



**Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting
Monday, April 4, 8PM at 330 Westminster-Come at 7:30 for
snacks and wine**

Agenda for April meeting:

- 1- Private Security-- 15 minutes.
- 2- Landmarking – 15 minutes.
- 3- Treasurer's report – 5 minutes.
- 4- Other business – 15 minutes.

To receive the newsletter electronically email BSWneighbors@gmail.com with your name and house number.

BSW MINUTES; MARCH 7, 2011 MEETING

Prepared by Miriam Rubman, edited by Bob Pandolfo

Gardening: Chris Kreussling stated that a new gardening program entitled "Brooklyn Dirt" has commenced. The inaugural meeting was held at Sycamore and the topic was dirt. Chris was the speaker. The next program is scheduled for March 16, 2011 on garden design at Sycamore at 7:00 P.M. This program will last for @ two more months and garden topics will vary. Suggested donation is \$5 to benefit Prospect Farm and Sustainable Flatbush.

Luis Funds: A vote was not taken on how to spend the funds due to lack of a quorum. The matter will be taken up at next month's meeting.

Security: Due to Glenn Wolin's perseverance, enough money was collected to pay for security almost to the end of the current year. However, we still need more members or Luis's funds may be used to make up the difference.

Landmarking: Christine Schomer and Jocelyn Rosenberg, our new co-chairs of the landmark committee, stated that they just got all the material from Chris Kreussling and were still getting up to speed on the issues. They discussed developing a website and posting information on the Ditmas Park blog and participating in a Yahoo group to reach out to more homeowners and get them excited and entice them to participate in this effort. Glenn Wolin promised to give them a political perspective of the issue.

Treasurer's Report: Miriam Rubman gave the treasurer's report. If you have any questions, call her at 718-469-6633.

Other Business: Bob Pandolfo stated that Senator Kevin Parker was going to have better signs prepared for P.S.139 Playground and would try to get funds to raise that portion of the fence adjacent to the library. Arlene Bonadonna asked about the legality of school buses parked along the schoolyard at Argyle Road the entire weekend and taking up valuable parking spaces. Arlene counted 5 buses. Bob Pandolfo stated that he will look into the law concerning this issue. The library wants book donations for its book sale scheduled for April 16, 2011, run by Friends of Cortelyou. Vera Gordon suggested a poster outside the library to publicize the event. Chris Kreussling stated the damaged tree guards on Cortelyou Road were the responsibility of FDC.

UPDATE FROM CO-PRESIDENT BOB PANDOLFO:

Beverley Square West's general purpose is to provide a forum for residents to discuss issues of relevance to our neighborhood. At our monthly meetings and social events, we provide a place for neighbors to get to know each other.

School Buses are not allowed to park on residential streets overnight, according to Jonathan Judge of Community Board 14. Please call the precinct to report. An **exception** is along the borders of a school property, like the east side of Argyle and the west side of Rugby along the PS 139 property. Further research is needed.

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 30th).

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.

MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE SECURITY PATROL

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; Fischman

BEVERLEY ROAD - VerEecke; Rocca; Krainin/Woolever; Cherkis; Gross; Christian Brothers; Intrater; Curtis; Aranda; Barraclough

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; Gross/Kaczmarczyk

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!

IN THE GARDEN CORNER, BY VERA JULIA GORDON

April. It's really spring – most days. It can reach 90°; it can snow. A freeze can turn magnolia blossoms to chocolate brown, but there are reserve buds ready to open. Wait until mid-month to turn the outside water on, and be sure to turn the outside faucet off before you turn the water control inside to “on.” Forsythia, Brooklyn's official flower, blooms and so do daffodils and early tulips. Hereabouts, tree leaves come out between mid-month and the end of the month, and our world turns green again. Of course, those trees, grasses, and other plants also flower, so it is allergy season too. Check trees and fallen branches for signs of Asian Long-Horned Beetles.

During April we gain an hour and a quarter of daylight; the sun rides higher, sets and rises farther north and the angle of light is different. Plants respond, but the soil is still cool. Full moon is April 17th (or 18th - depending on where on this Earth you are located), the Easter and Passover moon. It is the pink moon, probably because of the fruit tree flowers. Saturn rises at sunset of April 3rd and is visible all night as the only “naked eye” planet. It is also at its closest to Earth of 2011. Venus and Mars are visible low in the southeast before sunrise at the beginning of the month; Jupiter is also low in the southeast before sunrise at the end of the month.

If forsythia is overgrown, prune it after it blooms so it will produce new growth for 2012 blooms. You can even cut some branches right to the ground. Thin it out so there are no bare branches inside. When forsythia blossoms fall is a good time to put down gluten-based anti-weed, but not if you have just seeded! Wait a week or so to seed your lawn! You can fertilize, however.

Let crocus and other bulbs mature. Those leaves are making chlorophyll so nutrition will be translocated to the bulb, for next year's flowers. Some fertilizer is a good idea. Wait to cut your lawn until it is in active growth. However, if you grow ornamental grasses, cut them back to just above the ground. At mid-April, cut fruit tree branches to force indoors.

If you have climbing roses, it's time to check for winter-kill and cut out very old canes down to six or so inches. Shorten any others if they are too long, and tie those canes out in horizontals (laterals) on trellis or fence. Cut any short branches coming from the laterals back to about three inches, leaving one or two growth points on each.

You can start seeds indoors for flowers and veggies. Check the packet for timing. Outdoors you can direct-sow radishes. Divide ferns, hostas, daylilies to plant in

other spots in your garden or to share. Many perennials do not show up until May so do not think you have lost them in this rough winter. Wait.

As you plan your garden for the summer, consider sun and shade as it will be in summer. Consider new varieties. For edibles, check who will eat what. There is still time to order from catalogs or to buy from seed-racks, but varieties do sell out.

Tend to indoor plants and keep them indoors. On mild days, open windows. If you feel impelled to put them outside, bring them back inside at night. Check for “critters.”

Consider “Greenest Block in Brooklyn” as you plan. Add some plant texture and color to your front yard. Pansy, coleus, impatiens, salvia, geranium, hosta – each is an old standby for good reason – good looking, hardy, but so are miniature roses, astilbe, heuchera. Always remember the site and the light and water needs. Put down fresh mulch. The old mulch can go to composting.

Lawn and sidewalk watering rules change as of April 1: water before 11 am or after 7 pm. That timetable is in effect until October 31. Horticulturally, it is better to water early in the day. By the way, the rest of the year we are not supposed to water lawns and sidewalks at all!

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Cherry Blossom festival is April 30 and May 1, and the Plant Sale is May 4th and 5th, with members' preview the evening of May 3rd. Enjoy your early spring garden.



**BSW Officers:****Co-Presidents:** Bob Pandolfo and Jack Rubman**Treasurer:** Miriam 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 718-2876502,**Marlborough-**Sally Bowman-Schneider, Tel 516-768-8059.**USEFUL CONTACTS****Emergency: 911****Non-Emergency: 311****70th Precinct: 718-851-5511****Gas / National Grid:** 718-643-4050**Electricity/ ConEdison:**
800-75-CONED**Community Board 14:**

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Ditmas Park Blog:www.ditmasparkblog.comditmasparkblog@gmail.com**DUES PAYING MEMBERS****Argyle Road:** Rubman; Bonadonna; Clemens/Tyroler; Gordon; Wahrman; Zagare/Smith; Zagari; Johnson-Hunt; Wallace; Eiss; Gbaje**Beverley Road:** VerEecke; Popkin; Aranda; Krainin/Woolever; Barraclough**Marlborough Road:** Bilanow; Taylor/Boucaud; Troy/Iozzio; Barbolla; Litchman**Rugby Road:** Wertheimer/Goldstein; Whalen; DelQuaglio; Andreana; Herzog/Jabinsky; Hunter/Fallon; Tishcoff; Gross/Kaczmarzyk**Stratford Road:** Feldhusen; Wolin; Landy/Colen; Hardy; Parrella; Pandolfo; Rosenberg; Speranza; Kreussling/Magisano**Westminster Road:** Corvington; Ricketts/Taylor; Silverman/Hohman; Trachtman/Dassinger; Campbell; Nielsen; Ellis; Gambale/Catapano; Jaffee/Warshawsky; Miuntz; Cheung

TOTAL - 49 (out of 305 houses,est.)

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, Co-President of BSW Neighborhood Association at 718-469-6633.

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