



Crime Report!

Things are looking up, but that doesn't mean we should slack off! Our CPO's tell us crime was way down last month. They attribute that to the arrests of several people over the last couple weeks, PACTAC and neighbors calling in suspicious activity! Keep up the good work! Now, having said that, you have no doubt heard and read about copper pipes being ripped out of vacant houses. Think it just happens to boarded up ones? WRONG!!!!!! In fact those houses probably have already had the pipes taken out.

It actually happened in OUR neighborhood in late January to a house that had recently been upgraded for sale on Bedford St. The house was trashed when the thief or thieves removed the piping from the refrigerator, air conditioning, water and even the toilet!... and now needs extensive repairs in order to remain marketable.

One set of footsteps was tracked to a fence headed on Salisbury St. If anyone saw anything, or knows

of any information please call 911.

•Vacant House Tips

- Whether it be your house or your neighbors that is vacant.....
- Ask them if you can park your car in their drive, or have them park their car in yours.
- In the winter, track footsteps in the snow to the doors and mailbox.
- Shovel/plow their drive for them or ask them to keep yours clear.
- If they haven't already done so, put lights on timers inside so the house is not dark all the time, do the same for yours.
- Do whatever you can to make it look like someone lives there.

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•Developing strong ties and effective working relationships with local government, police, officials and other agencies.

•Working in cooperation as a unified community to create a presence that is stronger and more influential than any one individual.

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- Edgeland
- Clifford
- Culver
- Rocket
- Martinot
- Roseview
- Longview
- Salisbury
- Laurelton
- Lawndale
- Mapledale
- Pershing
- Westchester

Our Mission

The Bensonhurst Neighborhood Association (BNA) is a group of dedicated neighbors working to improve quality of life through improved relationships and positive action. We welcome all residents in a spirit of friendship with respect for all individuals.

Our mission is:

- To continually improve the quality of life for ourselves and our neighbors.
- To foster communication, understanding and a sense of community in the area we serve.
- To ensure a safe and peaceful neighborhood.

We will accomplish this by:

- Building a strong association of neighbors with open communication providing opportunities to gather for social events and activities which enhance our area.

Neighborhood newsletter carrier still needed!

Our neighbors on Edgeland St are still not receiving newsletters. If anyone can step forward to deliver newsletters it would be greatly appreciated.

It takes about 45 minutes to deliver about 75 of them and even less to do 40 and it's only once a month! A great way to get some exercise, maybe walk the dog and perhaps even meet some of your neighbors!

If you can help out, please e-mail bensonhurstna@excite.com or call 234-1535.

Bus Stop Closure

A group of 25 neighbors representing Bensonhurst, PACTAC and Walbar St along with City Council President Lovely Warren and CPO's (Crime Prevention Officers) Belliard and Cannon met with a representative from RGTS to discuss the problems with the bus stop on the north east corner of Clifford Ave and Revella St.

It has long been known to be used as a "lookout" for drug deals in that area. People stand at the stop and appear to be waiting for the bus, but don't get on when it arrives.

Although the meeting ended with the understanding that a temporary closure of the bus stop would be instituted, officials at RGTS rejected the proposal. To our rescue came Monroe County Legislative Representative for our area, Carrie Andrews. The stop IS now closed for a 90 day trial. In addition, the bus stop on the

south side of the street in front of the Cltgo station is also closed.

During this time, westbound riders can leave or board the bus at the corner of Woodman Park/ Clifford Ave or Greenlane Dr/ Clifford Ave. Eastbound riders can embark or disembark at either Mapledale St or Edgeland St. After the 90 day trial, the situation will be reevaluated to determine the next step.

Thanks to Carrie Andrews for the use of her office for the meeting and assisting us in our dialog with RGTS.

Please let us know if you notice any difference in the activity around that corner. It would be nice to have some "ammunition" to use at the end of the 90 days for a case to keep the stops from being reactivated.



Thank you

An overdue thank you to Fioravanti Florist for the table arrangement, Savoia Pastry for the cookie tray and Wilson Farms for the soda donated to the PACTAC Christmas party in December. It was greatly appreciated.

Why not join us at our next meeting on Thursday, February 10 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.



February Meeting Minutes

Heather welcomed those in attendance and reminded the group about the 50/50 raffle and to please sign in.

The RGRTA bus stops near 2179 Clifford Ave have been temporarily closed in an effort to reduce crime and loitering in the area. Several Bensonhurst and North Edge Neighborhood Association members met last month with Rochester City Council President Lovely Warren and a representative from the RGRTA as well as and will meet again to analyze crime and bus usage statistics once the temporary hold is complete.

The safety report was provided by Rochester Police Department Officer Brian Canon, good news-crime in the neighborhood was down in the past month, thanks in large part to concerned neighbors and diligent RPD work. Sergeant Robert Wetzel made his return to our meetings and filled us in on his recent activities; including his return to our area (we are so glad to have him back!). Sgt. Wetzel also brought Officer Potocki who patrols our neighborhood.

BNA will make another push to obtain a police camera in the area of 2179 Clifford Ave with Officer Canon's assistance.

Nancy Johns-Price, SE Neighborhood Service Center Administrator addressed questions/concerns from

neighbors, primarily related to road construction and pot holes in the area. She will work with Heather to have a representative from the Culver Road construction project speak at a future meeting.

Special Events for BNA in 2011 will include the following:

- Clean Sweep- May 21st
- Neighborhood Planting- May? TBD
- Garage Sale- June 4th weekend
- Red Wings game- August 12th or 19th
- Picnic September- 17th
- Holiday Party- December 8th

Newsletter carriers are still needed on Edgeland and for Pershing between Rocket and Bay.

Winnings from the 50/50 raffle were donated back to the association.

Next meeting is Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 pm at Johnny's, hope you can make it!



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 the back page for additional information. Thank you.

The image is a screenshot of a Market America advertisement. It includes the text: "Market America Log on to : marketamerica.com/elainelalka Elaine C. Lalka (585) 802-0112 SHOPPING ONLINE???", "Sign in as my 'preferred customer' Start shopping our 'Mall without walls' with over 5000 partner stores.", and "Find the best prices AND receive CASHBACK on your purchases... AND it's FREE to use!!".

Pot Holes

Tis the season..... for pot holes!
.... Got one in your neighborhood
that is your nemeses?

Did you know you can call 311
and report it?.....or go to the city
website and fill out the pot hole
form.

They are required to address the
issue within 7 working days!
....and it works!

I have filled out a form many
times for a crosswalk button not
working or missing, streetlights
out, as well as potholes and sure
enough they were fixed in a
timely manner!

To report any of the above issues
that are within the city limits, call
311, for issues outside the city,
you need to call the appropriate
town highway dept ,and for issues
related to county or state roads,
call the county and state
respectively.

Fire Hydrants

As I was delivering newsletters a
few weeks ago, I noticed that
some neighbors have adopted a
fire hydrant!! Kudos to them!


Winter is not over yet so please
consider adopting a fire hydrant
near you during the next snow
storm. You might be glad you did
someday!



An adopted fire hydrant!



This one could use some help!

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monthly and delivered prior to
each meeting.
Deadline for submissions is the
15th of each month.
Send all materials to
bensohurstNA@excite.com
Pictures are also welcome.

Important Contact Information

<p>BNA Voicemail: 585-234-1535</p> <p>BNA Email: bensonhurstNA@excite.com</p> <p>BNA address: PO Box 90411 Rochester, NY 14609</p> <p>BNA website: bensonhurst14609.org</p>	<p>Neighborhood Service Center 585-428-7640</p> <p>City Hall services - 311 non emergency www.cityofrochester.gov</p> <p>NBN and PCIC website: http://sites.google.com/site/nbnsector8/Home</p>	<p>Sex Offender site: www.familywatchdog.us</p> <p>Do Not Call List: www.donotcall.gov 1-888-382-1222</p> <p>911- Any suspicious activity or emergency</p>
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Upcoming Events

**March 10 - BNA monthly meeting-
7pm in the side room of Johnny's
Irish Pub**

April 14 – BNA monthly meeting

**Sat May 21- Clean Sweep for
our neighborhood**

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COMMUNITY OF
NEIGHBORS!**

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