



Red Wings Game

We had a great night for our annual neighborhood night at the Red Wings game. Clear skies, very little wind and cool temps made for a nice evening. The fact that we won 5-3 didn't hurt either. After a great start in the first inning where we scored 3 runs... it wasn't until the last inning when the score was 5-3, still in our favor.... that Buffalo loaded the bases! Whew! That was close!

Heather got us some great seats between home plate and first base and a great price. Thanks Heather! Bobby had his baseball mitt ready for any stray balls and although some were nearby, none close enough to catch. The fireworks afterwards were awesome as well. Hopefully more neighbors will join us next year!

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 rack.

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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.

Hurricane Relief

One of our neighbors, Kari, has offered to collect items for victims of Hurricane Harvey. Items can be brought to our meeting or dropped off at 99 Bedford St.

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until Sept 15, just look for the sign on the door. A list of items needed can be found on page 5 of this newsletter. Many thanks to her for not only suggesting it but actually organizing it. Bensonhurst Rocks!

August Meeting Minutes

Heather wasn't feeling well and Matt was on vacation so Karen ran the meeting. We had 11 neighbors including one new face, Andy from the city, Sarah from the library and Nancy from NSC. The only announcement was to remind folks to get their tickets for our neighborhood night at the ball game.

Officer Cannon was on vacation so Officer Belliard updated us on the crime stats for the last 4 weeks.

	2016	2017
Homicide	1	0
Rape	1	2
Robbery	0	1
Agg Assault	3	3
Burglary	5	4
Larceny	21	12
MV Theft	2	4

Overall, crime was down. Only 3 of the larcenies occurred in Bensonhurst. The first was on Longview Terr on 7/21. The victim came home to find his car gone. A neighbor reported seeing a tow truck take it away. The car was found at a junk yard and there is a suspect in question.

The second incident again occurred on Longview Terr on 7/30 around 7pm. but the victim who lived 2 hours away agreed to meet a prospective buyer there for an ATV he was selling. When the buyer took it for a test drive, he never returned.

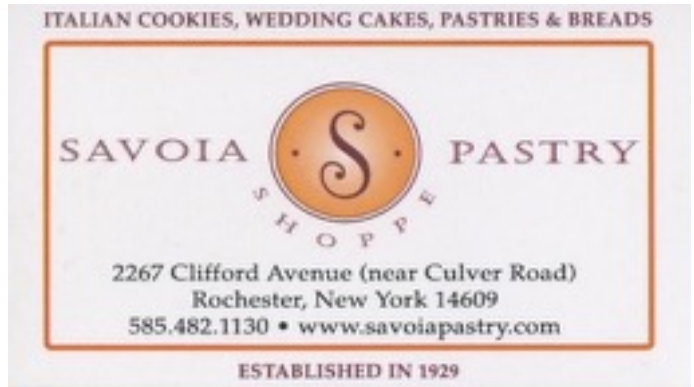
The third incident happened on 7/11 on Bedford St when a benefits card was stolen and several hundred dollars taken off it.

A robbery/burglary occurred on Salisbury St on 8/1 around 11pm when the owner was sleeping on a couch with the front door open. When she awakened she found the suspect in the kitchen. There was an scuffle (no injuries) but she managed to grab a piece of jewelry in the scuffle which has been sent to the crime lab. Afterwards she noticed about \$20 was taken. The RPD is hoping for an arrest in this incident.

Officer Belliard reminded us to keep our doors and windows locked. He also told us that if you are selling an item and arrange to meet with the prospective buyer to conduct the transaction in a public place, preferably with cameras or even at the NSC office which is open 9am-5pm Monday through Friday.

Nancy told us of a pilot program starting Aug 21 in the Southeast and Goodman section of the City called Positive Tickets. The Police department will be giving out "tickets" in the form of gift cards to citizens doing positive things. Subway, Dominos, YMCA and 7 eleven are just some of the "tickets" being given out. Many thanks to those businesses for participating in this program.

Neighbors reporting issues with disrespectful children (of all ages) report that things have been getting better.



Sarah handed out some brochures on upcoming talks at the library.

Nancy told us the Broadway Theater League is again offering discounts to upcoming shows at the Auditorium Theater on select nights. Andy from the City reported that the Zagster bike sharing program has been a huge success so far and more bikes will be purchased.

We have a healthy bank account of \$5,214.91.

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

Paul won the 50/50 raffle.



