



City Recreation Events

On Tuesday evenings June-Aug there are 10 mile bicycle rides around various areas of the city. On Thursday evenings June-Sept there are history and nature walks in various areas of the city and along the river.

Rec centers offer leagues and lessons for children as well as adults. Check the city's recreation bureau for a complete list of offerings.

Kids Marathon Weekend

Over the course of 5 weeks your child, age 12 and under runs the equivalent of a full marathon ending on Sept 22 completing the final mile on marathon day with all the other runners. For more information or to register go to: <http://www.rochestermarathon.com/events/kids-marathon>

Proudly Serving the Streets of:

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

Newsletter Carrier Needed

We still 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. If no one comes forward, neighbors there will no longer receive newsletters.

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Concerts by the Shore

Concerts by the Shore at Lake Ontario are back on Wednesday evenings. All concerts are free and start at 7pm. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the music.

Party in the Park

This weekly event kicks off on June 7 at Martin Luther King Park at 5pm and continues every Thursday throughout June and July. Admission is \$5. Bring a blanket and enjoy the music, chairs are not allowed.

West Nile and Lyme Disease

With summer finally here, 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.

Pets and Hot Weather

So you think you are hot?.... how about your dog or cat wearing a fur coat all summer? People tend to have short fuses in hot weather, so do pets. Keep them cool and make sure they have shade and water if they are outside.

Know Now

911 has been able to notify residents who have land lines in an emergency and now can also notify you on your cell phone. Register to receive alerts at www.cityofrochester.gov/KnowNow or call 528-2200 for more information.

Grant Money

Our grant money needs to be spent by the end of July so at our last meeting we decided to spend it on signs which will be placed on poles at the four corners of our boundaries. We are also hoping to have a couple placed in the roundabout at Rocket St and Pershing Dr once it is finished. We will also order 2 very large heavy planters which will remain permanently placed somewhere without our boundaries. (location not yet determined). Any money left over will cover toner, paper and other supplies.

New Library Programs

The library has 2 programs, the first called VIP (very important places) pass which allows 2 for 1 admission to select places in and around the area and now they have the Empire pass which allows free vehicle admission to NY state parks. Both are easy to use.

Go to your local library (call first to see if they have a pass available and it isn't checked out), show them your library card and check out the pass just as you would a book. The pass is good for 2 weeks. Return the pass when you are done. It's that simpleand everyone likes free! If there is no pass available at your local branch, you can find out where one is and have it sent to your local library for pick up. What a great way to spend an outing with the family.



Food Truck Rodeos

Rodeos are happening now and will continue the last Wednesday of each month 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 rodeos are held rain or shine. There are usually 20-30 food trucks with everything from main entrees to deserts to choose from.

Free Rabies Clinic

Monroe County offers free rabies clinics throughout the summer at various locations. The next one in our area is at the Public Market on Aug 15 from 4:30-6:30pm. Bring your pet in a carrier or on a leash.

June Meeting Minutes

We welcomed new neighbors Kate and Rusty from Mapledale St at this months meeting. We are glad to have them in our neighborhood. 3 firefighters showed up but were called away before they were able to speak. Nancy from NSC was not able to attend but Andy from the Mayors office and Sarah from the library were.

Our guest speaker was Sara from Horticultural and Environmental Programming in the City and she gave us some useful information regarding our flower pots which in elsewhere on this page.

Officer Cannon (CPO) was on hand and told us crime in our area was just a bit below average....always good to hear.... for the last 4 weeks. Three larcenies occurred, the first being a car break in overnight on 5/27 in the 1500 block of Culver Rd where a cell phone was taken. The second was the theft of 5 of our flowerpots on 6/7 between 11pm and 4pm the next day, and the third was on 6/9 at the RiteAid drug store when someone stole some heating pads. Maybe it was whoever took our flowerpots! ... they are very heavy, so no easy task.

Sarah from the library handed out flyers with upcoming events and told us of 2 new programs the library is offering. More on that on page 2.

Our balance is \$4649.21. Most recent expenses were paper and toner for our newsletters, the PO box renewal and flowers. \$2,000 of that balance is our grant money which needs to be spent before July 31.

We discussed how to spend our grant money and decided on purchasing 4 signs to be posted on poles on the corners of our boundaries. We also decided to purchase 2 very large, heavy planters which would be permanently placed within our boundaries.

We also looked at purchasing post cards with information on Bensonhurst to be distributed to homeowners or realtors to give to potential buyers.

They would also serve as a welcome letter to new homeowners.

We will discuss August dates for a night at a Red Wings game at our next meeting.

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

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/>

Do the Right Thing

Do you know a student grade 1-12 who has done something outstanding that he or she should be recognized for? You can nominate them for the "do the right thing" award. Examples of good deeds are helping law enforcement or other first responders, acts of heroism, courage and quick thinking, leadership, role model behavior and volunteering in the community.

Nomination forms can be found in city libraries, schools, and the city website DoTheRightThing@cityofrochester.gov or calling 585-428-6093.

National Night Out

Always the first Tues in August, it is held to increase awareness about police programs in communities. Leave your porch light on in support. More information when available.

Missing Flower Pots

Apparently our flower pots were SO attractive that someone wanted them either for their yard or neighborhood. Sometime between Thurs eve 6/7 and Fri afternoon, 5 of our flower pots on Rocket St were taken. There was no sign of spillage or breakage, just empty spots where they once sat. If anyone has a camera on their home facing the street that MAY have video from that time frame, please let RPD know. The pots were taken from Roseview, Martinot, Lawndale, Bedford and Pershing.

Sara from the City said unfortunately vandalism and theft are a problem throughout the city and we are not being targeted. She gave us pointers on how to prevent future occurrences. She encouraged us to not give up regardless of how discouraged we may be. A lot of time and money went into the planting and it is very frustrating but she said we should continue to plant flowers. She said perhaps we could ask businesses to help with costs or donations. Larger heavier pots have also worked well in some areas. We will be ordering a couple this summer.

The remaining planters look awesome but still need watering throughout the summer.

Free Summer Meals

The free summer meals program is back for children age 18 and younger. For more information and to find out where meals are being offered, go to: <http://www.summermealsroc.org> The Ryan center is the nearest location to us.



Important Contact Information

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BNA website:
www.bensonhurst14609.org

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

July 10 - BNA meeting

July 11- PCIC meeting

Aug 7– National Night Out

Aug 8– PCIC meeting

Aug 14– PCIC meeting

Aug TBD– Red Wings Game

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.