to the board, she has said that she will continue to volunteer wherever needed. In fact, she recently mentioned that she originally got involved to help the Beautification Committee, but never was able to do that.

# Thank you, Sue!

(Scholarships continued from page 1)

The criteria used to determine the recipients of The CCA Scholarship and the Edward Watson Memorial Scholarship is as follows:

 For the CCA Scholarship the college bound senior must reside in Charlotte, but can attend any area high school. Both are based on academics, extracurricular activities, and community service, as well as any honors received, letters of reference and finally a short essay from the applicant. The Scholarship Committee assigns a weight to each of these categories and independently scores each application

 For the Edward Watson Scholarship the college bound senior must attend The Leadership Academy for Young Men (formerly Charlotte High).

We Congratulate Alex and William

and thank them for taking the time to submit an application.

There is a lot to be proud of in Charlotte,

and they are on the way to a bright future.



#### **Board Members Needed**

The Charlotte Community Association is required to hold an election every year to elect one half of the board. This year we will be electing our *President*, our *secretary*, and *three board members*.



Anyone wishing to run for these positions should submit a letter of intent along with a brief resume highlighting your willingness to contribute to the community at large to <a href="mailto:infocharlottecca@gmail.com">infocharlottecca@gmail.com</a> before September 12.

#### Timeline:

- September 12, 2022: Letters of intent received, to be reviewed by our nominating committee
- October 3, 2022: Slate of candidates announced at our General Meeting
- November 7. 2022: Vote of the general membership. Proxy information will be provided as we get closer.

## Membership



#### The 2023 CCA Membership

is now being accepted.

We welcome all members, please see page 11 for specific information.

Remember that your membership dues play a large part in fulfilling our promise of the CCA scholarship award as well as assisting with our day-to-day operations. Please join fellow neighbors to support this organization

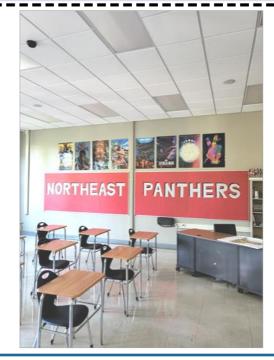
## WELCOME

# Northeast College Preparatory High School Getting Panther Ready in our new home!

Renovation of the former Leadership Academy for Young Men are nearly complete.

It is expected that the school will have nearly twice as many students this fall.





# National Night Out August 2, 2022



### The 90th Annual DePalma Reunion

Submitted by Peg Paridise



n August 13th, the 90th Annual DePalma Reunion was held at Camp Eastman. A beautiful day for such a memorable event.

The original parents were Americo and Camilla DePalma. They immigrated from Italy in the 1890's and all four of their

children were born in NY. They are Michael, James, Mary DePalma Paradise and Beatrice DePalma Maggilini. They added 11 children to the next generation! Sadly, all have passed on except, Raymond DePalma. He is the son of Michael, whose family owned DePalma's Restaurant (now **WindJammers**).

Unfortunately none of the relatives from out of town were able to attend, but many local relatives were there. A wonderful time was had and many memories and pictures were shared.

Families are important these days and the future of Reunions need to continue to keep families together.



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4492 Lake Avenue . Rochester, NY 14612 663-2244 . rholycross@dor.org . holycrossrochester.org

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday,  $5{:}00~PM$  . Sunday,  $8{:}00~AM$  and  $10{:}00~AM$ 

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday, 8:30 AM. Thursday, 5:30 PM. Friday, 8:30 AM Office Open: Mondays, 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM Food Pantry Open: Thursdays, 2:30 to 4:30 PM

Pastor: Very Rev. William G. Coffas, VF





## Save the Date!

Northwest Service Center and Charlotte Community Association

present a

## **Community Outreach Event**

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 5:30-7:30 PM

**Abelard Reynolds School 42** 

3330 Lake Ave

Hots, Snacks, and Drinks
Children Activities
Tables to learn more about CCA
and other neighborhood groups

## Free and open to the public

Watch Charlotte Community Association on **Facebook** for more details.





