



CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Join us for our monthly program meetings. Guests are welcome.

CHARLTON TALKS!

Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 in the Schoolhouse

PROGRAM: Join us for an exciting program put on by the Charlton Historical Society where you take the stage! Five minutes, one microphone, and your story as told by you. Stories are told not read, stories are real life, personal narratives based on the storyteller's experience and can be no longer than five minutes. Tell us something about your life that will become part of Charlton History. It can be something as simple as spending time in your grandmother's kitchen learning how to bake, moving from a foreign land to come to America, growing up in Charlton in the early days or what it's like to live here now. **Note: This program is returning on request from last year's participants,**

COME EARLY TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR TURN ON OUR STAGE.

Even if you don't think you have a story to tell, do join us to catch up with CHS friends over a cup of coffee and cookies and hear other's life stories.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 in the Schoolhouse
Short Annual Meeting

PROGRAM: Learn about CHS activities that help preserve Charlton's heritage and history. Topics to be covered are: Digital scanning of documents, Using the website <https://www.charltonnyhs.org>, Researching Charlton ancestral roots, Aiding student research, Town Hall storage, Programs and events, Maintaining properties and artifacts, and Museum operation.

HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE CHARLTON TAVERN

Monday, December 2 at 6PM

Save the date – Monday, December 2, 2024, 6PM. Our Charlton Historical Society's Holiday Party is just a few months away and the date is reserved with the Charlton Tavern. Jill Hofmann is helping us to set up a new game for entertainment that we think you will enjoy. There will be more detail in the next newsletter.



The Charlton Historical Society thanks our generous 2024 5K Race Sponsors. Their generosity will help maintain our two historic buildings and preserve and protect the artifacts and historical documents that have been entrusted to our care. We will be able to fulfill our mission to bring programs, activities, and events for our membership and community. We ask that our members to patronize their businesses.

We also thank the Race Committee for doing a wonderful job organizing this year's 5K race. (Members were Pat Parker, Sue York, Alice and Ken Crotty, TJ Lyons. Bill Herkenham, Marty Wilson, Megan James, and Erin Miller, John Shea) and the many volunteers who made the event a success. These include our membership as well as community members, O'Rourke Middle School Honor Society students, BHBL High students, Charlton FD EMT's, Ballston Lake Emergency Squad, Charlton Constables and members of the Charlton Fire Department. Our thanks also go out to Mona Lisa Badcock who sang the National Anthem, race starter Alex Capo-Director of The Charlton School, member/announcer TJ Lyons and words of encouragement from Supervisor Joe Grasso.

2024 CHARLTON HERITAGE 5K SPONSORS

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FRIEND LEVEL -- \$100

Joe & Mary Grasso
Mayfair Jeweler

THE CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY BIDS FAREWELL

The Charlton Historical Society would like to let you know of the passing of three very special people during this past year. We offer our condolences to their families and friends.



Frank Overstrom, a longtime resident of Charlton, passed away on June 18th. Frank served for many years on the Board of the Charlton Historical Society as our Maintenance Man. In addition to routine maintenance, Frank oversaw several major projects to repair and preserve our two historic buildings. Frank joined General Electric in 1954 and donated generously to help the CHS remain in the GE More Gifts More Givers program, from which the CHS received significant matching donations while the program was in effect.



Florrie Belisle passed away this past September 5th. Like Frank, Florrie also served on the Board of the Charlton Historical Society, volunteering to help with many projects and events. Florrie was a teacher for many years and brought a teacher's viewpoint to Board discussion.

Detailed obituaries for both Frank and Florrie can be found on the Townley and Wheeler Funeral Home website.



Phyllis Keeler passed away on January 11th and her memorial service was held at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home in Johnstown, their website on which I found her obituary. Phyllis was not a member of the Charlton Historical Society but was special to several of our members. Phyllis was a long-time teacher, served as the Galway Town Historian for 52 years, and served on MANY Boards, Associations, and Committees, often as the President.

THE CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY THANKS OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Charlton Historical Society would like to thank everyone who helped us to make our Charlton Heritage 5K Race a huge success. Your help with set-up/take down, registration, the course, refreshments, etc. was greatly appreciated. We also thank everyone who helped to host in the museum. We had several visitors, and the museum is still available to be opened by appointment.

