

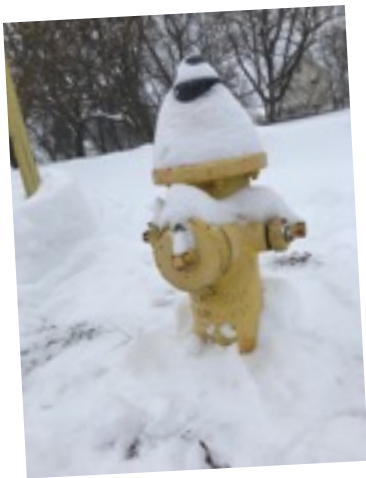
Bensonhurst

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Adopt A Hydrant!

Please keep fire hydrants clear of snow (yes, we will get 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. Looking at the map, there are a LOT of available hydrants up for adoption in our area.

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



Don't forget me!

Retirement

Congratulations to Nancy Johns-Price (NSC) on her much deserved retirement. <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=21474846349>. It has been fantastic working with her for the last 10 years and we will definitely miss her at our meetings. Her replacement will be Kelvin Knight. He has a tough act to follow and we look forward to meeting him. Enjoy, Nancy!

**Proudly Serving all Streets
Between Bay Street and
Clifford Ave and Culver
Road and Goodman Street!**

BNA ZOOM meetings!

For the time being, all future meetings will be ZOOM meetings. We invite all to attend. The link to the meetings and permission to join can be obtained by emailing info@bensohurst14609.org. We look forward to "seeing" you there every 4th Monday of the month at 7pm.

Homework Help

Although R-centers are closed for recreational activities due to Covid, they are being set up as learning labs Monday- Friday 8am-12pm to help students adjust to remote learning. They are also providing meals for students from 8:30a-5:30pm weekdays.

The public library is also offering virtual help with homework for grades 1-6. <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/7353395>



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Dec Meeting Minutes

We had 2 new neighbors at our ZOOM meeting, welcome Van and Leonore. Officer Alvarado was unable to attend. After around the screen introductions, Nancy from NSC reminded us that the NSC office is currently not allowing people inside the building but they are answering phones weekdays 8a-5p and are open from 9a-2p for dropping off and picking up items.

She updated us on the senior meal program with area restaurants during Covid which has been hugely popular. Each quadrant in the city has 4 (soon to be 5) restaurants partnering with the city to provide 3 meals a week to seniors with limited mobility and access during the pandemic. This not only provides meals, but company when the meals are delivered. It also helps out the restaurants that are struggling during the pandemic. A win-win situation.

She said during the first "round" from late Aug through Nov, the hugely popular program provided 2,000-3,000 meals!

The issue of our damaged flower pots was brought up and plans will be made to remove them. We also have to put the large planters we bought a couple years ago into use in the springtime.

With a VP vacancy, the constitution states the board can either appoint someone for the remainder of the current term or wait until elections to fill the vacancy. If you are interested, please let us know.

The issue of changing our name to Homestead Heights to better reflect our expanded area was again brought up. More discussion at the next meeting.

A neighbor alerted us that some folks are leaving the area because of recurring issues with their neighbors. It was determined that some neighbors may not realize that in addition to calling the police with a problem, they can follow up by calling the NSC and hopefully they can help resolve issues.

Our treasury balance is \$1,568 and \$107 in the savings account. With ZOOM meetings, we are not able to hold our 50/50 raffles so our treasury is stagnant. Luckily the only expenses we currently have are printer toner and paper.

We still need a way to connect with our new neighbors west of Pershing. Meet-up is probably outside our budget. Matt and Brian will look into other means, maybe NextDoor. Cheryl suggested possibly a bloc club. The meeting was adjourned shortly after 8pm.

Senior Meals

Area restaurants together with the City's Department of Neighborhood and Business Development, are offering free meals delivered to seniors age 60 and older who are unable to get out due to Covid. Meals must be ordered from participating restaurants within the quadrant you live. Condado Bar and Grill just happens to be one of the restaurants participating in the program in our quadrant! To find out more information call the 211 Lifeline call center. <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=21474846351>.

Drive Thru Food Distributions

Food Link is continuing to hold FREE drive thru food distributions at various locations around the city. Registration is required. No walk ups. If you are in need of food, call 211 or text 898-211 for more information.

Free Meals for Kids

Free breakfast and lunch meals for your child age 18 and younger are available weekdays from 10a-2p at multiple school locations in the city and 8a-7p at various R-centers. The closest location to Bensonhurst is the Ryan Center.

www.summermealsroc.org



City Code and Snow Removal

This is Rochester, we WILL get snow! it might not be until March, but just a reminder that it is against city code to push snow into the streets or sidewalks. Doing so could result in a fine, not to mention it is common courtesy so walkers don't have to climb over piles of snow while walking in the sidewalks. Your snowplow contractor may not know this. Please tell them so YOU don't get a ticket!





Public Meeting Access

With all regularly scheduled City meetings open to the public canceled, many will still be held as virtual meetings via Zoom. The list of meetings can be found at <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/events.aspx>



Public Library Hours

With Covid cases on the rise, most Monroe County libraries are temporarily closed, offering curbside pick up only. Sully is one of them. Check RocCityLibrary.org for branch hours and restrictions.



Food Kiosks

Roc Foods not Bombs, an all volunteer group, has set up multiple food “kiosks” around the city. The closest one to us is at the Ryan Center. Non perishable food is supplied by the organization as well as donations from the public. Their M.O. is “give what you can, take what you need.” Perishable food will be added in more seasonal weather. Go to rocfoodnotbombs.com to learn more about them and for a list of the many available food kiosks around the city.

Tenant Relief Money

The city has over \$6.5 million dollars available to qualifying city residents needing emergency rent assistance, legal assistance to fight eviction and other housing services. Contact the NSC for more information <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/nsc/>

Biz Kid\$

Is your child age 13-18 interested in owning their own business? Virtual classes will be held Feb 15-19. Registration is now open <https://februarybizkidscamp.eventbrite.com>

R-Center After Hours

The R-Center on Grover St is now the location for prevention based programming from 7p- 12a Monday - Saturday. Street Outreach Professionals partner with the Rec team to staff and offer night basketball, e-sports/gaming and other activities targeting ages 16-25. For more information contact Roxie Ann Sinkler 585-428-7827.

Important Contact Information

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 Rochester, NY 14609

BNA Website:
www.bensohurst14609.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

Sex Offender site:
www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/

Do Not Call List:
www.donotcall.gov
 1-888-382-1222

City Hall services - 311 non emergency
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
 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 25 - BNA meeting

Feb 3- PCIC meeting

Feb 22- BNA meeting

Mar 3- PCIC meeting

Why not join us on the fourth Monday of each month for our monthly meetings at 7pm currently done virtually?

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

BNA does not charge dues or membership fees.

