



Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, October 1, 8 PM at 261 Argyle-- Come at 7:30 PM for snacks and wine

Agenda for October meeting:

- 1- Good Neighbors Committee-- 15 minutes.
- 2- Landmarking – 10 minutes.
- 3- Private Security-- 15 minutes, including **vote** on hours.
- 4- Treasurer's report – 5 minutes.
- 5- Other business- 15 minutes.

Please see minutes on page 2 for info on the security hours discussion and vote!

September-October 2012 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.

Upcoming events:

We all enjoy the comfort of having private security patrol our streets this year and owe it to the following neighbors: BSW Security Members as of September 29, 2012

ARGYLE RD.

Gordon; Cummins/Siner; Eiss; Rubman; Marciano; Tyroler/Clemens; Phillips/Nish; Wallace/Lee; Rosenberg/Siegel; Bonadonna; Henry; Zirowsky;Prather; Pusey; Soffian; Hunt ; Shaw

BEVERLEY RD.

Christian Bros.; Woolever/Krainin; Gross; Ver Eecke; Aranda

MARLBOROUGH RD.

Blaine; Fuerst; Garfinkle; Wohlson/Turner

RUGBY RD.

Jahr; Tishcoff; Gross/Kaczmarczyk; Wertheimer/Goldstein; Becker/Hornick; Bryan; Brion; Walters/DeFreitas; Koppe/Otley; Neverman/Herman;Fishkin/Hurwitz; Landberg; Cahn

STRATFORD RD.

Wolin; Colen/Landy; Dubensky/Segal; Rosenberg; Vitale/Fink; Riback; Pandolfo

WESTMINSTER RD.

Samuelson; Cheung; Rosenthal; Silverman; Ellis; Sadofsky; Silverman/Hohman; Jordan; Feig; Kuk/Chen; Kafka; Alcott

LEWIS PL.

Collins/Stanley

CORTELYOU RD.

Dr. Gough

TOTAL: 60

BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST ASSOCIATION WISHES TO THANK ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 SECURITY SERVICE. HOWEVER, WE NEED **MORE MEMBERS** OR WE WILL LOSE THIS VALUABLE SERVICE. IN THIS TIME OF DIRE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WHICH HAS RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN CRIME, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE RETAIN THIS SERVICE. CALL GLENN WOLIN at 917-348-1704.

BSW Minutes: September 10, 2012 Meeting (recorded by Miriam Rubman, edited by Bob Pandolfo)

Political Candidate: Antony Alexis gave a speech. He is running for Democratic district leader of the 42nd assembly district, which covers the eastern half of Marlborough Road in BSW. This is an unpaid position. He is currently Chief of Staff for a Sunset Park councilwoman. He wants to serve the community and live in the community.

Good Neighbor Committee: Jocelyn stated that her committee is planning a porch night for mid-October and a December caroling event. She is also planning a yard sale for April or May 2013. She is tentatively planning a cocktail party around the holidays. There was discussion about having a block party, which needs about three months lead to time to obtain proper permits.

Landmarking: Jocelyn stated that the document is almost ready to be submitted for review by the Historic District Council (private advisory group), and then submitted to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission. This is a long process.

Treasurer's Report: Miriam gave the report, call her at 718-469-6633 for details.

Private Security: Glenn stated that enrollment in the security service is about 57, but we need more participants to sustain the service for the remainder of the fiscal year (until June 2013). The six volunteers have to become more active in recruiting members. During the summer, there were four break-ins during the day on Westminster Road. Security changed the hours to 12 to 8, from 4 to 12. The burglaries stopped and a suspect who robbed two restaurants on Contelyou Road was apprehended.

Discussion and Vote on Private Security hours: Our current hours for Tuesday through Friday are Noon-8. These hours were changed from 4 pm- Midnight during the summer to deal with several midday (around 1 pm) burglaries in our area. At the **October** meeting, we will have a discussion and vote on these hours. Please contact Glenn (917-348-1704) or Bob (347-578-4146) if you cannot attend the October meeting and want your vote counted.

Other Business: There was discussion about scheduling a monthly meeting during a weekend afternoon so the more people could attend and bring their children. It is still being discussed.

We will confer with Prospect Park South regarding implementation of the NYC slow zones project in our area.
(End of minutes.)

From Co-President Bob Pandolfo: Happy Fall!

Please note that city regulations prohibit watering from 11 am to 7 pm from April 1 to October 31. See nyc.gov/html/dep/html/residents/waterrest_wide.shtml

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.

If your house is adjacent to a storm drain, keeping it clear of debris helps prevent floods on the street and possibly in our homes.

