



**Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 PM at 290 Stratford-- Come at 7:30 for wine and snacks**

**Agenda for June meeting:**

- 1- Discussion on use of BSW treasury- 20 min
- 2- Discussion on strategy for new neighbor greeting effort- 15 min
- 3- Other business- 15 minutes

**May-June 2014 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-** Louise Moed, 243, 718-826-1119,  
**Marlborough-**Sally Bowman-Schneider, Tel 516-768-8059.

**From Co-President Bob Pandolfo:**

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.

Minutes from BSW Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (from Miriam Rubman, edited by Bob Pandolfo)

The meeting, hosted by co-President Bob Pandolfo, began at about 8:10 pm. Many thanks to our host house.

**Neighborhood Update: P.S. 139:** A member stated that the reason for discontinuing the gifted programs is to promote diversity and enrichment across all socio-economic classes: 70% of the kids enrolled in the gifted programs were white, and 87% of 5<sup>th</sup> graders qualify for free lunches. The principal's ideas are being used throughout the country. She is doing this in conjunction with advice from Columbia Teachers College. The Parent Association officer's embezzlement of \$25,000 has galvanized parents to become more involved with the school.

**Landmarking:** Glenn stated that Bob Tierney is uncertain whether he will continue in his position as Commissioner, so our application is on hold. Once a commissioner is named, it should move forward. He recommended that we line up support from our local politicians, Jumaane Williams and Mathieu Eugene, which Glenn stated we have. Glenn distributed a few postcards to be filled out.

**Treasurer's Report:** Miriam gave the treasurer's report. Call her at 718-469-6633 for a detailed account.

**Social Event:** Olgierd stated that June 1, 2014 will be the date of our block party on Marlborough Road. Details to follow.

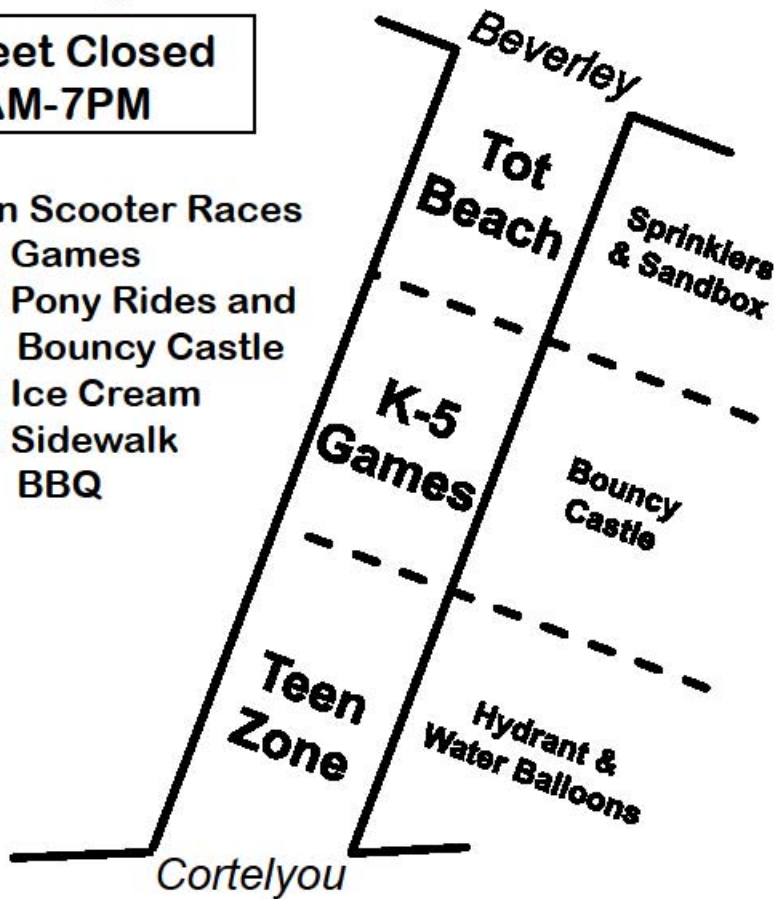
**Other Business:** The Parks Department has targeted our area for tree pruning between now until the end of summer. The FDC dinner dance is May 8, 2014. Our honoree is Olgierd. The new Commanding Officer of the 70<sup>th</sup> precinct is Richard DiBlasio. Our neighbor Robert has an internet neighborhood radio station at [www.cortelyouradradio.com](http://www.cortelyouradradio.com). CB 14 is holding Vision Zero meetings to stop pedestrians from being killed.

