



Adopt A Hydrant!

Please keep fire hydrants clear of snow so firefighters don't have to spend the first 10 minutes upon arrival shoveling before they can hook their hoses to the hydrant. It could be your house they are trying to save! 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/>



Nice job Matt!

Person In Crisis Team

The city has launched a new pilot emergency response team program to provide community support for people experiencing emotional or behavioral turmoil. Calls can be made to 911 or 211. More information at <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/crisisintervention/>

**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@bensonhurst14609.org We look forward to "seeing" you there every 4th Monday of the month at 7pm.

Homework Help

Although R-centers are closed for most recreational activities due to Covid, some are being set up as learning labs Monday- Friday 8am-12pm to help students adjust to remote learning. Some 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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January Meeting Minutes

Once again we had some new faces at our ZOOM meeting. Kevin Knight from NSC who is replacing Nancy and James Lewis from the Mayor's office. Welcome to both and we look forward to working with you. Officer Alvarado was unable to attend due to a death in the family. Our sympathies to him and his family.

After around the screen introductions, Kelvin from NSC reminded us that there is plenty of money available to qualifying tenants and landlords who might need help with rental assistance. Call the NSC for information. Kelvin has a background in public health, has been with the city in various roles most recently at the NSC office for several years so should easily be able to step into Nancy's shoes. We look forward to working with him.

Nancy told us she enjoyed working with our group during her tenure and will miss us as we will her.

James from the mayors office told us his background is in art and currently working part time for the city. Many might recognize him from his role as manager of the Cinema Theater on Goodman St, which unfortunately we just learned is closing.

We have been left with a VP vacancy since Matt Oyer resigned. Tonight, Cheryl Robinson volunteered to step into that role. Thank you Cheryl!!!! Congratulations!

There was more discussion about changing our name to Homestead Heights which is easier said than done. One issue is our domain name for the website. We just renewed it for 2 years so would lose money if we changed now. There is also the issue of not having a source of income now since we are not meeting in person and unable to hold the 50/50 raffle. Cheryl offered to look into the history of Homestead Heights at the library. More discussion will occur at future meetings.

ZOOM cut us off at the 40 minute mark, so the meeting was obviously over.

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>.



Free Meals for Students

Free Grab and Go meals are available for students at selected schools and R-Centers throughout the city weekdays from 10a-6p at R-centers and from 10a-1pm at schools. The closest location to Bensonhurst is the Ryan Center. <http://foodlinkny.org/findfood>

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Drive Thru Food Distributions

Food Link is continuing to hold FREE drive thru food distributions on selected days at various locations around the city including at the Public Market on Wednesdays. Registration is required. No walk ups. If you are in need of food, call 211 or text 898-211 <https://foodlinkny.org/program/food-distributions/>

City Code and Snow Removal

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

City Webinar

The city is offering a free webinar at 6:30pm Thurs, Feb 25 discussing the intersectionality of the criminal justice and community health care systems. Go to <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/virtualcommunityupdate/> to register.

Condado
BAR & GRILL
2260 Clifford Ave, Rochester NY 14609



Free Groceries!

Go Ministries, 2247 Clifford Ave is offering free groceries every Thursday from 11a-12 noon. One bag per family/ person. No registration required, no questions asked. <https://www.goministriesinc1615.com>

They are a local non profit group working with youth. They also have a clothes closet and offer referrals to those in need.



Food Kiosks

Roc Food 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 received 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 much needed food kiosks found 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/>

R- Centers Reopening

R-Centers are slowly reopening for various activities 10a- 6p weekdays including meals. The Ryan center is one of the sites opening.

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.

Sully Library Reopening

Slowly, as our Covid numbers decrease, Monroe County libraries are beginning to reopen. Sully is one of the six most recent ones to do so! No in person events are scheduled yet but on line events are being offered. Other branches are still offering curbside pick up. Check RocCityLibrary.org for hours and restrictions.

Important Contact Information

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Neighborhood Service Center
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<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

Feb 22 - BNA meeting

Mar 3- PCIC meeting

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Apr 7- PCIC meeting

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

The link to our ZOOM meetings is available by [contacting us via email.](#)

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

BNA does not charge dues or membership fees.