October. It is really autumn. The year has turned; the nights are increasingly longer than the days. We lose about an hour and twenty minutes of daylight between the first and the last of the month. (Eastern Standard Time resumes as of November 4; it is no longer in October that we turn back the clocks.) There is definite nip in the air, although October can still bring us days in the lower 90s. October nights often dip to 32° and, of course, we all remember 2011's Halloween snow storm which turned out to be the heaviest of the season. Squirrels seem to be sporting bushier tails, but... who can tell.

The full moon is October 29. It is the Hunter's Moon. New Moon is October 15. Succoth is October 1 and Columbus Day is celebrated on the eighth. Halloween is October 31. Blue jays and crows call as they migrate; the evening insect chorus diminishes, and there are fewer mosquitoes. Venus is in the SE before sunrise. Jupiter rises in late evening and it is then visible the rest of the night. Mars is low in the SW at sunset and sets later. Early in the month Saturn is also in the SW after sunset. October 21 brings the Orionid meteor shower. There may be about 60 meteors an hour, but the waxing moon's light will make them harder to see.

It is time to get down to garden clean-up and winter garden preparation. By now amaryllis should be on their sides, loosened from their pots and drying in the sun. Cover them when rain is forecast. Once the leaves yellow, slide them back in their pots, and store them in paper bags in a cool, dry, dark place. When the leaves really dry, remove them. Let the bulbs rest for eight to twelve weeks and then bring them to light and start watering. Caladium corms should be dug up in late October and placed loosely, leaves and all, in cardboard boxes in a cool, dark area. In about six weeks, remove the leaves. In February sprinkle them lightly; plant them in late May. I tried this technique this year and about 25% sent up leaves – best percentage of survival that I have ever had. Pick any remaining tomatoes before frost. Let them ripen on a kitchen shelf or windowsill. I no longer try to wrap each one in newspaper and ripen them in a paper bag. Do what works for you.

Major roses and perennial bushes can be left for March, but remove the topknots of leaves so that snow will not cause branches to break. Prune out dead hydrangea canes while the plant still has leaves. In the spring it is hard to tell which are the viable branches. Holly, Osmanthus and euonymus can be cut in mid-December to provide their winter decoration indoors. Take cuttings of annuals like coleus for indoor decoration, and if they root, pot them up and grow them this winter so you will have new plants for 2013. By mid-October the plants which have been outside for the summer should be brought in. Spray them for insects a day or so before the transfer.

In cleaning up, most leaves and spent annuals should go to your compost pile. However, tomato stems, and leaves, go to Sanitation, along with leaves and pruning of any plants which show signs of mildew or other plant diseases. That can include lilacs, roses, zinnias, phlox, peony. When in doubt – out; you do not want spores to re-infect the soil.

Daffodils can be planted until the ground freezes.

Wait until the ground cools before putting down mulch. That is likely to be November. Night temperature should be consistently in the low 40s.

Clean-up is on-going. Don't try to do it all at once, or all in October. So much depends on weather. Plants that are looking good can make a good show until the frost kills them. Annuals then go to compost and perennials get cut back to about four inches (so you will know where they are when you are planting in spring!)

Dead head. Plant grass, and water it in if there is no rain. If there is a frost warning, turn off the water lines to outside faucets but then open the faucets so that no water in the line will freeze and cause the pipes or fixtures to break.

Enjoy your autumn garden.

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

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CY 2012 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2012 - DECEMBER 31, 2012) AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

ARGYLE ROAD

Rubman; Gordon; Johnson-Hunt; Lozada; Eiss; Wahrmann; Henry; Bonnadona; Soffian; Tyroler/Clemens; Shapiro/Pesso; Shaw

BEVERLEY ROAD

Popkin; VerEecke; Woolever/Krainin; Aranda

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

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

RUGBY ROAD

Landberg; Herzog; DelQuaglio; Turoff; Bellivan; Rosenberg; Nevermann/Herman; Gross/Kaczmarczyk; Andreana; Fallon/Hunter; Moed/Nelson; Fredericson; Fishkin; Hurwitz; Tishcoff; Becker

STRATFORD ROAD

Burke/Foote; Colen/Landy; Riback; Parrella; Speranza; Grady; Wolin; Popkin; Rosenberg; Kreussling/Magisano; Pandolfo; Shain/Kennedy

WESTMINSTER ROAD

Corvington; Mintz; Cheung; Mintz; Jaffee/Warshawsky; Kafka; Gambale; Hamann

MATTHEWS COURT

Davidson/Barber

SLOCUM PLACE

Socci; Varon

TOTAL: 63 (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 organization.

BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES for CY2012 are due now.

Your dues support::

Printing the monthly newsletter and social event flyers.

Supporting social events- Refreshments, other expenses.

Financing our biennial party.

BSW Dues for 2012

BSW membership dues are payable on a fiscal year basis. All 2012 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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