



### New Look to the Newsletter!

Did you notice the newsletters are now in color? Thanks to a new neighbor who has offered to print them for us now.

We thank Joe for printing them in the past, but when it was uncertain as to when he could resume printing for us again, it was kind of a no brainer to take our new neighbor up on his offer.

And Frank is a NEW neighbor having just recently moved into the area. We welcome him and his family.

Ahhhhh... there is no such thing as to have too many volunteers!

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### Newsletter Carrier Needed!

It seems lately we have lost a fair number of newsletter carriers in a very short period of time. Yup, you guessed it! We need yet another newsletter carrier. This time for the south end of Longview Terr.

We thank Jessica for her years of service

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and will miss her. If you are interested in helping us out, it would be greatly appreciated. You would be delivering 30 newsletters once a month. They are delivered to your door and it takes about 20-30 minutes to deliver them to your neighbors. Contact BNA if interested.

### Zoning Meeting

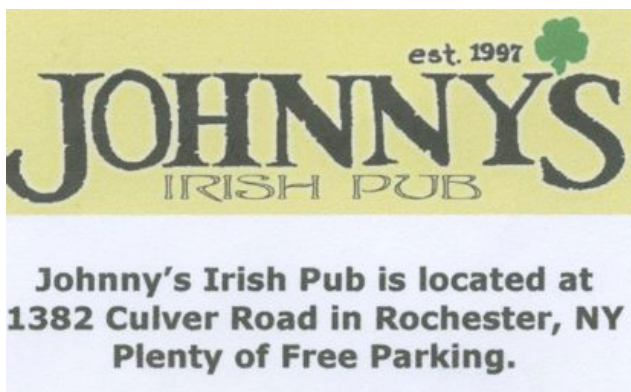
Gary was kind enough to attend and then report back to us on a meeting the City held regarding zoning codes for both existing as well as new small businesses.

The city is concerned with the amount of drug activity, loitering, litter and nuisance calls, not to mention poor business practices associated with "mom and pop" type corner stores in the City. Currently there are 433 convenience stores, 377 auto related businesses and 122 pawn shops within the City limits, many of which are disproportionately distributed.

The goal is to find ways to improve quality of life in neighborhoods by amending the zoning code text, modifying the business permit practice and focusing on enforcement of these new codes and thereby reducing crime.

Businesses already in existence would be grandfathered in until a new owner takes over. All new businesses will be required to agree to the criteria set by the City before opening.

Thanks Gary for representing BNA.



## August Meeting Minutes

Heather welcomed the approximately 16 people in attendance and followed with self introductions around the room Nancy from the NCS was also in attendance.

Rochester southeast CPO, Brian Bannerman presented the crime statistics to date and safety report which are for the entire sector 8 area and NOT just our immediate neighborhood:

	2012	2011
Murder	0	0
Robberies	7	8
Assault	3	1
Burglaries	18	26
Larcenies	19	42
Car Thefts	0	7

There has been an arrest in the Savoia burglary as well as an arrest involving several cases of stolen copper pipes in the northeast quadrant (not in BNA neighborhood).

Burglaries of computers, jewelry and flat screen TV's have occurred in the 100 block of Longview Terr.

The apartments on the SE corner of Longview Terr and Clifford Ave are being monitored.

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The owner of the Citgo station at 2179 Clifford was once again in attendance and updated BNA on the progress made for reopening. The Citgo station is an example of the Rochester "Good Neighbor Agreement" that is reviewed

by city council for planning and zoning permits.

There is a public hearing scheduled for a use variance for vehicle repair and sales at 2264 Clifford Ave next to RayRays restaurant.

No concerns from PACTAC, just a reminder to call 911 if you see anything suspicious.

Our guest speaker was Christopher Johnson, US Army Veteran and graduate of CDS Monarch Warrior SALUTE program. BNA assisted a member of this program the last holiday season. A community outreach conference will be held on Wed. Oct. 3rd. For more information [www.cdswarriorsalute.org](http://www.cdswarriorsalute.org)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurers:  
 Approximately \$1,500 in account.


Neighborhood Beautification:  
 You are welcome to pick our ripe potted tomatoes.

Newsletter:  
 We hope you noticed our colorful August issue.

Redwing Baseball Game:  
 Friday Aug. 24- An outing for the whole family - BNA gets the \$6.00 group rate if we get enough people.

