



Thanks Neighbors

During the last storm a few weeks ago, some neighbors used their snowblowers to clear out not only their driveways but also those of neighbors, some of them older residents. A number of fire hydrants were also cleared as well.

BNA Facebook Group

BNA now has a FB "group" page thanks to Matt O. Any neighbor can post messages or pictures to the group regarding events or happenings related to Bensonhurst and adjoining neighborhoods. Please be polite, no foul language, no spamming or sales posts and keep conversations limited to issues affecting Bensonhurst and adjoining neighborhoods. The group will be moderated. Failure to abide by the rules will result in removal from the group. This is a chance for friends and neighbors to post items such as lost and found pets, suspicious activity or anything that other neighbors should know about.

To join the group, click on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bensonhurstneighborhood/>.

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.

Proudly Serving the Streets of:

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

Thanks Savoia

Many thanks to Savoia's for supporting our neighborhood association by renewing their ad in our newsletter. We also thank them for donating a cookie tray at our Holiday Social in Dec. It was greatly enjoyed..

Big Band Dance Series

Big Band dances will be held at Ontario Beach Park on Wednesdays from 6-7pm beginning April 3rd continuing through May. The Fall Series begins in Sept.

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Feb Meeting Minutes

A sparse crowd for this month's meeting could be blamed on the weather. There was no City representation tonight and our CPO's were unable to attend due to being assigned to a detail in response to recent violent activity in Beechwood.

Again at this meeting, there was no need for around the table introductions. It was great to see Peg and Kirk in attendance since they no longer live in our neighborhood. As with all past neighbors, they are more than welcome to come back and visit. We are hoping that the new librarian who took Sarah's place at Sully will soon be attending our meetings.

Peg and Matt need to arrange a time when they can transfer bank signatures. Paul asked if we might consider changing banks to one more easily accessible and will look in to options. Savoia Pastry Shoppe renewed their ad for another year. Our treasury balance is \$2609.02.

Matt B drafted a welcome letter to be delivered to new neighbors. Input was offered. We are still looking for ways to increase our attendance. Matt O looked into advertising on our FB page but we decided it was cost prohibitive. He also suggested magnets that could be placed on refrigerators to remind people of our meetings which was well received and he will look into pricing. He will also look into setting up a group on our FB page so neighbors can post information relevant to our neighborhood.

There was no 50/50 raffle this month.



Daylight Savings

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday, March 10. Yes, you lose an extra hour of sleep, but it will be lighter later in the evening.



Green Light Network

Several neighbors have inquired about Green Light internet service. It is all around us in most of our suburbs and even parts of the City. If you are interested, please contact them and make your wishes known. They need a significant number of homes in a given area on board in order to make it happen. Their website says they have started construction in the Woodstock neighborhood. With enough people, it can come to our neighborhood too. <https://www.greenlightnetworks.com>

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/>

Beechwood Invite

Our Beechwood neighbors have invited everyone to the dedication of their new venue at Covenant United Methodist Church on Culver Rd on Sunday, April 14, at 10am.

Kids Softball Training

The Campbell St R-center is offering free baseball and softball skill development training for children ages 8-18. Classes are Thurs and Fri 6-8pm and Sat 11:30a-2:30p, Mar 7-Mar 30. To register, call 428-7860 or 713-6221.

New Business?

The sign on the building at 2159 Clifford Ave says it is going to be D'Yudiels liquor store. Nice to see a building be repurposed. No word on when it might open.

Covenant United Methodist Church



Raising Hope and Accessibility for All

Join us for the dedication of our new, accessible venue for ministry and service for all neighbors
Sunday, April 14th, 10 a.m. 1124 Culver Road

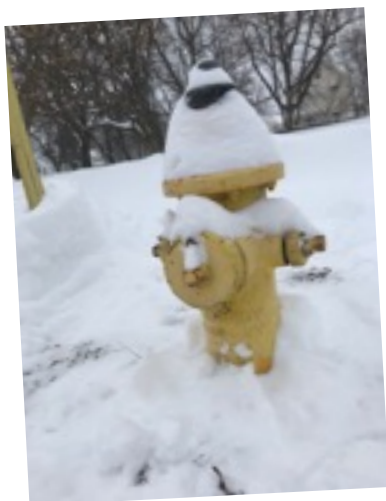
Adopt a Hydrant

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 from the corner into their yard for the winter so it won't get damaged by the snow plows. Also, thanks to whoever moved the flower pot on the SE corner of Edgeland and Rocket St to a safer place. Some of the others left out have not fared 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. You only have to deliver them 4 times a year. The next ones to be delivered will be in June.

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 your 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!

Buy Nothing Group

There is a worldwide group on FB called buynothingproject.org which has several local chapters in Rochester. Some of our neighbors might be interested in joining. Bensonhurst is part of the Beechwood, Homestead Heights, North Winton Village group with over 500 members. It is a give and take group, no money is exchanged, nothing is bought or sold.

You post pictures of items you want to give away, people comment if they are interested and the donor can give the items to whomever they please, whether it is the first person that asks or a name drawn from a hat. That person is then sent a PM with the donors address for pickup.

You can also ask for items as well. As an example, if you are looking for a bunch of clothes hangers, you put up a post saying ISO (in search of) the items and people will respond if they have what you are looking for. Most folks are interested in items for keeps but some are just looking to borrow an item for a short time to complete a project.

Go to buynothingproject.org, find the appropriate group and ask to join. There are a few simple rules to follow but it is pretty simple. Items vary from clothing to food to furniture and anything in between, basically anything you want to get rid of.



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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 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 12 - BNA meeting

Mar 13- PCIC meeting

Apr 9- BNA meeting

Apr 10- 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.