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Association of Village Homeowners records

1960-2003

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Summary

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Abstract: The Association of Village Homeowners was formed in 1960 in response to new construction, supporting protection and long-term regulation of the Greenwich Village neighborhood. The Association of Village Homeowners records document the changing concerns of the Greenwich Village neighborhood from 1960 to 2003.

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Creator History

The Association of Village Homeowners was formed in 1960 in response to new construction, supporting protection and long-term regulation of the Greenwich Village neighborhood. Early membership consisted of both single family homeowners and co-op owners who were concerned about the changes in the neighborhood. The aim of the association is the preservation of the human scale, the improvement of Village parks, and the enjoyment of the amenities of Village life. Before the formation of block associations, the Association coordinated community projects such as tree planting and also worked to foster landmark preservation through education.

Scope and Content Note

The Association of Village Homeowners records document the changing concerns of the Greenwich Village neighborhood from 1960 to 2003. The records include newsletters, clippings, minutes, member lists, fundraiser materials, petitions, and correspondence – mostly copies of outgoing letters to individual politicians as well as the city council. Topics covered include rezoning issues, recycling, public landmarks hearings, liquor licenses, above ground PATH vents, the new West Side Highway connection, lighting, the Jefferson Market Courthouse, taxes, rent controlled apartments, and panhandling and prostitution problems in the neighborhood. The Association also retained publications and pamphlets from the City and the Landmark Commission which pertained to their work and interests. Ten blueprints showing architectural detail and restoration plans for houses within the district are also included.

Key Terms

Subjects

City planning
Historic buildings
Urban beautification

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence
Minutes
Newsletters

Geographic Names

Greenwich Village (New York, N.Y.)

Names

Lee, Miriam, 1924-2014

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-3 1960-1969
- b. 1 f. 4-6 1970-1979
 - b. 2 f. 1 1980-1989
 - b. 2 f. 2 1990-1999
 - b. 2 f. 3 2000-2003
 - b. 2 f. 4-6 Pamphlets and publications
 - b. 3 Blueprints
 - Miriam Lee files
 - Miriam Lee (1924-2014) served as president of the Association of Village Homeowners. Lee lived in the Village for over 40 years. Her files include some of her predecessors' files.
- b. 5 f. 11 1971-1980
 - b. 5 f. 8 Completed Business 1971-1973
 - b. 5 f. 7 Correspondence 1964-1985
 - b. 5 f. 6 Historic Districts Council 1972-1973
 - b. 5 f. 5 Homebuyers' Guide 1969
 - b. 5 f. 3 Jefferson Market Courthouse 1960s
 - Landmarks
- b. 4 f. 1-9 1960s-1970s
 - b. 5 f. 1 1960s-1970s
 - b. 5 f. 2 Lights 1965-1967
 - b. 5 f. 4 Lower Manhattan Expressway 1967-1968
 - b. 5 f. 9 Meeting Minutes 1967-1976
 - b. 5 f. 10 Old Merchants House 1965-1971
 - b. 6 f. 1 Publicity 1962-1968
 - b. 6 f. 2 Tax Reform Act 1976-1977
 - b. 5 f. 12 Westway 1975-1984