



Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Sunday, December 2, 3 PM at 260 Marlborough-- *Special Family Focused Meeting*

Agenda for December meeting:

1. Child drop off and refreshments (15 minutes)
2. Meet and Greet (15 minutes)
3. Elementary Schools (20 minutes)
4. Pediatricians (20 minutes)
5. TV/Movie Shoots (15 minutes)
6. Resource sharing (20 minutes) *More agenda details below*

November-December 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:

**Special Family-Focused Meeting-
Sunday, December 2 at 3 pm**

Special Family Focused BSW Meeting

Dear Neighbors,

On December 2 from 3-5pm the Beverley Square West Association is going to have a unique meeting with several topics of interest to parents. The meeting will still be open to everyone but since it is difficult for many parents to attend the usual weekday evening meetings we will meet instead on a Sunday afternoon. Childcare will be available so you while we meet your children can play with their neighbors. If you have recently moved here this is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow parents. For those living here longer this is a chance for you to strengthen our community by sharing your experience, contacts, and suggestions with others. This is an "open house" event open to both members and those interested in learning more about the Association. Once again, although the focus is on parents everyone is welcome to attend.

Childcare will be across the street from the meeting at a parents house. If you plan to use this resource please RSVP so we know how many to expect. Send an email to olgierd@babypanada.org with the ages of the children you will drop off.

Meeting will be hosted by Lisa Draho and Josh Zuckerman at 260 Marlborough Rd.

Children will be hosted by Olgierd and Bryna Bilanow at 243 Marlborough Rd.

Agenda (3pm - 4:45pm)

1. Child drop off and refreshments (15 minutes)
2. Meet and Greet (15 minutes)
 - Tell everyone who you are, learn about BSW
3. Elementary Schools (20 minutes)
 - PS 139 Introduction and Q and A
 - Other elementary school options
4. Pediatricians (20 minutes)
 - Experiences with Cortelyou Road Pediatrics
 - Other Pediatric options

Special Family Focused BSW Meeting continued

Agenda (continued)

5. TV and Movie Shoots (15 minutes)

- About location scouts
- Financial expectations

7. Resource sharing (15 minutes)

- Preschools
- Nanny recommendations
- Babysitters

Minutes of BSW Meeting November 12, 2012 (recorded by Miriam Rubman, edited by Bob Pandolfo)

1. December Meeting: This Sunday afternoon meeting is an experiment to be more child-friendly. BSW residents will speak on a variety of topics, including movie shoots and child physicians. BSW will pay the babysitting fee. Bob will e-mail and create a flier to publicize the meeting (created by Olgierd.)

2. Private Security: Glenn stated that there has not been much success in recruiting a sufficient number of members for the FY13 (July '12-June '13) period. We have 62 members when we should have 75 or 80. It will probably be our last year. He suggested that there be another meeting of the six volunteers to plan strategy to increase membership. David suggested that every member talk to his neighbor about joining.

3. Treasurer's Report- Miriam gave the treasurer's report. If you have any questions, please contact her at 917-514-4549.

5. Other business- Janice suggested that a separate flier be distributed asking residents to keep their porch lights on at night and tie it to losing the security patrol for lack of interest. Glenn explained how the local CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) aided people during and after Superstorm Sandy. Vera suggested that we ask a representative from Brooklyn Botanic Garden to speak at a BSW meeting.

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.

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 November 25, 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; Kreussling/Magisano

WESTMINSTER RD.
Samuelson; Cheung; Rosenthal; Silverman; Ellis; Sadofsky; Silverman/Hohman; Jordan; Feig; Kuk/Chen; Kafka; Alcoff; Hamann

LEWIS PL.
Collins/Stanley

CORTELYOU RD.
Dr. Gough

TOTAL: 62

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.

In the Garden Corner

by Vera Julia Gordon

(Please note that Vera is away, so this column is from the November-December 2011 issue.)

December. Winter arrives on December 21 – the Winter Solstice. During December we lose about 14 minutes of daylight from the first to the twenty-second, and then gain three minutes between then and the end of the year – but it is unevenly distributed! We gain minutes of daylight in the evening, but it is not until the second week of January that the sunrise is earlier.

In the garden, there is still time to plant bulbs or decorative kale until the ground freezes. The kale may heave during the winter if its roots haven't spread. Clean-up continues and leaves mature. Remove dead leaves and annuals; compost them, but discard the leaves of roses, lilac, peonies and any others with sign of mildew. Leaf removal not only make property look tidy, but it cuts down on over-wintering insects. Once the ground has really chilled, spread mulch. Move the snow shovel out of the garage to an accessible location.

If you have evergreen bushes like holly, osmanthus, euonymus, and pyracanth cut branches to place in water for indoor winter decoration. Don't expect them to root, but occasionally they will. Plant rootings out in April/May. Check your dormant amaryllis and if there are signs of growth, bring it to daylight, and fertilize lightly. Keep it watered, but not wet. If poinsettia leaves are really showing color, put the plants on display. If not, continue the night-shading process.

Holiday trees should be kept cool and in a bucket of water until they are set up indoors. Still keep them in a cool spot, if possible, and in a tree holder that holds water, and keep the container full. The tree will take up the water, and it also helps to humidify the room. When needles begin to drop, it is time to remove the tree. Some trees were cut in early November so they may have begun to dry out before we purchase them. Run the lights sparingly because they accelerate the drying process, but mini-lights do not generate as much heat. Place the tree away from radiators, and be sure it does not block room exits.

If you purchase or are given a blooming poinsettia, keep it watered and in bright light. Next month I will discuss growing it on, for display for holidays in 2012. If holiday cacti have buds, water and feed lightly.

It's a quiet time in the garden. Save those catalogs for January reading and planning. Put up a squirrel-proof bird feeder, if there are no outdoor cats around.

Enjoy the quiet days of your winter garden, with happy holidays and a good new year. May you and your plants thrive.

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 NOVEMBER 23, 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; Huttner/Miller

WESTMINSTER ROAD

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

MATTHEWS COURT

Davidson/Barber

SLOCUM PLACE

Socci; Varon

TOTAL: 64 (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: