



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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February Fun At The Beach & In the Water!

*The community came out to enjoy
**Lakeside Winterfest #37 & Polar Plunge at
the beach on February 4 and 5, 2023.***

Saturday was all about community, a large heated tent provided safety from some very frigid temperatures even for Charlotte. Those that came enjoyed vendors, music, and the Chili Challenge in the tent, as well as horse drawn carriage rides, dog sled rides, ice sculpture, and food trucks outside. The day was capped

off with a colorful fireworks display.

On Sunday, with somewhat warmer weather, hundreds came out for the Polar Plunge. This event benefits the **Special Olympics**. It is great that we have the perfect venue for it.

*A huge thanks to all the sponsors,
organizers, and participants in this
event. It just shows that Charlotte is a
great community no matter the
weather.*



*Pictures provided with
permission by Jim Mantanus
and Tom Sauers.*

Pictures of Winterfest & Polar
Plunge continue on Page 3

We Always Need Volunteers!

As we have told you before, although we truly appreciate your financial contributions in becoming a member, to continue the full program that we propose each year we need volunteers.

At the present time there are several vacancies on the board as well as in other areas, and because of that each of us who are there is working our best to fulfill multiple duties. Although we all give it our best, some things just must be sidelined.

One pressing issue is the Communication Director, also an officer of the board. This is a wide-ranging position, representing the organization to the rest of the world. It involves our website, Facebook presence, and media relations, always in cooperation with the board, and with approval of the President. It also involves internal communication such as



newsletters and bulk emails. It goes without saying one cannot do it all. A team would need to be reestablished to make this function correctly.

There are also four vacancies on the Board of Directors. These would be more at large, but you would be expected to select at least one committee of interest to Liaison.

Besides that, we have several committees, every one of them needs volunteers. And a few need Chairs.

More information on all the committees and duties can be found on our website: www.charlottecca.org.

Please, whether you can give a couple hours a month or 20 hours a week, consider a volunteer opportunity with Charlotte Community Association.

Questions and interest of any kind, please submit to infocharlottecca@gmail.com.

We hope you can find a place to help us.

Development Update: Port of Rochester Marina Overlook Site

Submitted by Sue Roethel

The Charlotte Development Collaborative, a stakeholder group formed from the CCA's Community Development Committee, will be hosting two information-gathering meetings in March for potential developers interested in the Marina Overlook Site at 4752 Lake Avenue. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the Charlotte community's vision for the area and how the right kind of development can transform the Port and surrounding areas in very positive ways.

After these meetings conclude, the City of Rochester will issue a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for the site. This is a new and exciting step in the process that the City has encouraged us to do. Previously, there have been three RFP attempts, with each one failing to produce a viable proposal that the community would support. Having the opportunity to discuss our vision *prior* to a new RFP is a huge step toward ensuring a more positive outcome this time around.

The Marina Overlook Site 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 City owns the site and has made it available for development since the first request was issued for proposals in 2013.

In 2017, the Charlotte community held a design charrette (planning session) to outline its vision for the future. Since the charrette, the CCA's Community Development Committee has worked diligently to refine the vision and has shared iterations of it on the CCA website. Most recently, the CCA is working with the Design Center of Rochester (CDCR) to produce a formalized Port of Rochester and Charlotte Community Vision Plan that will become the playbook for consideration in all current and future development opportunities.

Anyone wishing to volunteer with the Charlotte Development Collaborative group should contact Sue Roethel at infocharlottecca@gmail.com.

Membership



The CCA depends upon our membership dollars to continue the work we do in the community. Besides our operating expenses, we sponsor several outreach events at no cost to participants and remain committed to providing a scholarship every year to a high school senior who lives in Charlotte for continued education or training.

Please join today!

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CCA Plans Events for 2023

The board agreed that CCA would take part in the following community events in 2023. In some cases, we are participants and in others we spearhead the event.

Event	Date
Clean Sweep	May 6
Kite Flight	May 7
Harbor Fest	June 23, 24, 25
National Night Out Against Crime	August 1?? (TBD)
NWSC / Charlotte Neighborhood Outreach	September 13 or 14?(TBD)
ROC the Riverway	October 7, 8?? (TBD)
Holiday Tree Lighting	December 1

We are also planning our own major fundraiser in the spring. Watch for more details on that soon.

We hope that you will all attend as many as possible to support all the organizations involved. Of course, ***we always need volunteers to help with these events.*** If you would like to help with the planning or actually at any event itself, please contact us at infocharlottecca@gmail.com. We would welcome your involvement.

Thank you all!

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Pictures of Polar Plunge continues on page 5





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2023 Scholarship Announcement



It's that time of year again as college bound seniors start their search for financial aid.

This year the **Charlotte Community Association (CCA)** is pleased to announce that again, two scholarships will be awarded to college bound students who are residents of the Charlotte community or attend the Northeast College Preparatory High School (formerly Charlotte High School).

The **CCA** will award one \$2,000 award which is made possible through community fundraising and membership donations.

Another award of \$2,000 is provided by a fund created in memory of **Edward Watson**, a Charlotte resident and former Charlotte High student.

The requirements for both scholarships are as follows: To qualify for the **CCA Scholarship** the college bound senior must reside in the Charlotte neighborhood and attend any school, public or private. To qualify for the **Edward Watson Scholarship** the college bound senior must attend the Northeast College Preparatory High School (formerly Charlotte High School). All applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee

For many years the **Charlotte Community Association** has offered scholarships to students who qualify based on academics, community service and extra-curricular activities. We are pleased to continue this tradition as well as help facilitate with the **Edward Watson Scholarship**.

A joint application will be available for both scholarships at the Charlotte Branch Library and online at the CCA website (charlottecca.org).

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Joseph D. Morelle -

U.S. Representative for New York

As we begin a new legislative Session, my focus remains on taking action and delivering results on the issues that matter most to our community. That means: lowering costs and improving quality of life for families, growing our local economy, and strengthening public safety.

Prescription Drugs: Constituents often relate how the high cost of prescription drugs is driving them to ration medication or delay paying bills. Last year, I helped pass legislation signed into law by the President that finally lowers prescription drug prices for seniors, including lowering the cost of insulin to just \$35 per month for those on Medicare. This year, my focus extends to all individuals of all ages for lowered prescription costs. I'll also continue to protect women's reproductive healthcare, safeguard programs like Social Security and Medicare, and ensure every family has the resources they need to thrive.

Growing the Local Economy: We need to support our workforce. Ever-increasing cost of childcare excludes many from the workforce. To combat this, I'm continuing my efforts to enact universal childcare, giving working families flexibility and peace of mind while growing our regional economy in the process. We need to expand opportunities for small businesses and entrepreneurs, invest in

innovative technologies, and create high-quality job opportunities that help families get ahead.

Safety and security: Is critical to our families and protecting our neighborhoods. I have long advocated for common-sense gun reforms that will make our streets safer, and this year I am redoubling my commitment to banning assault weapons, enacting universal background checks on gun sales, and cracking down on gun trafficking. We need to keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of dangerous people. I am also hopeful that this year brings with it new opportunities to work with my partners on the other side of the aisle in a bipartisan way to strengthen resources for law enforcement and ensure they have the tools, resources, and equipment they need to do their jobs effectively. With these as my guiding principles for this new Congress, I will work tirelessly to deliver concrete solutions that make Rochester a better, stronger community for everyone who calls it home.

If you have any questions my work in Congress, please visit my website at morelle.house.gov or contact my office to learn more.

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Harborfest 5K & 10K is Coming Saturday, June 24th to Ontario Beach Park as Part of the Harborfest Festival

The 5K begins at 7:45AM and the 10K begins at 9AM. Both events traverse along the Genesee River Trail towards Turning Point Park. Both start on the path by the pier, and finish along the beachside boardwalk amongst the trees in the park itself. The course is a gorgeous presentation of the waterways of Rochester. Website/Registration: <https://yellowjacketracing.com/races/harborfest-5k10k>.





