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FOREST HILL INFORMER

ABOUT FOREST HILL HOME OWNERS — ESPECIALLY FOR NEW MEMBERS

In the course of a year there is considerable turnover in our membership. This is an active community with new homes under construction in large numbers. Many folks who live in Forest Hill are on the way up in their companies which in many instances requires moving away but new people are taking their places in our community. A brief review of Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc., therefore seems appropriate at this time.

Forest Hill is a residential community whose high standards are guarded by well-chosen deed restrictions designed to preserve and enhance property values and resale marketability. These restrictions include the screening of personnel, both in initial purchase and resale, control of architectural and building standards, location on property of house, additions, fences, hedges and other important matters.

The territory is divided into 18 areas, usually referred to as sectors. Each sector is headed by a Trustee who is elected at the annual meeting and who appoints alternates to assist him. It's the Trustees' job to help, advise, and assist members in administering these restrictions. The Trustees work through committees of which that of title transfer and screening of personnel, and architectural are extremely important and require much time.

The organization is dependent upon volunteer contributions of members for carrying out its many responsibilities. Trustees serve without compensation. Through its officers, committees, and trustees, Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc., has established a gratifying record in maintaining and advancing the high community standards of this area. The names of Trustees are listed on the last page of THE INFORMER.

MORE ON RAPID TRANSIT

The final survey of Rapid Transit as it pertains to Forest Hill indicates a wide variance of views regarding routes and the value of the service as presently scheduled. In all only 34 letters were received, not as many as was indicated in the early returns. It is reasonable to assume that those not replying either lacked interest or were satisfied with the situation.

The matter of bus routing, feeder buses, and connections at best

still is in the experimental stage. More time will be required before the service is shaken down or jells. After reviewing the replies it was the considered judgment of the trustees that no formal action at this time is warranted. Those responsible for the operation of the Rapid have many problems and seem aware of the importance of providing a system reasonably satisfactory to most people.

One matter is outstanding in the survey and that is the number favorable to the so-called Lee Road route. Many expressed a hope that all service would be patronized, especially Lee road, so that the financial return could be such as to warrant continuing the service.

LAWN BOWLING GREENS

In East Cleveland in the Forest Hill City Park there is located a private club which maintains lawn bowling greens. Mr. Charles Caran, City Manager of East Cleveland, has called them to our attention. The bowling greens are off Terrace Road across from Huron Road Hospital. The Club would like more members and players. Perhaps some of our Forest Hill people are interested in this old pleasure. If so, further details can be had by calling Mr. Archibald Dow, Secretary, who resides at 1212 Argonne Road, So. Euclid. His telephone number is Evergreen 1-0133. The greens are open to the public for a nominal fee. Tennis shoes are a requirement. The greens are open Sunday afternoons and evenings and on week-days only after 8 P.M.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT MT. VERNON, MONTICELLO AND FOREST HILLS BOULEVARDS

Several questions have been raised regarding the timing of traffic lights at the above intersections. The matter was called to the attention of Mr. Ray Martin, City Manager of Cleveland Heights. He asked the traffic department to make an investigation after which he reported as follows, "I am pleased to report that the traffic department found that the 'red phase' on Forest Hills Boulevard should be decreased. Seven seconds have been added to the green making a total of twenty-seven for Forest Hills Boulevard. We shall continue to observe this signal and make such other changes as may be necessary." Thanks, Mr. Martin.

ABOUT RATS

The problem of rats is one that will be with us so long as our neighbors continue to dump grass clippings, brush and debris in empty lots. We can cut down weeds and clean up the junk which is deposited by strangers during night hours. The real problem is with our own people. If vacant lots are kept clean the rats will go away.

City authorities advise that rat poison, if properly applied, is not harmful to birds as they will not touch it but squirrels sometimes do. The rat eating proper poison cannot regurgitate; becomes dehydrated and leaves the premises to die in search of water.

Where there has been rat trouble the problem has disappeared after vacant lots were cleaned up. The refuse has to be piled and burned, cremating the rats and at the same time eliminating the cover. You must obtain a permit from the Fire Department.

A good black snake or a ferret are also death on rats but who knows where to obtain either.

BUSY PEOPLE

It is an honor to be selected by ones neighbors to the Board of Trustees or as an officer of Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc. A trustee or officer is busy with his own business affairs. But at best, a large amount of work is involved in looking after Forest Hill matters, and like many of the necessary chores of life, their doing goes unheralded and unsung.

A job requiring great care and consuming many hours a month is that of following up references and investigating families wanting to become residents of our community, so to speak, picking out our neighbors. Character and reputation are looked into as also is the financial responsibility of the prospect. Previous neighbors in the community where the project has lived throw considerable light on applicants. Of course, all matters must be held in greatest confidence.

Someone wants to build a fence or plant a hedge or put in an air conditioning unit joining the house or in the back yard. A permit for these from Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc., is required in the deed and by the city. Permits are issued only after study and consultation with neighbors. To do a job that is fair takes a lot of time of trustees and officers.

Every new house, or addition to existing ones, requires a building permit from the city. Members of our architectural committee carefully study all building plans. If the proposed structure fits into Forest Hill, approval is indicated by stamping each set of plans. The city building department relies on this stamp. This job of scanning plans is a task that cannot and is not skimmed over lightly. The committee does not approve some plans and in other instances suggests changes all of which involves consultation with the owner, or builder and architect.

Many other chores fall in the lap of officers and trustees, some do not fall they are put there. Dog, cat, rat, rubbish, weed and other nuisances so called by some folks are in this list. These problems, when advisable, usually are channeled to proper places for attention.

Your trustees and officers gladly give their time to make ours a better community. Our hats are off to them!

FOREST HILL HOME OWNERS, INC.
OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES FOR 1954-1955

OFFICE	NAME	ADDRESS	ZONE	TELEPHONE
President	Randolph Eide	3232 Rumson Rd.	18	FA 1-8118
Sr. V. P.	W. H. Fleming	15933 Brewster Rd.	12	FA 1-9300
V. P.	C. W. Presdee	1525 Burlington Rd.	18	ER 1-1860
Sec.-Treas.	E. W. Ackerman	2073 Newbury Dr.	12	YE 2-2014
Asst. Secy.	R. W. Mettner	15957 Brewster Rd.	12	FA 1-3481

SECTOR

EC1	Dr. Homer Alexander	2053 Lee Rd.	12	ER 1-0178
EC2	G. H. Juergens	15880 Glynn Rd.	12	FA 1-4279
EC3	G. W. Wolff	16141 Glynn Rd.	12	GL 1-4484
EC4	K. J. Humberstone	16089 Brewster Rd.	12	YE 2-1746
EC5	T. M. Mann	2124 Mt. Vernon Rd.	12	FA 1-4550
EC6	E. L. Maas	16050 Henley Rd.	12	YE 2-0909
CH1	J. M. Beyvl	1072 Bradon Rd.	12	YE 2-0660
CH2	C. R. Dietsch	1129 Mt. Vernon Rd.	12	FA 1-2345
CH3	P. C. Mehnert	1132 Brandon Rd.	12	FA 1-8984
CH4	S. F. Armington, Jr.	1083 Brandon Rd.	12	YE 2-1579
CH5	W. A. Martin	3228 Taylor Rd.	12	EY 2-0348
CH6	D. C. Witzke	3400 Hollister Rd.	18	YE 2-6162
CH7	Ralph E. Fisher	3342 Chelsea Dr.	18	FA-1-1839
CH8	C. L. Goldsword	1405 Blackmore Rd.	18	YE 2-7158
CH9	R. W. Johns	1429 Westover Rd.	18	YE 2-2946
CH10	E. G. Porter	1531 Burlington Rd.	18	FA 1-3315
CH11	T. U. Blake	1525 Kew Rd.	18	FA 1-7469
CH12	Robt. Mercer	3202 Rumson Rd.	18	YE 2-3732
CH13	A. K. Gaetjens	2480 Newbury Dr.	18	YE 2-1304