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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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October Calendar

Upcoming CCA Meetings Robach Center 7 pm

- Monday, Sept. 11, 2023 In Person
- Monday, Oct. 2, 2023 In Person
- ♦ Monday, Nov. 6, 2023 In Person

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CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP/ EDWARD WATSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2023

E ach year the **Charlotte Community Association** has the pleasure of offering the opportunity for 2 high school seniors to receive a scholarship to help further their education.

The **2023** recipient of the *EDWARD WATSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP* C-I-Z-A Kirkland, daughter of Fantasia Stone

C-I-Z-A will be attending **Monroe Community College (MCC)** majoring in Liberal Arts General Studies Science Program.

We congratulate C-I-Z-A and thank her for taking the time to submit an application. There is a lot to be proud of in Charlotte, and she is on her way to a bright future.

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The **Charlotte Community Association** did not have any 2023 applications for the **\$2000.00** Charlotte **Community Association Scholarship** which is awarded annually to a Charlotte area high school senior who is planning to attend college/trade school in the fall.

The **Charlotte Community Association Scholarship** is funded by donations and various fund raising events throughout the year.

The criteria used to determine the recipients of the two Scholarships:

- Edward Watson Memorial Scholarship :The college bound senior <u>must</u> attend *The Northeast College Preparatory High School* (formerly Charlotte High).
- CCA Scholarship the college bound college/trade school senior <u>must</u> reside in Charlotte, but can attend <u>any</u> area high school. <u>Both</u> 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.

Save the Date!! Roc the RiverWay Weekend, October 8th, 2023

his year's **Roc the RiverWay Weekend** will feature activities up and down the Genesee River from Lake Ontario to Genesee Valley Park. Hikes, bike rides, paddles, tours and more all focused on introducing folks to the beauty and history of our City and its waterways.

The weekend will also highlight progress on the myriad of **Roc the RiverWay** capital improvements and the efforts towards establishing a new State Park at High Falls.

Events at Ontario Beach Park and the Port, will take place on Sunday, October 8th.

From 11am until3pm,a variety of family friendly activities will take place in the Park:

- Horse drawn wagon rides
- Pumpkin decorating
- Carousel rides and kid's games and entertainment

The day will also feature a history hike, starting at the Lighthouse you will hike to Charlotte cemetery and River Street.

There will be tours of the historic Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse and a talk on the reintroduction of sturgeon in the Rochester Basin and more.

The City of Rochester, the Ontario Beach Park Program Committee and the Charlotte Neighborhood Association present events at the beach. As we get closer, check <u>www.cityofrochester.gov\Roctheriverway</u>

for complete schedule.







Charlotte Community Association, Inc.

Fellow CCA members,

t is again the time of year when we have the opportunity to elect one half of our board of directors. If you feel strongly that this organization has a place in the community this is the time for you to step up to help us continue our work. This election will happen on 11/6/23.

This year we will be electing the following board members with a brief explanation of what they do.

Vice-President: Willing, able, and informed to step in at any moment to cover the president, should he not be available. Perform whatever other duties might be assigned.

Treasurer: Handles all monies coming and going, keeps accurate records of all transactions. Provides advice and assistance to the board as needed with budgeting, and reporting.

Communications Director: Responsible for all internal and external communication for the organization. This will include Website, Facebook, special contacts through Mail Chimp, or another provider and Media with the help of the President, who is our spokesman.

Three directors: Directors are expected to bring full balance to the board, bringing each of their own ideas and experience to the continued endeavor.

Every board member including officers is also expected to choose at least one committee to liaison to. We hope this choice will be something of personal interest.

Nominations or self-nominations should be submitted before September 11, 2023 to <u>infocharlottecca@gmail.com</u> or P.O. Box 12768, Rochester, NY 14612

And just a reminder if you do not see yourself here, but you still might want to help we have so many opportunities. Organize an event, reach out to the community. Let us hear what you think you can do. We are wide open. Respond to <u>infocharlottecca@gmail.com</u>.

