



100 Facebook Likes!!!

It was close but we DID it! About a week ago we hit 100 likes just before our one year mark! AWESOME!!!! Thanks neighbors! 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.

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 as well as letting you know when the newsletter is available on line. We don't like spam any more than you do, so we will only send relevant information. That way you don't miss anything important.

Proudly Serving the Streets of:

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BNA Holiday Party and 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 and games 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 BNA cares.

Our party will be in place of our monthly meeting on Dec 8 at 7pm at Johnny's Pub. We will have a variety of small sandwiches (including vegetarian) and soft drinks. Alcohol may be purchased from the bar. We are asking for a minimal \$5 donation from each attendee to help cover our costs. There will be no 50/50 raffle. Instead we will have a container for monetary donations

for the Boys and Girls Club. All BNA neighbors and their guests are welcome to attend. Come spend some time with your neighbors and meet the newly elected officers. We hope to see you there! We have also invited our CPO's, members of the RPD who patrol our area, firefighters and other City government officials.



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

November Meeting Minutes

We had a great crowd consisting of 10 neighbors, Captain Cuyler, Officer Belliard and Nancy from the NSC, along with 2 guests from the Winton Neighborhood Association who came to listen to our guest speaker.

Tom Hounker from the City shared information about the upcoming 2016 assessments. Officer Belliard gave the crime report stats for the last 4 weeks in Oct for section 205 which includes Bensonhurst.

	2014	2015
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	2	1
Agg Assault	2	1
Burglary	5	5
Larceny	8	8
MV Theft	2	0

This was an overall 50% reduction in crime for our area with only 1 incident actually in our boundaries. It was overnight on Oct 26-27 when items were taken from an unlocked car parked in the driveway on Martinot Ave. Our CPO again encouraged all residents to keep their cars locked and any items of value out of sight.

Officer Belliard also reminded us to be on the lookout for card skimmers which have been found on some gas pumps in the Monroe County area. When pumping gas, avoid pumps where the seal is broken near the card reader or better yet, just pay cash inside.



Rochester Community Animal Clinic
A Member of the MVA Family

Walk-in Wellness Hours
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 2-7 p.m.
Saturday: 12-7 p.m.

Spay/Neuter Surgeries by Appointment Only

985 Bay Street, Rochester, NY 14609
(585) 288-0600 • rochestercommunityanimalclinic.com

Captain Cuyler was available to address any issues we may have, but none were identified. He said the most frequently asked question was where is the new police station going to be located for section 205. As of now, a site has not been identified but they need a place with room for approximately 100 parking spots, locker rooms for staff as well as office space and conference rooms.

Nancy was up next and encouraged us to call 311 with any snow plowing issues we have this winter and to keep the fire hydrants cleared of snow. She also told us of an upcoming meeting at the Ryan Center on Monday November 16 at 6pm regarding police body cameras.

Treasurers report- current balance \$3,441.45.

New business consisted of plans for our holiday party in December. We decided on finger sandwiches again, some of which will be vegetarian, and soft drinks. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the bar. All BNA neighbors and their guests are welcome. We are asking each person attending for a minimal \$5 donation to help cover our costs, but we really want everyone to bring gifts for our holiday family. (Info on that elsewhere in the newsletter as well as on Facebook and the website.)

Moving on to elections, we first had to establish a slate of officers since it was not done last month due to the extremely small number of people in attendance. Brian and Heather were nominated for President and VP

ITALIAN COOKIES, WEDDING CAKES, PASTRIES & BREADS



ESTABLISHED IN 1929

respectively. Both were ok with either position so they settled it with a friendly game of rock/paper/scissors!

The slate of officers for 2016:

Pres- Brian Managan
VP- Heather Henry
Sec- Karen Managan
Tres- Peg Aderman/Paul Zimmer
Sgt at Arms- Eric Uneas

The slate was approved, seconded and then passed unanimously.



Sidewalk Snow Removal

Yes, we have to talk about snow again....With winter coming, the City is 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 who are responsible for keeping the sidewalks clear. It is also unlawful to push snow into the street OR block sidewalks and driveways.



City Assessment for 2016

Our guest speaker at our Nov meeting was Tom Hounker. He told us this past summer, assessors drove down every single street to assess the more than 65,000 properties in the city. He explained that assessment values are

based on selling prices for similar houses in the neighborhood which have been sold between Jan 2013 and the present.

He shared a website:

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589965831> which has an interactive map showing property information on recent home sales in the City.

Not all assessments will result in an increase in taxes, but if it does, most homeowners will not see more than a 2% increase. The city will begin mailing out assessments in December. If you would like to protest your assessment, you can do so by filling out an application at City Hall or getting one on line and filing it no later than Mar 15, 2016. If you are not able to get to City Hall for the appeal, you can do a phone interview.

All property owners were mailed an assessment brochure earlier this year explaining the assessment timeline. You can find more information on the City website or by calling City Hall.

Fire Hydrants!

Last year our neighborhood did a great job of keeping the fire hydrants clear of snow. The goal for this year is to be the ONLY neighborhood in the entire City to have ALL our hydrants clear all winter long. Our guess is that this has never occurred before. We could be the first! Even better, lets challenge other neighborhoods to do the same!

It only takes a few minutes to dig out a hydrant and if we keep ahead of the snow, it will be even easier. The firefighters will be delighted.

Gas Pump Scam Warning

Several gas stations in and around the city are under investigation since 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, but there could be more!

Newsletter Carrier

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 your 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.

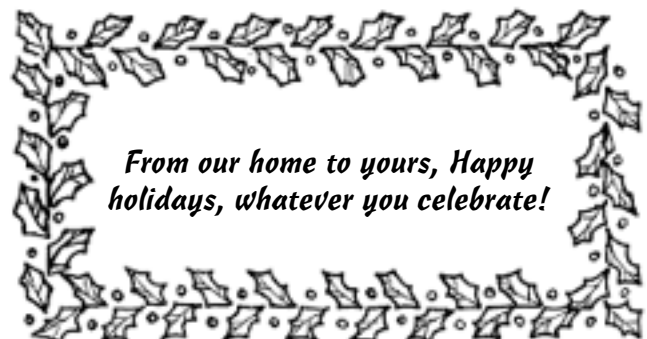
A big thanks to all our carriers who are currently delivering newsletters as well as any who have delivered them in the past. Keep up the good work.

New BNA email address

For several weeks, our BNA email was not working. We now have a NEW address!
info@bensonhurst14609.com



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



Important Contact Information

BNA Voicemail:
585-234-1535

BNA Email:
info@bensonhurst14609.org

BNA Facebook
www.facebook.com/Bensonhurst14609

BNA address:
PO Box 90411
Rochester, NY 14609

BNA website: <http://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 - 311 non 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 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 8 - BNA holiday party

Dec 9 - PCIC meeting

Jan 12 – BNA meeting

Jan 13 – 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.