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## Here Comes Gina Fernandez

### The Newest Member of the Horizon House Board

They were teenagers on a hot dog run from their home in West New York to what was then one of two famous Fort Lee food stands. As they relished a leisurely lunch, one gazed across the busy street at a surprisingly green horizon. Beyond the traffic she saw dozens of trees and rows of flowers in coordinating colors, all framing a set of low-slung buildings, separated by a centerpiece of soaring towers. "How cool would it be to live there," she thought.

Time passed. The young woman grew up, left West New York where her parents had moved after first



immigrating from the Dominican Republic to Spanish Harlem, and finally set up home in Ridgefield Park. There, she spent 17 years raising the son who today, she proudly reports, is an Army Ranger (don't ask where he's stationed; she's not allowed to know). Suddenly, a move to that very verdant parkland was a possibility. She packed up and made the short drive to Fort Lee and Horizon tower number six.

That move was in June, 2018. Three years later, Gina Fernandez smiles at that first memory of Horizon House from the comfort of her 17th floor apartment, as the

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## Every Vote Counts!



Wondering when or where to vote this year? Here's a rundown of important dates and locations.

### General Election

Tuesday, November 2nd

Polls will be open 6:00 am – 8:00 pm. Horizon House residents can vote in the Building 5 Community Room.

If you're not already a registered voter, the registration deadline for the General Election is Tuesday, October 12th. You can register online at <https://nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml> or call the Bergen County Superintendent of Elections at 201-336-6109 to find out where you can submit a registration form in person. If you moved into Horizon House since the last election, you'll need to

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**Here Comes Gina Fernandez**  
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newest shareholder, and first Latina woman, elected in 2021 to the 7-member Board.



Responsible for office management functions (among many others) in her position at a specialty fashion retailer, Gina brings to this new role a hyper focus on the people who have made Horizon House their home, with a commitment to

maximizing our quality of life. For her, it means bringing back the luster of luxury living that so impressed her all those years ago, restoring and elevating the standards that for so long had made Horizon destination living.

Key to that for Gina is a primary focus on the community and improving the Horizon lifestyle for everyone. Her goals include maximizing communications between residents and Management and ensuring that all shareholders vote consistently throughout the election process.

Her weekly routine includes walking the entire Horizon House campus, one building at a time, to see close up and very personally the many issues that may be of concern to residents. Each week she is accompanied by a different FSR Management representative.

Methodical and detail-oriented, Gina stresses that she's not the type to be "front and center" or highly vocal, preferring instead to work behind the scenes with the understanding that progress may be slow but will be achieved with the support and cooperation of shareholders and Management alike.

Gina's own active lifestyle is also evident in her Horizon House agenda. At work where Gina oversees more than 100 employees, she leads weekly Zumba and Yoga classes and is excited now about bringing Yoga (as well as other activities) back to Horizon House to build a more ambitious events calendar, Covid-permitting.

Overall, Gina is pleased with the warm reception she's received from the shareholders/residents and other Board members who welcome her policy of approaching each other with kindness and respect at all times: "I'm so excited about this opportunity and for the future of Horizon House, especially for the people, both residents and staff. It's so important to us all."

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Front Desks  
B1: 201-461-5456  
B2: 201-461-5457  
B3: 201-461-5458  
B4: 201-461-5459  
B5: 201-461-5460  
B6: 201-461-5461

## Around the House

### Round Robin Tennis



A great time was had by all the tennis players at the Round Robin on Saturday, September 25th. The weather was perfect and the players and onlookers enjoyed the camaraderie! A special thanks to Board member Gina Fernandez, who came by, generously brought fruit and pastries for the players, and stayed to watch and chat with residents.



*The intermediate finalists*



*The advanced winners*

### 2nd Annual Halloween Outdoors

On Saturday October 30, Horizon House will hold its 2nd annual outdoor Halloween event. Witches, ghosts and superheroes of all types are expected! There will be a table set up in front of each building and candy will be distributed from 3 to 5 pm, or until the last witch goes home! Raindate: Sunday 10/31.



### Resident Update Form

It is important that all residents fill out an up-to-date Resident Information Form and either bring it to the Security office in Building 5 or drop it off with your doorman. Please use the Remarks section to note any special needs that would come into play in an emergency, such as limited mobility, wheelchair access, etc. All information provided will be kept confidential. If you haven't already received the form, you can find them in the mailroom or call the Management office at 201-224-6300 to request one.

