

Bensonhurst

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Food Festival

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Food Link Food festival at the public market in September. There will be more than 100 local small business food vendors along with several wineries and micro breweries each giving out samples of their products. It's a great way to support Food Link AND get more than you can eat! Tickets are \$50!



Pathways to Prosperity

Back in March, Americorps surveyed residents in Bensonhurst, Beechwood, EMMA and Marketview Heights as part of the Mayors initiative to develop projects and offer services and resources to it's residents. Brenda presented results of that survey which were pretty universal in each neighborhood.

Employment barriers were identified as mental health issues, work skills and criminal records. Services desired were counseling, job search assistance and ride sharing. General findings were disparities between renter and owner tenure.

Steps currently being taken to overcome these barriers include sharing the results

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- Proudly Serving the Streets of:**
- Bay
 - Bedford
 - Edgeland
 - Clifford
 - Culver
 - Rocket
 - Martinot
 - Roseview
 - Longview
 - Salisbury
 - Laurelton
 - Lawndale
 - Mapledale
 - Pershing
 - Westchester

with neighbors, gathering community insight, followed by developing the recommendations, and working on car/van pools.

Near term goals include understanding mental health issues, working with groups like Americorps, Operation Transformation Rochester and Summer of Opportunity.

Further down the road, goals include addressing criminal records and working on neighborhood stabilization along with quality housing.

It was mentioned that persons can call 211 with any concerns regarding mental illness.

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

Results of the survey and a tool that you can use to analyze the data yourself, can be found at:

www.CityofRochester.gov/innovation.
Any questions can be directed to Brenda Massie at:
Brenda.Massie@cityofrochester.gov

July Meeting Minutes

Heather again led the meeting in Brian's absence. After around the room introductions, Officer Cannon gave the crime stats for the recent 4 week period for section 205 as compared to last year at the same time.

	2016	2015
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	1
Robbery	2	1
Agg Assault	2	1
Burglary	2	6
Larceny	9	10
MV Theft	2	4

There were 18 events this year compared to 22 events last year which is a reduction of 18%. Over the last 4 years, a reduction of 47%.

Three of the events occurred within the Bensonhurst neighborhood. The first was on June 6 in the 2100 block of Clifford Ave. This was a domestic issue where a car was taken by a known party without authorization. The suspect was arrested 10 days later.

There were 2 events over the July 4th weekend, both were menacing in which a weapon was shown but not used and no one was hurt, but they are both classified as aggravated assaults. There was no danger to the public as both were domestic issues and resulted in arrests. The cases are now closed. One occurred on Edgeland St and the other on Culver Rd.

There was a gentleman seen in the area pulling flowers out of the flower pots

and yelling at people. He has mental issues and is not usually violent but he has caused problems in the past. He is a white male about 30 years old with shaved reddish hair and usually dressed in black. If you see him acting bizarrely Officer Cannon advised that it was best NOT to confront him but simply call 911.

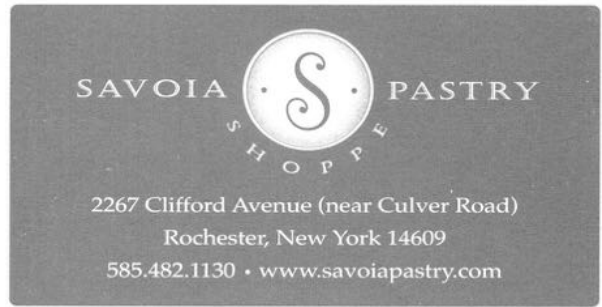
Brenda from the mayor's office was in attendance presenting the results of the survey for Pathways to Prosperity. More information on her presentation elsewhere in this newsletter. Amy who works with her, presented information on KIVA which is a program for small business startup loans. More information on that program in a future newsletter per their request.

Nancy from NSC commented on High Impact stores (ones that sell tobacco, alcohol and lottery tickets). The city lost their appeal on the 500 ft rule so now any store can open regardless of how far away it is from another. There is a state law that allows this which the City has to abide by. She also told us that business permits are not needed for certain stores therefore the city cannot enforce the good neighbor agreement. This is unfortunate because we have seen first hand how well the program worked in the past. She urged neighbors to write to their state legislators to support the permits for all.

