



Holiday Party

Mark your calendars for Tues, Dec 10th! This is the annual BNA Holiday Party in lieu of a meeting. BNA will provide a variety of finger foods and non alcoholic beverages. Alcohol can be purchased from the bar. We are asking for a donation of \$5 per person to help cover our costs for food.

Gifts for our Holiday "family" will be collected at this time. The new officers will have a chance to make any announcements at the start of the party if needed but basically we are there to enjoy the evening. Thanks to Heather for putting it together.

If you are unable to attend the party, please make arrangements to get your gifts to us ASAP. We will be delivering them to ABW sometime the following week.

We have invited some City dignitaries to the party and Officer Cannon has asked the police officers who are on duty that night to stop in and say hello providing us a chance to meet some of the officers who patrol our neighborhood.



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

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Daffodil Bulbs

We have lots of daffodil bulbs available from the City. If you would like some, please let BNA know. They are supposed to be planted before the ground freezes, so maybe? its not too late?

NSC Office Move

The NSC held their open house earlier this month. Hopefully you were able to attend. If not, feel free to check them out sometime.

Proudly Serving the Streets

of:

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

Smart phone thefts

Our CPO tells us that 40% of thefts involve smart phones. You might think it is a good idea to have it out where people can see it....letting them know you are only a phone call away from 911, but in reality, you are distracted when using the phone and may not even see or hear someone coming toward you or from behind to take it and be gone before you know what happened. Please keep your phone out of sight when in public.

PCIC meetings

Now that they have the space, PCIC meetings are being held in the new NSC office rather than the Ryan Rec center. Same time, different location.

Bensonhurst wishes all our neighbors a Happy Holiday season whatever Holiday you celebrate!



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



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Thanks

Thanks to Masood (owner of the store at 2179 Clifford Ave) for his generous donation towards our holiday party. We also received a donation to help over costs from a neighbor who wishes to remain anonymous. We thank them both!

includes items such as clothing and personal items along with lots of other miscellaneous items. Check out their wish list so you can have an idea of what to provide. Some items can be “gently” used, other items **must** be new.

They even have a Christmas List on their site which consists mostly of toys. They ask that the gifts be unwrapped. During the holiday, they set up a “store” where the mothers can go “shopping” for gifts for their children.

They will also accept gift cards from Target or Walmart which they will then use to purchase toys or clothing they are lacking.

Their wish list is quite long so rather than trying to list all they need or don’t need, please go to their website and see what you might be able to donate.

<http://www.abwrochester.org/Wish-Lists.html>

Bensonhurst has always been generous during the holidays. We are hoping this year will be no exception.

2014 BNA Officers

- President- Gary Warren
- Vice President- Brian Managan
- Co-Secretary- Heather Henry
Karen Managan
- Co-Treasurer- Paul Zimmer
Peg Aderman
- Sargent at Arms- Eric Uenas

Thanks to these folks for stepping up to the plate to fill these positions.

Holiday Giving

Every year for the holidays, Bensonhurst selects a family or organization in need of food and other items. This year at our annual Holiday party, Bensonhurst will be donating items to Alternatives for Battered Women.


ABW provides temporary housing to women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

They can serve up to some 30 women and children at a time. Since people arrive at any time day or night due to a crisis, they never know how many people will be there at a given time.

They have a wish list on their website that

Snow Removal/Fire Hydrants

Now that we have had our first major snowfall, please remember it is against City code to push snow into the road or obstruct sidewalks or driveways with snow. Also please keep a fire hydrant near your home clear of snow.



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November Meeting Minutes

There were 16 people at the meeting including 3 guests (neighbors living just outside Bensonhurst), our CPO and Nancy from NSC. Gary started the meeting as usual with the around the room introductions.

He then turned the meeting over to Officer Belliard who gave the crime stats for PSA 26 in October as compared to the same time last year.

