



# HWG NEWS

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One of Queens' best-kept secrets . . . .  
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Have you visited our website [www.holliswood.com](http://www.holliswood.com) lately? It has new pictures and links for interesting sites in Queens.

Please let us know if you would like to see a little article about your gardening efforts this summer, either in this newsletter or on the webpage, with pictures. Perhaps we can have a contest: **THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS IN HOLLISWOOD GARDENS.** What do you think?

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## From the Desk of the Managing Agent:

The winter with its snow storms has finally ended, and we are looking forward to a pleasant and fruitful spring and summer. Life being as it is—nothing goes without some rules and regulations for the benefit of all.

1. Before starting any interior renovations, please notify the Managing Agent of the nature of the work, the name of the contractor and his qualifications.
2. With the warm weather approaching, please be reminded that all parties, barbeques, wading pools activities, etc. should take place in the rear garden areas.
3. Apart from perhaps a pretty flower pot, nothing is to be stored on the front steps, no toys, no bicycles, no lawn chairs, and nothing should be hung over the railing. Think about it: if we would all store our extras on the front

stoop, the complex would not look pretty and well-cared for as it does now!

4. Due to insurance reasons, outside parking of cars is not allowed in driveway areas or lots.
5. Another matter of perennial concern: Please be considerate and turn the volume of your TV, radio, etc. down. Dealing with life in NY City is hard enough—you want your peace and quiet when you come home! If you like your music hot, buy earphones!
6. Maintenance is **due on the first of the month.** We allow you up to the 15th of the month without penalty, but a late charge will be applied after the 15th. Please read your maintenance statement charges as to the cut-off date.

Have a happy and healthy Summer. Call me if you have any problems.

John

## Note from our Attorney

The annual shareholders meeting was held on November 16, 2000 and suspended pending the attendance of a quorum.

Subsequent to the adjournment of the meeting, the Sponsor submitted its proxy for the quorum and for the ballot. Because all steps were taken in anticipation of the arrival of this proxy it was unnecessary to hold another formal meeting of the shareholders. As the vote of the sponsor did not change the ultimate outcome of the election, the Board of Directors remains as follows:

Phil Salomon	Horace Fuller	Inge Etzbach	Daniel Davis
Gerald Lodato	Debra Gambino	Robert Hoskins	

## Meet our Maintenance Crew!

We introduced to you Desmond Corrigan, our Maintenance Supervisor, and his right-hand man Luiz Tang. These two are ably assisted by two more helpers: PJ who doesn't like to be interviewed, and John Eng.

John was born in Hong Kong in 1958 and has been a resident in the United States since 1986. John worked as a handyman for a number of years and came to Holliswood Gardens in 1995. He really likes it

here. John's specialty is fixing tiles and doing bathroom work, apart from doing many other things.

John is married and has two little boys of 2 years and 15 months. His wife came over from Hong Kong 2 years ago. She is going to school now to learn English. We wish John and his family the best and hope he will be with us for a long time.

Do you remember our notice of the little bundle of joy born to Desmond Corrigan,

our Maintenance Supervisor? Well, the little bundle is already walking and giving his parents and grandparents great joy.

All maintenance men had to learn to operate the new bobcat which the Corporation purchased during the winter. It got quite a lot of use because of the large amount of snow. Our parking lots were cleaned in short order. It should also be said that our complex is in really good shape, and that is due to a large degree to our dedicated staff. Thanks to all of them!

## Some Holliswood History

Hundreds of years ago, Queens was a vast area populated only by a few native tribes. Narrow footpaths connected these settlements. Image how this area must have looked before the white man settled here. Thick woods, tall trees, and narrow footpaths winding through lush country. One of these Indian trails, according to documents in the Library, became our present McLaughlin Ave. Next time you drive along McLaughlin Ave., think of the many generations of people who have traveled on that road!

In 1884, Frederic W. Dunton, the nephew of the first president of the Long Island Railroad, purchased 136 acres of farmland and divided it into

**A Calm Cluster of Curlicue  
Streets . . . Newsday, 5/25/85**

lots. When he laid out the streets, he gave them Latin and Spanish names. Epton Course was built by Mr. Dunton for trotting races, and his mansion

stood where Holliswood Gardens is now.

Hillside Ave was, until at least 1930, a narrow tree-lined avenue with a few houses on each side. There was a riding academy at 188th Street from 1929 to 1948, and a tennis court and ice-skating rink at 197th Street. There was also a horse stable at the corner of Pinto and Marengo Street.

Read: A History of Queens by Estelle Hyder and Jeffrey Kroessler (Spring 1992)

## Remembering our Neighbor Joe Haywood

Joe and Olivia Haywood moved into the lower corner apartment on Marengo and Pompeii about 36 years ago. Joe was an investment banker, and he found that by planting and seeding and tending the little plot at the side of his house, he could forget the troubles and tribulations of his profession. So he created a little paradise right there under his living room window with blooming trees, stone gardens, stepping stones and a little fountain which delighted neighbors and passer-bys for years. After his



retirement in 1976 he spent many hours of the day working in his garden. Joe was a nice man, a good neighbor who was always willing to

help others who came to him for advice and ideas. His work over so many years beautified his corner of the universe and gave joy to all of us.

When I heard of his death 3 years ago, I was afraid that the beautiful garden would fall into neglect. But his wife Olivia is tending "Joe's Garden" now, spending many hours there and in the process keeping Joe's legacy alive. Joe and Olivia, our thanks for all your work and dedication. Your garden is beautiful!