Holy Cross

Roman Catholic Church

Holy Cross Church is a return sponsor of our organization. As a very long-time religious provider as well as providing faithbased education in our community, we welcome you. Your roots in this community we hope will serve us both well.

## RFD to the Rescue





In early July the crew from Engine 19 rescued a group of baby ducks from a storm drain on River St.

All in a day's work! *Thank you gentlemen!* 



## Joseph D. Morelle -U.S. Representative for New York

The high costs of prescription drugs has placed an undue burden on families in our community, particularly older Americans who often rely on a fixed income.

In August, Congress passed the *Inflation Reduction*Act, legislation that will cut costs and help ease the burden on families. The legislation makes investments in everything from the climate crisis to reducing the deficit, but one of the most important pieces is its action to finally lower the cost of prescription medication for those on Medicare. It marks the largest investment in healthcare since the passage of the Affordable Care Act over a decade ago, and it is long overdue.

This legislation will lower costs for seniors by allowing Medicare to negotiate drug costs, lowering the cost of insulin to no more than \$35/month for Medicare recipients, and establishing an annual cap on out-of-pocket costs for medication. On average, older Americans are taking at least four different prescription drugs at the

same time, and some of these medications—while necessary and life-saving—can be extremely expensive. Many are forced to ration or skip doses just to make ends meet. The changes we're making will be transformative for these families, saving them thousands of dollars a year.

Lowering the cost of prescription drugs has long been one of my top priorities, and the provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act serve as an extraordinary step forward to easing the burden on older Americans and their families. However, there is still more work to be done. I promise to keep fighting to ensure quality healthcare is accessible and affordable for all Americans.

If you have any questions about how I'm fighting to lower costs for families, or any of my work in Congress, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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## Jose Peo - NW City Councilman

or many years, I have advocated for people in our community with mobility challenges, such as my brother-in-law. This office has been working closely with City Council and our Monroe County partners to bring much needed funding to our parks and public spaces. Finally, on August 12, 2022 the installation of a 305-foot access mat completed. Now people with mobility issues now have access to our beach front. It can also handle wheelchairs, walkers, strollers, and wagons.

The Rochester City Council has voted to confirm **David Smith** as the new **Chief of Police**. This will be the first time in two years the department will be led by a permanent chief. Chief Smith first joined the Rochester Police Department in 1992 and served as Deputy Chief of operations as part of the Herriott-Sullivan command staff. I have the upmost confidence he is the right person to led RPD at this time and he needs all our support.

Each month your councilman attends neighborhood association meetings. We also attend the NW Lake Section PCIC meetings.

What is the PCIC? PCIC is the Police Citizens Interactive Committee, and it meets monthly via Zoom. Lt. Waldo leads the NW Lake Section PCIC meetings, and the 30-minute discussion is around the crime in NW Rochester. It is a great way to learn about crime patterns in our city and learn about the tools at your disposal with regards to combating crime in our communities.

If you would like to join the NW Lake Section PCIC meeting, please contact my assistant Jonathan Hardin at 585-474-6234 or <a href="mrjhardin@yahoo.com">mrjhardin@yahoo.com</a> or Lt. Waldo at Richard.waldojr@cityofrochester.gov.

Jose Peo, City of Rochester NW Councilman



## Lighthouse Celebrates 200 Years

Picture-perfect weather served as a backdrop for the Bicentennial celebration of the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. The day included two musical groups (Krazy Fireman and the All In Brass Band), a birthday cake and free tours of the tower and keeper's house. Over 210+ people were in attendance along with board members and numerous volunteers.

