



**Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, October 6th, 8 PM at 261 Argyle--
Come at 7:30 PM for snacks and wine**

Agenda for October meeting:

- 1- Social Committee- Carole VerEecke- 15 minutes.
- 2- Landmarking- Glenn – 10 minutes.
- 3- Treasurer's report- Miriam – 5 minutes.
- 4- Other business- 15 minutes.

September-October 2014 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- Louise Moed, 243, Tel 718-826-1116,
Marlborough- Sally Bowman-Schneider, 262, Tel 516-768-8059.

From Co-President **Bob Pandolfo**—

For your information, I am now under treatment for brain cancer, had surgery on September 4th, started chemo and radiation on September 30th. It's a new and different life, some restrictions (like always need partner while walking outside), I feel OK so far.

Which leads me to my next point-- BSW needs new board members, current members (Miriam and Jack Rubman, Glenn Wolin, me) are not getting younger! **Think about the BSW of the future:** today, we have five meetings a year, set up yard sales and some social events, try to keep residents informed using newsletters and e-mail. In the future, there may be an online group, for instance. So, please contact me at my e-mail (robert.pandolfo@gmail.com) if you want to be on the board or have any other ideas or comments. Thanks very much for your time and interest. Please keep in mind that to my knowledge, a neighborhood organization that ceases to exist is very difficult to revive.

**BSW Minutes: June 2, 2014 Meeting
(recorded by Bob Pandolfo)**

Landmarking: Glenn reported that we are waiting for a new chairperson of the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission, then we will act in September with politicians, postcards, etc.

Treasury: Miriam reported our current balance, call her (718-469-6633) for this info. We spent on the annual FDC Dinner (in May) for tickets for our BSW board members and an ad in the FDC Dinner Journal. Glenn suggested we have a party. Several members volunteered to set up a party, please see attached flier. Thanks to Carole V., John Magisano, Carmen Wolin. Glenn requested, BSW voted for \$500 for our local CERT (CB14 Community Emergency Response Team) for food, water, a generator.

General: Chris Kreussling (Flatbush Gardener) mentioned "backyard wildlife habitat" and "community wildlife habitat". New neighbors (last 2 years or so) will be welcomed soon.

From Co-President Bob Pandolfo: 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.

In the Garden Corner

by Vera Julia Gordon

October-November. It's definitely autumn. The equinox has passed, and the hours of darkness increase: in October we lose an hour and twenty minutes of daylight, and in November we lose an hour. The full moon of October 8th is the Hunter's Moon and November 6th will be the Beaver Moon. (Harvest Moon was September 8th.)

There is total lunar eclipse on October 8th in the east just before sunrise: it begins about 5:45 am, with totality beginning 6:25. Western state will have a better view. On October 23rd, there is a partial eclipse of the sun visible in this part of the globe, beginning just before sunset.

Venus is a morning star, low in the sky, until October 25th. Mars is low and dim in the western sky, setting about three hours after sunset, Mercury is visible in the pre-dawn eastern sky from October 28th to November 9th about 40 minutes before sunrise. Jupiter rises about midnight and consequently is visible for the rest of the night. The constellations Orion and Sirius, in November, rise in mid-evening beginning their winter season brilliance.

Temperatures in October can reach 93°. And fall to 32°; for November the possibilities are 83° and 13°. Some leaves are already showing fall color, especially dogwood and maple, but real fall color is October's glory.

Grass is still growing, but at a slow pace. With our recent dry spells, monitor for dry lawns, flower beds, and outdoor potted plants and water accordingly. If warranted, mow lawns, but 4" high. It's still possible to put down grass seed, watered in well, but it is for germination in spring.

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Yom Kippur is October 4th. October 31st is Halloween. Standard Time returns on November 2nd- set clocks one hour back. November 4th: Vote! November 11th is Veterans' Day (formerly Armistice Day). Thanksgiving is November 27th and November 30th is the first Sunday in Advent. Now, as to Indian Summer, it's the spell of lovely, warm weather after the first frost (Squaw Winter) so it is early to mid November in this area.

It's not a good idea to wait too long before taking in the plants which have summered outdoors, so air for mid to late October; that mean spray for "critters" in early October and again when you take plants in. Once they are inside, remember to water them and check for general condition. As weather permints, pull weeds; it's easier if the ground is damp.

Fall is traditionally a time to plant pernnials, but early enough for them to spread roots. Check your catalogs, nurseries, and garden centers. Now is a good time to deadhead any bushes that you didn't get to earlier. Be careful with any spring-blooming plant as you may cut off the buds for next year. Wait, even if they are leffy, and prune just after they bloom. If there are dead branches, cut them out now because once the leaves drop you may not be sure which branch to cut. As ploants mature, pull up annuals and compost them. However, if there are signs of disease, ut them out for Sanitation. As herbaceous perennials mature, cut them leaving about a 4" stem, so you will know where they are as your plant bulbs, etc.

Cut herbs that you are not growing indoors. Dry the dut stems in paper bags – labeled- on the radiator, snip off the leaves and store them in opaque jars.

But spring-flowering bulbs now. Plant them when the soil begins to cool, so that's late October to early December for us. Wait until December to put down mulch because you are insulating the soil to keep it evenly cool. As to caladiums and other tropical, you can leave them to rot and become "Compost in Place" or dig them up when the leaves begin to wither but you can still locate them, and store them in a paper box in a a cool , dry place (= basement); after a month, shake off any remaining soil, cut off the leaves, cover with newspaper or a paper towel and dampen them about once a month. Palnt outside in June or indoors in April.

Enjoy the turning leaves, the asters, the autumn crocus, the mums and the golden light of fall. It's not yet time to think winter so enjoy your garden!

USEFUL CONTACTS

Emergency: 911

NYC 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:
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Assemblymember Brennan:
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CY 2014 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2014 - DECEMBER 31, 2014) AS OF AUGUST 22, 2014

ARGYLE ROAD

Zargari; Rubman; Gordon; Eiss; Wahrmann; Lozada; Ho/Krieger

BEVERLEY ROAD

Krainin/Woolever; Gross; Popkin; Ver Eecke

CORTELYOU ROAD

Gough

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Litchman; Troy/lozzio; Blaine; Borbolla; Fuerst; Bilanow; Wendroff; Addington

RUGBY ROAD

Tishcoff; DelQuaglio; Wertheimer/Goldstein; Koczmarczyk/Gross; Moed/Nelson; Hunter/Fallon; Turoff

STRATFORD ROAD

Wolin; Parrella; Angus; Speranza;Landy/Colen; Grady; Pandolfo; Kreussling/Magisano

WESTMINSTER ROAD

Taylor/Ricketts; Jagmohan; Silverman/Hohman; Hodge; Mangiacapre; Warshawsky/Jaffee; Mintz Campbell; Sadowsky; Maxwell

SLOCUM PLACE

Varon

TOTAL: 46 (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.

BSW Dues for 2014

BSW membership dues are payable on a fiscal 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): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Comments: