

Bensonhurst

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Flower Planting

Many thanks to all involved in helping plant flowers.Kirk, Lisa, Heather, Matt, Adam, Gwen, Emily, Arabella, Henry, Eric, Rebecca, and Karen!! We have 2 pages of pics in this newsletter.

Now we need to keep them watered and dead head the marigolds to encourage them to keep flowering. Mother Nature doesn't always provide water on a regular basis! ANYONE can water them if they look a bit thirsty! They need water almost every dayespecially if it is really hot and sunny. Some of the marigolds did not survive and some of the other plants looked pretty droopy until finally Mother Nature came to the rescue. They look really great now after all that rain! Lets keep them that way!

There are holes in the bottom of the planters as well as rocks so there is no fear of overwatering them. They have lots of drainage.

We have had some vandalism to the ones on Culver Rd where someone pulled out the flowers. If you see anyone damaging the pots or flowers, please call 911.



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Noise (City Code)

Last month we talked about noise, this month we will discuss the City code on dogs! Some of our neighbors have complained about barking dogs. The City Code book Section 31-5 states that dogs are not to bark continuously for more than 15 minutes at a time during the day, with daytime hours being between 8am and 10pm nor are they to bark longer than 5 minutes at a time after 10 pm.

Please be considerate of others and keep your dog from barking for long periods of time. Bring them inside if needed. Also as a reminder, all dogs need to be leashed, licensed and have their required shots. There are free rabies clinics around the area all summer long. Info can be found on the City website.

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May Meeting Minutes

What a crowd! We had 13 neighbors which included 2 new folks from Edgeland who just moved in, Officer Belliard and Nancy from NSC, 4 firefighters (who had to leave part way through the meeting), Andy Rowe from the Mayors office, Sara Lydon from the public library and Kenny Henry from Americorps. Heather led the meeting in Brian's absence. After around the room introductions, Officer Belliard 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	2
Robbery	0	2
Agg Assault	1	0
Burglary	1	3
Larceny	15	9
MV Theft	2	2

Overall, a 75% reduction in crime. Within Bensonhurst, there was a petit larceny at the 7 Eleven store where someone passed a counterfeit \$100 bill for a bag of potato chips.

There was a larceny on Pershing Dr in mid April where an Xbox was taken. This was classified as a larceny rather than a burglary because there was no forced entry and the item was taken when there were multiple people entering and leaving the house during the time it was discovered missing.

Last month a neighbor mentioned to Officer Cannon that there was suspicious activity on Bedford St near

Clifford Ave. A neighbor called 911 when they noticed a black van parked on the street. When officers responded they found a small amount of marijuana on the dash. Once a search was done of the car, they found over 3 pounds of marijuana and a few thousand dollars. The suspect was from the Buffalo area so definitely was involved with drug dealing. Great work from our neighbors and the RPD! Calling 911 DOES pay! If you see anything suspicious, please call 911. Remember, you do not have to give your name when they ask.

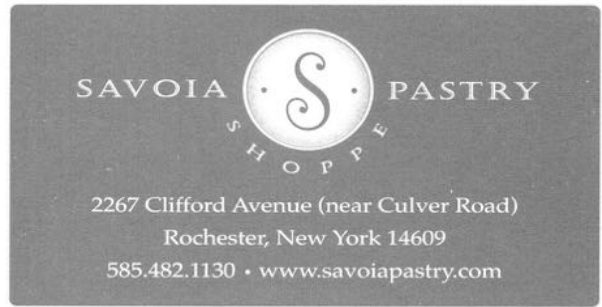
Officer Belliard told us of some purse thefts from cars. He also passed around a flyer with hints on protecting your identity and how to spot counterfeit money. He encouraged persons to attend the Citizens Police Academy being offered in the fall and handed out applications for the class. Applications can also be found on the city website.

Next up were the firefighters. They told us to make sure to test your smoke detectors regularly and that they should be replaced every 10 years. With summer approaching they also reminded us of care and safety with grills and fire pits. Grills should always be at least 10 feet away from anything combustable when in use and ashes from a grill can remain hot for 24 hours so need to be disposed of carefully. According to NYS regulations, fire pits can be no larger than 3x4 ft and need to be 20 feet away

from anything combustable. There also needs to be some form of fire extinguishing device nearby, be it a hose, shovel or whatever.