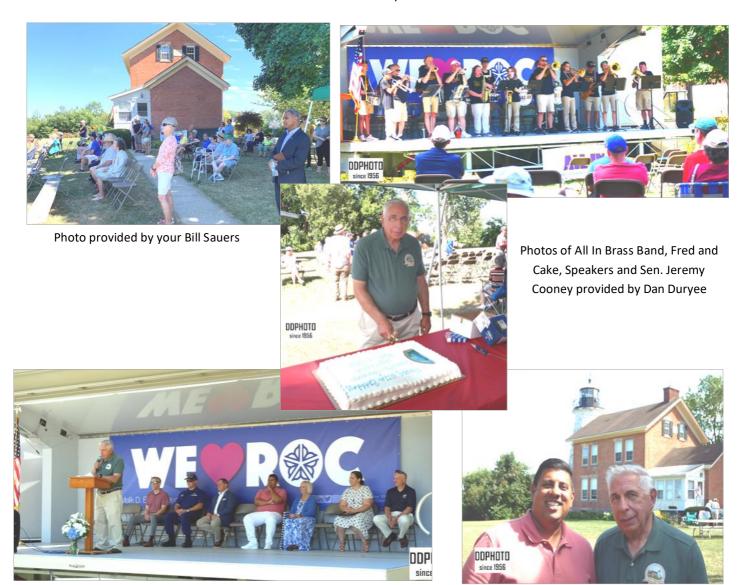
President Fred Amato emceed the festivities and thanked the countless number of volunteers over the years who helped to preserve this local gem. The CCA got the property from the Coast Guard and ownership was assumed by the County of Monroe. Charlotte resident Bill Davis and the Historical Society assumed maintenance of the facility in 1984. He also thanked Monroe County Parks Director, Patrick Meredith, who helped out with many

projects at the facility.

Speakers included **Rev. Ray Poling** from Lake United Methodist Church gave the opening invocation and **Amanuel Malik** from Holy Cross Church gave the closing prayer, U.S.

Congressman Joseph Morelle, NY State Senator Jeremy Cooney, Monroe County Legislators Yversha Roman and Sean McCabe, CCA President Linda Litwak, Coast Guard Officer in Charge of Station Rochester Matthew Riesberg, and Wayne Goodman, Executive Director of the Landmark Society. Photographer Don Duryee recorded the day's events with his spectacular photography.

The Lighthouse received a number of citations and proclamations to mark the event. The Historical Society is looking forward to its final Bicentennial event on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.



### Family Day at the Lighthouse - September 18th

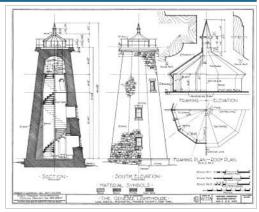
ome to the lighthouse on **Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> from** also be a book signing with author **Sally Valentine** and ■1:00-5:00pm for a wide range of activities and exhibits to celebrate "Family Day at the Lighthouse". There will be a number of outdoor exhibits showing the history of the lighthouse and Ontario Beach Park along with the War of 1812 in Charlotte. There will

a coloring station and the Seneca Park Zoomobile for the kids. Local meteorologists will also be in attendance- STACEY PENSGEN from Channel 10 WHEC from 1-3pm and ERIC SNITIL from WROC, Channel 8 from 3-5pm.









## Rochester 1/2 Marathon, 5K and Kids 1/2 Mile is Back!

n Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> starting at Maplewood Park and finishing at Frontier Field is the:

- •Half Marathon (13.1 Miles) 7:30AM Start
- ●5K (3.1 Miles)- 7:40AM Start
- •Kids ½ Mile 10:30AM Start by High Falls Area

The Half Marathon participants will be coming towards Charlotte via the River Path at Turning Point Park, turning left up Petten, then Right on Lake, then a Right over the O'Rorke Bridge towards Irondequoit. This is approximately the 5 mile point on course and the athletes will be in your area between 7:50AM and 8:50AM if you'd like to come out and cheer.



