



## Quarterly Newsletters

Our next newsletter will be delivered to your door in December rather than January as we begin our new quarterly rotation. Not all our neighbors receive the electronic newsletter and we want the newsletter in more homes in time for our holiday social rather than after the event, therefore we have decided to shift future deliveries by one month.

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## Holiday “Social and Family”

Instead of our monthly meeting in December, we hold our annual holiday social. Items for our holiday “family” can be brought to this event. This year’s “family” will be House of Mercy. More information about them can be found on page 3 in this newsletter.

This is a chance to mingle with your neighbors and enjoy some light snacks. Non alcoholic beverages will be provided. Of course if you wish, you can purchase drinks from the bar. A small donation will be collected to help cover our costs. Bensonhurst has always been generous in the past. Hopefully this year will be no different. Save the date, we would love to see you there. All are welcome!

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## Pathstone

Pathstone is a non profit organization that offers a range of residential home energy improvement programs to assist homeowners in saving money on energy. They offer free home energy audits as well as loans and grants to low income families. For more information call 585-340-3387.

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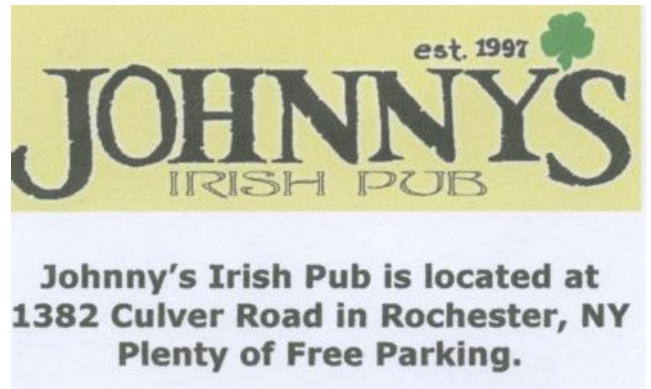
## Proudly Serving the Streets of:

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

## Leaf Pickup

You probably noticed by now that the City came through to collect leaves last week, never mind most of the leaves are still on the trees. You can still recycle them rather than throw them in the trash. Rake them and then take them unbagged to the city recycling center on Ferrano St. during Nov. and Dec.

Unbagged you say?... no problem, put them in bags, take them to the drop off center and dump the leaves out. Don't forget to recycle your bags! I use mine over each year... so there are a few small holes in them from twigs poking through, it still works.



**Happy Thanksgiving to all our neighbors and friends!**

## Oct Meeting Minutes

There were 14 neighbors in attendance with 2 of them being new faces, one from Culver Rd and the other from Roseview Ave. Welcome! Nancy from the NSC and Officer Belliard were also on board as well as Maria from the Sully library. Heather opened the meeting with announcements and the around the room introductions followed by Officer Belliard giving the crimes stats for section 205.

	2016	2015
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	2	0
Agg Assault	1	4
Burglary	4	6
Larceny	9	21
MV Theft	6	0

This translates to an overall decrease of 30% with a decrease in violent crime of 25%.

Within Bensonhurst there was a larceny at the Rite Aid on 9/17 when someone went into a storage area at the back of the store while the staff were in the front, took items and then left via the back door.

A robbery occurred on Longview Terr on 10/5 when the victim was returning from a store on Bay street and was accosted by 2 thin black males, one of which was wearing a hoodie. They threatened him with a weapon (although none was seen) and took cash and a phone. The victim was not injured.

There was an assault on Longview near Rocket St on 10/7 around 9:30pm when two cars stopped and a fight ensued. The victims were taken to the hospital with non life threatening injuries. They claimed to have not known the suspects and none of the parties lived in the area. This resulted in a lot of police cars in the area with many officers knocking on doors late at night in an attempt to find witnesses.

There was an arrest of one of the suspects involved in an incident that occurred back in Aug in the 2100 block of Clifford Ave where 2 persons entered a house and took cash and electronics.

Some neighbors said they have noted some students causing some problems in the afternoon. The last couple weeks there has been a bit of an increase in unacceptable "incidences" in our neighborhood. PLEASE call 911 with ANY suspicious activity. We need to get the word out that we will not tolerate this activity in Bensonhurst. City Council member Elaine Spaul contacted BNA and is aware of the increase and was going to take it to the City Council meeting (the same night as our BNA meeting). Thank you Elaine.

