



Holiday Family

Back in 2006 at a BNA meeting in November, neighbor and long time resident Tom Lyons of Bensonhurst suggested that BNA team up to help a local family celebrate the holidays. We contacted a local church to help identify a needy family and collected gifts to donate to them. Whether in support of a family or another worthy organization, the BNA has continued this tradition of collecting gifts and sharing our good fortune, every year since.

Many worthy programs were considered this year. We decided BNA would work through Monroe County Office of the Aging to locate a SKIP GENERATIONS family. As when giving to families in the past, identity details are strictly confidential.

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by our BNA neighbors in the past. If you are able, BNA will happily accept any donations on behalf of our 2017 family. We hoped to find a holiday "family" in our neighborhood this year and we did, thanks to Hillside. The family of 4 has 2 boys, a 6 year old and a 4 month old. The older boy can use dress and regular clothes size 10 pants and medium shirts. The baby needs size 6-9 months and baby learning toys. We would also like to supply them with non perishable foods. Money can be donated as well which we will use to buy more food.

Please bring your donations to our Holiday Social. If you are unable to attend, call BNA and we will try and work out a way to get your donation.

Pictures will be in next months on line newsletter.

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Holiday Party

As in the past, the holiday party will be a social event in place of our December meeting and we invite all our neighbors to join us. This will be the time and place you can bring your donations for our holiday family.

BNA will provide finger foods (including vegetarian offerings) desserts and soft drinks. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the bar. We are asking for a \$5 donation per person to help offset our costs. Children are free so bring the family.



Nov Meeting Minutes

Heather was unable to attend tonight's meeting so Matt took her place and started the meeting in the usual fashion with around the room introductions. In addition to neighbors, we had Sarah from the library, Andy from the City, Nancy from NSC, Officer Cannon and 4 firefighters. It was a great turnout!

The only announcements were 1- bringing in as many flower pots as possible to keep them from damage over the winter and 2- looking into a sister neighborhood which was discussed at a previous meeting but was tabled until after the first of the year for lack of time.

Officer Cannon updated us on the crime stats for the last 4 weeks.

	2016	2017
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	2	1
Agg Assault	1	2
Burglary	6	6
Larceny	8	11
MV Theft	1	2

There were 22 events this year as compared to last year's 18 but this is still below the 4 year average.

There were 2 larcenies and 1 burglary within our boundaries. The first was in the 1400 block of Culver Rd between 10/20 and 10/30. The victim had ordered a set of tires online but did not check tracking information. When he still had not received them on the 30th, he called and found out they had been delivered on the 20th.

The second event happened in the 100 block of Salisbury St between 10/18-19 when a debit card was stolen. Cameras at local businesses show the suspect using it. The case is still open, hopefully the suspect will be apprehended.

The burglary occurred overnight on 10/26-7 at a business in the 2200 block of Clifford Ave where a TV and 4 wheel rims were taken. Cameras are being reviewed here as well to obtain information on the suspect(s).

Officer Cannon handed out a paper with tips for online shopping safety just in time for the holiday season.

Andy from the city handed out the winter recreation guide and reminded us of the lighting of the liberty pole on 12/2. He also told us anyone interested in starting a business that the City has a lot of information on obtaining grants and no interest loans.

Sarah from the library showed us the new Library logo. Some of the branch libraries are offering help for persons enrolling in the Affordable Care Act and we were reminded that enrollment ends Dec 15.

A neighbor asked if the persons going around the neighborhood selling energy are legitimate. Nancy from NCS said they are but always ask for ID.

The firefighters reminded us that they will install and/or check smoke detectors and CO detectors if you don't feel comfortable doing it yourself. They also will provide both detectors and batteries at no charge. Call 311 for more information. With winter coming, we were reminded to keep fire hydrants shoveled out for quick access in the event of a fire. They told us to keep the 2 closest to your house free because they ALWAYS use 2 hydrants when fighting a fire! Not many people know they can go through 500 gallons of water in 3-4 minutes!!!therefore the need for the second one as backup.

Nominations were taken for officers for the upcoming year. Vacancies were for President and Sargent at Arms. Other officers agreed to remain in their positions since no one else was nominated for them. Lisa was nominated for President and Elaine for Sargent at Arms. All were unanimously elected.



Treasurers report. Our balance is \$5,286.91. We will decide how to spend our grant money after the first of the year.

