



Holiday Pictures

In case you missed our last issue, be sure to check out the holiday pics from our December social. Again, thanks to all our neighbors who donated items to the House of Mercy. Bensonhurst Rocks!

Adopt a hydrant!

Winter has been quite mild so far but now is a great time to "Adopt" a hydrant by agreeing to do the items below. You even get to name your hydrant if you want! Go to the city website: www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589970472 and click on a hydrant near you. Many hydrants are found near intersections.

All you have to do is 1- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street, 2- Clear a 3 foot perimeter around the hydrant and 3- remove ice and snow.

We are hoping for 100% compliance in Bensonhurst!

Pathstone

PathStone is accepting applications from City residents who have a **broken furnace, water heater or water service**. The homeowner must be up to date on their City and County property taxes and be income eligible. Applicants can start the application process by calling (585) 442-2030 ext. 214 or visiting the office at 15 Prince Street 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday.

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RFD Notes

Firefighters attending our last meeting told us the department has a device which will change a traffic light for side street traffic from green to red as they approach it in order to expedite their arrival to an emergency.

They said this works on many of the major intersections in the city. If you notice a light suddenly turn red, it will most likely be because a firetruck responding to an emergency is nearing the intersection.



Jan Meeting Minutes

There were 8 neighbors in attendance along with 3 firefighters, Sarah from the library and Officer Belliard. Nancy was sick and unable to attend..... hope she feels better soon! Heather opened the meeting with announcements and the around the room introductions followed by Officer Belliard giving the Dec crime stats for section 205.

	2016	2015
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	1
Robbery	5	4
Agg Assault	2	1
Burglary	2	13
Larceny	9	20
MV Theft	1	6

This translates to an overall decrease of 58%!

Within Bensonhurst there were 2 robberies. The first was Dec 18 in the 2200 block of Clifford Ave. Two black males with a gun approached a man walking and took money. The victim was not hurt.

The second was on Dec 27 on Roseview Terr around 3pm. The occupant of the house was home at the time when 2 men appeared at the door with a weapon and took a safe with money. Police have some leads in this case but no arrests have been made. The victim was not injured in this case either.

An arrest was made in Nov for a stolen car which occurred back in August. Nice work by RPD.

There was a murder of a 22 year old male in the 100 block on Pershing Dr on Dec 15 around 9:30pm. Police found the victim when they were called for shots fired. No further information is available to the public since this case is pending, but it is believed the victim did not live in the area.

The firefighters told us they responded to 139 calls in Dec. They didn't have stats on previous years but said they typically respond to 1,600 calls each year which vary from accidents, to fires, to health issues and a myriad of other issues. They said their typical response time is less than 8 minutes and are usually the first responders since often times the ambulance is tied up on other calls. Since many of them are trained as EMT's, they are able to save valuable time by starting treatment while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

Treasurer's report- \$3,429.26. We received a renewal for an ad in our newsletter from Eye Appeal! THANKS folks!

Sarah handed out brochures from the Winton library speaker series. She also handed out a brochure with upcoming discussions being held at various libraries. More on this on page 3. The central library now has extended their hours to 8:30pm on Monday and Wednesday.

New business included soliciting ideas for speakers at future meetings. If you have any suggestions, let us know. We also would like to do a mini clean sweep in our area in the spring.(we never did get around to doing one in the fall last year). We also plan on attending another Red Wings game late summer.

ITALIAN COOKIES, WEDDING CAKES, PASTRIES & BREADS



Matt won the 50/50 rally and donated his entire winnings of a whopping \$4 back to Bensonhurst. Thanks Matt!



College Financing

Check out RochesterCAN.org. They will help you choose and apply to college, figure out how to pay and make the best college choice. They are supported by local colleges, charitable organizations, businesses and individuals working together to make college accessible to every Rochester student. Trained volunteers provide individual assistance in filling out the FAFSA and help make continuing education a more affordable reality.

Remaining upcoming seminars:

Sat, Feb 11- Frederick Douglas R-Center, 999 South Ave, 12-3pm

Tues, Feb 21,- Maplewood Library, 1111 Dewey Ave, 5-7pm

Sat, Mar 4- Franklin Campus, 950 Norton St, 12-2pm



City Survey

Time is running out to complete the online survey for the comprehensive plan update project the City is working on. The last day to take part in the survey will be Feb 17 in order to allow time to compile the final results in

conjunction with the completion of the 5 city planning area public meetings that were held last Nov.

Go to www.cityofrochester.gov/comprehensiveplanupdate/ and click on the blue button to take the survey which will take less than 2 minutes.

NeighborWorks

NeighborWorks Rochester will host an event in June to recognize volunteers as well as leaders in our community who are making a difference at the neighborhood level. There will be live music, fun and food. Neighborhood Associations and Block clubs will be invited to share what it is that makes their neighborhoods awesome places to live. The event will be held at the Public Market on Monday, June 5 from 5-7pm. Citizens who are working to make your neighborhood a better place to live can be nominated for an award by filling out an application form on their website nwrochester.org.

Tax Preparation Help

The Central library and Monroe County is partnering with NYS Dept of Taxation and Finance to assist people with incomes less than \$54,000 in preparing their 2016 income taxes. The program will provide free laptops and volunteers to answer questions. All sessions are free and will be held in the Business and Social Sciences Division on the 4th floor of the Bausch and Lomb Library downtown.

Sessions are select Wednesdays 11a-5pm and Saturdays 10:30a-3pm during February and March with the last day being on April 12. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Business Division at the Library. 585-428-8130. Walk ins are also welcome.

More information can be found at: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-you-by-volunteers>

Library Discussion Groups

During the months of February, Arnett, Sully and Lyell branch libraries will be hosting a series of talks on various subjects, many of which are repeated during the upcoming months.

February 9, 5-6:30pm at Arnett, Tenants Rights and Housing. This will be repeated again March 13 at 4:30pm at Sully.

Feb 13, 4:30-6pm at Sully, Job Readiness, repeated April 24 at 6pm at Lyell.

Feb 27, 6-7:30pm, at Lyell, Credit- Lets talk Money, repeated April 13 at 5pm at Arnett.

Refreshments will be provided.

Disaster Preparedness

We have invited a speaker to our April meeting to talk about the NYS Citizen Disaster Preparedness Program. The presentation will be approximately an hour long after a VERY short meeting. Thanks to Johnnys for allowing us this extra time.

Thanks to Eye Appeal for renewing their ad in our newsletter!





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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

Sex Offender site:
www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/

Do Not Call List:
www.donotcall.gov
1-888-382-1222

City Hall services - 311 non emergency
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
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

Feb 8 - PCIC meeting

Feb 14- BNA meeting

Mar 8- PCIC meeting

Mar 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.