



Monthly Newsletter

May-June 2010

(This newsletter will be available online at www.neighborhoodlink.com/brooklyn/bswa by 06/4/10). Everyone is invited to attend the Beverley Square West monthly meeting, which is held early in the month, except no meeting in July and August.

A Victorian Flatbush community

**-----*BSW Meeting, Monday, 6/7, 8 pm at 1016
Beverley Road- Agenda on page 4. Come at 7:30
for snacks and wine.-----**

From Co-President Bob Pandolfo:

Private Security: The fiscal year for private security ends on June 30. Your support is critical for this service to continue. Please renew or sign up this month. To arrange payment (\$475) or for any other questions, please call Glenn at 917-348-1704.

Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest: All our blocks are entered. Every house counts, please keep lawns trimmed, litter removed, etc. See the "In the Garden Corner" article on page 2.

New Street Trees: If you want a tree planted, call 311 or on the web at <http://www.nyc.gov/freetree>. You can even request a tree for your neighbor.

Newsletter by e-mail/ web: If you currently receive a paper copy of this newsletter, and wish to receive only the electronic version, please send me an e-mail at robert.pandolfo@gmail.com and include your name and street address. For those already receiving the newsletter and other info electronically, please keep Bob informed of any change in your e-mail address.

Suggestions: If you have any ideas for BSW's newsletter or meetings, please call Bob at 347-578-4146 or e-mail robert.pandolfo@gmail.com.

Argyle/Beverley intersection study: This study is current and ongoing. As per NYC Dept. of Transportation: "Surveys and data were collected this past Wednesday, May 19th. Additional data will be collected in the upcoming weeks ahead."

June. Summer begins on June 21, the summer solstice, when the sun “stands still” and then starts its journey south. Actually, of course, it’s all a function of the angle of the earth’s axis as it rotates around the sun in the course of a year. June 24 is Midsummer Day. June’s days are long; there is only a ten minute difference in the length of the day between the beginning and end of the month. In July, the days begin to shorten. New moon is June 12 and the moon is full on June 26; it’s the Strawberry Moon. Venus is low in the southwest after sunset all month; Mars and Saturn are high in the west at sunset and set about midnight. That is when Jupiter rises in the east and is high overhead at sunrise. At sunset on the 17th look for the crescent moon near Mars and between Saturn and Venus. There will be a partial eclipse of the moon on June 26, but it will not be visible here; go to Hawai’i to see the full eclipse.

Summer brings plenty of garden tasks: planting perennials, annuals, caladium corms, and finally – those tomatoes and other plants which require warm soil. Marigolds are often used as companion plants with roses and tomatoes. If you put down grass seed to fill in bare spots or to reseed larger areas, be sure the seeds make good soil contact and are kept moist until they germinate, usually about ten days.

It is time to put out plants on the deck and patio. Keep them watered if it does not rain or if they are sheltered and do not get the rainfall. Set up a fertilizing schedule.

When you visit nurseries or plant departments, there may be end-of-season sales. The plants can be bargains, or duds. Be sure the leaves look healthy and feel cool. If possible, check the roots to be sure they are viable, not dried out.

The “Greenest Block in Brooklyn” judges will be making their first rounds in June. They are looking for signs of owner participation, for well-kept and maintained flower beds and lawns, for appropriate plants, for the care of trees and shrubs, and the use of mulches. Mulches keep plant roots cool and cut evaporation. Bright flowers help the garden design. There is a separate windowbox category. So, as you spruce up for summer, consider Greenest Block. Each individual property contributes to the street and the neighborhood. We’re all winners when everyone works to make home grounds better.

Dead-head roses, lilacs, annuals, lilies, rhododendrons, etc. but be careful as flower growth for next year can be affected, as well as growth of additional flowers for this year on some plants. Cut roses, whether dead-heading or cutting blooms to enjoy indoors, just above a five or seven leaflet cluster, not a three leaflet cluster. Cut lilacs just below the flowerhead; take **no** leaves. With rhododendrons, twist off the mature cluster; again, take no leaves. Pinch off the flowers of petunias, marigold, pansy to encourage more blossoms. If you want seeds, let the last flowers in September go to seed and harvest them. Cut off lily flowers and any seed-heads which have started to form. Cut off blossoms and seed spikes of coleus (and mints). As crocus and daffodil foliage matures, cut or pull off. All these can go to compost.

Weeding is on-going. Get the roots! It is easier to remove weeds if the soil is damp. If you use a weed-killer, protect the other plants which you do not wish to be affected. If you are going to replant, check the label for the timing; many chemicals have a residual life.

Prune over-enthusiastic growth of shrubs, but be sure you know the flower cycle of the plant so that you do not cut off this year’s or next year’s flowers. Some plants set blooms or buds very soon after blossoming. When you prune, try for a natural look, unless you like and want the geometric look. In pruning, whichever style you prefer, open up the center of the plant so sunlight and air flow are encouraged.

