



## Fire Hydrants

Thanks to all our neighbors who shoveled out their fire hydrant when we had all the snow. The firefighters certainly appreciate it and hopefully the hydrant was clear when a neighbor had a fire on Bedford St.

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## Suspicious Activity

A neighbor reported a group of teens taking pictures of his house. While this is certainly not illegal, it IS suspicious. Last year this type of activity was reported when someone saw a male figure taking pictures of houses on one of our streets. Please call 911 with anything suspicious.

## Pot Hole Reporting

Now that pothole season has arrived, you can "report" them in the City by either filling out a form on the city website [www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589935141](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589935141) or calling 311.

Local municipalities (towns and villages) maintain their streets using their highway departments and you can call them. For roads maintained by the County, call the Monroe County highway department and for state roads, call the NYS highway department toll free (1-800-POTHOLE). All highway departments are required to repair any potholes within 7 working days once they have been reported. It really does work! Of course, how long the patch holds up is another issue.

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## Facebook

If you haven't yet checked out our Facebook page, we encourage you to do so. It is a great way to get updated news and info about our neighborhood. We have over 60 "likes" now.....some even from outside our area!

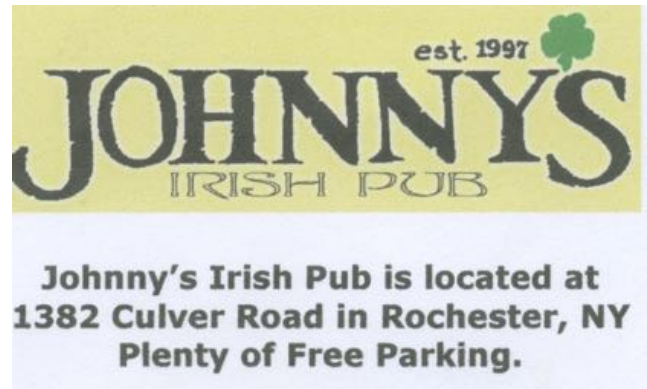
If you're not into Facebook, you can send your email address to BNA and we will send you notices of important dates and events by email. We don't like spam any more than you do, so will only send relevant information. That way you don't miss out on anything important.

## Proudly Serving the Streets of:

Bedford  
Edgeland  
Clifford  
Culver  
Rocket  
Martinet  
Roseview  
Longview  
Salisbury  
Laurelton  
Lawndale  
Mapledale  
Pershing  
Westchester

## Newsletter Carriers

Welcome Nicole and Kate as our newest newsletter carriers. They will be delivering the flyers to our neighbors on the south end of Longview Terr. Be sure to say hi and thank them when you see them!



## March Meeting Minutes

Heather ran the meeting in Brian's absence. We had 3 new neighbors in attendance plus Officer Cannon and Nancy from NSC at our meeting. Culver Rd was well represented with 6 attendees. After the around the room introductions, Officer Cannon gave the crime stats for PSA 26 for the month of February as compared to last year at the same time. Great news for Bensonhurst! Not one incident occurred within our boundaries!

	2014	2015
Homicide	0	0
Rape	1	0
Robbery	2	2
Agg Assault	3	3
Burglary	10	1
Larceny	15	15
MV Theft	3	1

None of these events occurred IN Bensonhurst. Outside Bensonhurst on March 5, there was a search warrant on Baycliff for a complaint of drug sales which resulted in a raid. Three residents were arrested, 4 grams of cocaine, a pump gun and drug paraphernalia were confiscated. Nuisance points were assigned to the address.

A second event on Baycliff was a domestic call which resulted in an arrest for aggravated assault. The victim was confronted with a baseball bat. On Copeland St, a house party on Valentines Day got out of hand and resulted in a shooting. No information on the condition of the person shot. There was a larceny on Bay St where

a snowblower was taken from behind the house.

Someone called NSC saying they got a call from the IRS telling them they owed money and if they didn't pay they would be arrested. Do not give out any information if you get one of these calls.

The IRS will NEVER call or email you. Officer Cannon also shared with us some tips from the IRS which have been posted on our Facebook page.

A neighbor asked about the reorganization of the RPD. We were told our NSC will no doubt lose one of our senior CPO's and they will not be replaced.

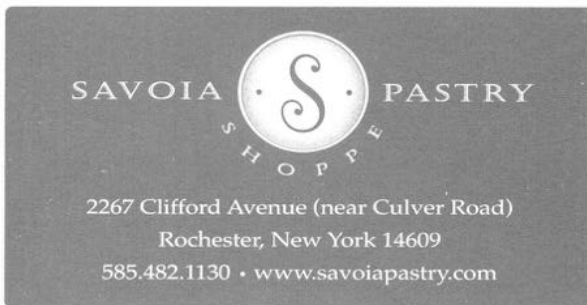
Concerns were voiced about parking issues on narrow streets with all the snow. Nancy said the NSC has been overwhelmed with complaints. The City is having a hard time keeping up with clearing streets and sidewalks. Nancy also told us the City is planning their annual Clean Sweep program on May 2 and asked us to submit our plans to her if we had any.

Peg informed us our treasury was a healthy \$3375.45 after receiving a newsletter ad renewal and paying the phone bill. She will meet with Nancy in April to work on obtaining grant money.

Heather asked for more ideas for guest speakers for future meetings. Several ideas were presented including backyard gardening, animal welfare, the Red Cross, Food Link, the fire lieutenant and the legal aid housing society.

A notice was sent to us via email about a free rabies clinic at

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the Tay House at Cobbs Hill on March 25. Future dates TBA.

One of our new neighbors was Mark Muoio from Wisconsin St who is running for County legislature and is endorsed by Carrie Andrews (a BNA resident). He is a 6 year city resident and is currently involved with the housing court, handles bankruptcy proceedings and house closings. He plans on attending future meetings of various neighborhood groups in the city.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Eric who donated all the money back. Thanks Eric! The meeting was adjourned early.



 **Rochester Community Animal Clinic**  
A Member of the MVA Family

985 Bay Street, Rochester, NY 14609  
Phone: 585-288-0600 Fax: 288-2859  
rochestercommunityanimalclinic.com

**Walk-In Hours (Wellness & Non-Critical Urgent Care):**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 3:00 - 8:30 pm  
Saturday: Noon - 7:30 pm, Sunday: Noon - 5:30 pm  
*Spay/Neuter Surgeries by Appointment Only*

## 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.
- 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.

**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



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

## Red Wings Opening Day

It MUST be spring! Opening day for the Red Wings is Saturday, April 11 at 1:30pm. This is a home game at Frontier Field. Grab your baseball mitt and come out and watch. If you are lucky you might even get to catch a stray ball.

## Pilot Recycling Program

There are sections of the city that are participating in a new recycling program. If it is successful, it would be implemented citywide. The goal is to make recycling simpler by using a larger covered container to put all recyclable materials in without having to sort them.

## Important Contact Information

BNA Voicemail:  
585-234-1535

BNA Email:  
[benonhurstNA@excite.com](mailto:benonhurstNA@excite.com)

BNA Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/Bensonhurst14609](http://www.facebook.com/Bensonhurst14609)

BNA address:  
PO Box 90411  
Rochester, NY 14609

BNA website:  
[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

**Apr 8 – PCIC meeting**

**Apr 14 – BNA meeting**

**May 2- City Clean Sweep**

**May 12 – BNA meeting**

**May 13 – 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.**