



## NEW BNA MEETING DAYS!

Please note that beginning this month our meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month instead of Thursdays. We will still be meeting in the side room at Johnny's.

This change was necessary due to the fact that Johnny's is expanding their business and needs the table space for dinners on Thursdays.

We wish them well and thank them for still being able to accommodate our needs as well. The next BNA meeting is **Tuesday** Feb 14.

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## New faces at the NSC office

Officer Garth Mitchell is the new daytime CPO at the NSC office. He is replacing Officer Anthony Bongiovanni who was recently promoted to Sgt.

Lt Frank Alberti is also on board replacing Lt Wayne Harris who was recently promoted to Captain. We welcome them both.

## Smoke and CO2 detectors

The Rochester Fire Department received federal funding to install a limited number of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for low income homeowners as well as in emergency situations while supplies last. Call 311 to see if you qualify.

It is the responsibility of the property owner/landlord to ensure these devices are in place, but the RFD can provide home safety checks and install pre-purchased detectors upon request.

If you are renting and have any doubts about your smoke detector, contact your landlord. Non compliant landlords are referred to the NSC.

More information can be found on the city website: <http://tinyurl.com/6obbbxl>

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## Litter

Some of our neighbors have noticed an increase amount of trash in the city. Let's keep our neighborhood looking good. Not only is it the right thing to do, but it sends a message that we care about our neighborhood.....and we do!

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## Email notices

Read the article on the next page to see why it is so important to be on our email list to receive notices on happenings in our neighborhood. Because they are time sensitive, most of them don't make the newsletter. To add your email address to the list, contact us: [www.bensonhurst14609.org](http://www.bensonhurst14609.org)



## January 12 Meeting Minutes

Heather welcomed those in attendance. Self introductions around the room. Heather thanked all BNA neighbors that donated gifts to our adopted holiday family and attended our holiday party.

NOTE: Starting February 14, BNA meetings will be the second TUESDAY of each month. They will continue to be held at Johnny's from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

Deputy Mayor Leonard Redon and Matthew McCarthy from the City of Rochester Business and Development were our guests. Deputy Mayor Redon stated this was his first invitation to a neighborhood meeting since he took office in July. He also stated that neighborhood associations are important to the texture of the city.

Discussions with the Deputy Mayor:

- Concern that city wide litter appears to be worse than other communities
- Litter may appear more noticeable this year because of the mild winter
- Compliments to the city refuse collectors
- 2179 Clifford Ave gas station continues to be a problem – changes in ownership
- Is there additional money for business/community growth?
- Is the community development in Beechwood a success? No results yet!
- Waring Road Project construction includes bus and bike lanes
- MCC Board of Trustees recommendation to move from the Sibley Building to Kodak office. County Legislature is yet to approve.
- Albany's perspective is that Rochester can take care of itself (has reserves). It

still has a strong work force. Buffalo is in receivership and Syracuse is close.

The safety report was given by Officer Brian Cannon. Crime Statistics for district PSA 26 encompasses the Culver/Goodman/Norton area.

Year to Date	2010	2011
Murders	0	0
Rape	3	4
Robberies	50	56
Aggravated Assault	38	30
Larcenies	391	363
Vehicle Theft	60	37
Burglaries	399	307

Having said this, there has been an increase in burglaries in the geographic area of Bausch and Lomb. No pattern has been established. Neighbors are reminded to install or turn on lights at points of entry.

Treasurers report as of 1/31/12: \$1,291.16.

New business:

- Assessment reports received. Call 311 for appointment if you would like to appeal
- Loretta Scott – Council member At-Large was in attendance. She distributed the City Council calendar for 2012
- Sector 8 PAC-TAC members walked 650 hours, more than all the other sectors combined!

\$30.00 was collected in the 50/50 raffle. Jean won and gave \$10.00 back to BNA. Thanks Jean!

## Just one of the Email alerts.....

It has been brought to our attention in the past few weeks a male driving a black Chevy open bed pickup truck is slowly driving up and down our streets and pulling into driveways looking at houses.

The neighbor who alerted us to this said they watched as he pulled into the driveway of a house where no one was home. When he realized he was being watched, he suddenly sped off.

He left so quickly all they could get from the license plate was FBS on the new gold and blue plates. If you should see this truck again, please call the police.

There have also been groups of kids looking into house windows. If you see them, again, please call 911! You could save your house from being burglarized.

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Just SOME of the MANY gifts our holiday family received!  
Duplicate gifts were given to other needy families!

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- Pershing
- Westchester

**Congratulations to PACTAC!**

Congratulations to all our PACTAC members for their hours of volunteer work. Because of them, and the police will agree, we have a much safer neighborhood. Although significantly short of last years 2000 hours, still very impressive!

If you would like to join them, contact the NSC office!



**Snow removal**

Just a reminder, should we ever get snow this winter, that it is against city code to push snow from the driveway into the street! You might want to remind your contractor of this. Along the same lines, it is also against city code to obstruct the sidewalk with snow when shoveling or plowing.

The code for this is

found in Chapter 104, Article 1, Section 11D of the city code book, found on the city's website [www.ecode360.com/8678574#8678621](http://www.ecode360.com/8678574#8678621) which states:

No person shall remove snow or ice from private property or structures and deposit it on the sidewalk or roadway of any street or against a fire hydrant or on the loading or unloading areas of a public transportation system, nor shall any person authorize or permit such removal and depositing. No person shall remove snow or ice from the sidewalks and deposit it on the roadway of any street, nor shall any person authorize or permit such removal and depositing.





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## Important Contact Information

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

BNA website:  
[www.bensonhurst14609.org](http://www.bensonhurst14609.org)

Neighborhood Service Center  
585-428-7640

City Hall services - 311  
non emergency  
[www.cityofrochester.gov](http://www.cityofrochester.gov)

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.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us)

Do Not Call List:  
[www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)  
1-888-382-1222

**911**- 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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## 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

**Feb 8 – PCIC meeting**

**Feb 14 – BNA meeting**  
**★NOTE NEW DATE!**

**Mar 13 – BNA meeting**

**Mar 14– PCIC meeting**

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**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.**