



**Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 PM at 260 Marlborough-- Come at 7:30 for wine and snacks**

**Agenda for April meeting:**

- 1- Neighborhood updates- PS 139, etc.- 20 minutes
- 2- Treasurer's Report- 10 minutes
- 3- Other business- 15 minutes

**Mar-Apr 2014 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.

Best wishes to Tom Montuori on his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday!!

**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. (minutes on rest of page.)

Minutes from BSW Meeting on February 4, 2014 (from Co-President Bob Pandolfo)

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The meeting, hosted by co-President Jack Rubman, began at about 8:10 pm. Many thanks to our host house.

**Crime-** Glenn reported that major crimes (murder, rape, robbery, felony assault, burglary, grand larceny, grand larceny of motor vehicle), are slightly down so far in 2014 vs. 2013, and there have been 85 petty thefts so far in 2014.

Several residents reported bike thefts from garages over the last few years. One resident recommended installing cameras.

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**PS 139-** A resident reported on a Daily News article from January 30

<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/brooklyn-school-cutting-gifted-program-boost-diversity-article-1.1595864>

about cutting the gifted program and mini-schools from the school. This decision, by Principal McDonald, is being done to promote diversity, although some feel these programs are already diverse. Another resident said the gifted program is being phased out by the city Department of Education, and it is the philosophy of Columbia Teachers' College. Many residents spoke on both sides of this issue. A resident is circulating a petition to keep the gifted program. There is a meeting at the school on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Landmarking-** Glenn distributed postcards, for residents to fill out, to send when the city landmarks commission staff is settled in the new city administration. We are still waiting for a response.

**Treasurer's Report-** Miriam reported that BSW is very solvent, and that 2014 dues (\$25) are now due. You can call her at 718-469-6633 for details on our budget.

**Other information-** A resident plans a Marlborough block party on June 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a Popcorn School event on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, an e-mail was sent today, 2/5. The PS 139 playground will be partially available during roof construction from now until October, a resident will send details.

### *In Memory of Myra Addington*

*(from the Dirmas Park Corner blog, ditmasparkcorner.com, with editor's permission)*

It is with sadness that we share news of the recent passing of neighbor Myra Addington, a humanitarian, singer, yoga enthusiast, mother and wife, and Marlborough Road resident for the past three plus decades. Ahead of her March 23 memorial service, a few friends of Myra's

shared their thoughts.

Myra graduated Erasmus High School in 1961, and she and husband Dale settled into their Beverley Square West home in 1980 where they raised their children. A Unitarian, Myra also joined the [First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn](#) around that time.

"Myra was an active member of our congregation for more than 30 years," says FUUB Senior Minister Ana Levy-Lyons, who wrote [an incredibly moving sermon](#) on the loss of Myra. "Before joining First Unitarian, Myra was a member of the [Flatbush Unitarian Church](#) until it closed.

"Myra served our congregation in many capacities, but was probably best known for her service on the Flatbush Fund. This fund was given to First Unitarian by the Flatbush Church to preserve until the time that another Unitarian Universalist church was founded in Brooklyn.

"That came to pass last year when [Original Blessing](#) was started in North Brooklyn. Myra and the Flatbush committee worked with the new congregation and a substantial grant was provided at the end of 2013.

"She will be missed by all who loved her."

"I always admired Myra, my friend for 25 years, for her generous heart and spirit," says Susan Stafford, (who shared the photo above, with Myra pictured second from right).

"She was an excellent friend who radiated joy in her life and imbued it in others. With my friends, Janice Raiford and Dianne Armstrong, we formed a little sisterhood that we dubbed 'Hello Ladies,' after the way that we often addressed our group emails."

Dianne seconds Susan's recognition of Myra's vivacious and giving nature.

"In addition to her work as a social worker, Myra's professional accomplishments include work in fundraising and development in the nonprofit sector," she says. "Myra worked on behalf of a variety of organizations including the [Brooklyn Campus of Long Island University](#),

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[The Salvation Army of NY](#), [Hartley House](#), and the [Jewish Guild for the Blind](#). She was a former member of the board of [Women In Development in New York](#) and also worked on behalf of several clients in a consulting capacity.”

“We met individually and as a group when we could, though not as often as we would have liked,” says Susan. “Now, sadly, our quartet will be only be a trio who still share and feel embraced by Myra’s love and friendship.”

A memorial service for Myra will be (was held-ed.) held at First Unitarian Church, 116 Pierrepont Street on the corner of Monroe Place, this Sunday, March 23 at 2pm.

Our sincere condolences go out to Myra’s family and friends.

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## In the Garden Corner

by Vera Julia Gordon

**April and May-** Spring! It has been quite a winter and it continues to linger. March was indeed windy. There are often snows in April as not all April showers are rain. The snows of April are “soft” as described in the song from “Up in Central Park”. We have recently had some spring-like days, and they are encouraging.

The April full moon, the pink moon, occurs on the fifteenth of April and May thirteenth is the flower moon. The dates of both Passover and Easter are related to the vernal equinox and the full moon. Passover begins at sunset on April 14<sup>th</sup>; Good Friday is April 18<sup>th</sup>; Easter is April 20<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the rare years when the Easter of the Eastern Orthodox church and the western churches fall on the same date. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day; May 11<sup>th</sup> is Mothers’ Day.

Given our weather, you may not have done your late March pruning. There is still time, provided we do not have a spell of really hot weather. Prune roses, hibiscus (Rose of Sharon), privet, but not anything that blooms in spring such as lilac, peony, azalea or wisteria. Prune them after bloom. However, for indoor bloom, do cut cherry, apple, dogwood, witch hazel. If you grow pussy willows, do not put them in water or you will have green leaves and lose the gray, soft covering of the emerging catkins.

Already we have crocus, winter aconite, and snowdrops and the daffodil leaves are six inches high. By mid April, we will have daffodils in bloom, and late April and early May are the cherry blossom festivals. The Brooklyn Botanic Garden festival is Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The date is set a year in advance so we can’t be sure what percentage of the trees will be in full bloom, but some will! By late April the maple leaves will be out, with oak following and their flowers will be out too. May will bring the bluebells, lilacs, rhododendron, wisteria.

Our harsh winter means winter kill of branches of some bushes; prune them out. Perennials may be affected too. They may have perished or they may be slow to emerge. Don’t despair and uproot them. Wait until mid-June!

Memorial Day is a traditional time for lawn care. You may have more areas to reseed this year.

Mid-May is a time for setting out your various seedlings and the annuals to fill in bare spots as daffodils mature. It’s also time to make a statement for the Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest with flower beds, and flower boxes and planters on porches and along paths and steps.

Whether you are replacing winter losses, trying new plants and color schemes, buying herbs for your cooking ventures, or trying new vegetable varieties, or just looking for colorful annuals, remember the abundance awaiting you at the Annual Plant Sale at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Members’ Preview Sale is Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 8:00. You can join the Garden that day and shop that night as a member! The regular sale dates are Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 8 pm, and Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9 am to noon. There are orchids, vegetables, herbs, bushes, roses, trees, annuals, perennials, etc., etc., etc. For the best selection, come early! And, bring your friends.

Enjoy the glories of your early spring garden, and of your high spring 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>

**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

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**CY 2014 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2014 - DECEMBER 31, 2014) AS OF MARCH 31, 2014**

STRATFORD ROAD

Wolin; Parrella; Angus; Speranza; Landy/Colen; Grady

SLOCUM PLACE

Varon

WESTMINSTER ROAD

Taylor/Ricketts; Jagmohan; Silverman/Hohman; Hodge; Mangiacapre;

Warshawsky/Jaffee

ARGYLE ROAD

Zargari; Rubman; Gordon; Eiss; Wahrmann

RUGBY ROAD

Tishcoff; DelQuaglio; Wertheimer/Goldstein; Koczmarczyk/Gross

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Litchman; Troy/lozzio; Blaine; Borbolla; Fuerst

CORTELYOU ROAD

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Total: 31 (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 CY2014 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.

Thank you for your continued support of our community organization.

**BSW Dues for 2014**

BSW membership dues are payable on a calendar year basis. All 2014 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_