



*How* about the beautiful garden we are building at Hollander House! As you can see, the construction is well underway! I hope many were able to see the proposed garden video playing at Margie's birthday celebration, or caught it playing in the lobby or on channel 8 in your apartments. If you missed it, a proposed rendering will be posted in the lobby for your viewing pleasure. The Staff and Board of Directors are excited to have an opportunity to bring such beauty to the grounds of Hollander.

*Speaking* of beautifying the grounds, we are also power washing the entire outside of the building and doing a deep clean of the garbage chute. Don't forget to close and then **lock** your windows on the day the power washing team is on your side of the building. See further down newsletter for more details. We have a busy September with lots of housekeeping task and projects that must get done, so please be patient.

*We* say goodbye to summer this month and welcome Autumn. Make sure you get out to the last Farmer's Market trip of the season to grab those fresh veggies and soak up the last rays of the summer sun. As you all know, I love summer, however, you will be pleased to know, I enjoy fall very much too! How about you? Who here is a fan of Autumn? Do you look forward to the chilly mornings, crackling of the fallen leaves underfoot and the golden yellow, brown and orange hues that cover our New England landscape. And, did someone say pumpkin spice! I definitely can already smell and see the Pumpkin Spice worldwide takeover! Relish the Autumn Season and appreciate all we get to enjoy.

*-Jolene*

## Thank you to our wonderful Donors and Community Helpers!

-  The Erlich Family, Monthly Sustainers to Friends of Hollander House
-  Sandy Small, In Memory of Erin Heneghan
-  Betty James, In Memory of Erin Heneghan & the Meditation Garden.
-  Thank you, residents and Friends of Hollander House, for all the recyclables; Marj Freeman, Jean Hermele, Bob Hillman & Congregation Or Hadash
-  Thank you, David, our trusty recycling aficionado!

**BOTTLE REDEMPTION \$189.90!**

## REMINDERS / HOUSEKEEPING

### Staff Medical Leave

Margie will be out of the office on medical leave for about 4 weeks starting **September 18<sup>th</sup>**. It's not life-threatening and it's not cosmetic. Not to worry. Amy Gershberg will be here part-time and will handle the February, 2025 annual rent redetermination starting with the interview process. There are several tenants on the February list. When you get your 120- day notice on October 1<sup>st</sup>, make your appointment right away. Thank you!



## REMINDERS / HOUSEKEEPING, Cont.

### Home Improvements-Pressure Washing

The pressure washing and garbage chute deep clean begins.

The schedule for the cleaning of the outside building will be as follows:

**Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at the rear of the building beginning at Hollanders entrance and the Handicapped Parking Area and continue to the back patio area.

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>rd</sup>**, they will start washing the front of the building, beginning at the smoking /Handicapped parking area and continue along the entire front side.

**Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** they will wash the rear of the building, the side where staff parks/garbage bin area etc.

There will be a bucket truck moving around the outside of the building. There will be a flyer with instructions telling you which cars need to be moved during the power washing.

During the cleaning of the trash chute, **Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday**, nothing should be dropped down the chute. The chute doors on each floor will be covered with a notice not to use the chute at that time.

We thank you for your cooperation during these projects and **don't forget to close and lock your windows** during the washing!

### Inspections & Maintenance

JCI Simplex will be here on **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**, to do an annual fire pump inspection followed by the quarterly inspection of the sprinklers in every apartment (beginning at **8:30am** in the apartments). This is a mandatory safety inspection and will be done whether the tenant is home or not.

### Battery replacing Maintenance

Adrian will be replacing the batteries in both the smoke detectors and the heating thermostats in your apartments on **September 11<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>**. He will need to do this whether you are home or not. He plans to start on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor and work his way down.

### Smoke Alarms

We understand the smoke alarms go off, it happens. If something burns on the stove and your kitchen fills with smoke and the smoke alarm goes off, **keep your front door to the hallway closed, turn on the overhead oven fan and open your living room window**. If staff is in the building we will respond. The fire department may also show up to verify that all is well. Better safe than sorry.



## REMINDERS / HOUSEKEEPING, Cont.

### Pest Control

On **Tuesday, September 17th**, FMG exterminator will inspect and treat **FIFTH-FLOOR**



all

**units.** Please have your bare mattress exposed and closet floors cleared.

### Going Away? Please let us Know!

When you plan to be away, please let us know so we don't worry about you as we do monitor the comings and goings of our community for your safety. Kindly let the staff know when you plan to be away from the building for an extended period of time. Also, please make arrangements to have your mail and prescriptions



held/paused or picked up by a family member or friend. Thank you!

## HOLLANDER HOUSE EVENTS & OUTINGS

### Shopping Trips

Please be sure to sign-up!

**9/4** 12:30am ShopRite & Walmart, Stratford

**9/10** 10:30am Hobby Lobby, Milford

**9/12** 3:15pm Farmers Market, B-port Hosp.

**9/18** Stop & Shop, Villa Ave

**9/25** Trader Joe's, Fairfield

### Blood Pressure Checks

On **Tuesday, September 17th, 10am**, Nurse Lee will be here at 10:00 a.m.

Please sign in when you arrive, and she will take you in order



### Movie Club Fridays

*Come on down! Watch a movie!*

These movies are thoughtfully curated by Gwen, for your enjoyment! We realize you may be able to stream a movie in your apartment, but why not bring a snack and come



down and watch with friends and neighbors. Then discuss the movie afterwards. Shows start at 2:45pm in the Community Room, unless otherwise noted:

**Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>** A Family Affair

**Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** Find Me Falling

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** The Dig

**Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** Aloha



## HOLLANDER HOUSE EVENTS & OUTINGS

### Mandala Adult Coloring

**Friday September 13th at 11am.** Another great event to get you out to socialize and keep your brains engaged. Come on down to the community room where it's bright and welcoming and color a page or two!



### Flu Clinic

**On Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-12pm** the staff from Griffin Hospital will be offering Flu shots on site in the community room. We are currently awaiting more details from Griffin. Please watch out for flyers for more details. There will be a sign-up sheet, what to bring etc. Please await more info but mark your calendars and don't forget to wear short sleeves!



### Mercy Learning Center

Mercy Learning Center provides free literacy and life skills education to low-income women in the greater Bridgeport area using a holistic approach within a compassionate, supportive environment. MLC focuses on empowering and providing dignity, economic self-sufficiency, and hope to their students. By educating women, MLC provides critical learning for students to improve their skills and earning potential, creating a more solid future for themselves, their families, and their community.

Please see the back-to-school wish list! Anything you can give to help support the mission of Mercy Learning Center is greatly appreciated.

**Mercy Learning Center's  
Back-to-School Checklist**

- Pencils
- Spiral Notebooks
- Pocket Folders
- Highlighters
- Sharpies
- Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Erasers
- Index Cards

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