



Newsletter Carrier Still Needed!

We still need someone to deliver newsletters to Edgeland St. Carole and Peg did it last month and have agreed to do it again, but they are only temporary. At some point in the near future, Edgeland St residents will no longer receive newsletters if someone doesn't come forward soon.

Please contact Bensonhurst if you can help us out. It only takes about an hour of your time each month.

Public Hearing

The owner of 2153 Clifford Ave (SW corner of Clifford/Longview) has applied for a permit to operate a business within the hours of 6am-9pm daily.

There will be a public hearing regarding this on Monday, Jan 14 at 6:30pm at City Hall. Any resident may attend this meeting and is welcome to sign up to speak.

Proudly Serving the Streets of:

- Bedford
- Edgeland
- Clifford
- Culver
- Rocket
- Martinot
- Roseview
- Longview
- Salisbury
- Laurelton
- Lawndale
- Mapledale
- Pershing
- Westchester

2179 Clifford Ave

Since the reopening of the store under new management, the owner has been working very hard to keep things legit! He has signed the City's Good Neighbor Agreement as requested and has been working with BNA to maintain a positive relationship with us, attending meetings voluntarily and not just when requested.

Years ago, it was "the" neighborhood store, but as things worsened, many neighbors stopped shopping there.

He is very anxious to make this work for us and wants neighbors to visit the store.

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Break ins on Several Streets

There were several break ins on Salsbury St a while back, more recently on Laurelton and Westchester. The thieves have been entering via windows during daylight hours and taking small items such as purses, cell phones and even gifts from under the tree.... leaving the wrapping paper behind!

Please keep items of value out of sight, doors and windows locked and your gifts hidden..... even after Christmas!

Also think about what you put out to the curb for trash. Setting out an empty big screen TV box advertises the fact that you now have a new TV! Call 911 with anything suspicious.



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

December Holiday Party!

Almost 40 neighbors came out for our annual holiday party at Johnny's bearing gifts for our holiday family.....probably our largest turnout ever!

Gary started the festivities as we do at all our meetings with self introductions around the room.

Nancy from NSC gave us an update on the properties at 2167 and 2179 Clifford Ave before she made her exit in order to attend another meeting.

Officer Cannon came with Lt Alberti in tow. Lt Alberti is the SE NSC officer in charge of the 5 officers who work out of that office. Hopefully we will see him at future meetings.

Heather was presented with a gift and a certificate for her almost 5 years of service as President. Thank you Heather.

We enjoyed wings, vegetarian pizza, bite size sandwiches and salad.

Our friends from City Council were at a meeting voting on the City budget and therefore unable to attend. A good time was had by all munching on some great appetizers and enjoying a cup or two of cheer!

We collected a number of gifts, over \$300 in gift cards along with a beautiful quilt and 12 pillowcases made by Jean. Once again our neighbors were generous in their giving for our holiday "family". THANK YOU!

Pictures of the party on the next page!

Protecting your cell phone

Cell phones are fast becoming the hottest item for thieves. The RPD has provided us with some tips to avoid having your phone stolen.

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Password protect your phone.
- Avoid becoming distracted on your phone when walking in public places.
- Keep your phone out of sight.
- Never loan your phone to a stranger even in an emergency, make the call for them.
- Consider hands free technology.
- Report a lost or stolen phone immediately.
- Activate the GPS tracking.

Thanks Heather

Did you know Heather was our BNA President for almost 5 years?

She served as VP for one year, then stepped up to the plate the following year to serve as President for 2 years. When Brenda was elected president, she went back to VP but soon found herself President again when Brenda resigned due to health issues. After that she served as President again for 2 more years.

Awesome! Thank you Heather!



found in a neighbors yard!



**Ray Ray's
Bar and Grill**
2260 Clifford Ave.
Rochester NY 14609
585-413-1661

We have the NFL Ticket!

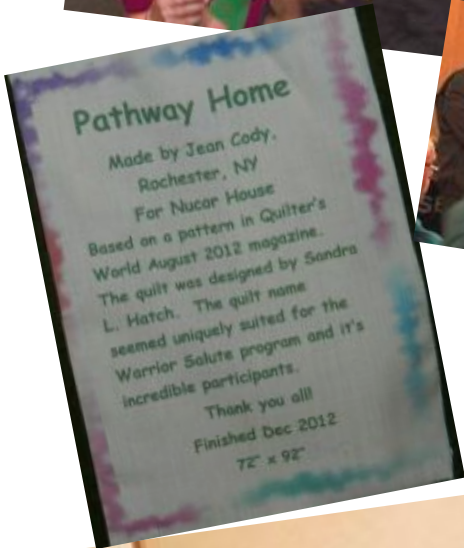
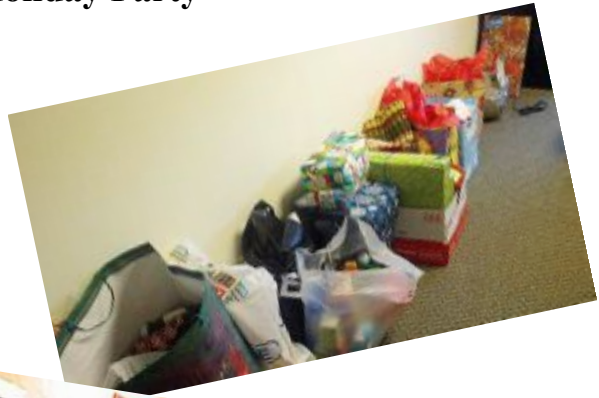


