



**Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 PM at 1030 Beverley-- Come at 7:30 for wine and snacks**

**Agenda for November meeting:**

- 1- Newsletter distribution- 10 minutes
- 2- Landmarking- 10 minutes
- 3- Treasurer's report- 5 minutes
- 4- Other Business- 15 minutes

**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. Cleaning up trash around your home regularly improves our neighborhood's appearance and environment, especially corner houses.

Do not hesitate to submit an article for this newsletter! Just e-mail me with a pdf type attachment at [robert.pandolfo@gmail.com](mailto:robert.pandolfo@gmail.com) . Thanks!

**November 2015 Newsletter**

To receive the newsletter electronically, e-mail [BSWneighbors@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:beverleysquarewest@googlegroups.com) and it will go out to the whole group, instead of to Bob.

**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.

**BSW Newsletter – Choose paper or e-mail attachment – ACTION REQUIRED**

In an effort to reduce the costs associated with printing 188 copies of the Beverley Square West Newsletter, currently distributed by volunteers throughout the neighborhood, we are requesting that community residents provide us with an **e-mail address** so that they can receive the newsletter electronically.

Note that for residents who want to continue receiving the paper version, an Opt-In Policy is being enacted. We ask those who prefer paper to contact Bob Pandolfo (e-mail [robert.pandolfo@gmail.com](mailto:robert.pandolfo@gmail.com) , call or text 347-578-4146,) in order for their block representative to honor their home delivery request. Another option is both paper and e-mail, also contact for that. The current e-mail list is still in effect, along with anyone who has requested paper in the past.

We want to stress that we do not plan to entirely eliminate the paper version of the newsletter, but we need to hear from those who haven't requested paper before.

In addition, we will continue to deliver paper notices to all 255 homes in BSW, for all Special Event Announcements, like block parties, ice cream socials, round robin dinners, etc.

Thank you and please join us in November for our community meeting at the VerEeckes, 1030 Beverley, Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 pm. All residents, not just homeowners, are welcomed at these meetings. We are eager to entertain all suggestions and ideas that will bring the residents of our lovely community closer.

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Beverley Square West member dues are \$25 per year, but you do not have to be a member in order to attend the meetings and/or receive the newsletter.

**BSW Minutes: September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Meeting (recorded and edited by Bob Pandolfo)**

The meeting, chaired by Co-President Jack Rubman at his home 261 Argyle, began at 8:05 pm.

**Private Security:** The resident who was going to speak on this was sick. Bob advised residents to use an alarm system, always be aware of activity in and around your home, always lock doors.

**Newsletter Distribution:** Please see page one, "*BSW Newsletter – Choose paper or e-mail attachment – Action Required*". The administrator for our Google group will advise us on combining our e-mail list with the Google group.

**Landmarking:** Glenn said we may have a visit from the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission, thanks to the efforts of Councilman Jumaane Williams. The mayor is emphasizing mandatory inclusionary housing, and zoning for quality and affordability. Zoning can be changed, so that Zone 7A, for example, can have two extra stories if affordable housing is included. A proposal to add 100 apartments at 1610 Cortelyou Road was mentioned.

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

**Other Business:** We may be assigned a community officer from the 70<sup>th</sup> precinct soon. Vera suggested a flea market in June.

**Verizon FiOS**

Please send me your postal address if interested. I contacted a Verizon person after an introduction by a neighbor. I will send him the addresses of residences who may have an interest in FiOS service. He will advise me on when we can expect FiOS service. Contact me by:

E-mail: [robert.pandolfo@gmail.com](mailto:robert.pandolfo@gmail.com) or

Cellphone-call, voicemail, or text 347-578-4146

This service was supposed to be available throughout NYC by the end of 2014, and there are no guarantees, but I feel we should keep trying.

Bob

**In the Garden Corner**

**by Vera Julia Gordon**

**November and December**— the last third of Fall and the beginning week of Winter. Technically, we in NYC are not in Indian Summer because we have not had a temperature reading of 32° or below. However, the neighboring counties to north, west, and east have dipped below freezing, and we are having the halcyon days typical of Indian Summer. In the last week our leaves have turned to many shades of red and gold. If we get a similar spell of lovely warm days after our first frost, we'll call it Indian Summer; otherwise this is it. Enjoy.

The days continue to shorten. In November, we lose an hour of daylight. The winter solstice, when the "sun stands still" is December 21<sup>st</sup>, which is also the date of the new moon; by the end of December we will have gained three minutes of daylight as the days slowly begin to lengthen. In all of December there is only an eleven minutes variation in day length. Yes, December days are dark and short!