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**Get on the List!**

If you haven't been getting emails from Horizon House, please contact Ligia Solares at [ligia.solares@fsresidential.com](mailto:ligia.solares@fsresidential.com) to be added to the mailing list.

**New E-statement Billing Starts January 2022**

Starting in January, monthly maintenance bills will no longer be slipped under your door. They will come via email. Existing payment options will not change, so you can pay your maintenance the same way you do now, but you will also have the option to sign up for online payment.

This is part of an effort to save paper, energy, and staff time. The instructions for getting yourself on the e-statement mailing list were distributed in late September, but if you need another copy or any other assistance signing up for the new service, please call the Management office at 201-224-6300.

The registration link is: <https://estatemnts.welcomelink.com/midatlantic>

Click on "Register Here" to get started. And note, you'll need to have handy your account number from a recent statement to complete the registration verification process.

**Horizon House Board Election Results**

Our most recent Board of Directors election kept three incumbents in their seats, and added one new member. Gina Fernandez was the second highest vote-getter behind Board President Richard Ng and will serve for two years.

Candidate (elected)	Voted Shares
Richard Ng	286,110 (2-year term)
Gina Fernandez	254,215 (2-year term)
Howard Pearl	243,610 (2-year term)
Tony Adamo	240,935 (1-year term)
Candidate (runners up)	
Raju Sundaran	233,695
Donna Lennox	207,620
Howard Kent	183,990
Tom Panagiotatas	118,035



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## Around Town

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The Barrymore Film Center is now scheduled to open in January, complete with a three manual theater organ!

The organ is a gift of Film Center trustee Janet Denlinger and was shipped to Fort Lee in May. House Organist John Baratta will play the organ to accompany a host of silent films to be shown in the theater starting next year.




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## Getting to and From the City

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### By NJTransit Bus

New to Horizon House? Did you know you can get NJTransit Bus #181 right in front of Horizon House directly to the George Washington Bridge Bus Terminal in Manhattan. It runs Weekdays and Saturday mornings from 6:15 to 10:15 am, returning 4:40 to 11:40 pm. Meant for commuters but open to anyone. And children and seniors travel at reduced rates!

Or you can take the 156 bus to the bridge seven days a week, walk down the stairs and then take any bus across the bridge. You can then catch other buses or hop on the A train!

In the other direction, the 156 and 156R express go via the Lincoln Tunnel to the 42nd St Port Authority Terminal all day from the bus stop in front of Hiram's.

Go to the NJTransit website to check out the schedules:

<https://www.njtransit.com/schedules>

### By Parking Authority Bus to Ferry & More



The Fort Lee Parking Authority runs a free ferry shuttle bus service along Palisade Avenue to the Edgewater Ferry Terminal Monday through Friday.

In addition, the Parking Authority runs a variety of free local routes. You can get all the shuttle bus schedules here:

<http://www.fortleeparkingauthority.org/bus-schedules>

All riders are required to show proof of Fort Lee residency.

For further information, call the Fort Lee Parking Authority at 201-592-3500 x1518.

## What's on the Tube Tonight?

“So what’s on Spectrum tonight?” It’s something you’ll probably never say, but you won’t be wrong if you do. Our bulk cable and internet package with Spectrum provides Horizon House residents multiple ways to enjoy TV viewing, streaming and high-speed internet service. At a total of \$48.90 per month (see your maintenance bill), it far surpasses the cable content available through Spectrum’s popular Tier 1 service, typically priced significantly higher than our monthly fee. The package covers all residential units and includes two cable boxes (one with DVR capability), two remote controls, a cable modem providing high-speed 200 Mbps internet service, and all required wiring and installation.

In addition to the Tier 1 cable and HD multi-channel package, Horizon’s bulk tenant agreement also includes multiple HBO and Showtime cable channels plus the recently added HBOMax, all covered by the same monthly fee. From Super Heroes to Swords and Sandals, the wide range of available HBOMax viewing categories covers most tastes and can probably guarantee hours of glass-eyed movie or series streaming for everyone in the family.

You can use your Spectrum account to activate HBOMax on your smart TV. The process will be a little different depending on what type of TV you have, but the basic gist is you need to install the HBOMax app on the TV, then go to HBOMax.com on your computer, phone or tablet and enter the code that pops up within the app on your TV screen.

You’ll then be prompted on your computer to enter your cable provider’s name. Choose “Spectrum” and enter your Spectrum account username and password (you’ll need to create an account on the Spectrum website if you don’t already have one).

Then follow the prompts to set up your HBOMax account. Once you’ve set up your account on your computer or mobile device, the app will be activated on your TV. Enjoy!

Want to watch TV on your mobile device? You can add the Spectrum TV app to your phone or tablet to watch your favorite channels and even control your DVR from your mobile devices. Visit the Apple or Google Play stores to find the app.

For an extra monthly fee, you can add Spectrum’s home phone service by calling 833-697-7328. To get the best rate, ask for “bulk billing.” Use the same number if you are not sure you’re getting everything you are entitled to in our bulk package.

Overall, the bulk cable deal is focused on keeping Horizon House residents connected while keeping some cash in our pockets. That’s almost as much fun as the entertainment it delivers!

### **Write to Us**

*HorizoNews provides residents with a forum to express their thoughts about life in and around Horizon House.*

- *We encourage letters that provide an exchange of ideas about issues of importance in the Horizon House community.*
- *Letters to the editors (300 words or less, please) can be left at the Building 5 Management Office, Attention: HorizoNews Letters.*

*Letters for the next issue should be received by December 1.*

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## The List: Who Does What in Management

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This list has been provided by Management to clarify the roles and responsibilities of our office staff. Please call 201-224-6300 to contact anyone on the list.

### **Assistant Community Managers**

Ana Lora

Joe Sinisi

*General inquiries, move-ins/outs, deliveries, amenity applications*

### **Resident Service Manager**

John Gugliotta

*Work orders, alteration applications, engineering inspections*

### **Community Manager**

Heather Frias

*Purchase, sublease and refinance applications, storage/maids room inquiries*

### **Bookkeeper**

Ligia Solares

*Questions related to maintenance bills, charge backs, 1098s*

### **Project Manager**

Melissa Dabal

*Questions related to the riser project*

### **Operations Manager**

Manny Esquivia

*Issues pertaining to building staff, common area maintenance and cleaning*

### **Assistant Director of Facilities**

Javier Valenzuela

*Supervises maintenance staff and oversees preventative maintenance program*

### **Director of Facilities**

Mike Walsh

*Responsible for physical plant and maintenance operations*

### **Assistant General Manager**

Fran Belfor

*Oversees building operations, 3rd party vendors and business partners to ensure services are provided as per contract*

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change your address by completing a new registration form.

### **Early Voting**

Takes place from Saturday October 23 to Sunday the 31st. Monday - Saturday 10 am to 8 pm, Sunday 10 am to 6 pm. Our local early voting site is the Jack Alter Community Center. Note that there are only nine early voting locations county-wide! if the Community Center here in Fort Lee is not convenient for you, the full site list can be found here:

<https://www.bergenclerk.org/services/20> or call 201-336-6230 for more site information.

### **Application to Vote by Mail or Drop Box**

Deadline: Tuesday, October 26

If you want to vote by mail or drop box, your County Clerk must receive your application by the above date. (Distribution of mail-in/drop-box ballot request forms began on September 18; call 201-336-7020 if you need the form.)



### **Local Drop Box Location**

Jack Alter Community Center, circular drive-up on Anderson Avenue.

Available 24 hours a day until 8 pm on election night.

More questions? You can contact the Bergen County Superintendent of Elections by phone at 201-336-6109 or email [soe@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:soe@co.bergen.nj.us)

Remember, every vote counts!

## **Have a Laugh!**

By the Unknown Columnist

Though the production of *HorizoNews* has become slightly irregular since Covid introduced itself to us, the creation of new punnies has continued unabated. For our science fans, we present this latest batch of stomach turners. Make sure you have your Pepto handy!



