



Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, March 4, 8 PM at 1016 Beverley-- Come at 7:30 for wine and snacks

Agenda for March meeting:

- 1- Private Security- 10 minutes
- 2- Good Neighbor committee report- 10 minutes
- 3- May-June meeting- 15 minutes
- 4- Other business- 15 minutes

February-March 2013 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: 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 February 25, 2013*

ARGYLE RD.

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

BEVERLEY RD.

Christian Bros.; Woolever/Krainin; Gross; Ver Eecke; Aranda; Barraclough

MARLBOROUGH RD.

Blaine; Fuerst; Garfinkle; Wohlson/Turner

RUGBY RD.

Jahr; Tischoff; Gross/Kaczmarczyk; Wertheimer/Goldstein; Becker/Hornick; Bryan; Brion; Walters/DeFreitas; Koppe/Otley; Neverman/Herman; Fishkin/Hurwitz; Landberg; Cahn

STRATFORD RD.

Wolin; Colen/Landy; Dubensky/Segal; Rosenberg; Vitale/Fink; Riback; Pandolfo; Kreussling/Magisano; Feldhusen; Gal/Kapelin; Burke/Foote; McManus/Mones; Schwartz/Rosario

WESTMINSTER RD.

Samuelson; Cheung; Rosenthal; Silverman; Ellis; Sadofsky; Silverman/Hohman; Jordan; Feig; Kuk/Chen; Kafka; Alcoff; Hamann; Hodge; Flores/Gonzalez

LEWIS PL.

Collins/Stanley

CORTELYOU RD.

Dr. Gough

TOTAL: 70

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.

Minutes of BSW Meeting February 4, 2013

(recorded by Miriam Rubman, edited by Bob Pandolfo)

1- Private Security: Glenn stated that we have only 69 members and we need at least 13 more to survive until the end of FY13. Bob sent an e-mail to the security committee advising them to try and recruit additional subscribers. No new recruits means the service will terminate the first week of March.

2-Plans for March Meeting: BSW had a successful family oriented meeting on a Sunday afternoon in December and Bob wants to plan another one. Lisa suggested that we hold this meeting the end of May and make it a combination social event such as an ice cream party and theme event such as gardening and planting, perhaps inviting Chris Kreussling. A flyer will be distributed and the event will be promoted in the April and May newsletters.

3-Good Neighbor Committee: A report was tabled because Jocelyn could not attend.

4- Treasurer's Report Please call Miriam for details at 718-469-6633.

5-Other Business: Glenn displayed the radio that BSW helped purchase with a \$250 donation for CERT.

From Co-President Bob Pandolfo:

Homeowner snow-clearing responsibility: Here's a quote from the Sanitation rule book: "Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk within 4 hours after the snow has stopped falling, or by 11:00 AM if the snow has stopped falling after 9:00 PM the previous evening. Snow may **NOT** be thrown into the street."

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. Also, placing your house number on the back of your house can identify your house to a neighbor just in case.

If your house is adjacent to a storm drain, keeping it clear of debris helps prevent floods on the street and possibly in our homes.

March. Spring begins with the Vernal Equinox of March 20th and for six months the hours of daylight will be greater than the hours of darkness; on the equinox the sun rises / sets, due east / due west. We gain an hour and a half of daylight in March, and plants, and people, respond. We can have balmy days reaching 86°, notorious snows, including the Blizzard of 1888, and the temperatures can drop to zero. The full moon of March 27th is the Worm Moon, or the Cabin Fever Moon, and this year it is the Paschal Moon.

March is the windy month, so let us hope that it is not windier than what we have had recently! "In like a lion and out like a lamb." We'll see. Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10th; set clocks **ahead** one hour. New moon is March 11th. Passover, the 26th, and Easter, the 31st, depend on the moon's cycle, but the 17th is always St. Patrick's Day. Saturn is close to the waning moon of March 1st and rises about 11:00 p.m., but by the end of the month Saturn rises about 9:00 p.m. Jupiter is high and bright in the west at sunset. The orbits of Mars and Venus have carried them to the far side of the sun so they are "invisible" to us. Venus "reappears" in late April, and Mars later in the year.

There **are** signs of spring; snowdrops and crocus are already in bloom, and buds are swelling on forsythia and privet. Primrose leaves are growing so expect their cheerful colors soon.

March brings a flurry of outdoor tasks to work on whenever the weather permits, cleaning up the debris of winter, including raking the lawns. There are a great many twigs and small branches to gather. If left on the lawns they will ruin the blades of lawnmowers. About the 25th, divide peonies, and prune roses. On tea roses, cut branches just above an outward-facing bud, at an angle (not straight across). Prune them to about 15 to 16 inches high. Remove dead wood down to all green, and solid. On ramblers, cut long canes back to manageable lengths, and tie them out as horizontals, then cut the lateral growth on them back to about two inches. Remove the oldest canes entirely and make the younger ones into this year's horizontals. Prune any wisteria whips back to just four growth points near the base of the branch. Leave the winter mulches in place until April.

Don't trim back any spring-flowering bushes until **after** they bloom, but you can take branches for forcing indoors. After bloom, forsythia can be cut back to 15 inches. Check lilac and rhododendron and remove any of last year's seed heads – carefully, at the base, but cut no leaves. Cut in April for forcing, taking old, tall branches. Leave hydrangeas alone until you are **sure** which canes have survived; **then** cut out the dead ones. Wait until May.

Fruit tree branches can be cut at the end of March or early April for indoor forcing. They do not do well if cut too early. If you have pussy willows, cut when they look "right" but do not put them in water unless you want leaves!

If you have wild onions in your lawn, it is very hard to get rid of them unless you use some type of weed killer; some bulblets always survive if you try to pull them out. Vinegar, carefully applied at the soil level, and carefully, is useful.

Yes, you can start seeds – at the end of the month.

Enjoy the signs of early spring in your garden and the neighborhood.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 311

70th Precinct: 718-851-5511

Gas / National Grid: 718-643-4050

Electricity/ ConEdison:
800-75-CONEDE

Community Board 14:
718-859-6357

Councilmember Eugene:
718-287-8762

Assemblymember Brennan:
718-940-0641

Senator Parker:
718-629-6401

Ditmas Park Blog:
www.ditmasparkcorner.com
ditmasparkcorner@gmail.com

CY 2013 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013) AS OF FEBRUARY 25, 2013

ARGYLE ROAD

Rubman; Clemens/Tyroler; Lozada; Eiss; Gordon; Wahrmann

BEVERLEY ROAD

Intratter; Intratter; Krainin/Woolever; Aranda; Popkin; Gross; VerEcke; Cherkis

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Litchman; Draho; Garfinkel; Wendroff; Troy/Iozzio; Borbolla; Blaine; Taylor/Boucaud

RUGBY ROAD

DelQuaglio; Turoff; Herzog; Fallon/Hunter

STRATFORD ROAD

Wolin; Landy/Colen; Martin-Grady; Popkin; Speranza; Pandolfo; Rosenberg

WESTMINSTER ROAD

Silverman/Hohman; Jaffee/ Warshawsky; Cheung; Mintz; Mangiacapre

SLOCUM PLACE

Varon

Total: 39 (out of @ 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 CY2013 are due now. Your dues support:

Printing the monthly newsletter and social event flyers,
supporting social events- refreshments, other expenses,
financing our biennial party,
buying wine for our monthly meetings. Please see form below.

BSW Dues for 2013

BSW membership dues are payable on a fiscal year basis. All 2013 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: _____

Comments: _____