Best Regards,

Board of Directors



s you probably already know there will be a full the best viewing point for this event. In April your community leaders attended a meeting led by Dan

Schniederman from the Rochester Museum and Science Center. That organization is leading the community effort to bring all events as well as tourism together to make this a great event for everyone.

Dan gave a presentation to stakeholders in the Charlotte Community. He was clear

that we expect an influx of thousands of people into solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. Our region will see the region to witness this eclipse. There will be many scheduled events and he suggested some that might work for the Charlotte neighborhood and businesses.

"....we expect an influx

of thousands of people into the region to witness this eclipse"

From the website https:rochestereclipse2024.org/:

"The Great American Eclipse in 2017 brought millions of people to the path of totality from around the globe: eclipse-chasers, astronomy fans, and science-loving families alike. The communal experience

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
NWSC / Charlotte Neighborhood Outreach	September 13 See Page 10 for details
ROC the Riverway	October 8 See Page 7 for details
Holiday Tree Lighting	December 1

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 welcome your involvement.

Thank you all!



was a memory of a lifetime for those who experienced the total solar eclipse.

On April 8, 2024, Rochester, NY, will be in the path of totality and will experience about 3 minutes and 38 seconds of totality. In fact, the 2024 eclipse, starting in Mexico and traveling northeast, will hit Rochester but miss all other major East Coast cities, including Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC. As the closest city to the path of totality with a major science center, Rochester will be in the international spotlight. We expect hundreds of thousands of out-of-town visitors to flock to our area in the 5-7 days preceding the eclipse, and we plan to make the most of it.

The total solar eclipse of 2024 will be one of the largest events that Western New York and the

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Finger Lakes have ever experienced, with great potential to benefit a wide range of community programs and upstate initiatives in both the public and private sectors.

Based on observations from the 2017 eclipse, conservative estimates expect Rochester to welcome at least 375,000 visitors to the area for the eclipse in addition to the 1.1 million residents across the Greater Rochester Region."

Please visit <u>https://rochestereclipse2024.org/</u> for more information about all events and what will be happening.



Team CCA at the Rochester Museum and Science Center presentation



Dan Schniederman from the Rochester Museum and Science Center





Joseph D. Morelle -

U.S. Representative for New York One of my primarily responsibilities as the Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration is to safeguard access to the ballot box and protect every American's right to vote. This is not a responsibility I take lightly—and it is an honor to continue our community's tradition of standing up against attempts to restrict voting rights.

Rochester was home to Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony—two of the most iconic and well-known advocates for voting rights—and their tireless efforts led to the creation of many of the civil rights and voting protections we enjoy today. Sadly, there are those in Washington who seek to undo these hard-fought protections and make it more difficult for millions of Americans to exercise their sacred right to vote.

Earlier this year, House Republicans introduced the American Confidence in Elections Act—legislation they claim will protect the security and integrity of our elections. In reality, this legislation bans same-day voter registration, eliminates universal mail-in voting, institutes stricter voter ID laws for both mail and in-person voting, and reduces the number of public drop boxes for mail-in

ballots.

In response, I stood with Democratic leadership from both the House of Representatives and the Senate to introduce the *Freedom to Vote Act*. Our legislation would help strengthen the bedrock of our democracy and ensure every American has an equal say in the decisions that govern their lives.

I'm proud to help lead this effort in Congress as the Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration and a proud son of Rochester, and I'm grateful for the many local advocates, organizations, and partners who are standing with me. Make no mistake: we will remain relentless in our defense of

If you have any questions about my work to protect our democracy, safeguard the right to vote, or any of my efforts in Congress, please do not hesitate to visit my website at morelle.house.gov or contact my office to learn more.

