



Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, June 3rd, 8 PM at 1016 Beverley-- Come at 7:30 for wine and snacks

Agenda for June meeting:

- 1-Good Neighbor committee report- 15 minutes
- 2-Stray Cats in BSW- 15 minutes
- 3-Treasurer's Report- 5 minutes
- 4-Other business- 15 minutes

May-June 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.

Contributions to this newsletter are always welcome. If you would like to write a one-time or regular column, please e-mail Bob at robert.pandolfo@gmail.com.

BSW Block Party on Marlborough

Sunday, June 2nd

Highlights:

Pony Rides- 4 pm at Beverley and Marlborough
Ice Cream Social- 5 pm at 260 Marlborough

BSW Spring Yard Sale

Sunday, June 9th (Rain date Sunday, June 23rd)

10 am – 4 pm

Minutes of BSW May 6, 2013 Meeting (recorded by Bob Pandolfo)

City Council candidate Sandra Thomas:

Ms. Thomas has lived in our area for 14 years, has worked for Channel 7 25 years, and in its Community Affairs department 12 years. She is currently taking a leave of absence. She feels we need a new leader for issues such as zoning, landmarking, and education. Education should be the new mayor's emphasis, the school should be the center of the community. She supports CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).

Other issues include traffic and a youth community center and services. She feels the incumbent is unresponsive. Other items discussed were bike lanes and mosquitos. She hopes to get on the council's education committee and look at working education models. Members mentioned:

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-the needs of the whole district- housing, immigration, education, youth.
-stop and frisk- profiling, sends youth a bad message.

Her website is www.saundrathomas2013.com

Landmarking:

Glenn reported that the landmark book has been submitted to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), he brought a copy. Our next step is to work on the politicians, so that we are among the five submissions picked from a pool of seventy. We were picked in 2012 for the Historic District Council's (a private organization) Six to Celebrate, which advised us during the last year. We have received letters of support from several local politicians and are working on more. We need the LPC to assign staff.

City Councilman Mathieu Eugene:

Councilman Eugene was on Community Board 14, and was President of Holy Innocents church, and taught French and Latin in Haiti. At a medical symposium at Maimonides, he was encouraged to run, and enjoys the opportunity to serve. He has funded:

- schools, including computer labs, after-school programs (PS139), air conditioning for Erasmus High
- health, including funding for Kings County, Downstate, and Maimonides hospitals
- Kings theater restoration, to use local labor and suppliers.
- CAMBA, Church Ave. Merchants Block Assoc.
- CERT

He has worked on legislation for veterans (chair of committee), helping with homelessness, joblessness, health legislation. Members mentioned:

- LICH (Long Island College Hospital)
- former Caledonian Hospital on Parkside Ave., to be market-rate housing.
- he supported rezoning, and is supporting CERT and landmarking.

He denied being unresponsive. He is on the immigration committee, supports the Dream Act, immigration reform, is against deporting immigrants with legal problems, helped with Temporary Protected Status for Haitian earthquake victims.

Mosquito spraying:

This is a contentious issue. Some residents have a mosquito problem in their yards, but others state that there is no evidence that spraying works. Call Community Board 14 to register your opinion.

Treasurer's Report: Call Miriam at 718-469-6633 for the figures. She reported some income from movie shoots, and appealed for more residents to pay our annual dues of \$25.

Other business: A resident complained that some DSNY recycling trucks drop piles of glass on the street. BSW will work with CB 14 on this.

A resident wants to install cameras on his block to deter crime, he will investigate costs and report his findings.

All of our blocks have been entered in the Greenest Block in Brooklyn residential contest, judging starts mid-June.

June—the month of roses. Nowadays we have rose varieties which bloom all summer, but the older varieties are June only. Summer begins on June 21st, the summer solstice, when “the sun stands still” before beginning its southerly journey and our daylight hours inexorably shorten. (Actually, it’s the tilt of Earth’s axis toward the sun which makes the difference.) In the course of the month, the days’ length varies by only about ten minutes and day length is stable for about ten days, but then the shortening does begin. These are the days of long evenings. Temperatures in June in NYC have ranged from 42° to 101°, so be prepared for anything. As we all know, our spring has been visually lovely but erratic in temperature and definitely on the cool and damp side. However, our soils have warmed to the point that young plants can be planted out.

Whatever June brings, our plants need about an inch of water a week, whether from rain or us. If we get extreme heat [!] they will need more because of evaporation. Hurricane season begins June 1st; the predictions are not good.

