

# Rivers Run Cottage Connections

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## “Snow Your Facts”

Did you know that snow isn't really white? Actually, it's translucent. The way light passes through snow crystals causes it to bounce back and reflect the whole color spectrum at once, which is what makes it appear white to the human eye.

Where do you think the snowiest cities in the world are? If you guessed Japan, you are correct. This is because Japan is in the line of cold air coming from Siberia, which pushes across the Sea of Japan's warmer waters. Northern Aomori City gets more than 26 feet of snow each year. To put things in perspective, Rochester's annual average snowfall is around 102 inches which is a little shy of 9 feet.

In the mid-1800's, several inventors had designed their own horse-drawn plows to clear pedestrian paths and in 1862 Milwaukee became the first major city to test such a contraption. Considered a success, the snowplow concept spread through many of the Great Lakes' snowiest cities eventually paving the way for the modern motorized version which emerged in the 1920's when automobiles became popular.



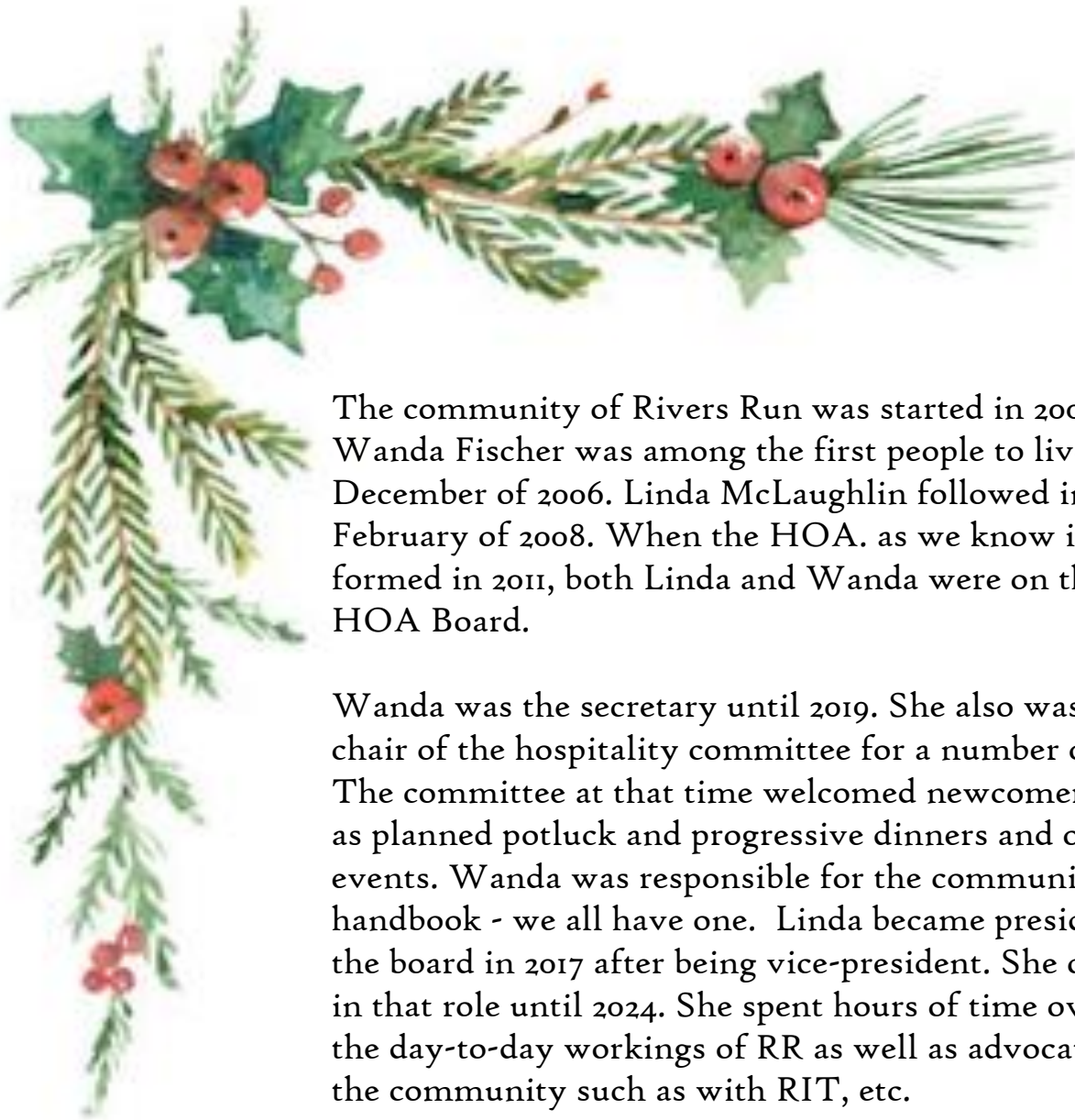
Third Monday of each month,  
6:30 PM  
For more information  
Contact Jim Galvin

December's book is  
“Homegoing”  
by Ya'a Gyasi



REMINDER  
Woman's Luncheon  
Phillips European  
Friday, Dec. 20 @ 12:30 PM

For more information  
Contact Claire Gnazzo



The community of Rivers Run was started in 2006. Wanda Fischer was among the first people to live here in December of 2006. Linda McLaughlin followed in February of 2008. When the HOA, as we know it, was formed in 2011, both Linda and Wanda were on the RR HOA Board.

