



Holiday Party

The December BNA meeting will as always be our annual neighborhood Holiday party.

As in past years we are asking for donations of food, money and/or gifts for a needy family (more information on the family elsewhere in this newsletter) which you can bring with you that night or if you can't make the party, arrange for a pickup.

For the party, BNA will provide finger food appetizers and soft drinks. We are asking for a \$5 donation per person to help cover the cost of food. What a great way to celebrate the holidays with your neighbors.

Flower Pots

Please adopt a flower pot for the winter. If there is one near you, consider bringing it in for the winter. Just let us know where it is so we can find it in the spring. Contact info on the back page.

Newsletters Online

Just a reminder that all our newsletters, current and past are archived on the BNA website. So if you want to look up something after you have tossed out the paper copy, you can find it online.

Accessing the websites for our advertisers from the BNA website is simple too. www.bensonhurst14609.org

Recycling Plastics!

Start the new year right! Now that Monroe County is finally accepting plastics numbered 1-6 instead of just 1 and 2, hopefully everyone is filling their blue box! Ours is filling up faster now!

This now includes just about all plastics, even the wrapper from a package of carrots which is a 4!

Check your plastic bags, many of which are also recyclable.

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Arrest made

Last month RPD made an arrest in our area seizing a large amount of cocaine.

The logo for Johnny's Irish Pub. It features the text "est. 1997" with a small green shamrock to the right. Below that, the word "JOHNNYS" is written in a large, bold, serif font, and "IRISH PUB" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. The background is a light green color.

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

A business card for Toshiba Business Solutions. The top part is white with the Toshiba logo and the slogan "Leading Innovation >>>". Below that, the name "Joseph C. Refici" and title "Account Executive" are printed. The bottom part of the card is light blue and contains contact information for Toshiba Business Solutions, including the address "150 Metro Park Rochester, NY 14623", phone and fax numbers, email address, and website.

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Hyper-Reach

At a recent Northwest PCIC meeting Hyper-Reach technology was discussed. This is the system that 911 or emergency services can use to make notifications targeting phone numbers in an area that is selected. This can be used in case of extenuating missing persons, Haz-Mat incidents or other dangerous situations. There was some concern as to whether someone could get the notifications if they had no landline.

You can register your phone with 911 and link it to your address, so you get notifications that are pertinent to your neighborhood. Below is the link for that site. This may be helpful information for many of the officers or civilians working for the RPD that don't have landlines as well. The system can send voice and text messages.

For more information: <http://www.hyper-reach.com/comsignup.jsp?id=7241>

Holiday family

This year's holiday family is a single parent veteran with 2 girls ages 6 and 7. They survived a fire last year just 2 days after Christmas and lost everything. Their somewhat tragic story as well as more detailed information as to what they need can be found in last months newsletter archived on the BNA website. www.bensonhurst14609.org

The girls wear size 7 and 8. They like all the things girls of that age like; dolls, stuffed animals, jewelry, board games etc.

They also like to go to family events like movies, bowling and ball games, especially when combined with dinner.

Dad asked that gifts be for the girls rather than himself and that all gifts be labeled from "Bensonhurst elves" or "Rochester neighbors" rather than Santa Claus so the girls know people care about them.

How cool is that? We are looking forward to making this Christmas a bit cheerier for them after last years disaster.

Crime Map

Don't forget to check the crime reports map for the latest info on crimes in our area. This is an awesome tool for keeping track of what is happening in our neighborhood. We live in a great area and want to keep it that way. The link is: www.crimereports.com/

You can sort by type of crime, date of crime (updated frequently) and area.

Right now, the map looks great! Let's hope it stays that way. Our CPO's reminded us that the holiday season usually means an increase in crime city wide. So keep an eye open for anything suspicious in your neighborhood and PLEASE don't hesitate to call 911!

If you can donate food, gift certificates, money and/or gifts, please bring them to the holiday party on Dec 8. If you are unable to attend, please contact Bensonhurst and arrangements will be made to collect your donation. Thanks!

PAC TAC member

It is with sadness that we report the loss of fellow PACTAC member Charlie Goodman who passed away Nov 16 after a brief illness. Our condolences to his family and friends.



Nov BNA Meeting Minutes

Heather welcomed those in attendance. Self introductions around the table.

The safety report was given by Officers Belliard and Cannon. Crime Statistics were given for district PSA 26 which encompasses the Culver/Goodman/Norton area.

Year to Date	11/2010	11/2011
Murders	0	0
Rape	3	4
Robberies	43	44
Assault	35	25
Larcenies	327	313
Vehicle Theft	60	37
Burglaries	338	257

There has been a major focus on burglaries which have resulted in quite a few arrests.

Treasurers report: \$1,300+

“Adopt a Pot” If you can store one or more of the community flower pots for the winter just contact Heather.

It was suggested that we invite Arleen Hyland, City of Rochester 311 Call Center Manager to a future BNA meeting.

New business:

Our Holiday Social will be Thursday Dec. 8 at 7pm at Johnny’s. For a small fee BNA is

providing finger food appetizers and soft drinks for everyone to enjoy. Come and celebrate the holidays with your neighbors.

Again this year BNA has adopted a family to make their holiday season a little brighter. Help us support a US Army veteran and his 6 and 7 year old daughters. Donations and gifts will be collected before or at our Holiday Social. If you did not read the details about this family in Novembers’ Newsletter go to our web site www.bensonhurst14609.org and click on the link to the archived newsletters to read about this well deserving family. Jean showed us the two lovely doll quilts that she is making for the family.

2012 Election of Officers

- President- Heather Henry(interim)
- Vice President- Brian Managan
- Co-Treas- Peg Aderman
Paul Zimmer
- Secretary- Carole O’Keane
- Sergeant at Arms-Bobby Henry

The 50/50 raffle was won by Gary who graciously asked that his winnings be donated to our holiday family. THANKS GARY!



Fire Hydrants

Remember to keep fire hydrants free from snow buildup this winter. It will save time in the event of an emergency. You will appreciate it as will the firemen should the need for its use ever arise.

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Important Contact Information

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BNA website:
www.bensohurst14609.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
bensohurstNA@excite.com
Pictures are also welcome.

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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, 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

Dec 7 – PCIC meeting

Dec 8 – BNA meeting/party

Jan 11 – PCIC meeting

Jan 12 – 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.