



## Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting

### Monday, February 6, 8PM at 238 Argyle-- Come at 7:30PM for snacks and wine

#### Agenda for February meeting:

- 1- Introduction of Harry Schiffman for Assemblyman Brennan- 15 minutes.
- 2- Private Security-- 10 minutes.
- 3- Landmarking – 15 minutes.
- 4- Good Neighbors Committee-- 10 minutes.
- 5- Treasurer's report – 5 minutes.
- 6- Other business- 10 minutes.

#### January-February 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; Zirotsky; 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: January 9, 2012 Meeting (prepared by Miriam Rubman, edited by Bob Pandolfo)**

**Crime Wave:** Bob stated that about five burglaries occurred in our community over the last 30 days: two successful, three unsuccessful. There was also about five car break-ins. Thieves are looking for glove compartment information for identity theft purposes. The 70<sup>th</sup> precinct and our security patrol are aware of these incidents. Be aware and alert.

**Landmarking:** Bob stated that the website should be operational this month (See next article from Joceyln). He also stated that our efforts along with the other unlandmarked Victorian Flatbush neighborhoods have been awarded a "Six to Celebrate" recognition by the nonprofit, private Historic Districts Council, which will entitle us to their support and guidance.

**Good Neighbor Committee:** A meeting was held on January 12, 2012 to discuss suggestions for CY12 social events and fundraisers for our Security Patrol. No calendar has been prepared yet.

**Security:** If we don't get any new members, our security patrol will terminate in the Spring. Please talk to your neighbors about joining on a prorated basis for new members.

**Other Business:** Christmas trees will be picked up by 1/14/12 by Sanitation for mulching. Trees put out later will be dumped in a landfill. Check your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors. Their lifespan is only 5-6 years. Shawn Campbell, the new director of Community Board 14, is interviewed on the Ditmas Park blog. There is a new green technology for electricity, windmills to be attached to the roof of our houses. The homeowner would get a 20% tax credit. There are still approvals and construction details to be worked out.

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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 sometime this Spring.

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, snow must be cleared from sidewalks, or use sand, ash or sawdust if the snow/ice is too hard, within 4 hours after snow has stopped falling, or by 11 am if the snowfall stopped after 9 pm the previous night.

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.

From Jocelyn Rosenberg, **Landmarking** committee:

Dear BSW neighbors,  
We're excited to launch our new BSW website - [www.beverleysquarewest.org](http://www.beverleysquarewest.org). We will be posting all of our BSW events and newsletters there and we will be using it to begin a big push to gather information for our current landmarking efforts.

BSW along with Beverly Square East, Caton Park, Ditmas Park West, South Midwood and West Midwood joined together with the Flatbush Development Corporation, and, using the idea of "completing the quilt" of city designation of Victorian Flatbush (to include all neighborhoods of Victorian Flatbush), applied for and were **selected** as one of the "Six to Celebrate" for 2012 by the Historic Districts Council, a private non-profit. This means we are in a very strong position to gain landmark status to help preserve this amazing historic neighborhood. Our new site was built with this in mind and will be an invaluable tool to help us gather and prepare the information we need to deliver to the Historic Districts Council, and eventually to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Along with the recognition came a deadline - all information about the houses in BSW needs to be gathered by March 20th. We hope you'll all pitch in and help us get as many houses completed on our site as possible by the deadline.

There are three ways to get your house up on the site:

1.
  - 1. Log on to <http://www.beverleysquarewest.org>
  - 2. Click HouseBook
  - 3. Select your house from the drop down box to the right.
  - 4. Click Go
  - 5. Enter the login information bsw/bsw296
  - 6. Complete the information on the form.
  - 7. Click submit for review.