All the best,

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Jose Peo - NW City Councilman

Public Safety and the funding of infrastructure projects have and will continue to be at the top of my list. On July 16th, Rochester Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, and the New York State Police released a press release that 22 ATVs and dirt bikes were taken off the streets and towed to the RPD's Auto Impound lot and this is a direct result of the legislation that pushed through City County regards these illegal ATV's and dirt bikes. Additionally, more than 70 traffic citations were issued, four people were charged with misdemeanors, and a 17-year-old male was found to be illegally possessing a loaded handgun. Thank you to all involved that help protect our communities. Continued construction in Charlotte: The sidewalk replacement and resurfacing of the road from Burley Road to Beach Avenue will continue until completed this construction season. The New Spray Park in Ontario Beach Park should also be completed by the end of construction season this year. We are also awaiting the result of the survey conducted by Monroe County Park Department regarding the old concession stand in Ontario Beach Park and look forward to those results being shared with the public as soon as available.

As we get ready for school to start, let's all try to drive a little safer and be cautious of children and pedestrians crossing the streets. If you should have any questions and concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 585-474-6234. I wish everyone a safe return to school!

> Jose Peo City of Rochester, NW Councilman





As we approach the beginning of Fall, Team Cooney is wrapping up a busy summer and looking forward to work to come. In the coming weeks we will be sharing funding announcements, celebrating local businesses and individuals, and hosting community events! Here is what's up next for our office:

Free End of Summer BBQ: We're back for our second annual end of Summer BBQ



Saturday, September 9th 11am-2pm we will gather at Mount Olivet Baptist Church 141 Adams Street Food, Kids Entertainment, and Giveaways!

All are welcome.

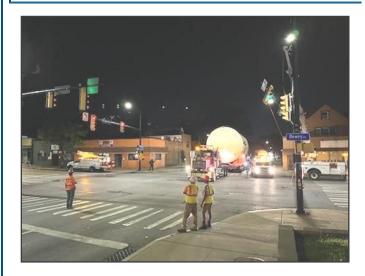
We hope to see you there as we end the summer with some fun! If you have any questions about my work in the

Senate, state agencies, or general comments please feel free to reach out to my office at (585) 225-3650 or <u>cooney@nysenate.gov</u>.

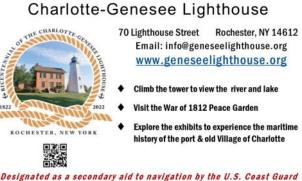




Large equipment was delivered by boat at the Port and later transported down Lake Ave by truck to L-Cycle, a lithium battery recycler.







Open May 5 through October 29, 2023 Fri-Sat-Sun. from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Group tours by appointment Admission \$5.00 age 18+, \$2.00 ages 5-17 Children under 5- free

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CYAA (2023 season review)

Submitted by Brian Labigan





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B aseball fans, the Charlotte Youth Athletic Association (CYAA) 2023 season (its 70th) is in the books. I'm happy to report that 90 boys and girls (ages 4-15) and their families were able to have a fun filled baseball season. Our numbers are still down possibly due to the after effects of Covid 19.

We sent out postcards to previous year players and delivered flyers to area schools announcing our upcoming season for new players in April. Parents used the registration portal on the **CYAA Facebook** page to enroll their child. In May, the players started reporting to our baseball fields at Ontario Beach Park. Two weeks were used for player evaluation for each age group to determine player's skills and allow for evenly matched teams. Uniforms were handed out: a hat, jersey and baseball socks (parents supplied baseball pants). Our different age groups played regularly scheduled games Monday-Saturday (twice a week) from mid May to the late July.

In addition to playing games, the players were able to participate in a Skills Challenge Day, on June 17th. Each age group tested their hitting, throwing and running skills. Each child received a participation medal and the top 3 finishers in each skill got a 1st 2nd or 3rd place medal. A free hot dog, chips and drink for players and families were provided using a generous donation from the **OBPPC (Ontario Beach Park Program Committee)**.

The **CYAA** also partnered with **SEABREEZE AMUSEMENT PARK** to sell reduced price tickets to the park on July 9th for players and Families.

Each age group culminated their regular season and playoffs and with a Trophy night. All players received a trophy. A generous donation by **Wegmans** helped us feed our players and families a hot dog chips, and drink to celebrate.

We plan on trying to hold another small Fall Ball season.