Whenever you are out in the garden, wear a brimmed hat and use sun screen. Do not work in heat; wait. Enjoy your summer garden.

**CY 2010 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2010 –
DECEMBER 31, 2010) AS OF MAY 28, 2010**

ARGYLE ROAD: Johnson-Hunt; Hittman; Rubman; Gordon; Tyroler/Clemens; Epstein/Hefferen; Soffian; Prather; Bonadonna; Wong; Pessa/Shapiro; Eiss; Zagare/Smith; Rosenberg/Siegel; Wahrman; Henry; Zirolfsky; Shaw; Lozada; Berman; Fischman; Willerman

BEVERLEY ROAD: Aranda; Gross; Woolever/Krainin; Ver Eecke; Curtis; Joseph; Cherkis; El Noel; Popkin

MARLBOROUGH ROAD: Bilanow; Blaine; Borbolla; Mallay; Bowman; Troy/Iozzio; Taylor/Boucaud; Addington; McGowan; Garfinkel; Wendroff

RUGBY ROAD: Herman/Neumann; Del Quaglio; Rosenberg; Hertzog/Jabinsky; Turoff; Andreana; Cahn; Gross/Kaczmarczyk; Hannigan/Whelan; Fallon/Hunter; Moed/Nelson; Bellivan; Wertheimer; Tishcoff; T. Smith; Whelan; Landberg; DeFreitas/Walters; Schomer/Wolk; Moore/Fredericson

STRATFORD ROAD: Wolin; Pandolfo; Landy/Colen; Speranza; Bell/McKinley; Wilde; Kennedy/Shain; Grady; Parella; Rosenberg; Sexton

WESTMINSTER ROAD: Rickets/Taylor; Trachtman/Dassinger; La Marita; Mintz; Corvington; Ellis; Mangiacapre; Cheung; Jaffee/Warshawsky; Trachtman/Dassinger; Campbell; Hodge; Hohman/Silverman

SLOCUM PLACE: Varon

TOTAL –87 (out of 305 houses, est.)

I apologize for any misspellings of names. If you think that I made a mistake in omitting your name, please call me at (718) 469-6633. Thank you for your continued support of our community organization. Your dues support a variety of community organizations and activities.

-----BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST ASSOCIATION DUES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010 (Jan-Dec) BSW membership dues are payable on a fiscal year basis. All 2010 dues are due now. Dues are \$20.00. Please fill out the form below and mail it today with your check made out to Beverley Square West Association to Miriam Rubman, BSW Treasurer, 261 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Thank you for your continued support of our beautiful neighborhood. If you have any questions, please call me at 718-469-6633.

Name (s)_____

Address_____

Phone_____

E-Mail Address_____

Comments_____

Late April Burglaries: There were five burglaries or attempted burglaries in Victorian Flatbush at this time. Different methods were used: a ladder used to cut a screen, through basement, etc. Some members are suspicious of a local handyman. Private security subscribers can get a security audit, and everyone can call Officer McGuinness at the 70 Pct. for a home audit. (Update- suspects were caught in four of these incidents, and there was another attempt within the last two weeks on Stratford.)

Joint BSW-DPW Party: was a success, thanks to Miriam, Carmen and others from BSW and DPW.

P.S. 139 Playground Issues: At the last meeting with Principal Mary McDonald, she informed BSW representatives that 8 foot permanent basketball hoops were finalized. A BSW member has a key to the playground, and the school or PA will join our private security. We need documentation on the recent history of when the gates are actually locked. There was a lot of animated discussion about the February meeting: what was voted on, how to proceed. We need to follow constitutional procedure. Whenever there is trespassing, the police should be contacted. An Argyle resident called the hoops a concern, both for the neighbors and for the school. 70 precinct personnel will be at the next meeting to discuss the playground and other concerns. A letter is being prepared to be sent to Councilman Eugene.

Landmarking: Glenn reported that the information on all the areas of Victorian Flatbush needs to be sorted out.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was given. If you want more information, contact Miriam Rubman at 718-469-6633.

Other Business: A plaque and memorial for Luis Rodriguez are being prepared. An Argyle resident reported that PS 139's trash is being put out days in advance, on the Argyle side. A rep from the PA will investigate actual pickup times, and the problem needs to be documented. Community Board 14 may be able to help.

Agenda for June meeting:

- 1- 70 Precinct personnel- to discuss recent burglaries, schoolyard issues --15 minutes.
 - 2- PS 139 Schoolyard changes – 15 minutes.
 - 3- Landmarking- 10 minutes.
 - 4- Treasurer's report – 5 minutes.
 - 5- Other business – 15 minutes.
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Here is a list of our **block representatives:** Stratford/Beverley- Bob Pandolfo, 214, Tel 347-578-4146, Westminster- Audrey Campbell, 297, 718-282-5937/ Janice Hamann, 330, 718-287-5408, Argyle- Jack Rubman, 261, Tel 718-469-6633, Rugby- Tom Montuori, 306, Tel 718-287-6502, Marlborough-