



# 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

**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

- ♦ Monday, January 9, 2023
- ♦ Monday, February 6, 2023
- ♦ Monday, March 6, 2023

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**Patti O'Brien**, Director  
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## 2022 Holiday Tree Lighting



**T**hank you to all who came out to the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Johns Park. What a pleasure to enjoy the friendship of each and every one of you. This year we enjoyed the presence of a new and very appropriate tree that was well lighted with the help of our own **Brian Labigan**. Christmas music was provided by the **All in Brass Band**, comments by **Tom Bruce** of CCA and blessings by **Pastor Ray Poling**, Lake United Methodist Church and **Deacon Joseph Placious**, Holy Cross Catholic Church. And a huge thank you to **Engine 19** for allowing us to use the Firehouse to warm ourselves and enjoy refreshment.

*Hope you all enjoyed and will come back next year!*

## ***New Charlotte Development Collaborative Formed***

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**A** new stakeholder group has been formed to represent the many facets of community interests for development in the neighborhood of Charlotte. This group morphed from the CCA's Community Development Committee, which has been meeting regularly since the community design charrette held in 2017 for the Port of Rochester and surrounding areas.

The new stakeholder group, dubbed the Charlotte Development Collaborative, consists of members of major neighborhood organizations including: the Charlotte Community Association, Inc. (CCA); Charlotte Business Association (CBA); Charlotte Community Development Corporation (CCDC); Ontario Beach Park Program Committee (OBPPC); and Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society. It also includes representatives from the municipalities that are responsible for our neighborhood: City of Rochester/City Council (Northwest); City of Rochester/Northwest Neighborhood Service Center; Monroe County Legislature; Monroe County Parks Department; New York State Assembly; and New York State Senate.

In recent months the group's focus has been on responding to an out-of-town developer with roots in the Rochester region who has expressed interest in the plot of land at the Port of Rochester next to the marina. The land, formerly known as Parcel One, is now called the Marina Overlook Site at 4752 Lake Avenue. It runs west to east from Lake Avenue down to N. River Street at the marina, and north to south from Corrigan Street to Portside Drive. The Collaborative group has met with the

developer to discuss what the community wants to see happen at that site. The group has also met with City of Rochester Neighborhood and Business Development officials to review options for development on that site and other sites in the surrounding areas. Discussions are ongoing, and there is currently no open Request for Proposals (RFP) in the surrounding areas.

Starting in January 2023, the Collaborative group will meet monthly to ensure that the community's wishes are well-represented in any discussions about development at the Port and surrounding areas. In fact, the group will be rolling out the final Charlotte Community Vision Plan that resulted from the charrette, which was a partnership of the CCA with the Community Design Center Rochester (CDCR). The Vision Plan, now in its final stages of refinement, showcases the ideas brought forth by the community for consideration in all current and future development opportunities.

In the next few months, the Collaborative group will plan public informational meetings to roll out the final Vision Plan and also plan to host an informational meeting just for potential developers to attend and discuss possibilities for the future. Regular updates on the Collaborative group's progress will be provided through each stakeholder group. The goal is to be inclusive and transparent each step of the way.

Anyone wishing to volunteer with this group should contact Sue Roethel at [infocharlottecca@gmail.com](mailto:infocharlottecca@gmail.com).



## Board Members/Volunteers Needed

Although we recently held an election of new officers and board members there still remain openings on the board.



Our by-laws allow for up to 11 directors, we currently have six. The present openings which can be filled by appointment of the board are Communications Officer and up to five directors who are not officers, but would likely liaison with committees. Even if you do not wish become a board member, you can still join one of committees. All are welcomed. Please visit [www.charlottecca.org](http://www.charlottecca.org) to find out about the many ways you can help us to help the community.

## 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

## Meet Your New President and Other Board Members

**A**t the November General Meeting, CCA members elected **Tom Bruce** as the new President for a two-year term. Tom joined the Board of Directors in January 2022 and was appointed as Vice President in late summer 2022. Tom is the owner and manager of **75 Stutson Street LLC**, a multi-purpose venue specializing in musical performances and music education. Music has always been a part of Tom's life. He attended college as a music major and still works as a professional trumpeter. He also worked in the electrical/lighting industry for many years. Tom wants to promote good will in the community and to work toward year-round viability of business in the area. He loves giving people a reason to visit Charlotte no matter the season.



Tom Bruce  
CCA President

Also elected in November were **Sue Roethel** as Secretary, and **Linda Litwak** and **Tony Micciche** as Directors. In December, the Board of Directors appointed **Linda Litwak** to the position of Vice President.





