



The Newsletters are Back!

Full length paper BNA newsletters are now being printed courtesy of Joe Refici.... a Bensonhurst neighbor! Many thanks! This is great news for our neighborhood. It means no one will be left out now because they don't have access to a computer or the internet. We will still archive all the newsletters on the website so they can be accessed at any time. MANY MANY thanks to Joe for his service.

National Night Out

Tues, August 2 was National Night Out, www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/about.html an event where residents show their support in the fight against crime by leaving their porch light on and participating in crime prevention events put on by their local city police.

The RPD along with neighborhood residents and PACTAC members participated in a saturation walk starting at the Humbolt St Recreation Center (School #28).

Flower Pots

Most of the flower pots look great with lots of color but a few could use some help. Since Mother Nature hasn't been a lot of help since early spring when we got more than we wanted, if you see one that is in dire need of water, feel free to give it a drink.

There are grape tomatoes ready for picking (some have already been picked) at the corner of Rocket and Martinot and the white eggplant at the corner of Clifford/Martinot has at least a dozen purple blossoms on it with 3 "fruits" the size of a child's fist. They should be ready to pick by the time this newsletter comes out or shortly afterwards. Remember the eggplant needs to be cut off the plant, not pulled.

They are both there for your enjoyment so keep an eye on them so they don't go to waste, but also share with your neighbors. I caught a squirrel chowing down on one of my tomatoes last week! I didn't even know they liked them.

If all continues to go well, there should be lots more to pick on both plants!

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Speed Bumps are Back!

Finally after 3+ years the speed bumps on Rocket St are being replaced! Two have already been completed!

An advertisement for Johnny's Irish Pub. It features the text "est. 1997" with a shamrock icon, "JOHNNY'S" in a large, stylized font, and "IRISH PUB" below it. At the bottom, it says "Johnny's Irish Pub is located at 1382 Culver Road in Rochester, NY Plenty of Free Parking."

An advertisement for Toshiba Business Solutions. It features the Toshiba logo and the slogan "Leading Innovation >>>". Below that is the name "Joseph C. Refici" and his title "Account Executive". At the bottom, it lists "Toshiba Business Solutions" with the address "150 Metro Park Rochester, NY 14623", phone number "Tel 585-697-5502", fax number "Fax 585-427-2891", service number "Service 585-424-1623", email "joe.refici@tbs.toshiba.com", and website "www.copiers.toshiba.com/tbs".



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BNA Minutes July Meeting

Heather welcomed those in attendance including the property owner and business owner of 2179 Clifford Ave.

Crime Prevention Officer Tony Belliard provided a safety report. Overall crime is down and although burglaries and robberies continue to occur, the RPD has made three arrests in the past month in some of these cases.

The recent shooting on Clifford Ave near Pershing was a targeted incident, not a random act. Also, all of the Chain Gang members arrested in the Beechwood area in the past few years have now been convicted and sentenced. Many offenders were sentenced to over 20 years, 3 are facing life or 40 plus years.

The business and property owners at 2179 Clifford Ave attended the meeting in order to discuss the neighborhood concerns and the steps they are willing to take in an effort to improve the area.

A sign will be placed in the window asking that people keep noise levels down, a security camera will be added to the side of the store, a security guard will be present on weekend nights, and the people who work at the store will ask customers to keep volume levels from car radios low.

Loitering will be discouraged and garbage will be picked up more often. The pay phone on the western border of the parking lot has been taken out.

Other suggestions included increased requests for identification for alcohol and cigarette sales, removal of drug

paraphernalia from the display cases as well as drug use products for sale, and identifying individuals who cause noise or potential drug deals to police.

Bensonhurst Neighborhood Baseball Night is Friday August 19 at 7:00 PM!

The 50/50 raffle winnings were donated back by the business owner of 2179 Clifford Ave, THANK YOU!





BNA Email list

Are you on the BNA mailing list? If not, you might want to consider doing so. The mailing list is managed by an officer (currently the president) and NOT available to the general public so you don't have to worry about spam or other people getting your address.

All postings are anonymous unless you want your name used.

Notices are sent out before meetings, when there are important happenings between newsletter publications such as upcoming events that need to be conveyed to neighbors, and about crime alerts and lost animals.

Several pets have been returned to their rightful owners when a message was posted about them and another neighbor who saw the animal was able to contact BNA with its whereabouts.

To sign up for neighborhood emails, contact bensohurstNA@excite.com

Crime Map

Rochester has a new interactive tool which you may have heard about when Police Chief Sheppard introduced it to the public last month.

RPD announced a 2 year contract with a company which will allow the public to keep track of crime in their area. While it doesn't give specific house numbers, it does pinpoint various crimes in the city by blocks. So you get an idea where the "hot" spots are.

You can find out info on locations of burglaries, robberies, car thefts, assaults, murders, sex offenders and more.

Simply go to www.crimereports.com/ and type in the city. From there you can zero in on your neighborhood, searching by type of crime, location or the date of occurrence. There is a 2-3 day lag time for updates to be posted and data is current for 14 days.

The site also allows you to subscribe to mailings of crime alerts in your area.



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 discounted tickets are \$5.50 each which will be delivered to your door before the game.

The first pitch is at 7:05pm. They will be playing Lehigh Valley.

We get our name displayed on the outfield screen and there are fireworks after the game.

It was great fun last year even if they did loose, so let's hope they win this year!

If you would like to attend please e-mail bensohurstna@excite.com or call 234-1535 BEFORE Aug 10 and leave your name, address, and number of tickets you would like for the game. Money for the tickets will be collected before or at the game. We hope to see you there!



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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- 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

Aug 2 - National Night Out

Aug 10 – PCIC meeting

Aug 11 – BNA meeting

Aug 19 – Redwings Game

Sep 14 – PCIC meeting

Sep 15 – BNA meeting

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?

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.