



Guest speaker!

Our guest speaker at the Feb BNA meeting will be Lt Frank Alberti from the NSC office. Lt Alberti is the SE NSC officer in charge of the 5 CPO officers working out of that office.

Please come out and welcome him to our neighborhood. He will answer any questions you have.

2153 Clifford Ave

Before the BNA meeting last month, the Executive Committee met expressing concerns regarding the property at 2153 Clifford Ave.

Some of our concerns were the length of time it has taken to get the store up and running (a couple years now), where the trash receptacle would be, parking and what exactly he would sell.

There was also some concern about having a store so close to an existing store. Nancy from NSC tells us that because this is to operate as a grocery store selling such things as fresh fruit

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and meat, rather than a convenience store, it does not fall under the City's new plan regarding "mom and pop" stores on every corner.

There was also concern over what would be sold under "tobacco products." We do know he would not be selling alcohol or lottery tickets.

Given the problems we have had over the years in the past with the store at 2179 Clifford Ave, the BNA watchdogs will be keeping a very close eye on this property to make sure the owner is in full compliance with all the terms of his permit.

No word on when the store might open.

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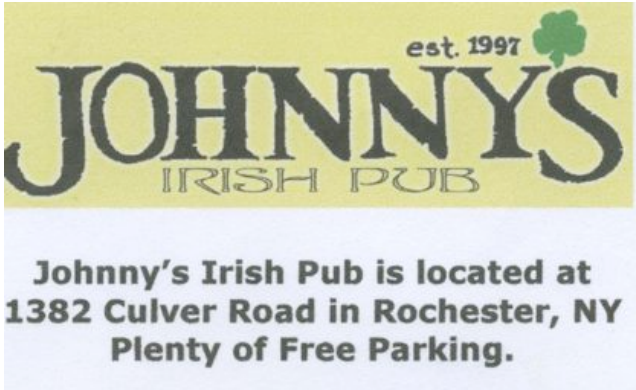
Assault

There was an assault a few weeks ago at the Everyday Convenience store at Culver/Merchants.

Apparently a male approached a parked car and asked the person inside to roll down the window so he could talk to them.

Upon doing so, the person in the car was punched in the face. Minimal details are known but it sounds like a road rage incident.

Please consider your options and possible consequences when a stranger requests you do something. Do not open your doors or windows for strangers..... you can usually hear a conversation THRU closed windows.



January Meeting Minutes

A rather sparse crowd attended the first meeting of the new year led by our newly elected President, who by the way, did a very nice job.

Nancy from NSC was on hand to fill us in on what was happening with the business at 2153 Clifford Ave.

She also told us that all the Wilson Farms stores (which are now 7 Eleven stores) in the City will be signing the City's Good Neighbor Agreement.

She also encouraged us to attend the upcoming City planning meeting which would address the property at 2153 Clifford Ave.

Graffiti has been spotted and removed from several buildings and traffic boxes in and around our neighborhood, others still remain and unfortunately more keeps appearing.

The Treasury has just shy of \$1300 with some expected revenue coming in from a couple advertisers.

CPO Officer Cannon presented the crime stats for PSA 26 for the month of December compared to the same time last year:

	2012	2011
Murder	0	0
Rape	1	0
Robberies	5	6
Assault	1	1
Burglaries	15	21
Larcenies	20	16
Motor Vehicle	2	4

Overall, numbers were about the same.

PACTAC reports things are quiet.

After some discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved to send \$50 to the West Webster Fire Dept in the wake of their most recent disaster as one neighborhood caring for another.

Gary won the 50-50 raffle and donated half the winnings back. Thanks Gary!

After the meeting the Executive Committee met to discuss what should be done in the future regarding such instances and what constitutes a disaster. It was decided guidelines would be drawn up and presented to the membership for approval to be added to the ByLaws.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held last month at the City planning board in regards to a business permit for 2153 Clifford Ave.

Several members of BNA attended and voiced several concerns. No one spoke in favor of the business and even the planning board asked several questions of the applicant.

Gary openly invited the applicant to attend the next BNA meeting or even meet with him personally to discuss his plans for the store.

The board withheld

their decision until March so they can research the new zoning laws regarding the sale of tobacco.

Representatives from BNA will once again attend the March planning meeting. Thanks to Gary and other BNA neighbors for attending.

Many residents felt that ideally a 9am-5pm type business would be a much more appropriate use of that building. That way there would be no reason for loitering at that location after hours.

Outdated Signs

We love to hear of missing pets being returned to their owner, but want to remind people to please take down the signs posted in the area once the pet has been found to keep our neighborhood looking good.

This also pertains to garage sale signs or any other signs posted once the advertised event is over.



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

We have the NFL Ticket!



Safety Classes Offered

If you get a chance to take any Citizen safety classes at the Public Safety building on Scottsville Rd run by MCC and the HSMI (Homeland Security Management Institute) it would certainly be to your benefit. They are offered on a continuing basis year round.

We have taken some of them and they are very useful and informative. Some are free, others incur a cost, but all are well worth it. A few worth mentioning:

The Active Shooters class explains how to deal with a incident where someone opens fire in a large group. (seems to be happening a lot these days) The MOAB class (Management of Aggressive Behavior) teaches people how to handle aggressive persons and also includes hands on restraining techniques and is very useful for teachers or anyone who works in a public place where a potential crisis may develop.

The Citizens Police Academy is another very useful class and is free! This is a 10 week class (one night per week) that is a very scaled down version of the police course learning some of the same things the cadets learn going through the Academy on their way to becoming Police. This is an interactive course with "hands on" demonstrations and practice.

A number of BNA residents took this class a few years ago. We came out with a much better understanding of what our Police force can and can't do and why.

For more info on classes:

<http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/hsmi/>

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Thumbs up!

Kudos to Savoia's Pastry Shoppe for their constant vigil attacking snow and ice on their sidewalk.

They do an awesome job of keeping it clean regardless of whether we get one inch or 12 inches of snow! Thanks Savoia!

Nucor House says Thanks!

We got this message from the Veterans of the Nucor House for our donations to them for Christmas.

"The guys were blown away and so grateful that the community was thinking of them and so giving during the Holiday season. They were very thrilled to get all of the wonderful things BNA gave them and want to say Thank you so much!!!"

As usual, BNA was very generous.

Thanks Lisa!

Edgeland St has been saved! Lisa T has graciously offered to deliver newsletters to our neighbors there. Be sure to thank her when you see here out there! Thanks Lisa!



.....a very happy hydrant!

Safety Info

Officer Cannon offered some safety advice given the recent fires and mass shootings occurring nationwide.

Be aware of exits when entering any building so you know your escape route should you need to leave quickly to avoid danger.

Constitution/ByLaws

The BNA Bylaws are now on our website for your perusal. They were create and adopted in 2007 about the same time Bensonhurst incorporated.

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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

Feb 12– BNA meeting

Feb 13 – PCIC meeting

Mar 12 – BNA meeting

Mar 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.