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2. You can also download the house form and fill it out by hand. Once you're done you can drop the form off to Jocelyn Lucas Rosenberg at 300 Rugby Rd and we'll take care of loading the information on the site for you. You can reach Jocelyn at [917-324-3200](tel:917-324-3200).
3. You can call Chris Schomer at [917-332-8674](tel:917-332-8674) and set up an appointment for her to come over to your house and fill out the information with you.

If you have any questions about the landmarking process and what it means to you as a homeowner there is a list of FAQs on the site. Please feel free to get in touch with Glenn Wolin at: 917-348-1704 or Bob Pandolfo at : 347-578-4146 if you have any additional questions.

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### **In the Garden Corner**

**by Vera Julia Gordon**

**February. This is a leap year, but February is still the shortest month and yet we still gain about one and a quarter hours of daylight.**

**This has been an unusual/ unseasonable/ erratic/ bizarre winter – with lovely sprint-like days, then frigid windy days, and dreary raw ones. The ground is not deeply frozen and the top half-inch can be slippery. However, spring is on the way: branches glisten, snowdrops are in bloom (early!) and the sun rises, and sets, farther north and the angle of the light is different.**

**February's full moon is on the 7<sup>th</sup> and is the snow moon. Will it be one this year? Groundhog Day is February 2. If it's sunny and the groundhog sees his shadow, folk wisdom says six more weeks of winter. Of course, some people say that if it's cloudy, that means more winter. That way, the woodchuck is always right!**

**The February new moon is on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Valentine's Day is February 14 and Ash Wednesday on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ushers in Lent.**

**As to the planets: Venus is in the southwest at twilight. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, with binoculars you may see it close to Uranus (which is greenish.) At sunset, Jupiter is high in the sky and sets in a few hours. Mars is brighter and rises in the east about 8:00 pm, and sets before sunrise; Saturn rises about 11:00. Mercury, very low in the southwest at sunset, is left of the crescent moon on the 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**The snow-free winter and so many above-freezing days have triggered growth of bulb foliage, especially of crocus and daffodils. The leaves may be browned in cold spells, but the flowers are still below ground and safe. You can even plant bulbs if the ground can be worked. Primrose leaves are in evidence too. By the end of the month there may be color. Columbines and some other perennials put up new leaves after the fall die-back. It may have weakened the plants but there is nothing we can do. Do not add mulch; it is likely to make the soil warmer and force more growth.**

**February is a good month for pruning trees before the sap begins to rise. Cut out crossing branches and any weak or damaged ones, and cut back if you want to reduce the spread or height of tree or bush. Check for signs of Asian Long-Horned Beetles. Be careful not to cut too far back on evergreens because they may not have growth points on the inner wood. If you have fruit trees and want to force branches into bloom, wait until mid-March to cut those branches for the buds are not sufficiently developed now.**

**Lilacs can have one-quarter of the oldest, tallest branches cut to the ground, and most suckers removed. Buddleia can be cut back to 8 or 12 inches. Wisteria can be cut back to 3 or 4 buds on last year's growth. Wait until late March to cut roses.**

**Buy seeds, but reduce the urge to start them unless they are going to be grown indoors. For plants for outside, consider setting-out date, and count back.**

**Continue to rake up leaves of perennials.**

**Enjoy your mid-winter garden with its hints of coming spring.**

## 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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## CY 2012 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2012 - DECEMBER 31, 2012) AS OF JANUARY 22, 2012

### ARGYLE ROAD

Rubman; Gordon; Johnson-Hunt; Lozada

### BEVERLEY ROAD

Popkin; VerEecke

### MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Bilanow; Borbolla

### RUGBY ROAD

Landberg; Herzog

### STRATFORD ROAD

Burke/Foote; Colen/Landy; Riback; Parrella; Speranza; Grady

### WESTMINSTER ROAD

Corvington; Mintz

TOTAL: 18 (out of about 255 houses)

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.

**BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES for CY2012 are due now.**

Your dues support::

Printing the monthly newsletter and social event flyers.

Supporting social events- Refreshments, other expenses.

## 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.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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