



### **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 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 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.



### **After School in the Park**

Full time assistance for grades K-6 is available at Cobbs Hill Park 8:30am-5:30pm weekdays during the school year. Contact 585-820-8860 or Sara.Scott@cityofrochester.gov for more information and registration.

### **Proudly Serving the Streets of:**

Bay  
Bedford  
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Culver  
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Roseview  
Longview  
Salisbury  
Laurelton  
Lawndale  
Mapledale  
Pershing  
Westchester

### **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. They are also offering classes for adults on Wed evenings 7-8pm Oct 14- Nov 18. Check out [cityofrochester.gov/swimlessons](http://cityofrochester.gov/swimlessons) for updates.

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**Johnny's Irish Pub is located at  
1382 Culver Road in Rochester, NY  
Plenty of Free Parking.**

## August Meeting Minutes

A few new faces were at the meeting tonight so after around the room introductions, Officer Alvarado told us of events happening in our area. Things are very quiet with no incidences. There were 4 larcenies just outside our boundaries, 2 involving unlocked cars and the other 2 items taken from outside the home that were not locked. He stressed the importance of keeping your car and house locked at all times!

Nancy was up next and told us of some rehab grants that are available for landlords and homeowners. They are currently only being given to persons who are on a waiting list from last year before they expand to new applicants. She also told us there is renters assistance available for persons having trouble paying their rent. Call NSC for an appointment.

Another grant is available for seniors for meals. Area restaurants participating will provide 3 meals per week. Call 211 and ask to be put on the list. Senior shut ins should call as well to find out where they can obtain meals.

It was mentioned that many people think the NET is no longer functioning and do not realize the NET office is now called NSC.

There is a Mayors leadership class starting in Oct open to the public.

Pat from the library told us the libraries that are currently open are now allowing limited access to computers. Sully is only open for curbside pickup but will provide fax and copying services.

Treasurers report- Paul made a deposit from an ad. We have had no expenses.

We learned that neighbors on Rocket St west of Pershing have expressed an interest in being part of Bensonhurst. A discussion was had regarding extending our western boundary to Goodman St. Nancy explained that could be possible.

More discussion about doing this will occur at our next meeting. We also discussed whether we should change our meeting place since some folks aren't comfortable with meeting in a bar, but currently with Covid, options are limited.

There was no 50/50 raffle.

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## Newsletter Carriers Needed

We need someone to deliver quarterly newsletters on the North end of Longview. Carole has been doing this for many years and has now decided to relocate to Florida for a good portion of the year. We thank her for her many years of service.

We also need someone to deliver newsletters on both sides of Bay Street. If you can help us out, please let us know.

On the flip side, we thank Zack and Leslie for coming on board to deliver newsletters to Bedford, Culver and Westchester!

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## 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/>

## Free 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](http://www.summermealsroc.org) Free lunches are also available at 274 Merchants Rd (Bible Baptist Church) Tues-Thurs from 10:30a-1pm. They will still continue this after school starts.

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## Absentee Voting Ballots

Now that everyone can vote by absentee ballot in NYS, it is important that you request an absentee ballot application, if you haven't had one mailed to you already, contact the Monroe County Board of Elections to get one, then mail in your ballot EARLY to avoid any issues.

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## Family Fun Fair

Celebrate with the city to learn about the awesome youth programs and resources being offered. Free food, games, bounce houses, entertainment and more! Friday, Oct 9 at the Gantt Center, 700 North St. 3:30-6:30pm. This is an outside event but masks are required.





## 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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## Red Cross Preparedness

The Red Cross is offering a free program to teach individuals how to prepare for, respond to and recover from any natural or man made disaster. This is an approximately one hour virtual class which can be scheduled to meet your availability. To schedule training or for more information call Brianna Freeman 739-8343 or [brianna.freeman@redcross.org](mailto:brianna.freeman@redcross.org).

## SOAR

Open to youth 13-18, you will be part of a team to work to make real change in the community to help reduce the rate of STI's and HIV/AIDS as well as unplanned pregnancies. As part of the team, you will learn leadership tips, help plan teen events, go through trainings, advise adult communities and be the voice for youth while having fun.

Classes begin on 9/22 and run every Tuesday from 4-6pm during the school year. For more information call Daneria Chambers 428-1288 or [rise@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:rise@cityofrochester.gov)



## Pass, Kick, Punt

Does your child like football? This is a passing, kicking and punting competition for boys and girls age 6-15.

Wed, Oct 7 from 5-7pm at the Rochester Community Sports Complex, 460 Oak St. Contact [coreyd@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:coreyd@cityofrochester.gov) or 428-7592 for more information.

## Condado Meal Review

We ordered take out from Condado's a few weeks ago. We ordered the sampler platter along with an order of chicken. We did not realize how much food we were getting in the sampler! We had enough left over for another meal. No complaints there!

The sampler was alcapurrias, tostones rellenos, alitas, yuca fritas and tostones. We don't eat much fried foods, but the flavors of everything were awesome.... and the sauces and dips were very tasty!

The chicken dish was Chicken Crackling which came with a tossed salad and a side of beans and rice. Again, very tasty. That was probably my favorite part of the meal.

The next time we decided to order something different so went with the beef empanadilla and chicken quesadilla. Both were fantastic. The quesadilla was stuffed much fuller than other quesadillas I have had. We will definitely order again. Karen and Brian Managan

## Public Library Hours

The Rundel 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 still have curbside pickup.

All patrons need to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and will be subject to temperature checks. Check [RocCityLibrary.org](http://RocCityLibrary.org) for details.

## Important Contact Information

BNA Email:  
[info@bensohurst14609.org](mailto:info@bensohurst14609.org)

BNA Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/Bensohurst14609](http://www.facebook.com/Bensohurst14609)

BNA Address:  
 49 Martinot Ave  
 Rochester, NY 14609

BNA Website:  
[www.bensohurst14609.org](http://www.bensohurst14609.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](http://www.crimereports.com)

Sex Offender site:  
[www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/)

Do Not Call List:  
[www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)  
 1-888-382-1222

City Hall services - 311 non emergency  
[www.cityofrochester.gov](http://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](mailto: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

Sept 28 - BNA meeting

Oct 7- PCIC meeting

Oct 26- BNA meeting

Nov 4 - PCIC meeting

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**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.**