



BNA September Meeting Minutes

Brian conducted the meeting in Heather's absence and welcomed all in attendance. Self introductions around the table were next. Peg asked about the status of the news video camera at 1079 Clifford and Longview, they are still in the queue.

Safety report was given by Officers Belliard and Cannon. Crime Stat comparisons today versus a year ago:

- Burglaries- 27 in 2010 vs 35 in 2011 (up a bit with a spike in the last four weeks)
- Robberies down 38%
- Larcenies/petty theft- no change
- Aggravated Assault- down 28%
- Auto Theft- down 37%
- Murder- 1 in 2010 and none this year
- Rape- 2 in 201 and 3 this year

Treasurers report: \$1,300+ in the BNA bank account

Loretta C. Scott, City of Rochester Council member At-Large was in attendance. She spoke of chief Sheppard's initiative "Chief On The

Street" and suggested we ask him to attend one of our meetings.

Application forms were available for "Citizen's Police Academy." Completed applications due by September 23. Training will be held on 10 consecutive Tues. 6:00 – 9:00pm in the Public Safety Training Facility on Scottsville Road.

Nancy Johns-Price NSC Administrator updated us on development in our area. Construction is to begin soon on Culver Road.

The 50/50 raffle was won by the owner of Eye Appeal and donated back to BNA, Thank you!

Guest Speaker in October

We have a guest speaker from the City Assessors Office for our Oct meeting. He will be accompanied by 2 associates, one to address residential concerns and the other for commercial properties.

This will be your chance to ask any questions you might have regarding your 2012 property reassessment.

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Holiday preparations

Traditionally, BNA has sponsored a family in need for Christmas. If anyone knows of a family in need (preferably in our neighborhood or nearby), or knows about an organization that can find us one, please contact Bensonhurst.

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1382 Culver Road in Rochester, NY
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Oops!

My apologies to Tom Emerson for forgetting to credit him for the great pics from National Night Out in last months newsletters! Nice job! - Ed.

His pictures were awesome but unfortunately did not come out so well in the newsletter. We suggest you check them out (in color!) in the newsletter section on our website at:
bensonthurst14609.org

Festival of Food

Hopefully folks got to attend the Festival of Food at the public market last month. If not, there is always next year. There was a wonderful selection of foods there and best of all, ALL the proceeds go to Foodlink. We did see one of our neighbors there and came home stuffed as usual.

Flower Pots

Thanks to everyone who "adopted" a flower pot this summer! Most of them looked great!

All too soon, we will be bringing them in for the winter. If you can house one over the winter in your garage or back yard, it would be a great help and be that many less that have to be collected and stored in someone's back yard. Contact bensonthurstNA@excite.com if you can house one over the winter.



From our President

I have gotten several replies in regard to crime info so I would like to remind everyone of a couple things.

First, there is an active neighborhood watch patrol in the form of PAC TAC, Police And Citizens Together Against Crime, that works with volunteers trained by the RPD.

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!!! For more info please visit <http://cityofrochester.gov/pactac/>

Second, we have two RPD crime prevention officers who attend every one of our meetings, the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the side room of Johnny's Irish Pub, 1382 Culver Road. They are available to answer questions, address specific concerns, as well as give general safety information to neighbors.

Third, only about 125 neighbors of about 600 homes in our neighborhood are on the list to receive email notices of crime reports and other related neighborhood notifications. If your neighbors aren't getting safety and crime updates they probably aren't sharing information with neighbors either. Communication is vital to crime prevention and awareness. Talk to your neighbors, encourage them to be active, observant, and to get on our mailing list.

These are 3 very important aspects of community safety, please take advantage!



Neighborhood Crimes still occurring!

.....And just when we reported that crimes were down overall in our neighborhood there have still been daytime burglaries happening in our neighborhood!.....during the week of 9/8 - 9/12 on Pershing and Longview.

Both were during the day though windows. RPD responded to both. Please keep an eye out for your neighbors and call 911 if you see anything suspicious, including people in your neighbor's yards while they are not home. The next house could be YOURS!

Elections

We are accepting nominations for ALL officer positions for the 2012 year. If you are interested in one of them or know someone that is or might be, please contact Bensonhurst by either phone or email. (Contact info can be found on the back page of the newsletter or the website.)



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BNA website:
www.bensonhurst14609.org

Neighborhood Service Center
585-428-7640

City Hall services - 311
non emergency
www.cityofrochester.gov

NBN and PCIC website:
<http://sites.google.com/site/nbnsector8/Home>

Crime Reports Lists
www.crimereports.com

Sex Offender site:
www.familywatchdog.us

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

911- 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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Upcoming Events

Oct 12 – PCIC meeting

Oct 13 – BNA meeting

Nov 9 – PCIC meeting

Nov 10 – BNA meeting

Why not join us on the second Thursday 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.