- ☉ Who's the smartest monster of them all?  
*FrankEinstein.*
- ☉ Two blood cells met and fell in love but, alas, it was all in vein.
- ☉ What did the biologist wear on her first date?  
*Designer genes.*
- ☉ Why couldn't the biologist and the physicist get along?  
*They had no chemistry.*
- ☉ What is a physicist's favorite food?  
*Fission chips.*
- ☉ What does one tectonic plate say when it bumps into another?  
*"Oops. My fault!"*
- ☉ Why did the germ cross the lab table?  
*To get to the other slide.*
- ☉ What do you call a very small list of puns?  
*Puny.*



## Classifieds

### Services

**Affordable Sciences/History Tutor-** 26+ years experience in private tutoring for all levels from middle school to college level. Can help prepare for SAT, MCAT as well as all Sciences, History & Philosophy. Can also help tutor students for RN exams and RN science courses. Please contact me @ 201-400-9814.

**Caricaturist-** One of the best party caricaturists in the tri-state area also happens to be a neighbor in Bldg 2. For more fun at your next party or event, call Bud Geisenheimer for samples and rates at 201-224-7754. Or email him at: [ourwaystudios@gmail.com](mailto:ourwaystudios@gmail.com).

**Cat Sitter-** Purrfect care when you're not there®. Loving cat care while you work or travel. Insured. Bonded. References. Guaranteed. Call 201-490-4498, email: [deborah@YourCatSitter.com](mailto:deborah@YourCatSitter.com) or visit us online at [www.YourCatSitter.com](http://www.YourCatSitter.com)

**Elementary and Special Education Tutor-** I am an experienced educator with a solid academic background and hands-on teaching experience. I have been teaching in the public school system for the past 18 years, and I have been working as a private tutor for the past ten years. I have the ability to interact effectively with students to create a positive and exciting learning environment. I am certified in elementary education, Orton-Gillingham, and special education. If your child is struggling in school give me a call to discuss tutoring times and rates. Call Rene at 201-410-9450 or email me at [renehak@gmail.com](mailto:renehak@gmail.com)

**Composition, Piano, Improvisation, Theory Lessons -** Live the Music! Every lesson is an exciting experience. Individual approach and careful choice of direction in regards to every student. The lessons are always productive, and inspire the students to study on their own. It does not matter whether the student wants to be a musician or study for pleasure and cultural development. I invariably succeed in bringing the very best out of every single person I set my heart on instructing. At our challenging time I am happy to offer the lessons on-line. It can be via Skype, Viber or Facebook Messenger. Stay safe and healthy! Please contact Margarita Zelenia 201-496-6451 [mzelenia@nj.rr.com](mailto:mzelenia@nj.rr.com)

**Daughter for a Day –** Horizon House resident for 17 years, retired business woman, available to help you with bill paying or organizing your home office, taking you to and from doctor's appointments (and waiting with you), driving you wherever you need to go, grocery shopping, light meal preparation and airport drop-offs. Please call Marlene @ 201-290-8481.

**Dry Cleaning, Tailoring and Shoe Repair -** Cleaner America Inc, owned and operating by a Horizon House resident provides the following services. Full service Dry Cleaning, Shirt Laundry, Tailoring. Pick up and delivery to your doorman five days a week with one to two day turn around. All work done in my 4500 sq foot plant. Leather, Suede and shoe repair available. Price lists available at front desk. Call 201-998-4106 for service.

**Get Your Gold Out....** Turn scrap unused and broken jewelry into cash today. Horizon resident owner has worked in the jewelry business for 30 years. I can top every price on the market. Call 201-314-4711.

**Helping Neighbors —** professional woman, worked as a computer programmer, fluent in English and Russian available for help with: organizing your home business, supporting your website and online presence, any assistance you need on the computer. Companionship and light household chores, shopping and grocery. I can drive you to the appointment, shopping or anywhere else. Please do not hesitate to contact Inna for those or other services @ 201-410-0182.

**Home Improvements —** Arthur Esposito, President of A.C.E. General Contracting, has lived in Horizon House for 32 years. He and his team of talented and dependable craftspeople have worked in over 400 Horizon House apartments, handling projects involving electrical, plumbing, painting, kitchen and bathroom, tiling, wood flooring and more. His company is state certified and fully insured to meet Horizon House's high standards. To see a prime example of his work, visit Building 5's lobby — A.C.E. did it! For a free and reasonable estimate, contact Arthur: 201-224-6333 (O), 201-650-4693 (cell), [espo924@verizon.net](mailto:espo924@verizon.net) (email)

**Horizon Deli** in Building 6 offers a wide variety of fresh food and household items. A great place for breakfast, lunch or a snack. Eat in or take out. Try our Weekend Special: 1/2 dozen bagels, 1/2 lb. cream cheese, 1/4 lb. lox -- all for just \$19.99 + tax (Sat & Sun only; M-F price is \$20.99 + tax). Call 201-886-8882 for free delivery, no minimum required.

