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4403 Canal Rd	\$230,000	3	3	1,600	B1031436
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Dear RESIDENTS,

As we head into this final month of summer, it's time to make sure to enjoy as much of the sunshine as possible. Our days are already getting shorter, but that doesn't mean we can't keep on enjoying ourselves! This month, we packed the calendar with as many fun events as possible to ensure you can still get out and enjoy what this wonderful community has to offer.

As you create your memories, we hope you will share some of your photos, stories, and events with us! No one knows this community better than those of us who live here, after all. Are you looking to sell something? Submit a free classified ad! Do you know a Good Neighbor? Send us an e-mail and tell us about him or her! Are you hosting an event that you would like to see on the calendar? Let us know! You can send us an e-mail, call, or reach out through Facebook.

So get out there and enjoy the last month of summer! We look forward to hearing about all your adventures. See you in the community!

Elizabeth

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The Cirella Family: COMING FULL CIRCLE

By Elizabeth Ottley

Holly Van Putte Cirella and John Cirella have both spent time working in cities other than Rochester. Over the years, they realized how special the Greater Rochester Area truly is, and made it full circle back to the region. They even hand-picked Spencerport as a place to build their home and start their family, and it doesn't sound like they're leaving anytime soon!

Holly grew up a member of the Van Putte family, the family that owns Van Putte Gardens in Greece. She graduated from Greece Athena High School in 1994, and went on to earn a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from SUNY Oswego in 1998. Immediately after graduating college, Holly found herself in London, England, interning for 3 months at a marketing company. When her internship was completed in August, she moved back home to Rochester for a few more months before heading to New York City in October. "I didn't think that I was a small-town girl," Holly says. Once in New York City, she settled in quite nicely, working first for a pharmaceutical advertising agency, and then later as a marketer for a

small fashion agency in SoHo. Holly's career in marketing was going great, but then the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 happened. "It was a confusing time for those who witnessed the attacks firsthand," Holly explains. "I was working just 20 blocks away when the first plane hit the tower. I reevaluated my life, where I was going, and what I wanted to do, making sure it had value because life is too short."

Holly decided to take a break from marketing and living in the big city and moved back to Rochester. She kept her apartment in New York, fully planning to move back sooner rather than later. Around the same time, the family business was looking for an office manager, and Holly thought it would be good to keep busy while home. "About 4 months in, I realized, 'Wow, this is really what I want to do.' It's rewarding, it's gratifying, I love coming to work, and I love working with my family every day." So, Holly gave up that apartment in New York City and moved back to the Rochester area for good. "Everything that I had run away from I realized was exactly where I wanted to be," says Holly. "It's home." She is now the CFO/Vice President of Van Putte Gardens.



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Like Holly, John spent several years moving around New York State before settling back in Rochester. A 1993 Spencerport High School graduate, John went on to Morrisville Junior College and then the University of Rochester where he earned his degree in Psychology in 1997. He played soccer throughout high school and college, and was even an All-American at Morrisville. After graduating from U of R, John moved to Buffalo for almost a year to train for his new job at M&T Bank. After his training was complete, he moved to Syracuse for 2-1/2 years. He eventually made his way back to Rochester, and has worked at ESL for the past 5 years as Senior Relationship Manager in Business Banking.



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Despite being in so many cities, Holly and John eventually crossed paths in Rochester through their mutual friends (and Spencerport residents) Kelly and Steve Kaye. The two soon began dating, and married in March of 2007.

The next year, Holly and John decided it was time to find a forever home. They looked in all different towns and suburbs of Rochester, and decided that Spencerport was perfect for them. John was already partial to the town since he grew up here, and Holly was really impressed with the community's pride and connection, as well as the array of small businesses. "It's a bigger town but still a small community," says John. "Spencerport is great for families," adds Holly. Just a few years after building their house, their family of 2 would grow to a family of 4.

On August 7, 2011, Holly and John welcomed their twins, Charlotte and Carter. Holly went into labor in the early morning hours on the day of her baby shower. The doctors were unable to stop the labor, so Charlotte and Carter were born prematurely at just 30 weeks. "Needless to say, I didn't have the opportunity to attend my shower!" says Holly. There were lots of complications and tests during the first year, but the twins are now almost 6 years old and healthy as can be. They will be starting kindergarten this fall!

