



Rochester 2034 Comprehensive Plan

There is still time to take the on line survey and you can take it 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>

Newsletter Carrier Needed

We need a volunteer to deliver BNA flyers to about 30 neighbors on Mapledale St four times a year. If you can help us out please let BNA know. The flyers are delivered to your home in time for you to deliver them prior to the upcoming meeting.

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Flower Days at the Market

The month of May is dedicated to Flower Day Sundays. Come down and get 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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Party in the Park

This weekly event kicks off on June 7 at Martin Luther King Park and continues every Thursday from 5-10pm throughout the summer. Admission is \$5. Music and food available.



Lilac Festival

Despite the cold weather in April, we are told the Lilacs will be out on time. There are so many varieties all blossoming at different times, there are bound to be some out regardless of when you go. The festival actually starts on Friday, May 11. The parade is on Saturday, May 12 at 12:30pm, rain or shine. The parade route is South Ave to Highland Ave. The festival runs until May 20. Entertainment is planned for every evening. This is a free family event.

Flower Pots

Thanks to everyone who took in a flower pot over the winter. Now we need them back out so we can plant flowers in them. If you housed one over the winter, many thanks, now if you would be so kind as to put them back out soon. We are hoping to plant flowers on Saturday, May 12. Some of the pots left out this winter have suffered irreparable damage. We are looking at ways to minimize this for next year.

311 Calls

Did you know you can not call 311 from your cell phone? You have to call 911 and make sure you start by telling them this is NOT an emergency but you are trying to call 311. They will then transfer you. Very frustrating!

Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day Parade will be Monday, May 28 at 12:30pm downtown and happens rain or shine. Bring a chair and the whole family to watch. The parade starts on East Ave and goes down Main St to Plymouth Ave.

Bike Race

Saturday, May 19 the City is once again hosting the Twilight Criterium. Amateur racing starts at 6pm with the pros starting around 8:30pm. This event draws thousands of spectators young and old who line the race course cheering on the racers. This is a family event, Food trucks will be on site. The racers ride rain or shine.

Food Truck Rodeos

The last Wednesday of each month from now until the end of September, the food trucks will be at the Public Market from 5-9pm. Music is provided by various entertainers each month. Bring a blanket, chairs and the family for a fun time. The events are held rain or shine. There are usually 20-30 food trucks with everything from main entries to deserts to choose from.



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 select Sunday's at the Public Market April through mid October from 8a-2p.

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



Apr Meeting Minutes

Matt opened the meeting in Lisa's absence with around the room introductions.

Capt Cuyler from RPD was on hand asking how things were. He stated that before the end of this year there should be a new east side police station somewhere east of Goodman St to better serve our area. They have been looking for a new space for some time but things are progressing well. Officer Belliard (CPO) stated things have been very quiet in our neighborhood again this past month with only one domestic incident reported and an arrest was made.

Some neighbors expressed concern about cars still parking in the front of a building on Culver Rd that are not supposed to be there. Officer Belliard and Capt Cuyler will look into this.

Sarah from the library handed out flyers with upcoming events. She said the Winton Rd branch has a new director.

Peg says our balance is \$4,999.83. Our latest purchase was for a toner cartridge.

We were reminded of the City clean sweep on May 5. We are hoping to have our own mini clean sweep early summer. We picked a date of May 12 to plant flowers in our flower pots.

Kirk asked if we were going to have another neighborhood night at a Red Wings game. Matt will discuss it with Lisa.

Matt won the 50/50 raffle and donated the money back to BNA! Thanks Matt!



Traffic Circle

Signs are up for the construction on the traffic circle to be installed at Pershing Dr and Rocket St but no work has started yet. This should be a big improvement in regards to safety since just the other day we saw 2 cars breeze through without stopping.

Cemetery Tours

Mount Hope Cemetery offers tours throughout the summer. They have Sunday tours as well as Thursday night Twilight Tours. Check out their website for the complete list of tours offered. <http://www.fomh.org/Events/SpecialTours/>

Little Kids and Big Rigs

Saturday, May 12 from 10am- 1pm the City is once again holding their big rig event downtown. There will be fire trucks, dump trucks, police cars, SWAT vehicles, ambulances, garbage trucks, construction equipment, RTS buses and more!

10a-11am will be "horn free" for those that want a quieter atmosphere. There will be games to play and face painting and it is all free! Food will be available for purchase.

The event is at the corner of Main and Cortland street. (Midtown) One of these times I am going to be able to make this! It sounds like SO much fun! Perhaps I can borrow someones kid for a few hours?

An advertisement for Eye Appeal Masters in Vision LLC. The background is dark green with a vertical strip of colorful squares (purple, yellow, teal) on the left. The text "EYE APPEAL MASTERS IN VISION LLC" is in large, white, bold letters at the top. Below that, "Dr. Jaime Kenny Optometrist" is written in white. The address "1524 CULVER ROAD ROCHESTER, NY 14609" and phone number "(585) 288-7555" are listed. The website "eyecarerochester.com" is at the bottom. On the right side, there is a small graphic of an eye chart and the text "EYE EXAMS GLASSES CONTACT LENSES".

West Nile and Lyme Disease

With summer approaching be on the lookout for ticks, some of which carry Lyme disease. These little guys are mostly found in the woods but can be anywhere, even in tall grass. Your pets, although immune to them, can bring them in the house.

West Nile Disease comes from mosquitos. The best defense here is covering exposed skin or using a strong repellent such as DEET.

You can find more information by going to monroecounty.gov/health.

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.

Good Neighbors Party

NeighborWorks Rochester is celebrating the volunteers that make city neighborhoods strong. On June 4, 5-7pm at the Public Market. This is a free block party for the entire city with music, food and fun.

Important Contact Information

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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 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

May 8 - BNA meeting

May 9- PCIC meeting

June 12- BNA meeting

June 13- 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.