



## PACTAC recruitment

Our neighborhood has a few PACTAC (Police and Citizens Together Against Crime) volunteers but we could use more. Having people walking the streets keeping an eye on our surroundings really does make a difference in crime.

If anyone is interested in joining PACTAC, call the NSC for more information or download an application form from the City website. [www.cityofrochester.gov/pactac/](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/pactac/)

After a background check, you participate in a short orientation and then “walk” with other experienced PACTAC persons. PACTAC participants do not carry weapons and always walk in groups of 2 or more.

Having a crime free neighborhood helps keep property values up and results in a healthy neighborhood where people want to live.

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## Facebook

If you haven't yet checked out our Facebook page, please do so. It is a great way to get updated news and info about our neighborhood. We have over 50 “likes” now.....some even from outside our area!

If you are not into Facebook, you can have messages and notices sent to your email by sending a note to BNA allowing us to do that.

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## Thanks

Thanks to Eye Appeal on Culver Rd for supporting BNA by renewing their ad in our newsletter.

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## City Code Priorities

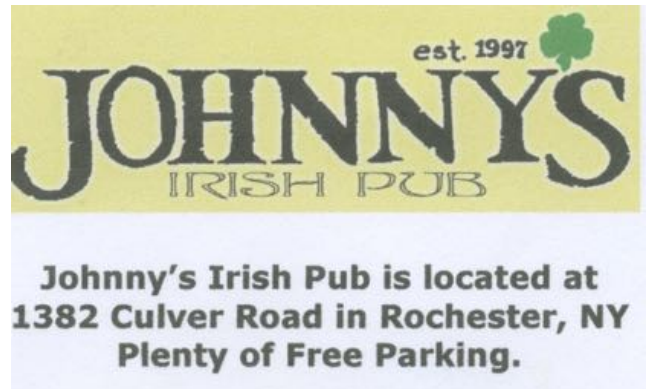
Nancy from NSC asked us to come up with 3 top city code issues we would like to have addressed this year. If you have any suggestions, let BNA know and we will pass them on to her. The code enforcement team will then focus on addressing them this year.

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## New PACTAC Member

Welcome Nicole to PACTAC. She recently went through training for PACTAC and will be seen walking in our neighborhood soon. Say hi to her when you see her out. Thanks Nicole. We can use more PACTAC persons in our neighborhood.



## January Meeting Minutes

We had a wonderful turnout for the first meeting of the new year with a new president. Brian welcomed the group and as always proceeded with the around the room introductions. We had 6 streets represented this month. There were 4 firefighters, 2 new neighbors, Nancy from NSC and Officer Cannon, our CPO for a total of 21 persons!

Because it was such a cold night, the firefighters spoke first so they could get the truck back inside before things froze up. They stressed the importance of keeping the fire hydrants clear in the winter and that house numbers should be at least 4 inches tall and a different color than the house so they are easy to spot. They also pointed out that cars need to be parked a minimum of 15 feet away from a hydrant.

Bobby said since it was his birthday, they should blow their siren when they left and they did! That brought a round of applause from the group. Thanks guys!

Officer Cannon then gave the crime stats for PSA 26 for the month of Dec.

	2013	2014
Homicides	1	0
Rapes	1	0
Robbery	7	7
Agg Assault	3	2
Burglary	6	2
Larceny	21	13
MV theft	7	21

This resulted in 47 actual events up

from 35 last year at the same time.

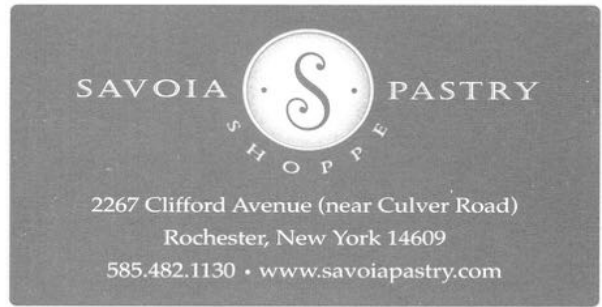
There were 6 events in our area with only 4 of them actually IN Bensonhurst.

The first incident was on 12/21 at the Rite Aid on Culver Rd when a male stole 2 packages of socks around 1:30 in the afternoon. He fled on foot but was later apprehended when his jacket and ID along with the socks were found nearby. The second event was on Bedford St on Christmas eve when a car was stolen while the homeowner was unloading items from the car while it was running. This was most definitely a crime of opportunity. The car was recovered a few days later but the suspect has not yet been identified. The third incident was on 12/29 around 3am in the 600 block of Rocket St when a neighbor reported a suspicious person. It was later discovered a tool box had been taken from the garage. This resulted in an arrest. The last one was on Jan 2 around 9:30pm when a stolen car involved in police chase that started elsewhere but ended in our area was stopped. The driver ran but was apprehended.

