



Rochester 2034 Comprehensive Plan

After Dorrine, Kevin and Elizabeth gave their presentation on Rochester 2034, we were asked for input as to what we liked about our neighborhood. Some of the points that were brought up were low crime rate, walkability, Zagster (Pace), the bus line, single family homes, affordability and well maintained properties just to mention a few.

They will take this data back to the committee. They hope to have the plan finished in 2019 and encouraged everyone to take part in the online survey. You can take the survey as many times as you like so if you think of anything you want to mention after submitting your results, you can just sign up again. They also encourage residents from surrounding suburbs to take part in the survey as well. The survey will take anywhere from 10-40 minutes depending on how much time you want to spend on it. <http://rochester2034survey.metroquest.com>

Flower Days at the Market

The month of May is dedicated to Flower Day Sundays. Come down and get your plants for your garden. Hours are 8a-2p. They will also host flower days on Friday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend.

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EARTH DAY!
Sunday, April 22

Career Fair

Looking for a job? Rochester Educational Opportunity Center (REOC) is holding a free Career Fair on Wed, April 18 from 1-5pm at the Riverside convention Center. Call 327-4049 for more information.



Nuisance Point Program

The City has bolstered its nuisance points program which works to identify and correct activity that might negatively affect quality of life in a community. Join Neighborhood and Business Development Commissioner Baye Muhammad and Director of Neighborhood Service Centers Daisy Algarin for an informal meeting on Wednesday, April 11 at 5:30 pm at City Hall (council chambers) to learn more.



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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Library English Classes

Winton, Sully and Maplewood libraries are offering free classes at all levels from beginner on up for anyone wishing to learn English. Call 428-8204 for times and dates.

Earth Day

Sunday, April 22 is Earth Day. Various activities are planned by several groups around the area but the City is planning a free family event at Parcel 5 downtown from 3-5pm. There will be music, food, games and fun for the whole family. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the festivities.

Food Truck Rodeo

Summer MUST be just around the corner. The first food truck rodeo at the public market is Wednesday, April 25 from 5-9pm. These are family events with entertainment and over 30 food trucks to choose from. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the evening.



Projects and Plans

We learned of a new website the City has <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=21474837092> where you can check on upcoming projects in your neighborhood. Note that not all the projects are updated.

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 provided by Animal Services and the Verona St Animal Society.

Community Garage Sale

Ready to get rid of a bunch of unwanted items?... or maybe pick up someone else's unwanted items?After all, they say one person's junk is another person's treasure! Garage sale days are Sunday's the Public Market starting April 19 from 8a-2p.

If you would like to be a vendor, you can find an application on the Public Market website.

Mar Meeting Minutes

We began our March meeting with a few quick announcements. Sarah from the library handed out information sheets. Peg provided the balance of \$5,152.19. Lisa told us the city planning board denied a variance request which a neighbor on Culver Rd had asked for and then turned the meeting over to Dorrine from the City to give us information on the comprehensive 2034 plan which consumed the rest of the meeting time. Four firefighters arrived but left soon after. I guess we forgot to tell them this was a “special” meeting this month. We had no police presence either.

Brian won the 50/50 raffle by default. He was the only person that bought a ticket! At least he didn't loose any money. Our April meeting will be business as usual.

RayRays Closed

We are saddened to see RayRays Bar and Grill closed. The building has been sold and new owners plan on reopening sometime in mid summer after interior renovations. Their plan is a lounge rather than a sports bar. Best wishes to Nellie and Ray... They have been good neighbors for the last 5 years!

Ray said it is bittersweet but more sweet than bitter. Their initial plan was to keep the bar for about 5 years which they did, but they said they are tired now and it is time to move on.

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FREE Rabies Clinics

The Monroe County Dept of Public Health is holding free rabies clinics for your pet in various spots throughout Monroe county through the summer. The first one is in our area on Wed, April 18 from 4-6pm at Norton Village Center, 350 Waring Rd. Bring your pet in a carrier or leashed along with written proof of prior vaccination to get your 3 years vaccination.

You can find future dates, times and locations by calling 753-5171 or go to monroecounty.gov/health then scroll down the left side of the page to “rabies” and click on the document for the 2018 schedule.

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.



Final night

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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

Apr 10 - BNA meeting

Apr 11- PCIC meeting

May 8- BNA meeting

May 9- 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.