

Bensonhurst

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Last Call for Clifford Ave

We have been looking for a newsletter carrier for Clifford Ave for over 6 months now and have heard nothing. If no one comes forward now, our neighbors on Clifford Ave will no longer receive our flyers at their doorstep. They will be able to read the newsletters on line on the website.

Peg has graciously delivered the flyers for us for several months while we have been waiting. We thank her for doing this. While we would love to be able to continue to include our Clifford Ave neighbors, we can not due to our limited number of volunteers. We are stretched to our limits with many of our carriers are already delivering 70-100 flyers. We will soon be in a similar situation with South Longview when our carrier for that street leaves the area.

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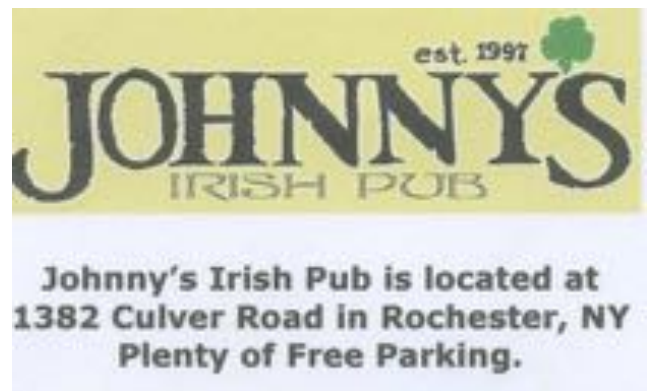
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Chinese Delivery Robbery

Last month we reported the robbery of a pizza delivery person just outside of Bensonhurst. This month a chinese food delivery person was robbed and kidnapped on First Street. He did sustain some injuries during the attack. Luckily he was able to free himself from the trunk of the car in another area of the city a short time later. PLEASE, if you see anyone delivering food to anywhere in your neighborhood, keep an eye on them until they have safely returned to their car. They are easy targets for thieves.

Ice Cream!

Spring is in the air which means Netsin's is open for the season. They have 5 new flavors. Tiramisu, One Buffalo (vanilla ice cream with pretzels, sponge candy, caramel and chocolate pieces), White Raspberry Cake, Raspberry Cone Cheesecake and Speculoos Cookie (caramelized cookie ice cream with hints of cinnamon and molasses and swirls of crunchy spiced cookies)! I still think my favorite is Queen of Hearts! Two of your neighbors were first in line opening day..... actually they were the only ones in line! It was a bit cold, rainy and very windy.



March Meeting Minutes

We had 11 neighbors, Officer Belliard, Lt. Alberti, 2 RPD officers (a Sgt. and a Lt.) and 4 firefighters in attendance! We also had one neighbor from Laurelton (LAUGH), more on that elsewhere. After around the room introductions, Officer Belliard gave the crime stats for the recent 4 week period for section 205 as compared to last year at the same time.

	2016	2015
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	2	2
Agg Assault	1	1
Burglary	1	0
Larceny	9	10
MV Theft	2	0

There were only 2 incidents within our boundaries. The first event on 2/16 was a robbery at the 7 eleven store on Clifford/Culver when someone took \$300 worth of candy! Sounds like they took the good stuff! Their dentist will be happy. The second event was a robbery on 2/23 around 8:30pm on Mapledale when a BNA resident was attacked. The attackers were fought off and ran away with little for their efforts.

Officer Belliard also mentioned an arrest at Clifford and Morton for the sale of marijuana while one of the other Goodman section officers in attendance told us of an arrest on Norton St grossing \$3,000 in marijuana. Nice job!

In Nancy's absence, Lt. Alberti reminded us of the annual City Clean Sweep coming up on Saturday, Apr 30. He also mentioned that we can also do our own

mini clean sweep in our area at any time and can get supplies from the NCS office. We picked Sat, May 14 as a date to work in our neighborhood with a rain date of Sun, May 15.

