



**Guest Speakers**

If anyone has any ideas for guest speakers for our upcoming monthly meetings, please let us know. In the past we have had non profit organizations and people from various groups in the City.

**Financial Planning Event**

Please join Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Rochester (CCCS of Rochester) and Connected Communities for a FREE "Building a Strong Financial Future In the New Year!" workshop on January 11, 2017 at 6pm at the Sully Library, 530 Webster Ave.

Building a Strong Financial Future is a presentation that helps listeners understand how they can 1- Create an outlook for their finances that will create motivation and discipline 2- Develop specific, attainable financial goals that fit with their values 3- Develop the necessary tools for maintaining a simple and effective spending plan 4- Have a better understanding of your credit report and score and 5- Create a plan for building a strong financial future!

You do have to register for this event. To register, go to <http://tinyurl.com/zcklq33> or call 585-224-1084.

Light refreshments will be served.

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**Arrests Made**

RPD posted a media release. During a 2 week period over the Christmas season, arrests were made in the city involving guns. Six guns are now off the street... one was from a larceny at the Family Dollar on Culver Rd. Nice work RPD!



**Happy New Year to all our neighbors and friends! May you have health and happiness!**



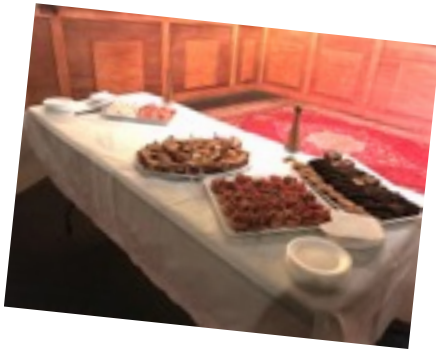
# Bensonhurst Holiday Social



Officer Cannon and Lt Alberti



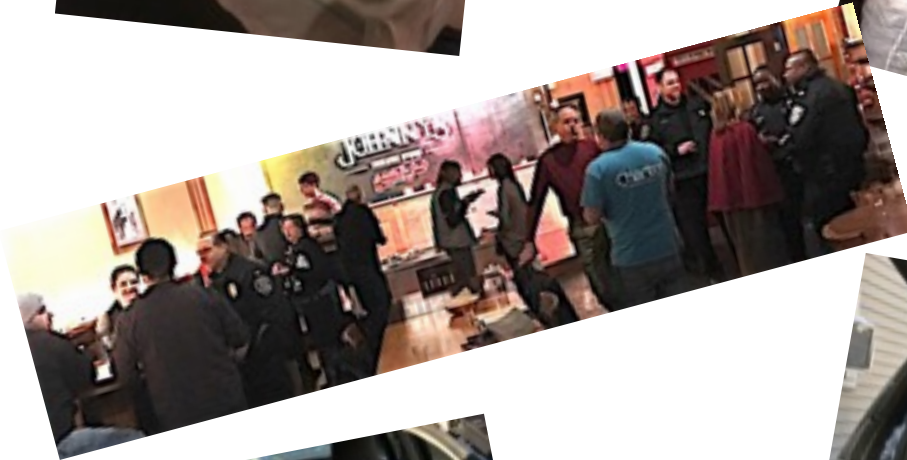
Lots of gifts!



Some of the food



....more gifts!



It took 2 vehicles to deliver the gifts!







Lots of Neighbors



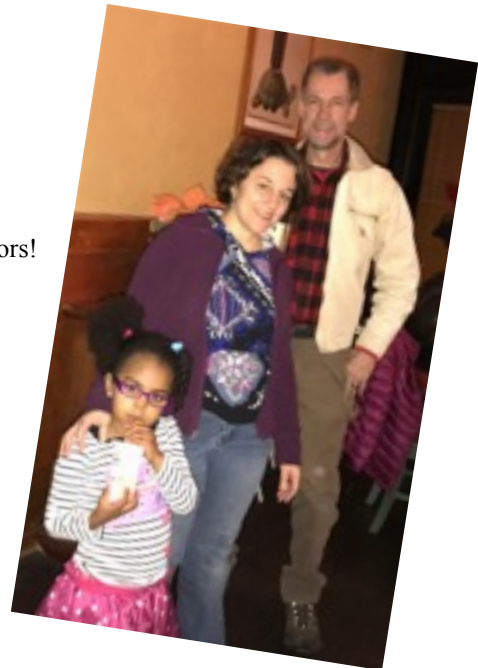
...still more gifts!



Elaine Spall talking to Capt Cuyler



New neighbors!



