



## We're Going To Have A Party!!

To celebrate BNA's 10th anniversary, we are going to have a combined mini clean sweep and party. RayRay's Bar and Grill has agreed to let us use their parking lot for the afternoon. The event will happen on Saturday, Oct 4th. More details will be available in future newsletter issues and flyers. If you have any ideas for the party, let us know.

## Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for our June meeting will be Brenda Kremens Massie from Reconnect Rochester, a non profit alternate transportation advocacy group. She will have a limited number of FREE all day bus passes which will be good for riding RTS anywhere on June 19 for RocTransit Day.

The passes will also be good at some local businesses for discounts, activities, prizes and goods. Come hear what she has to say and get your free bus pass. <http://www.roctransitday.com/roctransit-day.php>

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## Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the high school and college graduates out there. May your future be bright.

Also, a Happy Fathers Day to all the dads! Thanks for all you do and all you have done.

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## Red Wings game?

If there is enough interest, we can have a neighborhood night at the ballgame again this year. This is always a fun event for the family and we get a discount on the ticket price.

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## May Meeting Minutes

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

Our guest speaker was Andrea Guzzetta from the Rochester City Council Office. Loretta Scott sends her apologies for being unable to make the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Andrea presented handouts regarding the RPD re-organization including a FAQ sheet and a power point presentation explaining the new changes. Andrea also discussed the functions of City Council which include developing and approving the City budget, land use as well as construction projects in the City and setting City policies although most policies are proposed by the mayor. There are 9 members on the council, 5 of which are elected and 4 (1 for each quadrant of the city). One neighbor had a concern regarding plantings at city cemeteries that Andrea and Nancy Johns-Price will look into and follow up on with the neighbor.

NSC update with Nancy Johns-Price - Nancy thanked us for the mini clean sweep and reminded us to continue to address issues as they come up. Spring is typically known for long grass and refuse problems - contact NSC with concerns. Thanks to the NSC for providing tools and garbage bags for the mini clean sweep.

The apartment building at 2167 Clifford Ave is being inspected regularly to prevent problems there. As a result of the arrests made there in February, the NSC is working with the law department to include a probationary period after a property has been closed due to nuisance points (315 - Nuisance abatement legislation). Currently, a property has a fresh start upon re-opening if the city has shut it down. Also legislation regarding nuisance points in the case of a domestic violence incident are being discussed.

RPD CPO Brian Cannon- Crime stats were given for the last 30 days compared to last year at the same time for PSA 26.

	2013	2014
Homicide	1	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	8	7
Agg Assault	6	5
Burglary	14	9
Larceny	26	19
MV theft	3	3

Overall, there is a 26% decrease in crime. Within Bensonhurst there were only 4 incidences.

1. Clifford Ave larceny May 26 - A person left a wallet in an unlocked car and it was stolen.
2. Longview Terr larceny April 19 - Items in a front yard were stolen including sneakers and a car seat.
3. Pershing Dr, a domestic dispute on May 7 with a minor injury
4. Culver/Clifford 7-11 store, April 15, An armed masked late night robbery, cash was stolen, no one was hurt, this is an active investigation.

RPD has followed up with the new store at 1055 Bay Street and so far everything has been in compliance.

Neighbor question- Is heroin an issue in the city like on college campuses? RPD has no reports of increased incidence of heroin usage.

Treasurers report- still maintaining, \$1013.59

New Business-Flower pots - some have been destroyed - Heather made a motion to purchase 4 new ones, Jean seconded, vote was a unanimous yes to purchase 4 new pots, Peg and Kirk will look for some, Lisa and Heather will coordinate picking up and delivering flowers.

