



## April Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 7:00

Approximately 15 neighbors were in attendance

Opening Remarks: Heather welcomed everyone and thanked our new newsletter volunteers, Kathee and Lenore for delivery on Edgeland and Pershing Streets. She reminded everyone that BNA has no membership dues but does have 50/50 raffles at meetings. Lombardi's, formerly known as Stucko's will be open this month. Heather introduced RPD CPO Brian Canon.

### Officer Canon's Safety Report:

- There is a stark reduction of larceny and stolen motor vehicles
- 2 incidents of purse snatching and car break ins in BNA
- Increase in robberies
- There has been a 44% reduction in daytime burglaries. Officer Canon distributed a letter with tips that could help both you and your neighbors.
- PACTAC is seeing a decrease in activity at Longview & Clifford.

The city is working with the property owner of the apartments.

-Bus stops at Clifford & Citgo station were removed last month and there is a marked reduction of activity. There will be continued data gathering at these sites.

-There are two locations in BNA that are overgrown or vacant. RPD has been in touch with owners.

BNA website back up with new domain: [Bensonhurst14609.org](http://Bensonhurst14609.org). Cost for 2 years was donated by Karen & Brian.

There was voter approval for the purchase of a laser printer in the range of \$350. This was due to the fact that we no longer have free printing available to us. A new format was presented to allow the use of standard 8½ x 11 paper to help reduce costs. 750 newsletters are sent to BNA neighbors every month. Brian will purchase the printer. Donations of copy paper would be gratefully accepted. Bring it to our next meeting which will be May 10<sup>th</sup>.

\$47.00 was collected for our 50/50 raffle and the winner donated it back to BNA.

Meeting adjourned 7:50

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## Lets Play Ball!

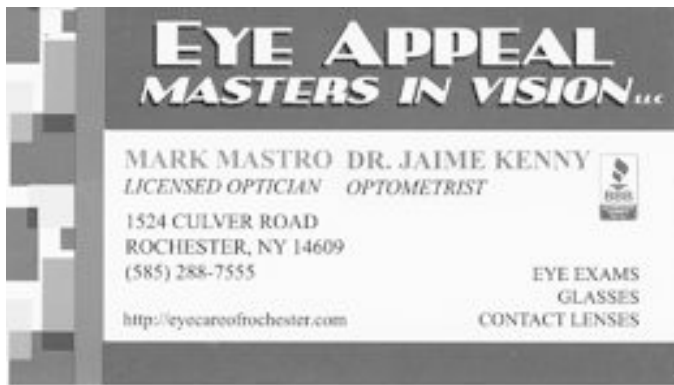
Once again our neighborhood is going to a Redwings ball game! Everyone who went in past years wants to go again this year. The game will be sometime in mid August and tickets will be somewhere around \$5.

We get our name displayed on the outfield screen and there are fireworks at the end.

It was great fun last year even if they did loose, so let's hope they win this year!

Keep checking the website for more information.





## 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.

## 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.

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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](mailto:bensonhurstNA@excite.com) Pictures are also welcome.

## Proudly Serving the Streets

of:

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

## Flower Pots

We will soon be putting out whatever flower pots were taken in for the winter.

If you would like to “adopt” a flower pot, please let us know. Contact [bensonhurstNA@excite.com](mailto:bensonhurstNA@excite.com). or call 234-1535

It’s pretty easy, you can put in your own flowers or we can provide them for you, then you just need to keep them watered if Mother Nature doesn’t do it for you!

Thanks to the neighbor who helped me clean up a flower pot that had been tipped over.



**Litter**

Now that the snow is finally gone and everything that has been hiding for months under it has surfaced, we want to remind everyone that it is their responsibility to maintain their property free of trash.

We want our neighborhood to look good, so it's time to get out and clean up.

Section 69-6B from the city code states in part,

The owner or person in control of private property or any portion thereof shall, at all times, maintain the premises, or that portion controlled by him or her free of litter.

City codes can be found on the City website [www.cityofrochester.gov/index.aspx?id=96](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/index.aspx?id=96)

**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.**

**Clean Sweep**

The clean sweep for our neighborhood will be Saturday May 21. Meet at Cobbs Hill Park at 8:30am where you start the morning with free coffee and doughnuts along with a Tshirt.

From there you will be assigned to a team leader and taken to an area in the southeast section of the city to work on.

After a few hours of work, you return to the park for a picnic lunch. And it doesn't cost a thing except a bit of sweat. To register, sign up at the city website

[www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?ekfrm=8589947219](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?ekfrm=8589947219) or call 311.



## Neighborhood Garage Sale

Do you have a lot of unwanted items accumulating in your basement or attic? You will have a chance to hopefully get rid of it during the neighborhood garage sale to be held June 4-5th.

You can hold your sale on one or both days. Please fill out the form below if you plan on participating in the event.

### Market America

Elaine C. Lalka

585-802-0112

### Holiday Shopping?

Log onto: [marketamerica.com/elainelalka](http://marketamerica.com/elainelalka)

Sign in as my "Preferred Customer" and shop our

"Mall without Walls" with over 5000 partner stores.

You'll find the best prices AND receive up to 50% CASHBACK

on your purchases...and it's FREE to use !!



### 2011 Garage Sale Weekend

June 4 & June 5

#### REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE RETURN PRIOR TO MAY 27th

The Bensonhurst Neighborhood Association asks that each home participating in the annual garage sale donates \$5.00 to the Bensonhurst Neighborhood Association in order to offset the costs of advertising. Please mail this form along with a check or money order to the Bensonhurst Neighborhood Association at PO box 90411, Rochester, NY 14609. For more information please call 234-1535 or e-mail [bensonhurstna@excite.com](mailto:bensonhurstna@excite.com) Thank you, sell lots and hope for good weather!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Special items available \_\_\_\_\_

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## Important Contact Information

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

**May 12 - BNA monthly meeting-  
7pm in the side room of Johnny's  
Irish Pub**

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

**June 4-5 Neighborhood Garage Sale**

**June 8 – PCIC meeting**

**June 9 – BNA monthly meeting**

**BENSONHURST – A  
COMMUNITY OF  
NEIGHBORS!**

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