



Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, September 10, 8 PM at 1016 Beverley-- Come at 7:30 PM for snacks and wine

Agenda for September meeting:

- 1- Democratic District Leader Antony Alexis intro- 10 minutes.
- 2- Private Security-- 20 minutes.
- 3- Good Neighbors Committee-- 10 minutes.
- 4- Landmarking – 10 minutes.
- 5- Treasurer's report – 5 minutes.
- 6- Other business- 15 minutes.

Summer 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 5, 2012**

ARGYLE RD.

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

BEVERLEY RD.

Christian Bros.; Woolever/Krainin; Gross

MARLBOROUGH RD.

Blaine; Fuerst; Garfinkel; Addington; Cunningham; Schneider

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

WESTMINSTER RD.

Samuelson; Cheung; Rosenthal; Silverman; Ellis; Sadofsky; Silverman/Hohman; Jordan; Hodge; Flores/Gonzalez; DelMonaco; Feig; Kuk/Chen; Richmond/Boll; Kafka

LEWIS PL.

Collins/Stanley

CORTELYOU RD.

Dr. Gough

TOTAL: 61

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: June 4, 2012 Meeting (recorded by Bob Pandolfo)

Private Security: Glenn W stated that we did run out of funds on May 12, and that since then we have been carried by City Investigations and have paid as subscriber checks come in. We will try fundraisers, and a collection committee of about 5 members is canvassing. Members can pay monthly using Paypal from beverleysquarewest.org or setting up automatic payment from your bank. \$240 came from the spring yard sale. This service was resurrected by Glenn after some people walking from the Beverley Road station were mugged. He asks all continuing members to renew asap.

Good Neighbor Committee: Porch nights should run monthly through summer. A calendar of events will be posted on the BSW website and in the newsletter as well. There will be caroling in December.

Landmarking: The trial submission is being finalized now (September) and will be submitted to HDC (Historic Districts Council, helping our 6 non-landmarked Victorian Flatbush neighborhoods with our landmarking bid) asap. Glenn W said that any houses with vinyl or aluminum siding can keep it and be repaired as needed. The landmarking process will take at least two years. Some landmark laws may be changing.

Brooklyn "ARTery" artisan market on Rugby: Susan Siegel, formerly of FDC, is leading this effort. She wants more retail in the area, will try to "fill niches", first with sidewalk (in front of PS 139) sales, then a storefront. She needs a permit and a sponsoring organization, requesting a vote from BSW. This is projected to start as a trial in September and October of 2012. She has half of that Rugby block giving the OK- 20 signatures. She will sell quality goods. Larry, a Rugby resident, opposes the proposal, along with a neighbor. Currently his driveway is often blocked. Jocelyn said that there has been no additional traffic on Rugby with the Farmers Market now allowed to use 150 feet of Rugby. This crafts market would use about 100 feet. Glenn W proposed approving a permit for a Sept.-Oct. trial run, and he will discuss parking issues at a CB14 meeting. The vote was taken, 11 for, 2 against, motion passed.

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

Other Business: Juan Spenser from Ditmas Fitness said he will open soon (now open-Sept.). Check out opening offers, 1004 Beverley.

Andy plans radio shows on the internet.
(End of minutes.)

From Co-President Bob Pandolfo: I hope you had a good summer.

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.

From Jocelyn Rosenberg, Good Neighbor Committee: Dear BSW neighbors,

Summer is gone and it's time to start thinking about gathering again now that we're all back home. We're thinking about a few Fall Porch Nights. We have also had a few inquiries about holding a Fall yard sale and are looking at dates now - stay tuned for details soon!

From Jocelyn Rosenberg, Landmarking

Committee: Our landmarking efforts have continued over the summer and we're pleased to report that we have finished the information gathering and are now polishing our submission to get ready to send it in. We want to thank everyone who has helped with their time and knowledge of Beverley Square West. We'll continue to share information as we hear back from the landmarks committee.

