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FAVORITE THINGS

Autumn anticipation

With a new season comes new energy

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Whether it's the crisper weather, the busier sales season or the extra hour of sleep with daylight savings, brokers are looking forward to the change of pace Fall brings. This week we asked readers what they were looking forward to this season.

Cindy Gise, of Prudential Douglas Elliman, has a list of things she can't wait to see.

"Turtlenecks, boots, lower Con Edison bills, staying home, no reruns and perhaps the opportunity of the world getting back on track after the election," she said. "As far as why, I think it's self explanatory."

David Culver, of Citi Habitats, likes this time of year because it perks up his senses.

"Hot apple cider, the changing of the leaves and carving pumpkins. The fall is so stimulating to the senses with the colors, smells, tastes, etc," he said. "And you get to break out an entire part of your wardrobe that's been hibernating through the other seasons. Fun, fun, fun!"

Barak Realty's Leif Johansson is also looking to break out a new wardrobe this season.

"I love the fall fashion. New Yorkers can't wait to pad up and look stylish for the most festive, romantic and alive season of them all," he said. "Who doesn't love that cold morning walk in a picturesque Central Park? It's the perfect time to smooch with your loved one. Moreover, I'm counting the days to New York City Christmas, which is out of this world with Fifth Avenue as our back bone of Santa joy."

Kahlua O'Callahan, of Citi Habitats, loves the fruits of the season.

"Coming from a catering background, there is just no better time for fresh produce from New York State," she said.

"The apples, pears, pumpkins and root vegetables all grown in farms in New York make it a great time to eat locally. 'An apple a day' is a good motto for real estate, as we have to stay healthy."

Hanna Edwards, of Citi Habitats, likes the Fall because she can be a kid again.

"I love harvest and county fairs," she said. "You can act like a kid, go on rides and buy the best baked goods and produce. Queens County actually has a fair and there are a few nearby in New Jersey, too."

Jeff Goodman, of Barak Realty, is looking forward to a few things this season.

"The Metropolitan Opera and New York Philharmonic are back in season — I have subscriptions

to both," he said. "I love the fall colors, and I can start wearing my wonderful suits again without sweating bullets."

Robert Lombardo, of Barak Realty, is also looking forward to cooling down this season.

"My favorite thing about fall is my wood burning fireplace. I just can't wait to feel those cold, crisp autumn temperatures and off to buy wood and kindling I go," he said. "Living in New York can be such a frenetic pace, but slowing down on a chilly fall evening, lighting a fire and basking in the warm glow near the fireplace hearth is really a primal, soothing, unique experience. I can't wait!"

And what's Fall without sports? **Jeffrey Carlson, director of leasing at Platinum Properties,** is looking forward to playoff season, among other things.

"Fall is by far my favorite time of the year. The season marks the official end of a hot and sweltering summer, and New York City is especially beautiful as the leaves' colors start to turn," he said. "I also look forward to the fall as my birthday is in October and typically the Yankees are in the playoffs."

Danny Davis, of Citi Habitats, is especially looking forward to the baseball playoffs.

"The Phillies are going to the World Series!" he said.

Susan Karlic, of Citi Habitats, said Fall is her favorite season.

"The Autumn is definitely a great break from the hot and muggy Summer — it's a nice feeling when you can actually get a breeze when you open the windows and you don't have to use the air conditioner anymore," she said. "I get excited knowing that a trip to the Long Island wineries will soon be scheduled. It's nothing like going during peak season in October. Also, the fall foliage is fantastic."

"Those picturesque colors of gold, red and green are phenomenal. Then, of course, who can miss the pumpkin and apple picking? Do I hear anyone for fresh apple or pumpkin pie?"

Denise Cataudella, vice president, associate



broker at **Corcoran,** likes the change in season because it also brings a new face to the market.

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Catherine Holmes, of Barak Realty, enjoys how the city's landscape transforms during the Fall.

alive," she said. "There's a clean freshness to the air and the streets are a delight to walk without the oppression of the heat and humidity. Buyers seem to be re-energized and agents even more so. This is the time of year when I do my best work and selling dreams and possibilities truly becomes a reality."

Catherine Holmes, of Barak Realty, also loves the changing scenes of the season.

"The smells and colors begin changing on the streets such as the flowers in the many street markets and co-ops plant fall flowers in tree guards as one last blast of color before winter, and people with wood burning fireplaces start lighting them confirming fall is really here," she said. "Also, Halloween preparation, children's excitement as to what they're going to be, colorful pumpkins and gourds and apples everywhere. Last night we had homemade apple crisp, making the house smell warm and inviting in these anxious times."