



## Newsletter Delivery Updates!

We have 2 announcements! Last month we said we would have to stop delivering flyers to our neighbors on Clifford Ave if someone didn't come forward to help us out. Many thanks to Christine for stepping up to the plate. Thanks to Brain and Peg for delivering them in the interim. Now we WILL be able to continue to include our Clifford Ave neighbors after all!

We also have a new carrier for Laurelton Rd. After many years of service Ktristine is stepping down and Rebecca has offered to deliver the flyers to our neighbors on Laurelton Rd. Many thanks to both of them. Our next flyers to appear at your door will be in July, and as always, the full length version will be on line on our website.

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## Green Light Network

One of our neighbors told us of a company based in East Rochester [GreenLightNetworks.com](http://GreenLightNetworks.com) that delivers internet service via fiber optics which is much faster than cable or dial up modem. The down side, they are not yet servicing all areas of Rochester or Monroe County.

On their website, you can find out if they are servicing your street or how close they might be to offering the service to your area. If you are interested, add your name to the list. Once they get enough interest, they will bring the service to your street! They are already VERY close to us. Currently they are in the Southeast area of the City and Irondequoit. Let's get them in our neighborhood!

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## Proudly Serving the Streets of:

Bay  
Bedford  
Edgeland  
Clifford  
Culver  
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Roseview  
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Salisbury  
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Lawndale  
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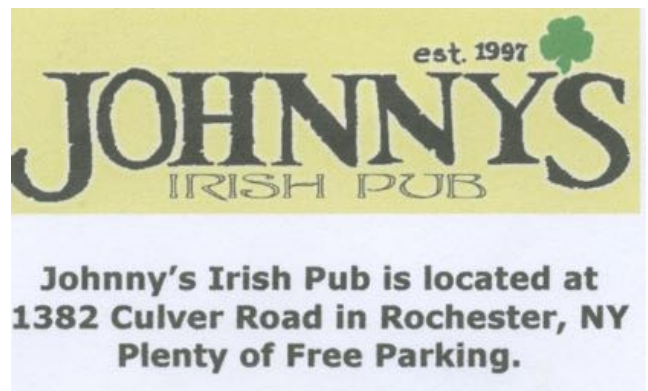
## Noise (City Code)

Now that summer is approaching and more people will have their windows open and be outdoors, please be considerate of your neighbors.

The City does have a noise ordinance. City Code Chapter 75, Article 4 found in the Code book states that between the hours of 8am-10pm sound should not be heard more than 50 ft from the property line, and between 10p-8am no further than the property line!

Sound is defined as voices, music, cars, motorized equipment such as power tools..... basically anything you can hear, even wind chimes!

Keep in mind, your taste in music may not be the same as your neighbors. If a neighbor is violating this code, ask them to quiet down. If they do not comply, call 311. Noise also includes barking dogs! (more on that in another newsletter)



## April Meeting Minutes

We had 10 neighbors, 3 from LAUGH, a new face from Bedford, (always nice to see new faces), Officer Cannon and Nancy from NSC. After around the room introductions, Officer Cannon 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	0	6
Agg Assault	4	2
Burglary	0	3
Larceny	5	5
MV Theft	0	5

Overall, a huge reduction in crime. Really good news! There was one incident of aggravated assault on Pershing Dr on March 29 during the night in which a threat with a gun was made. No one was hurt and Officer Cannon explained the public was not in danger as this was a domestic dispute.

Outside Bensonhurst but still in the 205 car beat, there was a shot fired into a car at the corner of Rocket and Goodman on Mar 22 in the afternoon. No one was injured but drugs were found in the car.

There were 3 larcenies, one at the 7-Eleven store and another at Rite Aid both involved shoplifting. The suspect who was known to the police in the 7-Eleven theft was arrested a short time later.

Officer Cannon also told us of suspicious drug activity seen on Bedford St near Clifford Ave.

If you see anything suspicious, please call 911. Remember, you do not have to give your name. This activity is happening during the daytime.

Nancy reminded us of the annual City Clean Sweep coming up on Saturday, Apr 30. She also passed around a survey for the Mayors Innovation project and encouraged us to participate in a Library survey as well.

After paying for the PO box renewal our balance is \$3,567.45.

