



### Holiday Family

Our holiday family this year is actually a house of adult males from the Warrior Salute program living at the Nucor House in Penfield who are trying to get their lives in order.

There are currently 12 veterans who have been diagnosed with PTSD and/or TBI living there at this time.

As they go through this program of rehabilitation and job training, they need just about everything; personal items, groceries and clothing. Polo/knit/khaki dress pants/button ups- interview clothes in various sizes or gift cards for clothing would be appreciated.

Tickets for local events such as movies, sporting events and restaurants would be welcome as well.

Perhaps high on their wish list is a gaming system (they currently do not have one, nor do they have any games). They would also welcome any board games, puzzles, DVD's, books etc to pass the time.

The "house" could also use appliances, cleaning supplies, linens etc. which

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- Edgeland
- Clifford
- Culver
- Rocket
- Martinot
- Roseview
- Longview
- Salisbury
- Laurelton
- Lawndale
- Maple Dale
- Pershing
- Westchester

would be left there for others when they leave as would the gaming system.

All gifts will be collected at the Dec BNA party. If you would like to donate but are unable to attend the party, call Bensonhurst and leave a message. Please help support an American hero this Christmas.

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carrier for the south end Longview Terr.

We have temporary carriers for Edgeland St thanks to Carole and Peg, but only for this month! After that, residents on Edgeland are in danger of not getting future newsletters.

If you can help us out by delivering newsletters, please contact Bensonhurst.

Newsletters are delivered several days prior to each BNA meeting allowing you time to distribute them before the meetings.



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

In the past, Bensonhurst neighbors have always been more than generous when needed. Again, THANK YOU Bensonhurst!

### Newsletter Carrier still needed

Thanks to Garnet, we now have a newsletter

## November Meeting Minutes

Heather welcomed the approximately 15 people in attendance and followed with self introductions around the room, then began conducting her last meeting as president. BNA has no dues. We have instead a 50/50 raffle at meetings.

CPO officer Brain Cannon presented the crime statistics for October compared to the same time last year along with the safety report for PSA 26:

	2012	2011
Murder	0	0
Rape	1	0
Robberies	0	4
Assault	1	4
Burglaries	16	21
Larcenies	20	31
Motor Vehicle	1	3

There were assaults in Goodman Plaza and the Wilson Farms (now 7/11 store) on Bay St. The cases have been closed.

2167 Clifford Ave. apartments are closed and boarded. A "Good Neighbor Agreement" process is in effect for that property. The apartments can reopen in seven months if all requirements are met.

A site inspection was made at the barber shop at 2203 Clifford/Mapledale in response to a concerned citizen's report and found that they were in compliance.

2153 Clifford/Longview convenience store has a stop order on the door. No explanation as to why.

A garbage tote was used to gain entry to a home on Edgeland St.

Reminder to store totes out of sight or in garages.

An undercover visit was made at the convenience store at Merchants and Culver in response to some earlier concerns and they passed the inspection.

Nominations were taken from the floor and voted on. Our new officers are:

President: Gary Warren  
Vice Pres.: Brian Managan  
Secretary: Bill Bartlett  
Treasurers: Paul Zimmer  
Peg Aderman  
Sargent at Arms: Bobby Henry

Committee Reports:  
Treasurer: Approximately \$1,400 in the account.

Neighborhood Beautification: Have you noticed the beautiful mums in our BNA pots? We are looking for winter storage for them. If you can store a flower pot over the winter, please contact BNA.

Newsletter: Need a volunteer to deliver BNA newsletters on Edgeland St. Contact BNA, thank you.

BNA HOLIDAY SOCIAL, TUESDAY, DEC. 11 7:00 PM AT JOHNNYS. Everyone including members from RPD, northeast sector, the City and our neighbors are invited. A nominal fee of \$5.00 is requested to offset BNA's expenses towards soft drinks and appetizers.

BNA's "Holiday Family" is 12 adult veterans. Check the Nov. Newsletter if you still have it, or on the BNA website for gift suggestions.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Jeanne.

## Ecopark

Computers are NOT to be thrown in the trash when discarded. The County has a location on the west side that takes all kinds of recyclable materials including computers.

They have a really nice website describing the types of items accepted as well as their hours of operation.