Wanda was the secretary until 2019. She also was the chair of the hospitality committee for a number of years. The committee at that time welcomed newcomers as well as planned potluck and progressive dinners and other events. Wanda was responsible for the community handbook - we all have one. Linda became president of the board in 2017 after being vice-president. She continued in that role until 2024. She spent hours of time overseeing the day-to-day workings of RR as well as advocating for the community such as with RIT, etc.

Both Wanda and Linda are to be commended for their dedication and work. They both are and will be remembered for their concern and caring for the community as a whole but also for us, the residents here.

Unfortunately and sadly, Linda passed away on October 10, 2024 and Wanda on October 13, 2024.

They are and will be missed.



**Women's Luncheon**  
Friday, December 20 @ 12:30 PM  
**Phillips European**  
26 Corporate Woods, Rochester 14623  
585-272-9910

For a leisurely meal or a quick lunch during a busy day, there are a selection of dishes to satisfy you. You can choose their Chef prepared salads, freshly made quiche or something from the list of their all-time favorites - Artichokes French, angel hair pasta or sesame salmon. The European atmosphere is evident as you enter the front door: dimmed lighting and soft music. The restaurant is casually elegant, and you will feel comfortable dining here for any reason. After your meal, try some of their award-winning desserts.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Claire Gnazzo at 585-287-6009 or [cgnazzo@outlook.com](mailto:cgnazzo@outlook.com).



**Monthly RR Dining Out**  
Thursday, December 12 @ 4:00 PM  
**Agatina's Restaurant**  
2937 Buffalo Road  
585-426-0510



For over 35 years, Agatina's has served Rochester, NY, and surrounding areas with homemade, fresh Italian cuisine. Their extensive menus have been crafted to suit any individual that visits their restaurant. Each meal is authentically prepared and delivered to you by professional and kind servers. Their homestyle Italian eatery is proud to deliver saucy chicken French, eggplant parmesan and much more. When you visit Agatina's, you can take your tastebuds on a trip to Italy.

If you would like to join our dining out group this month, please contact Linda Kraft, 585-683-2925 or [l\\_kraft@msn.com](mailto:l_kraft@msn.com).

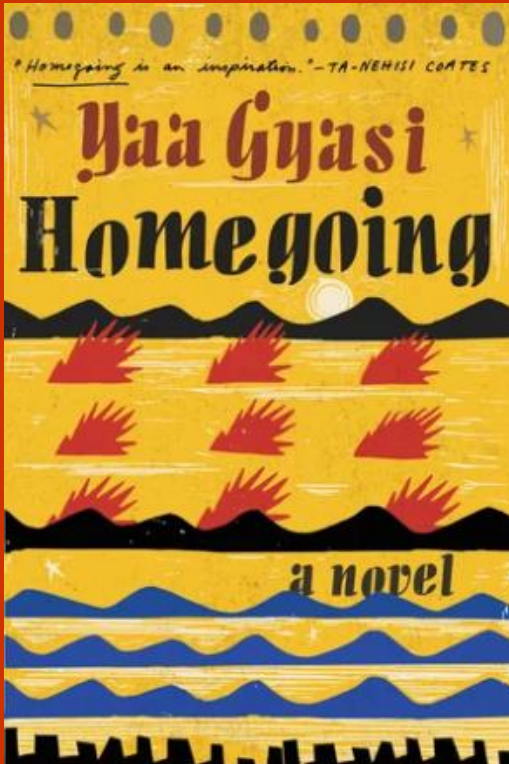
*Brenda & Martin Peters*  
cordially invite you to their  
*Christmas Open House*

Saturday, December 7, 2024  
2:00-4:00 pm  
1003 Rivers Run





# BOOK CLUB



*The Book Club will be meeting in the sunroom of Jim Galvin's house at 1303 Rivers Run on Monday, December 16 at 6:30 PM. New readers are always welcome to join the group. Please contact Jim or Charline at 585-270-8145 and let them know if you want to be included.*

*"Homegoing" is a saga of a family united in blood but separated by slavery. After two half-sisters in Ghana are separated, the book follows their family lines over the course of two centuries through a series of short stories. Some of their descendants are in Africa, some are in America, some are free, and some are enslaved. In the end, the two separate family sagas merge into one, back in the place where it all began.*

*In the beginning, Effia is married off to an Englishman who is the acting governor of Cape Coast Castle. Esi, on the other hand, is captured in a raid on her village and winds up in the dungeon of Cape Coast Castle.*

## APPRECIATION



Because our local ambulance company, CHS, (Chili Henrietta Scottsville) is such an important organization in our community, the RR Social Club has decided to show their appreciation by giving them a gift during these holidays. Although we considered several options, one of our club members reached out to them and they suggested we bring them submarine sandwiches and drinks one day in December.

If you would like to donate a small amount to this cause, please contact Barbara DeOca, 813-892-1219 or [bdeoca@aol.com](mailto:bdeoca@aol.com).