Last month, Heather was given permission to purchase 6 new flower pots. She told us that one of her patients (who told her of the sale at Lowe's and lives in Greece) donated 2 pots to Bensonhurst. Very nice! Many thanks to them. Speaking of flower pots, someone tipped over the one at the corner of Longview Terr and Rocket St spilling dirt into the street. IF you see anyone vandalizing them, please CALL 911! We will be getting flowers for them in mid May and will need help with planting.

Currently all our neighborhood streets are receiving flyers, thanks to our volunteers delivering them. No one came forward from Bay Street so they will have get their news from the on line newsletter if they are interested.

We have noticed that many streets around the City have Little Free Library boxes. We discussed whether this might be something we should do. It was decided we need to look into what is involved both for cost and requirements. If this is something you think you might want to get involved with, please let us know. Other streets very near to us have Little Libraries. We should too! More info on page 3.

ITALIAN COOKIES, WEDDING CAKES, PASTRIES & BREADS



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In a followup from the last meeting regarding speed humps on Rocket St, Brian contacted Erik Frisch, City Transportation Specialist who told us he will contact the Street Design Division to inspect the speed humps on Rocket St. He also said the contractor ran out of time last fall, but the speed humps that were to be installed on South Longview last fall WILL be done this summer.

He also said there is a proposal to install a Bike Boulevard on Pershing Dr and Lyceum Streets to connect Bay St and Waring Rd. There will be a public design open house at some time in the future. This kind of work not only provides safety for bicyclists but serves as a traffic calming tool as well.

We are still looking at a mini clean sweep for our area (maybe in the fall) with a lunch afterwards, similar to what we did last year; a garage sale sometime this summer; a Red Wings game; and maybe a neighborhood picnic, all dates to be determined.

Peg won the 50/50 raffle and donated the money back minus her investment. Thank you Peg!

*Happy Mothers Day*

## Free Energy Audits

Pathstone Corporation will be holding a free energy workshop on May 10. The workshop will help participants learn how to qualify for income-based matching grants and how to access low-interest loans to facilitate home-energy upgrades such as better insulation or furnace repairs.

Contact Courtney Klee at 442-2030 ext. 213 or via email [cklee@pathstone.org](mailto:cklee@pathstone.org) to register.

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## Upcoming City Events

Lilac Festival, starting with the parade on May 7. It looks like the flowers will be right on time.

Ongoing garage sales during the summer at the Public Market almost every Sunday starting in mid June.

Food truck rodeos at the Public Market the last Wednesday of every month through October, including an extra Wednesday in July and August.

There are lots of free festivals around throughout the summer....AND your public libraries are always offering events throughout the year!

Check the City website for a list of upcoming activities.

## Little Free Library

So you have no doubt seen the “little” libraries around town? ....some even nearby. It would be really cool if Bensonhurst had one! We discussed this at the last meeting and are asking if anyone is interested in “hosting” the library. It needs to be placed ON private property, not on public space.

Once the “library” is built, it is registered with the Little Free Library organization. Books can be added and replaced by anyone. The whole idea is to make it easy for kids to read. Check out their website [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org). It suggests several ideas for the “library” from buying a box to building one or even using recycled items to house the books.

If this is something you would like to see in our neighborhood or if you could build and/or host one, please let us know. Bensonhurst MAY be able to help with the cost. We already have someone willing to supply books to get started!

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## Free Rabies Clinics

Free rabies clinics are 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>

## 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 RPD. 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 CPA Instructors will include experienced trainers and operational personnel from several units of their 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](mailto:tc0550@cityofrochester.gov). DOWNLOAD the application for the CPA here: <http://bensohurst14609.org/BNA-misc/CPA-Application.pdf>



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

**Walk-In Wellness Hours**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 2-7 p.m.  
Saturday: 12-7 p.m.

**Spay/Neuter Surgeries by Appointment Only**

985 Bay Street, Rochester, NY 14609  
(585) 288-0600 • [rochestercommunityanimalclinic.com](http://rochestercommunityanimalclinic.com)



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

## Important Contact Information

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585-234-1535

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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 - 311 non 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  
[bensonhurstNA@excite.com](mailto: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.

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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, 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

**May 10 – BNA meeting**

**May 11 – PCIC meeting**

**June 8 - PCIC meeting**

**June 14 - BNA 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.**