[www.monroecounty.gov/des-eco-items](http://www.monroecounty.gov/des-eco-items)

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## Flower Pot Winter Storage

The flower pots need homes for the winter before the sidewalk plows take them out. Please let us know if you can store one in over the winter. Call Bensonhurst to volunteer.

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## Live Entertainment

RayRays Bar and Grill recently obtained their live entertainment license. A letter of recommendation to the City had been sent from Bensonhurst in their support.

The license was timely since Ray's birthday bash was held there a few weeks ago and a live Latin band was on hand as entertainment. What a great birthday present for him! And now they have Karaoke on Wednesdays!

Happy Birthday Ray!

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## ESCO Solicitors

They're back!.... those pesky people claiming to work for RG&E who want to see your RG&E bill!

DON'T let them see it, they could transfer your account to their services without your approval by simply obtaining your account number off it.

These people come around every year and some have been known to be very pushy and aggressive in their tactics, "unscrupulous" was one description used.

Unless you want to do business with them, close the door and call 911 if they become aggressive and won't leave.

If you do show them your bill and your account is transferred to their company without your approval, call RG&E 1-800-743-2110 as soon as possible.

RG&E does NOT send people door to door except for the meter reader!

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## Thanks Carole

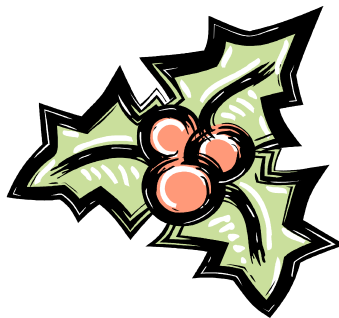
Thanks to Carole for representing BNA at The Action 2020 Workshop presented by Advocacy Advance (a partnership between the League of American Bicyclists and the Alliance for Biking and Walking based in Washington DC).

The all day symposium held in October was to brainstorm bicycling and walking programs in our region, a "how to"

apply for some of the under-utilized federal funding for biking and walking.

About the same time, the City of Rochester was awarded a bronze level status from the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Friendly Community (up from honorable mention we received a few years ago). This award was for improving cycling conditions through promotion, education, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies.

We are one of only two cities in the State (the other being NYC) to receive a bronze level designation! Way to go Rochester!



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL  
OUR NEIGHBORS,  
WHATEVER HOLIDAY YOU  
CHOSE TO CELEBRATE!**



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

**We have the NFL Ticket!**

If you find a lost animal, please notify Bensonhurst so we can post a note to our neighbors alerting them, but also call animal control (311) so the pet can be returned to its rightful owner.

This dog had a microchip so a call to 311 would no doubt have gotten the dog back to its owner very quickly.

We hope the owner got their dog back and there is a happy ending to this story.

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## Beware the Holidays!

'Tis the season! You have no doubt noticed the increase in convenience store and bank robberies the last few weeks? The police are reminding us that this is prime time for increased burglaries.

Packages are stolen off porches after they have been delivered; homes are broken into and gifts taken right out from under the tree....a slight variation on regifting?

If you are expecting package deliveries, you might want to ask a neighbor to keep an eye out for them and bring them in for you.

Keep your wrapped Christmas gifts somewhere other than under the tree where they can easily be found by an intruder.

Don't let a grinch steal your Christmas!

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## Missing Pets

Someone found a dog in our neighborhood a few weeks ago and posted a notice on Craigs list to find the owner...not sure of all the details but it seems the dog was given to someone other than its owner.

## **Mayor Richards and Police Chief Sheppard to Host “Voice of the Citizen”– *Seeking Solutions to Violence***

**(Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012)** – Mayor Thomas S. Richards and Police Chief James M. Sheppard announced today they will host a series of “Voice of the Citizen” – *Seeking Solutions to Violence* community forums, in which citizens will play an active role in developing a comprehensive strategy to reduce violence.

“Statistics for violent crime are down in our city, but when it happens to you or when you see it in your neighborhood, then statistics mean nothing,” said Mayor Richards. “I want to hear directly from our citizens about their experiences and their ideas to reduce violence. I encourage everyone to take part in these community forums so we can create strategies that will have a lasting effect on decreasing violent behavior.”

