



Thanks Neighbors

During the last storm a few weeks ago, a couple of our neighbors used their snowblowers to clear out not only their driveways but also those for some older residents. A number of fire hydrants were also cleared..... more would be better!

Grant Writing

BNA is looking for someone in the neighborhood that is able to write grants for our organization. If that is something you can do, please let BNA know.

Sustainable Homes

The City received a grant from the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) in partnership with Pathstone and the Rochester People’s Climate Change Coalition. Residents are encouraged to make their homes more heating and cooling efficient by installing new technologies like heat pumps. Learn more about this program, get a free home energy consult and see how you qualify on Feb 11, 6:30-8p at the Metro Justice Community Space, Hungerford Building (2nd floor #7) 1115 E Main St or on Feb 28, 7-9pm at the First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Rd S. <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=21474839990>

Proudly Serving the Streets of:

- Bay
- Bedford
- Edgeland
- Clifford
- Culver
- Rocket
- Martinot
- Roseview
- Longview
- Salisbury
- Laurelton
- Lawndale
- Mapledale
- Pershing
- Westchester

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Valentine Candy

For the first time since they were introduced in 1847, these little Valentine candies will not be available this year. They make 8 billion candies per year and the company that bought Necco after they filed for bankruptcy last fall did not have time to make them for this year. They will return next year.

Thanks Eye Appeal

Eye Appeal renewed their ad in our newsletter. Many thanks to them for continuing to support us.



Jan Meeting Minutes

It was our first meeting with our newly elected officers and all went well. Around the room introductions were dispensed with since the group at this month's meeting all knew each other. Nancy from NSC went first since she had another meeting to attend. She, with input from Officer Belliard CPO, mentioned that in addition to police accountability meetings there is ongoing discussion regarding a location for the Goodman section of the RPD. They are currently looking at a site on Main St near Goodman St. The NSC office would then move to this site from its current location at Village Gate. She did tell us not to hold our breath, it would not be anytime soon.

Officer Belliard encouraged us not to leave cars running unattended. Not only does it offer a thief a quick crime but it is illegal to do so. This was brought up because a car which was later recovered, was stolen at the Rite Aid store on Culver Rd.

Matt asked what people thought about the food at the Holiday Social. Everyone stated they were pleased with the menu. The leftover cookies from Savoia's were enjoyed at tonight's meeting by those present. Sojourner House sent us a thank you note for the donations we took them.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing ways to encourage new neighbors to attend. Matt said during the 2017 year, 29 houses were sold in Bensonhurst and 38 houses in 2018. It was decided we would do a mailing to the new homebuyers explaining BNA and encouraging them to attend future meetings. Matt O will be working on ways to make our Face Book page reach more people and maybe link to our web page. We also discussed ways to fundraise money.

Matt B won the 50/50 raffle and donated the money back. Thanks Matt!

Sports Expo

Do your kids want to play sports but not sure which ones? On Saturday, Feb 9, 1-4pm at the Main St Armory there will be workshops and demonstrations to help them decide along with vendors, clinics, raffles, prizes, and refreshments. Find out about sports programs and services for youth and meet coaches from RSCD.



Igloo or hidden bus stop?



Snow Plow Trax

The city has a web based map which is activated during snow events that will show where snow plows are using a GPS tracking system which updates every 5 minutes.

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

Black History Month

February is National Black History month. The city is offering many events to celebrate during the entire month. Check them out on the City website.

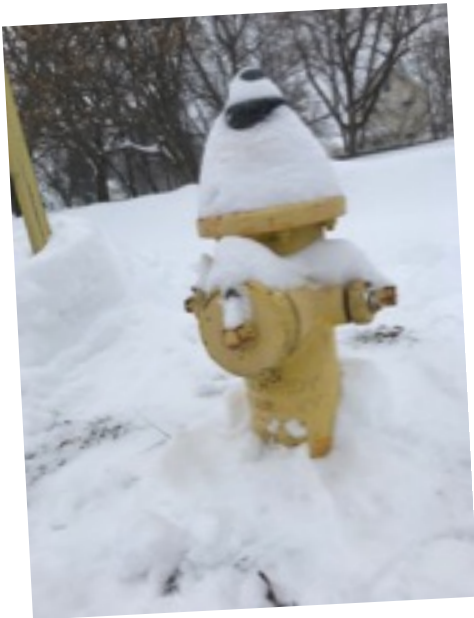
www.cityofrochester.gov/bhm/



Adopt a Hydrant

The City has an Adopt a Hydrant program as an effort to keep fire hydrants clear from snow for quicker access during the winter. Go to the interactive site, click on a hydrant near you, adopt it and then keep it clear this winter! What a cool idea! Lets adopt ALL the fire hydrants in Bensonhurst! <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/AdoptaHydrant/>

You can adopt more than one hydrant anywhere. All available hydrants are green. Once you claim one, it turns red. If we can't adopt all the hydrants in BNA, lets at least keep them all free of snow. We have done a pretty good job in the past, let's see if we can keep it going.



Winter Flower Pot Storage

Many thanks to the neighbor on the SE corner of Longview and Laurelton for pulling our planter into their yard for the winter so it won't get damaged by the snow plows. Also thanks to the neighbor that moved the flower pot on the corner of Edgeland and Rocket to a safer place close to the street light. Some of the others left out have not faired so well.



Newsletter Carrier Needed

Tired of seeing this notice? If someone comes forward to help us out, it will disappear!

We still need a couple of folks to deliver about 30 flyers to neighbors on Mapledale St and 15 flyers at the west end of Rocket St from Longview Terr to Pershing Dr. If you can help us out please let BNA know. It is only 4 times a year. The next ones to be delivered will be in March.

Snow Tips

A few reminders as winter descends on us.

- 1-Blocking sidewalks with snow from your driveway is against city code and can result in a ticket! Call 311 if you see this happening.
- 2- First floor tenants are responsible for clearing snow off the sidewalk unless prior arrangements have been made with the landlord.
- 3- Brush ALL the snow off your car. This includes the top, trunk, hood as well as the lights in addition to ALL the windows.
- 4- Four wheel drive does not assure you will stop any faster on ice than a regular vehicle. Slow down!

Sports for Girls

Soccer, volleyball, softball and basketball!!!! The Flint St R-center and Frederick Douglass R-centers are offering a new program designed specifically for girls ages 8-14. For more information call 428-6015 or 428-7001. The City R centers offer sports and activities for children of all ages as well.

Lakeside Winter Celebration

Looking for a family event at the lake in February? The 35th annual event will be Feb 9 and 10 at Charlotte Beach. Saturday there will be an assortment of activities including the chili contest, wine and beer festival, tractor drawn carriage rides, dog sled demo, ice sculpture, snow sculpture and history walk and more ending with fireworks at 5:45pm. On Sunday at noon, the 19th annual polar plunge raising money for Special Olympics will take place.

We know of at least one of your neighbors who will be among the 1,000+ hearty (or fool) hearty souls heading for the lake all for a good cause. The entire weekend is a fun family event.



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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 bensonhurstNA@excite.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

Feb 12 - BNA meeting

Feb 13- PCIC meeting

Mar 12- BNA meeting

Mar 13- PCIC meeting

Why not join us on the second Tuesday 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.