Many thanks go out to our network of dedicated parents, volunteers and team sponsors and benefactors, both public and private, notably the City of Rochester and Monroe County who provide help with our fields. Your donation of time, effort, monetary, and in-kind support to the children is indeed commendable. The overall viability of the **CYAA** depends on these partnerships.

Our concession/bathroom/storage building continues to be a big hit, as it provides much needed storage capacity, clean bathrooms, and a low cost meal and snack alternative for families, as well as a source of revenue to continue with site upgrades and equipment replacement.

As always, we remain committed to giving our children and families, a safe, fun, family oriented baseball league, where friendship and teambuilding is stressed over wins and losses.

If are interested in making a donation, our address is: CYAA PO Box 12524 Rochester, NY 14612

We are a Federal and NYS recognized 501c3 and all donations are tax deductible. Please visit us on **Facebook** (Charlotte Youth Athletic Association)



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Charlotte Branch Library

1st Thursday History September 7, 2023 at 2:00 PM

Charlotte's Infamous Father Fitzgerald

In the early hours of the morning of July 17, 1895, Holy Cross Parochial School burned to the ground. It was arson! Three people

1st Thursday History Series October 5, 2023 at 2:00PM

were indicted for the crime including the Reverend John M. Fitzgerald, pastor of the parish. Did he actually burn down his own school or was he the target off a vindictive police chief? The village of Charlotte was divided over whether he was innocent or guilty. Fitzgerald's case made headlines all over the United States and Canada. Come and learn about this controversial clergyman as we kick-off a new season of monthly history programs.

The program is presented by *Maureen Whalen*, a retired librarian with the Rochester Public Library for more than thirty years and the manager of the Charlotte Branch Library when she retired in 2007. In 2013, she and *Marie Poinan* started the 1st Thursday History series at the Charlotte Library. She has curated exhibits at the Greece Historical

Society and had been a docent at the Seneca Park Zoo since 2006. She co-authored a history of the Rochester Public Library and in April 2020, she published: A History of Seneca Park Zoo.



A Virtual Tour of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Come and learn about this historic cemetery and some of the notable Rochesterians who are buried there. **Maureen Whalen** does walking tours of the cemetery and she will talk about some of the more noteworthy individuals who are buried here. There will also be a discussion on the art and symbolism found on some of the grave markers.



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FREE RABIES CLINIC

Located at Greece Highway Department 647 Long Pond Road Wednesday, September 20th, 2023 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Rabies Vaccination for Dogs, Cats & Ferrets

Dogs must be leashed Cats and Ferrets in carriers Pets must be at least 3 months of age



side), salt potatoes, coleslaw, and a brownie.

Upcoming Events Tuesday, September 12, A Virtual Tour of Greece Neighborhoods by Maureen Whalen and Bill Sauers Tuesday, October 14, Bringing Kids and Historians Together by Tony Stevens-Oliver and Vicki Profit

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NOTE: September and October programs will be held at the Greece School District building, 1790 Latta Rd. Check website calendar for time and location of events.

> http://www.greecehistoricalsociety.org greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com "Like" us on Facebook



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17	18 CCA Board Meeting	19	20	21	22	23 Helle
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Name (s)				
Business Name (if applicable)				
Email / Phone #:				
Address:				
Membership Level				
◊ Senior (age 62 and above) or Student through college	\$20.00			
◊ Single (any person not over 62)				
♦ Couples (any 2 people at the same address)				
Family / Supporter (any 4 people at the same address) or any business				
Sponsorship Level* also includes a Single Membership				
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* Contact us at ccanewsny@gmail.com for complete information	-			
JOIN NOW!				

Electronic: Pay online with PayPal or Credit Card at our website: <u>http://www.charlottecca.org/rm_join-</u> cca/

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

□ 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.

Reminder For Membership

t is time to renew your individual (couples, supporting) memberships for 2024. Any renewed or new membership received now will make you a paid member through December 2024.

Sponsors are on a different timeline. Regardless of when that sponsorship is received it is good for twelve months. Your ads in our newsletter and presence on our website will run for one year from receipt. And you will be contacted when your sponsorship is about to expire.

Thank you all for your consideration.



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