

# Bensonhurst

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Bensonhurst turns 10!

10 years and we have accomplished a lot! We have held neighborhood events including block parties, Red Wings baseball games, garage sales, neighborhood clean up days, and Holiday parties. We have donated gifts, clothes, food, and other necessities to the Dimitri house, Warrior Salute program, and ABW.

We have distributed bulbs and mums for planting throughout the neighborhood in addition to the flower pots. We independently publish a monthly newsletter on paper and online (we own and maintain a printer/copier) and have a fantastic website.

We have active PAC TAC members and have worked with business owners to improve safety especially the apartment building and what was the Citgo gas station on Clifford Ave.

We have helped neighbors interact with the RPD, find missing pets, get pot holes filled, graffiti removed, and provided answers to millions of questions!!!! We help provide a greater sense of community by being available for those who live in Bensonhurst and the surrounding area.


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### Snow Removal

Please remember it is against City code to push snow into the road or obstruct sidewalks and driveways with snow. Please remind your snow plowing contractor of this. Also remember to keep a fire hydrant near you clear from snow.

- Proudly Serving the Streets of:**
- Bedford
  - Edgeland
  - Clifford
  - Culver
  - Rocket
  - Martinot
  - Roseview
  - Longview
  - Salisbury
  - Laurelton
  - Lawndale
  - Mapledale
  - Pershing
  - Westchester

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# JOHNNYS

IRISH PUB

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



*a happy fire hydrant!*

## Flower Pots

Our poor flower pots are taking a beating. Here are just 2 examples of the consequences of leaving them outside over the winter. One of them was a new pot we just bought last year. We really can't afford to keep buying new ones every year.



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



*.....a couple of reasons why we need to bring our flower pots in for the winter!*



## January Meeting Minutes

Gary welcomed all those in attendance and around the room introductions were made.

PAC TAC report- Brian and Karen: neighborhood has been fairly quiet with no major concerns.

Treasurer's report- \$1058.59 in account and Peg was able to purchase paper for the newsletter at about \$10/case

RPD/CPO report- CPO Brian Cannon: Crime Stats for Dec compared to last year in PSA 26 as follows:

	2013	2012
Murder	0	0
Rape	0	2
Robberies	14	5
Assault	5	7
Burglaries	16	21
Larcenies	40	25
Motor Vehicle	4	1

The homicide on Woodman Park is still under investigation, details cannot be shared at this time by RPD. There does not seem to be any relation to the homicide and the bar, and no fighting took place inside.

Five Robbery arrests were made in PSA 26, both outside Bensonhurst. A pizza delivery robbery caught on camera with foot tracks in the snow and a separate arrest in a street robbery was made based on the suspect's clothing description.

An undercover cigarette operation resulted in no violations in PSA 26. Neighbor Safety info reported to RPD.

Recently, a man was knocking on neighborhood doors stating that he would be 'working in a neighbor's yard so don't shoot me' when apparently this was not true. **Please call 911** if you feel there is suspicious behavior or you see suspicious activity in a neighbor's yard.

The gas station at Culver and Merchants reportedly offered drug paraphernalia to customers.

There is a parking issue on corner of Clifford and Longview.

Reminder to call 311 with issues with garbage, lighting, pot holes, etc

NSC update- Nancy Johns-Price: "Voice of the Citizen" voting has been completed. Traffic Calming and Community Engagement won and money will be available for BNA to apply for, details to come.

Discussion of expanding BNA/ amending bylaws. Should BNA expand to include more streets? Interest shown from Morton and Cliffmor. Bylaws filed in 2007 with NYS shows BNA incorporated with boundaries defined by Bay Street and Clifford Ave, Culver Road and Pershing Drive. Crime Stats and property statistics comparing BNA and surrounding areas were discussed as well as potential outcomes of expansion.

Neighbors also discussed option of BNA assisting in the development of a new neighborhood association for those streets. In the interest of time, a motion was made by Gary and seconded by Eric to table the discussion until next month.

2014 is the 10 year anniversary of BNA!!!!

Jean won the 50/50 raffle- Congrats!!

## Winter Driving Tip

Please remember to remove ALL the snow from your vehicle before driving off. This means snow that is not only on the windshield but also snow on the rear window and side windows as well as snow covering the headlights and taillights.

Brushing snow off the roof of the car keeps it from blowing off onto any cars following you impairing their vision.

# 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](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**- To report any suspicious activity  
or emergency

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## 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.

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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 11– BNA meeting**

**Feb 12 – PCIC meeting**

**Mar 11– BNA meeting**

**Mar 12 – 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.**