The full moon of June 23rd is the Strawberry Moon. Before the days of extensive greenhouse cultivation and southern hemisphere strawberry production, June was marked by strawberry festivals throughout the northern U.S. The season was short and appreciated. If you’re growing your own, pick as they ripen, and enjoy!

The new moon is June 8th; Fathers’ Day is June 16th; June 24th is Midsummer Day. Locally, June 1st is Neighborhood Cleanup Day. That evening, about an hour after sunset, if you have a clear view of the western horizon, look for the vertical line of three planets at the sunset point: Jupiter, closest to the horizon, then Venus, then faint Mercury. On the 10th, the crescent moon is to the lower left of Venus and Mercury; the moon on the 19th is just below Saturn in the southern sky; also on the 19th, Jupiter disappears from our view, going back of the sun, but by the end of the month it reappears, low in the east before sunrise. Mars is high overhead at sunset and sets at about midnight.

Garden tasks in June include dead-heading of annual and perennials, not just for appearance, but so the plant will not put energy into producing seeds. However, if you want seeds for next year, leave a few flowers on the plant and harvest them when the flower matures. Save and label. When they are planted, they may not “come true” if they were pollinated by another variety of the plant. Prune carefully; leave next year’s buds.

Weed when the ground is damp; it is easier then to pull out the whole plant, including the root. Compost them. Spot-plant grass seed as you work. Water in.

Take advantage of sales, checking the quality of plants offered. Consider your color scheme—reds?, yellows?, blues?, whites?, purples?, greens? or combinations? Look for perennials to plant now, so that they can grow good roots before fall and winter. Start ornamental kale from seed. Keep planting radishes and carrots to stretch your harvesting season. Plant caladiums.

Check that you have no standing water in plant saucers or pails. That is where the mosquitoes breed. Consider putting down “anti-skeeter” granules on your lawn.

Set up fertilizer routines based on the label of your fertilizer. More is not better. Put down summer mulches.

Catalogues for all plantings—perennials, spring bulbs – will appear in our mail boxes soon. Read. Consider. Order. The plants will be sent later, but your order will be in for those popular items which may sell out.

Try to do your yard work in the shaded areas, which change as the day progresses. Wear a hat and put on sun screen. Avoid working in the heat of the day. “Sandy” took out trees and branches so be aware that your areas of sun may be different from what they were in the past. That may affect what will, or will not, do well. In some areas of Brooklyn, salt water has compromised the soil; we are lucky not to have that problem.

Birds are nesting so you may see young birds as well as adults; robins, cardinals, blue jays, crows, sparrows, mockingbirds. I’ve had a hummingbird report. There seems to be more starlings around this year. Mockingbirds really do sing on moonlit nights; it’s not just in novels and movies!

Enjoy your early summer garden. Take time to sit, read, eat a sandwich, drink a favorite beverage; relax, and remember that a garden is for enjoyment.

Editor's note:

This is the last scheduled issue of the BSW Newsletter until September. Please contact me at

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if you have any question or comment regarding our neighborhood association or neighborhood issues generally.

Thanks,
Bob

USEFUL CONTACTS

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 311

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Gas / National Grid: 718-643-4050

Electricity/ ConEdison:

800-75-CONED

Community Board 14:

718-859-6357/ cb14brooklyn.com

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CY 2013 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013) AS OF MAY 28th, 2013

ARGYLE ROAD

Rubman; Clemens/Tyroler; Lozada; Eiss; Gordon; Wahrmann; Ho; Bonnadonna; Zargari; Johnson-Hunt

BEVERLEY ROAD

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

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

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

RUGBY ROAD

DelQuaglio; Turoff; Herzog; Fallon/Hunter; Moed/Nelson; Wertheimer/Goldsmith; Bellivan; Tishcoff

STRATFORD ROAD

Wolin; Landy/Colen; Martin-Grady; Popkin; Speranza; Pandolfo; Rosenberg; Riback; Miller/Huttner; Angus; Feldhusen; Parrella

WESTMINSTER ROAD

Silverman/Hohman; Jaffee/ Warshawsky; Cheung; Mintz; Mangiacapre; La Marita; Campbell; Hamann; Kafka; Ricketts

SLOCUM PLACE

Varon

Total: 59 (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 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.

Thank you for your continued support of our community organization.

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: _____

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