



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

Agenda for January meeting:

- 1- Appeal from Neil Warshawsky- 15 minutes
- 2- Private Security- 15 minutes
- 3- Good Neighbor committee report- 10 minutes
- 4- Other business- 10 minutes

December 2012-January 2013 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.

*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 January 1, 2013*

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; Kreuzsling/Magisano; Feldhusen; Gal/Kapelink; Burke/Foote; McManus/Mones

WESTMINSTER RD.

Samuelsen; Cheung; Rosenthal; Silverman; Ellis; Sadofsky; Silverman/Hohman; Jordan; Feig; Kuk/Chen; Kafka; Alcoff; Hamann; Hodge

LEWIS PL.

Collins/Stanley

CORTELYOU RD.

Dr. Gough

TOTAL: 67

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.

Minutes of BSW Meeting December 2, 2012 (recorded by Bob Pandolfo)

1. Schools-

a. Pre-K- Lisa Draho commented. Pre-K choices are Popcorn school coop, and Montessorri at Cortelyou and Argyle.

b. Elementary- PS 139, current grade D, was higher before, but is this meaningful? A PA with active parents may be just as important. Assemblyman Jim Brennan introduced himself, and concurred with this. The PS 217 (I believe grade C) Playground was mentioned.

c. Middle School- Mary Louise chose Ditmas over others. Again, parent involvement=better school. Out of zone kids can be accepted.

Glenn: said to investigate starting two years before a child attends a school. Foster a love of reading and asking questions.

Other schools: Ditmas is in District 20 but it is our local middle school, Erasmus High does not tolerate tardiness or absences, has a course for parents to assist child in taking tests.

For extra programs, money and local politicians go a long way. Charter schools skim the cream of the crop.

Jim Brennan mentioned the Cortelyou Library construction and \$20,000 to CAMBA for after-school programs (with FDC).

Glenn urged people to attend our monthly meetings. Jason commented on the poor shape of the Argyle Tot Lot.

2. Pediatricians-

Opinions were offered on the doctors at Cortelyou Pediatrics. Pediatric Associates on Plaza St. was recommended. Also recommended was a dentist whose name begins with a K at Cortelyou and E. 17 St.

3. TV/Movie Shoots-

Glenn said using a well-known production company is better than a low-budget one. Our houses are good for these shoots. Step 1 is to get a location scout interested- Google for them. Once the director indicates interest, Step 2 is negotiate.

They fix whatever necessary- non-stick paint, new trellises. HBO pays \$3,500 per day + it's tax-free for up to 15 days per year. Contingency cash can be used to quiet "noisy" neighbors, etc. Use their food! The BSW Treasurer, Miriam, usually gets a donation for BSW. So take photos, send to production companies, location scout companies. Get into their databases, then they will take more photos.

4. Resource Sharing-

Plumbers were discussed- licensed or not. Glenn recommended John Hlad. Landscapers mentioned included G & D, "Gil", and J & L on Caton. Use airbb.com to buy or sell bed and breakfasts.

5. Security-

Glenn said that according to the NYPD Compstat system, there would be more crime without our private security. A home security system works after a break-in, the security patrol can work before a break-in. Several break-ins on Westminster over the summer were halted once our security were adjusted to earlier in the afternoon. Many ideas were proposed to increase participation, most have been discussed before.

From Co-President Bob Pandolfo:

Homeowner snow-clearing responsibility: Here's a quote from the Sanitation rule book: "Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk within 4 hours after the snow has stopped falling, or by 11:00 AM if the snow has stopped falling after 9:00 PM the previous evening. Snow may **NOT** be thrown into the street."

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.

January. The year has turned; already the days are subtly longer; between December 21 when winter began with the Winter Solstice, and December 31, we gained a paltry four minutes of daylight per day, but in January we gain about fifty minutes worth, although it isn't until the 9th that sunrise is earlier.

January can bring temperatures as low as -15° in New York City, and a whole month below freezing, but highs of 72° are also possible. If we are dealing with icy walks, consider what "melt" you use. Some harm roots.

Full moon is January 26- the wolf moon- rising slightly before sunset. Jupiter is brilliant, well up in the sky at nightfall and visible all night. Saturn rises about 2:00 and is quite bright. If you are up quite early on a cloudless night, look out a south window to see both planets - quite striking. New moon is January 11, and on the 21st, it an Jupiter are in very close conjunction, riding high in the sky. Venus is low in the southeast sky before sunrise all month, and Mars is low in the southwest at sunset.

January is the month for garden planning: Color scheme? New perennials? Which annuals? Veggies? Berries? Consider your space and the amount of sunlight in growing season, which may be different if your lost a tree during our storms. Check catalogs and garden reference books for the special needs of plants you are considering. Do they need full sun or do they need shade? What about water? When do they flower, and will they look good when the Greenest Block in Brooklyn judges come by? What is their time to harvest? How much space is available? What about window boxes and other containers? What about a mix of plants and succession planting?

Diagram your space. Confer with your family. Then order plants and seeds, considering the density of your planting. You do not need a packet of 100 marigold seeds! If you have saved seeds from 2012, remember to include them in your planning. If you have seeds from earlier years, you may wish to try them, but viability may be reduced. However, they say they have sprouted seeds from ancient tombs!

When seeds arrive, resist the urge to start them immediately unless your are planning to grow the plant indoors. Check out the wealth of information on the back of the packet: germination time, season to set out in relation to weather, etc. NYC's "last frosts" are generally mid to late March, but set out date for tomatoes is about Mothers' Day. Some vegetables, like peas, are cool weather crops.

If you were given holiday plants, grow them in a sunny window. Water when dry, with tepid water. Avoid fertilizer until April as they were probably well fertilized when being grown for sale, For your older plants, fertilize at half rate or less, until April.

Our high winds have resulted in many fallen branches; others have weakened and may break. Monitor your trees. If there are broken limbs caught up in the canopy, call a professional to remove them. Always check downed branches for evidence of Asian Long-horned beetles.

If you have wind-blown leaves piled up. spread them as mulch on your planting beds, about four inches deep, and kept away from the stems and trunks of bushes and trees. Keeps lawns free of leaves. There has been no Department of Sanitation notice regarding Christmas tree disposition- (just out- collecting now until January 12- no tinsel or decoration, do not bag tree).

If we have snow cover, put out food for the birds, even if the squirrels eat some of it.

Enjoy your winter 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 2013 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013) AS OF DECEMBER 22, 2012

ARGYLE ROAD
Rubman

BEVERLEY ROAD
Intratter; Intratter

MARLBOROUGH ROAD
Litchman; Draho

WESTMINSTER ROAD
Silverman/Hohman; Wendroff

Total: 6 (out of @ 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 CY2013 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 monthly meetings.

Please see form below.

Thank you for your continued support of our community organization.

BSW Dues for 2013

BSW membership dues are payable on a fiscal year basis. All 2013 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: