



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 SO close to 100 "likes".....some even from outside our area! Only 1 more to go to reach that 100 mark before we have been up a year. Help us get there. I think we can do it!

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.

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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 in August.

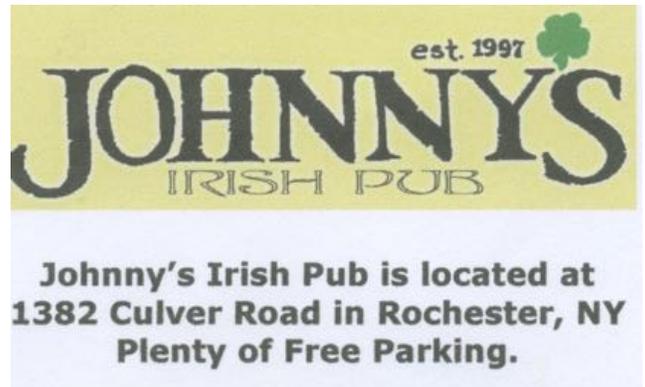
By choosing them as our holiday family, hopefully we can let them know that we care. They serve the needs of children ages 6-18, most of them from very needy families. They will be hosting "Breakfast with Santa" on Dec 12 which

is conveniently scheduled just after our holiday gathering for BNA. We are asking all our neighbors to bring unwrapped toys for these children to our Holiday party. NO clothes please! For many, the gift from Santa may very well be the only gift they get for Christmas. As in past years, let's show them we care.

Gas Pump Scam

Several gas stations in and around the city are now under investigation when skimming devices were found on their gas pumps. Skimmers are not visible to the user and are used by thieves to acquire credit card information from customers.

Ways to avoid being a victim of fraud are to pay cash, pay inside with a credit card or use a prepaid credit card. Currently, the stations under investigation are in Scottsville, Fairport and at 1835 Mount Hope Ave in the city.



October Meeting Minutes

We did away with around the room introductions this time since there were only 5 neighbors in attendance along with Officer Cannon and Nancy from NSC who all knew each other.

Officer Cannon started us off with the crime report stats for Sept for section 205 which includes Bensonhurst.

	2014	2015
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	1	0
Agg Assault	1	3
Burglary	6	4
Larceny	19	19
MV Theft	0	1

This translated to 27 incidents for the month for both years with only 3 of them actually in our boundaries. The first incident was on Wilmont St on 9/13 when 2 men broke into an unattached garage. A neighbor called 911 and they were able to catch the suspects and recover the property! Great work on the part of the neighbor and the RPD!

The next incident DID happen in our neighborhood on Culver Rd. The morning on 9/10 a white male wearing a yellow construction hat and vest posing as an RG&E employee doing work in the area was allowed inside the house. Once inside, he pistol whipped the victim and took a wallet with cash, money orders and a phone. The victim immediately closed and locked the door so she did not know which way he went when he left.

RG&E said they had no workers in the area that day and that their crew workers wear white hats! Something to remember!

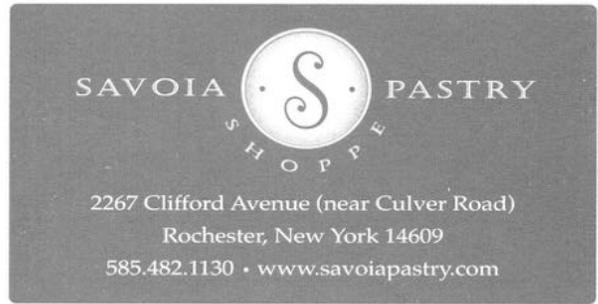
The next incident occurred in the 2100 block of Clifford Ave. around dinner time on 10/2. The resident and an acquaintance got in an argument which resulted in the acquaintance going to his car and returning with a long gun and threatening the vicim. She called 911 and an arrest was made. This would have been menacing but because a weapon was involved even though it wasn't fired, it is considered aggravated assault.

