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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

Have you visited our website www.holliswood.com lately? It has new pictures and links for interesting sites in Queens. Tell us what else you would like to see in there.

The excellent appearance of our lawns and shrubs is due to our new gardener, Top Choice Landscaping. The owner, Bryan, is working hard to keep us beautiful. He is around quite often. Say hello to him and his crew when you see them.

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Please check your monthly maintenance schedule for office hours

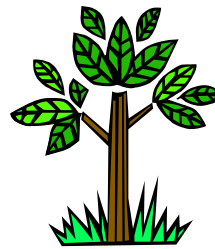
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From the Desk of the Managing Agent:

Living in a well-kept and civilized environment requires a healthy dose of respect for other people's rights and also adherence to some sensible rules. So, even though we said this before, **here is another reminder:**

1. No cars may be parked in inside lots. No exception!
2. All summer outdoor activities, like barbecuing, sunbathing, etc. must be confined to the rear areas of the buildings.
3. Please do not use laundry rooms **before 8 am and after 11 pm**. Remember that the residents living above the laundry rooms can hear running machines and conversation.
4. Speaking of laundry rooms: please remove your clothes as soon as the cycle



is completed and leave the room in a neat condition.

5. Remember to abide by NYC recycling program rules: separate garbage, paper and bottles and place them in different dumpsters provided for that purpose.
6. Those darn flyers distributed every weekend: we can't stop them from coming, but please take them to the dumpster first chance you get. Decaying flyers don't look good lying in the shrubbery!
7. And finally, remember the lack of good soundproofing: please be considerate of your neighbors by keeping TV, radio and phone ringer volumes down.

Enjoy your summer! Please speak to me if you have any questions.

John

Meet our Maintenance Crew!

Desmond Corrigan's, the Maintenance Supervisor's right-hand man is Luiz Tang. Luiz is a friendly guy who believes that everybody in Holliswood Gardens already knows him.

He was born in Hongkong in 1954 and came to the United States in 1972. First he had a number of jobs in restaurants and as handyman, and in 1992 was hired by Holliswood Gardens as maintenance worker. Luiz'

maintenance work specialty is "fixing everything, except electronics". He was always interested in technical things and has been studying various aspects of construction and repair work in courses and books as long as he can remember. The Office considers him an excellent employee, dependable and trustworthy, and calls him "outstanding". Accordingly he was promoted to Assistant Supervisor to everyone's satisfaction.

Luiz lives in Flushing. He is married and has a 17-year old daughter who just graduated from St. Francis Prep. His wife works in a bank. And—I might add—his eyes shine with pride when he speaks of his little family and their life in this country. We wish Luiz and his family the best and hope that we will have him with us for a long time to come.

This and that about Holliswood

When I moved to Holliswood more than 20 years ago, there were still rabbits around, and occasionally racoons appeared during the night to drink from puddles. But one of my neighbors, living in Holliswood since the 30's, told me of her early years, when there were unpaved streets, many tree-covered lots and even a horse stable at the corner of Pinto and Marenco Streets where one could rent horses and ride around the neighborhood. And even earlier—there was oval-shaped Epsom Course which was a racetrack built by Frederick W. Dunton, the founder of Holliswood, around the turn of the century. Did they have parties with fancy-hatted ladies then, cheering on the horses? Did they have a clubhouse, and how long did the racetrack exist? The Long Island folder

at the Queensborough Public Library had no information on this subject. Wherever I go, it seems that the past has been more idyllic than the present is.

But the present is idyllic enough. There are no stores or buslines in Holliswood; you can only live there and enjoy its peace and quiet. Very often my first-time visitors would say: "I didn't know there were places like this in New York!", and "I have been driving by on the Grand Central hundreds of times, and I didn't know this existed!"

The Daily News, on 4/8/83, called Holliswood: "One of Queens' best-kept secrets." On 6/1/90 it described Holliswood "... like Westchester in Queens!" Here's to Holliswood!

I. E.

"What do you like best about living at Holliswood Gardens?"

I walked around the complex and put the above question to residents sitting on benches, parking cars and generally doing their thing. Here are the collected answers:

- I like to watch the squirrels in the morning.
- I like the good quality of people in Holliswood Gardens.
- It is quiet here and peaceful, like living in the country.
- People are friendly, they say "good morning" and smile.
- I like the fact that people from all religious and ethnic backgrounds are living together in harmony.
- I feel quite safe. People are looking out for each other.
- The grounds are well-kept, it is a pleasure to sit on a bench and enjoy the summer day.
- I love everything!
- I like to sit on my front steps early Sunday morning, listening to the birds and reading my paper.
- I like to live with my Lala (Grandma). Gahdon, 5 years
- I can run and play freely. Gary, 3 years
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