

Bensonhurst

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Greenlight Networks

Keep encouraging your friends and neighbors to sign up for Greenlight internet service. The only way we will get service in our area is if enough people sign up. They are currently mostly servicing the suburbs but do service some areas in the city. They are actually very near to us in North Winton Village and Irondequoit.

If you are interested in high speed internet, please contact them, encourage all your friends, neighbors and family to call and sign up. We have to keep trying. greenlightnetworks.com

**Proudly Serving all Streets
Between Bay Street and
Clifford Ave and Culver
Road and Goodman Street!**

BNA ZOOM meetings!

For the time being, all future meetings will be ZOOM meetings. We invite all to attend. The link to the meetings and permission to join can be obtained by emailing info@bensonhurst14609.org We look forward to "seeing" you there every 4th Monday of the month at 7pm.

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Soccer Leagues

Registration is open for free indoor summer soccer leagues. rochestercitysoccerleague.com Questions? Call Nicole at 305-1136 or Don at 428-7592

Drive Thru Food Distributions

Foodlink is continuing to hold FREE drive thru food distributions at various locations around the city. Registration is required. No walk ups. If you are in need of food, call 211 or text 898-211 for more information.

Person In Crisis Team

If you witness a person experiencing emotional or behavioral turmoil. Please call 211.... Calling 911 could result in an undesired result. By calling 211, a person trained in dealing with emotional issues will respond and act appropriately.



March Meeting Minutes

We had a sparsely attended meeting this month but were pleased to see Rachel Barnhart (county legislator) at this meeting. We understand Officer Alvarado is on assignment and unable to attend.

Pat from the library told us all the libraries are now open except for the Monroe branch. Most have limited hours and of course limited visitors allowed in at a given time. She also told us that the Winton branch will be closed on Fridays so they can instead be open on Saturdays.

Brian informed us the website and domain name has been renewed for 2 years.

There was no treasurer's report but our only expense was the website/domain name renewal for \$329.74.

A question was brought up at last months meeting as to who could vote on issues. Matt said the constitution is vague, but his interpretation of it is that the board votes on spending issues with input from neighbors. He is going to submit an amendment to the constitution to hopefully clarify the issue.

We discussed when we would like to hold a mini clean sweep and/or flower planting event in our neighborhood. We are also planning on getting our big flower pots out of storage this spring.

Rachel told us the county is looking into obtaining broadband internet to close the gap in disproportional availability. She also said she had introduced a law to remove fireworks from store shelves.and she encouraged people to go to monroecounty.gov to find vaccine distribution sites and times now that they have opened it up to persons over age 50.

Cheryl said Nextdoor has gotten a good response from the Blocks in Bloom program that Cornell Cooperative Extension offered last month.

With no other business to discuss we ended our meeting early.

Covid Vaccinations

Vaccinations are now available at many locations around the city for persons over the age of 16 or those with comorbidities. No appointment needed. You can get the vaccine at Wegmans, most drugstores, the Dome Arena, Riverside Convention center and the old Kodak Hawkeye site to name a few. <https://www.monroecounty.gov/health-covid19-vaccine>

Lilac Festival

The city is going to hold a scaled down version of the lilac festival this year. Instead of 2 full weeks, it will only be on 2 weekends. There will be entertainment and food in an open air tent. Masks will be mandatory.

International Market

La Marketa located at 828 N Clinton Ave is now open Thursdays 5-9p and Sundays 1-5p until Nov 21. cityofrochester.gov/internationalplaza

After School in the Park

There are a few spaces remaining for full day care for children ages 6-13 from 8:30a-5:30p weekdays. To register your child <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/afterschoolprogram/> or call Carmen Mayoliz at 585-428-9777.

Free Meals for Students

Free Grab and Go meals are available for students at selected schools and R-Centers throughout the city weekdays from 10a-6p at R-centers and 10a-1pm at schools. The closest location to Bensonhurst is the Ryan Center. <http://foodlinkny.org/findfood>



Senior Meals

Area restaurants together with the City's Department of Neighborhood and Business Development, are offering free meals delivered to seniors age 60 and older who are unable to get out due to Covid. Meals must be ordered from participating restaurants within the quadrant you live. Condado Bar and Grill just happens to be one of the restaurants participating in the program in our quadrant! To find out more information call the 211 Lifeline call center. <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=21474846351>.





Food Kiosks

Roc Foods not Bombs, an all volunteer group, has set up multiple food “kiosks” around the city. The closest one to us is at the Ryan Center. Non perishable food is supplied by the organization as well as donations from

the public. Their M.O. is “give what you can, take what you need.” Perishable food will be added in more seasonal weather. Go to rocfoodnotbombs.com to learn more about them and for a list of the many available food kiosks around the city.

Free Groceries

Go Ministries, 2247 Clifford Ave is offering free groceries every Thursday from 11a-12 noon. One bag per family/person. No registration required, no questions asked.

Tenant Relief Money

There is still money available to qualifying city residents needing emergency rent assistance, legal assistance to fight eviction and other housing services. Contact the NSC for more information <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/nsc/>



R-Central On line

The city’s new on line R-Central system makes it easier than ever to search, enroll and pay for recreational programs, (camps, leagues, activities) and view, reserve and pay for rental facilities (lodges, rinks, ballfields, courts). cityofrochester.gov/R-Central/ Questions, call 428-6755.

R-Center After Hours

The R-Center on Grover St is now the location for prevention based programming from 7p- 12a Monday - Saturday. Street Outreach Professionals partner with the Rec team to staff and offer night basketball, e-sports/gaming and other activities targeting ages 16-25. For more information contact Roxie Ann Sinkler 585-428-7827.



Flower City Track Club

Boy and girls ages 8-18. All skill levels welcome. To register call coach Johnson at 204-2993 or Don Corey at 428-7592. The event runs from May 17-July 31.

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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 Report Map
<https://tinyurl.com/k7wkpn4s>

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
frosty_dog@mac.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 26 - BNA meeting

May 5 - PCIC meeting

May 24 - BNA meeting

June 2 - PCIC meeting

Why not join us on the fourth Monday of each month for our monthly meetings at 7pm currently done virtually?

The link to our ZOOM meetings is available by [contacting us via email.](#)

All meetings are informal, positive & all are encouraged to participate.

BNA does not charge dues or membership fees.