Kenny from the Sully branch of the public library was also on hand even though it was his birthday. Happy Birthday Kenny! Thanks for joining us.

Peg reported that our treasury balance is \$3,388.83 with only the July phone bill outstanding.

ITALIAN COOKIES, WEDDING CAKES, PASTRIES & BREADS



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Heather said the response on the two dates offered for the ball game was split 50/50, so July 29 was selected.

Matt won the 50/50 raffle and donated the money back. Thank you Matt!

New Carrier

Many thanks to Matt who stepped up to the plate and delivered newsletters to our neighbors on South Longview. The next newsletters at your door will be in Oct. He is replacing Nicole who left the area. Be sure to thank him when you see him!



Holiday Family

Yes, we know it is only August but time has a way of creeping up on us. Put your thinking caps on..... we need to think about who we want to have as our holiday "family" this year. In the past we have donated to Warrior Salute, ABW (alternatives for battered women), the Boys and Girls Club and Rochester Animal Shelter as well as individual families. If you have any ideas let us know.

National Night Out

Every year, on the first Tuesday in August, police departments around the country hold National Night Out. This year the event will be on Tues, Aug 2.

This is a community/police awareness raising event occurring in various neighborhoods all at the same time. Focus is on drug prevention, crime and neighborhood watch programs and other topics.

We haven't heard yet what RPD has planned for our area. Check our face book page and watch for notices of events being planned in or near Bensonhurst since the event will happen before our next newsletter. This is also the night you are encouraged to keep your porch light on.Not a bad idea anyway since most criminals do not like lights!

Flowers

The flowers are looking great!..... but they do need a lot of water. That round of rain a week or so ago REALLY helped a lot, but they still need to be watered. PLEASE help keep them looking good. Anyone can do it. They can easily use a gallon of water every day it doesn't rain. There are holes in the bottom of the pots for drainage. Also remember to pinch off the dead marigolds to encourage them to produce new flowers, otherwise they will just wither and die!

Red Wings pics

Pictures from the Bensonhurst night at the ball game will be posted in next months newsletter.

Citizens Police Academy

(deadline 9/1)

The Rochester Police Department is planning on offering a Citizen's Police Academy starting September 12 and running through November 14. The classes will meet every Monday evening from 6PM to 9PM and will be held at the Public Safety Training Center on Scottsville Rd.

The Citizen's Police Academy provides a broad based look at the policies, procedures and operations of the RPD. At its conclusion, you will be more familiar with law enforcement in our city neighborhoods and also with the training currently being provided to police recruits. In addition to asking questions, you will have opportunities to offer comments and suggestions on police procedures and the recruit academy curriculum.

The CPA Instructors will include experienced trainers and operational personnel from several units of their organization. Upon your graduation, you will return to your community with greater knowledge and a unique perspective of the Rochester Police Department. This increased familiarity and interaction helps to improve police-community relations, recognizing the partnership between the citizens and their police force.

If you have any questions please contact Officer Ted Coriddi at 428-1222 or e-mail at tc0550@cityofrochester.gov. DOWNLOAD the application for the CPA here: <http://bensohurst14609.org/BNA-misc/CPA-Application.pdf>



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CPA Class

Time is running out to sign up for the Citizens Police Academy being offered this fall. Get your application in now. It's a really great class.



A Member of the MVA Family

Walk-In Wellness Hours
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 2-7 p.m.
Saturday: 12-7 p.m.

Spay/Neuter Surgeries by Appointment Only

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Bar and Grill**
2260 Clifford Ave.
Rochester NY 14609
585-413-1661

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585-234-1535

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BNA website:
www.bensonhurst14609.org

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

Sex Offender site:
www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/

Do Not Call List:
www.donotcall.gov
1-888-382-1222

City Hall services - 311 non emergency
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
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

Aug 9 - BNA meeting

Aug 10- PCIC meeting

Sept 13 – PCIC meeting

Sept 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 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.