



BNA Holiday Party Recap/Minutes?

Our Bensonhurst December monthly meeting was our annual holiday social. It was a fun, relaxing evening with good food and good neighbors. RPD Officers Tony Belliard and Brian Cannon were in attendance and shared information regarding the recent home burglaries in the neighborhood. The good news is that they have arrested several suspects and continue to investigate. Neighborhood Service Center Administrator Nancy Johns-Price also came to address any issues neighbors are having. Some food and gift card donations were collected to give to a family in need during the holidays. This year, Cathy was able to find us a family of nine to help provide groceries during this season.

Our Mission

The Bensonhurst Neighborhood Association (BNA) is a group of dedicated neighbors working to improve quality of life through improved relationships and positive action. We welcome all residents in a spirit of friendship with respect for all individuals.

Our Mission is:

1. To continually improve the quality of life for ourselves and our neighbors.
2. To foster communication, understanding, and a sense of community in the area we serve.
3. To ensure a safe and peaceful neighborhood.

We will accomplish this by:

1. Building a strong association of neighbors with open communication providing opportunities to gather for social events and activities which enhance our area
2. Developing strong ties and effective working relationships with local government, police, officials, and other agencies
3. Working in cooperation as a unified community to create a presence that is stronger and more influential than any one individual.

Table of Contents

- 1. Holiday Party Recap**
- 1. Mission**
- 2. Crime**
- 2. New Look**
- 3. Website**
- 3. Eateries**
- 4. Carrier**
- 4. Winter Tips**
- 4. Officers**
- 5. Ad /Newsletter Info**
- 6. Contact Info**

Proudly Serving the

Streets of:
Bedford
Edgeland
Clifford
Culver
Rocket
Martinot
Roseview
Longview
Salisbury
Laurelton
Lawndale
Mapledale
Pershing
Westchester



Recent Crime in Bensonhurst

Over the past several weeks there were many homes that were broken into and robbed. This is a city wide problem that had a spike in our neighborhood. Heather has been working very closely with the Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) Administrator Nancy Johns-Price, NSC Lieutenant Wayne Harris, RPD Crime Prevention Officers Tony Belliard and Brian Cannon, and RPD East Division Commander Tim List in order to address these crimes. The good news is that there have been several key arrests made in the past week. The bad news is that Bensonhurst still has to be prepared.

There are many things you can do to prevent crime at home and in our neighborhood. Lock your doors and windows, keep lights on outside, trim bushes and shrubs near entrances and windows, and communicate with your neighbors. If you are going out of town, tell a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home. You can consider joining Bensonhurst's very active PAC TAC (Police and Citizens

Together Against Crime). Call 428-7640 for more information. If you see suspicious activity or someone you don't know on your neighbor's

property call 911!! If the person isn't doing anything wrong, there won't be a problem, but, you could prevent your neighbor from becoming a victim. This is the MOST IMPORTANT information I can give you. Many home invasions happen during the DAY. If you see something that just isn't right, call 911. The people who rob from us have been seen walking down the streets with electronics, walking around in back yards, looking into windows, and even breaking into basement windows. You are the eyes and ears for the police. Please do not hesitate to call 911 if you see something you don't like. Also, if you think that your home may have been broken into or someone attempted to break in, call 911 even if nothing is missing. They need to make a

report and use the data to analyze crime in order to prevent crime. There are approximately 600 homes in Bensonhurst, and only about 100 people on the BNA e-mail list. When a rash of crimes occur neighbors e-mail BNA and then the information is anonymously sent out to the neighborhood so that you can be aware of activity and know what to look for. Crime prevention and neighborhood activities are also sent out regularly. If you have e-mail, please e-mail benzonhurstna@excite.com to sign up for e-mail alerts. It is the easiest way to prevent crime and to help your neighbors.

New look to the newsletter!

You probably noticed by now, there is a new look to the newsletter. Hope you like it!. Articles and picture submissions will be greatly appreciated. Since our meetings are on the second Thurs of the month, items need to be submitted by the 15th of each month in order to give us enough time to put it together, print and deliver it.



BNA Website Makeover

Have you visited bensonhurst14609.org recently? If not, then you should!! Brian has done a wonderful job of updating our website! We thank him so much for his work and we are so proud of the updated website! Thank you Brian!!



Neighborhood Eateries

We recently dined twice at the newly opened Luna Piena which is located in the former space of Cafe Vas. (Merchants Rd and Wyand Cres) While Cafe Vas was a laid back coffee shop with some great sandwiches that we were sorry to see go, Luna Piena offers a totally different dining experience.

The dining area is small, but the decor is relaxing and cozy with a full bar. The menu changes weekly. Our first visit was about a week after they opened and we arrived around lunch time but were able to get a breakfast. It was then we decided to come back and try it for dinner! The meal was wonderful, and the staff was very attentive.