Start thinking now about being a BNA officer – elections in Nov.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Pete who donated a portion of his winnings to the Warrior SALUTE program. Thank you Pete! We voted to give the BNA half of the winnings from the 50/50 raffle this month to the SALUTE program as well. Thanks neighbors!



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## Oops!

Our apologies to our neighbors on Clifford Ave who didn't get their newsletters until after the last meeting. You should have all gotten them by now. Better late than never!

## August Speaker

Our August speaker, a graduate of the Warrior SALUTE program for returning American veterans did a great job explaining its functions.

This program helps returning veterans cope with PTSD while adjusting to civilian life.



*Our August guest speaker Christopher Johnson*

## BNA Baseball night out

We beat this team last year, but it was not to be this time. The final score was 8 to 1. So we didn't win the game..... not even close, but at least it wasn't a total shut out. As a bonus though, we DID get to see the international space station float by. That was pretty cool!

It was a perfect night for a game, temps in the 80's only dropping back to the high 70's by the end, an occasional light breeze and a cloudless sky.

We had 19 people attend and we are already looking forward to next year!

Thanks Heather for setting it up and getting the tickets!

## Gas station reopened

The Citgo station on Clifford Ave has reopened under new management. We hope the new owners will be good neighbors.

So far, they have been very cooperative working with the neighborhood and the City.

## Shooting on Longview Terrace

There was a drive by shooting on the corner of Longview Terrace and Clifford Ave in the wee hours of the morning a few weeks ago. Little detail is known about it other than there were other people in the area at the time. The victim was taken to the hospital in a private vehicle so it is assumed he suffered non life threatening injuries.

There are no known suspects which means unless someone comes forward with information, this will be a difficult crime to solve.

Please call 911 with ANY suspicious activity since this incident was way too close to home! IT WAS HOME!

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## Eatery Review

Last month we decided to check out the new eatery in the neighborhood by having dinner at RayRay's.

The Friday night fish fry came either fried or broiled. We opted for the broiled. The meal came with rolls, cole slaw and your choice of potato.

Our serving of fish was huge and delicious and we wound up bringing some of it home. The staff was very friendly and accommodating.

It's great to have another eatery in the neighborhood. Check them out sometime!

## National Night Out

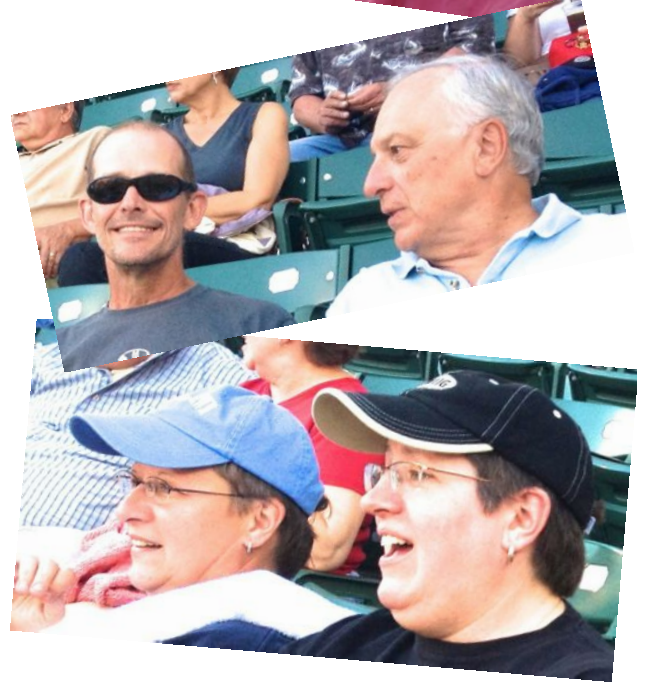
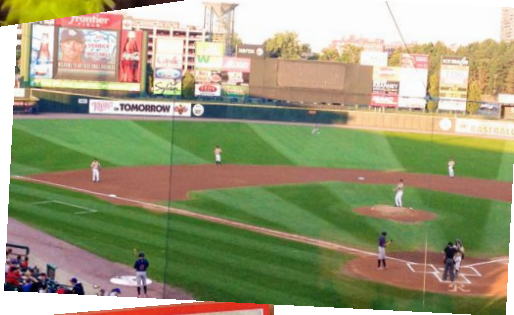
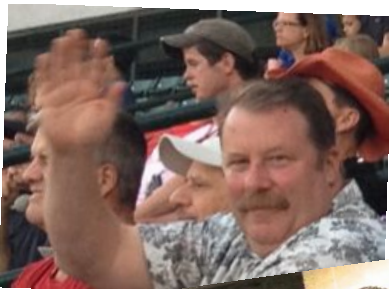
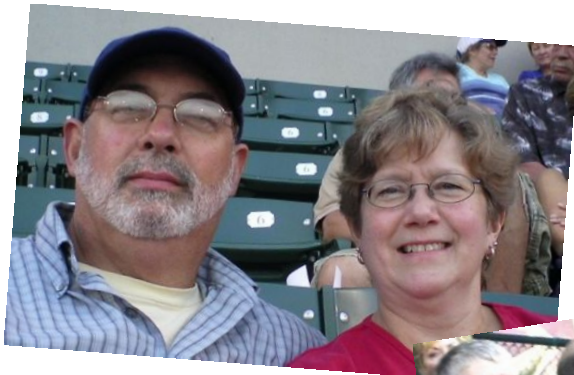
National night out was Tues Aug 7. The local event for our area of the city was held at the RGTA bus terminal on Main St. It began with a courtyard dinner followed by a meet and greet with the RPD after which was a tour of the bus terminal.

