



**Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8 PM at 1030 Beverley-- Come at 7:30 for wine and snacks**

**Agenda** for November meeting:

- 1- PS 139 Schoolyard closing for construction – 15 minutes
- 2- Good Neighbor committee report- 15 minutes
- 3-Treasurer's Report- 5 minutes
- 4- Other business- 15 minutes

**Fall 2013 Newsletter**

To receive the newsletter electronically, e-mail [BSWneighbors@gmail.com](mailto: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.

From Carmen Wolin:

***Holiday Caroling***

Volunteers (and host house) needed to help organize a December holiday caroling event and a hot apple cider and dessert porch celebration.

Please call Carmen at 917-459-1702 after 8 pm

***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.

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.

As per NYC law, homeowners are responsible for keeping the street free of debris up to 18 inches from the curb.

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**Minutes of BSW Meeting September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013** (recorded by Bob Pandolfo):

**1- New meeting schedule:** The proposed meeting schedule, with associated newsletter, is:  
September                      April  
November                        June  
February

The vote, at the meeting and by proxy, was unanimously in favor.

**2- 248 Stratford Road** (the “concrete bunker”): Glenn gave a status. The owner tried to sell, the construction permit expired. The original building was supposed to be improved but ended up being knocked down, after it was gutted to a shell and then was cross-braced by NYC Dept. of Buildings. The owner is trying to sell the “position”. If the NYC Bureau of Standards and Appeals approves, the existing foundation could be used, or an R3-X compliant house could be built from scratch. If Community Board 14 (CB 14) holds a hearing on this property, Bob will send a notice to the e-mail list.

**3- Landmarking:** The NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission has done their survey of our neighborhood and the other nearby ones applying for landmark status. Many postcards supporting our effort have been mailed, please call Bob at 347-578-4146 if you wish to fill one out and BSW will mail it. Councilmember Mathieu Eugene has assisted BSW in this effort.

**4- Treasurer’s Report:** Please call Miriam for details at 718-469-6633.

**5- Other Business:** Glenn will report on crime from a CB 14 committee.

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**In the Garden Corner**

**by Vera Julia Gordon**

Remember to set clocks back as Standard Time resumes on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Yes, sunset at 4:30 is a bit depressing, but sunrise at 6:30 helps get us underway.

In November, we lose an hour of daylight, and in December we lose fifteen minutes between the first and the nineteenth; then we pick up four minutes before the 31<sup>st</sup> and the slow but welcome pace of lengthening days is underway.

While the winter solstice, the official start of winter, doesn’t come until December 21<sup>st</sup>, we have already had some very chilly nights. Of course, it is possible to have 70° days in November or December, but houseplants should be inside by now. Spray with insecticide when you move them in. Remember that you are moving them to the Sahara so water them regularly – when the soil is dry a half inch down in the pot; remove spent leaves and compost them. If possible, postpone repotting until spring. Take cuttings to root.

Outdoors, remove annuals as they mature and compost them. Any leaves which show disease or mildew should go to Sanitation; this includes tomato plants. When you cut back perennials, leave a stalk of about four inches so you know where the plants are. Again, any leave with signs of disease mean that stalk and leaves go to Sanitation, and leaves roses, lilacs, peony and phlox, even if looking fine, go to Sanitation.

Plant daffodils, tulips and other spring bulbs if you have not already done so. Dry herbs in paper bags on the radiator, and then shuck leaves into opaque jars.

It has been dry lately. Outdoor plantings still need about an inch of rain a week, until the ground really freezes. On occasion when the ground is wet from rain or watering, pull up weeds – always an easier task when the ground is wet. Spot-plant grass seeds, and put a thin skim of soil over them, and step on them to be sure there is good soil contact. They may not germinate until spring. Put down mulch after the ground cools.

While there are leaves on a plant, nutrients translocate back to the roots, even as days cool and days shorten so hold off on pruning roses, and other plants. A good day to prune? Oh, about March 25<sup>th</sup>.

