



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. 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.

Our “family” this year is Sojourner House. They serve homeless women and children (many of whom are victims of domestic abuse) by providing housing, self-sufficiency skills, and education programs, including after school tutoring and performing arts classes for kids. They have an extensive wish list which includes such things as personal hygiene items, pajamas, underwear and socks for adults and children, baby items as well as household cleaning items and much more. For a complete list, go to <http://www.sojournerhouse.org/contribute/donations/#toggle-id-2>

Clothing and personal hygiene items need to be new. None of the items need to be gift wrapped. Bring your items to the holiday social. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Checks can be made out to Sojourner House. We expect BNA neighbors to shine once again as we have done in the past!



Proudly Serving the Streets of:

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Holiday Social

BNA’s annual holiday social will be in lieu of this month’s meeting. Please bring all gifts or monetary donations to Johnny’s on Tues Dec 11. The social will start at 7pm after a short election of officers. Light fare including vegetarian selections will be available. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the bar. Non alcoholic drinks will be provided by Johnny’s. Desserts are compliments of Andy Rau from the mayors office and food is from Merchants Grill. Thanks to Matt B for ordering food.

BNA requests a \$5 donation per person to help cover our costs. Children under 12 are free. City officials, RPD and RFD are invited as guests of Bensonhurst.

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Johnny’s is Back!

We are thrilled to be back at Johnny’s for our monthly meetings and especially in time for our holiday social. We hope all our neighbors can join us this month as well as upcoming meetings next year.



Nov Meeting Minutes

It was great to be back at Johnny's for our meeting. The meeting started with the around the table introductions as usual. We had one new neighbor from Pershing Dr! Welcome Rachel! Four fire fighters from Engine 12 were on hand as was Officer Cannon from RPD.

Officer Cannon (CPO) told us there were 5 incidences in our neighborhood the past month. A couple were domestic in nature, the others were larcenies and again he stressed to keep cars and items locked since all the larceny events involved items taken from unlocked cars or items that were not secured on property.

Engine 12 did not have any stats for us this month but did remind us to make sure the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO detectors were working especially with the holiday season upon us and more cooking and baking happening. They encouraged neighbors NOT to rake leaves into the street because they clog sewers. They also encouraged everyone to adopt a hydrant this winter. More information on how to do that on page 3.

We were told the repairs on Rocket St would be done next spring.

Since we did not have a meeting last month to put together a slate of officers, elections were postponed until Dec. We will take a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting to vote on the slate and then continue with the social as planned.

Currently we need a President and possibly VP a well as a Sargent at Arms.

We discussed the holiday social and decided to try and use the same agency as last year for our "family". Lisa will contact the organization for a name. Since Johnny's kitchen is currently not up and running, we will cater our event from another venue. Johnny's will supply non alcoholic beverages while alcohol can be purchased at the bar. Matt will find a food source.

Treasurer Report-our balance is \$2,856.02 with no current outstanding bills other than the phone and PO box.

Flower pots need to be brought in before the sidewalk plows destroy them. If you can house one over the winter, please do so.

Kirk won the 50/50 raffle and donated the winnings back minus his investment. Thanks Kirk!

ROC Holiday Village

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Dec until Christmas, Martin Luther King Park (Formerly Manhattan Square Park) will become a Holiday village with a raft of family oriented events and attractions.

There will be music, vendors, arts and crafts along with food and merchandise for sale and of course Santa will be on hand. There will be free skating as well. Fridays 4-8pm and Sat/Sun 10a-8pm.



We wish all our BNA neighbors Happy Holidays!

Did you know that between Nov 20 and Jan 24 there are 14 religious holidays celebrated around the world?...and that doesn't include any of the non religious holidays such as Kwanzaa and Boxing Day.



Holidays at the Market

On Sundays, Dec 9 and 16 from 9a-3pm, enjoy family events at the Public Market. In addition to dozens of vendors with food, gifts, arts and crafts and much more, there will be free hay wagon rides with Santa. You can also buy your holiday trees and wreaths as well as many more holiday related items.

Their annual holiday cookie contest will be Sat Dec 15. Try your hand at winning.



The first snowmen of the season

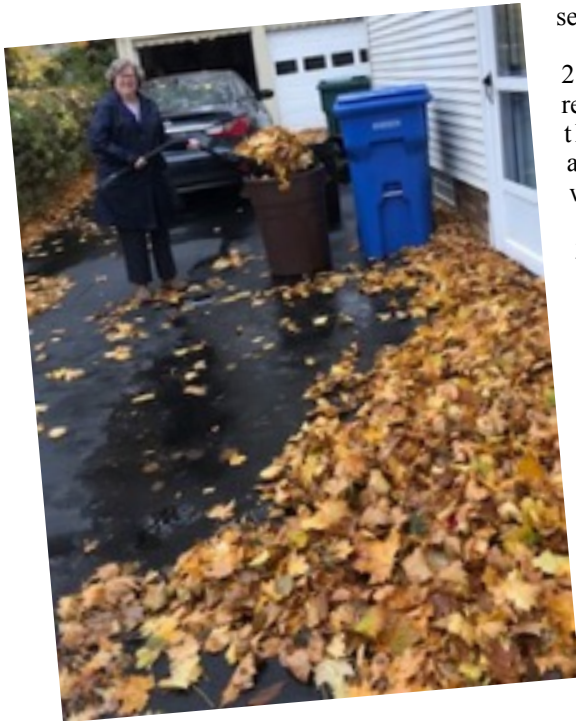
Thanks!

Thanks to Peg for 11 years of service to Bensonhurst as treasurer as well as delivering newsletters for us in a pinch! You will be missed! Enjoy your retirement and your new home!

Adopt a Hydrant

The City has an Adopt a Hydrant program as 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. All available hydrants are green. Once you claim one, it turns red. If we can't adopt all the hydrants in BNA, lets at least keep them all free of snow. We have done a pretty good job in the past, let's see if we can keep it going.



Practicing for snow!

Newsletter Carrier Needed

This will be the last call for someone to deliver about 30 neighbors on Mapledale St four times a year. If no one comes forward, this will be the last newsletter those neighbors have delivered to their door. Peg will be leaving the area and no longer able to do it. We will miss you Peg!

Some of our carriers are already delivering 70-100 flyers each time. We appreciate that but can't ask them to do more. If you can help us out please let BNA know.

Snow Tips

A few reminders a winter descends on us.

1-Blocking sidewalks with snow from your driveway is against city code and can result in a ticket! Call 311 if you see this happening.

2- First floor tenants are responsible for clearing snow off the sidewalk unless prior arrangements have been made with your landlord.

3- Brush ALL the snow off your car. This includes the top, trunk, hood as well as the lights in addition to ALL the windows.

4- Four wheel drive does not assure you will stop any faster on ice than a regular vehicle. Slow down!

Elections

All BNA neighbors and business owners age 18 and over are eligible to vote and hold office as long as they have attended at least one meeting during the past year.

The current slate of officers for 2019 is:

Pres- Matt Barrett
VP- ***OPEN***
Sec- Karen Managan
Treasurer- Paul Zimmer
Lisa Cichocki-Lalka
Sgt at Arms- ***OPEN***

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Rocket St Repair Work

We have been told the repairs to Rocket St will be done in the spring. After marking off sections of the road that needed repair the city decided it would be best to mill the entire street and repave it. Unfortunately the company to do the repairs ran out of time this fall. We look forward to having the repair done next year.

An advertisement for Eye Appeal Masters in Vision LLC. The ad has a green and white color scheme with a vertical bar of colorful squares on the left. The text reads: "EYE APPEAL MASTERS IN VISION LLC", "Dr. Jaime Kenny Optometrist", "1524 CULVER ROAD ROCHESTER, NY 14609 (585) 288-7555", "eyecarerochester.com". On the right side, there is a small graphic of an eye chart and the text "EYE EXAMS GLASSES CONTACT LENSES".

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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 11 - BNA Holiday Social

Dec 12- PCIC meeting

Jan 8 BNA meeting

Jan 9- 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.