



### Upcoming meetings

There are a number of upcoming meetings you might be interested in attending. We will post more information when it is available.

Tues April 3- Voice of the Customer  
6pm, Cobbs Hill (southeast quadrant) Community input in preparing the city budget

Saturday, May 12- Clean Sweep  
8:30am, Cobbs Hill Park

Waring Rd Construction- TBA  
E High School Renovation- TBA  
Coalition of Neighbors- TBA

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### Construction update

By now, no doubt everyone has noticed construction has resumed on Culver Rd. Traffic is one way southbound until the end of August when the project is expected to be complete. A minor inconvenience but worth it in the end.

### Guest Speaker

Arleen Hyland from the 311 call center in the city will be our April guest speaker. This will be your chance to find out what they do and what you can call them for.

### Newsletters Online

Just a reminder, the current as well as all past newsletters, starting with January 2011 are on the BNA website.

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## March Meeting Minutes

The sparsely attended meeting began with around the room introductions as usual even though we all knew each other. Officer Cannon informed us that 9 representatives from Sector 8, including Brian who represented Bensonhurst, attended a meeting in late January with the Lt to address concerns in the area.

The top three primary crime issues identified were home burglary, robberies and drug houses and as a result, these will be the 3 issues the police will focus on proactively.

Quality of life issues were loitering, noise and abandoned buildings. Another meeting will be scheduled in the future.

There was also a similar meeting in early March (The Coalition of Neighborhoods) consisting of a number of neighborhood groups around the city addressing many of the same issues. Unfortunately no one from Bensonhurst was able to attend that meeting. They will also be meeting again.

There have been a number of domestic disputes in the neighborhood, more

noticeable with warmer weather when windows and doors are open. The police recommend calling 911 if you hear arguing. Your call could prevent the incident from escalating out of control and would therefore prevent someone getting hurt.

Robberies were the only crime increase in PSA 26 so far this year with the nearest one to Bensonhurst in the 900 block of Bay St and that was solved with the help of city cameras!


There have also been a number of burglaries nearby in Irondequoit.

| Crime Stats                                 | Year to Date |        |
|---|--------------|--------|
|   | 1/2011       | 1/2012 |
| Murders                                     | 0            | 0      |
| Rapes                                       | 0            | 0      |
| Robberies                                   | 1            | 6      |
| (only 1 near us in the 900 block of Bay St) |              |        |
| Aggravated Assault                          | 4            | 2      |
| Larcenies                                   | 19           | 11     |
| Motor Vehicle Thefts                        | 4            | 0      |
| Burglaries                                  | 21           | 11     |

Treasurers report:  
Just shy of \$1400.

Construction on Culver Rd will continue until the end of summer. Tentative finish date in August.

The meeting ended with Jean winning the 50/50 raffle.



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## Condolences

You probably remember hearing on the news a few weeks ago of a family who lost both their parents within 30 minutes of each other. The father was in a nursing home with a terminal illness and his wife and son were headed up to see him when the car hit a tree in the city killing her. Then 30 minutes later the family learned the father had passed away.

Tragic as it was, it was even more so to find out these were our neighbors. They lived on Rocket St for many, many years and I remember him waving as well as speaking to everyone that went by when he was outside. He always ended his conversation with "God bless you" and meant it!

If all our neighbors were that friendly and sincere, wouldn't it be a truly great neighborhood? Our sympathies to the family.

## Get well wishes

Nancy Johns Price from the NSC office is out on medical leave until mid May. We wish her a speedy recovery. Should you need her services while she is out, her stand in is Suzanne McSain.

We also received word our printer is recovering nicely from injuries he sustained late last year and plans to start printing our newsletters again for us in the near future.

We will be glad to have both of them back soon.

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## Neighborhood Crime Reports

A neighbor on Lawndale Terrace reported 2 incidents of suspicious activity within a few hours of each other on the 21st of March.

The first one was 2 black males, late teens, early 20's circling a house where no one was home. The second was a black male with a bicycle hiding in some bushes. The police were called in both instances but unable to find anyone. They do have descriptions of the men, so if you see anyone hanging around either your house or your neighbors, call 911.

There was also a burglary near the east end of Rocket St in mid March.

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## Clean Sweep

Clean sweep will again be held four consecutive Saturdays beginning April 28. Come out and help clean up our neighborhood on May 12. The meeting place is Cobbs Hill Park. Details can be found on the city website.

[www.cityofrochester.gov/cleansweep/](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/cleansweep/)

You get free coffee and doughnuts, a t-shirt and lunch all compliments of the city. All you have to do is spend a few hours working..... rain or shine.



## Flower Pots

It looked like spring had sprung a bit early for awhile a few weeks ago. Some of the flower pots already have tulips and daffodils in bloom. Luckily they are hardy and should survive any cold weather we have.

If you have a flower pot in your yard that has flowers in bloom, please put it out so others can enjoy it.

Consider adopting a flower pot near you this summer. All they need is a bit of water once in awhile. A couple flower pots are still missing. Hopefully they will turn up soon... with flowers in them! If you have one in your backyard we don't know about, please let us know.

We will let you know if we will be getting flowers for them or not this year..... we did not last year.

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## Bensonhurst Officers

President- Heather Henry (interim)  
Vice President- Brian Managan  
Secretary- Carol O'Keene  
Treasurer- Paul Zimmer/Peg Aderman  
Sargent at Arms- Bobby Henry  
Newsletter- Karen Managan



## Energy Solicitors

Last month there were concerns among neighbors regarding solicitors from an energy company asking to see RG&E bills saying they would save you money.

It turns out, we were not the only neighborhood concerned. One of the local TV stations looked into it and found they ARE legitimate however their sales tactics leave much to be desired. Their aggressiveness is what alarmed most people. If you don't want to deal with them, tell them to leave. If they persist, call 911 because now they are trespassing.

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## Email notifications

We encourage people to sign up for electronic mailings from BNA. We won't give out your addresses to other organizations or neighbors and we don't send out any more notices than we need to, but it is a great way to hear about happenings between newsletters.

This is how we found out about the suspicious behavior on Lawndale. Otherwise we would not have been able to notify neighbors when it occurred! Since they heard about it almost immediately, they could be more aware and take extra precautions or maybe even been able to provide RPD with information to help solve the crime.

To sign up for the email notices, contact BNA.

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## Important Contact Information

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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**- 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  
[benonhurstNA@excite.com](mailto:benonhurstNA@excite.com)  
Pictures are also welcome.

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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

**Apr 3- Voice of the Customer**

**Apr 10– BNA meeting**  
**★NOTE Now on Tuesdays!**

**Apr 11 – PCIC meeting**

**May 8 – BNA meeting**

**May 9 – PCIC meeting**

**May 12 – Clean Sweep**

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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.**