BNA organized a mini clean sweep in the neighborhood. 8 volunteers picked up trash along main streets in BNA, cleaned out storm gutters at major intersections, and cleaned up yards of

some businesses and empty lots in the neighborhood. Thank you to all the volunteers and to the NSC for the equipment. Thank you to the Valero Gas station at 2179 Clifford Ave for the donation of water for volunteers and use of the parking lot to organize the event. Finally, thank you Gary for the donation of sodas for the thirsty workers! Another mini clean sweep will be organized in the fall in coordination with BNA 10th anniversary celebration.

BNA 10 year anniversary and mini clean sweep - date is set for Saturday, October 4. Fliers and e-mails will be distributed in an attempt to encourage increased participation. Ideas - picnic after clean sweep - involve Ray Ray's? Food truck? ...other area businesses?

50/50 raffle winners Peg and Kirk!!  
Next meeting Tues, June 10 at 7pm.

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## Festivals!

It's summer time in Rochester and that means festivals and public farm markets. There are plenty to chose from. Check out the city website and click on calendar to find upcoming, mostly free events.

In addition to the Rochester Public market, many area neighborhoods offer "market" days where you can buy fresh fruit and vegetables in season. There's even one near us at 1245 Culver Rd. They grow and sell their own food! Buy locally!



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## RPD reorganization

Andrea Guzzetta handed out information on the RPD reorganization proposal set to appear on the Mayor's desk in June. The proposal will change the patrol division from the current 2 district (east side/west side) to a 5 section model, similar to what it was years ago before going to the east/west format.

The purpose of the reorganization is a result of community desires as well as a push from within the RPD to develop a closer police/neighborhood relationship by returning to single car patrols and neighborhood policing. The plan will be phased in later this year with no noticeable disruption of police services.

Bensonhurst would still remain in the SE quadrant as we are now. If you have any questions regarding the changes, you can contact RPD at [RPDreorg@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:RPDreorg@cityofrochester.gov)

## Flower Pots

The flower pots are back out. Thanks to Lisa for getting the flowers from the City. Thanks to Peg and Kirk for getting new flower pots and Kirk and Heather for planting flowers.

The tomatoes are also back at each end of Martinot Ave. They even have blossoms on them already and will probably be ready in July. Keep an eye on them and help yourself when they are ready.

If you have a flower pot near you that needs water when Mother Nature doesn't come through, please help out by watering it to keep it looking good during the summer.

Come fall, we really do need to bring them in so they don't suffer damage from the sidewalk plows. Speaking of damage, if you see anyone vandalizing them, please call 911.



## Mini Clean Sweep Recap

The mini clean sweep although sparsely attended, went well. Another one is being planned in the fall. Thanks to Masood for letting us use his parking lot as a staging area and providing water for the participants.

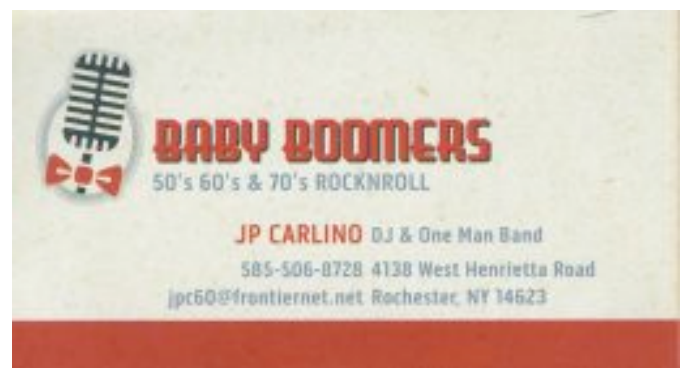
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Neighborhood Service Center  
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City Hall services - 311  
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NBN and PCIC website:  
<http://sites.google.com/site/nbnsector8/Home>

Crime Reports Lists  
[www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com)

Sex Offender site:  
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Do Not Call List:  
[www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)  
1-888-382-1222

**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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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, 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 10 – BNA meeting**

**June 11 – PCIC meeting**

**July 8 – BNA meeting**

**July 9 – PCIC 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 also separate from the bar.**

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

**BNA does not charge dues or membership fees.**