



Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, June 8th, 8 PM at 290 Stratford-- Come at 7:30 for wine and snacks

Agenda for June meeting:

- 1- 70 police precinct representatives- 20 minutes
- 2- Landmarking- 15 minutes
- 3- Treasurer's report
- 4- Discussion, possible vote on Newsletter paper edition distribution- 10 minutes
- 5- Other business

May-June 2015 Newsletter

To receive the newsletter electronically, e-mail BSWneighbors@gmail.com with your name and house number.

Also, you can join the BSW E-mail group and send e-mails for all directly to this group. Feel free to just send it directly to beverleysquarewest@googlegroups.com and it will go out to the whole group. instead of to Bob.

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.

BSW is preparing for a greet-new-neighbors effort, but creating an accurate list is not easy. If you can help by e-mailing me with info on a recent (within last four years) neighbor that would be great. Need name, address, and a phone or e-mail, all info will be kept private.

Do not hesitate to submit an article for this newsletter! Just e-mail me with a Word attachment at robert.pandolfo@gmail.com . Thanks!

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.

Minutes from BSW Meeting on April 13th, 2015 (from Bob Pandolfo)

The meeting, hosted by co-President Jack Rubman, began at about 8:05 pm. Many thanks to Janice for hosting.

Google group survey: Juno and Kelly described the results of the recent survey, listing many subjects of interest.

Social committee: Lisa from Marlborough wants to set up a progressive dinner, a roving party, in the early summer.

Landmarking: As per Glenn, we have been working on this for about seven years, our latest effort being joining with five other Flatbush neighborhoods with an application two years ago. Mayor DiBlasio's emphasis is affordable housing. Politicians including Jumaane Williams, who has held a meeting on landmarking, have been contacted. Our (for landmarking purposes) four-façade houses are more work for the city Landmark Preservation Commission. BSW and Ditmas Park West will move ahead, and the six areas will meet with the new assembly person Rodney Bichotte.

Treasurer's Report: Miriam gave the treasurer's report. Call her at 718-469-6633 for a detailed account. Continued on page 2.

Other business: Glenn mentioned the city's efforts to change zoning to allow more affordable (and higher) housing. The FDC Party from May 6th was mentioned, and a resident had complaints about the Q train, contacting Community Board 14 was suggested.

Marlborough Road is having a block party for all of Beverley Square West to join

Meet us between our new speed bumps!

This year we'll have a grilling area set up between 1-4 pm for neighbors to get together. If you want, bring a side dish or fruit to share. It's a great chance to meet your neighbors and enjoy a Brooklyn tradition.

Lots of games for the kids.

**Sunday June 7th
1-4 PM**



JUNE 7
MARLBOROUGH
ROAD
PARTY
11-7

June and July—late Spring and early Summer. The days are long. Summer begins with the Summer Solstice (solstice means the sun stands still) of June 21st. From early June through early July the length of the day is practically constant, with only about a ten minute variation. In the New York City area we have about fifteen and a quarter hours of daylight for about a month, and then, little by little the days shorten. By the end of July we have lost twenty minutes of daylight, and, by the end of August we have lost another forty-five minutes.

The full moon of June, on June 2nd, is usually called the Strawberry Moon, but also the Rose Moon or the Hot Moon. July's full moon is July 22nd, is usually known as the Buck Moon (the antlers of male deer begin to regrow) but is also known as the Thunder or the Hay Moon. Watch for brilliant venue in the western sky in early evening. Flag Day is June 14th; the month-long daytime fast of Ramadan begins on June 18th; Fathers' Day is June 21st. Independence Day is July 4th, and Bastille Day is July 14th. St. Swithen's day is July 15th; and old superstition was that if it rained that day it would rain for the next forty days!

We've had a visually beautiful spring, thanks to winter snows and the rains of early spring, but now, with a month of virtually no rain our gardens need water, May 31st's rain may (did!!- editor) help. Grass is not doing well, and tiny apples are dropping at a faster rate than usual, so be sure that your water (but before 11:00 am or after 7:00 pm). Morning is better and a drip irrigation system or a soaker hose saves water and gets it to the roots. In all, plants need about an inch of water a week and if they get it in a long soaking it is better than a series of short waterings.

It is time to get ready for "The Greenest Block in Brooklyn" judging, which begins in late June. The judges look for evidence of homeowner involvement, for imaginative use of plants and color, for pruning practices, for mulching, for use of compost and for the use of native plants where possible. There are prizes for window boxes, and for commercial sites. (We have had Cortelyou Road merchant winners.) Everybody wins when our neighborhood looks good. Annuals, put in now, will make a good show all summer.

Keep grass about 4" high and leave the clippings on the lawn. Remove weeds, this is easiest when the ground is damp, and when done with a weeding tool. Violets can run rampant and become weeds; their leaves are edible and make a bland addition to a salad or stir fry.

By now you know which perennials and bushes have succumbed to the harsh winter. It is time to remove them and consider replacements. Prune the shrubs which have bloomed; cut off only the matured blossom heads, not any leaves, on lilacs and azaleas and rhododendrons. Cut roses just above a five or seven leaf leaflet on hybrids to encourage rebloom. Cut back azalea and forsythia to slightly lower than you want it to be. Then leave it alone so you get flowers next year. Cut the prunings into small pieces and compost them. Spread "finished" compost in your planting beds and thinly on your lawn. Check planting beds for "volunteer" oaks, maples, wild cherry and any others that have grown from seed. If it is a tree you want in that place, fine, but if it is not, pull it up – if you can – or cut it to the ground and keep after it.

If you have a grafted rose you may find long canes growing from below the graft. If they have pretty blooms, let them bloom for this season but then cut them out at ground level. They are likely to be very aggressive and can take over your garden.

If you are putting down grass seed as your pull lawn weeks, remember to keep the soil damp or the seeds will not germinate and grow.

As you plant, sow a second crop of radishes and lettuce. Put in summer buds now if you have not already done so. Order spring-flowering bulbs now, while the selection is good and have them sent for November planting.

Follow label direction for fertilizer. More is **not** good.

Listen for the songs, at dusk particularly, of our nesting robins, cardinals, and mockingbirds. The crows, blue jays, starlings and sparrows, do not sing, but they do call. Watch for the fireflies in June, and show the display to children. It's magical. Enjoy your summer garden.

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
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
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CY 2015 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015) AS OF May 31, 2015

STRATFORD ROAD

Huttner/Miller; Feldhusen; Pandolfo; Hardy; Riback; Martin-Grady; Landy/Colen; Wolin

WESTMINSTER ROAD

Hamann; Ellis; Silverman/Hohman; Samuelson; Mintz

ARGYLE ROAD

Rubman; Wahrmann; Clemens/Tyroler; Eiss; Lozada; Gordon; O'Keefe

BEVERLEY ROAD

Aranda; Barraclough; Gross; Popkin; Ver Eecke; Cherkis

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Cunningham; Blaine; Turner; Troy/lozzio; Litchman; Draho; Bell; Bilanow

RUGBY ROAD

Herzog; Bellivan; Fishkin/Hurwitz; Del Quaglio; Turoff

CORTELYOU ROAD

Gough

SLOCUM PLACE

Varon

Total: 42 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 CY2015 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 2015

BSW membership dues are payable on a calendar year basis. All 2015 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: _____