



**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.



**Hit the Trails Passport**

Partnering with Wegmans, the City encourages the community to take advantage of local nature trails as part of a commitment to helping create a healthier community. The “passport” booklet includes many City parks and neighborhood walks. If you complete the entire book, you will be entered to win a prize. Pick up a “passport” at the public market, R-center or local library. [stephanie.benway@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:stephanie.benway@cityofrochester.gov).

**Proudly Serving all Streets  
Between Bay Street and  
Clifford Ave and Culver  
Road and Goodman Street!**

**Halloween Costume Contest**

So maybe your kids won’t be trick or treating this year, and the market has canceled their trick or treating event but they can show off their costume at the Public Market on Sat, Oct 31 during market hours (5am-3pm). Winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd prize) will receive tokens which can then be used to buy food from vendors. Masks required.

**Keep Things Locked!!!!**

RPD can’t stress enough the importance of keeping your house and car locked at all times even when you are home. Most thefts are crimes of opportunity. If you are in the back yard and the front door is unlocked, it is very easy for someone to enter and leave without your knowledge.

People stroll down streets trying car doors, if it is unlocked, anything inside is easy prey. Don’t leave valuables in the car especially in plain sight. That is just asking for trouble.

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## Sept Meeting Minutes

After around the room introductions, Officer Alvarado told us of events happening in our area. As he had mentioned at the last meeting, RPD continues to be hammered with car break-ins citywide, Bensonhurst is not excluded! In just the goodman section alone there were 9 car break ins, all of them a result of being left unlocked. He stressed the importance of keeping your car and house locked at all times!

A neighbor asked what could be done about kids riding motorbikes on the sidewalk and at night with no lights. Officer Alvarado admitted this is another problem city wide, but they have instructions not to chase them but encourage neighbors to report them.

Nancy was up next and told us of some rehab grants that are available for landlords and homeowners that are still in effect. She also has information on rent extensions. Call NSC for information.

Pat from the library was unable to attend but told us via email that more libraries are currently opening. Sully is still only open for curbside pickup but will provide fax and copying services.

Treasurers report- \$1643 in the checking account and \$106 in savings with no expenses to date.

Following up on last months discussion regarding incorporating the neighbors west of Pershing to Goodman as part of Bensonhurst, after more discussion a motion was passed and unanimously voted on to add them. Matt will update the constitution to reflect this. Our biggest concern is how to reach them since our resources and manpower are limited. To get started, Karen J has agreed to reach out to her neighbors and will deliver newsletters encouraging them to join us at our meetings.

With Covid still very active, it was decided sadly, that we would skip our annual Holiday social and family donation and maybe do something next spring instead.

BNA elections will be held at our November meeting. All BNA neighbors and business owners over the age of 18 are eligible to vote and/or hold office. All positions are open. We welcome new neighbors and ideas.

There was no 50/50 raffle.

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## Newsletter Carriers Needed

We still need someone to deliver quarterly newsletters to the North end of Longview Terr. If you can help us out, please let us know.

And now, having extended our boundaries, we desperately need people to deliver newsletters to our neighbor's who live west of Pershing Dr. It is the only way we can reach them. If you have any friends or relatives living on one of those streets, PLEASE ask them if they would help us out. It is only 4 times a year.

Looking for some exercise? We will gladly accept any help we can get, you don't have to live on those streets to deliver a newsletter to them.

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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)

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## Vote, Vote, Vote!!!!

If you are a registered voter in Monroe County, you can request an absentee ballot up until Oct 27, but don't wait, avoid the rush,....you can get a ballot now and mail it in, drop it off at the board of elections or put in any ballot box at any polling site during early voting or on election day. Early voting starts Oct 24 and runs through Nov 1.

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## Thanks Karen

Many thanks to Karen J for reaching out to our newly incorporated neighbors on Rocket St west of Pershing Dr. She is delivering newsletters to them and working on finding neighbors there to help with the other streets. If anyone is interested in helping her out, please let us know. She will need help delivering newsletters to neighbors on the side streets off of Rocket. You don't have to live at that end of Rocket to help.





## 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).

## ROC Paint

High school students between the age of 16-19 interested in drawing, sketching or painting and wanting to learn more about public art and how it can improve our city, you can join the 2021 paint team. The program runs from Jan-June 2021. Application deadline Nov 6. [rocpaintdivision.wordpress.com](http://rocpaintdivision.wordpress.com) or contact [Sara.Scott@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:Sara.Scott@cityofrochester.gov)



## AmeriCorps

Flower City Americorps is designed to inspire and prepare the next wave of human service professionals. Gain skills and experiences needed to begin your career. Commit to a year of service in Rochester. The program runs Jan 4, 2021- Jan 1, 2022. Application deadline is Nov 9. For more information contact [Walida.Monroe@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:Walida.Monroe@cityofrochester.gov) or 428-7358.



## BNA Elections

BNA elections will take place at our November meeting. We do not yet have a slate of officers, but all positions are up for grabs. All neighbors and business owners over the age of 18 are eligible to vote and hold office.

## Loose Leaf Pickup

The city will begin it's loose leaf program the first week of November. Our neighborhood is scheduled for the second week (Nov 9-13.) Rake your loose leaves to the curb but not in the street by Monday of that week for pick up. If the weather holds, they may make a final run after all the leaves have been gathered. You can also take your leaves to the city collection site at Ferrano and Colfax Streets.

## 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@bensonhurst14609.org](mailto:info@bensonhurst14609.org)

BNA Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/Bensonhurst14609](http://www.facebook.com/Bensonhurst14609)

BNA Address:  
49 Martinot Ave  
Rochester, NY 14609

BNA Website:  
[www.bensonhurst14609.org](http://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](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

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## 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.

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## 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

**Oct 26 - BNA meeting**

**Nov 4- PCIC meeting**

**Nov 23- BNA meeting**

**Dec 2- 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.**