## CAROLING



The Greater Rochester Choral Consortium we are NOT, but if you want a little fresh air and need to exercise your vocal cords, please join us for our annual Rivers Run Caroling on Monday, December 23. The singers will meet at 1201 Rivers Run at 4:30 PM. If you are interested in participating, please contact Michele Mayernik at 203-521-7230 or [michele.mayernik@gmail.com](mailto:michele.mayernik@gmail.com).

Everyone is welcome to join us at 6:30 PM for cookies and hot chocolate at Michele's home.



**RR DINING OUT** – Since it gets dark so early in the afternoon, beginning in January we are going to schedule lunches or brunches instead of dinners. We hope this will encourage your participation.

**COFFEE HOUR & GAMES** – Our last coffee hour was such a success that the RR Social Club is going to schedule another one in January. We will be adding the option of sticking around and playing a few board games while you socialize.



### DO NOT RECYCLE

We all try to be conscientious about our environment and recycle whenever possible. However, it's a good time to review items that are NOT recyclable. Please do NOT put these items in your recycle bin:

- Plastic store bags
- Foam
- Food / Liquids
- Clamshell Containers
- Cords / Hoses / Ropes
- Prescription Bottles
- Tarps / Pool Covers
- Sharps / Syringes
- Electronics
- Clothing

Please place shredded paper in a PAPER BAG. Plastic bags “gum up” the recycling machinery. Shredded paper in a plastic bag ends up in the landfill.



NEW HORIZONS SYMPHONIC BAND

# HOLIDAY CONCERT



The Joys of the Holidays all wrapped  
up in a magnificent package of  
music

Please join us

Brighton High School  
1150 Winton Road  
Rochester, NY

At 3 pm  
December 7, 2024

Free Admission



[www.rocnewhorizons.org](http://www.rocnewhorizons.org)

## EGGNOG

The holiday season is upon us and what better way to get into the Christmas spirit than with a comforting glass of delicious eggnog? One theory is that the origin of the word comes from the word “noggin”, a medieval wooden mug that drinks similar to eggnog would be served in.

The origins of eggnog can be traced back to medieval times in Britain. As early as the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the English enjoyed getting tipsy on a drink called “posset”, a warm ale drink with eggs and figs. Over time this was mixed with milk and sherry. In the USA, whiskey or rum is used. President George Washington’s favorite recipe called for whiskey, rum and sherry. He was definitely full of Christmas cheer!

To this day, while the origins of eggnog may lie in England, it is the USA who consumes the most.



# Things to do in Rochester

Sun, Dec 1-15: Holiday Displays at Eastman Museum

Sun, Dec 1-29: A Christmas Carol at the GEVA Theatre

Sun, Dec 1-31: Holiday Laser Show at Rochester Museum & Science Center



Sun, Dec 1-31: The Festival of Trees at NY Power Authority, Niagara Power Vista

Wed, Dec 4, 11-21: Christmas Tea at Hurd Orchards in Holley

Wed, Dec 4: Holidays in The Hamlet at Mendon 64, Mendon

Thu, Dec 5, 12: Yuletide Gatherings at Night at Main Street Mercantile, 62 N. Main Street, Fairport

Thu, Dec 5: Park Avenue Holiday Open House sponsored by the Merchants Assoc.

Thu, Dec 5-29: DreamWorks The Prince of Egypt The Musical at Old Farm Café Theatre, Winton Place, Roch.

Fri, Dec 6-31: Lamberton Conservatory Holiday Show

Fri, Dec 6-29: 6th Annual Rochester, Dr. MLK Memorial Park, 353 Court Street, Rochester

Sat, Dec 7: Symphonic Band Holiday Concert at Brighton High School

Sat, Dec 7: Celiac Friendly & Gluten-Free Cookie Meet & Mingle at Henrietta Public Library

Sat, Dec 7-8, 15: Holly Trolley Rides! at New York Museum of Transportation, Rush

Sun, Dec 8: Strathallan Skyline Sip & Shop Holiday Market at Strathallan Hotel & Spa

Sun, Dec 8: Same Holiday Show, Different Title! At Lovincup, Henrietta



## December 2024 Cottage Calendar

- ▶ **12/10, TUESDAY, Craft and Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM, at the Cove
- ▶ **12/11, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM, Peppermints Restaurant
- ▶ **12/12, THURSDAY, RR Dining Out:** 4:00 PM at Agastina's on Buffalo Road;  
Contact Linda Kraft at 585-683-2925 or L\_kraft@msn.com
- ▶ **12/16, MONDAY, Book Club:** 6:30 PM at 1303 Rivers Run, *Homegoing* by  
Ya'a Gyasi, Contact Jim Galvin at 585-270-8145
- ▶ **12/23, MONDAY, Caroling:** 4:30 PM, Contact Michele Mayernik at  
203-521-7230
- ▶ **12/24, TUESDAY, Craft and Chat Group:** Postponed until January 14, 2025
- ▶ **12/25, WEDNESDAY, Christmas!**
- ▶ **12/31, TUESDAY, New Year's Eve**

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