

# Bensonhurst

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Facebook

If you haven't yet checked out our Facebook page, we encourage you to do so. It is a great way to get updated news and info about our neighborhood, like finding lost pets. We are still at 85 "likes".....some even from outside our area! We really want to reach that 100 mark before we have been up a year. Help us get there. That would be so cool!

If you're not into Facebook, you can send your email address to BNA and we will send you notices of important dates and events by email. We don't like spam any more than you do, so will only send relevant information. That way you don't miss anything important.

### Solicitors

A couple weeks ago 2 young white males wearing green shirts and caps were going door to door in our neighborhood claiming they were sent to make sure we were getting billed correctly and asking to see page 2 and 3 of our RG&E bill. Whether they were legit or not is unknown but do not give them information. 911 was notified.

If anyone comes to your door who you are suspicious of, do NOT let them in the house or give them any information. Call 911!!! Within days of this event our CPO's sent out a notice about possible scammers in the Winton Rd those folks offering gutter cleaning service.

Not everyone who comes to your door is a scammer, but please beware and call 911 with any suspicious activity.

### Proudly Serving the Streets of:

Bedford  
Edgeland  
Clifford  
Culver  
Rocket  
Martinet  
Roseview  
Longview  
Salisbury  
Laurelton  
Lawndale  
Mapledale  
Pershing  
Westchester

### Arrest in Beechwood

An arrest of 3 black males was made on Garson Ave recently. Police were called by a neighbor for illegal gambling. Upon investigation, they found illegal weapons and controlled substances. The suspects were charged with criminal possession of a weapon as well as controlled substances. Police are thanking Beechwood neighbors for their awareness and calling 911. This is a classic example of why calling 911 with suspicious activity is crucial. What was thought to be one thing turned out to be much more! Calling 911 works!

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## Aug Meeting

Since both the president and the VP were out of town, there was no meeting held in August, therefore there are no minutes to report. We WILL hold the September meeting as scheduled.

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## Baseball Game

Six neighbors and a guest attended the annual BNA night at the game last week. It was a great night for a game. Temps were in the mid 60's with a very light breeze and a full moon! There were over 11,000 people in attendance, perhaps because the theme was batman?... or maybe because of the special guest?... (the autograph line was pretty long!)...or maybe just coz it was a great night for a game!

Heather got us fantastic seats right behind home plate for a super price! Thanks Heather! We had a great time even though the Red Wings lost. Syracuse started the first inning with a hit followed by another one in the second inning. In the third inning they finally pulled the pitcher but not until a couple more runs were had. A couple more runs after that with the new pitcher and it was finally our turn to score some runs. We managed 2 runs at the bottom of the third so it wasn't a total skunk. The final score was 9:2, Syracuse's favor.

The theme for the night was batman and special guest was Julie Newmar who in the original batman series played the first cat woman.

She was on hand before the game to sign autographs, then made an appearance after the game before the fireworks for an interview. She was escorted to her chair by 2 henchmen and after the interview the rest of the cast came out. (Pictures on the next page)

The bat mobile came out prior to the game. Peg and I were getting food and the rest of the folks hadn't arrived yet, and it was at that time when Kirks camera decided not to work, so we didn't get a picture of it.

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## Flower Pots

The flower pots are still looking great! Mother Nature actually did quite well with the rain even though it was August, our driest summer month. We still need neighbors to keep an eye on them for the rest of the season. We had some cooler weather but with warmer temps and no rain in the long range forecast, they will need help from us. Thanks to Kirk who watered most of the planters at the east end of Rocket.

Also, did you know that if you pinch off the dead flowers, you will get more new ones?... keeping the plant colorful, not to mention it looks a lot healthier.

The tomato plant at the north end of Martinot is now past tense but not before it produced a fair number of albeit small tomatoes.



## Thanks Neighbor

A neighbor noticed a suspicious person looking in driveways. He then went up her neighbors driveway while they were home with a car in the drive, and walked out with a bicycle. She got a great description of him, noted where he went and called 911. He was arrested and the bicycle was returned. A prime example why you NEED to call 911 with any suspicious activity. A happy ending for this homeowner!

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## Eggs?

A few of our neighbors have reported eggs being thrown at their house. If you see anything suspicious or vandalizing activity, please call 911!

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## Primary Elections

Make sure you get out and vote on Thursday, Sept 10 as well as in November.

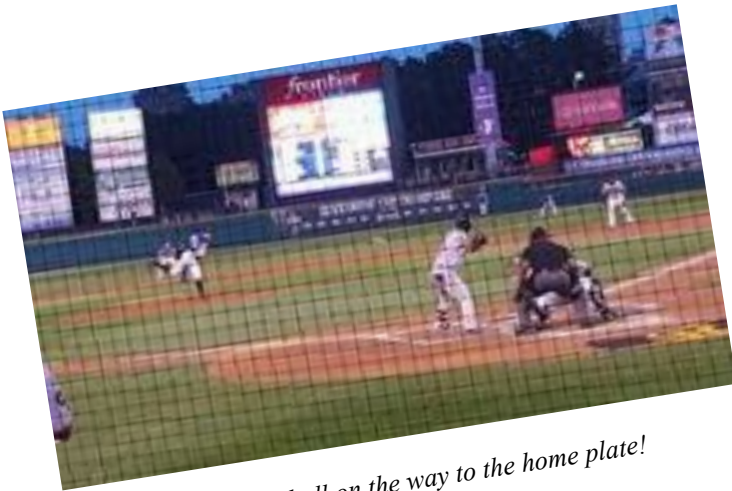
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## Merchants House

The former Pasta House on the corner of Shelford and Merchants Rd is being remodeled and will be reopening as the Merchants House Wood Fired Kitchen. No word on when or what type of food they will offer.