## Holiday Social

Our holiday social was deemed a total success! We not only had an awesome show of generosity but we had a wonderful attendance with about 25-30 neighbors and guests. Then again Bensonhurst has always been generous so no surprise there. Heather introduced the new board and then made a few short announcements which were followed by a few words from our guests of honor.

Captain Cuyler, Lt Alberti and Officer Cannon were in attendance along with another Officer from the Goodman section who arrived a bit later. All the officers were in total agreement that Bensonhurst is a great neighborhood with engaging residents. They mentioned that we are an active association that cares about our neighbors and our neighborhood as evidenced by our involvement with PACTAC, beautification projects and willingness to work with RPD.

Nancy from the NCS, Andy from the mayors office, councilwoman Elaine Spaul and Sarah from the Sully library were also on board. No firefighters attended although we had hoped they would.

Many thanks were given for the amazing number of items that were brought for our holiday "family." Karen thanked all the newsletter carriers, many of whom were present, for their help delivering the quarterly newsletters. Then it was down to the business of eating and enjoying each others company.



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We had several new faces in the group, including a new family from Syracuse who JUST moved in. In fact, so new, they are still unpacking boxes and the night before was the first night they actually slept in their own bed in the new house! Welcome to the neighborhood! We are sure you will like it here.

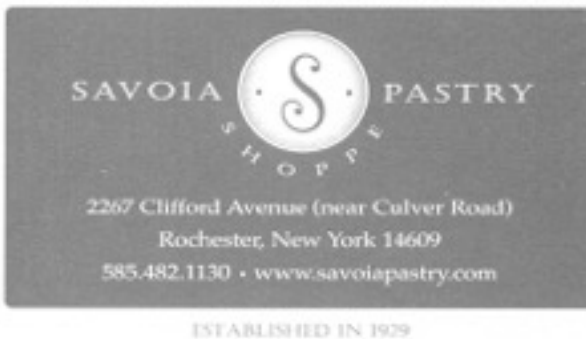
Donations included everything from lots of clothing and toys, toiletries, food, household products and much, much more, all either used or brand new. We also had a monetary donation for them as well. Heather donated a turkey which although they asked specifically for non perishable items, gladly took. This may have been the most we have ever taken in for our "family", but we knew our neighbors would come through for us.

It took 2 vehicles to deliver the items to the House of Mercy so Bobby helped Karen and Brian deliver the items. There were several other vehicles dropping off donations when we got there. They had even rented 2 PODS to store everything in. If you were not able to donate earlier you can still donate through their amazon wish list made easy. <http://a.co/4mUGZ9Y>

Thanks to Heather for putting the event together and ordering the food. We had some delicious bruschetta, rubeen sandwiches and mini wrap pinwheels. For dessert, we had cookies and brownies. We can't forget to thank Andy for the brownies!... they were awesome. Food was provided by Johnny's. Leftover food was taken home by whoever was still around at the end of the evening so nothing was wasted.

Your generosity made for a more pleasant Christmas for many others less fortunate than us.

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## Job training Program

The City along with the department of environmental services is offering a free job training program. This is a federally funded 8 week program for unemployed and underemployed city residents. The program is open to anyone over age 18 with a high school or GED diploma, a drivers license, reliable transportation and able to pass a multi drug screen test.

For more information go to: [www.cityofrochester.gov/REjob](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/REjob) or contact Paul McFadden (585) 428-7337 ext.7503.



## Fire Hydrants

There is still time to "adopt" a fire hydrant near you. Go to the city website, [www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589970472](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589970472) click on a hydrant near you, then keep it clear during the winter. We are looking for 100% compliance from our BNA neighbors!





Cookies at Salvatore’s Donut Delite..... hmmm....looks like you might have to buy 4 at a time!

**Winter Is Here**

Please remember to clear the snow off the entire car before driving, especially the windows and lights. Allow extra time on those really snowy days.

Don’t forget your pets. They don’t like the cold any more than you do unless maybe they are an Alaskan husky or Newfoundland.

Remember to keep your sidewalks clear of snow and not to push snow into the street or sidewalks.

.... and maybe most importantly, keep those fire hydrants clear of snow!



**Solicitors**

A couple weeks ago a young woman was in our neighborhood offering carpet cleaning services. Some neighbors said she was rather pushy trying to get inside houses, others said she was polite and non suspicious. Regardless, 911 was called. Remember if someone comes to your door and you find them suspicious or pushy, please call 911 and report them. The police can then check them out to see if they are legit.



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Did you see the line outside Savoia’s on Christmas eve day?

## Important Contact Information

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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, 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

**Jan 10– BNA meeting**

**Jan 11 – PCIC meeting**

**Feb 8- PCIC meeting**

**Feb 14-BNA 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.**