“With ‘Voice of the Citizen’ we have a tremendous opportunity to engage with the community and receive real, honest feedback on how the Rochester Police Department can address important crime-related issues that affect our community,” said Chief Sheppard. “This initiative will also give us an opportunity to provide citizens updates on current crime-solving strategies and help us on our path to building and sustaining relationships with the people that we serve. I believe events like this will go a long way in solving and deterring crime and keep our community members safe.”

One forum will be held in each of the city’s four quadrants and citizens will be asked to discuss the issue of violence under four broad categories: Open-air drug sales and gate houses; Gangs, guns and the culture of violence; Bullying and truancy; and House parties.

At the meetings, RPD crime prevention officers will be available at breakout sessions for each of these topics and City staff will act as facilitators. Citizen suggestions will be recorded and used to enhance the Rochester Police Department’s long-term violence-reduction strategies.

The meeting schedule is as follows (all meetings are from 6 to 8 p.m.):

- Southwest: Tuesday, Dec. 11. Frederick Douglass Resource Center, 36 King St.
- Northeast: Tuesday, Jan. 15. Carter Street Community Center, 500 Carter St.
- Northwest: Tuesday, Jan. 29. Edgerton Community Center, 41 Backus St.
- Southeast: Tuesday, Feb. 5. Cobbs Hill Park, Lake Riley Lodge, 100 Norris Drive.

News Media: For more information, contact Michael Keane at 428-7135.

## Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday party will be held at Johnny's on Tues Dec 11 in lieu of our monthly meeting.

We will have an assortment of finger foods including vegetarian entrees as well as soft drinks available. We are asking for a donation of \$5 per person to help defray our costs, with drinks from the bar purchased individually.

Bring your gifts for our holiday family and enjoy an evening with your neighbors. If you are unable to make the party and have gifts for our holiday family, please call Bensonhurst.

We will have our regular monthly meetings starting again in January.

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## Printing help

Since we no longer have anyone printing our newsletters, we are once again printing "flyers" with neighborhood highlights only.

The down side to this is although we bought a printer a few years ago, our organization does not have the finances to print longterm without depleting our funds. We need to rely on donations for paper and toner and will gladly accept donations of either or both. Anyone

wishing to donate, please call BNA.

Of course if anyone can actually print the entire newsletter for us, that would be even better!

The full length newsletter will be posted on the BNA website each month as always.

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## Winter Reminders

- Keep fire hydrants free from snow.

- Keep the sidewalks cleared. Piles of snow are not to block the sidewalk. (city code)

- Snow plowed from driveways is not to be pushed into the street. (city code)

- When brushing off your car, don't forget to include the head lights as well as the tail lights so people can see your turn signals!

- Obey the signs for alternate parking. With narrower streets due to snow

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banks, emergency vehicles need to be able to get through.

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## Apt building closed down

Although no one likes to see boarded up buildings in their neighborhood, sometimes it is for the best.

For several years, the apartment building at 2167 Clifford Ave has been a source of neighborhood complaints resulting in numerous police responses.

The building was recently vacated and boarded up by the City as a result of those complaints.

It will remain this way for 7 months. In order to reopen, the landlord will pay fines and agree to the City's "Good Neighbor Policy."

There has been much less "activity" on that corner already. When it reopens in the spring, hopefully we will have some great new neighbors.



*Boarded up!*

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## Important Contact Information

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

Neighborhood Service Center  
585-428-7640

City Hall services - 311  
non emergency  
[www.cityofrochester.gov](http://www.cityofrochester.gov)

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.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us)

Do Not Call List:  
[www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)  
1-888-382-1222

**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  
[bensonhurstNA@excite.com](mailto:bensonhurstNA@excite.com)  
Pictures are also welcome.

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## Archived Newsletters

Past 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

**Dec 11– BNA Holiday Party!**

**Dec 11– Voice of the Citizen**  
“Seeking Solutions to Violence”  
with the Police Chief 6-8pm  
Frederick Douglas Resource Center

**Dec 12 – PCIC meeting**

**Jan 8 – BNA meeting**

**Jan 9 – PCIC meeting**

**Jan 15– Voice of the Citizen**

**Jan 29 – Voice of the Citizen**

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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 separate from the bar.**

**All meetings are informal, positive & all are encouraged to participate.**

**BNA does not charge dues or membership fees.**