



Bensonhurst turns 10!

We need ideas on how to celebrate 10 years at BNA! Ideas have to be simple and low cost. If anyone has any suggestions, please send them to BNA.

Mini Clean Sweep

Bensonhurst will be holding our own mini clean sweep on Saturday, May 10 from 10am-12pm. We will meet at 2179 Clifford Ave. Please park on the street and NOT in the gas station parking lot if you are driving. Bring rakes if you like. The city will provide tools and garbage bags. Help our neighborhood look good. Perhaps we can even fix up the flower pots.

Let us know if you are participating so we know how many tools and bags to get from the NSC. Rain date is Saturday, May 17, same time, same place.

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Newsletter Contributions

The last few months our newsletter has been rather lacking in material which makes for not so interesting news.

We will gladly accept any neighborhood or community related articles or pictures you would like to send along to be put in upcoming newsletters. Send them to BNA a couple weeks prior to the meeting.

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Guest Speaker

Councilwoman Loretta Scott has offered to be our guest speaker at the May 13 meeting. She will be glad to answer any questions you might have for her.

The logo for Johnny's Irish Pub. It features the text 'est. 1997' with a small green shamrock to its right. Below this, the word 'JOHNNY'S' is written in a large, bold, serif font, and 'IRISH PUB' is written in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. The background is a light green color.

**Johnny's Irish Pub is located at
1382 Culver Road in Rochester, NY
Plenty of Free Parking.**

The logo for Ray Ray's Bar & Grill. It features the name 'Ray Ray's' in a stylized, red, 3D font. Below it, the words 'BAR & GRILL' are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

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



With nicer weather headed our way, keep an eye out for increased suspicious activity, people in yards, driving by repeatedly, pushing garbage totes down the street on off days, etc. If it is suspicious, CALL 911!

After some discussion, a motion was made by Gary and seconded by Eric and Bobby which then passed unanimously to keep the meetings at Johnny's on Tuesdays.

There was discussion on having a mini clean sweep for BNA on Saturday, May 10 with a possible rain date of May 17. The question was raised as to where we could have a staging area. Nancy said NCS would provide tools and bags if we let them know how many people we could expect. E-mail BNA if you are interested.

April Meeting Minutes

Gary welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made around the room.

Crime Report – given by CPO Brian Cannon for PSA 26 as compared to last year at the same time for the last 30 days.

	2013	2014
Homicides	0	0
Rapes	0	0
Agg Assault	2	2
Burglary	10	3
Larceny	24	26
MV theft	2	2

Overall, there was a 14% decrease in crime. No crimes were reported IN Bensonhurst, but nearby, a larceny at the Rite Aid store on Culver is an open case with good information.

Bay Street store burglary - at 3 AM a neighbor heard the window break and called 911. An arrest was made thanks to the alert neighbor.

There was a PCIC location change for April to the Police Academy on Scottsville Rd.

NSC updates from Nancy Johns-Price, SE NSC.

- The city Clean Sweep is May 3rd at Frontier Field- volunteers get a free ticket to the Red Wings game that night.

- NSC is purchasing 2 speed control devices, BNA may get one for Culver Road.

- Limited funding for neighborhood projects will be available, perhaps to be used for signage?flower pots?

City Council Update – Loretta Scott, City Council President, explained the 'Opportunity to Compete' initiative for improved job options within the city of Rochester and mentioned that in the City Budget there is a very large gap to overcome. She also told us she would be interested in being our guest speaker for our May meeting.

New Business

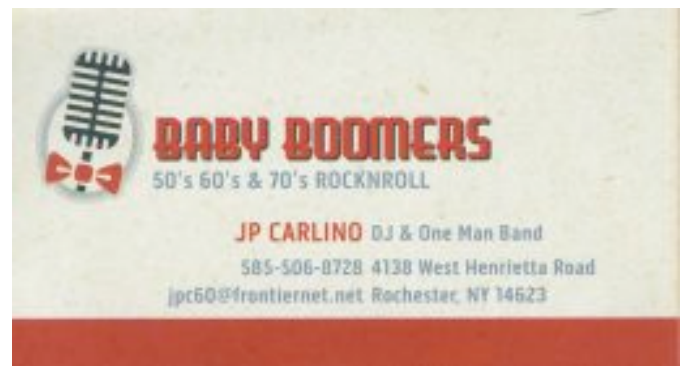
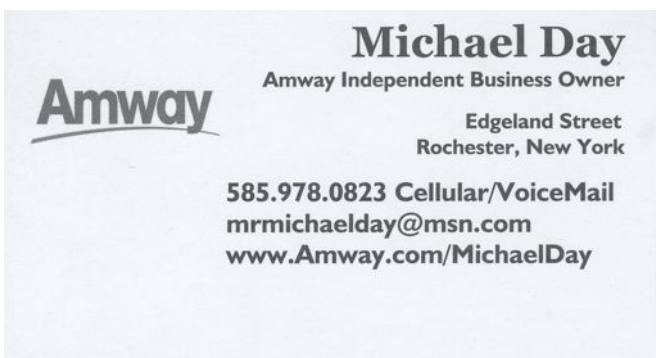
A neighbor asked if we could possibly move our meetings to the Ryan Center.

We also discussed plans for a 10 year anniversary party/picnic in the summer as well as a possible second mini clean sweep in the fall if the first one was a success. Suggestions were made for possible locations for these events and will be looked into.

Lastly, a neighborhood garage sale was discussed if there is enough interest. E-mail BNA if you are interested.

We are hoping to get flowers from the City for our flower pots, some of which need to be replaced.

There was no winner for the 50/50 raffle although we think it was won by Gary. It seems that he inadvertently dropped his half of the ticket in the bucket. When the winning number was called and no one claimed the winnings, it was decided he must have been the winner. In the end BNA was the real winner. He said he would have donated the money back to BNA anyway. Thanks Gary! Looks like we need our treasurers back at the next meeting!



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Important Contact Information

BNA Voicemail:
585-234-1535

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BNA address:
PO Box 90411
Rochester, NY 14609

BNA website:
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- 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, 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 13 – BNA meeting

May 14 – PCIC meeting

June 10 – BNA meeting

June 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 also separate from the bar.

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

BNA does not charge dues or membership fees.