

Bensonhurst

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

August Red Wings Game

Our annual neighborhood night at a Red Wings game will be Saturday, Aug 26. Game time is 6:05pm. They are playing the Buffalo Bisons and there will be fireworks afterwards. With enough people we can get a discount on the tickets. Contact BNA if you plan on going. More information will be posted on our FB page. One year we had seats behind home plate!

The Opioid Epidemic

Heroin overdose has become a major epidemic in many American cities, Rochester not excluded. The Gates and the City library are hosting a panel discussion with representatives from law enforcement, experts in physiology and psychology and advocates of the addiction community sharing the challenges facing them and what is or can be done to address this issue. The next event is Thursday, Aug 17 at 7pm at the Ryan Center on Webster Ave. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is encouraged but not required. 428-8379.



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Public Market News

Construction is finally done on the new indoor shed at the Public Market and the ribbon cutting ceremony was a few weeks ago. It is very impressive. Check it out. The market is open Every Tues, Thurs and Sat all year round. The market is also participating in the Zagster bike sharing program with 2 bike racks on the premises.

Upcoming free events at the market:
Fri, Aug 15- Bike In Movie
Wed, Aug 30- Food Truck Rodeo
Every Sunday- Community Garage sale



Flowers

When watering flowers or even just walking by them, please pinch off the dead marigolds or they will not continue to bloom.

July Meeting Minutes

Summers are always hard to predict how many neighbors will attend a meeting. This time it was a small crowd. Nancy from NSC was not able to attend due to a death in the family. Our condolences to her and her family. After the around the room introductions, Heather thanked folks keeping the flowers watered, and Kirk for adding more flowers to some of the pots that were lacking. Antoinette from the Library handed out brochures of a couple upcoming events in July.

Next, Officer Belliard updated us on the crime stats for the last 4 weeks.

	2016	2017
Homicide	0	0
Rape	1	0
Robbery	2	1
Agg Assault	3	5
Burglary	3	7
Larceny	10	17
MV Theft	1	0

Four of the larcenies were at Durand Beach which is part of the 205 section. Items were taken from unlocked vehicles. Of the 5 aggravated assaults, 4 are known suspects and have either been arrested or there are warrants out for their arrests.

One of the aggravated assaults was menacing which occurred on 7/6 during the overnight on Martinot Ave. The suspect threatened a roommate with a knife and arrest was made.

There was a burglary at the 7 eleven store on 7/5 around dinnertime when the suspect was believed to have shown a handgun and stole cigarettes.

No one was injured. The canine unit was called in but were unable to track the suspect who has not been identified and is still at large.

With only 2 events happening within our boundaries, things have been fairly quiet in our neighborhood the last 4 weeks.

Officer Belliard told us of a RPD outreach program taking place 5-7pm in the parking lot on Thursday 7/20 at school #52 on Farmington Rd. He also handed out a brochure announcing a hefty reward for information leading to the arrest of the person who shot a police officer in the city recently.

A neighbor is still having issues with disrespectful children (of all ages) hanging out on street corners. Officer Belliard said they are working on this. Please call 911 if this is a problem. In fact, CALL 911 with ANY issue that is a problem.

The Firefighters from engine 9 provided some interesting and scary information. Last month they responded to 110 EMS calls. The scary part is 35 of them were opioid related, that translates to 33% of their calls! They do carry Narcan with them and have administered it many times. Opioid abuse has become an epidemic problem nationwide. On a brighter note, they installed 12 CO detectors, 17 smoke detectors and had no calls for incidents with fireworks although some other departments did. They responded to 15 automatic fire alarms and only 4 car fires and 3 structure fires.

We have a healthy bank account of \$5,269.91 thanks to our grant application.

We chose Saturday, August 26 for our neighborhood night at a Red Wings game.



The game starts at 6:05pm. With enough people we can get a discount on tickets. More information will be on our FB page.

We continue to look for guest speakers for our meetings. Let us know of any topics you would like covered.

Amanda won the 50/50 and donated the entire amount back to BNA. Thank you Amanda!

Avoiding scammers

There are a multitude of phone and internet scams out there and more popping up all the time. The library offered a short seminar a couple weeks ago offering tips on how to avoid fraud.

Suggestions include:

- 1- Don't believe your caller ID
- 2- Don't pay up front for a promise
- 3- Consider how you pay if you do send money
- 4- Do online searches
- 5- Hang up on robocalls
- 6- Be skeptical about free trial offers
- 7- Don't deposit a check and then wire money back
- 8- Talk to someone you trust before acting
- 9- Sign up for free scam alerts from the FTC at etc.gov/scams

More information can be found at your local libraries. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true it probably is a scam!

Mounted Patrol Trading Cards

You can collect trading cards of all the horses in the RPD mounted patrol unit. Just ask the officer riding the horse for their card. On the back of each card is information about the horse. Each horse has their own unique idiosyncrasies like having eyes that are a different color or liking peppermint candies.



Zagster is Here!

First it was Uber and Lyft, now Zagster and we have bikes right here in Bensonhurst! Bike stations are located all over the city, with the majority of them within the inner loop, but there are 6 of them parked in front of Fioravanti's flower shop. The system is pretty simple. Download the app on your smart phone (you need blue tooth) and create an account, then check out the quick video on how to use them. Whenever you need to run an errand but don't want to use your car or bike, or don't have a car or bike, just use your app to sign out a bike from the nearest rack, take it to wherever you are going and then lock it in the closest Zagster rack. You can also lock it to a public bike rack for an additional fee

if you are not near a Zagster rack or the rack is full. It's only \$1 for 30 minutes. In Rochester you can get most places on a bike in that much time. It could be cheaper than a bus ride if you were going someplace where a bus would require a transfer downtown. Give it a try ... there are 46 racks scattered around the city each with anywhere from 3 to 6 bikes. The program will be available until Nov and will restart again in the spring.

Signs

If you post a sign for a garage sale or lost pet, please take it down after it is no longer needed. This will help keep our neighborhood looking neat.



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<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 8- BNA meeting

Aug 9 - PCIC meeting

Aug 26 - Red Wings Game

Sept 12- BNA meeting

Sept 13- PCIC 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.