**Horizon North Haircutters —** Louis has been in the complex for over 25 years. He thanks his loyal customers for their continued support, and looks forward to new ones. The shop now offers women's hair cutting by Norma, who also does highlights, color, keratin treatments, perms, blowouts, updos and more. We also offer a full line of quality hair care products. Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesdays-Saturdays. Call 201-886-7377 to make an appointment with Louis or drop by the shop in the Lobby Level of Bldg. #6. For women's services, please set up an appointment with Norma at 201-888-8988.

**Legal Services –** Attorney admitted in NY and NJ, 30+ years of practice serving individuals & small businesses. General practice, focusing on estate planning & administration; residential real estate; entity formation; commercial and personal leases. Available for consultations in your home. Contact Melinda B. Maidens, Esq.; (201) 321-8166 or [gindigar@gmail.com](mailto:gindigar@gmail.com).

**Life Coach -** What is more precious than the quality of our life? You can contact me about **any** challenge/question in your life. I tend to look at the source or the core of the issues. Let me help you to shift from struggle to **Flow**, from pain to **Joy**, from fear to **Love**. Change doesn't need to be painful and complicated. I will offer you techniques and strategies which are easy and playful. You will

experience tangible **results**. Your problems will become your **solutions**. You don't have to have an issue to contact me. I would be very inspired to help you to **elevate your life** to the next level of Joy, Excitement and Fulfillment. Let me help you to not just reach your goals but **change your way of living**, the way you experience life every day. Please schedule your **FREE** introductory session at <https://www.livefullestlife.me/life-coaching> or call 201-410-0182

**Looking for Social Media Promoter-** to help promote a new full production quality CD with 26 original songs. Please call Howard at 201-303-1000.

**Piano Lessons-** Experienced educator and composer who has an original fun approach suitable for all ages and abilities. Free introductory lesson. Music videos can be viewed at You Tube- George Eckhardt Music. Please call George Eckhardt @ 551-265-0102 or 201-969-9593.

**Tailoring Services-** Horizon House resident with 30 years of experience in tailoring for ladies and gents. Please call 201-224-5822.

### Goods

**WANTED:** LP's/ CD's/ DVD's- all genres of music, movies and TV. Please call Andrew - 551-265-8473.

### Community Blogs

**Dear Horizon Friends-** A beautiful book "My Story" with many beautiful pictures written by resident Marina Firestone- for sale at \$15.00 or 2 for \$20.00. Please call 201-886-3048

**WANTED: REPORTERS for HORIZONEWS** - Takes minimum time. Provides fun and satisfaction. Call the Management office at 201-224-6300 or stop by the office and tell them you're interested and we'll get in touch with you.

**To Horizon House Music Lovers** - Please check out the new posts by Margarita Zeleniaia, resident Horizon House composer and concert pianist, on her website: <http://www.margaritazeleniaia.com/music/video-gallery/>. I have just finished my 2 act opera named "Caligula's Favorite Play" (based on the Camus' play). Here is a link to the 9 minute DEMO that consists of 7 different arias and monologues: <https://youtu.be/03vv9jSM0Rg>

Ads should be dropped off at the Building 5 Management office, attn: *HorizoNews Classifieds*.

- *Ads must be 85 words or less.*
- *If commercial goods and/or services are offered, the advertiser's primary place of business must be within the Horizon House complex.*
- *Ads must be accompanied by the **advertiser's full name, building, apartment, and telephone number**. This information is needed by the HorizoNews staff for verification purposes and will not appear in the ad except at the advertiser's request.*
- *Upon acceptance, ads for "Services" and "Community Blogs" will appear indefinitely unless cancelled in writing.*
- *Upon acceptance, ads for "Goods" and "Real Estate" will appear for two issues unless renewed or cancelled in writing. First-issue ads will appear with a single asterisk; second-issue ads, with two asterisks.*

Classified ads in *HorizoNews* are provided as a service to the community and are limited to services and goods provided TO Horizon House residents BY residents or commercial tenants in good standing in Horizon House.