	2013	2012
Murder	0	0
Rape	0	2
Robberies	14	5
Assault	5	7
Burglaries	16	21
Larcenies	40	25
Motor Vehicle	4	1

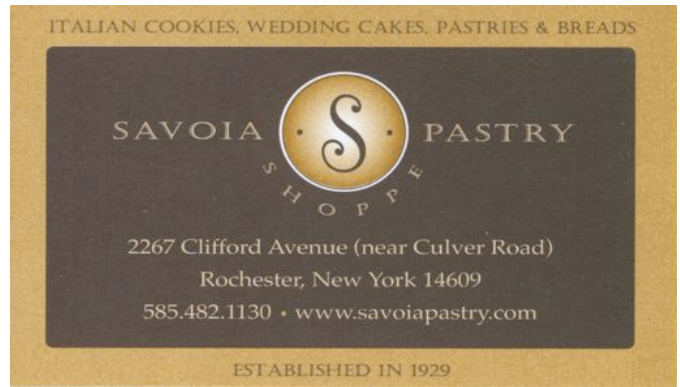
There were 8 incidences in Bensonhurst recently. Three locked cars parked in driveways were broken into and items taken. Two of them were locked and

parked in driveways on Edgeland, the other on Rocket St was unlocked. There were 3 sewer grates taken on Rocket, Longview and Edgeland. This is not a problem unique to our neighborhood. There was a purse snatching midday at the corner of Culver and Merchants. The last incident was an ipad taken from a car when the driver gave a ride to someone.

We were reminded that if you see anything suspicious, call 911..... someone carrying sewer grates down the street or tossing them in a vehicle is definitely suspicious!

Nancy told us about a program the City is running called Voice of the Citizen. There is money available for projects around the City which neighbors can vote on. Bensonhurst has \$300 available for projects. Voting takes place from Dec 2 thru the 16th. The project with the most votes will "win," so she encouraged us to vote. You can vote on line at the City website or ballots can be found at libraries or rec centers.

There is \$1038.43 in the treasury. Heather won the 50/50 raffle.

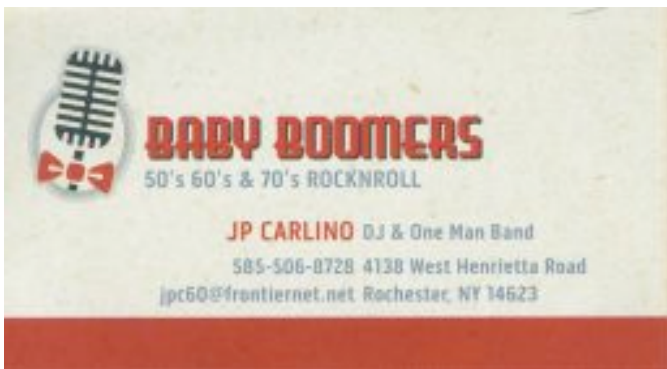


door in plain view. She had a package that had been delivered taken from her porch in the past and wanted to alert her neighbors to this "easy" theft for a criminal.

Our CPO also said that this time of year, robberies in general are up across the City.



a happy fire hydrant!



Business News

We have 2 new businesses in our neighborhood on Clifford Ave. One is Jupe de Abbey, a women's clothing store, the other is Ronnie's Kidz Kutz.

Also of note, Ray Ray's is now serving Spanish food on Saturday nights and Paola's Burrito Place, just down the way on Culver Rd serving Mexican food is reopening this month after having been closed for several years. We are glad to have them back.

A Warning

One of our neighbors warned us that if you are mail ordering items this holiday season, you might want to instruct the delivery person to leave items with a neighbor instead of on a porch or by a side

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Important Contact Information

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BNA address:
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BNA website:
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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- 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
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

Dec 10– HOLIDAY PARTY

Dec 11 – PCIC meeting

Jan 8– PCIC meeting

Jan 14 – BNA 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 also separate from the bar.

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

BNA does not charge dues or membership fees.