# Marlborough Road Block Party Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>



Street Closed  
11AM-7PM

Noon Scooter Races  
1PM Games  
3PM Pony Rides and  
Bouncy Castle  
5PM Ice Cream  
7PM Sidewalk  
BBQ



**June and July-** Summer begins with the summer solstice (when the sun “stands still” and day and night are of equal length), and then, slowly, the days shorten and the hours of dark lengthen. These are the months of early summer and high summer: of roses, lilies, and the multitudes of annual flowers. Assuredly we will have hot weather. As to rain, we cannot guess the amount. The full moons are June 13<sup>th</sup> (the Strawberry Moon) and July 12<sup>th</sup> (the Buck Moon).

Our plants and lawns need about an inch of water a week, better as rain than watering. However, if we have a dry spell and you water, remember the NYC Dept, of Environmental Protection’s rule- water only before 11 am and after 7 pm. For the plants, early is better because overnight water on the leaves can lead to leaf rot. Watering deeply once a week is better than lightly more often.

Memorial Day weekend (May 24-26 this year) is one of the traditional days for putting down grass seed—but other folks say the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend! Flag Day is June 14<sup>th</sup>, Ramadan begins at sundown June 28<sup>th</sup>, and Eid at sundown on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Fathers’ Day is June 15<sup>th</sup>, and Canada Day is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Grass mowing depends on grass growth rate. Cut no lower than 3½ inches to avoid grass burn. Shred the cuttings (mulching mower works great, check if your mower has a mulch option-Ed.) and leave them on the lawn so the nutrients will nourish the soil, or you can compost the cuttings. If winter mulches are still in place and maybe have piled up, chop them and redistribute them around trees and bushes (keep about 2 inches away from main trunk-Ed.), or add them to your compost pile.

Deadhead lilacs and rhododendrons: cut lilies just below the mature blossoms. Do not cut leaves. Break off mature rhododendron blossom-heads. If they resist, wait a few days. Cut forsythia back; it can be drastic, to two feet if you wish, so that new boughs can grow for next year, but do it now. Trim azaleas just after flowering to a few inches shorter than you want them to be so the new branches with next year’s flower buds can grow. These buds form early. Inspect any fallen tree branches for signs of Asian Long-horned beetle: tan egg patches about a half-inch across or round holes half an inch wide. Inspect all bushes and trees for branches killed in our harsh winter. Cut them an inch below the dead wood. Roses that bloom all summer can be cut after first bloom just above a five or seven leaved spray; cut above an outward-facing spray. This will encourage re-blooming. If you cut just above a three-leaved spray you will not get new blossoms.

Plant caladium bulbs (actually corms) in early June. Water in. Plant colorful annuals for summer blooms, to cover maturing daffodil foliage, and to make a cheerful show for Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest (all our blocks are entered, except Beverley Road because they only accept both sides of a street-Ed.) Possible suggestions: Pansies, begonias, nasturtiums (leaves and flowers are edible), coleus, marigolds, petunias, geraniums, morning glories, ivy, salvia, astilbe, heuchera. The last two are perennials! Choose plants according to the sun at the site.

Dress up your front porch with window boxes, or large pots with annuals, grasses, ivy, and plants mentioned above for the front area. Consider the amount of sun and watering needed. Plants in pots may dry out so monitor them.

As to fertilizer for any plant, consult the package. More is not better. Vegetables are annuals, so if vegetables are not listed, use the “pot” rate or “annual” rate.

Usually, starter plugs of vegetables should be planted “when the soil warms up” which means night time temperatures consistently in the mid-50s. This year that’s been slow to arrive so wait until early June- if you can.

It’s been a lovely spring so enjoy your summer garden too,

**From Co-President Bob Pandolfo:**

**NYC Trees and Sidewalks Program-**

Homeowners can sign up for this program if tree roots have damaged their sidewalks, and possibly get free repairs:

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/services/forestry/trees-sidewalks-program>

**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 2014 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2014 - DECEMBER 31, 2014) AS OF MAY 27, 2014**

STRATFORD ROAD

Wolin; Parrella; Angus; Speranza; Landy/Colen; Grady; Pandolfo

SLOCUM PLACE

Varon

WESTMINSTER ROAD

Taylor/Ricketts; Jagmohan; Silverman/Hohman; Hodge; Mangiacapre;

Warshawsky/Jaffee; Campbell

ARGYLE ROAD

Zargari; Rubman; Gordon; Eiss; Wahrmann

RUGBY ROAD

Tishcoff; DelQuaglio; Wertheimer/Goldstein; Koczmarczyk/Gross

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Litchman; Troy/Iozzio; Blaine; Borbolla; Fuerst

CORTELYOU ROAD

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Total: 33 (out of 255 houses)

If you think that I made a mistake in omitting your name, please call me at (718) 469-6633.

**BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES for CY2014 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 meetings. Please see form below.

Thank you for your continued support of our community organization.

**BSW Dues for 2014**

BSW membership dues are payable on a calendar year basis. All 2014 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: \_\_\_\_\_