



Message from the Board

Dear neighbors,

The last few months have been tumultuous in the midst of a global pandemic and we haven't seen much of each other lately. First off, we hope you're staying healthy and safe. We haven't been able to have our regular meetings but hopefully as restrictions ease we'll get together soon.

Over the last several weeks, our country and our city have been shaken by the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd, as well as the subsequent outrage at how those deaths occurred. Sadly, their stories are not unique. People are rightly upset with the injustices they see and the racism that persists throughout our society.

To our black neighbors and other people of color, we want you to know that we support you and we care about you. We believe that black lives matter. While progress in the fight against racism and inequality may be slow, we want to be a constructive part of that process. We're here to listen to you, to grow in our understanding of your perspectives, and to make contributions toward solutions. We stand for justice and equality but we acknowledge that our words will only go so far; actions are what make a difference and we endeavor to be a group that takes action.

To our white neighbors, there is work to be done. It is not enough to have good intentions; eliminating racism and ensuring equality requires a proactive approach that starts with us. We encourage you to do a few things that will set a foundation to help that happen – learn how to recognize racism and its many subtle forms, learn about your own biases and privileges that influence your worldview and interactions with others, and have conversations with people who look different from you to understand new perspectives. Those things aren't all that need to be done but they're a good start. We'd like to have a discussion of those topics at our next meeting whenever it occurs.

To all of our neighbors, we encourage you to lift each other up. Check in on each other and make sure your neighbors are doing ok. Speak up for equality wherever you go and advocate for local and state policies that ensure justice for everyone. Most of all, be kind to each other. We stand together as a city and as a neighborhood, and we will all make progress together.

Sincerely,

Matt Barrett, President
Matt Oyer, Vice President
Karen Managan, Secretary
Paul Zimmer, Treasurer



Congratulations!!!!

Our BNA president and his fiancé were married a couple weeks ago. Since they were not able to have the wedding they had originally planned due to the virus, they opted for a simple at home wedding on their front porch and neighbors were invited to watch from their porches. They will have the original planned event in the fall of 2021!... Congratulations and best wishes from your neighbors! Pictures are on page 4!

June Meeting

As most of you know there was no meeting in May and of course now, no meeting in June either. We are hoping we will be able to meet in July. In the meantime, please stay home, safe and healthy.

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Spray Parks

Beginning Saturday June 20, spray parks will be open from noon until 6pm, 7 days a week until Labor Day. Please follow posted signs limiting capacity for Covid-19 restrictions during phase 3 and 4.



Public Library

The central library and some suburban branches now offer curbside pickup for books which are on the shelf. No books will be distributed inter-library. <https://roccitylibrary.org/spotlight/curbside-pick-up/>

ENOUGH!

Local artist Shawn Dunwoody has painted this interactive mural on Scio St between Main St and East Ave. There is chalk at the site and he encourages people to fill in the blanks on either end of the word "enough".





Thank you to the City and artist Shawn Dunwoody! Court St, Rochester, NY

July BNA meeting

Although restaurants are now open with restrictions, bars are not yet. If things remain on track and there are no issues with Covid-19, we should finally be able to hold a meeting in July.



SNAP Program

SNAP can help you stretch your budget. The program is based on income and is not just for seniors or low income. College students may also participate. For a free and confidential prescreening and/or application assistance call 295-5624.

Congratulations to Graduates!

Whether you graduated from college or high school!... you are part of history. ...You are unique in being the first class to have virtual and zoom graduations and coming up with very creative ideas.

City Summer Camp!

The city is offering summer camp July 6- Aug 28, Mon- Fri for youths ages 6-13. Call 428-9777 for more information or <https://files.constantcontact.com/3e145703401/0f2e5d08-4b55-4f61-81ff-a3f0d54cfcfb.pdf>

Public Meeting Access

With all regularly scheduled City meetings open to the public canceled, many will still be held as virtual meetings via Zoom. The list of meetings can be found at <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=21474843856>.