The events that occurred just outside Bensonhurst were a robbery on Dec 30 at the store at 1055 Bay St when the suspects showed a weapon during a robbery around 9pm and at the same location on Jan 2 during the recent homicide.

There are still complaints of drug activity occurring on Lawndale Terr. Our CPO's have spoken to the business owners at the Valero station and the barber shop on the corner. Neither or them have seen anything going on but did agree to call police if they did.

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A neighbor brought up the topic of parking on streets. We were told that the City parking monitors are on duty every day but Sundays from 7am until 3am. Call 311 when you see a parking violation and they will respond.

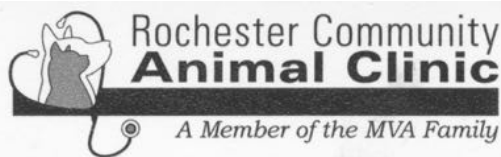
Brian passed on that Officer Belliard will be conducting a PACTAC training session in late January.

Peg says our treasury is a healthy \$3219.55 thanks to a \$2134.84 reimbursement of grant money we received for some of our expenditures over the years of paper, toner, printer, flower pots, etc. She said there is more money available that we need to apply for. She is looking into what needs to be done to obtain it. MANY, MANY THANKS to her for the many long hours she has spent to get this money for us. She also delivered a thank you letter from the City Animal Shelter for the \$50 Petco gift card that was sent in addition to the items collected at the Holiday Social.

Brian told us of a program that originated in NYC and is gaining momentum in Rochester to reduce speed limits on side streets to 25 mph. It involves petitioning our neighbors. It was suggested we readdress it in warmer weather.

Nancy from NSC wants us to pick our top 3 priorities for code enforcement so the NSC can act on them.

Peg and Kirk won the 50/50 raffle of \$18 and donated it back minus the \$5 they used to buy their ticket. They plan on "reinvesting" it next month! Thanks folks!



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**Speed Limit Initiative**

There is an initiative that started in NYC to reduce traffic speeds on City streets from 30 mph to 25 mph. Studies have shown that reducing speed just 5 miles an hour can make a huge difference in the severity of injuries sustained in both pedestrians and bicyclists when hit by motor vehicles.

Some neighbors in BNA are very interested in looking into this further. It would involve petitioning neighbors for support. All that is needed for it to happen is a majority of houses on a given street to sign the petition. The speed then HAS to be reduced as requested.

Come warmer weather, we will be asking for volunteers to petition their streets. More information in upcoming newsletters.



**Remember your Sweetheart!**

**News Flyer Reminder**

Just a reminder in case you were wondering where your “flyer” was this month, we are now only delivering them to your door 4 times a year. (Jan, Apr, July and Oct).

**Friendship Children’s Center**  
**310 Fern wood Ave.**  
**Rochester, NY 14609**  
**(1 block from #45 school)**  
**Phone# 342-7250**

- Open M-F 6:30-5:30pm
- We care for children from 1yr-12yrs of age
- Free RCSD UPK program 9-3 daily
- Before and after school program for UPK and children Kdg.-7<sup>th</sup> gr. (we pick up and drop off at #45)
- Accredited, Licensed and Quality Stars program
- Huge outdoor playground
- Certified teachers
- Breakfast, lunch and snack served daily



**Corner Stores**

Beechwood neighbors are leading the fight for stricter regulation regarding corner stores in the city. The City Planning Board is looking into the matter and heard comments from neighbors on this topic at their last meeting. Bensonhurst was represented at the meeting.

Mayor Warren was the guest speaker at Beechwood’s February meeting last week which was very well attended. She was addressing some of the issues regarding new implementations for future corner stores and markets. Current stores have already been grandfathered into existing laws. Bensonhurst was represented by Brian and Karen who attended after they finished walking PACTAC.



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

**Suspect Apprehended**

A suspect has been arrested in the January homicide that occurred at the corner of McKinster and Bay St. Nice work by the RPD. No further details are available.

## Important Contact Information

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

**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 [benonhurstNA@excite.com](mailto:benonhurstNA@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 10 – BNA meeting**

**Feb 11 – PCIC meeting**

**Mar 10- BNA meeting**

**Mar 11 – 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 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.**