In the Garden Corner

by Vera Julia Gordon

August-September. It has been quite a summer! Blistering heat – torrential rain-- also periods of drought – high humidity – high winds – ozone alerts – some glorious summer days in between – just a hint of autumn. Labor Day is September 3; summer does not end officially until the autumn equinox of September 22, the earliest date since 1896. September temperatures can range from 102° down to 41°. We are already aware of the shorter days and of the more southerly horizon sites of sunrise and sunset; during August we lost one and a quarter hours of daylight and in September we lose an hour and a half. We worry about hurricanes, noting the alphabetic progression of storm names in the weather news, and hope that no storm makes landfall.

The August full moon of August 2 was the Sturgeon Moon (once upon a time there were sturgeon caught in the Hudson.)

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This year August has two full moons, with the second on on the 31st of August. That is supposed to make it a blue moon, This year August has two full moons, with the second on on the 31st of August. That is supposed to make it a blue moon, but the Old Farmer's Almanac calls it the Red Moon. September's full moon occurs on the 29th and it is the Harvest Moon. It rises before sunset, and in the days just before and after full, it rises only a half hour later each night. It is brilliant in the sky all night, and farmers could gather crops until late in the night, and they still do.

The September new moon is September 15/16 depending on where on Earth one is located, and Rosh Hashanah is September 17th, with Yom Kippur on the 26th. Woodchucks go into hibernation as September closes out, and trees begin to show fall colors.

Jupiter brightens considerably in September, rises about midnight, and is near the moon on the 7th. Venus rises about four hours before sunrise and so is high in the southeast sky at dawn, and to the left of the moon on the 12th. Mars and Saturn are in the southwest at sunset, dimmer and lower, with Mars near the crescent new moon on the 19th.

We are all aware of what the vagaries of this summer's weather have done to our plants whether in the ground or containers so we have our tales of losses, and of survivors. After windstorms, as you gather fallen branches, check them for signs of Asian Long-Horned Beetle: half inch round emergence holes and half inch round egg masses. If you see either, call 1-877-STOP-ALB. Look up at your tree canopies to check for hanging branches. They are called "widow makers". Do not try to remove yourself: call a professional, licensed and insured tree person (or 311 if it is a street tree- Ed.). The general rule: if you can reach something with your feet on the ground, do it, but if it means even a step-stool, call someone.

Remove spent flowers to encourage more blossoms. If you have a variety that you especially like, let a few flower-heads mature and harvest them. Perennial seeds can be planted now, but save annuals for the spring. Be aware that if they are hybrids they may not germinate, and may not produce the same blower, but it is worth trying.

Weeds flourish even if grass, cut too low or too often, dies. It is easier to pull or pop weeds if the soil is damp. Weed killer may mean no reseeding for two or more weeks. Some people recommend a well-directed squirt of white vinegar; there is not planting delay. When weeding, don't try to do it all – you can't. Give yourself a time limit and/or a variety limit: only oxalis, or smartweed, or violets, or crabgrass, or sapling trees – oak, rose of sharon, etc. Some people do it by clearing a 12 or 15 inch square, sometimes in a checkerboard style so they can see progress. The key is to set time or space limits for each session.

Reseeding grass is best in the two weeks after Labor Day. Perennials can be planted in September or early October; they need time to initiate root growth before the earth chills. Bulbs for autumn flowering can go in now, but those for spring flowering, plant in October or November. Our local wild and cultivated asters will be blooming by the end of September, and the mums are setting buds. Buy some to fill in bare spots. Try to get hardy perennials, and plant them, not "florist mums" which will not over-winter.

Whenever you are in the garden, wear a hat, and sunscreen, and mosquito repellent. Put mosquito-repellant granules on the grass. Dump any standing water.

Greenest Block in Brooklyn awards went to two local business districts: Cortelyou Road and Newkirk Plaza. Compliment store owners with good displays. We are working on a "how to" and "suggestions" speaker from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden for early next year to help up toward more awards. Many area houses have striking displays so they can share hints.

Dare I mention that some climatologists who study the El Nino patterns off the west coast of South America have indicated that they think that the northeast North American continent (that's us!) will have severe storms in January and February -- temperatures of the of the precipitation were not mentioned.

Meanwhile enjoy your late summer garden, and the birds and butterflies in it.

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 5, 2012

ARGYLE ROAD

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

BEVERLEY ROAD

Popkin; VerEecke; Woolever/Krainin

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: 61 (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: _____

Comments: