



Monthly Newsletter

October-November 2010

(This newsletter will be available online at www.neighborhoodlink.com/brooklyn/bswa by 10/21/10). 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, 11/1, 8 pm at 1304
Beverley Road, Agenda on page 4. Come at 7:30
for snacks and wine.-----**

From Co-President Bob Pandolfo:

BSWA Political Affiliation: Beverley Square West Association (BSWA) is a non-profit, non-political neighborhood association. It welcomes any request made by a politician of any political party to speak at our monthly meeting and share his/her points of view on pertinent issues. BSWA does not endorse any candidate.

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.

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.

November. It is definitely autumn. We can have days in the 70s, even in the low 80s, but we can also have “hard freezes” and even nighttime temperatures that dip into the low teens, and days below 32°. Be prepared. Storms of wind and snow are possible, but a snow accumulation is rare. However, put the snow shovel and salt where they are accessible. It may be time to switch to flannel sheets. The first spell of several days below freezing is “Squaw Winter”; **then** we can have days of “Indian Summer” with mild weather. Before the first predicted freeze harvest any remaining tomatoes for relish, frying or ripening. I find that putting them in a bowl, out of the sun but in light works best for me.

Get perennials and bulbs in the ground before the soil freezes – or take advantage of Indian Summer. Once the ground has really chilled, put down mulch. Use two or three inches of compost, pine needles, or new fallen leaves. Keep mulch a few inches away from the trunks of trees or bushes so that any “critters” protected by the mulch will not nibble the bark. Once trees and bushes are dormant, usually late November or early December, you can do some pruning, but if it is a spring bloomer you may prefer to wait until after bloom because the buds are already formed. Of course, cut out any dead or damaged wood. Our trees are usually bare by Thanksgiving, except the oaks. Rake off the leaves; do not let them stay on the lawn. You may need to give the lawn a last cutting if it is still actively growing. That can be a 2 ½ inch cut. Check the upper branches of trees for broken limbs caught up in the tree. Have the “widow makers” removed professionally (or try 311 for street trees, or go to nyc.gov/parks-Ed). If you see any signs of Asian Long Horned Beetles, report them to 1-877-STOP-ALB.

The plants you have moved indoors are adjusting to the dryness and temperature. Check them for evidence of “critters”, and keep them watered. A **dilute** fertilizer (1/4 rate) should suffice once a month. However, if plants are still in bloom you can give the dilute fertilizer twice a month. Otherwise water with plain water.

Garden cleanup continues. As plants wither, cut back the perennials and pull up the annuals. All this goes to compost, unless diseased or mildewed.

Cut and dry your herbs, then shuck off the leaves and store them in dark jars. Some people prefer to freeze them. Some you may continue to grow indoors. If you have planters on your steps, you may wish to replace the frost-killed plants with hardier ones or evergreen cuttings for winter interest. Or, simply move the planters to the garage.

November’s full moon is the beaver and occurs on November 21. Turn clocks **back** an hour as Eastern Standard Time resumes at 2 am on Sunday, November 7. Days are still getting shorter; we lose an hour of daylight during the month. The extra daylight when getting up and out is great, but it is certainly dark when coming home with sunset even before leaving work. S.A.O. (Seasonal Affective Disorder) affects many people as the days shorten.

Venus and Saturn have become “morning stars” and are low in the southeast in the hours before sunrise all month. Mars is low in the southwest after sunset all month. Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune are high overhead at sunset and set in the west several hours before sunrise. To see Uranus and Neptune you will need a telescope. On November 7, the very new crescent moon passes between Mars and Earth. On November 16, the moon is close to Jupiter.

Enjoy your garden’s late bounty. Cut evergreens, bittersweet branches or dry hydrangea for Thanksgiving decorations. Spray berries or dry blossoms with hard-hold hairspray so they won’t shed.

**CY 2010 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2010 –
DECEMBER 31, 2010) AS OF OCTOBER 15, 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; Salgo

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; DelQuaglio

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 –95 (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_____

Private Security: Glenn Wolin stated that BSW is in serious jeopardy of losing our security service. We have only 65 paid members; we need approximately 30 more. Jack Rubman and Bob Pandolfo are going to talk to neighbors this weekend. Andy suggested that we post the security service on the Ditmas Park blog. We voted in the affirmative. It was also suggested that we use Pay Pal so that members can charge the annual fee. Bob Pandolfo will explore this method. Andy and Ellen Wong also suggested a two tier payment system. Those who wish to contribute up to \$200 will be considered booster members and can vote on security issues. This suggestion is also being explored.

Landmarking: Glenn Wolin stated that HDC (Historic District Council) suggested that we file for landmark status en masse, with all the other neighborhoods. A book will be compiled of all BSW houses, based on a specific information sheet to be distributed, completed by the end of October and sent to Glenn Wolin. Ron Schweiger, Brooklyn historian, will conduct a house tour of our neighborhood on October 16, 2010 at 10:30 A.M., meeting at the school clock. He will also explain how to fill out the information sheet. (The members present voted \$100 for Ron's work.) It is critical to complete and return this form. Without a book, Landmarks won't pay attention to us. BSW voted to contribute \$300 to the cost of supplies and assemblage.

P.S. 139 Playground Issues: Several issues were raised regarding the schoolyard: signage, which is not in place yet; raising the lower fence adjacent to the library, and a request that the schoolyard be closed on Sunday. The Parents Association president and treasurer will be at the next meeting to discuss funding for the fence. BSW will vote at the next meeting whether to close the schoolyard on Sundays. A member suggested that a copy of our constitution be available at our meetings, this will be implemented.

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

Other Business: Glenn, Bob and Carol VerEecke visited Luis's grave in New Jersey. Glenn distributed pictures of the gravesite. A suggestion was made to use the funds collected for Luis to fund the schoolyard fence addition. We will vote on this at the next meeting, as well as other uses, such as scholarships or security.

Agenda for November meeting:

- 1- Private Security- 15 minutes.
- 2- Landmarking- 15 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.