Holiday preparations was next up on the agenda. Lisa suggested calling our donation to whomever the "Lyons" Share after a neighbor who has passed away. We are hoping to find someone in our neighborhood in need. Several ideas were suggested as recipients of this year's holiday family but no decision was made at the meeting. Brian made a motion that we contact the Office for the Aging to see if they could locate someone.

The holiday party will have finger foods (including vegetarian), soft drinks and desserts as we did last year all for a nominal \$5 donation per person. No charge for children so bring the family. Alcohol can be purchased at the bar.

Peg and Kirk won the 50/50 raffle and donated the entire winnings back to BNA! Thanks folks!

Spam Phone Calls

Always one step ahead of us, spammers are now using phone numbers with a 585 area code figuring more people will answer their phone thinking it is someone they know. It is recommended you let numbers you are not sure of go to voice mail. If it is really important, they will leave a message. Answering these calls also invites more calls.

Elected Officers for 2018

President- Lisa Cichocki-Lalka
VP- Matt Barrett
Sec- Karen Managan
Treas- Peg Aderman/Paul Zimmer
Sgt at Arms- Elaine Cichocki-Lalka

Lisa Cichocki-Lalka was nominated for President and Elaine Cichocki-Lalka was nominated for Sargent at Arms. No other nominations were suggested and all other other officers remained in place.

Many thanks to Heather for serving as President for the last year. Since joining BNA 10 years ago, she has been President for 5 years and VP for 4, and an awesome job she did. She deserves a much needed break!

Fraudulent Business

Brian Robinson, owner of Apex Construction received advance payments for projects such as snow plowing, tree removal or other home improvements but either never started or completed the work. He defrauded many city residents between 2011-2017 by failing to provide services promised. If you hired him, call the attorney general's consumer hotline at 800-771-7755 to see if you are entitled to a settlement.

Adopt a Hydrant

Last year the City started an Adopt a Hydrant program in an effort to keep fire hydrants clear from snow for quicker access during the winter. Go to the interactive site, click on a hydrant near you, adopt it and then keep it clear this winter!

What a cool idea! Lets adopt ALL the fire hydrants in Bensonhurst! <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/AdoptaHydrant/>

You can adopt more than one hydrant anywhere. If we can't adopt all the hydrants in BNA, lets at least keep them all free of snow. We did a pretty good job last year, let's see if we can repeat it this year!

ACA enrollment

This notice is from the City website. If you currently have coverage in the NYS Marketplace for 2017 you must reenroll to continue coverage. Open enrollment is Nov 1 to Jan 31. You need to sign up before Dec 15 to ensure coverage starting on Jan 1. Assistance can be found at certain branch libraries or on line at www.cityofrochester.gov/aca.



Bus Transportation

Did you know that parents can arrange with the City School district for bus transportation to any R-Center? The parent IS responsible for picking up their child when they are ready to come home. More information can be found on the City website.

www.cityofrochester.gov/rcenters/

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

CO is a colorless odorless gas that can kill. Symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, chest pain, upset stomach, vomiting, and confusion. CO symptoms are often described as "flu-like." This is why it is so important to have a CO detector in your home. People often disregard these symptoms thinking they just have the flu, go to bed thinking they will be better soon, but if you breathe enough CO, you will eventually pass out and if not treated will die. The CDC has a great website with FAQs <https://www.cdc.gov/co/faqs.htm>

Blighted Buildings

There are 175 buildings in the city cited to be demolished. The city is committed to tearing down all of them by June 2018 in order to improve neighborhoods.

The advertisement features a dark green background with a vertical strip of colorful squares (purple, yellow, teal) on the left. The text 'EYE APPEAL MASTERS IN VISION LLC' is prominently displayed in white. Below this, the name 'Dr. Jaime Kenny' and title 'Optometrist' are listed. The address '1524 CULVER ROAD ROCHESTER, NY 14609' and phone number '(585) 288-7555' are provided, along with the website 'eyecarerochester.com'. On the right side, there is a small graphic of an eye chart and a pair of glasses, with the text 'EYE EXAMS GLASSES CONTACT LENSES' below it.



Important Contact Information

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Rochester, NY 14609

BNA website:
www.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, 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 12 - Holiday Party

Dec 13- PCIC meeting

Jan 9- BNA meeting

Jan 10- 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.