



**Next BSW Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday, September 9th, 8 PM at 261 Argyle--
Come at 7:30 for wine and snacks**

Agenda for September meeting:

- 1-Good Neighbor committee report- 15 minutes
- 2-Vote on new meeting schedule – 15 minutes
- 3-Other business- 15 minutes

September 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.

Contributions to this newsletter are always welcome. If you would like to write a one-time or regular column, please e-mail Bob at robert.pandolfo@gmail.com.

Vote on the new BSW meeting schedule at the September meeting!

Or, to vote by proxy, e-mail Bob at robert.pandolfo@gmail.com with your name, address and vote, or call Bob at 347-578-4146, leave a message with your name, address and vote if no answer. The BSW Constitution allows up to two votes per dues-paying household.

See below for the proposed schedule.

Here is the ***proposed BSW general meeting schedule:***

To replace the current monthly September through June schedule (10 meetings per year), 5 meetings per year are proposed, in September, November, February, April and June. The newsletter will also be on this schedule.

BSW Board meetings will be on an ad-hoc basis. Additional general meetings and newsletters can be scheduled as needed.

Please vote on this schedule at the September meeting, or vote by proxy as detailed above.

The BSW Board is seeking an additional board member, as Secretary or an additional member at large. E-mail Bob at robert.pandolfo@gmail.com or call him at 347-578-4146.

**Minutes of BSW June 3, 2013 Meeting
(recorded by Miriam Rubman, edited by
Bob Pandolfo)**

Good Neighbor Committee: Olgierd stated that the block party on Marlborough Rd. was a huge success: there were pony rides for the children and an ice cream social for families. He intends to do it again.

Landmarks: Glenn stated that a proposal was submitted to the Landmarks Commission. He has met with our neighborhood politicians, Jumaane Williams, Marty Markowitz, Jim Brennan and Mathieu Eugene, to support this issue. Jumaane Williams plans to call a press conference on June 9, 2013 at noon at 2684 Bedford Avenue to call attention to landmarking the area. Please attend if possible.

Treasurer's Report: Miriam gave the treasurer's report. Call her if you want a detailed account.

Other Business: Carmen stated that stray cats are killing birds in the neighborhood. Bob will ask Ellen Wong or Sean Casey for a possible humane solution. The monstrosity at 248 Stratford Road may be solved soon. Sander Weiss has been given two weeks to clean up the situation by the Buildings Department. Currently, there is a stop work order. If anyone sees construction going on, call 311. Robin Redmond of FDC needs houses for the FDC house tour. All BSW blocks are entered in the Greenest Block in Brooklyn. The BSW board plans to recommend changes to the meeting schedule and newspaper publication over the summer which will be voted on by the members at the fall meeting.

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.

From Co-President Jack Rubman:

Miracle on Cortelyou Road

I want to share with you a story of honesty and respect for others that we rarely see any more. The 99¢ Store next to John's Bakery on Cortelyou has a copy machine. Sometime in early April Miriam was making copies there. After she got home she was horrified to find that her very expensive diamond tennis bracelet had fallen off her wrist! Retracing her steps, she went back to the 99¢ Store and asked if they had found it. They said no. Retracing the rest of her steps proved fruitless. Miriam assumed it was gone forever. In August (four months later), also while making copies at the store, the owner, Maggie, came over to Miriam and asked her if this was the bracelet she lost, Incredibly, it was!

This is honesty and integrity we rarely see nowadays. What a wonderful person! **Please** patronize this store. It's "S & S 99¢ Store", between Rugby and Argyle. Please tell Maggie how much we value her being in our neighborhood. Honesty like that should be commended and applauded. Just ask for Maggie, she's a gem!

Late summer. It has been a different summer weatherwise! July was memorable for its extreme heat and then August brought us some delightful days, but both months were noted for their rain spells. While Labor Day, September 2nd this year, may mark the end of summer season for many people, summer does not end until the Autumn Equinox of September 22nd, when day and night are of equal length. After that, the nights are increasingly longer than the days. We are aware that the days are getting shorter. In September we lose over an hour of daylight. Our plants respond to the length of day even when the temperatures do not change much, and they begin to shut down. By the end of September take cuttings of annuals you want to try to root for next year.

September's full moon is on the 19th; it is the Harvest Moon. September 19th is also Sukkoth, appropriately. The full Harvest Moon rises before sunset for three or four successive days and illumines earth all night. As farmers could harvest their crops all night by moonlight, it became known as the Harvest Moon.

Rosh Hashanah is September 5th and Yom Kippur is the 14th.

By the end of September we can have nippy days and nights down to 41°, and a few trees' leaves begin to turn, but September temperatures can soar to 102° and the lower 90s even at the end of the month – so – expect anything. It is also very much still hurricane season.

Venus is low in the west at sunset. On the 8th, it is near the new crescent moon, with Saturn above and to the left. Mars and Jupiter rise in the east in the mid-night hours and are visible in the pre-dawn hours and are near the waning crescent moon on the 28th.

Labor Day is traditionally the time to begin lawn repair – spot seeding or redoing the whole lawn. Be guided by the weather. Wait if we are in a hot spell. Rake the soil before you put down seeds; then re-rake gently or walk on the area. The idea is to be sure that the seeds really contact the soil firmly. Be sure to water and keep the area slightly damp until the seeds germinate.

September is also a good time to plant chrysanthemums. Buy the perennial type and plant them early enough so that their roots are well established before the ground cools. When the ground does begin to cool is the time to plant spring-flowering bulbs. Buy now, when the selection is good and keep them in a cool area until planting; the basement is good.

Check wisteria. If it's rampant, prune back (again!) and pull the vines out of trees, off drain pipes and out of air conditioners. Deadhead roses, lilacs, rhododendrons if not done earlier in the season when many garden tasks could not be tackled in summer's heat.

Be wary about cutting back forsythia, azalea, and other spring-blooming bushes. Their flower buds are already formed, and you could risk a spring of no-bloom bushes. (Cut them just after bloom.)

If you have roses of the varieties which bloom all summer, cut off spent blossoms just above a five or seven leaflet spray to encourage re-bloom. If you cut above a three leaf spray you will not get a flower.

Harvest and enjoy your tomatoes, strawberries, melons, carrots, lettuce, herbs as they mature.

Let caladiums and perennials keep growing. They are storing energy in roots and bulbs so they need leaf surface to gather sunlight when they will photosynthesize.

And, of course, continue to weed. Get out the roots if you possibly can. If not, cut the roots just below the surface. If they have seeds, do not compost the weeds unless you have a really hot pile.

Notice the birds in their fall migration. Provide them with water.

Enjoy your garden in this last month of summer and notice the transitions into early fall.

CY 2013 LIST OF BEVERLEY SQUARE WEST DUES PAYING MEMBERS (JANUARY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013) AS OF JUNE 29th, 2013

ARGYLE ROAD

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

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: 61 (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.

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/ cb14brooklyn.com

Councilmember Eugene:

718-287-8762

Assemblymember Brennan:

718-940-0641

Senator Parker:

718-629-6401

Ditmas Park Blog:

www.ditmasparkcorner.com

ditmasparkcorner@gmail.com

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: _____