

# Bensonhurst

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### June Speaker

Matt has lined up a speaker for our June meeting. Rachel Barnhart, running for City mayor will talk about her platform. Matt sent invites to all the candidates, but so far she is the only one to respond. Hopefully the others will as well. We want to give everyone a chance. Come hear her presentation and ask questions.

### BNA Mini Clean Sweep

Our mini clean sweep was a success. The weather cooperated and we were able to clean up the neighborhood and plant flowers in our flowerpots. Thanks to Jay, Joanne, Rebecca, Margo, Heather, Karen, Peg, Kirk, Matt, Eric, Daryl, David, Anneke and Claire.

Joanne and Margo probably picked up the most trash having collected almost 2 full bags near the 7 eleven store. We managed to clean all the streets between Bay and Clifford from Culver to Longview. Unfortunately, no neighbors west of Longview participated.

Afterwards, pizza and wings were enjoyed by all at Salvatores Donuts. Delite compliments of Bensonhurst.



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- Proudly Serving the Streets of:**
- Bay
  - Bedford
  - Edgeland
  - Clifford
  - Culver
  - Rocket
  - Martinot
  - Roseview
  - Longview
  - Salisbury
  - Laurelton
  - Lawndale
  - Mapledale
  - Pershing
  - Westchester

### Social Media to the Rescue!

Thanks to Jean and Paige for rescuing a mom and her kittens. Mom will be spayed and the kittens will find homes rather than having to live on the streets. This all happened from a post on our FaceBook page. One neighbor found mom and another had the kittens.

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

### Roundabout

The city will begin work soon on the roundabout at the intersection of Pershing Dr and Rocket St. The signs (covered) went up last week. They tell us the work should be done by fall.

## May Meeting Minutes

Heather started the meeting with a few announcements after our around the table introductions then turned the meeting over to Officer Belliard who updated us on the crime stats for the last 4 weeks.

	2016	2017
Homicide	0	0
Rape	1	0
Robbery	5	0
Agg Assault	0	1
Burglary	4	1
Larceny	12	15
MV Theft	3	2

Unfortunately larceny and burglary crimes were up 31% this time.

In the larceny category, 5 of them were in the Bensonhurst area and involved items being taken from UNLOCKED cars on the SAME night in early April on Martinot, Roseview and Rocket streets. A laptop computer was taken from one of the vehicles. Officer Belliard again stressed the importance of locking your car and not leaving valuables in them. These were all crimes of opportunity. Another car was stolen on Mapledale St when the keys were left in it. The car has not yet been found.

Another larceny event nearby was a package taken that was left outside by FedEx in the 1000 block of Bay St. The night before our meeting a car speeding down Lawndale Terr flipped over after it hit a curb and another car. The driver took the plates off the car, then took off on foot. He has not been identified altho they do know who the car belongs to. No one was injured but the second car did have minor damages.

Three arrests have been made in crimes that happened nearby. The first one was on 4/6, 2 days after the person robbed the M&T bank on Waring Rd. The second was on 4/8 when a call was made for a suspicious person on Gray St who was selling cigarettes. When the vicim attempted to buy them, the suspect dragged him down the street and stole his money. The third arrest was on 4/18 when RPD was doing a proactive search in the 1900 block of Clifford Ave. There was a foot chase with the suspect resulting in his arrest in which they found a handgun and marijuana. Nice work RPD!

The Firefighters told us the annual spring check of fire hydrants has been completed and all look good. They will be starting their vacant house inspection. There are 3 classifications. Green would be for occupied residences (which are most, and considered safe to enter), yellow is for houses with moderate hazards such as broken steps and red are vacant and have dangerous interiors such as floors missing. These are usually marked with and X an taken down at some point.

Once they are done with their house inspection, the will spend the rest of the summer doing commercial building inspections. They stated that our area survived our heavy rain with relatively few calls for help.

Nancy from NSC said we were good to go on our mini clean sweep. She also told us there is a RPD outreach event being held this Thursday at the Garson/Culver plaza and an event at the Ryan Center the next Thursday for groups interested in helping kids .



Sarah from the library told us of an upcoming event at the central library in early June, and Andy from the city handed out the summer recreation flyer.

Peg sent the treasurers report via email. Our balance is \$3391.26. No word on our grant application yet.

Our guest speaker, Lashundra gave her presentation on Connected Communities which was very interesting. Matt informed us that our guest speaker for June will be Rachael Barnhart running for mayor. An invite was sent to all the candidates offering them a chance to speak at upcoming meetings. So far she was the only one to respond.

Andy from the City won the 50/50 raffle. Since he left early the money was considered a donation to Bensonhurst!. Thanks Andy! He no doubt would have donated it back had he been there!

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All that is left of a stolen flowerpot!



Kudos to the neighbors who cleaned it up!



## BNA Mini Clean Sweep and Flower Planting!





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<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/nensc/>

NBN and PCIC website:  
<http://sites.google.com/site/nbnsector8/Home>

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

Sex Offender site:  
[www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/)

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

City Hall services - 311 non emergency  
[www.cityofrochester.gov](http://www.cityofrochester.gov)

**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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## Archived Newsletters

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, 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

**Jun 13– BNA meeting**

**June 14– PCIC meeting**

**Jul 11- BNA meeting**

**Jul 12 - 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 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.**