## ***The Ice Rink is Real!***



**O**n December 16 County Executive **Adam Bello** along with the Parks Director and Community Leaders, and a representative of the company who make this great product, cut the



Ribbon on the Synthetic Ice Rink. Currently located at Sandpiper Pavilion at Ontario Beach Park, just north of the playground, this synthetic rink is moveable to any location and is very easily cleaned. And because it is synthetic, the rink can be used year round.

This item was first and foremost on the requests from the community during the research of the Development Committee. And we are glad that this, along with upgrades to the Robach Center, are finally coming to fruition.



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Monday, 8:30 AM . Thursday, 5:30 PM . Friday, 8:30 AM

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See Page 11  
for details

# More Ice Rink Photos







**Jose Peo** - NW City Councilman

**W**ishing everyone a Happy New Year! Let's start this year off by jumping in Lake Ontario together. If you would like to join the **Charlotte Polar Plunge Team**, please contact my assistant at [mrjhardin@yahoo.com](mailto:mrjhardin@yahoo.com) to get signed up. Let's also start off this year by bringing our concerns to *Speak to Council* and let your voices be heard. *Speak to Council* is an opportunity for the public to address the Council on a topic they are voting on that month, or express their opinion on any other topic. *Speak to Council* sessions are held in City Council Chambers or via Zoom on the same day as the City Council Meeting at 6:30PM.

Speakers can sign up by calling 585-428-7538 or by emailing

[council@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:council@cityofrochester.gov). You must sign up no later than 3:00 PM the day of the council meeting.

I was proud to join **Geogger Rogers** and the **GSL Show** and **Gotti Perry** and the **Taste of the Bahamas** for a toy collection December 10th. We were able to collect many toys throughout the community and the GSL Show delivered those toys to families in need in our city. Thank you to all the volunteers and everyone that gave.

Finally, if you would like to join the **NW Lake Section Police and Citizens Interactive** monthly meeting, please contact my assistant Jonathan Hardin by cell phone at 585-474-6234 or via e-mail at [Jonathan.hardin@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:Jonathan.hardin@cityofrochester.gov). The next PCIC meeting will take place in February 2023.

*Jose Peo*

City of Rochester NW Councilman

## ***Toy Collection***



## Ontario Beach Park Program Committee

The 37<sup>th</sup> edition of the **Lakeside Winterfest** will return to the icy shores of Lake Ontario on February 4-5, 2023. On Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 pm, the beach and park will be packed with family activities including the ever popular *Chilly Chili Challenge* where local restaurants and others vie for the title of **Rochester's Best Chili**. Cash Prizes and public sampling, email Pam at [bialp@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:bialp@cityofrochester.gov) for application and complete information.

Also returning this year, local ice carvers creating icy masterpieces, horse drawn sleigh/wagon rides through the park, wine and craft beer tasting, hot chocolate, coffee and bagels for sale from the CCA as well as other food vendors, dog sled demonstration and 'rockin' music all afternoon in the heated festival tent by the **Neil Van Dorn Band**. The City's **Rec on the Move** staff will keep the young ones busy with winter activities and other vendors and local organizations will be present.

For snow sculpture enthusiasts, enter the

annual contest. This year's theme is, **"Cartoon Characters"**. Cash prizes will be awarded, register at the Roger Robach Center on the morning of the event starting at 9 am. Judging will take place at 2 pm.

The day will be capped off by a fireworks display over the river at 5:30 pm afterwards visit one of the areas many restaurants for dinner.

Sunday, features the **Polar Plunge**, over 2000 brave souls are expected to take the Plunge to support Special Olympics New York at 12 pm. Come down and cheer them on or experience the Plunge yourself, registration and complete information are available at [www.polarplunge.net](http://www.polarplunge.net).

**The Ontario Beach Park Program Committee and Special Olympics New York**, sponsor the weekend's events, with generous support from: **Wegmans, City of Rochester, Monroe County, the Charlotte Neighborhood Association, California Rollin 2, and Law Enforcement Torch Run, WPXY and others.**

**CREATE A WINNER!**  
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37th Annual *Lakeside* **WINTER** CELEBRATION

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 Rochester City Council



*The Board of Directors and the Newsletter Team of Charlotte Community Association wish each of you the very best of the season, and a fruitful and fulfilling New Year.*



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February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Ontario Beach Park

See:

[http://events.nyso.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=2770&pg=entry](http://events.nyso.org/site/TR?fr_id=2770&pg=entry)

For information and entry.

### Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse



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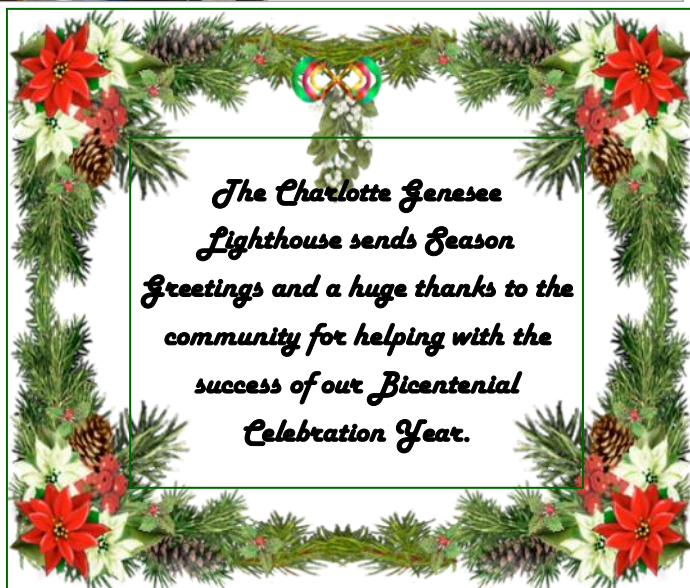
- ◆ Help to celebrate our Bicentennial in 2022
- ◆ Climb the tower to view the river and lake
- ◆ Visit the War of 1812 Peace Garden
- ◆ Explore the exhibits to experience the maritime history of the port & old Village of Charlotte

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Greetings and a huge thanks to the  
community for helping with the  
success of our Bicentennial  
Celebration Year.*



## Charlotte Branch Library First Thursdays

**January 5, 2023 at 2pm**

### History of Charlotte's Blast Furnace

by Marie Poinan

From 1868 until 1927, Charlotte's blast furnace was in operation for 59 years and a major area employer. Marie Poinan will chronicle each of its owners, including its only female owner, who owned the furnace from 1885-1893 and died in her Lake Avenue house in 1938. The program will also feature a number of Charlotte families that came to the area to work at the furnace and have stayed in the area for generations. Many of the Italian families can trace their origin back to the labor strike at the furnace in 1903, when striking workers were let go and the Italians were recruited to move to Charlotte to replace the fired workers.



**February 2, 2023 at 2 pm.**

### A Tour of Greece Neighborhoods

by Maureen Whalen

Have you ever been driving through a Greece neighborhood and wondered about some of the homes? How old is it, who lived there, or what style



a house might be? This month we look at Greece homes (and a few other structures) that are historical, famous, beautiful, or just simply interesting.




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# Community Events



**CCA Meeting Dates for 2023**  
General Meetings - Robach Center  
(1st Monday of every Month @ 7pm)

- ♦ January 9, 2023
- ♦ February 6, 2023



**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

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Fun in the Sun: Adventures in Outdoor Play

Thursday, January 19, 2023

Annual Membership Meeting

Check website calendar for time and location of events

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<http://www.greecehistoricalsociety.org>

[greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com)

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**The CCA will participate in the City's Winter Celebration on February 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please stop by our table to say hello, get some refreshments and talk about how we are working to make this community better!**



## January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 CCA Meeting 7pm In Person	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				





## Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

*"A Community That Cares"*

**PO Box 12768 Rochester, NY 14612**

[www.charlotte.cca.org](http://www.charlotte.cca.org)

### Community Membership 2023

<b>Name (s)</b>	
<b>Business Name (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Email / Phone #:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Membership Level</b>	
♦ <b>Senior</b> (age 62 and above) or <b>Student</b> through college	\$20.00
♦ <b>Single</b> (any person not over 62)	\$25.00
♦ <b>Couples</b> (any 2 people at the same address)	\$40.00
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☐ Check here if you want your newsletter delivered by USPS (mail). All newsletters will be delivered electronically unless you request otherwise, or we do not have an email address for you.

## Community Outreach

In 2022 we were fortunate to receive a NeighborGood Grant to assist us in Neighborhood Outreach. This gratefully received grant was used to produce door hangers letting people know about the organization. They are currently being delivered by volunteers to every house in Charlotte. Have you seen yours?

We also produced a new flyer telling people who we are. This is meant for distribution at public places and events. And just to round it off, a large supply of business cards was ordered to be used anytime. This is all meant to encourage membership - which is very much needed.

Charlotte Community Association

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**THANK YOU FOR READING THE CCA NEWS !**

**Become a member and receive a copy delivered by email to your home each month.**



## **February 2023**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Lakeside Winter Celebration See pages 7&8
5 Polar Plunge See pg 8 	6 CCA Meeting 7pm In person	7	8	9 Deadline CCA News March/April Newsletter Articles	10	11
12	13	14 happy Valentine's day	15	16	17	18
19	20 	21	22	23	24	24
26	27	28				