

Bensonhurst

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Important March BNA Meeting

In 2034, Rochester will celebrate its 200th birthday. The City, with input from the public, is working on a Rochester 2034 Comprehensive Plan to create a blueprint for the future. The Plan, with input from the community is a means to promote and protect the general health, safety and welfare of the residents and lay out a course of action for the future development of the community.

Our entire meeting in March will be devoted to Dorrine Kirkmire of the City's Neighborhood and Business Development, who will provide us with information on the Plan and answer any questions we might have.

We will then have a chance to offer our input by filling out a survey. Everyone is encouraged to fill it out. If you are unable to make the meeting, you can fill out the survey anytime <http://rochester2034survey.metroquest.com>

President's Message

BNA wishes to share with as many as possible any time-sensitive info such as:
 Employment opportunities
 RPD alerts
 Lost/Found pets
 Public meetings
 Recreation Events

Anyone wishing to receive such notices should email BNA at: info@bensohurst14609.org to be added to our email distribution list.

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**Johnny's Irish Pub is located at
 1382 Culver Road in Rochester, NY
 Plenty of Free Parking.**

Plans are underway to increase membership, enhance beautification and branding, and fund raise for 2018 events and beyond.

There is plenty of opportunity, for anyone who wishes, to help steer Bensonhurst into the future. I hope that you will consider sharing your various talents with BNA.

Perhaps we will see you at a monthly meeting very soon.
 Your neighbor,
 Lisa M. Cichocki-Lalka
 President

Adopt a Hydrant

Last year the City started an Adopt a Hydrant program in 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/> Currently only 9 of the approximately 75 hydrants in Bensonhurst have been adopted. We can do better!

You can adopt more than one hydrant anywhere in the city. Naturally, picking one in your own neighborhood is encouraged. If we can't adopt all the hydrants in BNA, lets be good neighbors and at least keep them all free of snow.



Scholarship Application

YMCA is offering college scholarships to seniors with a history of volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular activities. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 and plan to attend a 4 year college or technical school. The award will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 payable to the school, not the student. Application deadline is April 30. If you know a student who might qualify you can call for more information.

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Animal Shelter Fundraiser

The city's animal shelter is hosting a fundraiser on June 2. You can donate at <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/vsas-board-of-directors1/chrisfitzgerald3>. Money raised will help support shelter operations, pet owner assistance and life saving programs proved by Animal Services and the Verona St Animal Society.

St Patricks Day Parade

Bring the family downtown on Saturday, March 17 at 12:30 for the 41st annual St Patricks day parade. East Ave and Main St are the best places to see the parade. The event happens regardless of the weather so dress appropriately. Be sure to wear lots of green!

Snow Plow Trax

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

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



Nice Job Matt!

Feb Meeting Minutes

Once again our neighbors all knew each other so we did not do around the room introductions. We did not have a guest speaker but Lisa told us in March someone from the Neighborhood Business Development would be on hand to conduct a survey on the City's Comprehensive 2034 plan. All neighbors are encouraged to attend and fill out the survey which can also be found on the city website. They are looking for input from residents.

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

The firefighters were not present but CPO Belliard was and told us there were 2 shoplifting events, one at the Rite Aid and the other at 7eleven. One arrest was made. He encouraged us to once again check the city website and type in open data portal to see where crimes were happening. He said the site has been upgraded to include a lot more information. It takes a while for the page to load.

Kirk provided the treasures report in Peg's absence, feel better Peg! \$5,020.19 is our balance. Eye Appeal renewed their newsletter ad. We thank them for that.

Neither Sarah from the library or Andy from the mayor's office was present. Nancy from NSC reminded us of the City Clean Sweep on May 5. She also told us the Red Cross is in desperate need of blood and said they are looking for neighborhoods to host a blood drive.

New business consisted of ideas for promoting Bensonhurst. Lisa handed out information cost and ideas for planters and signage using the grant money we received last year. It was decided that we would look at signage, business cards and stickers this year and flower pots next year that would be bigger, heavier and not as easy to carry away.

Business cards would be handed out by board members and any other neighbors that want to help promote BNA to prospective home buyers, other neighborhood association groups, business owners etc. They would not have board names listed, but only include info and contact information about BNA.



EYE APPEAL
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EYE EXAMS
GLASSES
CONTACT LENSES

Brian and Heather will be looking into design and installation costs for signage. Karen is working on a flyer to give to prospective home buyers and/or realtors containing information about Bensonhurst, as well as BNA and inviting them to attend a meeting.

Matt O won the 50/50 raffle and said he has never won anything before! Despite being a first for wining, he donated it all back to BNA! Congratulations....and thanks for giving it back!!!!

Motorist Advisory

The Union St on ramp to the Inner Loop is currently closed and will remain so until mid April while work being done on underground sewer improvements related to the Inner Loop Transformation Project. The off ramp will remain open throughout the period.

Detour routes will be posted around the site, with traffic diverted to the Inner Loop access ramps located at the corner of Main Street and University Avenue.

The construction project consists of improvements to approximately 1,100 linear feet of sewer tunnel extending underground from East Avenue to East Main Street.

Thanks

Thanks to Savoia Pastry shop for renewing their ad in our newsletter. It is greatly appreciated. Easter bread is one of my favorite things..... but so are the cannolis, cookies,



SAT Preparation Program

Do you have a high school student who wants help preparing for the SAT exam? The Rochester Educational Opportunity Center is offering classes to help students prepare for SAT exams on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5-8pm. For more information and how to apply go to: www.REOC.Brockport.edu.

Important Contact Information

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BNA website:
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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 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

Mar 13– BNA meeting

Mar 14– PCIC meeting

Apr 10 - BNA meeting

Apr 11- 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.