



Welcome new newsletter carriers!

We asked and you responded! Last issue (and via email) we asked for volunteers to take over newsletter delivery from a couple people who were no longer able to do so.

Many thanks to Ned and Christy who will be delivering newsletters to Bedford St residents and Carey who will be doing the south end of Pershing Dr. (last month's newsletter mistakenly said N Pershing).

Be sure to thank them when you see them delivering your newsletter.

We may be calling on some of you to help out again since we know of another carrier who will be leaving the area in the near future.

We thank Alayne and Lenore for their years of service and got this note from Alayne!

'It has been my pleasure. Great neighbors are what it's all about! Thanks to all the Bedford folks I've met

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*in the past few years while delivering newsletters....keep reading, and stop by a meeting soon!"
Alayne*

We will miss them, but we know their replacements will live up to the task.

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New Business?

There is again construction work on the building on the SW corner of Longview/Clifford where previous work had been halted. Will keep you posted.

The logo for Johnny's Irish Pub. It features the text "est. 1997" with a small green shamrock to the right. Below that, the word "JOHNNYS" is written in a large, stylized, serif font, and "IRISH PUB" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. The background is a light green color.

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

A business card for Toshiba Business Solutions. The top part of the card is white with a red horizontal line. The Toshiba logo is in red, followed by the tagline "Leading Innovation >>>". Below this, the name "Joseph C. Refici" is printed in bold, followed by "Account Executive". At the bottom, the text "Toshiba Business Solutions" is followed by contact information: "150 Metro Park Rochester, NY 14623", "Tel 585-697-5502 Fax 585-427-2891 Service 585-424-1623", "joe.refici@tbs.toshiba.com", and "www.copiers.toshiba.com/tbs".

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June Meeting Minutes

There was a great turnout for this month's meeting. Not only were there 14 neighbors there but also Officer Cannon, Nancy Johns Price from the NSC and the property owner (not the business owner) from 2179 Clifford Ave!)

After Heather called the meeting to order and around the table intros, Officer Cannon reviewed crime reports as well as some successful police work in PSA 26 during the month of April.

Compared to May 2011 there have been 3 more robberies, however burglaries and larceny are down about 50%. Several quality arrests were made due to overtime detail funded by a federal grant. Arrests included weapons and drugs. The RPD has pressure on the gang type activity in the city, however school is out soon and more youth will be out and about. Issues at the corner of Longview, Clifford, and Revella were discussed during general conversation and reporting of suspicious activities.

Treasurer's report- \$1,428.94.

Property owners of 2179 Clifford (Citgo gas station) reported the previous business operators have been evicted and shared some details of their planned property improvements. There was discussion about eventual re-opening by the property owners, who own other stores in the city.

Changes include improved lighting, security guards, improved fencing, more front windows, and a change in the sale of questionable items. Once the store opens, contact information will be provided so issues may be addressed as quickly as possible.

RayRay's Bar and Grill (formerly Lombardi's) will open soon when business permit is awarded. Rumor has it that the owner is a bus driver whose mother and daughter live in area.

There was discussion about a garage sale for next year to coincide with the Browncroft neighborhood sale. (Their sale is every 2 years in May)

We have two new newsletter carriers, but will lose another one soon, so we will be looking for a replacement again for Clifford and Longview.

Red Wings Baseball game potential dates for this year in July and August- 7/27, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, a date will be voted on during the July meeting.

There is a need for a bike for neighbor which was stolen while working in a neighbors yard (see article elsewhere)- Paul and Brian will work together to find



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him a replacement.

Boulevard intersection art- referenced in today's paper- possible street art work on an intersection in the neighborhood- Rocket and Longview maybe?

Ideas for future guest speakers may be sent to Heather using the BNA contact info at any time, a suggestion was made for a Veteran to come in to discuss PTSD and a local program helping veterans with this diagnosis.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Bobby who donated the money back to be used to help get a replacement bike for the one that was stolen.

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Thanks to our neighbors!

Thanks to all the folks who canvassed the neighborhood seeking signatures for our petition to keep the store at 2179 Clifford Ave closed. It has been much quieter since the closure with less drug activity.

Lets hope the new owners are less tolerant of illicit behavior and more sensitive to the neighbors needs.

Solicitors

Once again solicitors are canvassing the neighborhood. We know how persistent and pushy they can be. If you ask them to leave and they don't, call 911.

Stolen bike

A handyman who was doing some work in the back yard for a neighbor, inadvertently left his bike in the front yard where it was stolen. This bike was his transportation. Thanks to some of our neighbors, hopefully he will soon have a replacement.

Conkey Cruisers

This in from the City..... (it was aired on Channel 8 news)..... “The RPD is proud of retired Officer Nobrega to be able to help keep kids fit and active all the while helping to improve the neighborhood.”

http://rochesterhomepage.net/fulltext?nxd_id=323042

This is an all volunteer group who’s main objective was getting some exercise but in the process are actually helping out their neighborhood as well.

Many people view “rail trails” and other similar paths as “conduits for crime” and therefore won’t use them. By having people riding their bikes on the trail, crime is decreased which benefits everyone.

Obviously this is not our immediate neighborhood, but anytime something is done to reduce crime, it benefits all of us!

They have a pretty neat website conkeycruisers.org/
We wish them well in their endeavor.

Kudos to our neighbors!

One of our neighbors sent us a note expressing their delight in seeing neighbors in the Clifford/Lawndale and Clifford/Pershing area picking up litter.

Kudos to them..... you know who you are!

Flower pots

The flower pots at both corners of Martinot Ave have grape tomatoes in them.

They are for the enjoyment of our neighbors. Both plants are doing well and already have blossoms on them. They will probably be ready to pick in late July, so keep watching. They are organic having been mulched with compost rather than chemicals.

Crime Patterns

It has been brought to our attention by the CPO of the East Side RPD that there have been some nighttime robberies mostly in the Monroe/South Wedge neighborhoods. These crimes are occurring mostly between 9pm and 3am when people are walking home from bars.

Although they are not specifically in our neighborhood, the police offer these tips while walking anywhere at night.

- 1- Stay alert to your surroundings no matter where you are.
- 2- Report suspicious activity.
- 3- Trust your instincts.
- 4- If you are a victim, comply with the attackers demands, your valuables are easier to replace than your body. Nothing is worth your life.

The second crime pattern is with stolen vehicles. About 30 Honda vehicles (mostly Civics and Accords) have been stolen city and county wide just in the last 3 weeks with 9 of them near our neighborhood!



Keep your doors and windows to your cars locked and don’t leave valuables in the car and especially not in plain sight.

Noise Ordinance

Now that summer is here and windows are open, some of our neighbors want us to remind people that there is a City Code rule regarding noise. Chapter 75, Article 4 found in the Code book states that between the hours of 8am-10pm sound should not be heard more than 50 ft from the property line, and between 10p-8am no further than the property line!

Sound is defined as voices, music, cars, motorized equipment such as power tools..... basically anything you can hear, even wind chimes!

If your neighbor is violating this code ask them to quiet down. If they do not comply, call 311.

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Important Contact Information

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BNA address:
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Rochester, NY 14609

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- 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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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 10 – BNA meeting

July 11 – PCIC meeting

Aug 8 – PCIC meeting

Aug 14– BNA 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.