

# 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 just went over 90 "likes".....some even from outside our area! Less then 10 to go 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.

### Proudly Serving the Streets of:

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

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### Holiday Family

In keeping with our annual tradition, Bensonhurst will once again be collecting gifts for a holiday "family" This year we have chosen the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester. <http://www.bgcrochester.org>

Their mission is to inspire and enable young people of all backgrounds to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens and provide a safe haven for children. Unfortunately that feeling of security was shattered when they lost 3 young victims to a senseless shooting last month.

By choosing them as our holiday family, hopefully we can let them know that we care. They serve the needs of children ages 6-18, most of them from very needy families. They will be hosting "Breakfast with Santa" on Dec 12 which

is conveniently just after our holiday gathering for BNA. We will be collecting toys for children ages 6-18. NO clothes please. For many, the gift from santa may very well be the only gift they get for Christmas. Items will be collected at our holiday meeting in December.



### Halloween

Please remember to watch for little "goblins" roaming the streets on halloween night.

### Burglary Arrests

Many thanks to our neighbors not only in Bensonhurst but anywhere in the City for calling 911 with suspicious behavior. RPD was recently able to make 2 arrests in nearby neighborhoods because neighbors called.



**Johnny's Irish Pub is located at  
1382 Culver Road in Rochester, NY  
Plenty of Free Parking.**

## Sept Meeting Minutes

Once again, Heather filled in for Brian and started the meeting with around the room introductions. We had one new neighbor who is also new to the neighborhood. Welcome! In addition to neighbors, Officer Belliard and Nancy from NSC and the firefighters from Engine 12 who are becoming regulars, we also welcome their new Captain, Jeff!

Officer Belliard started us off with the crime report stats for the last 4 weeks in section 205 which includes Bensonhurst.

	2014	2015
Homicide	0	0
Rape	1	0
Robbery	3	1
Agg Assault	0	1
Burglary	7	2
Larceny	16	21
MV Theft	3	1

Overall, property crime is down 8%. Within the BNA borders, there were 4 incidents. The first was in late Aug in the 2000 block of Clifford Ave when a stereo and speakers were taken from a car parked on the street. The second event again was in late Aug in the 500 block of Rocket St when some items were taken from a car in the driveway through a partially open window. Both of these incidents occurred overnight.

The third incident occurred on Laurelton Rd around noon when a bicycle was taken from an unlocked garage. Lastly in late Aug, in the 100 block of Pershing Dr, a burglary and

robbery occurred overnight where electronics were taken through an unlocked window. The homeowner was home at the time and did suffer some injuries during the incident. He will be ok.

On a more positive note, thanks to neighbors calling 911, an arrest was made in July for a burglary that occurred in June just outside our area where a car and some electronics were taken. The car and some of the items were recovered.

The firefighters in attendance said they are getting a lot of complaints about smoke when people are burning chiminea's and other fire type receptacles in their backyards. It seems there is a city code about smoke. They also said they have completed a 48 hour training course in code compliance. Engine 12 (Wisconsin St) is capable of using foam to put out fires and they also just completed training classes for that. They are still in the process of building inspections of all multi family units.

Treasurers report- Our balance is \$3,434.95 and hopefully a few ad renewals will be arriving soon. Heather suggested putting some of the ads on our Facebook page once in awhile.

Nancy from NSC reminded us that if we wanted to do any "mini" clean sweeps in our neighborhood to give her a 2 week notice to obtain supplies.

New business included a reminder of the upcoming electronic recycling event and speed humps that are being installed on the southern portion of

ITALIAN COOKIES, WEDDING CAKES, PASTRIES & BREADS



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Longview Terr. We also discussed ideas for our "holiday" family this year. The Boys and Girls Club of Rochester was one suggestion. If anyone has any others, please let us know.

We also need to be thinking of elections in November. All offices are up for grabs. If you would like to volunteer for a position, contact us.

One of the firefighters won the 50/50 raffle and donated the entire winnings back! THANKS!

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### Call 911

Please call 911 with any suspicious activity or person. We have seen on numerous occasions a crime has been solved and persons taken into custody because a watchful neighbor called. Do yourself and your neighbors a favor by calling 911. Make your neighborhood a safer place!

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### Thanks Neighbor!

A neighbor spotted a bicyclist riding down the street pulling a garbage tote (definitely suspicious activity) and called 911. Police responded within minutes. No word on what was found in the tote but perhaps a crime was averted or at the very least if there were stolen goods it, perhaps the victim was able to get their possessions back. Nice work by all!



#### Walk-In Wellness Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 2-7 p.m.

Saturday: 12-7 p.m.

Spay/Neuter Surgeries by Appointment Only

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

**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



### Newsletter Carrier

Our neighbor Lisa on Edgeland St who delivered newsletters for us has left the area. We thank her for the many years she delivered them for us. To the rescue comes David, a new neighbor on Rocket St who has offered to deliver them for now. Please thank him when you see him.

We are still looking for a newsletter carrier for Clifford Ave. Peg has graciously agreed to deliver this issue. We only deliver newsletters 4 times a year now. The next newsletters to be delivered to your doorstep will be in January. If you are able to help us out that would be awesome!!!!

The newsletters are delivered to your home several days prior to the meeting giving you some flexibility in delivering them to your neighbors before the next meeting.

### Guest Speakers

The guest speaker we planned for our October meeting is now unable to attend. It is short notice, but we are hoping to have someone from the Boys and Girls Club instead. The November speaker will be someone from DES. They will talk about the upcoming 2016 City Assessment which will affect every city property owner. Let's have a good showing for these folks.

### Electronic Recycling Recap

The recycling event last month was a huge success, collecting over 5,000 pounds of electronic equipment. As a reminder, electronic equipment can NOT be taken to landfills!

### November Elections

At our November meeting we will be electing officers. All offices are up for grabs. If you would like to be an officer, please let us know. It would be great if we had a REAL election where we had to pick between 2 people instead of just approving the slate as it stands.

In order to hold an office you must be over the age of 18 and either a resident or a business owner in Bensonhurst. In order to vote in the election you must have attended at least one meeting during the past year, and yes, the holiday party does count as a meeting.

If you would like to nominate someone please do....after first asking their permission.

**Important Contact Information**

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BNA website:  
[www.bensonhurst14609.org](http://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](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

**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.

**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**

**Oct 13 - BNA meeting**

**Oct 14 - PCIC meeting**

**Nov 10 – BNA meeting**

**Nov 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.**