



**Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
**Monday, January 9, 8PM at 1030 Beverley-- Come at 7:30PM for snacks and wine**

**Agenda** for January meeting:

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

**December 2011-January 2012 Newsletter**

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

**Officers:**

Co-Presidents  
 Bob Pandolfo and Jack Rubman  
 Secretary: Open  
 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 January 3, 2012**

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.

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

LEWIS PL.

Collins/Stanley; 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: December 5, 2011 Meeting  
(prepared by Bob Pandolfo and Miriam Rubman)**

**Private Security:** Glenn stated that he has 68 checks. BSW needs 18 more members to remain operational until June 30, 2012. He advised volunteers to keep soliciting. After a lively discussion, the Good Neighbors committee volunteered to host "Security fund-raising" events early in 2012.

**Landmarking:** The website was demonstrated by our webmaster, Jonathan Judge. The members were impressed and we look forward to its activation in January.

**Treasurer's Report:** The motion to raise BSW dues from \$20 to \$25, due to increasing printing costs and fewer movie/TV shoots, passed. (BSW was able to obtain \$500 from a recent one-day shoot of the TV show "Person of Interest".)

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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 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.**

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

Homeowners are advised to use porch lights at night. There are energy-efficient lights with photo-electric switches available. Lights on houses add needed light to our blocks, and are a crime deterrent.

The December 17<sup>th</sup> Holiday event was enjoyable and well-attended. Thanks to all involved, especially the hosts, Glenn and Carmen Wolin.

From Jocelyn Rosenberg, **Landmarking** committee:

We are anticipating the launch of our new landmarking website this month. Lots of work has happened since last month and we are close to being finished. The site will feature images from local photographer Nelson Ryland. Stand by for an extra announcement when we are ready to unveil the URL. 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](mailto:jocelynrosenberg@gmail.com) or Christine at: [chris\\_schomer@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

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From Ellen Wong, Good Neighbors Committee:

Do you have a great idea for a neighborhood gathering? Do you want to take part in planning this year's calendar of social events for the BSW Association? If so, email [jocelynrosenberg@gmail.com](mailto:jocelynrosenberg@gmail.com) or [ellen\\_moncure@hotmail.com](mailto:ellen_moncure@hotmail.com) to learn more and plan on coming to our next Good Neighbors Committee meeting at 8pm, 300 Rugby Road, on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Those without e-mail, please call Bob Pandolfo at 347-578-4146.

**Editor's note:** Due to Vera's recent accident, this is the December 2010-January 2011 article, with some calendar-dependent info deleted. She is now recovering at home.

**January. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, productive new year for your garden, and for you.** We are barely into winter, and already looking for signs of spring; dogwood buds are swelling. Hungry squirrels will, we hope, leave enough for a good show in April.

We gain about 50 minutes of daylight in the course of the month and the sun rides subtly higher day by day. Days lengthen steadily through the month in the evening, but we don't get earlier sunrises until the second week of the month. Venus and Saturn are visible in the SE before sunrise. Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune are high in the sky at sunset and set before sunrise.

January is the month of seed and plant catalogs, and of planning. Consider what worked this past year, and what didn't. What vegetables were successful? What varieties do you want to try out? Consider light and shade patterns. Order your seeds and plants early; popular varieties sell out. It is all right to order plants when your order seeds. Plants will be sent at the proper planting time. If you are ordering for planting in another climate zone, be sure to inform the nursery so the delivery date can be adjusted. Do not start seeds now! Read the back of the packet and work out the germination time, and the proper planting time and work back to a proper seed starting time. If you plant in a cold frame, you still need to consider plant size at setting-out time.

If we have bare, unfrozen ground at some time in January and you have bulbs, use your window of opportunity and get them in the ground. Snow is a great mulch, especially over a layer of leaves, or fir tree branches. If later in the month we have a spell of dry weather with bare ground, try to give your plants some water because they need moisture all year around. For snow removal products, check the label for formulations which do not affect cement, or plant roots.

Sanitation will pick up holiday trees between now and January 14th. However, be sure that trees you put out have all lights, decorations, and tinsel removed, and are not in bags.

Check your trees for broken limbs which may be caught up in the branches. They are dangerous; have them professionally removed. Also check for any signs of Asian Long-Horned Beetles; round egg patches, or round holes.

Houseplants need water, and half-rate fertilization. Check fertilizer labels; each brand is different. Don't let leaves touch cold windows; they can freeze to the glass, if the cold is extreme. A thin window curtain between plant and glass is a big help. Check for insects. If you have a poinsettia, keep it growing in sun.

If you are wintering over caladium corms, canna tubers, dahlia tubers, and amaryllis bulbs, check that they do not dry out. A spritz of water about once a month should be sufficient; don't get them wet because they will rot. When amaryllis show signs of growth, bring them to full light, water thoroughly with warm water and dilute fertilizer. Once they begin to grow, water regularly, as needed. If you buy another amaryllis, be sure it has not yet bloomed. If it has, ask for a price adjustment, and grow it on, to bloom in 2013.

If you put out bird food, place it near bushes so birds can shelter from predators. The Brooklyn Botanic Garden's 16th Annual Plant-o-rama will be on January 31. It's a trade show and symposium. (There's a charge. Call 1-718-623-7220 for details.)

Dream garden dreams and enjoy your winter garden.

**USEFUL CONTACTS**

**Emergency: 911**

Non-Emergency: 311

70<sup>th</sup> 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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**BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES for CY2012 are due now.**

Your dues support::

Printing the monthly newsletter and social event flyers.

Supporting social events- printed material, refreshments.

Financing our biennial party.

Buying wine for our monthly meetings.

Please see form below.

Thank you for your continued support of our community organization.

**BSW Dues for 2012**

BSW membership dues are payable on a fiscal year basis. All 2012 dues are due now. Dues are \$25.00. 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.

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

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