"We're the epitome of a Spencerport family," says Holly. "We live in Spencerport, our kids go to JLU in Spencerport for Pre-K, our kids are involved in T-ball and soccer through the town, and we're doing Spencerport football in the fall." Holly and John both agree Spencerport is a great place to be!

FAST FACTS:

1. Holly's hobbies include gardening (of course!) and photography.
2. John enjoys golfing and working out.
3. The Cirella's family pets are 2 goldfish from the Spencerport Fireman's Carnival.
4. Their favorite Spencerport restaurants are Bad Apples Bistro and Texas Bar-B-Q Joint.
5. The family vacations every summer. Their favorite getaways are Rehoboth Beach in Delaware and Fire Island in New York.

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By Jennyrae Brongo

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Volunteer Projects:

The Mobile Chicken Coop, Canal Activity Boxes, and Adaptable Tables are almost complete! We have 15 tables built by Ben Visca for his Eagle Scout project. They look picturesque near the canal.

Community Wish List:

- Riding lawnmower with bagger
 - Extra shovels and rakes
 - Hay wagon for rides and parade
 - Construction support
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- Dave and Ann DeMers for their tireless work on the new Membership Program
- Dick Turner for being there behind the scenes with great insight and offering every resource he has to help the club
- Ann Demers for her work on the Literacy Program, which received #1 recognition for Outstanding Literacy Program
- New Rotarians Jan Elliott and Jon Spencer were each awarded "Rookie of the Year"
- Past District Governor Roger Ressler for being the go-to person for input and Rotary protocol questions

The evening culminated with the presentation of the President's Pin, by 2016-2017 President Kathy Magin to incoming 2017-2018 President Dave DeMers.



Wine, Spirits, Hops, and Hope

Join Rochester Hope for Pets at Oak Hill Country Club for the 6th Annual Wine, Spirits, Hops & Hope event on Friday, October 13th, 2017 from 6pm – 9pm! Enjoy local wines, spirits, craft beers, and ciders alongside food stations, live music, a wine pull, and a large silent auction! The evening's proceeds will fund and promote Rochester Hope for Pets' mission to improve the quality of life for companion animals through financial grants and education. With your help, Rochester Hope for Pets will continue to provide assistance to pets and pet owners in need throughout Monroe County and surrounding areas.

Tickets: \$65 per person (\$60 "early bird" registration – ends 9/10/17) RVSP by October 6th, 2017. For more information please contact Rochester Hope for Pets at (585) 271-2733 x189 or purchase tickets online at rochesterhopeforpets@gmail.com

Pineway Ponds 5K Run/Walk

The Pineway Ponds 5k Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run will take place on September 30th. This event, now in its third year, is presented by the Kiwanis Club of Spencerport and the Ogden Recreation Department. Visit www.facebook.com/PinewayPonds5k for more information. Register early to get your free t-shirt!



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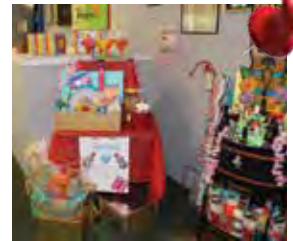


Junior Ranger Registration

Registration is now open for Junior Ranger Football and Cheerleading! Come and join us for the 2017 season. Junior Rangers is open to boys and girls ages 5-13. Visit www.spencerportjrangers.org for more information.

Luau Dinner

On August 20th, the Legion Auxiliary Unit #330 will be holding a Luau Dinner and Basket Fundraiser, sponsored by the Legion Post, 691 Trimmer Road. Basket tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. There will also be 50/50 drawings and games. Dinner is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Event starts at 2:00, dinner 2:30-5:00pm. Call Post for dinner tickets 352-6691 or Ruth at 905-9001.



National Guard Picnic

For all their efforts in helping local property owners with flooding issues, about 150 military men and women from the Rochester National Guard unit were treated to an appreciation dinner held at American Legion Post #330. SAL Commander Jim Maloney and Post Commander Jerry Smith helped put the dinner together, along with members of the Auxiliary and Legion members. These guard members spent countless hours on a daily basis being unsung heroes helping the community. We thank them for their service.



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Back To School: YOUR TEEN AND CONTACT LENSES



By Dr. Ashley Verdon

Teenagers often ask us about switching from eyeglasses to contact lenses, and there are several great reasons for getting your teen into prescription contacts.

- **Freedom:** Your teen may simply be tired of wearing eyeglasses, especially thick frames that slip and slide down the bridge of his or her nose.
- **Sports:** Glasses don't mix well with active sports. They can fall off. Even worse, they can break, leading to injury. Repairing or replacing broken glasses is also costly. And glasses don't provide the peripheral vision needed during game play. The good news is that quality contact lenses solve those problems.
- **Glasses-free look:** Remember your teen years? Were they awkward or smooth sailing? Maybe a mix of both! In any case, your teen may simply prefer the way he or she looks and feels without glasses.
- **Eye color change:** Today's natural-looking color contacts are very popular among teens. And they're safe—so long as they're prescribed by an eye care professional.

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Glasses are always a must! Your eyes need to rest and breathe normally, there is always a chance for infection or eye trauma, allergies and irritants can make contact lens wear unbearable, and unexpected incidents can always occur. As a rule-of-thumb, every contact lens wearer should have an updated pair of eyeglasses, period!

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By Don Sisson

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Gary has been a 50-year member of Ferris Goodridge Post 330, joining immediately after his discharge. Gary has held several key positions with the post and is currently an Executive Board member. Gary currently has been with the Spencerport Fireman's Association for 37 years, 15 of those years (and currently) being Fire Commissioner for 1 of the 5 Districts. He has been married to his wife Carol for 47 years. He has a daughter, Deanna, and a son, Brett (Melanie), with 3 grandchildren (Brandon, Joel, and LillyAnna) with a 4th due in November.

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By Katie Gioia

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4. If you do have credit cards, make sure they're not "maxed out". The more of your available credit that you use, the lower your credit score will be. If you are currently carrying high balances, start aggressively paying them down.
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KATIE WYANT

By Elizabeth Ottley

Spencerport High School science teacher Katie Wyant is very devoted to her family, her community, and her students. Katie and her husband, Jody, a Spencerport Social Studies teacher, live in Spencerport along with their three daughters: Sydney, 6; Madisyn, 4; and Kinley, 2. Katie is the advisor for student government at the high school and is a volunteer for the adult board for NYS Council on Leadership and Student Activities. Katie has put her leadership and event organization skills to good use. She organized and executed a garbage plate fundraiser for Mackenzie Bennett, assembled a high school Polar Plunge team to benefit the Special Olympics, and helped the student government plan a districtwide fundraising week. Katie is also a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) coach, engaging both students and teachers to work positively together to build the school community. Together with the student government and other school resources, the PBIS team put on a spring event for the staff and students. Katie, along with the groups she is part of, have helped our troops, local families, student government scholarships, and the morale of the students, staff, and community! It is no wonder why Katie was nominated to be our 'Good Neighbor' as she goes above and beyond every day!



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SPENCERPORT'S NEXT GEN



GRACE MINGOE

By Elizabeth Ottley

When Grace Mingoea was 14, she began tie-dying shirts to keep herself busy over summer break. She began personalizing her shirts by adding a motto to each shirt that was reflective of the person she was giving it to. Grace's shirts were a hit, and she began receiving "orders" from her friends and classmates to have her personalize their shirts. Within six months, Grace's summer pastime was growing into a small business. With the help of a friend, Grace created her website, "Grace Makes Shirts." To date, Grace has made and sold over 300 personalized shirts.

For her senior project, Grace held an auction/fashion show featuring 14 models wearing handmade shirts. At the end of the event, Grace had raised \$800 for the National Resource Defense Council of America. Despite her artistic talents, Grace's true love is music. She will begin her freshman year at SUNY Fredonia this month majoring in music education.