CHUCK LATHAM'S CHARLTON HISTORY—FACTS AND LEDGEND

From *Reminiscences* by Winifred McConchie Palmateer

FALL

Have you ever walked outdoors on a sunny afternoon in lake August and suddenly realized that fall was almost here? How did you know? The crickets told you first. They have no calendar, and yet they're never mistaken. Just stand still and listen for a few minutes. You'll soon become aware there is a difference in their chirping, and it seems that every cricket within hearing distance is joining in the symphony. If you'll think back to the day, you first noticed the change in their song last year, you'll remember it was exactly the same kind of day. The sun shone down from a clear blue sky; the weather was warm, but not humid; and the sun was farther west in the sky than it had been all summer at that time of day. If there was a wind, it was a gentle one.

Unless the reaction I get on a day like this is peculiarly my own, which I doubt, you, too, will suddenly become engulfed in a calm, peaceful feeling that makes you glad you are alive. Consciously, or you may feel, "God is his Heaven; all's right with the world," and wish the serenity of that moment could continue indefinitely.

To me, that day is the beginning of the most pleasant of all seasons. Oh, I know there will be other hot humid days before the season ends, but the hot spells will be less frequent and of shorter duration. This is the time of year I'll look for more clear, blue skies which always remind me of the poem about October's bright blue weather; it's the time of year we watch for especially cool evenings and cover the flowers and tomato plants which we know will last much longer I they survive the first frost.

Now, after the lull following the rush connected with summer work, the farmers will be busy harvesting their fall crops. Sometimes we watch helplessly while a farmer leaves his corn crop so long the frost ruins all he and nature have done all summer to get it ready for harvest.

Now we look for the rains to come and soak up the earth, usually parched after the summer weather, before the ground freezes over.

We know that, unless we get it, there's real danger our men may have to draw water for cattle and the household use long before spring arrives.

We are aware that one species of bird after another have disappeared from its habitat, and we know that if we watch and listen on the particularly bright moonlight nights in October, we will hear the honking of the waterfowl, and maybe see them against the moon, as they wing their way for warmer places.

Fall is the season another school year starts. No Teacher can approach the opening of a new school year without apprehension. To the child, to the parent, to her profession, to society, to the taxpayer, and to herself, the teacher has an obligation. Every child in the classroom has been entrusted to her care, and the success or failure of each child will depend to some extent on her. (I firmly believe we have no way of knowing at what moment something we do or say will influence the whole future of someone else's life. either good or bad.) The beginning of each new school year brings a challenge each teacher meets the best way she knows how.

No one could live through fall in this region and not be aware of changes in the leaves. Gradually the deciduous trees lose their summer green and turn to delicate shades of brown, yellow, and red. Many people go on rides just to enjoy their breathtaking beauty. Then, one rainy or damp day, the leaves will start floating down. Before long the trees have lost their beautiful covering. Soon we'll recognize the pungent odor of burning leaves and see a thin wisp of smoke, or more often, a small a black cloud of smoke, curling skyward as someone attempts to burn a pile of them. One day those leaves that aren't raked and burned, will be scooted across the fields and lawns or blown into protected places by chilly angry winds that are warning you the soon snow will be blowing instead of leaves.

August 4, 1959

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- You will be alerted by email about important information concerning CHS.
- Thank you to Curator Mary Jane Breedlove, Sue and Maury York, and Alice Crotty for readying the museum for the Summer.
- If you wish to tour the museum in September call Sue York or Alice Crotty to meet you at the museum to open the door.
- Thanks goes out to volunteers Cindy Albright and her granddaughter Olivia Maruceri for their continued work on activities for a CHS Children's Program. They had a spot on the lawn at the Charlton Market for children to play games enjoyed throughout Charlton's history.
- Thank you to Robin Sevinsky, Aileen Valenta, Teresa Hart, and Sue York for their work on the Founders' Day Charlton Market and John Hussey for organizing the Founders' Day Parade again this year.
- We vote on the 2024-25 Board of Directors at the November meeting. Nominations will be presented and accepted at the October 4th program meeting at 7:00.
- Program meetings are the first Wednesday Evening in Oct., Nov, Feb, March, and May. The Holiday Party is on Monday, Dec. 2 and the Moveable Feast is in April TBA

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