

Bensonhurst

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

New Flower Pots

We have some new flower pots with lots of flowers in them and they look awesome! Thanks to the City for providing them, Lisa for getting them, Karen and Kirk for planting them and Heather, Karen, Eric, Gary and Kirk for “adopting” pots.

Several other pots will need adopting to keep looking good all summer since we can't rely on Mother Nature. If you live near one, please give it some water during the summer when things get dry.

There was a report from a neighbor that kids were dumping them over. If you see anyone vandalizing them, please call 911. This is criminal mischief and is a crime.

Oops!

After all the newsletter flyers were printed last month, we realized the minutes were labeled April instead of May. They were indeed May minutes. The online version is correct.

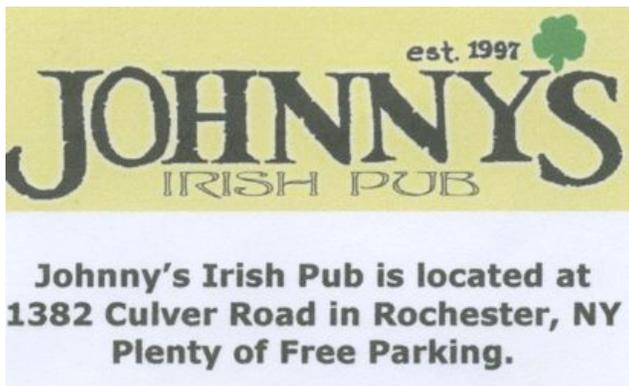


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No Decision on the Variance

The store at 2179 Clifford Ave applied for a variance from the City to extend their hours at night. Bensonhurst was at the hearing and spoke in support while others were there to oppose the request.

The Board did not make a decision, therefore the variance was not granted. No reason was given as to why a decision was not made. Since no decision was made, the applicant can reapply if he chooses.

Proudly Serving the Streets of:

Bedford
Edgeland
Clifford
Culver
Rocket
Martinot
Roseview
Longview
Salisbury
Laurelton
Lawndale
Mapledale
Pershing
Westchester

New Veterinary Clinic

The clinic is located at 985 Bay St and will be opening in July. A representative from the clinic was at our last meeting to update us on their work.

They offer low cost spay and neutering by appointment as well as walk in routine wellness and non urgent care for cats and dogs in the afternoons and evenings. Fees are based on income.

They are also looking for volunteers to help with office work and educating clients. For more information about the clinic, you can contact them at 288-0600.

Welcome to the neighborhood!

Beer and Food Pairing

Living in the Finger Lakes region we've all heard of wine and food pairings and most of us have probably sampled a few, but what about a BEER and food pairing?? Where can you try that? Right around the corner at Johnny's Irish Pub! The same location where we hold the BNA monthly meetings!!

A couple weeks ago my husband and I went to Johnny's for a unique and truly excellent dining experience. The Ithaca Brewing company beer was featured and the chef at Johnny's worked diligently to create dishes that were enhanced by each beer pairing.

Our first course was a pasta salad with peppers, apricots, melon, and a light dressing paired with an Apricot Wheat beer, my husband thought it was the best pasta salad he has ever tried! The second course was my absolute favorite, the Excelsior White Gold ale paired with a lamb gyro pita overflowing with feta and tzatziki sauce. I am pushing for that to be on the Johnny's menu full time! The third course was ideal for a nice summery day, chicken and ribs in a chipotle grapefruit BBQ sauce and a citrus slaw on the side paired with Ithaca's Cascazilla beer. The BBQ sauce was sweet and spicy and paired deliciously with the hops in the ale.