The final incident in our area was on Bedford St when a car which was parked in the driveway was reported stolen during the night of 10/3. The next evening the homeowner said he found the car on Revella St with no damage and drove it home.

There was also a stolen car incident at the convenience store at Bay and Culver. The car crashed into a tree on a side street and the occupants fled. There are suspects but no arrests of yet. And finally at the Rite Aid drug store, a shoplifting arrest when someone tried to take Advil and wart remover.

There was mention that 2 black males have been approaching customers at 2179 Clifford Ave asking if they want to buy drugs. Officer Cannon will look into this. There has also been damage to our flower pots twice in the last few months. In both instances, neighbors have called 911 and the vandals were caught. Nice work neighbors! Keep calling!

ITALIAN COOKIES, WEDDING CAKES, PASTRIES & BREADS



ESTABLISHED IN 1929

Nancy from NSC said the City is working on a plan for improved snow removal this year after last year's debacle.

Our guest speaker for this month was not able to attend but we DO have a speaker for November. Tom Hunker from the DES will talk about the city reassessments for 2016.

Elections for BNA will be held at our November meeting. Normally we nominate persons at the October meeting but since there were so few neighbors in attendance, we will nominate as well as elect officers in November.

There was no treasurers report. Since there were so few in attendance, there was also no 50/50 raffle.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Yes, we have to talk about snow again....With winter coming and the City reviewing their snowplowing schedule. Nancy reminded us that is is the homeowner or business owners responsibility to keep the sidewalk in front of their property clear of snow. If the building is an apartment, unless the landlord clears the snow, it is usually the occupants of the first floor that keep the sidewalks clear. It is also unlawful to push snow into the street OR block sidewalks and driveways.





Leaf PickUp

The city leaf pickup program for BNA is the week of Nov 9-13. Place your UNbagged leaves between the curb and the sidewalk before 7am on Monday, Nov 9. The city will be through sometime during the that week. If you miss the pickup, you can take your leaves to the materials give back site on Ferrano St near Colfax Street. Do not leave bagged leaves at the site. Leaves will be accepted Nov and Dec., Monday - Saturday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

There will no doubt be very few of us who will be able to take advantage of the pick up since as usual, many of the trees in our neighborhood still have lots of leaves left on them.

You can also compost them in your yard and garden....Anything besides sending them in bags to a landfill!

Newsletter Carrier

Neighbors on Edgeland St can thank our new carrier David for their newsletter this past month. Thank you David for stepping up the plate. David is not only a new carrier but also new to the neighborhood! Welcome and thanks!

We are still looking for a newsletter carrier for Clifford Ave. Peg delivered the October flyer for us. Thanks Peg! We only deliver newsletters 4 times a year now. The next newsletters to be delivered to doorstep will be in January. If you are able to help us out that would be awesome!!!!

Please let Bensonhurst know if you can help. The newsletters are delivered to your home early enough to give you time to deliver them to your neighbors prior to the BNA meeting.

The months the flyers are not delivered, the newsletter is online.

Slate of Officers for 2016

President- open
 VP- open
 Secretary- Karen Managan
 Treasurer- Peg Aderman/Paul Zimmer
 Sgt at Arms- open

A lot of vacancies here!
 Newsletter Ed- Karen Managan

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, but only after first asking their permission.

Holiday Party

The annual BNA Holiday party will be held at Johnny's in lieu of our meeting on Dec 8. We will provide finger foods and non alcoholic beverages for nominal fee. Bring your friends and neighbors to share in the fun. You can drop off you gifts for our holiday family at that time. Please do not gift wrap them. Everyone is invited to attend. Watch face book and the website and for more details!

Call 911

We have seen now on more than one occasion that calling 911 DOES work. Several arrests have been made in and around Bensonhurst as well as the rest of the City, because neighbors called. It doesn't hurt to call and doesn't cost anything so keep calling!

Important Contact Information

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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 - 311non 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 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

Nov 10 – BNA meeting

Nov 11 – PCIC meeting

Dec 8 - BNA holiday party

Dec 9 - 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.