



Upcoming meetings/events

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

Tues May 17- Waring Rd Construction
Wed, May 23- Proposed City Budget
Coalition of Neighborhoods
Tues June 5-Coalition of Neighborhoods
Review of Papers

E High School Renovation- TBA

Sporadic Internet Connection

A neighbor on Salisbury St has been having trouble with his Time Warner internet connection most noticeably on windy days. Time Warner has been out to check things but claim they can find nothing wrong.

This neighbor is asking if anyone else on or around his street is experiencing the same problems or if this is unique to him. You can contact him through Bensonhurst.

If several people are having the same problem, there might be a better chance of finding the source of the problem.

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- Longview
- Salisbury
- Laurelton
- Lawndale
- Mapledale
- Pershing
- Westchester

Did you know....

Scavenging trash from curbside is against city code?

That means all the folks you see cruising the streets the night before trash pick up are breaking the law, never mind most of

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April Meeting Minutes

The rather sparsely attended meeting was brought to order by Brian, filling in for Heather and began with around the room introductions.

Our guest speaker was Arleen Hyland, the 311 call center manager. Her presentation outlined instances when to call 311. The call center accepts non emergency calls 24 hours a day.

Officer Cannon presented the crime stats for PSA 26 for the month of March.

Crime Stats	Year to Date	
	3/2011	3/2012
Murders	0	0
Rapes	1	2
Robberies	5	7
Aggravated Assault (explained below)	1	6
Larcenies	30	19
Motor Vehicle Thefts	2	2
Burglaries	9	15

So as to not overly worry neighbors, Officer Cannon explained that the method of reporting aggravated assault results in a "false" high. Although there were 6 incidents listed, one involved 3

people, each reported individually, another was 2 people showing a weapon (menacing) but not using it, and the other was an actual assault.

We were also told that the gas station at 2179 Clifford has been closed down thanks to a lot of hard work by the NSC office, our CPO'S and the city of Rochester.


Treasurers report: Just shy of \$1400.

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

Suspicious Solicitor

A neighbor tells us a white haired male (race unknown) from Carvel Dist. Inc on Lyell Ave is going door to door asking residents to allow him and his college students clean one room of your house for free. He is driving a red SUV and has several people in the car with him. He could be legit but is reported to be very pushy about getting into the house.

Please call 911 if you see him and definitely call if he doesn't leave when you ask him to because now he is trespassing.



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Smart phone App

Officer Cannon informed us of a FREE phone app you can use to contact the RPD. The app contains contact information, surveys, a way to commend or complain about an officer, ask questions and give feedback along with many other functions.

It is called my Police Department and can be used for any Police Dept., not just Rochester. Check it out, the price is right!

Store petition?

We have learned the store owners of 2179 Clifford Ave have posted a petition on their building in an effort to reopen the store.

Bensonhurst will be circulating its own petition in an effort to keep the store closed. Please help our neighborhood by signing OUR petition to keep the store closed.

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/

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.



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Burglary

There was a burglary on Culver Rd near Rocket St several weeks ago around 9pm. The homeowner was HOME when someone knocked on her side door. She did not open the door but instead asked what they wanted. The person said "My mom said to tell you someone is breaking into your back window." (how clever!)

When the homeowner went to the back window to check, she heard the side door being kicked in. The young male, possibly hispanic then knocked her down and took a purse hanging on a chair before running out.

A neighbor said there was a heavy set white male standing at the back door, altho the homeowner did not see him.

Fortunately the homeowner was not physically harmed, but unfortunately despite rapid police response, the thief or thieves got away.

If you see any suspicious persons around your house or your neighbors, please call 911, don't wait for something to happen!

Garage Break-ins

Although it is not Bensonhurst, it is close enough. Several garages were either broken into or attempted to be broken into a few weeks ago on the east end of Hazelwood Terrace. Please call with any suspicious activity.



Safety tips

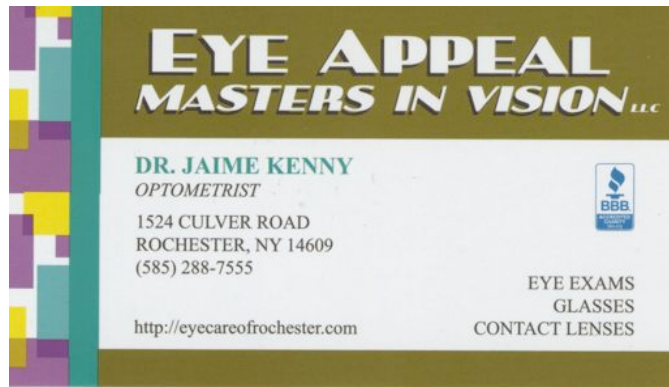
After having recently been the victim of a home invasion, one of our neighbors wanted to share these tips with fellow neighbors.

- 1- If someone knocks on your door at night (you are not expecting), call 911.
- 2- Keep all valuables, including handbags out of sight from outside-through windows, doors or door windows.
- 3- A door and it's locks are only as strong as the doorframe. When enough force is applied, deadbolts will bend and the doorframe will shatter.
- 4- Consider a door with a 3 or 5 point locking system which offers greater reinforcement and anchors to the door in the frame.
- 5- Doors that swing outward cannot be kicked in (check housing codes)
- 6- If you think a break in will occur only when you are not at home, think again!
- 7- If you have a reason to feel the least bit suspicious, CALL 911!

We thank her for sharing these tips.

On the mend

Our printer should be back soon. Hopefully next month we will have the full length newsletter in print again and on your doorstep soon.



Finally!

For several years the gas station at 2179 Clifford Ave has been a problem in our neighborhood with loud music, drug traffic and general nuisances. Nancy Johns Price from the NSC office, the RPD and the city have been working together to try and shut them down. They finally were able to do it!

We got this message from Lt Alberti.

I am happy to tell you that we closed them down. Mr. Ahmadi's Business Permit was up for renewal last month. Nancy and I worked with the city law department to deny the renewal. This was based on several complaints by area residents and the owners long criminal record. It will remain closed until a new owner takes over. We will be very cautious when approving the new owners business permit when that time comes.

Lt. Frank Alberti

Thanks to all of them for their effort. All their hard work and our numerous complaints have finally paid off. Although no one likes to see vacant storefronts, we hope some of the drug traffic will subside now.

You will no doubt see the owners there periodically in preparation to vacate the store, but they should not be selling merchandise. Anyone seen loitering on the property now has no reason to be there, call 911 if they are.

Hopefully a new owner will be less tolerant of drug activity on the property and we will again have a "safe" store to patronize.

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www.bensonhurst14609.org

Neighborhood Service Center
585-428-7640

City Hall services - 311
non emergency
www.cityofrochester.gov

NBN and PCIC website:
<http://sites.google.com/site/nbnsector8/Home>

Crime Reports Lists
www.crimereports.com

Sex Offender site:
www.familywatchdog.us

Do Not Call List:
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
bensonhurstNA@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

May 8– BNA meeting
★ **Now on Tuesdays!**

May 9 – PCIC meeting

May 12 – Clean Sweep

June 12– BNA meeting
★ **Now on Tuesdays!**

June 13 – 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 also separate from the bar.

All meetings are informal, positive & all are encouraged to participate.

BNA does not charge dues or membership fees.