Spencerport Neighbors would like to thank Jake Conkling and Spencerport Insurance Agency for sponsoring Spencerport's Next Gen. If you know a kid that makes a difference, please refer to Page 3 for submission.

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Spencerport Rotary 34th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, August 7

@ Deerfield Golf & Country Club, 100 Craig Hill Dr, Brockport

9am Registration, 10am Shotgun start

Scramble format tournament, lunch, beverages on the course, full buffet dinner, putting contest, and a chance to win a new car. Proceeds will benefit Homesteads for Hope. Sign up online at www.spencerportrotary.org

Cost: \$95 per player or \$380 per foursome

Customer Appreciation Day

Friday, August 11

@ Feltner Group Building, 191 S, Union St, Spencerport

11am-2pm

The Feltner Group and Barton's Hots are teaming up for a fundraising event! Donations will be given to Spencerport Food Cupboard and Cartons for Christmas. Stop by and enjoy a free lunch courtesy of the Feltners and the Bartons!

German Fest

Fri, August 11 – Sat, August 12

@ Spencerport Fireman's Field,

75 S. Union St

Fri: 4pm-11pm, Sat: Noon-11pm

German folk music, Einmarsch, folkdancers, children's activities, traditional food, beverages, and more!

Cost: \$5 adult (16 and up). Under 16 admitted free with purchase of an adult ticket

Genesee Valley Woodcarvers Guild

Demonstration

Saturday, August 12

@ Colby-Pulver House, 568 Colby St,

Spencerport

10am-noon

Visitors will be able to watch a woodcarving demonstration by Guild member Robin Salsbury. Come learn more about the art of woodcarving right here in our community.

Brockport Arts Festival

Saturday, August 12 – Sunday, August 13

@ Main St, Brockport

8am – 11pm

A summer tradition with over 100 artisan quality vendors, sponsors, and non-profit exhibitors.

There will be live entertainment, Wine Garden, Vintage Car Cruise-In, family entertainment, street dancers, face painting, and more!

Visit www.brockportartsfestival.com for full schedule, parking, and directions.

Cost: Free

Rohrbach Root Cellar Party

Saturday, August 12

@ McColley's

3pm-10pm

Come and enjoy live music with McColley's and Rohrbach!

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Saturday, August 19

@ Ogden Farmer's Library

10am-6pm

Join us for this flavorful fundraiser! Sample wares from local businesses and enjoy an afternoon filled with lots of free fun for the whole family. Carnival games, crafts, and more! All proceeds split between the Ogden Farmers' Library and the Spencerport Area Chamber of Commerce.

Cost: Free entry, tickets may be purchased to sample: \$2 per ticket, 3 for \$5, or 20 for \$20

Fly-In Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, August 20

@ Ledgeale Airpark, Eisenhower Rd, Brockport

9am-12pm

Come see aircraft, Brockport fire trucks, Monroe County Sheriff's Mounted Unit, Civil Air Patrol, Antique Tractors from WNY Two Cylinder Club, and the National Warplane Museum C-47 Dakota/DC-3 a Veteran of D-Day!

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Rotary Projects

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Music on the Canal

Sunday, August 20 & 27

@ Village of Spencerport

6:30pm-8:30pm

Brick Band (8/20) and The Coupe De'Villes (8/27) finish out the summer concert series for 2017.

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Thursday, August 24

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EAGLE STAR HOUSING

By Colleen Farley

Eagle Star Housing is a private not-for-profit organization, founded in 2012. They provide transitional homeless housing for Veterans in their Spencerport facility. Their mission is to develop, maintain and operate decent, safe, sanitary and affordable transitional and permanent housing for Veterans, their families and other low-income individuals and families. Donations are always welcome, including: Board games, playing cards, movies, books, groceries (perishable and non-perishable), toiletries, and new winter hats, winter jackets, socks, gloves, shoes and boots. They are also in need of a working van. If you have any additional questions, please contact:

Zach Fuller, Executive Director at (585) 750-6351 or zfuller@eaglestarhousing.com.



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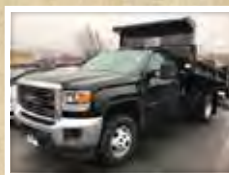
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