

Bensonhurst

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Food Truck Rodeo

They're back! The last Wednesday of each month now through Sept. Bring the family to the public market to listen to great music and enjoy the many choices of food. There will be 30-40 food trucks on hand to satisfy everyone. There are some bleachers and picnic tables available but best to bring either folding chairs or a blanket. The event happens rain or shine.



Bensonhurst FB Group

Bensonhurst now has a FB group. This will allow neighbors a place to share information with fellow neighbors. To sign up, type in Bensonhurst Neighborhood Group and ask to join. We need your name as well as the name of the street you live on. This is to prevent spammers and trolls from interfering. We want this to be a friendly site so it will be monitored. Please post only notices relevant to Bensonhurst and adjacent neighborhoods.

Since we announced this group a month ago, 30 people have signed up! Activity is a bit slow right now, but we expect more traffic once more neighbors are on board, so please spread the word.

Proudly Serving the Streets of:

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

Rabies Clinic

Free rabies clinics will be offered in various locations across Monroe county throughout 2019. The first one will be Wed, April 10 at Norton Village Center 350 Waring Rd, from 4-6pm. Bring written proof of prior rabies vaccinations. Tags are not accepted. For your pets protections, please bring them in a carrier or on a leash. Call 753-5171 for more information.



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Ice Cream

Summer must be right around the corner. Netsins is open for the season!

Mar Meeting Minutes

Around the room introductions were conducted since there was a new face in attendance. Rachel is from Pershing Drive. Welcome! Most neighbors attending our meetings seem to be from the east of Longview so it was nice to have someone from the western end of our neighborhood.

We have had several neighbors ask about getting Greenlight Network in our area so tonight we had representatives from Greenlight Network explain fiber optics. They told us in order to service our area, they need 20% of our neighbors on board. They recommended neighbors call and sign up for it.

Officer Belliard said things have been quiet in our neighborhood with only one car theft on Lawndale in February. The owner started the car which was in the driveway to warm it up and left it unlocked and running while he went back into the house during which time someone stole it. The car was recovered about a week later when it was involved in an accident. We were again reminded to keep cars locked at all times. This was a preventable incident. You can be ticketed for leaving your car running when it is unattended. Talk about a double whammy.... stolen car AND a ticket!

Pat who took Sarah's place at the library was on hand with literature about upcoming events at Winton and Sully branches. Welcome!

Nancy from NSC updated us on several issues and told us of an event in June and asked for nominations of a volunteer who we would like to be recognized. PlayROC is in July but Bensonhurst does not have any park areas to use for this event. She clarified some information on a meeting that Matt B attended with other neighborhood leaders regarding neighborhood groups. The regulations presented at that meeting turned out to be just guidelines as many of them were considered too restrictive for most neighborhood groups.

This year's city wide clean sweep is Saturday, May 11. Everyone is encouraged to participate. She also said we can always call her to set up our own mini clean sweep at any time. A neighbor asked about calling with a noise complaint. She said not to call 311, instead call 911 so they have tracking information.

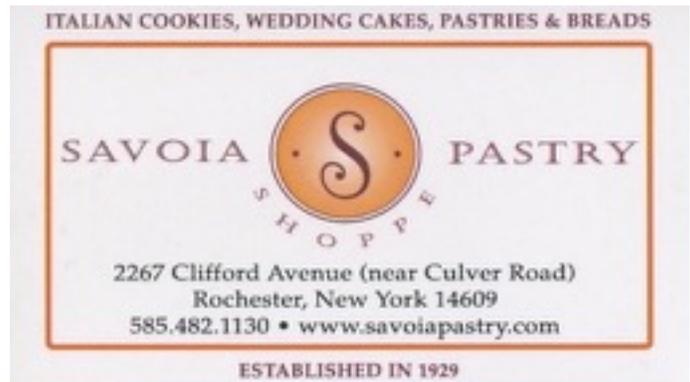
Matt B edited the letter that was drafted for new neighbors which, for lack of time will be discussed at the next meeting.

Our bank balance was unavailable. Paul will look into changing our banking to ESL. Brian (current website administrator) was notified BNA's website hosting service is due for renewal soon and he is investigating less expensive services. For now, we will continue with our present host.

We discussed whether we still need a phone line or if we could make do with just the website and Facebook. Nothing was decided on.

Matt O reported back on his investigation regarding magnets to give to new neighbors and found pricing reasonable. The next step is to decide the artwork to be printed on them.

There was no 50/50 raffle.



PlayDate

Parents are encouraged to accompany their toddlers on a PlayDate at the Humboldt R-center on Atlantic Ave. Each Sunday, noon to 2pm from April 28-June 9. Playdate incorporates interactive play projects, music and exercise along with early reader activities. For more information contact Cynthia Rochet at 428-1170.

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.



Mamajuana Review

My husband and I decided to try the newest restaurant in our neighborhood and it was awesome! After many months of remodeling, Mamajuana's occupying the former RayRay's opened a few months ago. From the outside, you would have no idea of the trendy decor on the inside.

We started out by ordering their signature drink, a Mamajuana which is a typical Dominican Republic drink made with rum, red wine and honey soaked in tree bark and herbs. It was very sweet and delicious. We followed that with a shared appetizer of Nachos which were nothing like anything we have had elsewhere. Fried plantain chips smothered with melted cheese, salami bits, fried crispy pork, pickled red onions and scallions. I don't think I will ever eat Nachos anywhere else again!

Brian had the Grilled Garlicky Pork which was marinated in roasted garlic served with pickled carrots, sliced avocados and topped with Chimichurri sauce. I had the Mamafongo which was fried plantains smashed with salt, roasted garlic and crispy pork. It can also be ordered with chicken or shrimp.

Both meals came with a small mixed greens salad with just enough vinegary dressing to not be overpowering. For our sides, Brian ordered fried sweet potatoes and I ordered fried yuca.

I thought the food might be really spicy but it was not. There was a nice combination of flavors in all the servings. Compliments to the chef!

Our waitress Grace was very friendly and attentive. She did a nice job of describing the meals. We loved the food and will definitely go back. We encourage our neighbors to give them a try. Support your local businesses!

Greenlight Networks

Several neighbors have inquired about Greenlight 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 a given area on board in order to make it happen. Their website says neighbors in the Woodstock area have started construction. With enough people, it can come to our neighborhood too. <https://www.greenlightnetworks.com>

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. It is only 4 times a year. The next ones to be delivered will be in June.

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 and to the person who moved the planter at the corner of Rocket and Edgeland so they didn't get damaged by the snow plows. Some of our others left out did not fare so well.

Football Camp

The City is offering a Youth Flag Football Clinic at the former downtown soccer stadium April 15-18 from 9am to 3pm. Ages 6-15. For more information call 428-6755. The camp will teach pass catching and defense skills as well as emphasize sportsmanship, team building and the importance of academics.

Summer Camps for Kids

The City's R-centers are offering summer camps for school age children at an unbeatable price. Art Smart Camp at Cobbs hill, GVP youth sports camp at GVP, Ballet Camp at Egerton and Specialized Training camps at Rochester youth and community sports complex. Call 428-6755 to register. www.cityofrochester.gov/summercamps

The ballet camp is free. All activities will be offered in July and August for children ages 6-13.

Sustainable Homes

Would you like a free assessment to find out how you can make your home more efficient? There will be a public forum on Monday, April 29 from 6:30-8pm at the Ryan center.

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MASTERS IN VISION^{LLC}

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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 9 - BNA meeting

Apr 10- PCIC meeting

May 7 - BNA meeting

May 8 – 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.