

# Bensonhurst

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### August Red Wings Game

Once again we are planning on having a neighborhood night at the ball game. This is a fun time to get together with your neighbors. With enough people, we can get a discount on the tickets. A date will be set soon... probably sometime in August.

### Flower City Garden Contest

Think you have the best garden in Rochester? Enter it in the City garden contest. Deadline July 14.

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

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**Check out the new crosswalk buttons!**



### Signs

Many signs have been seen near Bensonhurst that are for events long since over. If you post a sign for a garage sale, lost pet or other event, please take it down once it is no longer needed so OUR neighborhood isn't cluttered with signs that are no longer current.



### Flowers

When watering flowers or even just walking by them, please pinch off the dead marigolds or they will not continue to bloom.

## June Meeting Minutes

WOW!!!!!! maybe the best turnout in our history! We had over 25 neighbors, many new faces and even folks from Ellison St and Beechwood. In addition to neighbors were 4 firefighters, Officer Cannon, Andy from the City, Sarah and Antoinette from the library and our guest speaker Rachel Barnhart and her assistant. Over 30 people all together! After a few quick announcements and around the room introductions, Heather turned the meeting over to Matt (VP) to run...nothing like being under pressure, but a great job he did.

He started off by thanking all who helped pick up trash and plant flowers during our mini clean sweep. Now we need neighbors to help keep them watered. If you happen to live near one or even if you are just out walking and notice they are very dry, please give them a drink, and don't forget to pinch off the dead marigolds or they won't keep blooming.

Next, Officer Cannon updated us on the crime stats for the last 4 weeks.

	2016	2017
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	3	2
Agg Assault	2	2
Burglary	8	4
Larceny	15	13
MV Theft	4	4

This translates to 25 events in the 205 section as compared to 32 last year at the same time.

Of the 4 burglary events, 3 occurred in the Bensonhurst area. The first occurred

on 5/30 around 1pm when a car was stolen on Longview Terr. The driver was from out of town and misplaced his keys. It is believed he may have dropped them on the ground near the car. The car has been recovered. The next incident occurred on Lawndale on 6/7. around 8pm. A child was riding his bike when an older teen asked if he could ride it. Once he took off, he never returned. The third incident was during the night on 6/10-11 on Mapledale when a credit card was taken from an unlocked vehicle.

A neighbor mentioned that there have still been occurrences of items being taken from unlocked vehicles. Again, we are reminded to keep cars locked.

Another neighbor brought up an issue they were having with disrespectful children (of all ages) hanging out on street corners. Please call 911 if this is a problem.

The Firefighters provided us with some stats for the last 30 days for engine 12 (located on Wisconsin St near Main) which serves our area. They responded to 137 calls last month, 85 of them were for fires of varying degrees including just smelling smoke. 52 calls were for EMS emergencies and 8 to install smoke detectors. They said these numbers were on par for the month. They also reminded us that you can call and have them check your house for fire hazards explaining that today's fires are not like fires in the past. They burn hotter and faster and give off noxious odors since so many items are made of various forms of plastic. They also encouraged us to call if we see children playing with matches or with anything we feel is unsafe, such as fire pits too close to structures or objects.



Sarah from the library told us of upcoming events at the library.

Treasurers report- Our balance is \$3,220.91. We spent a little over \$100 for soil and flowers to supplement what the city gave us. We also received word that the \$2,000 grant we applied for a few months ago was approved.

Our guest speaker, Rachel Barnhart (a Beechwood resident just on the other side of Bay St) presented her goals highlighting- cutting taxes in half, providing day care for struggling families, wiring your home with fiber optic internet, helping people maintain and make improvements on their house, consolidating the water authority, desegregating schools, offering children educational opportunities, training people for jobs, making Rochester a premier destination to live and work in and spurring investments. More information can be found on her website.

We ran out of time to decide on a date for our neighborhood night at a Red Wings game so it was tabled until the next meeting.

Peg won the 50/50 raffle and donated the money back minus her \$5 investment. One unknown neighbor donated money without taking part in the raffle. Thank you for your donation.



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## Cell Phone Charging Danger

We are sharing this post from the Laurelton Fire Department which was posted on FB. Research has revealed that 53% of children charge their phone or tablet either on their bed or under their pillow. This is can be extremely dangerous. The heat generated cannot dissipate and the charger will become hotter and hotter. The likely result is that the pillow/bed will catch fire –placing the child (as well as everyone else in the property) in great danger. The pictures below show burn marks on bed linens.

Think....where do you & your family charge your mobil phone or portable computer device?



**Burn marks in bed linens from cell phone charging at night**

## The Opioid Epidemic

Heroin overdose has become a major epidemic in many American cities, Rochester not excluded. The Gates and the City library are hosting a panel discussion with representatives from law enforcement, experts in physiology and psychology and advocates of the addiction community sharing the challenges facing them and what is or can be done to address this issue. The next 2 events are Monday, July 31 at 7pm at the Gates library on Elmgrove Rd. The other is Thursday, Aug 17 at 7pm at the Ryan Center on Webster Ave. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is encouraged but not required. 428-8379.



**Flowers in our neighborhood**

## Vandalism

Someone tipped over the flower pot on the corner of Lawndale and Rocket St last week, then threw one of the stones at a parked car damaging it. If you see anyone vandalizing our flower pots, please call 911. Does anyone have a camera on their property that MIGHT have a picture of this occurrence? If so, please call 911.



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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](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

**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.

**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**

**July 11– BNA meeting**

**July 12– PCIC meeting**

**Aug 8- BNA meeting**

**Aug 9 - 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.**