Jose Peo - NW City Councilman

The Rochester City Council and NW Councilman Jose Peo highlighted two black-owned businesses in Charlotte during the month of February and acknowledge that their success will only make our community stronger. **Ma'amaTee's Cooking & Catering** located at 4435 Lake Avenue and **Taste of the Bahamas** located at 4705 Lake Avenue. Ma'ama Tee's Cooking & Catering is owned by **Aretha "Ms. Tee" McLamore** and has been operating in Charlotte for the past three years. They are a family owned and operated business that employees several seasonal employees through the City of Rochester's *Summer of Opportunity Program* (SOOP) through the Youth Employment Services. They cater for everything from small family gatherings to large corporate events in the Rochester area. Ms. Tee will change your mind with one of her famous dishes and her creative use of oatmeal. Her oatmeal infused Peach Cobbler will have you coming back for more, and her fish fry is something you will crave. She also specializes in cakes

and sweets, giving everyone something to come back for time and time again.

Taste of the Bahamas is owned by **Gotti Perry** and has been operating in Charlotte for the past five years. They are also a family owned and operated business. Gotti's husband **Jamal Roker** keeps customers coming back for his Bahamian style Caribbean food and some of the best wings and jerk ribs in all of Rochester. They both believe in living back to the community and host multiple community events across Rochester. Ms. Perry serves as the Vice President of the Charlotte Business Association, Inc. and for the past two years has been the main sponsor of the **Free Christmas Community Event** hosted each first Sunday in Charlotte for the past two years. They also host yearly free community barbecues that draw hundreds together from our community. Thank you to these two great business leaders that are making a difference in Charlotte. DIVERSITY MATTERS!

Jose Peo City of Rochester
NW City Councilman

All the Best,



Jose Peo with **Aretha "Ms. Tee" McLamore**, owner of **Ma'amaTee's Cooking & Catering**



The **Gotti Perry and Jamal Roker** and their family with **Jonathan Hardin** and **Jose Peo**.

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Please call 585-428-8216 to register.

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: Charlotte - Meeting Room



Food For Thought Book Discussion-

This book discussion group meets via zoom on

Tuesdays, 11am-12pm. Please email:

charlotte.programs@libraryweb.org for zoom link.

Date: March 21, 2023

Time: 11:00 via Zoom.

Book: **Ride of Her Life** by Elizabeth Letts

Email Charlotte.programs@libraryweb.org for the link.

Amazon Review: NATIONAL BESTSELLER • The triumphant true story of a woman who rode her horse across America in the 1950s, fulfilling her dying wish to see the Pacific Ocean, from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Perfect Horse* and *The Eighty-Dollar Champion*

1st Thursday History Series

March 2, 2023 at 2 pm.

Topics: Abelard Reynolds and America's First Indoor Mall.

Location: Charlotte Library Basement

Presenter: Sarah Johnson

Email: charlotte.programs@libraryweb.org for zoom link

1st Thursday History Series

April 6, 2023 at 2:00pm

Topic: Building Northgate Plaza

We take a lot of things for granted in today's era of shopping at super-malls. But if we turn back the clock to 1953, the idea of a strip mall or "shopping center" that housed, ten to twenty stores was a novel idea! People were used to going downtown Rochester in order to shop at McCurdy's, Woolworth's or Scrantom's, so the idea of creating a destination in the suburbs was practically unheard of....

Presenter: Marie Poinan

Location: Charlotte Library Basement

Presented in person and also Via Zoom.

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General Meetings - Robach Center
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General Meetings	BOD Meetings
March 6	March 20
April 3	April 17
May 1	May 15
June 5	June 19
July 10	July 17
August 7	August 21
September 11	September 18
October 2	October 16
November 6	November 20
December 4	December 18



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Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, March 12:** Girl Scout Cookie Sale
 - **Tuesday, March 14:** Reflections- A Career On and Off The Air by Ginny Ryan
 - **Sunday, April 16:** Virtual Tour of Greece Neighborhoods by Maureen Whalen
 - **Tuesday, April 18:** A decade of Red Wings Baseball Photographs by Joe Territo
- Check website calendar for time and location of events.*




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March, 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 CCA Meeting 7pm In Person	7	8	9	10	11
12 Daylight Saving Time 	13	14	15	16	17 St Patrick Day 	18
19	20 CCA Board Meeting 	21 PCIC	22	23	24	25
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Community Membership 2023

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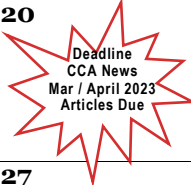
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