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Dead wood can be removed at any time. As leaves fall, inspect your trees for any signs of Asian Long-Horned Beetles (round half inch holes and/or half inch tan egg masses.)

Call 1-800-STOP-ALB. Also inspect trees for dangling branches. Don't try to remove anything that you can't reach with your feet firmly on the ground. Call an arborist. The fee may be high; it is a good deal less than a hospital bill.

The November full moon, the Beaver Moon, occurs on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The full moon of December, the Cold Moon, is also on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Venus, in the west, is higher and brighter after sunset than the last few months, and is very bright by the end of the year. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the new crescent moon is above Venus and they present a similar pattern on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Saturn rises early in the east in the mornings and shines brightly until the sunlight hides it from view. In December, Jupiter rises in the east at about 7:00 pm and is visible and brilliant as it moves across the sky. The November 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Leonid meteors and the December 13<sup>th</sup> Geminid meteors will both be washed out by the light of the full moons of those months.

November 4<sup>th</sup> is the Islamic New Year. November 5<sup>th</sup> is Election Day and Veterans' Day is Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. By then we may or may not have had a hrd frost, but "Squaw Winter" is usually followed by a warm mild spell in mid-November which is "Indian Summer". Thanksgiving is November 28<sup>th</sup> and this year that is also the first day of Hannukah. December 1<sup>st</sup> is the first Sunday in Advent; December 6<sup>th</sup> is St. Nicholas Day, and the 25<sup>th</sup> is Christmas. December 26<sup>th</sup> is the first day of Kwanzaa and the 31<sup>st</sup> is, of course, New Year's Eve.

Holiday flowers and greens appear in markets quite early, and the fir trees may have been cut before mid-November. Have the seller cut about an inch off the stub. Keep the tree in a bucket of water in a cool, preferably dark, place such as a garage until you set it up inside in a sturdy holder with a good water reservoir. Keep the reservoir filled, so the tree doesn't dry out too fast. Set it up where it doesn't get radiator heat and doesn't block exit from the room. The modern small lights are cooler than the old style, but, even so, don't keep them on too long. When the tree starts to shed needles, it is time to take it down. Remove all decorations before you put it out. Watch for notices about tree pickup for recycling. Prune your own firs and evergreens for holiday decorating indoors and out.

Saved poinsettias that have been growing all summer should have been put on a night-shading schedule in mid-October (and out on a bright windowsill every day, watered as necessary) but it is not too late to start the process. Just adjust your expectation of when the plant will come into bloom. About six weeks of the night shading should set blossoms. Then grow them on.

Drop hints for plant-related gifts. Put early arriving plant catalogs aside until after the holidays. Feed the birds and enjoy your garden as it does into dormancy.

**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>

**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 2013 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013) AS OF OCTOBER 29, 2013**

ARGYLE ROAD

Rubman; Clemens/Tyroler; Lozada; Eiss; Gordon; Wahrmann; Ho; Bonnadonna; Zargari; Johnson-Hunt: Gbaje; Willerman

BEVERLEY ROAD

Intratter; Intratter; Krainin/Woolever; Aranda; Popkin; Gross; VerEecke; Cherkis

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

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

RUGBY ROAD

DelQuaglio; Turoff; Herzog; Fallon/Hunter; Moed/Nelson; Wertheimer/Goldsmith; Bellivan; Tishcoff

STRATFORD ROAD

Wolin; Landy/Colen; Martin-Grady; Popkin; Speranza; Pandolfo; Rosenberg; Riback; Miller/Huttner; Angus; Feldhusen; Parrella

WESTMINSTER ROAD

Silverman/Hohman; Jaffee/ Warshawsky; Cheung; Mintz; Mangiacapre; La Marita; Campbell; Hamann; Kafka; Ricketts; Maxwell

SLOCUM PLACE

Varon

Total: 62 (out of @ 255 houses)

If you think that I made a mistake in omitting your name, please call me at (718) 469-6633.

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