



Monthly Newsletter

September-October 2010

(This newsletter will be available online at www.neighborhoodlink.com/brooklyn/bswa by 09/30/10). 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, 10/4, 8 pm at 20 Lewis Place- Agenda on page 4. Come at 7:30 for snacks and wine.-----

From Co-President Bob Pandolfo:

Happy Fall to everyone.

Private Security: The fiscal year for private security ended on June 30. Not enough households have signed up for 2010-2011. 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.

Landmarking: Since Chris resigned, we need a new committee chairperson to keep this effort moving. Please contact me with any suggestions at 347-578-4146 or e-mail robert.pandolfo@gmail.com.

Lamp Posts: If you post yard sale signs, please remove them when the sale is over. Thanks.

Watering Restrictions: Please note that the normal (non-drought) restrictions are: No hoses or sprinklers between 11 am and 7 pm. Here's the nyc.gov link:
http://nyc.gov/html/dep/html/residents/waterrest_wide.shtml

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 traffic light: Thank you, DOT and Ditmas Park blog.

October—a month of transitions. It is truly autumn, with glorious foliage and luminous days. Temperatures can reach the low 90s, or they can drop to freezing. The earth is cooling, but still, often warmer than the air, so we get the hazy days typical of October. The growing season winds down, and pumpkins fill the bins at the farmers' markets.

The gardener is still busy. Fall cleanup starts. Spent foliage (but **not** diseased foliage) goes to compost. As long as grass grows, feed it, water it so that it gets about an inch of water a week between rain and your efforts. After growth stops, probably in November, give it a last cutting at about 2 ½ inches. You can put down grass seed to fill in bare spots. Rake leaves. Use a slow release fertilizer.

Dig up caladiums; to save the corms for next year, put the corms and attached foliage in paper bags in the basement. About two weeks later, cut off the dried leaves and store the corms in the paper bags in a cool, dark area such as a closet, or in the basement. Check from time to time; give a small sprinkle of water if they are dry. As you dig up the caladiums, you may wish to plant you newly purchased spring bulbs.

Now is the time to start poinsettia's darkness cycle: 16 hours of total darkness, and out to a bright windowsill by day. Keep moderately watered and lightly fed. Six weeks later you should begin to see red "leave" begin to grow. When you do, it is time to keep them out all the time.

Listen for weather reports. It will be time to cut your herbs for drying when there is a forecast of frost, or you may wish to continue to grow them indoors if you have a sunny windowsill. Mid to late October, depending on those forecasts, is the time to bring indoors those plants which have summered outside on porch or patio. Spray for insects about a week in advance; cut off dead foliage and straggly vines. Some will not do too well indoors, but enjoy them for a while. Some, like tuberous begonias will slowly go dormant. You can take cuttings of others, like coleus.

Put your amaryllis into dormancy; lay them on their sides, out of their pots, in the sun. If there is a forecast of rain, cover with a tarp so they will not get wet and start to grow. When the foliage turns yellow, cut it off, return plants to their pots and store indoors in paper bags where it is cool and dark. After six weeks, begin to check for signs of growth. When it starts, bring the plant to daylight, give warm water and light fertilizer. When amaryllis **really** start to grow, keep watered and fed.

Mid-October is a good time to plant perennials (or divide, and re-plant), but also hardy chrysanthemums for fall color. Spread the roots when you plant so that later frost will not heave them out of the ground. Flowering kale is also effective. Our native asters are starting to bloom and they give fall color too. Cut off the seed heads later, to reduce next year's crop; they can take over!

As leaves fall, and branches fall in storms, check for signs of Asian Long-Horned Beetles: round half-inch holes, or round half-inch tan egg masses. These insects are a major menace to trees. If you see any suspicious signs, call 1-877-STOP-ALB.

The full moon of October 22 is the Hunter's Moon. Jupiter dominates the sky all night long. During October, we lose about an hour and twenty minutes of daylight, so when days seem shorter than they were just a few weeks ago, they are. Saturn is low in the east at sunrise from mid-month onward.

Enjoy the golden days of fall in your garden, and consider going on an apple-picking/fall foliage outing.

CY 2010 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2010 – DECEMBER 31, 2010) AS OF SEPTEMBER 24, 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; Zirowsky; Shaw; Lozada; Berman; Fischman; Willerman; McPherson; Carver/Ryland

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; Bryan

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

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 –93 (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_____

BSW Minutes: September 13, 2010 (recorded by Bob Pandolfo)

P.S. 139 Playground Issues: The basketball hoops have been lowered from 10 feet to 8 feet, as specified in the plan. The playground looks very good, but there are some remaining issues:

- There are reports that the gates are not locked every night – school custodian responsibility.
- New trespass signage is needed, I believe Principal McDonald is working on this with the precinct.
- The fence next to the library should be raised to the same height as the rest of the fence, I hope to get precinct support to get this done, as suggested by Senator Parker.
- Weekend hours need to be resolved. The BSW schoolyard committee is working on this.

Please call 911 if you see overnight trespassers.

State Senator Kevin Parker: The senator said his is a two-part job: legislation/budget, and constituent services. As the majority whip, he listed these initiatives:

- Drop statute of limitations on rape
- Health clinic access
- Anti-domestic violence- free unlisted phone number
- Green-collar jobs, including home retro-fit
- Gas “frac”ing- 9-month moratorium passed Senate

He is on many committees, including rules, codes, energy/telecomm. Foreclosures are a serious problem in Brooklyn, he is helping affected homeowners. There were many questions from BSW members, they are being addressed with each questioner: re-zoning schools, broadband competition, use of Ave. H rail cut, energy-saving credits for housing, faded street signs, non-profit funding. His office number is 718-629-6401. (The Senator won the 9/14 primary.- Ed)

Security Patrol: We are short about 25 subscribers, Jack and Bob will canvass, more volunteers are needed.

Landmarking: See page 1. There are two landmark committees meeting at FDC, Glenn is on the political committee, we need a BSW member for the research committee.

Treasurer’s Report: Please call Miriam for details at 718-469-6633.

Other Business: Vox Pop is gone, a non-profit will not be taking it over.

Agenda for October meeting:

- 1- Private Security- 10 minutes.
- 2- Landmarking- 5 minutes.
- 3- PS 139 Schoolyard changes – 15 minutes.
- 4- Treasurer’s report – 5 minutes.
- 5- Other business – 15 minutes.

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-Sally Bowman-Schneider, Tel 516-768-8059.