



June Meeting Minutes

Heather welcomed those in attendance and thanked Johnny's Irish Pub for getting air conditioning on such a hot week! After introductions Heather also pointed out that several utility boxes, including the one on Culver and Bay, have been painted. This process began with Neighbors Building Neighborhoods Sector 8 meetings and there is still a plan to host a grand opening to unveil all the utility boxes once they are finished. Details TBA. Also, Lombardi's Bar and Grill is open with a full menu of Italian classics and they have expressed interest in hosting our meetings after they have been open for a few months.

BNA Garage Sale feedback – Due to the weather Saturday was not a good sale day however some neighbors were able to make up for it on Sunday. Feedbacks included increase/improved signage for next year and possibly bringing back the prize raffle to encourage more participation. One neighbor also mentioned she has large mirrors and an old piano that are still available to anyone who can move them, please contact BNA for info.

A new neighbor has offered to assist in the printing of the newsletter that may allow us to go back to the old format. This will be discussed in detail with BNA officers before the next meeting.

Safety Report- CPO Brian Cannon and CPO Tony Belliard- There have been 14 burglaries in the past 14 days within our area, including some on Rocket Street. As the weather gets nicer crime tends to increase. Homes are broken into during the day or early evening. The officers handed out a burglary prevention flyer to those in attendance and will be e-mailed to the BNA e-mail list. Rule of thumb- IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (person, parked cars, kids in your neighbor's yard you don't know when they are not home, etc) CALL 911!! Also keep first floor doors and windows locked when you are not home.

There have been several good arrests in the area including arrests in the North Winton Village crimes as well as arrests and confiscation of illegal weapons from drug dealers. The area near 2179 Clifford Ave continues to be a priority for the RPD, including the list for camera requests, and for the Neighborhood Service Center with noise, garbage, and crime complaints. The bus stop in this location has been permanently closed to help prevent loitering. National Night Out is the first Tuesday in August, details to be determined in July. Possibilities include a Saturation Walk and/or joining forces with other neighborhoods to promote safety.

Treasurers Peg and Paul

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reported they have reimbursed Karen and Brian for the printer as our only major expense. Donations for paper and ink are still needed at this time, thank you to those who have already donated!!

Beautification- Please water the flowers now that they are all planted! The last pot will be placed on Culver/Empire/Clifford this week.

BNA Baseball Night – is set for Friday, August 19th. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

New Business – The Sully Library is reducing hours from 70 per week to 40 per week in July.

Guest speaker suggestions (people/topics) can be made to Heather using the BNA contact information.

50/50 Raffle – Bobby won and donated it back to BNA, THANK YOU!



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Our Mission

The Bensonhurst Neighborhood Association (BNA) is a group of dedicated neighbors working to improve quality of life through improved relationships and positive action. We welcome all residents in a spirit of friendship with respect for all individuals.

Our mission is:

- To continually improve the quality of life for ourselves and our neighbors.
- To foster communication, understanding and a sense of community in the area we serve.
- To ensure a safe and peaceful neighborhood.

We will accomplish this by:

- Building a strong association of neighbors with open communication providing opportunities to gather for social events and activities which enhance our area.
- Developing strong ties and effective working relationships with local government, police, officials and other agencies.
- Working in cooperation as a unified community to create a presence that is stronger and more influential than any one individual.

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Clifford Ave Bus Stops

The 90 day trial closure of both the eastbound and westbound bus stops on Clifford Ave near Longview is over and we are happy to report there were no complaints from riders having to use the next nearest stops.

There HAS been a significant decrease in loitering at those locations and a decrease in police calls.

Based on the information gathered from this trial, input from the police department and Bensonhurst neighbors, RGTS has agreed to keep them closed permanently. All in all a success for our neighborhood.

Thanks to all those involved who actively played a part in working toward this goal.

Lets Play Ball!

Once again our neighborhood is going to a Redwings ball game! Everyone who went in past years wants to go again this year. The game will be Friday August 19 and tickets will be somewhere around \$5. They will be playing Lehigh Valley.

We get our name displayed on the outfield screen and there are fireworks at the end.

It was great fun last year even if they did loose, so let's hope they win this year! More info in upcoming newsletters.



Recycling Expanded!

Monroe County residents are now able to place plastic products labeled 1-7 in their recycling bins for curbside recycling and recovery.

Before the expansion of the program, plastics 1 and 2 were the only type of plastic products accepted by refuse haulers.

Residents can now recycle drinking cups, yogurt containers and take-out containers, just to name a few.

If the bottom of an item is marked with any number between 1 and 7, and is surrounded by the "recycle" logo, it is safe to go to the curb.

In addition to the expanded plastics program, residents can now recycle metal cookware and foil ware. This is a great step forward!



Flower Pots

Once again, the flower pots look great with lots of color. It sounds like it might be a hot dry summer, so let's keep them looking good by remembering to water them regularly.

The flower pots at the corner of Rocket / Martinot and Clifford/Martinot have veggies in them. The grape tomato lost a few branches to the wind storm a few weeks ago but is otherwise looking healthy with blossoms on it already!

The eggplant also looks healthy with some nice purple blossoms.

Once they are ripe, they are there for your enjoyment so keep an eye on them so they don't go to waste, but also share with your neighbors.

Burglaries

There were 2 burglaries recently on the same day around the same time on Rocket St perhaps by the same person or persons since the houses were right next door to each other. They happened during the day and were discovered when the owners came home from work!

There was also a burglary on Martinot St a few days later. This also occurred sometime in the morning/afternoon.

Please call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.



Why not join us on the second Thursday of each month at our monthly meetings at 7pm at Johnny's Irish Pub 1382 Culver Road?

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 the back page for additional information.

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.

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.

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Upcoming Events

- July 13 – PCIC meeting**
- July 14 – BNA monthly meeting**
- Aug 2 - National Night Out**
- Aug 10 – PCIC meeting**
- Aug 11 – BNA monthly meeting**
- Aug 19 – Redwings Game**

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