Registration is indeed open if you'd like to join any of the events. The Kids ½ Mile is newly added this year and also features a Kids 13.1 Program where kids ages 5-12 can run a cumulative 13.1 miles over 3 weeks and finish their final ½ mile on race day under the big arch similar to the 5Kers and Half Marathoners. Plus

earning their finisher medal too. The Kids 13.1 Program kicks off August 31<sup>st</sup> at Fleet Feet @ The Armory. Virtual options for all day of events are being offered alongside the In-Person versions.

To Learn More about any of the events, their courses and offerings visit: www.rochestermarathon.com





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Hours: Tue-Sat 11am-10pm Sun 11am-9pm

## Charlotte Branch Library

#### **Food for Thought Book Discussion Group**

Tuesday, September 20, 11:00am via Zoom.
The Rose Code by Kate Quinn.

Email charlotte.programs@libraryweb.org for invitation.

Tuesday, October 18, 11:00am via Zoom. Falling by T. J. Newman.

Email charlotte.programs@libraryweb.org for invitation.

#### **Events for Adults**

Wed., Sept. 14 @ 3 - 5pm: Greg Dwyer offers program on crystal clear thinking and how to focus.https://gregdwyer.com/

Thurs., Sept.29, from 1 - 3 pm: Mason Jar Lid Pumpkins Students will learn how to assemble and embellish a decorative pumpkin using canning jar bands, ribbons, and other craft items. *Registration required*. Call us at 428-8216.

**Thurs. Oct. 13** the library will be hosting a program on the Holocaust . Check with library for time.

Wed., Oct. 26, from 1 - 3 pm: Alcohol Ink
Ornaments Each student will decorate three
shatterproof 2 1/2" ornaments using the alcohol ink
technique. The student takes home their completed
ornaments along with handout of instructions!
Registration required. Call us at 428-8216.

Charlotte Branch library is now running a food distribution.

First Saturday of the month at 4 pm.
SEPTEMBER 3 and OCTOBER 1

#### **Local History Programs Return**

Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 2pm. (2nd Thursday)

Swing Bridges of Charlotte

Two swing bridges were built in Charlotte in exactly the same location. The first bridge (1874-1905) opened in 1874 and was started by the Lake Ontario Shore Railroad and completed by the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad. The second swing bridge (1905-2012) was a replacement bridge built by the RW&O when locomotives became heavier.

Marie Poinan will take you through the building of both bridges and the impact that these railroad bridges had on the farmers of northern Monroe County. Many of the photos are from the Lighthouse collection and from the 2012 book edited by Richard Margolis to which she contributed, a book written in an attempt to save the bridge from destruction.

This program is offered in person at the library or via zoom. Please email to get the Zoom link: charlotte.programs@libraryweb.org



October 6th program will be "Along the Genesee River"







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

♦ November 7

- ♦ September 12(change due to Labor Day)
  - December 5
- ♦ October 3







#### **GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM**

595 Long Pond Rd. 585-225-7221

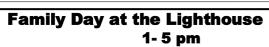
Museum Open Sundays: 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm or by appointment

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

#### **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, September 18, Pasta Dinner Tuesday, September 13 The History of Cobblestone Masonry Tuesday, October 11 **Rochester During the 1950s** 

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Lighthouse History & timeline Seneca Park ZOO MOBILE Ontario Beach Park & Marine History War of 1812 International Peace Visit with local meteorologists: 1-5pm See page 8 for details

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See page 5 for details \* Free and open to the public





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## September, 2022



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### **Charlotte Community Association, Inc.**

"A Community That Cares"

PO Box 12768 Rochester, NY 14612 www.charlotte.cca.org

**Community Membership 2023** 

Name (s)	
Business Name (if applicable)	
Email / Phone #:	
Address:	
Membership Level	
♦ <b>Senior</b> (age 62 and above) or <b>Student</b> through college	\$20.00
♦ Single (any person not over 62)	\$25.00
♦ Couples (any 2 people at the same address)	\$40.00
♦ Family / Supporter (any 4 people at the same address) or any business	\$60.00
Sponsorship Level* also includes a Single Membership	
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## October, 2022



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