If there was a chance that anyone was still hungry, the dessert course was rich brown butter cake with hazelnuts and a chocolate glaze paired with the Nut Brown Ale. The dessert was topped with homemade whipped cream and that really accentuated the coffee notes in the beer. Lucky me, my husband brought his desert home for the next day!! (sounds like you got to eat his dessert! Ed)

Johnny's Irish Pub is holding these events monthly with a different brewery and menu each time. They are held on the last Thursday of every month but you must make reservations as they fill up fast. More information can be found by calling 585-224-0990 or visit the website at johnnysirishpub.com or www.facebook.com/JohnnysIrishPub,

If you enjoy good beer and good food, you will really enjoy an evening at

Johnny's, and it is so close you can walk home!

submitted by Heather Henry

RayRay's Anniversary

Can you believe it's been a year since RayRay's has opened? They have expanded their dining menu with specials each weekday. They now have salad specials on Mondays, "Fat" Tuesdays consisting of your choice of RayRay's plate, Ray Ray's burger or RayRay's junk wrap, Karaoke with \$5 wraps (grilled chicken, Philly steak, buffalo chicken, Rays junk wrap and a Caesar wrap) on Wednesdays, Steak night on Thursdays and Fish Fry on Fridays. They also now serve Empanadillas in beef, chicken, beef and cheese and shrimp anytime for only \$2 each!

They had a big party last weekend with live music to celebrate their one year anniversary. From the pictures on their website and facebook page, it looks like they had a great time. Hope you got to go!

Congratulations RayRays for reaching a milestone!

Tomatoes

The grape tomato plants in the flower pots at each end of Martinot Ave are doing well. When they are ready to pick, help yourself.

They are there for our neighbors to enjoy. Don't let them spoil on the vine.



**Ray Ray's
Bar and Grill
2260 Clifford Ave.
Rochester NY 14609
585-413-1661**



Community Outreach Event

The RPD held an event in June to reach out to the community in conjunction with the establishment of a new neighborhood association near the Main St bus barns.



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June Meeting Minutes

After around the room introductions by the 13 neighbors present, Gary made some announcements. There are drug deals occurring on Clifford Ave between Lawndale and Martinot. The hearing for 2179 Clifford Ave will be Friday June 20th with the City Planning Board.

There are still instances of vandalism happening in the mornings as children are going to school. The police and school officials have been notified. It was suggested by Nancy from the NSC office that Bensonhurst send a letter to the Mayor and the school superintendent regarding this issue.

Nancy corrected a statement from the last meeting where she misinformed us of the rules for the hours for 2179 Clifford Ave. She had said we could agree to a one year trial period for the store's request for longer hours. It turns out the one year condition is not an option in this case.

She also told us that the apartment building at 2167 Clifford Ave is taking applications for new tenants and some have already moved in. She said the current owner is working with the NSC office. We agreed we will keep a close eye on activities at that site.

Our guest speaker from Warrior Salute Program explained their program to us. He also informed us of a fund raising program they have selling a variety of cooking, baking and grilling spices. The spices can be found on their website or in all Wegman's stores. All proceeds go to the warrior salute program.

Officer Cannon provided us with the crime stats for the month of May compared to last year at the same time.

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

	2013	2012
Murder	1	0
Rape	0	1
Robberies	6	7
Assault	7	14
Burglaries	24	14
Larcenies	38	41
Motor Vehicle	0	2

Although burglaries were up from last year, most of them occurred south of Bay St and none of them actually occurred in Bensonhurst.

One of the two aggravated assaults which did occur in Bensonhurst was domestic and the other resulted in an arrest.

A representative from the new Veterinary Clinic opening in July on Bay St provided us with information on the clinic. They will offer low cost spay and neutering for dogs and cats as well as well clinic visits. Fees for service are based on income.

A treasurer's report was not given due to lack of time, but expenses included the purchase of some new flower pots.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Jean.

Buyer Beware

Those pesky people going door to door or calling on the phone offering energy savings are at it again this summer. Please be careful what information you give them. NONE of them work for RG&E and while some of them are legitimate businesses, they may not actually save you money as they claim.

There was yet another warning about them on the local news again last week.



Robberies

It seems the persons on bicycles attacking patrons from the businesses near Culver and Merchants Rds are still out and about. Please be very careful when leaving these or any other establishments late at night.

Extra Flowers

Once all the flower pots were planted, there were a few leftover plants which were were donated to 2179 Clifford Ave to use on his property.



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Important Contact Information

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BNA website:
www.bensonhurst14609.org

Neighborhood Service Center
585-428-7640

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

July 9– BNA meeting

July 10 – PCIC meeting

Aug 13– BNA meeting

Aug 14 – 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.