



Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, December 1st, 8 PM at 1030 Beverley-- Come at 7:30 PM for snacks and wine

Agenda for December meeting:

- 1- Social Committee- Carole VerEecke- 15 minutes.
- 2- Landmarking- Glenn – 10 minutes.
- 3- Treasurer's report- Miriam – 5 minutes.
- 4- Other business, crime- 15 minutes.

November-December 2014 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- Louise Moed, 243, Tel 718-826-1116,
Marlborough-Sally Bowman-Schneider, 262, Tel 516-768-8059.

From Co-President **Bob Pandolfo**—

Hello,

The BSW board wishes you all the happiest of holidays for the end of 2014.

As you probably know, there have been many attempted robberies in our general area in the last month or so, you can keep up online using Flatbush Family Network and Ditmas Park Corner. See minutes for details.

I am going through treatment and getting along. Thanks for all your kind words and cards.

Thanks so much to the social committee for the early October event!

Bob

**BSW Minutes: October 6, 2014 Meeting
(recorded by Miriam Rubman, edited by
Bob Pandolfo)**

Social Committee: Carole suggested that the social committee, comprised of herself, John, Bob and Carmen have secured free or discounted food from the following vendors: Ladybird bakery, Food Coop, Farm at Adderley, Mimi's Hummus, Ackerson Wine. Also supplies from Costco. Neighbors can come to both the early and late shift.

Landmarking: Glenn of the new mayor is that landmarking conflicts with his view of affordable housing because landmarking raises property values. Glenn met with Deputy Borough President Diana Reyna without a commitment.

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

Other business: Liana suggested a link between her blog (Ditmas Park Corner) and BSW Newsletter to reach more neighborhood residents. Bob will give her the BSW e-mail list. Glenn suggested meetings together with other Ditmas Park associations. Vera suggested that BSW print an update periodically of Cortelyou merchants.

Town Hall Meetings in November: Jack attended the town hall meeting concerning recent robberies at Mimi's Hummus, Ox Cart and a TMobile store and deli. At the first meeting on 11/11, Inspector DeBlasio (yes, that's his name) of the 70th precinct stated that overall, crime is down 9%. He tried to minimize the rash of robberies. He said that they were not connected. He said that it's vital to have cameras at all of these places or else they are very vulnerable. Mathieu Eugene said that he will try to get funds from the city council to get cameras installed where needed, especially at Argyle and Cortelyou. He said that private security patrols are a good idea. Jack stated that BSW had one for years but could no longer sustain it. Inspector said that the shooting on Rugby was not random but targeted. The town hall meeting on November 20th was well attended. It was chaired by Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams. Jackie Dorn of the 70th stated that unmarked vehicles and plainclothes cops have been increased in the area. Eric Adams recommends high resolution cameras for both commercial and residential places. Mathieu Eugene said that

funding for cameras must be approved and won't be available, if at all, until the 2016 budget. Unfortunately, the meeting devolved into an anti-police and anti-gentrification issue as neighborhood speakers got their turn at the mic. Jack got the sense that the police are really trying to solve these robberies.

(This is modified from the November-December 2011 issue, Vera was not available for this issue)

December. Winter arrives on December 21 – the Winter Solstice. During December we lose about 14 minutes of daylight from the first to the twenty-second, and then gain three minutes between then and the end of the year – but it is unevenly distributed! We gain minutes of daylight in the evening, but it is not until the second week of January that the sunrise is earlier.

December 16 is the beginning of Hannukah; December 25 is Christmas and December 26 is the first day of Kwanzaa.

In the garden, there is still time to plant bulbs or decorative kale until the ground freezes. The kale may heave during the winter if its roots haven't spread. Clean-up continues and leaves mature. Remove dead leaves and annuals; compost them, but discard the leaves of roses, lilac, peonies and any others with sign of mildew. Leaf removal not only make property look tidy, but it cuts down on over-wintering insects. Once the ground has really chilled, spread mulch. Move the snow shovel out of the garage to an accessible location.

If you have evergreen bushes like holly, osmanthus, euonymus, and pyracanth cut branches to place in water for indoor winter decoration. Don't expect them to root, but occasionally they will. Plant rootings out in April/May. Check your dormant amaryllis and if there are signs of growth, bring it to daylight, and fertilize lightly. Keep it watered, but not wet. If poinsettia leaves are really showing color, put the plants on display. If not, continue the night-shading process.

Holiday trees should be kept cool and in a bucket of water until there are set up indoors. Still keep them in a cool spot, if possible, and in a tree holder that holds water, and keep the container full. The tree will take up the water, and it also helps to humidify the room. When needles begin to drop, it is time to remove the tree. Some trees were cut in early November so they may have begun to dry out before we purchase them. If you purchase or are given a blooming poinsettia, keep it watered and in bright light. If holiday cacti have buds, water and feed lightly.

It's a quiet time in the garden. Save those catalogs for January reading and planning. Put up a squirrel-proof bird feeder, if there are no outdoor cats around.

Enjoy the quiet days of your winter garden, with happy holidays and a good new year. May you and your plants thrive.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Emergency: 911

NYC 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
NY State 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 NOVEMBER 2, 2014:

ARGYLE ROAD

Zargari; Rubman; Gordon; Eiss; Wahrmann; Lozada; Ho/Krieger; Rosenberg/Siegel; Zagare/Smith

BEVERLEY ROAD

Krainin/Woolever; Gross; Popkin; Ver Eecke; De La Torre/Frelander

CORTELYOU ROAD

Gough

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Litchman; Troy/lozzio; Blaine; Borbolla; Fuerst; Bilanow; Wendroff; Addington

RUGBY ROAD

Tishcoff; DelQuaglio; Wertheimer/Goldstein; Koczmarczyk/Gross; Moed/Nelson; Hunter/Fallon; Turoff

STRATFORD ROAD

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

WESTMINSTER ROAD

Taylor/Ricketts; Jagmohan; Silverman/Hohman; Hodge; Mangiacapre; Warshawsky/Jaffee; Mintz Campbell; Sadowsky; Maxwell; Silverman

SLOCUM PLACE

Varon

TOTAL: 50 (out of about 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

BSW Dues for 2014

BSW membership dues are payable on a fiscal 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: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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