We have no word on who, if anyone represented us from BNA.





# Bensonhurst at the Ball Game!



Are we having fun yet?



## President position open

BNA elections are just around the corner. We need a new prez! Heather has been doing a great job for 3 years (the last year acting as interim president.) Although she is doing a GREAT job and we might like her

to stay on, she can't do this forever, eventually people burn out. If we want to keep BNA alive, we need to fill this position.

If you are interested in this position or know someone that might be, please contact BNA.

## Safest Weather City

Guess who made the safest weather city in the northeast? Yup! Rochester NY!

<http://www.weather.com/news/safest-weather-cities-20120808>

The choice was made on based on a combination of flooding, lightning, tornadoes, tropical cyclones, snow/ice storms, extreme heat, extreme cold, high winds, and rip currents.

## Arrest made!

A few weeks ago someone attempted to break into Savoia bakery. Was it a sweet tooth that made them do it?

Once the window was broken and the alarm went off the offender ran, but the police were able to catch him using a canine officer to track blood from the bakery to a house a mile away where he was hiding with a cut to his hand. Nice police work. Give that dog a bone!

## Kudos to RPD

Here are some of the neighborhood responses to the email that was sent out regarding the arrest in the Savoia Bakery burglary a few weeks ago.....

.....Great Job by RPD!

.....Interesting that the culprit was from a suburb; not from the city.

.....wonderful, we so feel great when we see the police cars just riding up and down Culver Road or parking over in the church lot - good job to them, thank you

.....Kudos to the police for catching the perp, and double kudos to Savoia for having a good alarm system

**School is open!  
Keep our kids safe!  
Drive safely!**

## Flowerpots

Although we are missing some of our flowerpots in the neighborhood, the remaining ones look awesome! Thanks to everyone who has been watering them during our drought stricken summer.

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the tomatoes as well. The plants are looking a bit scrappy now, but they are still producing a fair amount of fruit, so keep watching them.

## Produce Market

There was a small farmers market on the corner of Culver Rd and Rosewood Terr a few Saturdays ago which is in the Beechwood Section, our neighbors to the south.

This is great for anyone in the neighborhood who can't get to the public market, they can still get fresh veggies at reasonable prices.

## PACTAC

So you've heard about it, but do you know who we are? You might be new to the area or maybe you have lived here awhile and just don't know who those people are you see walking or riding a bike in the neighborhood wearing bright yellow vests and carrying police radios.

No, we are not police. We are the "Citizens" in Police and Citizens Together Against Crime.

The kids think we are school crossing guards but the best way to explain it to them is that "we are like Santa's elves." We help the Police by reporting criminal and/or suspicious activity to them in an effort to keep our neighborhood safe.

We are all volunteers who care about our neighborhood and our neighbors. We have received training from the police department, carry police radios but no weapons. There are no "required" hours, we patrol when we can. Anyone can join PACTAC by contacting the NCS, filling out an application and attending the 3 hour training session.



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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

## 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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**911- To report any suspicious activity or emergency**

## 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

**Sept 11 – BNA meeting**

**Sept 12 – PCIC meeting**

**Oct 9 – BNA meeting**

**Oct 10 – 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.**