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Community Design Center News

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From our Executive Director, Maria Furgiuele

We are grateful for another successful lecture series! We received positive feedback from both our visiting speakers and event attendees, who all agreed that the topics this year were informative and relevant to our community. We are especially pleased with the implementation of a new program called Community Conversations. This new aspect of the series brought members of the community together to discuss the topics presented at lectures and relate them to the local context. A special "Thank You" to all who worked on, sponsored, and/or attended our lecture series presentations and related events this year! As we begin to plan next year's series, we appreciate your suggestions for potential speakers and topics.

This year's series closed with a great luncheon presentation by Rochester's own Lynn Richards, CEO of the Congress for the New Urbanism. I was privileged to receive a scholarship to attend CNU 27, this year's CNU conference, in Louisville, KY last month. The Rochester region was well-represented with three members of the CDCR community and two other Rochester residents in attendance. During this year's lecture series and at CNU 27, several themes kept repeating. One was the importance of Placemaking as a tool for economic development, and the other was the importance of fostering a Walkable/Bikeable community as a strategy to create vibrant urban places. The CNU conference brings together people of diverse backgrounds and professions, who share a passion for building community through the way we shape our space, to share their stories and learn from each other. I was very happy to reconnect with Maurice Cox, Mark Nikita, Norman Garrick and of course, Lynn Richards, all past speakers in our Reshaping Rochester Lecture Series. The CDCR supports the Charter of the New Urbanism, of which the main principle is to "Build Places People Love." I invite you to learn more about CNU and their charter at www.CNU.org.

Now, I'd like to hear from you: What do you love about Rochester? How can we use that as a tool to implement positive change for the larger community?



Introducing the CDCR Summer Interns!

The CDCR is at capacity this summer with three undergraduate interns and two volunteers. They are assisting us with everything from Awards Luncheon preparation to map analysis! From left to right: Jason (V), Jeremy (I), Nathaniel (I), Sophia (I), and Chris (V).

Jason Wolf is finishing up studies in Design and Political Science at RIT's School of Individualized Study. Jason frequently organizes events and moderates discussions as President of the RIT College Democrats.

Jeremy Shawe is pursuing a dual major in Urban Planning and Political Science from Cleveland State University. Jeremy is also a lifeguard this summer and enjoys travel, biking, and cooking.

Nathaniel Bonafede studies Geography: Urban and Regional Analysis at the University at Buffalo. He is very interested in urban planning and spends his time away from the CDCR as a cook and bartender.

Sophia Trzcinski attends Barnard College, Columbia University for studies in Art History and Urban Studies. Sophia hopes to do repatriation work that gives stolen indigenous art back to its indigenous communities. She spends her free time drumming, exploring cities, swimming, and being a plant parent.

Chris Ryder recently graduated from McQuaid and will attend University of Michigan in the fall for Economics and Environmental Science. Chris enjoys participating in sports such as baseball, running, and fishing.

See what our friends are doing:



Hochstein at High Falls

Presented by High Falls Business Association, The Hochstein School, and WXXI.

The free noontime, 10-week summer concert series Hochstein at High Falls runs through August 15, 2019, on Thursday afternoons, beginning at 12:10 pm at the Granite Mills Park near the Pont de Rennes bridge at 104 Platt Street. [Click here for a map.](#)



[Play Day!!!](#)

Saturday, July 13 | 11AM - 3PM | Lilac Adventure Zone, 180 Reservoir Ave, Rochester, NY

The Conservancy is again participating in the Play Day sponsored by Common Ground Health's Healthi Kids initiative. Our site will be the 'Lilac Adventure Zone' - the nature playground on Highland Avenue across from the Lilac collection. Come play! Join the games and activities! Healthy snacks provided! All ages welcome. All events are free and open to the public.

[Tour the Warner Castle Estate Gardens](#)

Saturday, July 20 | 9:30AM - 10:30AM | Warner Castle, 5 Castle Park, Rochester, NY

Join Milli Piccione, HPC board member, for a garden tour and historic overview of the Warner Castle grounds, a small and special corner of Highland Park. The linchpin of the estate's 1920s design is the unique Alling DeForest Sunken Garden, c. 1930. Free and open to the public.



GENESEE LAND TRUST

Trail Keepers: Maguire Family Wildlife Sanctuary

Thursday, July 18 | 3PM-5PM | 7299 Thompson Drive, Ontario, NY

This month Trail Keepers will work at Maguire Family Wildlife Sanctuary in Ontario. Genesee Land Trust will provide snacks and the necessary tools. Please dress appropriately for field work and bring your own water bottle!

Backyard Habitat Tour

Saturday, July 20 | 9AM-4PM | Several Locations in Rochester, NY

The 17th annual Backyard Habitat Tour will feature seven unique gardens in Fairport, Victor, Rochester, and Brighton. Individual tickets are \$20 or \$15 for Genesee Land Trust Members. Tour is held rain or shine!



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Composers Crossing Receives National Coverage

You've probably heard about Composers Crossing by now. The urban art project was successfully carried out by renowned local artist Shawn Dunwoody and Rochester activist Richard Glaser a couple weeks back, and quickly received national attention! This uniquely designed crosswalk brought volunteers of all ages and identities together to once and for all declare Rochester as "Music City."

[Read what the Washington Post had to say](#)



Make Music Rochester just keeps growing!

The CDCR is proud to have hosted Make Music Rochester's [annual summer solstice celebration](#) for the third year in a row. This year there were 39 registered performances and countless pop-up performances throughout the city! There were also several special events that took place including [Heart Chant](#), Bucket Drumming, and free harmonica lessons at Record Archive.

Learn more at www.makemusicroc.org

[Click here to receive updates from Make Music Rochester](#)



The real problem with e-scooters? Cars!

"The almost exclusive prioritization of the automobile and car-based infrastructure leaves little or no room for safe and convenient piloting of electric scooters. In fact, when you look at why safety concerns exist for scooter riders, and scooter impact on pedestrians, you can usually tie the source of the issue back to over-accommodation of cars."

[Read the full article here.](#)

Last chance to see the Stonewall exhibit

STONEWALL 50 YEARS OUT

An exhibition commemorating the anniversary of the uprising that sparked the gay liberation movement and exploring the history of Rochester's LGBTQ+ communities.
On view through July 20, 2019.

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