



## News Carrier Still Needed

We are still looking for a newsletter carrier for Clifford Ave. We only deliver newsletters 4 times a year now. The next newsletters to be delivered to your doorstep will be in April. Please let Bensonhurst know if you can help. The newsletters are delivered to your home early enough to give you time to deliver them to your neighbors prior to the BNA meeting.

We may need another carrier in the spring and we can always use people for backup. Think of it as a way to get more exercise while helping out BNA!

A big thanks to all our carriers who are currently delivering newsletters as well as any who have delivered them in the past.

## BNA Holiday Social

The closest we came to having a meeting in December was introducing our guests which included Lt Alberti, Captain Cuyler and Officer Cannon along with Nancy from NSC and Elaine Spaul from City Council. The 17 neighbors in attendance mostly knew each other. Those that were there along with some that couldn't make it provided a wonderful assortment of gifts. One neighbor even supplied wrapping paper with her gifts. Once again, as expected, Bensonhurst showed their generosity. Bensonhurst ROCKS!

As for the food, the reuben's were a big hit followed by the veggie wraps and the buffalo chicken sandwiches. There was also bruschetta and a nice antipasto plate. Many thanks to Heather for coordinating the food and to Johnny's for catering it.

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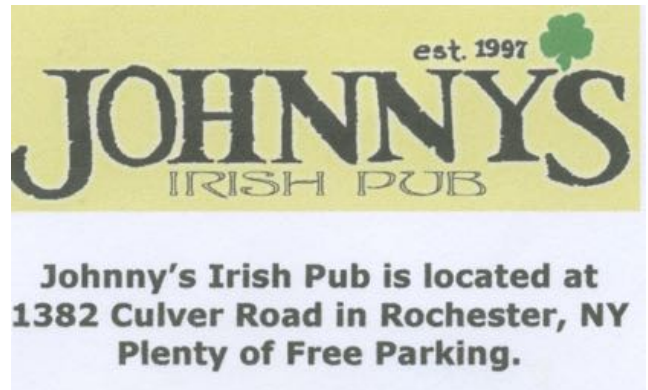
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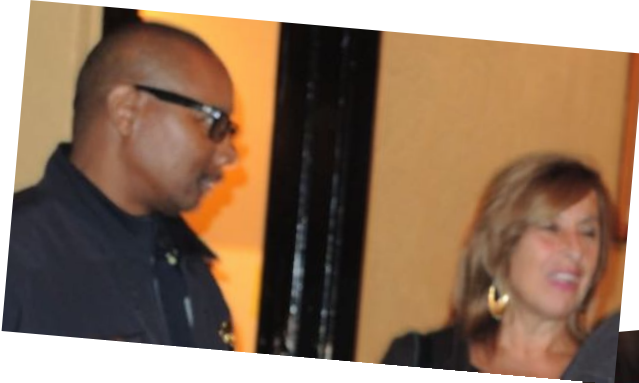
The gifts were taken to the Boys and Girls club the next day. They were very appreciative and we got an invite from them to attend the Breakfast with Santa. Neither the President or VP are able to attend so I went. Pics from both events can be found on the next 3 pages. I finally got to meet the voice on the other end of the phone that I was playing telephone tag with for days on end.

After recognition was given to the many organizations who donated gifts, money and volunteers, a short dance performance was given by some very young talented dancers. They were set up for 300 people and had to put more tables in the other room.

Although they serve children ages 6-18, most in attendance were 4-12. The ratio of adults to children was probably 1:3. Breakfast was scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes and orange juice. For some, it was probably a real treat from what they usually have IF they get breakfast at all. After breakfast, each child got their picture taken with Santa and their gift. There seemed to be a lot of happy faces!



# BNA Holiday Party







Good food, great neighbors  
and an awesome  
assortment of gifts!

THANK YOU BNA  
NEIGHBORS!



# Breakfast with Santa at the Boys and Girls Club



Santa's arrival



Dancers



Music



## Mounted Patrol

A brisk New Years Day found Officer Dan patrolling the area with his rookie of one year, 10 year old "Officer Duncan." Officer Dan explained that since the issues downtown with troublesome teens is under control, they have more time to "hoof" around city neighborhoods.



## Fire Hydrants!

Last year our neighborhood did a great job of keeping the fire hydrants clear of snow. The goal for this year is to be the ONLY neighborhood in the entire city to have ALL our hydrants clear all winter long. Our guess is that this has never occurred before. We could be the first! Even better, lets challenge other neighborhoods to do the same!

It only takes a few minutes to dig out a hydrant and if we keep ahead of the snow, it will be even easier. The firefighters will be delighted.

## PACE Car Program

Have you heard about the PACE car initiative? "Streets for the People" is a SE Quad initiative encouraging drivers to slow down and drive courteously. You can take the pledge on their website and join the ranks.

ITALIAN COOKIES, WEDDING CAKES, PASTRIES & BREADS



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## City Snow Removal Policy

After last year's snow plowing fiasco, the City has reviewed their snowplowing policy. It is still the homeowner or business owners responsibility to keep the sidewalk in front of their property clear of snow. In the case of apartments, the landlord is responsible unless they have made arrangements with the tenant(s) to clear the snow. It is also unlawful to push snow into the street OR block sidewalks and driveways.

The city is planning on enforcing those rules from now on which means you could get a ticket for failing to keep the sidewalk clear or pushing snow into the street. Think handicap!... the sidewalks need to be kept clear for them as well as everyone else. Try to stay ahead of the snow if you can by clearing it every chance you get instead of waiting until it gets deep.

**Important Contact Information**

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585-234-1535

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PO Box 90411  
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 [bensonhurstNA@excite.com](mailto:bensonhurstNA@excite.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, 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 12 – BNA meeting**

**Jan 13 – PCIC meeting**

**Feb 9 - BNA meeting**

**Feb 10 - 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 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.**