



Newsletter Carrier

We NEED a newsletter carrier for Clifford Ave starting in July. It involves delivering flyers to about 35 houses on the south side of the street from Pershing Dr to Culver Rd.

The newsletters are delivered to your house in time for you to deliver them prior to the meetings. This would only be 4 times a year. The next flyers need to be delivered in July. If you can help us out, please contact Bensonhurst. bensonhurst14609@excite.com

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Speed Monitors

We finally got a speed monitor on Culver Rd. Apparently there have been many requests for them since the city got 4 monitors last year. The data from them is interesting. During the 4 days the monitor was there, 10,000 cars passed by and 8,000 of them were OVER the posted speed limit. That means 80% of the cars were speeding. Most were only 4 mph over but many were more than that. 9% were 11 miles over the limit. The fastest speeds were between 6-8am and again late afternoon. The highest speed posted was 82 mph!

RPD will use this data to determine what times of day would be most appropriate for monitoring the speed limit. After everyone in the queue has had a turn at the speed monitor, we may be able to get it back at a later date.

Facebook

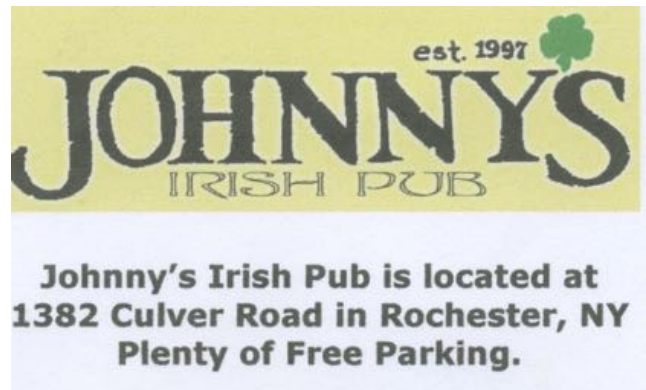
If you haven't yet checked out our Facebook page, we encourage you to do so. It is a great way to get updated news and info about our neighborhood. We have almost 75 "likes" now.....some even from outside our area! We think we can reach the 100 mark before we have even been up a year. Help us get there.

If you're not into Facebook, you can send your email address to BNA and we will send you notices of important dates and events by email. We don't like spam any more than you do, so will only send relevant information.

That way you don't miss anything important.

Flower Pots

Now that we have flowers again in our pots, please help keep them looking good by watering one near you and call 911 if you see anyone vandalizing them.



May Meeting Minutes

After around the room introductions, Lt. Alberti spoke about the speed monitor that was posted on Culver Rd. (Results of that monitor can be found elsewhere in this newsletter). He then spoke of the reorganization of the RPD and introduced Officer Arrowood who is the daytime officer for Bensonhurst. Both he and Lt Alberti said the trouble spots near us are Clifford and Morton St and the school children from Frederick Douglas. He reiterated to please call 911 with ANY suspicious activity. Officer Arrowood is an 18 year veteran of the police force and familiar with the Goodman section. The plan was to have both the evening and night officers there as well so we could meet them, but one was sick and the other was unable to attend. We hope to meet them at the next meeting.

Officer Cannon and Nancy from NSC were also in attendance. Officer Cannon gave the crime stats for PSA 26 for the month of May as compared to last year at the same time. It looks like a lot because it now encompasses a much larger area and therefore more events, but overall crime was down significantly.

	2014	2015
Homicide	1	0
Rape	0	2
Robbery	14	6
Agg Assault	9	8
Burglary	29	16
Larceny	93	72
MV Theft	8	5

We had one event in Bensonhurst involving copper pipes on Pershing Dr which we actually heard about last month. The other events were nearby but outside Bensonhurst. Someone broke into the convenience store during the night at Merchants and Culver Rd and stole lottery tickets. On Morton St, children generally unattended have been seen playing with matches and lighters. Child protective services are involved. There is also still activity going on at 2153 Clifford Ave. Nancy will look into this.

We had 4 firefighters from engine 12 who again stressed the importance of having smoke detectors and to please call 311 to obtain one if you can't afford one. They also said they are doing annual inspections of 7,000 hydrants in the city as well as 3,000 vacant houses. Some hydrants no longer have poles to identify them. They will be putting new color coded poles on hydrants to indicate water volumes and pressures.

Heather reported that flowers from the City would be delivered on Saturday and we would need people to help plant them. Kirk and Peg got more flower pots and soil.

Carol and Eric participated in a walkability audit last month with about 20 other people including city planners and reported back that it was a positive experience. Hopefully we will have more information about this project in upcoming months.

Our guest speaker was Master Gardner Sharon Rosenbaum from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County. She gave a very enthusiastic presentation and provided a lot of valuable information which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Peg did not have treasury information this time and will present it at the next meeting.

Peg also won the 50/50 raffle and donated the money back to Bensonhurst. Thanks Peg!



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Honor Flight!

Do you know a veteran, either WW2 or Korean who would be interested in going to Washington DC to visit the memorials including Arlington Cemetery? Honor Flight will fly them there and the trip costs them nothing. HonorFlightRochester.org. They will also take Vietnam vets with serious health issues. Heather and I volunteer for them and we have yet to meet a vet who was disappointed in the trip. They all come back overwhelmed saying it was WAY more than they ever expected. Honor Flights goal is to get every veteran to Washington to see their memorials.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe Country talked about growing plants in small areas. Things like squash and

other vine-like plants need lots of crawl space so she suggested planing things you like. Most plants like direct sun for 8 hours but plants on the south and west side of a building suffer from intense heat and therefore need more water. When growing organic, you still need to fertilize using organic compost.

Lawns and new plantings need one inch of water every week until the first freeze, Lawns also need fertilizer 3-4 times per year. In the summer, never mow the grass shorter than 3 inches. These were just some of the topics she touched on .

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