Andy from the Mayors office handed out a City newsletter. Nancy from NSC told us the roofing grant is

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still available until May 26. She and Officer Belliard also told us of the RPD outreach and uplift program this summer. They hope to be in our area in September. There were concerns of excess litter and uncut grass in the area. Call 311 or use the website to file a complaint. Once done, a city inspector will come out and asses the premises and leave a notice for the homeowner. If they don't comply within a specified time frame, the City will do the work for them and add the bill to their taxes! Andy stressed that anytime you use the City website, your email address will NOT be sold. Nancy also told us that the owner of the McDonalds franchise near East High school has been working with the community and the students. She encouraged us to check out the student artwork inside...of course that means you can NOT use the drive up!

Kenny from Americorps will be offering a free seminar on Thurs, May 19 at the Sully library on avoiding fraud. Sara told us the Sully branch was named Library of the year. This is a county wide award, not just a City award! Congratulations to them.

Our treasury is currently \$3,481.45.

Flowers from the City will be picked up on May 14. Thanks to all who will be helping. There is a free rabies clinic June 11 in Irondequoit.

We are still looking at a mini clean sweep for our area at some time as well as a Red Wings game in August.

Andy won the 50/50 raffle and donated the money back. Thank you Andy!

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Flower Planting Day in Bensonhurst!



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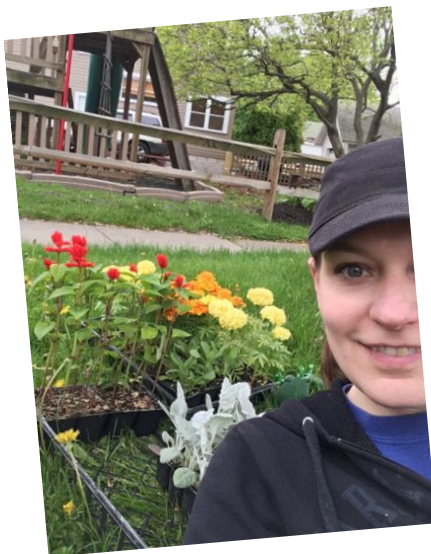
Just getting started!



Lots of families!

Thanks to Heather for providing the pics!





We have to have a selfie!



....and don't forget the dog!



The finished product in one of our new pots!



Hey, you didn't tell me there would be donuts!



RPD Community Outreach

In May, RPD held their first of the season community outreach event in the EMMA neighborhood. Lt Alberti said it was well attended, well received and therefore a success. In addition to the police officers, the canine unit and the mounted patrol were in attendance which are always a big hit with children.

The fire department was also there with a fire truck (also a hit) and did a ladder demonstration. There was information on PACTAC and several persons expressed interest in joining. They also had a child ID booth. Eighteen youngsters were fingerprinted for their safety. A food truck was present from Food Link to promote healthy eating.

The next outreach event will be on Thursday June 16 in Bensonhurst from 5-7pm....rain or shine. The command vehicle will be parked at the corner of Laurelton and Longview. Hopefully we can get most of our neighbors out for a good showing. Our

CPO officers will be there along with Captain Cuyler, Lt Alberti and several other members of the police force. Come out and meet them. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Citizens Police Academy

(deadline 9/1)

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. DOWNLOAD the application for the CPA here: <http://bensonhurst14609.org/BNA-misc/CPA-Application.pdf>

New Carrier

Christine Miller, who lives in Bensonhurst has offered to deliver flyers to our neighbors on Clifford Ave. When you see her, be sure to say thanks!

She also placed an ad in our newsletter. If you need a realtor, give her a call. Having said that, we hope no one from Bensonhurst leaves, so tell your friends to give her a call and come here!

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BNA website:
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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

Sex Offender site:
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Do Not Call List:
www.donotcall.gov
1-888-382-1222

City Hall services - 311 non emergency
www.cityofrochester.gov

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, 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

June 8 – PCIC meeting

June 14 – BNA meeting

July 12 - BNA meeting

July 13- 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 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.