

Message from the Holliswood Gardens Board of Directors

Your Board, all owners of Holliswood Gardens apartments, is meeting every month like clockwork to examine the Financial Report, decide on necessary repair and maintenance expenditures, examine contracts, and make important decisions about future goals. This is serious work—an attorney is present every time to give legal advice, and every meeting is reflected in meeting minutes which, by the way, may be examined by shareholders, if desired. Please speak to John the Manager.

Business is going well. Our gardeners and residents are planting and

seeding, and we will see flowers and greenery and lush lawns now that Spring is here. One special request, though: we do not



have an automatic sprinkler system and our maintenance men do not have enough time to water lawns and flowers—we would appreciate it if you could use the water hoses connected all over the complex to water the area around

your building. It would make such a difference and avoid bald spots in the lawns.

You may use the back of the buildings to relax and barbecue, but please remember: people have their bedrooms there!

We all appreciate your efforts to keep this place flourishing and beautiful. As a result we can tell you that because of our excellent appearance apartments are very much in demand and bring excellent sales prices. This is a good place to live! Best regards from

Your Board of Directors.

Interesting Facts about 655.294 acre Alley Pond Park

This park is the second largest in Queens. The site is named for The Alley, an 18th century commercial and manufacturing center formerly located here. The origin of that center's name is the subject of some debate. One theory is that "alley" refers to the shape of the glacier-made valley. Another holds that colonial travelers, who passed through the valley to Brooklyn, en route to the Manhattan ferries, named it "the alley." The well-traveled passage is believed to have been the route George Washington (1732-1799) took while touring Long Island in 1790.

The park lies on a glacier-formed moraine, a ridge of sand and rock that formed 15,000 years ago, marking the southern terminus of the Minnesota Ice Sheet. The glacier dropped the boulders that sit on the hillsides of the southern end of the park and left buried chunks of ice that melted and formed the ponds dispersed throughout the valley. Geologists call these "Kettle Ponds." Fresh water drains into the valley from the hills and bubbles up from

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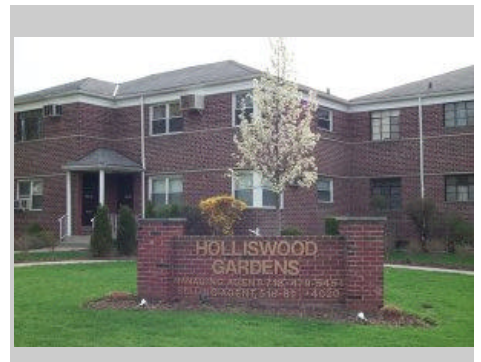
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A Religious Institution in our Midst

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community in Holliswood on Palo Alto Avenue is planning a celebration to which it will open its doors to the public. The event will feature speeches, poetry, Quran recitations and prayers with the aim to foster friendship in the broader community, “so people know what we really are, so we can work together”, as Imam I.H. Kauser said.

The Ahmadiyya mosque has been in the Holliswood community for 21 years in peace and harmony. About 250 families worship there.

The movement itself was founded in 1889 in a small town in India’s Punjab region and is currently practiced by many millions of adherents in more than 175 countries. Certain tenets of the Ahmadiyya faith sets the sect apart from other Muslim groups, and followers are persecuted in some countries. While considering themselves Muslims, they believe that Ahmad, the founder of the religion, influences the world for the better through his Islamic teachings, the upright life he led, religious books he wrote, including the last, which was a message of peace advocating reconciliation among all religions. According to Imam Kauser, the religion is

full of peace and not of harm to anyone. Their slogan is “Love for all. Hatred for None.” which is printed on the sign in front of their building.



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“Old Queens, N.Y. in Early Photographs” by Vincent F. Seyfried and William Asadorian is a fascinating picture book. It shows Queens streets and buildings from before the turn of the century. It shows an advertisement of a development called Hollis Terrace and pictures of what is now Holliswood with the note that this is the greatest development in New York City with lots costing only \$500 and upwards. If you have a computer you might also go to our website www.holliswood.com which has interesting information on Holliswood Gardens. Another fascinating website is www.forgotten-ny.com and several others are to be found on the link page of our website. Go check it out!



(continued) natural springs, mixing with the salt water from Little Neck Bay. As a result, the park is host to freshwater and saltwater wetlands, tidal flats, meadows, and forests, creating a diverse ecosystem and supporting abundant bird life.

The native Mattinecock once inhabited the area around Alley Pond Park, attracted by the shellfish in Little Neck Bay. In 1673, King Charles I of England gave a 600-acre land grant to Thomas Foster, who built a stone cottage close to modern-day Northern Boulevard. Two other Englishmen, Thomas Hicks and James Hedges, built mills that harnessed water flowing into Alley Creek. Although the area supported light industry, it stayed essentially rural throughout the 19th century and attracted residents with its natural beauty.

The park, including 26 acres of newly constructed playing fields and the Alley Pond Park Nature Trail, the first such trail in the city’s park system, officially opened in 1935 at a ceremony attended by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia (1882–1947) and Parks Commissioner Robert Moses (1888–1981). The new park offered users a 23-acre bird sanctuary, bridle paths, tennis courts, picnic areas, and a 200-space parking lot. Title to the Vanderbilt roadway was transferred to Parks in 1937 and the next year it was converted into a 2.5-mile bicycle path.

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