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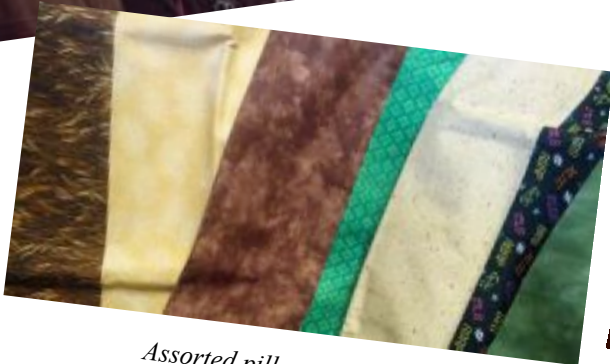
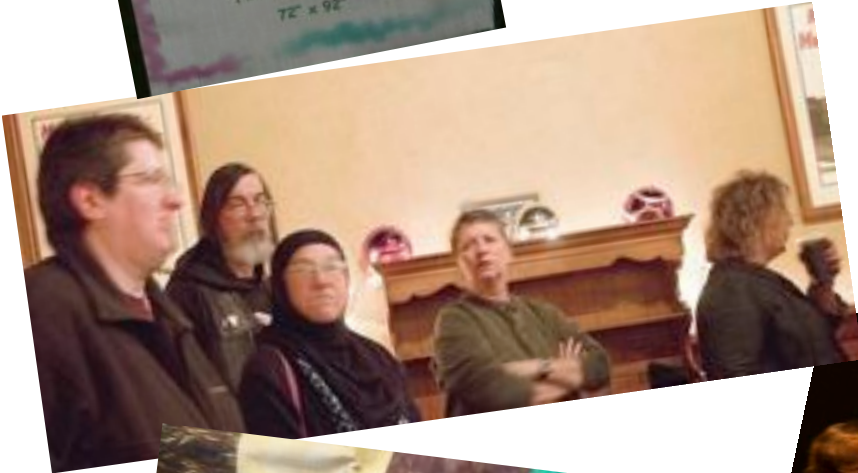
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Bensonhurst Holiday Party



Quilt made by Jean



Assorted pillowcases



Peg presenting Heather her certificate

Quilt photos compliments of Heather Henry
Party photos compliments of Kim Lodge
Pillowcase and gift photos compliments of Amber Johnson

Voice of the Citizen

There are a series of community forums being held in each quadrant of the city with the Mayor and Police Chief all of which the general public is strongly encouraged to participate.

Seeking Solutions to Violence is an attempt to develop a comprehensive strategy to reduce violence.

Topics to be discussed are open air drug sales and gate houses, gangs, guns and the culture of violence, bullying and truancy and house parties.

The first meeting was held in December in the NW quadrant. Upcoming meetings will be from 6-8pm:

- Tues Jan 15 at the Carter St Community Center (NE quadrant)
- Tues Jan 29 at Edgerton Community Center (SW quadrant)
- Tues Feb 5 at Cobbs Hill Park, Lake Riley Lodge (SE quadrant)

For more information, contact Michael Keane at 428-7135.

Possible Scam

Officer Bannerman SENS CPO from the RPD warned us of a possible telephone scam. Apparently someone is calling saying they are from the Police Locust Club asking for money in support of the Police Benevolent Association.

He tells us although this is a legitimate organization, they never make phone calls asking for donations for their organization, nor does any other sector of the Police Dept.

If you get one of these calls, he suggests asking for a name and phone number, then contacting him at 428-7647.

If it is a scam, the caller will no doubt hang up before you get any information.

New Business

There is a new business called "Body Maintenance" opening on Culver Rd just behind Salvatores/Donuts Delite.

They are a Physical Therapy/Training Center focusing on body maintenance, precision training and evidence based strengthening and conditioning. They provide individualized training in a group setting.

We welcome them to the neighborhood.



Flower Pot Greenery



Just when I was about to bring in my flower pot, someone decorated it with pine branches in time for the holidays. Unfortunately it is buried under snow now and will have to stay there until the snow melts a bit more. Hopefully the sidewalk plow won't get it before I can bring it in for the winter.

There are "greens" in the containers at the corner of Culver and Merchants Rd as well.



BENSONHURST – A COMMUNITY OF NEIGHBORS!

Important Contact Information

BNA Voicemail:
585-234-1535

BNA Email:
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BNA address:
PO Box 90411
Rochester, NY 14609

BNA website:
www.bensonhurst14609.org

Neighborhood Service Center
585-428-7640

City Hall services - 311
non emergency
www.cityofrochester.gov

NBN and PCIC website:
<http://sites.google.com/site/nbnsector8/Home>

Crime Reports Lists
www.crimereports.com

Sex Offender site:
www.familywatchdog.us

Do Not Call List:
www.donotcall.gov
1-888-382-1222

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
bensonhurstNA@excite.com
Pictures are also welcome.

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Archived Newsletters

Past 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, 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 this page for additional information. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Jan 8 – BNA meeting

Jan 9 – PCIC meeting

Jan 15 – Voice of the Citizen

Jan 22 – Voice of the Citizen

Feb 5 – Voice of the Citizen

Feb 12– BNA meeting

Feb 13 – PCIC meeting

Why not join us on the second Tuesday 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 also separate from the bar.

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

BNA does not charge dues or membership fees.