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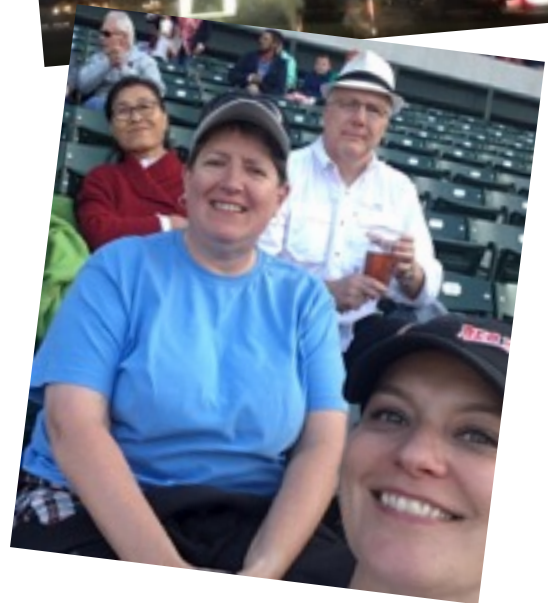
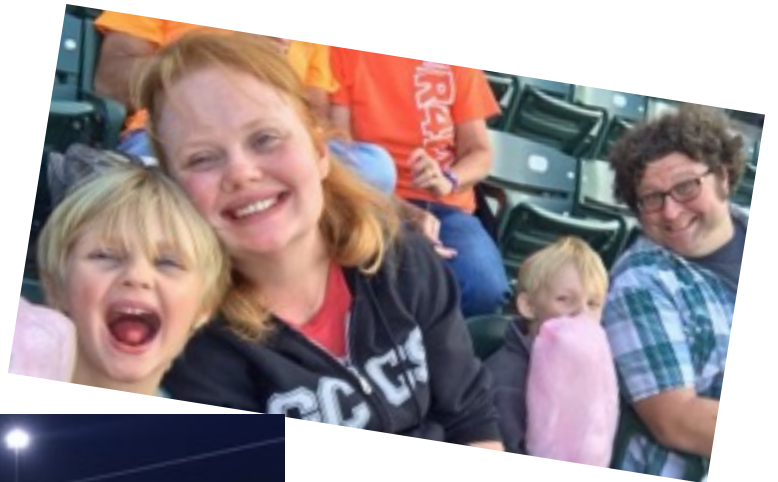
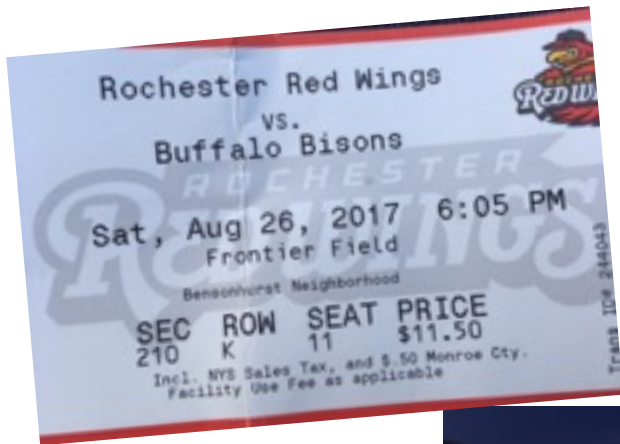
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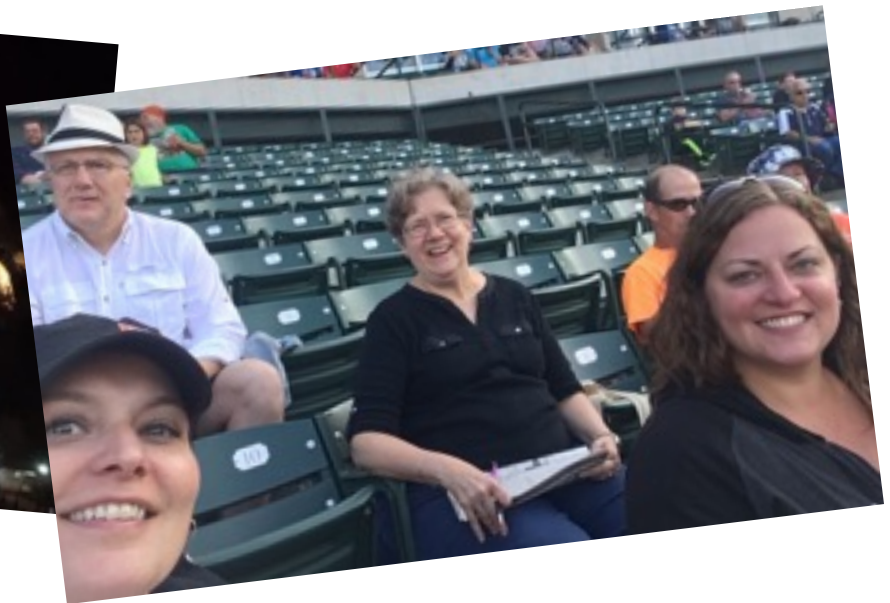
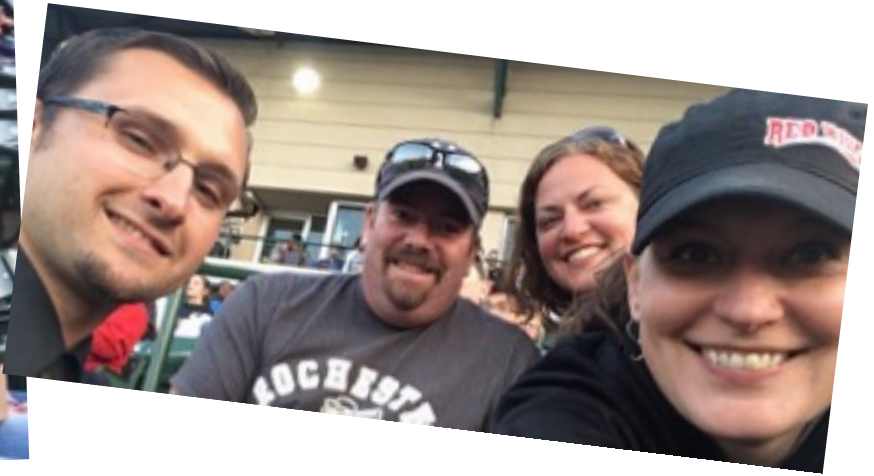
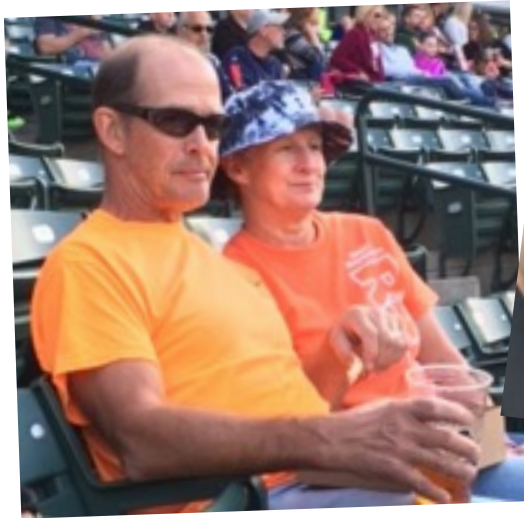
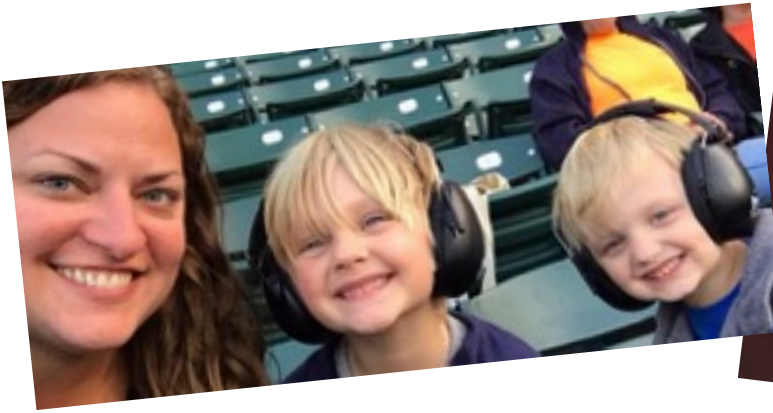
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Bar and Grill
2260 Clifford Ave.
Rochester NY 14609
585-413-1661

Bensonhurst at the Red Wings





Hurricane Relief Donation Items

What would you want immediately if you had nothing?

Treat others the way you'd want to be treated.

- Cases/jugs of water
- Non-perishable food
- School supplies
- Toiletries
- Baby supplies
 - Food/formula
 - Blankets, sheets
 - Diapers
 - Non-expired safety gear
- Clothing
 - All sizes needed but sorted separately
 - Clean and *free of pet hair or smoke odor*
- Essential household goods
 - Dishes
 - Serving ware
 - Paper products
 - Countertop appliances
 - Plastic water bottles



Drop items at 99 Bedford Street 14609

Contact Kari at 256.651.9532 with any questions
or to volunteer.

Important Contact Information

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BNA Facebook
www.facebook.com/Bensonhurst14609

BNA address:
PO Box 90411
Rochester, NY 14609

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

Sep 12- BNA meeting

Sep 13 - PCIC meeting

Oct 10- BNA meeting

Oct 11- 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.