School Lunch Programs

School lunches are being delivered to area schools for distribution. Check with your local school to find out locations. Bagged breakfast and lunches are also being distributed from Bible Baptist Church, 274 Merchants Rd on Tues, Wed and Thurs from 10:30-1:30pm if you are in need of food.

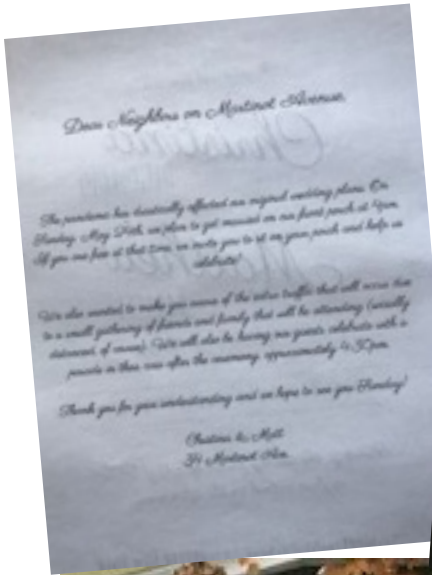
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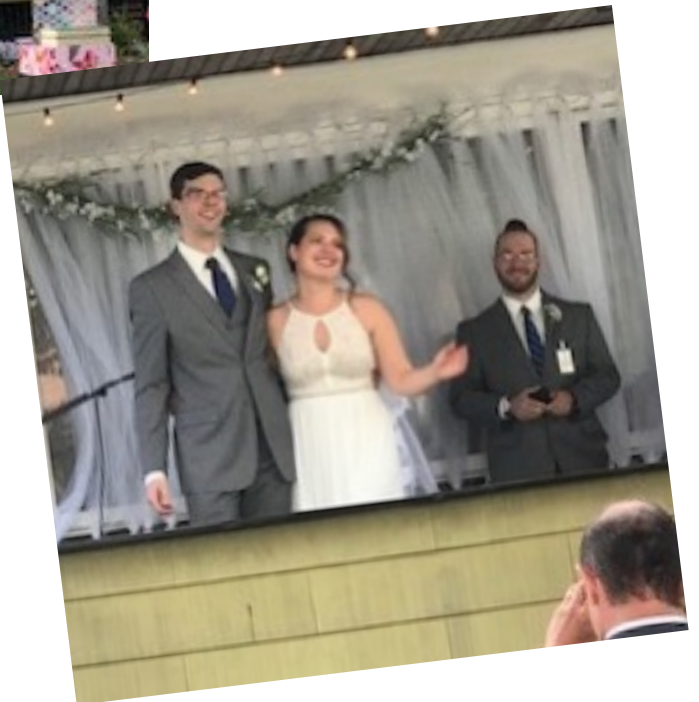
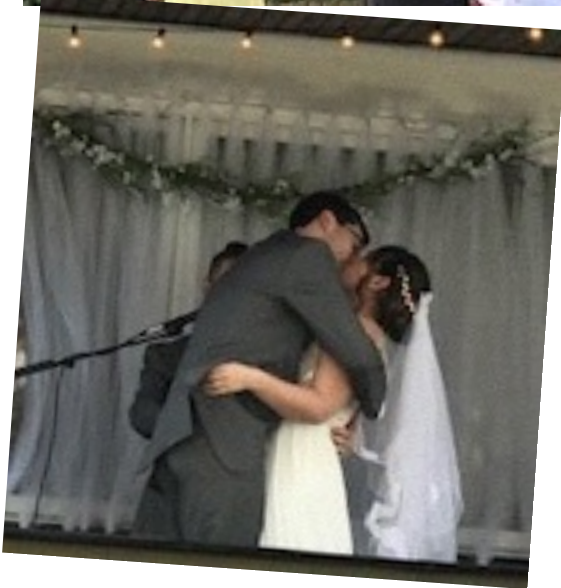
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Matt and Christine's Wedding!



**Congratulations
and Best Wishes!**



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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
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

June 22- BNA meeting



July 1- PCIC meeting

July 27 - BNA meeting

Aug 5 - PCIC meeting

Why not join us on the fourth Monday 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.