

Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, September 12th, 8PM at 261 Argyle. Come at 7:30 for wine and snacks.

Agenda:

- I. Landmark website designer Jonathan Judge- 10 minutes.
- 2. Landmarking- 10 minutes.
- 3. Activities committee- 15 minutes.
- 4. Private security- 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: June 6, 2011 Meeting

Prepared by Bob Pandolfo

Activities Committee: We are preparing for the 6/26 yard sale- craigslist, flyers, Flatbush Family Network, Ditmas Park Blog. Also, there will be front porch meet and greets during the summer (occurred in July and August. These three activities (yard sale, two porch nights) have been very well attended. -Ed.).

Landmarking: Jocelyn said a website is being prepared by a designer, Jonathan Judge. He will be at the September meeting. There will be a staged rollout, with a link for each house. (The FDC Landmarks committee met in June and August, will meet in October with all pictures and data due- Ed.)

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

Private Security: We may (have-Ed.) use the Luis fund to begin the private security fiscal year in July, this fund will be paid back if there is enough participation. Several volunteers are "working" the blocks now.

Other Business: PS 139 Schoolyard: Trash

is a continuing problem. It was mentioned that PS 217 got a grant for weekend cleaning of their schoolyard. An increase of BSW dues was discussed. I am preparing a chart with info from the other Victorian Flatbush neighborhood associations. The procedure would be: proposal, notification, vote with a quorum of 14.

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.

Private Security: This is simple – unless we get more members to sign up for private security. it will cease to exist. Your support is critical for this service to continue. Please renew or sign up this month. The annual fee is \$475. 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.

Advice on street trees from Greenest Block in Brooklyn judges:

- Keep tree beds litter-free, cultivate soil, water regularly
- Use compost and mulch, but do not pile around the trunk, and keep mulch a few inches away from the trunk
- Get tree guards, make tree beds 4 feet by 4 feet when possible
- Plant annuals and bulbs, get lower branches pruned by calling 311- should be done only by City Parks or a citizen pruner.

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.

CY 2011 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS

(JANUARY 1, 2011-DECEMBER 31, 2011) AS OF AUGUST 21, 2011

ARGYLE ROAD

Rubman; Bonadonna; Clemens/Tyroler; Gordon; Wahrman; Zagare/Smith; Zargari; Johnson-Hunt; Wallace; Eiss; Gbaje; Lozada; Henry; Wong; Pesso/Shapiro; Siner/Cummins

BEVERLEY ROAD

VerEecke; Popkin; Aranda; Krainin/Woolever; Barraclough; Gross; Curtis

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Bilanow; Taylor/Boucaud; Troy/Iozzio; Barbolla; Litchman; McGowan; Addington; Wendroff; Blaine; Fuerst

RUGBY ROAD

Wertheimer/Goldstein; Whalen; DelQuaglio; Andreana; Herzog/Jabinsky; Hunter/Fallon; Tishcoff; Gross/Kaczmarczyk; Turoff; Walters/DeFreitas; Rosenberg; Bellivan

STRATFORD ROAD

Feldhusen; Wolin; Landy/Colen; Hardy; Parrella; Pandolfo; Rosenberg; Speranza; Kreussling/Magisano; Martin-Grady; Wong; Fink

WESTMINSTER ROAD

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

SLOCUM PLACE

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TOTAL - 70 (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 Miriam at (718) 469-6633. Thank you for your continued support of our community organization.

IN THE GARDEN CORNER, BY VERA JULIA GORDON

September. Summer ends with the autumn equinox on September 23; then, day by day, the nights will be longer than the days, and the angle of the sun changes. During the course of the month we lose about an hour and a quarter of daylight. The full moon, the Harvest moon, occurs on September 12. It rises before sunset and is visible all night so the farmers were, and are still, able to harvest by moonlight – weather permitting. The new moon is September 27 and Rosh Hashanah is consequently September 29.

The July full moon was the Buck moon, and August's full moon was the Sturgeon moon. Moon names relate to the cycles of the natural world – when the bucks fought for mating rights and the sturgeon swam upstream to spawn. Now sturgeon are rare.

Mercury is low in the SE sky in the early morning and is most visible the first half of the month, brightest on September 9, 10, 11. By mid-month Jupiter rises by 9:00 pm and is visible all night, getting brighter as the month progresses. Mars is in the SE before sunrise all month. Venus, late in the month, is low in the SW after sunset; Saturn is low in the SW at sunset. Both set soon.

September temperatures have ranged from a high of 102° to a low of 41°. Plants begin to shut down for they are both light and temperature sensitive. Our summer weather has been quite a mix; the scorching days of July led to major leaf-drop on the sycamores and caused other plants, including grasses, to shut down. Strawberries dried on the plants. Then the memorable, and abundant, rains of August have given growth impetus to everything: grasses, weeks, perennials, trees. Wisteria "whips" have required pruning—twice, and at last, there are a few blossoms on the tomatoes.

We have also had a few days of delightful and treasured quintessential summer weather, and it has been possible in the mornings to do some very necessary garden work. Violets in the lawn are weeds which are flourishing and need to be removed lest they shade out grass. Compost them along with oak, maple, rose of Sharon seedlings which have popped up. If a desired seedling appears, move it to a proper site.

Check trees for storm damage; empty plant saucers if water remains, and check that pots have drainage so roots don't rot. Indoors, check ceilings and cellars for water damage.

Deadhead spent flowers, and give poinsettias and mums a light pruning to increase the number of

blossoms later on. In mid-September, put amaryllis on their sides, in sunlight, to force them into dormancy. It helps to remove them from their pots, but be quick to cover them with a tarp if it rains. After the foliage dries or a leaf withers, report them and store them indoors in a cool, dark area in paper bags for two or three months.

Keep plants fertilized, especially as the heavy rains may have leached out nutrients. Put down fertilizer

where your bulbs are planted.

Squirrels are an ongoing problem. They, and sometimes raccoons, are enjoying the apples, acorns,

tomatoes in our yards. You may want to put down an animal repellent, but don't get it on your hands or clothes as the smell is pretty bad and hard to remove. Also check the label for use near food crops.

Look through catalogs and order now for October/ November planting of perennials and bulbs. Watch for migrating birds – more robins, then grackles, woodpeckers and occasional warblers and thrushes. Enjoy the bright days of late summer and the beginning of fall. **BSW Officers:**

Co-Presidents: Bob Pandolfo and Jack Rubman

Treasurer: Miriam Rubman

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: 718-287-8762 Assemblymember Brennan: 718-940-0641 Senator Parker: 718-629-6401

Ditmas Park Blog:

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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 Miriam at 718-469-6633.

Name (s):		
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