We highly recommend it as a casual but slightly upscale

restaurant AND it is within walking distance! Always good to support your local businesses!

On the flip side,looking for a quick, cheap and filling meal nearby? The newly opened Paolas Burrito Place is just that. Having dined there twice, we were very pleased with the experience. Some of you might remember them from a few years ago before they closed their South Wedge store, but they are back now on Culver Road near Garson Ave.

Upon entering the building and looking over a rather extensive menu, you place your order at the counter, pay and then find a seat. Within minutes a server brings you chips and salsa and almost before you can start eating them, your meal is delivered.

Family owned, nothing fancy, but good food at decent prices and within walking distance! Check them out sometime. We will definitely go back again!

Market America
Elaine C. Lalka
585-802-0112

Holiday Shopping?

Log onto: marketamerica.com/elainelalka
Sign in as my "Preferred Customer" and shop our
"Mall without Walls" with over 5000 partner stores.
You'll find the best prices AND receive up to 50% CASHBACK
on your purchases...and it's FREE to use !!

Newsletter Carrier Needed

The neighbors on Edgeland Street need a volunteer to deliver BNA newsletters. Mary has done a great job in the past and we thank her for her work. Now someone is needed to deliver the newsletters door to door once a month on Edgeland Street. Unless someone (or more than one person) volunteers to deliver newsletters, residents living on Edgeland St will no longer receive newsletters! Please call 234-1535 or e-mail bensonhurstna@excite.com if you are able to help.

Thank you!

Winter tips!

Now that winter is here, remember it is against city code to push snow into the road. It is also against code to block city sidewalks with snow from your driveway! (City code 104-11C & D) Please tell your snow plow contractor so YOU don't get a ticket!

Keep your nearby fire hydrant clear of snow!.... you might be glad you did some day! (but lets hope not!)

Also when brushing off your car, remember to clean off the headlights and tail lights as well. With layers of snow on them, it makes it difficult if not impossible to see brake lights and signal lights.



NATIONAL GLASS BLOCK
966 Chill Ave, Rochester, NY 14611
(585) 436-4030

Brian Moore
Sales

Phone: (585) 750-6294
Fax: (585) 697-1005

www.nationalglassblockinc.com

The advertisement features a small image of a building with glass blocks at the bottom.

Would you like to be an officer?

The Bensonhurst Neighborhood Association is still in search of new officers. Nominations for the following offices will be taken and voted on during the January meeting: President, Vice President, Co-Treasurers, Co-Secretaries, and Sergeant at Arms. If you are interested please attend a meeting and talk to the current officers about what is involved. You can also e-mail us at bensonhurstna@excite.com for more information.



Bio Kleen Services

- Meth Lab Clean-up & Decontamination
- Distressed Property Clean-up
- Crime Scene/Suicide Clean-up
- Mold Inspection & Remediation
- Odor Elimination
- Industrial Accident Clean-up
- Jail Cell/Prison/Police Cruiser Clean-up
- Chemical Spill Response
- Fire/Smoke Damage Restoration
- Complete Restoration Services

24 hr. response 1-888-246-9111 or 585-297-3229
www.biokleensvcs.com

The advertisement features a logo of a house with a checkmark inside a circle above the company name.

Why not join us at our next meeting on Thursday, January 13 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 also separate from the bar.

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

BNA does not charge dues or membership fees.

Newsletters are published monthly and delivered prior to each meeting.

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month.

Send all materials to benonhurstNA@excite.com

Pictures are also welcome.



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, business, and government agencies. The money collected is used to help cover printing expenses as the Bensonhurst Neighborhood Association is 100 % organized by volunteers. Please use the contact information on the back page for additional information. Thank you.



Important Contact Information

<p>BNA Voicemail: 585-234-1535</p> <p>BNA Email: bensonhurstNA@excite.com</p> <p>BNA address: PO Box 90411 Rochester, NY 14609</p> <p>BNA website: bensonhurst14609.org</p>	<p>Neighborhood Service Center 585-428-7640</p> <p>City Hall services - 311 www.cityofrochester.gov</p> <p>NBN and PCIC website: http://sites.google.com/site/nbnsector8/Home</p>	<p>Sex Offender site: www.familywatchdog.us</p> <p>Do Not Call List: www.donotcall.gov 1-888-382-1222</p>
---	---	---

Upcoming Events

January 13 - BNA monthly meeting- 7pm in the side room of Johnny's Irish Pub

February 10 – BNA monthly meeting

		J	A	N		
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**BENSONHURST – A
COMMUNITY OF
NEIGHBORS!**

		F	E	B		
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					