Treasurer's report- We have \$3,572.46. We received a renewal for an ad in our newsletter from RayRays! THANKS folks! Our upcoming expense for Nov will be for more toner cartridges.

Several great ideas were suggested for our holiday "family" among them House of Mercy, Daystar, and Habitat for humanity. We voted on House of Mercy which is a homeless shelter. We will have information in the next newsletter as to what their needs are.

ITALIAN COOKIES, WEDDING CAKES, PASTRIES & BREADS



ESTABLISHED IN 1929

Maria from the Sully library handed out information on Story time for children under age 5 which occurs every Tues from 11:30am-noon. She also handed out a flyer of an event at the main library called "Opportunity is Knocking" which is about buying your first or next home. ....And did you know that besides books, videos, DVD's artwork and other items you can now take out fishing poles with your library card?

Nancy handed out information from Pathstone which is a private non profit organization offering a range of programs to assist home owners in saving money in energy. She also handed out "coupons" for 20% off 2 upcoming shows on select nights at the Auditorium Theater. (See what you miss out by not coming to the meetings?).... not to mention the free popcorn!

November is election month and all BNA offices are up for grabs, especially President since our current prez is stepping down. If you are interested in holding ANY office, please let us know. All current officers will be more than glad to help in the transition.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Carol who donated all the money back to BNA! THANKS Carol!





## Flower Pot

It was noted that the flower pot on the NW corner of Martinot Ave and Rocket was missing complete with flowers! It was taken a few weeks ago. All the flower pots are property of Bensonhurst. If you see anyone taking

them or the flowers or destroying them in any way, please call 911!... Think about it, if they will steal a flower pot, what else might they take?....It could be something from you.

Winter is coming, if you can "house" a flower pot over the winter so they don't suffer any damage over the winter, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you can take one in. They can be brought in any time after the flowers are gone and before the snow flies.

It was also noted that the flower pot on the corner of Rocket and Bedford was damaged sometime around Halloween.

## Holiday "Family"

This year our holiday "family" will be House of Mercy. They are located on Hudson Ave and serve the homeless by offering food, clothing, shelter and advocacy. They are open 24/7 year round and never close their doors. They serve 4,000 people per MONTH!

Their wish list is extensive, they can use just about anything new or used. They are always in need of school supplies, winter clothing, hats, gloves, boots, coats, personal items such as deodorant, toothpaste as well as diapers, blankets and linens. Clothing can be new or gently used except for socks and underwear which must be new. Cleaning supplies are always needed and of course non perishable food.

If you don't have time to shop, there must be SOMETHING you have in your home that can be donated. It also does not have to be gift wrapped! The wish list can be found on their website <http://houseofmercyrochester.org/wish-list/>

Items can be brought to our Holiday Social on December 13 at Johnny's. If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to your items to get to us.

## Vote November 8

Don't let people tell you your vote doesn't count. This general election has been extremely controversial so it is very important you make your voice heard. The polls are open from 6am to 9pm. Did you know that if you are at work the entire time (a very small number of folks truly are) that your employer is required to let you have 4 hours off to vote? Many places offer transportation to and from the polls and the YMCA is offering free day care. No excuse NOT to vote!

## Comprehensive Plan Update

The first round of public information meetings to get community input and feedback on important city-wide as well as neighborhood-based planning issues, priorities and concerns will be Thurs, Nov 17 at the Ryan center from 5-7pm.

The public meetings will have an "open house" format and will be facilitated by the consultants (Bergmann Associates) and city planning staff. Stations at the public meetings will include comprehensive plan background information, a city visioning exercise, city planning issues, concerns and priorities, city strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats, a review of city-wide and planning area demographic data, and a general on-line community survey using on-site laptops.

## November BNA Elections

We are looking for officers for the upcoming year. All positions are open. We currently do NOT have a slate of officers. No one has come forward. Nominations will be taken from the floor at our November meeting.





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

**Thanks to RayRays for renewing their ad in our newsletter!**

## Important Contact Information

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Rochester, NY 14609

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 - 311 non 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 [bensonhurstNA@excite.com](mailto: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.

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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, 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

Nov 8 - BNA meeting

Nov 9- PCIC meeting

Dec 13– **Holiday Social**

Dec 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.**