



# HWG NEWS

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Holliswood Gardens  
Homeowners  
Association

"5 blocks from 188th  
Street, and a million miles  
from the city!"  
Queens Courier, 8/3/89

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at [www.holliswood.com](http://www.holliswood.com)  
and let us know what you  
would like to have in-  
cluded in it or in this  
newsletter.

### Good News:

The co-op real estate mar-  
ket in Queens seems to be  
improving. Several 2-  
bedroom apartments were  
sold recently at Holliswood  
Gardens.

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## From the Desk of the Managing Agent:

The winter and the Y2K bug have come and gone. We had some icy-cold days, but our furnaces worked well and kept the apartments warm and comfortable. As always, please speak to me if you experience any difficulties with the supply of heat and hot water. Our office hours are from 8am—4pm.

Today I would like to bring up several important issues:

1. **Smoke Detectors.** They are not supplied by the Association, but are the responsibility of the residents. Please get one today—your life may depend on it! Also make sure to replace the batteries whenever necessary.



2. **Fire Extinguisher.** A useful thing to have, just in case. Check the date, maintain it properly and keep it in an accessible

place.  
3. **Escape ladder.** The only way out of an upstairs apartment is the staircase. In case of a fire, an escape ladder may be a real lifesaver. The ladder hooks over the window sill and extends down to the ground and allows you to escape if fire blocks your way down the stairs. Do yourself a favor and buy one today—it could save your life!

4. **Homeowners Insurance.** Every owner (resident or non-resident) should have one to cover liability claims from other residents in case of accidental damage. Renters should also carry insurance for the contents of their apartments.

A happy and healthy 2000 to you!

*John*

## Meet our Maintenance Crew!

It just so happens that our first installment of this newsletter section starts with joyful news: On February 9, our maintenance supervisor, Desmond Corrigan, and his wife Teresa became the parents of little Matthew Desmond! The proud parents and happy grandparents Teresa and Peter Corrigan, apartment owners on Marengo Street since 1986, and Grandmother Marie from Staten

Island are in seventh heaven. If you run into grandma Teresa she will whip out photos of the adorable little new addition to the family. Mother and child—and daddy—are doing fine. Father Desmond, 36 years old and married to Teresa since May 1988, grew up in Astoria and started working for Holliswood Gardens in 1987. He is familiar with all maintenance problems (Teresa says with typical motherly pride: Just like his father!) and was later pro-

moted to supervisor. Desmond is the strong and silent type, not much of a talker, but capable and dependable. The young mother has taken some time off from her job as an attorney to enjoy Matthew. We are happy to have Desmond and his lovely family in our midst and send our best wishes for little Matthew's health and happiness!

## History of Holliswood and Holliswood Gardens

In 1884 Frederick W. Dunton, the nephew of the first president of the Long Island Railroad, was travelling East and he admired from his railroad car window the green and rolling hills of what is now Hollis and Holliswood. He purchased 136 acres of farmland and divided it into lots for sale.

He laid out the curving streets of Holliswood and gave them Latin or Spanish names, such as Rio, Como, Marengo, etc.. Epsom Course, oval shaped, was built by Mr. Dunton as a trotting race course. Many famous trotters were seen on its turf.

For himself he reserved a big lot at the southern edge of Holliswood on Dunton Avenue and built a big and beautiful mansion called Hollis Hall with views all the way to the ocean.

After Mr. Dunton's death, Hollis Hall was sold and became a restaurant named Brown's Chop House. It was reported to have been a speakeasy during prohibition.

When prohibition ended, Brown's Chop House was torn down. The hill on which it stood was leveled, and our garden apartment complex was erected on the site in 1949.



*(From the Holliswood folder at the Long Island Division of the Queensborough Library.)*

## Holliswood on the World-Wide-Web

If you have access to the internet, please surf to the Holliswood Gardens webpage at

**[www.holliswood.com](http://www.holliswood.com)** .

This webpage contains information about the community of Holliswood, links to other Queens areas as well as information and pictures of areas within Holliswood Gardens.

During its last meeting, the Board decided to publish the webpage for a year to determine whether it may be useful to the Association. We are planning to add a page which can be used to advertise apartments for sale as well as apartments and garages for rent. Come to the Shareholders Meeting in October to learn more.

The website has a Guest Book. Please give us your

## A message from Kathy McDonough:

Nobody called after receipt of the first newsletter with questions, suggestions, etc. Does that mean nobody is interested? Before giving up, Kathy would like to give it another try and she hopes to hear from you regarding the following questions:

- Would you be interested in a tag sale some time in the Spring, to be held in the Pompeii Street parking lot, where you can unload your stuff and acquire somebody else's stuff?
- Would you be interested in a block party on some Saturday to get to know your neighbors?

- Would you be interested in a gardening competition with a prize for the most lovingly cared-for garden?
- Would anyone be interested in starting a friends circle?
- Anyone like to play cards
- How about car pooling to Bingo games?

**Please call Kathy at 718-217-8741 if you have suggestions or tips.**

**We would appreciate your interest and help.**