



### BNA Holiday Social

We are very disappointed we will not be holding our annual holiday social this year. With Covid cases on the rise, we don't want our neighbors to risk exposure to the virus. Even though we aren't that big a group, we would be in close proximity to each other and obviously not wearing masks while eating. This also means we will not have a holiday "family." These are tough times for a lot of people and we encourage everyone who is able to continue the spirit of giving and donate to an organization of their choice.



### Safety Tips

With holidays approaching which usually means an uptick in burglaries and larcenies, Officer Alvarado reminded us to keep blinds and curtains closed at night so people can't see items inside your house. He also strongly suggested having a neighbor keep an eye out for any packages being delivered and see if they will take them inside for you.

When shopping, place all packages in your trunk rather than on the back seat to avoid a "smash and take."

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

### BNA ZOOM meeting!

Our November meeting will be a ZOOM meeting. We invite all to attend. The link to the meeting is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3489343154?pwd=dk0yYXp6WkJXWklKY3Z3SWdYT0FUZz09>, the ID # is 348 934 3154 and the password is 6Q2mq2. We look forward to "seeing" you there.

### 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 upstairs or 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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## Oct Meeting Minutes

Since Officer Alvarado had not yet arrived, Nancy from NSC started by reminding us that there are still grants available for home repair/rehab for income eligible residents. Contact NSC and ask for Elissa or Kelvin.

Nancy suggested we think about Zoom meetings as a possible way to increase attendance. She said since Covid, most neighborhood groups are either using ZOOM or not meeting at all. Matt will work on setting one up for November.

Officer Alvarado told us RPD continues to be hammered with car break-ins citywide and again stresses the importance of keeping your car and house locked at all times! Most of the larcenies involve unlocked cars with valuables or money in plain view. ... what he called “grab and go.” To drive home the importance of keeping your house locked, he felt it was important to share a disturbing burglary that happened outside our area during the night when the homeowners left their house door unlocked upon retiring for the night. A 17 year old walked in, took a wallet, car keys, cash and a vehicle, then came back with his friends for the second car! Scary, since the residents were home!!!!  
Luckily, the suspect was arrested (caught on a camera), no one was injured and all the valuables except the cash was retrieved. This could have had a much worse outcome.

Treasurers report- no report

Next month we will hold BNA elections. All positions are open.

Discussion regarding possibly having a block club or some way to be able to notify neighbors of happenings on their street. We will look into this at a future date.



## R-Guide

Download a copy of the city R-Guide and find out what activities and programs are being offered for your family. <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=21474845148>

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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. The next home delivery is in December.

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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## Holidays at the Market

Once again the market is holding Holidays at the Market. Sundays, Nov 29, Dec 6 and 13 from 8a-2p plus Thurs, Dec 17 from 6-9p. Bring the family and check out local vendors.

## 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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## Hit the Trails Passport

Partnering with Wegmans, the City encourages the community to take advantage of local nature trails as part of a commitment in 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 Wegmans, the public market, R-center or local library. [stephanie.benway@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:stephanie.benway@cityofrochester.gov).

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## Biz Kid\$

Dec 14-18, from 4-5:30pm, youth ages 13-18 can attend a virtual camp to learn how to start their own business. Registration is required. [decemberbizkidscamp.eventbrite.com](http://decemberbizkidscamp.eventbrite.com)





**Skate Park**

The long awaited downtown skate park is now open. It is designed for all skill levels. Proper protective safety equipment is required and children under the age of 14 must wear a helmet. For more information on

details and rules <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/roccityskatepark/>.

**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 [brianna.freeman@redcross.org](mailto:brianna.freeman@redcross.org) or 739-8343.

**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>.

**R-Center After Hours**

The R-Center on Grover St is now the location for prevention based programming from 7p- 12a Monday - Saturday. Street Outreach Professionals partner with the Rec team to staff and offer night basketball, e-sports/gaming and other activities targeting ages 16-25. For more information contact Roxie Ann Sinkler 585-428-7827.



**BNA Elections**

BNA elections will take place at our November meeting. We do not 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.

**Recreation Dept Rename**

The city department of recreation and youth services has been renamed and is now the department of recreation and human services to reflect the changing role of the department and the changing role of the community. The department now oversees the crisis intervention unit to help families dealing with homicides, mental health, domestic violence, and other related crisis.

**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. Sully is closed on Fridays.

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

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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

## 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

**Nov 23 - BNA meeting**

**Dec 2- PCIC meeting**

**Dec 28- BNA meeting**

**Jan 6- PCIC meeting**

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**Why not join us on the fourth Monday of each month for our monthly meetings at 7pm currently done virtually?**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3489343154?pwd=dk0yYXp6WkJXWklKY3Z3SWdYT0FUZz09>  
 passcode 6Q2mq2

**All meetings are informal, positive & all are encouraged to participate.**

**BNA does not charge dues or membership fees.**

