



April Guest Speaker!

Our guest speaker for April will be Sgt Brian Bennett, member of the New York National Guard and the New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps. He will give a talk on preparing for all types of disasters be they natural or man made and how to respond appropriately and recover as quickly as possible. He will explain how to put together a family emergency plan and how to stock up on needed emergency supplies. Since his presentation is just over an hour long, we will have a VERY short meeting followed by his talk. Lets have a good turn out for his talk. We invite neighboring groups to attend as well.

May Speaker

Because our last meeting was canceled, last month our March speaker Lashundra Leslie-Smith has agreed to attend our May meeting to give her presentation on Connected Communities. Their goal is to break the cycle of poverty and revitalize the EMMA and Beechwood communities which are adjacent to Bensonhurst.

Connected Communities is a non profit organization of private and public collaboration of businesses, neighbors, government and non profit leaders working together with residents to accelerate community transformation.

Shared goals include mixed income housing, education, community health and wellness and long term economic viability.

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Pathstone

PathStone, a private not for profit community development and human service organization is offering a free home energy workshop to low income homeowners, renters and landlords on April 11, 5:30-6:30p to help participants learn of grants and low interest loans to help reduce fuel costs. The event will be held at their office at 404 East Ave, downtown. Registration is required. Contact Courtney Klee 442-2030. x213 or cklee@pathstone.org.



March Meeting Minutes..or not

The March meeting was canceled due to bad weather. Not only was it unsafe for our neighbors to be out, our first responders had better things to keep them occupied than come to a meeting. Thanks for all you do folks! Our guest speaker will be rescheduled for May but don't forget we have a guest speaker for April!

Officer Belliard provided crime stats for the last 4 weeks via email.

	2016	2017
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	1	0
Agg Assault	2	2
Burglary	1	3
Larceny	7	13
MV Theft	1	1

Details of these events were not provided.

Our treasury balance is \$3,391.26. Expenses have been minimal. We are looking into obtaining grant money for various projects, however, the deadline for filing applications is coming up very soon.

Food Truck Rodeo

The food truck rodeo is starting up again in May at the Public market. Every last Wednesday of the month from 5-9pm.



City Clean Sweep

The annual City Clean sweep is Saturday, May 6. Unfortunately the only information we have on it at this time is to meet at Frontier Field at 8am. You will then board a bus to be taken to your work site. Afterwards you will come back to Frontier field, get a free hot dog and drink and watch the game. To sign up, call 428-7460. More information will be on the City website soon.

BNA Mini Clean Sweep

If you can't make the City Clean Sweep you can always help out Bensonhurst! Even if you do help the City, you can STILL help out BNA. Our clean sweep will be Saturday, May 20. More details regarding when and where to meet will be in the next newsletter, but it will be held sometime in the morning hours.

Library Series

There are still 2 more sessions left at Arnett, Sully and Lyell branch libraries.

Job Readiness, April 24 at 6pm at Lyell.

Credit- Lets talk Money, April 13, at 5pm at Arnett.

Refreshments provided.

Thanks Neighbors!

Neighbors helping neighbors, that's how it should be! Many thanks to any and all our neighbors for helping others out during our March snowstorm. I know I appreciated the help from my neighbors!and yes, I did pay it forward by helping out someone else.

Neighbors were helping others out with shoveling, cleaning up debris along with many other tasks throughout the city. Too bad it takes a disaster for some people to come together, but I think Bensonhurst is a cut above the rest.

Thanks to the neighbors on Martinot Ave who dug out the hydrant at the south end of the street only to have the sidewalk plow come through and totally bury it again. No worries it was promptly shoveled out again! Not doubt that same scenario was replayed several times over elsewhere.





Cremation 101

Did you know they do cremations at Mt Hope Cemetery? They offered a workshop last month which was very informative.... well worth going to even if you aren't planning on cremation. The next presentation will be Saturday, April 15 at 9:30am at the cemetery office.

Just one of many activities offered by the City, check out the City's website.

Fire Hydrants

While both walking and driving on many of Bensonhurst's streets it was wonderful to see how many fire hydrants had been cleared by residents. Very, very few were still buried several days after the storm which is awesome!

Perhaps it was because the TV stations all broadcast a segment on clearing the hydrants, maybe it was the City pushing their adopt a hydrant program, maybe it was even US telling folks to keep them clear or it might have been the story people heard on the news where the firefighters had to waste valuable time clearing the hydrant on Clinton Ave before they could start fighting a fire there. Whatever the reason, it worked. AWESOME!!!!!!



Before



After-
SO much happier!

NeighborWorks

NeighborWorks is a non profit Community Development Financial Institution helping residents with home ownership services, home improvement lending, construction management, lead hazard control services and energy services. They are offering home buyer education classes on Saturdays, Financial Literacy on Thursday evenings or Tuesday daytime and a post purchase class weekday evenings.

To sign up for a class, call 585-325-4170 or info@nwrochester.org or check out their website www.nwrochester.org. They also offer classes in Spanish.



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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

Apr 11 - BNA meeting

Apr 12- PCIC meeting

May 6– City clean sweep

May 9– BNA meeting

May 10 – PCIC meeting

May 20 – BNA clean sweep

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.