



**Police Chief on Twitter**

The RPD is now on Twitter! Check out the article in the most recent issue of the RPD newsletter found on the city website..... the very last page has a picture of the officers working out of the southeast NSC which services our area.

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589945757>

**Fire Potential Alert**

"Gov. Andrew Cuomo has issued a 90-day residential burning ban due to this summer's dry spell in Western New York and other parts of the state."

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20120716/NEWS01/307160019>

From a concerned neighbor.....*"I've witnessed a neighbor with a pretty large "campfire" in their grill a few weeks ago. It's so dry and we worry about a backyard fire becoming a house fire - and spreading."*

This ban is in effect until Oct 10, 2012.

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

**Clever idea!**

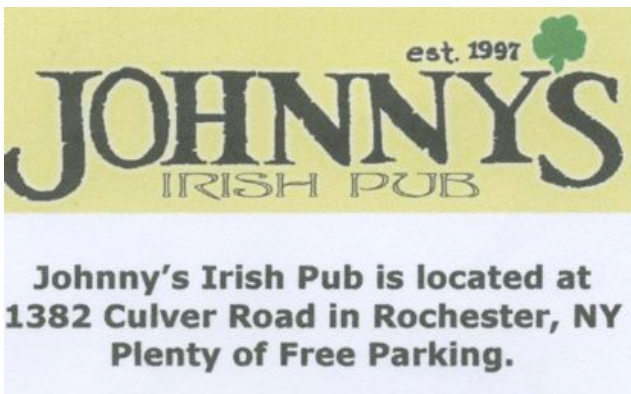
This was passed along by one of our neighbors.... what a great idea and safer than candles too!

During the next power outage (hopefully not too soon), bring in your outdoor

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solar patio lamps to light your house at night instead of hunting for flashlights, then in the morning simply put them back outdoors to recharge!



## July Meeting Minutes

Heather welcomed the more than 20 people in attendance and then followed with self introductions around the room. There were many new neighbors in attendance, mostly from Westchester St.

Officers Cannon and Belliard were unable to attend this meeting. Crime stats will be available via email. The owner of the Citgo station at 2179 Clifford was in attendance and reported that improvements have been made, new windows, painting, flowers etc. He has owned the building since 2006 but most recently it was leased out. He hopes to open back up later this month running the store himself rather than leasing it.

Our PAC TAC teams, Karen, Brian & Paul reported that the neighborhood has been quiet overall. Neighbors are reminded to call 911 if they see anything suspicious, unleashed dogs, continuous loud noise.

Heather visited with the new owners of Ray Rays. It is a family run restaurant that recently opened up at the location of the former Stucko's/Lombardis.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer:  
Approximately \$1,500 in account.

Neighborhood Beautification: 3 of the flower pots have been removed with no indication of their whereabouts. A request was made for watering one near you since there has been so little rain.

Newsletter: Donations of paper and ink would be greatly appreciated since we have been printing our own flyers recently.

## NEW BUSINESS:

RedWing Baseball Game: Exact Aug. date will be in the newsletter. This is a Friday night outing for the whole family, has been well attended in the past and BNA gets a group rate.

August 14 meeting:  
Our guest speaker will be an Army Veteran that will tell us about the Salute Program.

## DISCUSSION:

- We would like to reinstate the BNA summer family picnic – looking for volunteers
- Suggestion that individuals or neighbors “adopt a street” and pick up trash when you see it. BNA will make garbage bags available to you
- Trash receptacles
- Start thinking now about being a BNA officer – elections in Nov.

The 50/50 raffle was won by one of the new attendees!..... So it pays to come to meetings!



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## Kids Summer time meals

Once again this summer the City is offering free meals to kids. To find out more information or find a list of places near us, call 1-800-522-5006 or check out the website at SummerMealsNY.org

The goal is for kids to continue to eat well while school is out.

## Baseball night

Our annual neighborhood night at the Red Wings game will be Fri Aug 24th. Game time is 7:05pm.

Join your neighbors for a fun family event with fireworks afterwards. Bring your baseball glove! We have had more than one ball come our way in the past.

Ticket prices are \$6 if we can get 20 people, so ask your friends and neighbors to come along.

RSVP by either calling or emailing BNA (contact info on the last page) by August 16.

## Another great idea!

A friend sent me the link to this video of a quick, easy way to husk corn and now with the fresh corn season here, thought I would pass it along. It really works and it is so easy!

[thefw.com/corn-husking-microwave-video/](http://thefw.com/corn-husking-microwave-video/)

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## Tomato plants

Although the plants are small and a bit stressed, there is an abundant crop of grape tomatoes in our neighborhood flower pots on each end of Martinot Ave.

Hopefully everyone is getting a chance to enjoy them. Every few days a few new red ones appear.

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## Support your local business!

Now that RayRay's is open, (formerly Stucko's and Lombardi's) if you haven't had a chance to check out their menu, do so soon.

In addition to a full bar, they offer a selection of burgers, wraps, wings, salads, munchies and Friday night fish specials.

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## August Guest Speaker

For our August meeting the Bensonhurst Neighborhood Association welcomes Christopher Johnson, US Army Veteran and graduate of the CDS Unistel Warrior SALUTE program.

Warrior SALUTE is a progressive service that helps Veterans with PTSD and TBI, and their families regain their lives and dreams by providing quality employment opportunities, clinical and rehabilitative therapies, and family support services.

He will be attending our meeting to tell us a little about himself, his experiences with PTSD, and the Warrior SALUTE program.

For those of you who may remember, the family that BNA assisted over the Holidays last year was involved in this program. For more information please visit [www.cdswarriorsalute.org](http://www.cdswarriorsalute.org). We hope to see you there!

## Newsletters

This month's issue as well as future ones will be printed for us by a new neighbor. As before, it can also be found on the BNA website along with all the past newsletters from this year.

Thanks Frank! It is greatly appreciated.... and welcome to the neighborhood!



## Welcome newsletter carrier

We welcome our newest newsletter carrier.... Latoshi. She will be delivering the newsletters to our neighbors on Clifford Ave.

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## Public Market

Did you know the Rochester Public Market is over 100 years old and is the oldest continuously running outdoor farmers market in the nation? They are open year round on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday's. Much of the produce is local and most of the time prices can't be beat in grocery stores.

Go early in the morning on a Saturday and you get the best selection but go after noon or shortly before closing and get the best prices!

It's also a great place to people watch.

Some tricks to scoring some good deals.

1- Don't buy from the first vendor.... cruise down the aisles, checking out prices.

2- If you want the best selection, go early in the morning before the crowds.

3- If you want the best prices, go closer to closing.... the vendors are anxious to

get rid of stuff rather than drag it all back home and quite often will give you 2 or 3 for the price of one!...if you can't use it, give it to a neighbor!

4- Hagggle!.... few people do this, but rather than lose a sale, a lot of the vendors will sell at a lower price, especially if you tell them you found it cheaper down the way!

5- Summer is not an issue but be careful in the winter when temps are colder, a lot of "tender" veggies and produce might be "nipped" by frost and won't show up as damaged in the fridge until the next day.

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## Stolen Bike Replaced

We are happy to report that the neighbor who uses his bike as his sole means of transportation who had it stolen recently now has a "new" one from Rcommunity Bikes. [www.rcommunitybikes.net/](http://www.rcommunitybikes.net/) We thank them and our neighbors for their help in getting his replacement bike.

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585-428-7640

City Hall services - 311  
non emergency  
[www.cityofrochester.gov](http://www.cityofrochester.gov)

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.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us)

Do Not Call List:  
[www.donotcall.gov](http://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](mailto: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 7 – National Night Out

Aug 8 – PCIC meeting

Aug 14– BNA meeting

Aug 24– Red Wings Game

Sept 11 – BNA meeting

Sept 12 – PCIC meeting

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**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.**