

# Bensonhurst

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### “Early” Newsletters

You may or may not realize the issue that was at your door was only 2 months from the last one. We begin our new quarterly newsletter delivery with this issue. By delivering a Dec issue, more people hear about our Holiday “family” and social before rather than after the event. The next newsletter to be delivered will be in March.

### Holiday “Social”

Instead of our monthly meeting in December, we hold our annual holiday social at Johnny’s at 7pm. We will provide finger foods and beverages. Vegetarian items will be available. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the bar. We ask for a small donation of \$5 per person to help cover costs. Children under 10 are free. Our CPO’s, members of the RPD and fire department as well as City officials are also invited. Bring your donations for our Holiday Family to this event. The House of Mercy “wish list” is on page 3 of this newsletter. If you are unable to attend, please call BNA to make arrangements to get your items to us. Please join us. ALL are invited.



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### Proudly Serving the Streets of:

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

### Winter Etiquette

When clearing snow off your vehicle, PLEASE clear the snow off ALL the windows, not just the drivers side. Remember the taillights, headlights AND roof as well. When they are covered by snow, it is very difficult to see them. During hazardous driving conditions, any extra time to notice brake lights means everyone will be safer.

Every homeowner is responsible for keeping their sidewalk clear of snow. Remember NOT to push snow from your driveway onto sidewalks and roadways. The city is getting stricter on this policy and you could be fined.



**Happy Holidays (whichever one you celebrate) to all our neighbors and friends!**

## Nov Meeting Minutes

There were 11 neighbors in attendance along with Officer Cannon and Nancy from the NSC as well as Sarah and Torrey from the Sully library and Andy from the mayor's office. Four firefighters arrived a few minutes after the meeting started but were called away soon after. Brian opened the meeting with announcements and the around the room introductions followed by Officer Cannon giving the crimes stats for section 205.

	2016	2015
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	3	1
Agg Assault	1	0
Burglary	8	5
Larceny	8	9
MV Theft	1	1

This translates to 21 events this year compared to 17 last year during the same time frame, an increase of 23%.

Within Bensonhurst were 3 events. The first was a stolen vehicle in the 900 block of Bay St on Oct 18. The victim had left his car keys and phone on the nightstand in his bedroom next to an unlocked window. The items were taken during the night and the car was missing.

The second event was a burglary on Bedford St, again during the night on Oct 19. The victim had left the front door open upon retiring for the night and in the morning discovered the play station, video games and a phone missing.



Officer Cannon again encouraged us to keep doors and windows locked even when you are home. These two events were easy targets for criminals. He also told us of a petit larceny which involved a missing phone that may have been left at an establishment in the 2,000 block of Clifford Ave.

There was an arrest in late Oct for a burglary that occurred earlier in the month in the 1800 block of Culver Rd. This was made through a fingerprint found at the scene. Outside BNA boundaries was a burglary on Helendale Rd on Oct 15. No word on whether this was related to the events in our neighborhood around the same time.

Officer Cannon suggested using a “safe place” to transact a sale from Craigs list such as any place that has a camera nearby.

**New Business-**  
One of our neighbors told us that RG&E offers great deals on their website on light bulbs and other energy saving devices.

Leaf pickup- neighbors have complained that the city is too early picking up leaves in our neighborhood. Heather was looking into this. It was suggested they rotate the pick up times every year.

There is a followup meeting regarding nuisance points that Brian will be attending in a couple weeks.

Treasurer's report- We have \$3,655.43. Our upcoming expense for Dec will be for our holiday social.

Sarah from the Sully library handed out information regarding programs offered

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there. She also reminded us that the library is waiving late fees on books through June 2017.

Nancy handed out “coupons” for 20% off upcoming shows on select nights at the Auditorium Theater.

We discussed our holiday social event. More information can be found on the next page.

Finally, we got to the election of officers. There was only one nomination submitted and that was for president which was turned down by the nominee. No other nominations came from the floor.

Heather offered to serve as President, Matt Barrett offered to be VP, Secretary and Co treasurers will continue to be held by the current officers. Sargent at Arms remains vacant. The slate was voted on unanimously, seconded and passed. Many thanks to Matt for volunteering to be VP.

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

## Adopt a Hydrant

The city just unveiled their new “Adopt a Hydrant” program. Click on a hydrant near you on their interactive map, adopt it and then keep it clear this winter! What a cool idea! Lets adopt ALL the hydrants in Bensonhurst!

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589970472>



### Flower Pots

The flowerpots at the eastern end of Bensonhurst have been taken in for the winter thanks to Eric, Kirk, Heather and Karen. If you can house one near you, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you take one in,

otherwise we assume it was stolen. We did notice the flower pot on the corner of Westchester and Longview is missing. Again, if you took it in for winter, thank you very much. If you see anyone destroying or stealing these flower pots. Please call 911.

### 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.

### 2017 Slate of Officers

- President- Heather Henry
- VP- Matt Barrett
- Sec- Karen Managan
- Treasurer- Peg Ademan/Paul Zimmer
- Sargent at Arms- **vacant**

Many thanks to our returning officers and a big thanks to Matt for volunteering to be VP!

We are still looking for someone to fill the position of Sargent at Arms. This is basically someone who will attend meetings and keep us on track.... a sort of time keeper if you will. This position is a voting member of the board of directors.

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/>

Please bring your donations to our Holiday Social on December 13 at Johnny's. If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to get your items to get to us. We will be delivering these items to them very soon afterwards.

### Leaf Pickup

Kudos to the City for returning after completing their 4 week leaf cleanup to collect any remaining piles of leaves. It's always weather dependent on whether they will be able to make that final sweep and with the snow and then the holiday in November, was looking very iffy. Since Bensonhurst is usually the first week of the pickup, many of our trees still had all their leaves so there were lots of leaf piles still around.

### Newsletter Carriers

Many, many thanks to our newsletter carriers for delivering the newsletter flyers to your door 4 times a year. Many of them have been doing this for several years, some are delivering them to neighbors on streets they don't even live on and some are delivering 75-100 newsletters each time.

Many thanks to Eric, Matt, Christine, David, Daryl, Rebecca, Carol, Kay, Bill, Carey, Calvin, Christy and Ned, Paul, Heather and Karen. We couldn't do it without you!

### Holidays at the Public Market

During the holiday season the public market will be open as usual on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays, and will also be open on Sundays, Dec 4, 11 and 18 from 9 a m - 3 p m . On Sundays, horse drawn carriage rides with Santa are available from 10am-2pm.





**Ray Ray's  
Bar and Grill  
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## Important Contact Information

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BNA website:  
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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

**Dec 13– Holiday Social**

**Dec 14 – PCIC meeting**

**Jan 10 - BNA meeting**

**Jan 11- 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.**