A neighbor informed us of free rabies clinics being offered throughout the year to all city residents (no income restrictions). For more info, check out their webpage <http://www2.monroecounty.gov/files/health/eh/rabies/RabiesClinicSchedule.pdf>

After the renewal from Savoia's for their ad in our newsletter, our balance is \$3,603.45. Thank you Savoia!

While on the subject of money, Heather found some nice looking flower pots on sale at Lowe's for a whopping \$5. She was asked to get 6 more since between winter and vandalism our flower pots seem to be disposable! Lisa volunteered to retrieve the damaged ones which currently do not enhance the neighborhood. Thank you Lisa! Once nicer weather arrives, we will be preparing them for spring, hopefully with flowers from the city.

Several of the neighbors in attendance expressed interest in a neighborhood garage sale, probably late June. It sounded like there was interest in resurrecting the neighborhood street party we have had in the past as well. As Lt. Alberti explained, the more neighbors work together and get to know each other, the lower crime rates are.

As described in an article on the first page, this month will also be the last time Clifford Ave residents receive a news flyer UNLESS someone from Clifford Ave. comes forward.



Peg has been filling in for us for some time while we waited. IF no one comes forward, as much as we would like, we no longer have the man power to continue to deliver to Clifford Ave.

Karen also delivered a flyer to residents on Bay St inviting them to join either BNA, Beechwood, or both. Again, someone from their street would have to come forward to deliver newsletters. So far no response. Neighbors can always access the newsletters from our website as well so they are not totally left out.

As mentioned earlier, we had one neighbor from the Laurelton (LAUGH) group. WELCOME! All were invited after our meeting with them last month. Several expressed interest but were unable to attend. Lt. Alberti again expressed his wish that LAUGH work with BNA since they are under our "umbrella". We look forward to meeting more Laurelton neighbors at future meetings.

Some of the firefighters bought raffle tickets but had to leave before the end of the meeting. They didn't win, but we thank them for their donation. Heather won the 50/50 raffle and donated most of the money back. Thank you Heather!



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.

CodeRED

The City has a program in place called CodeRED. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for it. The program allows the City or RPD to send urgent messages to your home phone, cell phone or email. It is quick and easy to sign up. You can go to the City website [cityofrochester.gov](http://www.cityofrochester.gov) and search for CodeRED or go directly to the CodeRED page <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589967904> and log in. There is also an app for your smart phone.

Garage Sale?

There is a survey on our face book page inquiring as to whether there is enough interest in having a neighborhood garage sale this summer. No date has been set yet. Please respond so we know if there are enough neighbors interested to make it worthwhile. We would advertise for the weekend. You have the option of holding your sale one or both days of the weekend.

Other activities being considered are a mini clean sweep, a night at the Red Wings and a block party/picnic. Surveys to be announced.

Citizens Police Academy

The Rochester Police Department is planning on offering a Citizen's Police Academy starting September 12 and running through November 14. The classes will meet every Monday evening from 6PM to 9PM and will be held at the Public Safety Training Center on Scottsville Rd.

The Citizen's Police Academy provides a broad based look at the policies, procedures and operations of the Rochester Police Department. At its conclusion, you will be more familiar with law enforcement in our city neighborhoods and also with the training currently being provided to police recruits. In addition to asking questions, you will have opportunities to offer comments and suggestions on police procedures and the recruit academy curriculum.

The Citizen's Police Academy Instructors will include experienced trainers and operational personnel from several units of our organization. Upon your graduation, you will return to your community with greater knowledge and a unique perspective of the Rochester Police Department. This increased familiarity and interaction helps to improve police-community relations, recognizing the partnership between the citizens and their police force.

If you have any questions please contact Officer Ted Coriddi at 428-1222 or e-mail at tc0550@cityofrochester.gov. DOWNLOAD the application for the CPA here: <http://bensonghurst14609.org/BNA-misc/CPA-Application.pdf>



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BNA website:
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

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

Apr 12 - BNA meeting

Apr 13 - PCIC meeting

May 10 – BNA meeting

May 11 – PCIC 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.