



Covid Meeting Rules

YAY!!!! Now that we are finally able to hold BNA meetings again, we welcome all our neighbors back. Johnny's is open with Covid restrictions. Under the Governors new restrictions, masks must be worn at all times unless sitting at a table eating, and social distancing must be maintained in the bar area. While we are in the side room, during the meeting we are allowed to remove our masks if we wish as long as the group is less than 10 (not usually a problem) and we do not have to social distance. Most of us will still wear a mask.

We can purchase alcohol, however it must be brought to the table since walk ups to the bar are not allowed. IF alcohol is purchased you must also buy food. They have some cheap offerings to choose from such as a taco or cup of soup.

Failure to comply with their rules could result in them loosing their liquor license which we definitely don't want to happen.

Condado Bar and Grill

Finally, after waiting months for a liquor license, only to then have to wait for the virus lockdown to end, Condado Bar and Grill at the corner of Clifford Ave and Woodman Park opened on July 18.

They will be open six days a week from 12pm-11pm. Lunch is buffet only while dinner will be ordering from the menu only.

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Hours-
T/W-lunch 12-4pm, dinner 4-7pm
Thursday-lunch 12-4pm, dinner 4-9pm
F/S/S- lunch 12-4pm, dinner 4-11pm
closed on Mondays

The menu is Latin based with a focus on Puerto Rican taste. Take out is available. Reservations are accepted but not required. We welcome them to the neighborhood and wish them much success. <https://condadony.com> Check them out soon! A review from a neighbor who ate there last week is on page 3.

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July Meeting Minutes

After a six month hiatus we held our first meeting post Covid lockdown with masks on and social distancing of course. After around the room introductions, we met our new CPO, Officer Alvarado. He told us the main problem in our neighborhood now that the fireworks have finally subsided is auto larcenies and porch thefts. This is actually city wide and not just our problem. Keep your cars locked and maybe have a neighbor watch for a package you are expecting.

The fire dept showed off their new vehicle. They said on the 4th of July they did respond to a house fire as a result of fireworks. The past month they responded to 166 calls, 54 of them were medical and were 8 house fires. They reminded us that if you have a fire pit, it needs to be at least 10 ft away from anything flammable and you need to have some way of extinguishing it immediately if needed. Before retiring for the evening, extinguish the fire rather than letting it go out on its own.

They also reminded us now is a good time to have your furnace and chimney checked in preparation for winter.

Nancy from NSC told us we may be able to hold a mini clean sweep wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing of course. She also said the NSC will be open from 9a-4p starting Aug 4. Please call for an appointment since only once person will be allowed in at a time. The new NSC is scheduled for ground breaking in early 2021.

Treasurers report- There is \$1,533 in the checking account and \$107 in savings with no upcoming expenses.

Juana reported that Condado is open 6 days a week for lunch and dinner They purchased the building last year. The restaurant is in no way connected with the former owners.

The garbage totes at the corners of Rocket and Lawndale and Rocket and Longview have come up missing. Nancy will look at getting them replaced.

Matt started a discussion on racism and how we can address it in our neighborhood. It was decided we would have mini discussions at future meetings as time allowed. We encourage our neighbors to attend and participate in these discussions. We are open to suggestions.

There was no 50/50 raffle.

Biz KidS Camp

Are you interested in owning your own business? The city is offering their first ever virtual class Sept 14-18 from 3-4pm. Registration is required. bizkidscamp.eventbrite.com

Free Swim Lessons

The City has announced its learn to swim fall lesson schedule for ages 6-15. Various levels are offered. Registration is 9/21-10/8 with classes on Fridays and Saturdays beginning 10/9. Check out cityofrochester.gov/swimlessons for updates.

Free Summer Meals for Kids

Free breakfast and lunch meals for your child age 18 and younger are available weekdays from 10a-2p at multiple locations in the city. The closest location to Bensonhurst is the Ryan Center. www.summermealsroc.org Free lunches are also available at 274 Merchants Rd (Bible Baptist Church) Tues-Thurs from 10:30a-1pm. until school starts.

Drive-Thru Food Pickup

Foodlink is doing a community food distribution at the public market every Wednesday from 12-2pm. Preregistration is required. Call 211/text 898-211 to register. For more information and distribution sites and times <https://foodlinkny.org/where-to-find-foodlinks-emergency-food-supply-boxes/>

Engine 12's new fire truck





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://](https://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=21474843856)

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Condado Review

I went to Condado this past weekend to try it out for the first time and get some takeout. I ordered fried pork chunks, fried plantains, rice with beans, and a side order of black beans.

Everything was fresh and I liked that the fried pork came with some lime to squirt over the top. I never had it like that before and it put a whole new spin on pork for me.

I put the black beans on top of the rice and mixed it all together. It was nice and fluffy with just the right amount of texture from the beans.

Now the fried plantains were my favorite. Usually, when one gets fried plantains, they are small-ish chips that are fried hard. These were very large, covered in batter and then fried, leaving the plantain in the center a little softer. They were very good when paired with the dipping sauce.

All in all, I will definitely go back. I can't wait to try the soups and stews in the coming months. Highly recommended for a neighborhood eatery!

Matt Oyer

La Marketa

Coming this fall, the International Plaza is a Latin themed event space with vendors and businesses as well as arts and culture and a community gathering space for performances.



Public Library

The Rundell Library is now open Monday - Friday from 10am- 4pm. Arnett, Lincoln, Maplewood and Winton branches are open Monday-Thursday from 10a-4pm and Charlotte, Frederick Douglass, Lyell, Monroe, Phyllis Wheatley and Sully branches all have curbside pickup.

All patrons need to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and will be subject to temperature checks. Check RocCityLibrary.org for details.

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Ice Skating

Genesee Valley Ice Arena has published their fall/winter hours and rates for skating.

They have sled hockey, skate and shoot, leagues for men, women and youth as well as freestyle, halloween and santa skates. cityofrochester.gov/gvpsc or call 428-7888 for updates.

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<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
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

Aug 24 - BNA meeting

Sep 2- PCIC meeting

Sept 28- BNA meeting

Oct 7 - 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.