



## Holiday Social

We had a great turnout from the RFD, RPD and city officials this year and had a fun time socializing with them and our neighbors around food and drinks. It was great to see past neighbors too. We are always grateful to Johnny's for allowing us to meet there. Thanks to Merchants grill for catering the event, Andy for providing delicious brownies, Juana for providing food containers so we could take home leftovers and to all who attended for bringing smoke detectors for our holiday family.

We collected just shy of a dozen of them which we sent home with the firefighters but we also were given cash donations so we were able to purchase 3 more and deliver them to Engine 12 a few weeks later.

Chief Peckham told us the life expectancy of a smoke detector or CO detector is about 7-10 years so if you are in need of a new one and can't afford one or are unable to install it (maybe afraid to climb on a chair or ladder?) please call 311 and ask for one. They will deliver and install it for you! They come in the fire truck so the kids will be excited to see them!

Matt thanked the RFD, RPD, the city and the board for their service as well as all our neighbors who volunteer in other ways such as delivering flyers, watering flowers and keeping hydrants clear of snow. We need our volunteers! Many thanks to all!

Pictures from the event can be found on pages 3 and 4. Regular meetings will resume in January.

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## MEETING DATE CHANGE

Beginning in February, we are changing our meeting dates from the second Tuesday of the month to the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month per request of one of our board members. Same time, same place, just a different date!



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our VP, Matt Oyer on completing his education at MCC. He received a degree in liberal arts focusing on music! Nice job!



## Recycle Your Tree

You can recycle your Christmas tree by bringing it to one of several recycling locations through the end of January. It will be chipped and the mulch returned to the public at no charge. The closest location to us would be either Norton Village Rec Center (Waring Rd) or Lake Riley Lodge (Cobbs Hill Park). You can also take it to Colfax St.

<https://www.cityofrochester.gov/treecycle/>



## Senior Tax Exemption

Residents approaching or over age 65 as well as veterans are eligible for property tax reductions. The amount reduced is based on income. Applications must be received by Feb 1st.

[www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589935818](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589935818)

## Sully Book Club

January's book of the month is "Born a Crime: Stories of a South African Childhood" by Trevor Noah. Monday, Jan 27 from 5-6pm. Light refreshments will be served.



## Smoke Detectors Available

Our holiday family this year was the RFD, Engine 12 serving our area. In reality, it is our neighbors that are truly benefitting. Call 311 if you need a Co detector, smoke alarm or a replacement. The fire department will come to your home and install it for you.... The fun part is they come in a fire truck which will excite the kids! Please to do not neglect your families safety by putting it off.

## Vaccine Clinic

On Friday, Jan 17 from 11am to 1pm there will be FREE Flu and Hepatitis A vaccines offered to all. No appointment needed. No health insurance required. There should be no excuses not to get one.

## Sled Hockey

This winter at the Genesee Valley Sports Complex, the city is offering sled hockey for both people with and without disabilities. Fun for the whole family but especially for those who have a disability. Ice sleds and gear provided.

Events will be held on from noon to 1:30pm on Jan 11, Feb 15 and Mar 7.

For more information call 428-7888.

## Winter Recreation Guide

The City publishes a seasonal recreation guide for its residents. There are lots and lots of activities, many for free at various venues and rec centers around the City. You can download a copy of the fall issue

<https://www.cityofrochester.gov/winterrec/>

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## Adopt a Hydrant

Keep the fire hydrants clear of snow so the firefighters don't have to spend the first 10 minutes upon arrival shoveling before they can hook their hoses to the hydrant. Consider adopting a hydrant near you.

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/AdoptaHydrant/>

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**Important Contact Information**

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BNA address:  
 PO Box 90411  
 Rochester, NY 14609

BNA website:  
[www.bensonhurst14609.org](http://www.bensonhurst14609.org)

Neighborhood Service Center  
 585-428-7640  
<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/nensc/>

NBN and PCIC website:  
<http://sites.google.com/site/nbnsector8/Home>

Crime Reports Lists  
[www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com)

Sex Offender site:  
[www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/)

Do Not Call List:  
[www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)  
 1-888-382-1222

City Hall services - 311 non emergency  
[www.cityofrochester.gov](http://www.cityofrochester.gov)

**911**- To report any suspicious activity or emergency

**Newsletter Submissions**

Newsletters are published monthly and delivered prior to each meeting. The deadline for submissions is 2 weeks prior to each BNA meeting.

Send all newsletter materials to [frosty\\_dog@mac.com](mailto:frosty_dog@mac.com)  
 Pictures are also welcome.

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**Archived Newsletters**

Past and current issues of the newsletters are archived on the BNA website.

**Paid Ad Information**

The Bensonhurst Neighborhood Association will gladly publish your business card sized ad for a donation of \$50 per year. That equals a total of 12 monthly issues delivered to 700 homes, businesses, and government agencies. Money from ads helps cover printing expenses as Bensonhurst Neighborhood Association is 100% organized by volunteers. Please use the contact information on this page for additional information. Thank you.

**Upcoming Events**

**Jan 8 - PCIC meeting**

**Jan 14 - BNA meeting**

**Feb 5 - BNA meeting**

**DATE change!!!!**

**Feb 12 - PCIC meeting**

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**Why not join us on (the soon to be) first Wednesday of each month at our monthly meetings at 7pm at Johnny's Irish Pub 1382 Culver Road?**

**Meetings are located in the Red Room separate from the bar area.**

**There is a ramped entrance in the rear of the building also separate from the bar.**

**All meetings are informal, positive & all are encouraged to participate.**

**BNA does not charge dues or membership fees.**