



DESPERATE need for newsletter carriers!

This could be your last newsletter! If you live on Bedford or N Pershing St, this could be your last newsletter. Your carriers are no longer able to deliver the monthly newsletters. If you would like to help us out, please contact Bensonhurst. Bedford St would involve delivering 70 newsletters and N Pershing would be 30 newsletters once a month a few days before each BNA meeting.

If you don't want to do the whole street, maybe you can get a neighbor to share it with you.

If this is something you can do, please contact bensonhurst14609@excite.com

The newsletters are delivered to your house. It is good exercise and is a chance to help out your neighborhood organization.

We thank Alayne for her years of service and are sorry to see her leave. We also thank Lenore for her years of service as well.

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Burglaries

The RPD tells us there has been an increase in burglaries throughout the SE area in which the criminal entered through an unlocked window. Now that summer is here they are reminding neighbors to keep their doors, screens

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and window locked whenever they are asleep or away.

Don't be the next victim and call 911 with any suspicious activity.

The logo for Johnny's Irish Pub features the text "est. 1997" above a green shamrock. Below the shamrock, the word "JOHNNYS" is written in a large, stylized, serif font, and "IRISH PUB" is written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font below it.

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

The business card for Toshiba Business Solutions features the Toshiba logo at the top left, with the tagline "Leading Innovation >>>". Below this, the name "Joseph C. Refici" and title "Account Executive" are listed. At the bottom, the company name "Toshiba Business Solutions" and contact information are provided.

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May Meeting Minutes

A record number of neighbors attended our last meeting. Among us was Elaine Spaul from City Council, Nancy Johns-Price from the NSC and the store owners from 2179 Clifford Ave with their lawyers.

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

Crime Stats	Year to Date	
	4/2011	4/2012
Murders	0	0
Rapes	2	0
Robberies	2	1
Aggravated Assault	3	2
Larcenies	26	15
Motor Vehicle Thefts	3	5
Burglaries	11	15

Elaine informed us that the City is currently working on the budget and concerns were brought up about school taxes.

The lawyers for the store owners presented information on behalf of their clients regarding their attempt to reopen the store. Nancy was instrumental in clearing up some questions as to the

process involved. Right now the owners and the NSC are waiting for a letter from the City lawyer as to whether or not they will be allowed to reopen.

There was a healthy discussion between the Bensonhurst neighbors and the store representatives.

There was no treasurers report.

The 50/50 raffle was won by one of the store owners and the entire amount given back to the association. Thank you!

Bensonhurst Officers

President- Heather Henry (interim)
 Vice President- Brian Managan
 Secretary- Carol O'Keene
 Treasurer- Paul Zimmer/Peg Aderman
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 Newsletter- Karen Managan



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Traffic Speed Camera

The City has scored a grant from the state to purchase 4 portable speed trailers. There will be one for each quadrant of the city. Each will be rotated around their respective quadrant to track vehicle speeds on local streets. This in turn will help the police determine where trouble spots are in addition to just slowing down traffic in general.

Our NSC office hopes to have one on Culver Rd once construction is complete in the fall. And it looks like construction might be done sooner than that!

Hummingbirds

Does anyone have any hummingbirds around? I have been trying to attract them for several years, but all I seem to do is change their food every few days with no activity.

I know of some folks in the 12 corners area that have them, but am wondering if there just aren't any in our neighborhood since they are territorial.

If you could let me know by responding to BNA, it would be appreciated. Thanks.

Thanks to our neighbors!

Thanks to all the folks who canvassed the neighborhood seeking signatures on our petition to keep the store at 2179 Clifford Ave closed. It has been much quieter since the closure with less drug activity.

And also a thanks to all the neighbors who signed it! We are hoping we got way more signatures than the store did i their attempt to keep it open! There is another chance to show your support on the next page!

Now that the store is closed, the city will not allow the owners to open any other stores for a year. Hopefully by next year there will be new store owners.

Lets hope the new owners are less tolerant of illicit behavior and more sensitive to the neighbors needs.

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Flower Pots

We have scored flowers from the City this year. Some have already been planted and look really nice. Please keep them watered so they look good all summer. Rumor has it that it is going to be a hot dry summer!

We are still missing 2 flower pots that were on the corner of Longview and Rocket. If you know their whereabouts, please let us know!

If you see anyone vandalizing them (that includes dumping them over) please call 911.

Safety

The City has been experiencing a large number of homicides this year, most of it involves gang feuds and unsupervised "house" parties.

Therefore the City is asking for your help by reporting any unsupervised "house" parties you see happening.

These parties are happening city wide not just in our area. The gang feuds right now are between a group near Ave D and a rival gang very near our area in the Webster/Bay area.

It is very important that any parties or suspicious activity be reported by calling 911.

We need to keep our neighborhood safe.

Petition

If you did not get a chance to sign the petition that was circulated a few weeks ago to keep the store at 2179 Clifford Ave closed, you still have a chance to do so. Simply fill out the form below and mail it to Bensonhurst. (address on the back page of this newsletter.)

All forms will be forwarded to the NSC office to submit to the City. The store owners do not see the names on the petition.

Anyone over the age of 18 is eligible to sign the petition so if there is more than one person over the age of 18 living at your residence, all persons can sign. Also if you weren't home when one member of your family signed and you want your voice heard, here is your chance.

Clean Sweep

Clean sweep was held last month for our area. It was a warm day with lots of sun so there was a great turnout. 1,100



volunteers participated, 15 tons of debris were collected and 25 beautification projects were completed which included planting and refreshing community vegetable and flower gardens.

Hopefully many of our neighbors were there to help out!

And of course since litter knows no calendar, we can always pick up litter in our neighborhood 365 days a year!

Petition to keep the store at 2179 Clifford Ave closed

I support the Neighborhood Service Center in the closing of the business at 2179 Clifford Avenue due to the business not complying with the laws in the City of Rochester.

Name: _____

Street address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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BNA website:
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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
bensohurstNA@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

June 12– BNA meeting

June 13 – PCIC meeting

July 10 – BNA meeting

July 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.