



**Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting
Monday, May 2nd, 8PM at 279 Argyle.**

Agenda:

1. Presentation from Friends of Cortelyou Library- 15 minutes.
2. Private security- 10 minutes.
3. Activities committee- 15 minutes.
4. Landmarking- 10 minutes.
5. Treasurer's Report- 5 minutes.
6. Other business- 15 minutes.

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

BSW MINUTES; APRIL 4, 2011 MEETING

Prepared by Bob Pandolfo

Security - Glenn has obtained more payments, so we will make it to the end of the security fiscal year, at the end of June. After June, we will need the about two thousand dollars from Luis' fund, and we need to make a major effort in July and August. It was observed that there are currently more security members than BSW members.

New Activities Committee- With the background of the low turnout for this meeting, ideas were offered to increase interest in BSW activities: wine & cheese party, Brooklyn Botanic Garden rep to meeting, urban gardening, home repair, tag sale, wine tasting, block party. A committee meeting was held on April 11, with Ellen from Argyle, Jocelyn from Rugby, and Janice from Westminster forming the nucleus.

Landmarking- Jocelyn from Rugby, co-chair of the landmarking committee with Christine from Rugby, reported on outreach plans: placing the "house info" form on the Ditmas Park blog with a sample filled-in form, creating a website. We will see if there are future landmarking meetings with Flatbush Development Corp (FDC). Vera from Argyle mentioned that having historical info in the newsletter would be beneficial.

Treasury report- Miriam, our treasurer, gave the figures for the security fund, the Luis fund, and the general fund. Please call her at 718-469-6633 for the actual numbers.

Other business- Glenn mentioned that a Youth Conference with Community Board 14 will be held on April 28. Call CB 14 for info. I reported a mugging at Stratford and Beverley at about 10:30 pm on April 1, and a car on Matthews Court having four tires punctured. The several "For Sale" signs around the neighborhood were discussed, they are legal.

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.

I want to give a warm welcome to the new Activities Committee: several members stepped up at the last meeting, had a committee meeting, and came up with many great ideas for social activities. One result: **Please reserve Sunday, June 26 for a neighborhood tag sale.**

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; Garfinkel; Cunningham; Mitchell

RUGBY ROAD - Bryan;

Goldstein/Wertheimer; Tishcoff; Jahr; Brion; Becker/Hornick; Nevermann/Herman; Moed/Nelson; Gurian/Firetog; T. Smith; Fishkin/Hurwitz; Gross; Kaczmarczyk; Cahn; Fredericson; Walters/deFreitas

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; DelMonaco; Jordan

LEWIS PLACE - Collins/Stanley

CORTELYOU ROAD - Gough

Thank you for your support!

IN THE GARDEN CORNER, BY VERA JULIA GORDON

May. It's the quintessential month of spring – leaves, flowers, (pollen), and birds singing. Our robins, cardinals and mockingbirds sing at dusk, and also in the pre-dawn hours, and by moonlight. Temperatures can be in the 90s, but we can also have raw, chilly days. The Brooklyn Botanic Garden Sale is May 4 and 5, and May 3 is Members' Night.

The new moon is May 3, and the full moon, the Flower Moon, is May 17. We gain an hour of daylight during the month. Saturn is well up in the east at sunset and is stunning all night, setting before sunrise. In the east, on the 30th, shortly before sunrise, the waning crescent moon is just above a cluster of five planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Uranus. They are very low in our sky, but more visible in Florida and points farther south.

It is weed season too. If you can, pull them out (and get the roots!). It is easier if the soil is damp. If they have not yet set seed, compost them. Pull the flowers off dandelions if you can't dig them out. That way they won't set seed. If your lawn is quite weedy, and you have just put down corn gluten for weed control, wait about two weeks before putting down grass seed. If you spot-treat for weeds, with a weed-killer, do it carefully, when it is not windy, so you do not kill other plants.

If your rhododendron is in bud, but overgrown and ungainly, you might consider cutting off some branches to force inside for blooms. Otherwise, do not cut them, or lilacs, viburnum, azaleas, etc. until after they bloom. Then, if they need trimming, cut, so they can put out new growth, but the new branches are not likely to produce flowers in 2012. However, you can cut forsythia quite drastically; the new growth will flower next spring, but do it now.

By mid to late May the soil will have warmed up to the point where you can plant your annuals, vegetables, and perennials, and your started seedlings. It helps to harden off seedlings for a week or so before planting them out. When planting perennials, remember the adage "a five dollar plant goes in a fifty dollar hole". When you dig the hole, add compost, spread out the plant roots, and then plant it no deeper in the soil than it was in the pot: maintain the same soil line. Water in well, and water again the next day. Tomatoes should be planted deeper than they sit in the pot, but they are annuals.

House plants can go out to porch, deck and patio in mid to late May. Pick a day that is not too hot to avoid plant shock. You might even put them in shade for a day or two before moving them to their summer locale. Keep them watered and fed all summer. Cut back any poinsettias that have survived since the holidays so they will bush out (and cut again in June). As you purchase and plant, remember Greenest Block in Brooklyn. Work for color, and arrangement of plants. Mulch. Accent your steps with planters, but leave your railings clear.

When you mow your lawn, be sure the blades are sharp so that they cut, not tear the grass. Set the height at about 3 inches. Grass and flower beds need about an inch of water a week, a combination of rain and watering. One deep long watering is better than several brief ones. Water before 11:00 a.m. Some plants are water guzzlers; coleus and impatiens come to mind. Monitor them and if they droop, give water – fast. Try to utilize less water-hungry plants if you can. Geraniums do well, but they need sun.

At the end of May, plant caladium, canna, and dahlias. Let the foliage mature on lilies. The green foliage means that the energy for next year's bloom is being translocated back to the bulb. Enjoy your glorious 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:

718-859-6357

Councilmember Eugene:

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DUES PAYING MEMBERS, AS OF APRIL 21, 2011

Argyle Road: Rubman; Bonadonna; Clemens/Tyroler; Gordon; Wahrman; Zagare/Smith; Zagari; Johnson-Hunt; Wallace; Eiss; Gbaje; Lozada; Henry; Wong

Beverley Road: VerEecke; Popkin; Aranda; Kainin/Wollever; Barraclough; Gross

Marlborough Road: Bilanow; Taylor/Boucaud; Troy/Iozzio; Barbolla; Litchman; McGowan; Addington; Wendroff; Blaine

Rugby Road: Wertheimer/Goldstein; Whalen; DelQuaglio; Andreana; Herzog/Jabinsky; Hunter/Fallon; Tishcoff; Gross/Kaczmarczyk; Turoff; Walters/deFreitas; Rosenberg

Stratford Road: Feldhusen; Wolin; Landy/Colen; Hardy; Parrella; Pandolfo; Rosenberg; Speranza; Kreussling/Magisano; Martin-Grady

Westminster Road: Corvington; Ricketts/Taylor; Silverman/Hohman; Trachtman/Dassinger; Campbell; Nielsen; Ellis; Gambale/Catapano; Jaffee/Warshawsky; Miuntz; Cheung

TOTAL – 61
(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 347-578-4146.

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