



**Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, February 4, 8 PM at 238 Argyle--
Come at 7:30 for wine and snacks**

Agenda for February meeting:

- 1- Private Security- 15 minutes
- 2- Plans for March meeting- 15 minutes
- 3- Good Neighbor committee report- 10 minutes
- 4- Other business- 10 minutes

January-February 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 January 30, 2013*

ARGYLE RD.

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

BEVERLEY RD.

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

MARLBOROUGH RD.

Blaine; Fuerst; Garfinkle; Wohlson/Turner

RUGBY RD.

Jahr; Tishcoff; 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; Kreuzsling/Magisano; Feldhusen; Gal/Kapelink; Burke/Foote; McManus/Mones; Schwartz/Rosario

WESTMINSTER RD.

Samuelsen; 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: 69

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 January 7, 2013

(recorded by Bob Pandolfo)

1-CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Glenn appealed for a contribution for radios. During Sandy, CERT members (brooklynouthcert.com) helped at shelters, including the Park Slope Armory and PS 249. They also helped at Rockaway Distribution Sites, and guarding Con Ed power lines. Sandy and other large storms were discussed concerning insurance. The north part of the hurricane's eye causes the most damage. CERT radios operate on two frequencies- a license is needed to use the higher frequency. CERT needs more radios at \$225 each. BSW voted to give \$250 as part of a \$500 appeal.

2-Private Security We have 69 members and need at least ten more. The security committee members need to keep appealing to their neighbors. An e-mail will be sent to committee members, and a meeting may be scheduled.

3-Landmarking Our proposal to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) is almost ready, and will be submitted by the end of February. As per Glenn, then we will need to influence our local politicians to advocate to the LPC. The next step for the LPC is to assign staff. The submission packet is large, including all our houses, a synopsis will be produced for local politicians. There are elections in 2013, so some local politicians may change. If we are approved for landmarking, we will need to raise some money for new street signs.

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

5- Discussion of the December 2nd BSW Meeting This Sunday meeting succeeded in attracting neighbors who do not usually attend our monthly meeting, and some new topics were discussed. But only one member (besides BSW officers) was at both the December and January meetings; we do not want two tiers of meetings. So we need to appeal to both groups. Meeting themes were suggested, such as Home Improvement. Perhaps a school committee could be formed, which could report online and in monthly meetings.

6-Other business The Artery, a crafts shop on Cortelyou between Coney Island Avenue and Stratford that has classes also, is open and we encourage you to patronize it.

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.

February. It is the shortest month, and it is definitely winter, but there are hints of spring; the tree branches gleam and they are subtly fuller. Snowdrops bloom by the end of the month. Daffodil and crocus leaves have already made an appearance, but their flowers are safely underground, still enfolded in the bulbs. The old weather adage is “as the days lengthen, the cold strengthens.” New York has had February temperatures from -6° to 75° , so, expect anything. For winter flowers and to build morale, force some narcissus, especially fragrant ones. Later, when the earth warms, you can plant them outdoors, but they are rarely successfully grown on. However, if you have unplanted spring bulbs, take advantage of days when the ground thaws, and put them in.

The groundhog’s reaction to the sun on February 2nd will be publicized: if he retreats to his den because of seeing his shadow, that is said to presage six more weeks of winter weather.

The new moon of February 10th brings in the Asian New Year of the Snake, and the full moon of the 25th is the snow moon. Ash Wednesday is the 13th and Presidents’ Day is the 18th. While it is the shortest month, we gain about an hour and ten minutes of daylight during the month. On March 3rd the last quarter moon and Saturn ride the sky together from their midnight rising to dawn. On the 17th and 18th the first quarter moon is close to Jupiter. Venus is bright, low in the SE sky before sunrise. Jupiter is high overhead at sunset and sets about midnight.

If you have dormant amaryllis stored in a cool area, like a basement, check them about every two weeks for signs of growth. Once you see leaves or a flower bud, bring them to a sunny window and water them thoroughly. Growth can be very rapid! (Six inches of flower stem in four days!) Rotate their pots, and those of all other indoor plants too, for even growth. Our houses are dry. Keep plants watered so they don’t dry out; check the soil with your finger. If it is dry – give water. Half-rate fertilizer is all right now. The humidity added to the indoor air is good for people too. As you go about your watering, remove dry leaves and check for “critters.”

If you have frozen pipes in the recent bitter weather, remember for the next cold snap to leave a faucet open on that line, with a slight trickle of water all night. Check if the frozen line is against an outside wall. If so, you might wish to consider having the pipe moved. It is worth it, and it is far cheaper than dealing with broken pipes and flooding.

February is a planning month. Study the catalogs, discuss, order. Stock can sell out so you may find yourself checking your Plan B notes. (Have a Plan B!)

Remember to feed the birds when there is snow cover. They have pretty well depleted the supply of berries on holly and other shrubs, and the insects are not active when it is very cold.

Make appointments for late February fruit tree pruning.

Enjoy your late winter garden and think spring. March with all its tasks will be here soon!

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:

www.ditmasparkcorner.com
ditmasparkcorner@gmail.com

CY 2013 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013) AS OF JANUARY 30, 2013

ARGYLE ROAD

Rubman; Clemens/Tyroler; Lozada; Eiss; Gordon

BEVERLEY ROAD

Intratter; Intratter; Krainin/Woolever; Aranda; Popkin; Gross; VerEecke

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Litchman; Draho; Garfinkel; Wendroff; Troy/lozzio; Borbolla

RUGBY ROAD

DelQuaglio; Turoff; Herzog

STRATFORD ROAD

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

WESTMINSTER ROAD

Silverman/Hohman; Jaffee/ Warshawsky

SLOCUM PLACE

Varon

Total: 29 (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.

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: