



Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday, December 5, 8PM at 290 Stratford-- Come at 7:30PM for snacks and wine

Agenda for December meeting:

- 1- Activities Committee-- 15 minutes.
- 2- Private Security-- 10 minutes.
- 3- Landmarking – 15 minutes.
- 4- Treasurer's report – 5 minutes.
- 5- Other business – 10 minutes.

November-December 2011 Newsletter

To receive the newsletter electronically, e-mail BSWneighbors@gmail.com with your name and house number.

Officers:

Co-Presidents
Bob Pandolfo and Jack Rubman
Secretary
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 718-287-6502,
Marlborough- Sally Bowman-Schneider, Tel 516-768-8059.

**We all enjoy the comfort of having private security patrol our streets this year and owe it to the following neighbors:
BSW Security Members as of November 29, 2011**

ARGYLE RD.

Gordon; Cummins/Siner; Hunt; Eiss; Rubman; Soffian; Marciano; Tyroler/Clemens; Phillips/Nish; Wallace/Lee; Shaw; Rosenberg/Siegel; Bonadonna; Henry; Zirowsky; Gbaje; Prather

BEVERLEY RD.

VerEecke; Christian Bros.; Aranda; Rocco; Curtis; Barraclough; Woolever/Krainin; Gross; Intrater

MARLBOROUGH RD.

Blaine; Fuerst; Garfinkel; Addington; Cunningham

RUGBY RD.

Jahr; Tishcoff; Gross/Kaczmarczyk; Wertheimer/Goldstein; Becker/Hornick; Firetog/Gurian; Bryan; Brion; Walters/DeFreitas

STRATFORD RD.

Wolin; Shain/Kennedy; Kreussling/Magisano; Gal/Kapeliuk; Pollack; Colen/Landy; Dubensky/Segal; Rosenberg; Pandolfo; Vitale/Fink; Burke/Foote; Feldhusen

WESTMINSTER RD.

Samuelson; Nielsen; Cheung; Rosenthal; Silverman; Ellis; Sadofsky; Silverman/Herman; Hamann; Jordan; Hodge; Flores/Gonzalez; Rickets/Taylor

LEWIS PL.

Collins/Stamley; Colas

CORTELYOU RD.

Dr. Gough

TOTAL: 68

BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST ASSOCIATION WISHES TO THANK ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 SECURITY SERVICE. HOWEVER, WE NEED **MORE MEMBERS** OR WE WILL LOSE THIS VALUABLE SERVICE. IN THIS TIME OF DIRE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WHICH HAS RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN CRIME, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE RETAIN THIS SERVICE. CALL GLENN WOLIN at 917-348-1704.

BSW Minutes: November 7, 2011 Meeting
(prepared by Miriam Rubman)

Activities Committee Report: Jocelyn stated that there will be no yard sales scheduled in the near future due to other holiday activities. In the next few weeks, the committee will decide the holiday agenda and the events for CY2012. Feedback is for more porch nights. A yard sale will probably be scheduled for Spring, 2012. The BSW Landmarking website will include these events when it is operational.

Private Security: Glenn stated that he has 66 checks. BSW needs 20 more members to remain operational until June 30, 2012. He advised volunteers to keep soliciting.

Landmarking: Jocelyn and Christine are still working with Jonathan on the website. When the site is ready, Christine has volunteered to go over to houses who don't have a computer and enter the data. When the site is operational, it will be announced on the Ditmas Park Blog, the BSW website and in the newsletter. The information will be secure. A test run will be demonstrated at the 12/5/11 meeting and it should be up in January, 2012.

Treasurer's Report: Miriam Rubman gave the treasurer's report. If you have any questions, call her at 718-469-6633. Miriam explained that due to high expenses (producing the monthly newsletter, which no other association does, flyers for our social functions, the cost of wine for our monthly meeting) and the loss of income from TV. motion picture and commercials (there is currently a moratorium on shooting in our area), she is recommending that dues be increased to \$25, effective January, 2012. Voting on this issue will occur at the December meeting.

Other Business: Ira stated that Quatra will put up BSW information. Content is still being discussed. Vera suggested that we use the Co-op to post an informational flyer about BSW. Beware of unscrupulous telephone solicitations from chimney companies, and vendors that use former company names like Brooklyn Union and Keyspan (and beware of door-to-door solicitations of any kind).

From Co-President Bob Pandolfo:

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 June.

Your support is critical for this service to continue. Please renew or sign up this month. The annual fee is \$475, which, for new subscribers only, 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.

As per **Sanitation** regulations, the homeowner is responsible for keeping the street bordering their property, for 18" from the curb into the street, clean.

From Jocelyn Rosenberg, **Landmarking** committee:

At our last meeting we shared a mockup of the new Beverly Square West Landmarking website. Jonathan Judge of Codacity has continued working with Christine and I to get some of our current information into the site and we hope to go live in January. Currently we are finishing the design and inputting the house information that we have in hand in order to have as much available on the site as we can for the launch.

If you would like your house to be among the first on the site when we launch please contact either Jocelyn at: jocelynrosenberg@gmail.com or Christine at: chris_schomer@yahoo.com and we will get you the house form. If you need assistance we can come to your house and help you fill out the forms. Those without e-mail, please call Bob Pandolfo at 347-578-4146.

It would be ideal to have as many houses on the site at launch as possible so we encourage you all to be in touch and get your forms filled out as soon as possible.

December. Winter arrives on December 22 – the Winter Solstice. During December we lose about 14 minutes of daylight from the first to the twenty-second, and then gain three minutes between then and the end of the year – but it is unevenly distributed! We gain minutes of daylight in the evening, but it is not until the second week of January that the sunrise is earlier.

The full moon is December 10; it is the “cold moon” and rides high. The new moon is December 24. There is a near-total eclipse of the moon before dawn on December 10, but it is not visible in eastern North America. Venus is visible low in the SW as twilight fades in the early part of the month, but later in the month rides higher. Mars rises before midnight and is high overhead by sunrise, but Jupiter still dominates the night. Saturn is high in the SE at sunrise. December 21 is the beginning of Hannukah; December 25 is Christmas and December 26 is the first day of Kwanzaa.

In the garden, there is still time to plant bulbs or decorative kale until the ground freezes. The kale may heave during the winter if its roots haven't spread. Clean-up continues and leaves mature. Remove dead leaves and annuals; compost them, but discard the leaves of roses, lilac, peonies and any others with sign of mildew. Leaf removal not only make property look tidy, but it cuts down on over-wintering insects. Once the ground has really chilled, spread mulch. Move the snow shovel out of the garage to an accessible location.

If you have evergreen bushes like holly, osmanthus, euonymus, and pyracanth cut branches to place in water for indoor winter decoration. Don't expect them to root, but occasionally they will. Plant rootings out in April/May. Check your dormant amaryllis and if there are signs of growth, bring it to daylight, and fertilize lightly. Keep it watered, but not wet. If poinsettia leaves are really showing color, put the plants on display. If not, continue the night-shading process.

Holiday trees should be kept cool and in a bucket of water until there are set up indoors. Still keep them in a cool spot, if possible, and in a tree holder that holds water, and keep the container full. The tree will take up the water, and it also helps to humidify the room. When needles begin to drop, it is time to remove the tree. Some trees were cut in early November so they may have begun to dry out before we purchase them. Run the lights sparingly because they accelerate the drying process, but mini-lights do not generate as much heat. Place the tree away from radiators, and be sure it does not block room exits.

If you purchase or are given a blooming poinsettia, keep it watered and in bright light. Next month I will discuss growing it on, for display for holidays in 2012. If holiday cacti have buds, water and feed lightly.

It's a quiet time in the garden. Save those catalogs for January reading and planning. Put up a squirrel-proof bird feeder, if there are no outdoor cats around.

Enjoy the quiet days of your winter garden, with happy holidays and a good new year. May you and your plants thrive.

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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CY 2011 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2011-DECEMBER 31, 2011) AS OF NOVEMBER 24, 2011

ARGYLE ROAD

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

BEVERLEY ROAD

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

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

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

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;Kennedy/Shain;
Riback; Popkin

WESTMINSTER ROAD

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

SLOCUM PLACE

Varon

Total- 76 out of 305. 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.

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, Treasurer of BSW Neighborhood Association at 718-469-6633.

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Comments: