



**Next BSW Neighborhood Association  
Meeting  
Monday, March 7, 8PM at 290 Stratford  
Come at 7:30PM for snacks and wine**

**Agenda** for March meeting:

- 1- Vote on Luis's funds -- 10 minutes.
- 2- Private Security-- 15 minutes.
- 3- Landmarking – 10 minutes.
- 4- Treasurer's report – 5 minutes.
- 5- Other business – 10 minutes.

**February – March 2011  
Newsletter**

To receive the newsletter electronically email [BSWneighbors@gmail.com](mailto:BSWneighbors@gmail.com) with your name and house number.

**Officers:**

Co-Presidents  
Bob Pandolfo and Jack Rubman  
Secretary  
Treasurer: Miram Rubman  
Member at large: Glenn Wolin

**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.

**BSW Minutes :February 7, 2011 Meeting**  
(prepared by Bob Pandolfo)

The meeting was chaired by Co-President Jack Rubman.

We thanked Mary Louise for her hospitality.

**Private Security and Vote on Luis's funds:**

Glenn Wolin stated that the security funds will run out in May. If we get more subscribers and are close to successfully closing out the fiscal year ending June 30, we can use Luis's funds to complete the year. We will table the vote on the funds for another month to get more subscribers. We need 8-10 more.

**Landmarking:**

There was a recent meeting at FDC on landmarking. Our new co-chairs, Christine and Jocelyn, will report asap.

**Treasurer's report:**

Please call Miriam Rubman at 718-469-6633 for the figures.

**Other issues-** It was proposed, and approved by vote, that we list our private security subscribers in the newsletter, see page 2. Mary Louise suggested we more actively welcome new residents, she agreed to lead this effort. She will use available information on our area, such as the FDC house tour booklet. Ilse Henry is mending after a fall. Liena and Bob P. will set up a listserve for BSW.

**We all enjoy the comfort of having private security patrol our streets this year and owe it to the following neighbors:**

**ARGYLE ROAD** -

Epstein/Hefferen; Johnson-Hunt; Soffian; Zirowsky/Dunn; Gordon; Siner/Cummins;

Rosenberg/Siegel; Rubman; Eiss; Marciano; Tyroler/Clemens; Wallace/Lee; Shaw; Prather; Bonadonna; Henry; Zagare/Smith; Gbaje

**BEVERLEY ROAD** - VerEecke;

Rocca; Krainin/Woolever; Cherkis; Gross; Christian Brothers; Intrater; Curtis; Aranda

**MARLBOROUGH ROAD** - Fuerst; Addington; Blaine; Garfinkle

**RUGBY ROAD** - Bryan;

Goldstein/Wertheimer; Tishcoff; Jahr; Brion; Becker/Hornick; Nevermann/Herman; Moed/Nelson; Gurian/Firetog; T. Smith; Fishkin/Hurwitz

**STRATFORD ROAD** - Wolin;

Landy/Colen; Wilde; Vitale/Fink; Shain/Kennedy; Pandolfo; Pollack; Rosenberg; Feldhusen; Dubensky/Segal;

Kreussling/Magisano

**WESTMINSTER ROAD-**

Sadofsky; Rosenthal; Ellis; Silverman/Hohman; Hamann; Ricketts; Samuelsen; Nielsen; Silverman; Hodge; Aprea/Alcoff; Trachtman/Dassinger; Flores; Jordan; Delmonaco

**LEWIS PLACE** - Collins/Stanley

**CORTELYOU ROAD** - Gough

**Thank you for your support!**

*Update from Co-President Bob Pandolfo:*

**Crime:**

Please be aware that there have been some incidents of **folks stealing car parts** in the neighborhood. A car on Argyle recently had four wheels stolen. Please always report any and all criminal incidents to the 70<sup>th</sup> Precinct at 718-851-5511.

**Private Security:**

This is simple – unless we get more members to sign up for private security. it will cease to exist at the end of May.

Your support is critical for this service to continue. Please renew or sign up this month. The annual fee is \$475, which will be prorated for the remainder of the fiscal year (June 30<sup>th</sup>).

To arrange payment or for any other private security related questions, please call Glenn Wolin at 917-348-1704.

**If we sign on more members, we could choose between lowering the payment or extending the hours.**

**Google Group:**

A neighborhood wide Google group has been set up to allow neighbors share news in a timely manner. This is a private group that shall only be open to the residents of Beverley Square West neighborhood.

Please go to

<http://groups.google.com/group/bswneighbors?hl=en>

and ask to join. You will be asked to provide your full name and address, and Bob and Liena will share the approving and general management of the site.

**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](mailto:robert.pandolfo@gmail.com).

**March.** It traditionally comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Of course, it's sometimes the opposite, but it is definitely a variable month, and a windy month. The temperature can be in the 80s, but it can also drop to zero. It can snow heavily, but it does melt off fairly quickly. However, there are already some crocus and snowdrops in bloom. On March 20, the vernal equinox occurs; after that there are more hours of daylight than of darkness and plants respond. During the month we gain about one and a quarter hours of daylight. The new moon is on March 4, and the full moon is March 19. It is the worm moon. The moon is at its closest to the Earth of the year; it will not be this close again until 2016. Expect high tides. Daylight time begins March 13; set clocks ahead.

If you are up early on March 1, look low in the southeast for Venus; it is to the right of the waning crescent moon. Saturn rises about 8:00 p.m. by the middle of the month and is visible all night. Jupiter is low in the southwest at sunset and sets soon after; it pairs with the waxing crescent moon on March 6 and 7.

In March, garden tasks begin in earnest. Clean up dead foliage; rake up matted leaves so they will not smother grass and early flowers. Add the leaves to mulch around bushes, or add to your compost pile. Do not try to shed them as they can choke your shredder if they are too wet. March can be mud season. The ground is saturated, between the melting snow and the rain, so be cautious as you walk because soil compacts under foot pressure and plant roots, including grass roots, can be affected and plants will not grow as well.

Toward the end of the month, depending on the weather, you can prune. Cut off any winterkill. Scrape a branch; if it shows green, it is alive, but still dormant. On roses the dead area is usually very definite; cut an inch below the dead area, on an angle above an outward facing bud. You can also prune Rose of Sharon and clematis. Do not prune spring bloomers such as lilac, azaleas, rhododendron. Wait until after they bloom. On bush hydrangeas, be cautious and wait until growth shows, because they bloom on last year's growth. However, cut dead, brittle stems to the ground.

Houseplants need attention. If they are spindly, cut back to shorter than you want them to be. Fertilize at  $\frac{3}{4}$  strength. Take cuttings of any surviving coleus, begonias, impatiens, etc. and pot up in small individual pots in sterile rooting medium. You can root them in water and transfer them to small pots as soon as roots show. Roots produced in water are not the same type as those produced when the cutting is in a solid medium. Plant these out in mid-May when the soil is warmed. Sprinkle/mist – lightly – and caladium corms, or dahlia tubers which you are wintering over; check amaryllis bulbs, and when tips of leaves or buds show bring plants to light and keep them watered.

As spring bulbs and primrose begin to flower, check whether they are crowded. As they mature, divide them and plant the divisions in other parts of your garden or share them with friends. Go to flower shows and nurseries. Get ideas. Buy with care, because the plants may be too tender to plant outside just yet. Grow them indoors. Set out at their proper time.

Buy some cut flowers and enjoy the first breath of spring; keeping them cool will lengthen their flowering time. Cut some forsythia or pussy willow to enjoy indoors. At the end of the month you can cut fruit tree branches to force. If you put the pussy willow in water they will open and root, so unless you want a willow to plant, keep them dry. If you do plant them, remember they are willows and need water and their roots will seek it out, and they will need to be pruned severely each year.

Enjoy the longer days and your spring garden.

<p><b>USEFUL CONTACTS</b></p> <p><b>Emergency: 911</b></p> <p>Non-Emergency: 311</p> <p>70<sup>th</sup> Precinct: 718-851-5511</p> <p>Gas / National Grid: 718-643-4050</p> <p>Electricity/ ConEdison: 800-75-CONED</p> <p><b>Community Board 14:</b> 718-859-6357</p> <p>Councilmember Eugene: 718-287-8762</p> <p>Assemblymember Brennan: 718-940-0641</p> <p>Senator Parker: 718-629-6401</p> <p><b>Ditmas Park Blog:</b> <a href="http://www.ditmasparkblog.com">www.ditmasparkblog.com</a> ditmasparkblog@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>CY 2011 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2011-DECEMBER 31, 2011) AS OF FEBRUARY 21, 2011</b></p> <p><u>ARGYLE ROAD</u> Rubman; Bonadonna; Clemens/Tyroler; Gordon; Wahrman; Zagare/Smith; Zagari; Johnson-Hunt; Wallace; Eiss</p> <p><u>BEVERLEY ROAD</u> VerEecke; Popkin; Aranda</p> <p><u>MARLBOROUGH ROAD</u> Bilanow; Taylor/Boucaud; Troy/Iozzio; Barbolla; Litchman</p> <p><u>RUGBY ROAD</u> Wertheimer/Goldstein; Whalen; DelQuaglio; Andreana; Herzog/Jabinsky</p> <p><u>STRATFORD ROAD</u> Feldhusen; Wolin; Landy/Colen; Hardy; Parrella; Pandolfo</p> <p><u>WESTMINSTER ROAD</u> Corvington; Ricketts/Taylor; Silverman/Hohman; Trachtman/Dassinger; Campbell; Nielsen; Ellis; Gambale/Catapano; Jaffee/Warshawsky; Miuntz; Cheung</p> <p>TOTAL - 40 (out of 305 houses,est.)</p>
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### BSW Dues for 2011

BSW membership dues are payable on a fiscal year basis. All 2011 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 Bob Pandolfo, President of BSW Neighborhood Association at 718-469-6633.

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

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