# Red Wings Game



*Notice the ball on the way to the home plate!  
Good timing Elaine!*



*BNA neighbors - Peg, Kirk, Heather, Elaine,  
Lisa and Karen...missing Amber*



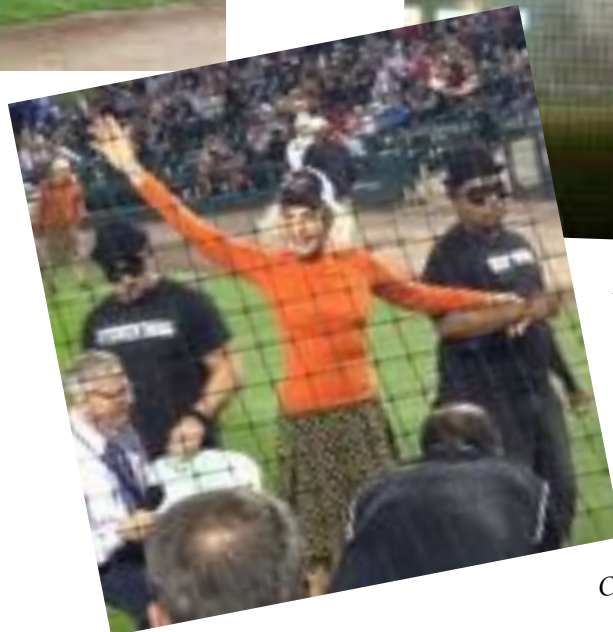
*The Batman cast*



*Fireworks!*



*Batmobile*



*Cat woman- Julie Newmar*



**Friendship Children's Center**  
**310 Fern wood Ave.**  
**Rochester, NY 14609**  
**(1 block from #45 school)**  
**Phone# 342-7250**

- Open M-F 6:30-5:30pm
- We care for children from 1yr-12yrs of age
- Free RCSD UPK program 9-3 daily
- Before and after school program for UPK and children Kdg.-7<sup>th</sup> gr. (we pick up and drop off at #45)
- Accredited, Licensed and Quality Stars program
- Huge outdoor playground
- Certified teachers
- Breakfast, lunch and snack served daily



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



### Computer Recycling

A couple months ago, there was a flyer distributed with your newsletter about a computer recycling event happening locally. As a reminder, on Saturday, Sept 19, you can take your old electronics to Christ the Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 1000 North Winton Rd for recycling.

Computer equipment can NOT be put in landfills due to all the toxic materials in them. Therefore if you put your computer to the curb, the trash men will not pick it up. This is an environmentally friendly way for residents and small businesses to recycle it. In case you no longer have the flyer, items can be dropped off between 9am-12 noon.

They will only be taking electronic equipment, such as TV's, modems, GPS units, microwaves, cell phones, copiers etc. NO refrigerators or other household appliances. Items taken in will be hauled away by Maven Technologies LLC.

### Speed Humps on Longview

About 15 people attended the meeting held at the Ryan Center regarding speed humps on the south end of Longview Terr between Rocket and Bay St. Eric Frisch, transportation specialist and Frank Bonn, Street Design Engineer presented the information about the project which has been approved. Construction will be done this fall.

After the residents submitted their proposal, a traffic count indicated over 1200 cars went down the street a day! 37% of the cars mostly in a northbound direction, were above the posted speed limit. Work is expected to only take a couple days. It was also mentioned that the speed humps on Rocket St are slated to be repaired as well.

### Scams

Our CPO's handed out a flyer at one of our earlier meetings alerting neighbors to possible scams. There are tons of them out there with new ones popping up all the time. Some are very convincing by playing on your emotions. Examples are IRS scam, hostage or email scam, work from home, check cashing, reshipping, lottery, craigslist, eBay and/or other on line purchases, utilities, medicare, immigration, rental/vacation homes, "secret shopper," construction and the list goes on....just about anything you can think of.

The COMMON denominator in all these scams is the caller/sender asks for money up front! Do NOT respond to these emails or calls.

## Important Contact Information

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BNA website:  
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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](http://www.crimereports.com)

Sex Offender site:  
[www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/)

Do Not Call List:  
[www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)  
1-888-382-1222

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

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

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## 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 [benonhurstNA@excite.com](mailto:benonhurstNA@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.

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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

Sept 8 – BNA meeting

Sept 9 – PCIC meeting

Oct 13 - BNA meeting

Oct 14 - 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 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.**