The November full moon, the Beaver, or Frost Moon, is November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup> brings us Christmas and the full Cold, or Long Nights, Moon. Plenty of light for Santa's journey!

As for the planets: in November, Venus, Mars and Jupiter are in the eastern sky just before dawn. Venus is 200 times as bright as Mars at this time. Saturn is in the evening sky, in the west, until November 29<sup>th</sup>. In December, Jupiter, Mars, and Venus are still making a pre-dawn show in the east, with Mars brightening and all of them higher in the sky. The waning crescent moon is near the planet trio in the first week of November and December. On the thirteenth of December, in the moonless sky, watch for the Geminid meteors, about 8:00 pm.

Standard Time resumes on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Set your clocks back one hour before your go to  
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("Garden Corner" continued) bed so you rise to the new, brighter morning. Of course, in the evening, it will be darker. November 1<sup>st</sup> is also All Saints' Day, and November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Souls' Day. Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> is Election Day. Veterans' Day is Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, one of the few civic holidays observed on its actual date. Thanksgiving is November 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday in Advent. December 7<sup>th</sup> is Chanukah – and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. The is Chanukah – and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. The Old Farmer's Almanac projects a heavy snow in mid-December. December 25<sup>th</sup> is Christmas and Kwanzaa begins December 26<sup>th</sup>. New Year's Eve is December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Now, as to our gardens. It's time to begin to put them to sleep for the winter. All houseplants end their summer outside and are back on the windowsills where life is desert-dry. Keep them watered, lightly fertilized once a month, and checked for "critters". People benefit too when the plants are watered, and even if you have no plants a bowl of water on the radiator helps sinuses.

Poinsettias, kept dark at night, should begin to show color on their bracts. Dig up cannas and caladiums and store in a cool, dry place. Sprinkle with water occasionally. Plant out in May.

Make it a routine to buy flowers during the winter. It's great for morale and adds moisture to the indoor atmosphere. If your Christmas Cacti bloom, relish them. When mine bloom, it's rarely Christmas – maybe Thanksgiving, maybe Easter, and one year there we July 4<sup>th</sup> flowers! They like a cool sunny window and being watered. They are not desert plants.

Outdoors, cut back matured perennials, and pull up annuals. Healthy foliage show go to compost; anything with mildew or signs of disease goes to Sanitation. On general principle, tomato and rose foliage goes to Sanitation.

Looking ahead to December, combine winter pruning of holly, osmanthus, euonymus to get them down to reasonable size, with cutting branches for display inside. Don't cut azaleas, rhododendrons, or other spring-flowering bushes at this time, for you will be cutting away the buds for spring bloom. (Cut forsythia and fruit trees in March for forcing.) That is also the time to cut roses back, even severely, but just now; they are still translocating nutrients back to the roots. Privet you can cut at any time.

If you plans to have a Christmas tree, be careful to check the flexibility and color of the twigs when you are choosing. The tree may have been harvested in early November. When you purchase, cut about two inches of the base off, and put the tree in a bucket of water in a cool place like a garage. When you set it up inside, keep it away from heat, use a stand which holds water (and keep the stand filled), avoid having lights on the tree turned on when no one is in the room and never place it where it blocks exit doorways. If you want to display it at a window, use the small, cool-burning lights, or use a spotlight. It's a safety issue, and also prolongs the tree's indoor life. If the tree starts to shed – out it goes – with all ornaments removed. You may want to cut off branches to use as mulch, but never place the branches up against the trunk of your tree or bush; leave about 6 to 8 inches free lest it shelter insects and small animals who nibble the bark of the plants.

See the 18 Noguchi sculptures on loan to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden before the exhibit closes on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Save incoming plant catalogs for perusal in January. Enjoy your dormant winter 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>

Call 311 to report potholes.

**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 2015 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015) AS OF OCTOBER 21, 2015**

STRATFORD ROAD

Huttner/Miller; Feldhusen; Pandolfo; Hardy; Riback; Martin-Grady; Landy/Colen; Wolin; Speranza; Burke/Foote; Angus

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; Krainin/Woollever; Intrater: Intrater; Aranda

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Cunningham; Blaine; Turner; Fuerst; Troy/Iozzio; Litchman; Draho; Bell; Bilanow; Wendroff; Taylor/Boucaud

RUGBY ROAD

Herzog; Bellivan; Fishkin/Hurwitz; Del Quaglio; Turoff; Moed/Nelson; Tishcoff; Fallon/Hunter; Cahn

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Total: 55 out of 255 houses

If you think that I made a mistake in omitting your name, please call Miriam 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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_