

Bensonhurst

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

New Flower Pots

As you have noticed, our flower pots (the ones that are left) have seen better days, but we have had them for some time now so they served us well. We now have in our possession 8 new containers for flowers.

We would love for our neighbors to adopt some of them. There are 2 ways of doing this. You could “buy” one (flowers provided) to put at the corner of your street and maintain it, or you could “adopt” it by keeping it watered during the summer.

They are \$15 each and buying one would help defray our expenses. You are also free to put your own flowers in if you prefer. Two of the pots have already been claimed!

Some of the remaining containers are still usable, they just need some caretakers for the summer since we can't always rely on Mother Nature.

If you are interested in either “buying” one or “adopting” one, please let BNA know. It would be greatly appreciated. Thanks



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Aging News and Views from Lifespan

AARP just launched a program to help boomers decide the “what’s next” phase of their lives and Lifespan is offering tips on aging. You can check these out at: <http://tinyurl.com/q857ago>

They cover issues such as dating, why a secure retirement is in jeopardy, college classes that are available, senior housing and jobs for those wanting to rejoin the workforce again.

The City of Rochester also has programs for seniors.

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Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for June will be Chris Johnson from the Warrior Salute program. The program helps returning vets readjust to society offering many services. This is a graduate from that program.

Let's have a good turnout for his presentation.

We are also hoping the people from the new Veterinary Clinic will be there to tell us about themselves.

Vandalism

A neighbor reports that a couple weeks ago school age children were seen throwing rocks at an overhead garage light on private property. Luckily nothing was damaged.

This occurred during hours when they should have been in school. The school as well as our CPO's have been notified. If you see school age children on the streets during school hours, please call 911. A truant officer will come out to investigate.

A Letter from a Neighbor

There is more than one neighbor reporting problems with school age children in the neighborhood. We received a letter from a neighbor near the Lawndale/Rocket/Mapledale area saying that they have for some time now let neighborhood kids (ages 6-10) play in their side yard since they have a large unused area where they could play and be safe from traffic. The use of the space came with some rules and restrictions in order to protect the homeowners house, cars and landscaping.

Lately those rules are being ignored and the property is being damaged. This has



forced the owners to restrict the kids from playing there anymore.

This is an instance of someone trying to be a good neighbor but it doesn't work as it should.

If you see anyone vandalizing your or any of your neighbors property or being on the property without permission, call 911.

School will be out soon and this could develop into a real issue if it is not addressed now.

Meet your CPO

After the meeting in June, Officer Cannon has offered to stay late to talk with anyone that needs or wants to talk privately with him about any issues they have.

We want people to get to know our CPO's (Crime Prevention Officers) better. We hope Officer Belliard will be at the July meeting.

Tomatoes

The tomatoes are back. The planters at each end of Martinot Ave have grape tomatoes planted in them again this year. They are organically grown using compost for fertilizer. They already have buds on them so hopefully they will produce a bumper crop. They will probably be ready to pick in mid to late July. They are there for neighbors to share!

Feel free to pick them when they are ripe!.... and enjoy!



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Thanks Neighbors!

Thanks to the Westchester.....or Culver Rd neighbor who has already adopted a flower pot at the corner of Westchester and Culver Rd. The flowers look awesome! A flowerpot on Lawndale near Clifford Ave has also already been adopted. Now for the rest of them.....



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May Meeting Minutes

There were 15 people at our last BNA meeting along with Officer Cannon and Nancy Price-Johns. After around the room introductions Officer Cannon updated us on the before school fights that have been happening.

It seems things have settled down considerably with increased officer patrol and the school officials involved as well as the store owner at 2179 no longer allowing students in his store. We were once again reminded that this is not unique to our neighborhood and happens around the City once nice weather arrives. The good news, school will be out in another month.

He also said there was an arrest made in a carjacking in the 1000 block of Culver Rd... not that far away and another arrest of 2 persons who robbed a pizza delivery person.

The crime stats for April for PSA 26 were as follows:

	2013	2012
Murder	1	0
Rape	0	0
Robberies	9	1
Assault	6	5
Burglaries	17	12
Larcenies	27	24
Motor Vehicle	2	3

Only one of the robbery's was actually in Bensonhurst. It occurred during the daytime when a young man had his phone taken while waiting for the bus. And not to be alarmed, the murder was at Durand Beach which is in PSA 26.

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Sheriff and RPD patrols have been increased after hours to help curb late night activity there.

Next up was Nancy from NSC. She told us the apartment building at 2167 Clifford Ave would soon be reopening. Currently repairs are being made and the landlord has been in contact with NSC regarding the reopening.

If you see any suspicious activity there, please call 911. That corner is finally getting cleaned up, we don't want a repeat of past activities.

Masood from 2179 Clifford Ave informed us of his desire to keep his store open later at night staying open until 1am during the week and 2am on Friday and Saturday. His case will be heard at the next City Planning Meeting in June. Several BNA neighbors plan on being there. Nancy and Officer Cannon offered suggestions on how to present his case to the Planning Board and what to do to stay safe at the store later at night.

After his presentation, there was discussion regarding how he would handle the extended hours. A vote was taken to support his request on a trial basis for a year. The group felt that he has been a good neighbor, has been attending BNA meetings working with us to improve our quality of life and that we should give him a chance to try longer hours. The vote passed with 14 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

He also plans at a later date to apply for a variance to have a lighted sign on his building.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Paul.

Suspicious Behavior

A few weeks ago a group of black male teens were taking pictures of houses on Rocket St. While it is not illegal to do so, it does make you question their motives. Please report any suspicious behavior.

Ray Ray's

Ray Rays has Steak Night on Thursdays and Fish Fry on Fridays. They are still working on their Spanish menu.

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Robberies

Unfortunately the masked men on bicycles are still around. A patron was robbed as he was leaving a Merchants Rd business late at night and shot despite having given over his wallet as asked. (he will beok)

Please be very careful when leaving ANY establishment and call 911 if you notice any suspicious activity.

New Veterinary Clinic

There is a new veterinary clinic to open on Bay St. They will offer low cost spay and neutering services for dogs and cats based on income. They offer this service to pet owners, feral cat caregivers and non profit rescue groups. Hopefully they will be at our June meeting with more information.

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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

June 11– BNA meeting

June 12 – PCIC meeting

July 9– BNA meeting

July 10 – 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.