

A Note from Executive Director, Maria Furgiuele

The Charrette is coming, the charrette is coming.....

With much excitement and anticipation, we look forward to the Port of Rochester & Charlotte Community Charrette scheduled November 4th! We have been working with the steering committee for the last 5 months who have been diligently preparing for this event. Following is a list of FAQ's that I hope will inform you and inspire you to participate.

For those of you that ask:"What is a Charrette?"

A charrette is an intensive planning session where citizens, designers and others collaborate on a vision for development. It provides a forum for ideas and offers the unique advantage of giving immediate feedback to the designers. More importantly, it allows everyone who participates to be a mutual author of the plan.*

Who can participate?

Everyone is invited to participate. You do not have to be a resident in Charlotte to be able to attend. We encourage anyone who has an interest in the process or in the community including students, business owners, community members, residents of neighboring communities, city residents, and frequent visitors to share their insights and ideas in a collaborative environment. You can pre-register at http://www.charlottecca.org/charrette-registration/

I am not a designer or planner. What do I have to offer?

You have unique knowledge of your community and personal experience that is valuable! The process encourages sharing of ideas and illustrates the synergy that can happen when people work together. The more ideas are expressed, the better!

Why does it take all day and do I have to be there the WHOLE time?

The day is structured into smaller segments beginning with a presentation that provides information about the community, its history, the focus areas, examples of good design practices and outlines the process. The groups then walk the area of study together and share ideas and insights as they explore their focus area. Then the work really begins! Professional design volunteers facilitate discussions with participants and help create sketches from ideas generated. Everyone's notes and drawings are recorded. Participants are then asked to present their groups ideas to everyone at the charrette before closing remarks and next steps are reviewed.

What will come out of this?

Community Design Center Rochester compiles all the documentation from the charrette to create a visual report. This report is then distributed to the public, city officials, and developers to influence decision makers on future planning and development projects.

We hope to see you there!

*http://www.tndtownpaper.com/what is charrette.htm

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Welcoming a new member to our CDCR Family

Angela Richards, Director of Operations, gives birth to daughter,

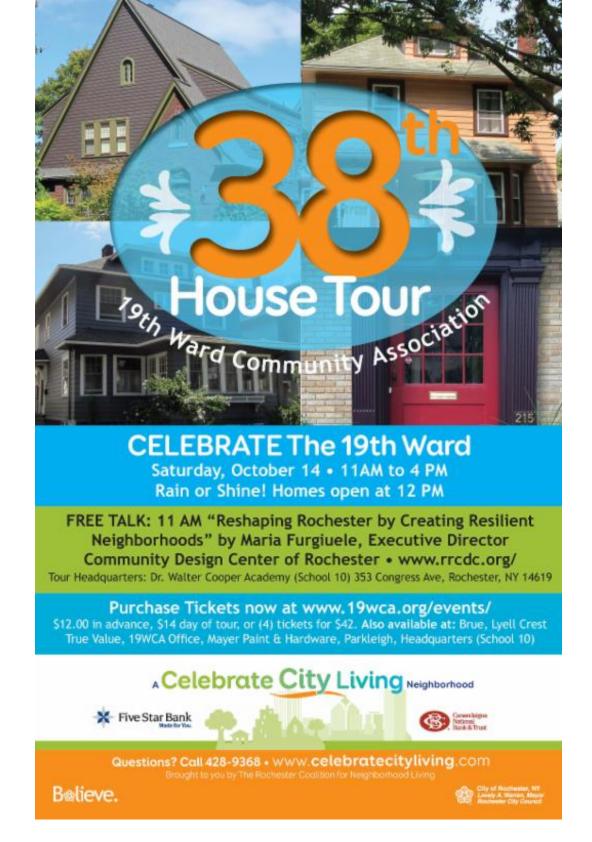
On September 27, 2018 at 6:24 p.m., Angela and Brad Richards welcomed their baby daughter, Clara Grace Richards, into the world. Clara was born weighing a healthy 7 lbs., 4 ounces while measuring 19 inches long. Next time you see Angela, please congratulate her on the wonderful new addition to her family.



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