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NEWSLETTER OF THE FOREST HILL HOME OWNERS

Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc. is a nonprofit organization established more than fifty years ago to benefit the more than 950 homes in the Forest Hill neighborhood and to enforce the protective covenants applicable to each property in Forest Hill.

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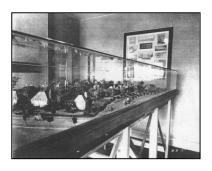
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A Message from the FHHO President:

Overall, I would sum up 2009 as a transitional year for your association. Sally Miller's tireless efforts to involve new and long-time residents reinvigorated our board of trustees with many new members. There were changes to our executive committee as well, with Pam Mason stepped down after serving as our corporate secretary for several years due to her increased teaching load. Her insightful participation in committee meetings will be missed, but she remains a valued member of our board. Marla Zwinggi, a relative newcomer to Forest Hill, has volunteered to take on Pam's responsibilities as secretary. Jeffrey King agreed to fill the position of vice president of standards after Erika Van Kirk announced that her limited stay in Forest Hill had come to an end now that her husband has completed his studies at Case dental school.

Our new volunteers bring a wealth of creativity and enthusiasm to our association and we have a lot on our plate for 2010, including the redesigned newsletter you are reading, improvements to our properties, new features for our website and an exciting speaker for the annual meeting in the fall. I look forward to what is already shaping up to be an exciting year for FHHO.

Sincerely, Christopher J. Hubbert



The Lore of Forest Hill: It Really is a Small World

Last Christmas, Steve Kinsella of St. Paul, Minnesota, visited his in-laws in Vermont. As he often does, he spent some time perusing antique shops. On this trip, he stumbled across a bronze architectural model of a French Norman home. It was such a work of art that Steve purchased it. All he knew about the model was a name etched on the front, "Andrew J. Thomas Architect." When he returned to Minnesota, he "Googled" the name and found Forest Hill. Steve was curious about what he had discovered and wanted to know if his model was of a Forest Hill home. Initially he contacted the Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society and they passed his email on to me. Here is what I was able to tell him.

In the mid 1920s, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. engaged New York architect Andrew J. Thomas (1875-1965) to plan an upscale residential and commercial development that would become Forest Hill. Self-educated, Thomas championed low-income housing in New York City and popularized the garden apartment. He also designed numerous other housing projects for Rockefeller, although Forest Hill is believed to be his only work in Ohio. For visual continuity, he designed all of the Forest Hill homes in the same French Norman style featuring steeply pitched slate or terracotta tile roofs, wavy-edged red cedar siding, Ohio sandstone, and brick kilned in a color pallet specially created for the development. Using

Garden City principles, Thomas planned the subdivision as a harmonious village in an open park-like setting with gently curving streets and abundant trees. Rockefeller's Abeyton Realty Corporation, named for his wife Abby, completed 81 of the French Norman homes along Brewster Road and adjacent streets before the Great Depression brought the project to an end.

Thomas made traditional architectural drawings of the Forest Hill homes and detailed maps of the layout of the streets, trees, utilities and homes. But he also had cast bronze models of the homes made and laid out whole blocks complete with three-dimensional landscaping and miniature cars on the streets. Photos of the architectural models were featured in various publications, including *Architecture, Architectural Record* and *Fortune*. More than a dozen of the bronze models were made, representing the various homes styles built in Forest Hill.

Eighty years later, Steve located one of these original Forest Hill models. We will probably never know why the model was in Vermont, but now we do know how it found its way to Minnesota. And Steve was able to learn about the provenance of his find and about Forest Hill as well. It truly is a small world!

-by Christopher Hubbert

Photo, this page – scan of the picture that appeared on page 5 of a 12 page article in "Architecture" magazine March 1932

Lower photo, front page – the model today

Top photo, front page – tabletop model of entire block, estimated at 3'-0" x 8'-0"

Arrange Your CH Block Party Now!

It's not too early to start planning your neighborhood block party. The city of Cleveland Heights wants to help you enjoy the company of your neighbors. The city is prepared to provide barricades, a volleyball and net and will even print flyers and newsletter to notify everyone of the fun! To get help and tips for creating a great event, call Cleveland Heights Community Relations Department at 321-2323.

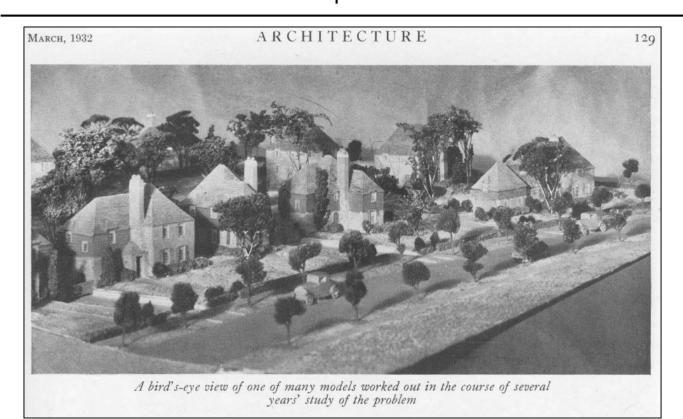
Once you have your party, let us know. We'd love to print photos from your event in the fall issue of the Forest Hill neighborhood newsletter.

Why "Or Current Resident"?

Many of you have noticed that our labels include "or current resident" and have asked why. Don't we know who you are, you ask. Actually, in some cases we don't know who is living in a home for a variety of reasons, but more importantly, the post office requires us to include "current resident" on our labels to use the much cheaper bulk mailing rates. So to save money for the association, we include the language.

Congratulations Kew!

Nearly 44% of the residents of Kew Road contributed to Forest Hill Home Owners in 2009, the highest percentage participation of any street in Forest Hill. Burlington Road was a close second followed by Rumson Road. Please contribute to your home owners association this year and help your street lead the pack for 2010!



FHHO vs. "The City"

There seems to be continual misunderstanding on the responsibility and duties of the Forest Hill Home Owners and those born by the municipalities of East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights.

Residents often ask why FHHO doesn't work on streets, trees, traffic problems, etc. Unfortunately, there are a number of things the FHHO cannot do. Your organization does not have the power to override CITY responsibilities or STATE statutes. As an example, we were recently asked to install stop signs to manage speeding in the neighborhood. We took these concerns to the city and they explained that there are State guidelines for stop signs placement. They further explained that some existing signs are illegal! They suggested the best way to deter speeding through our area was requesting more surveillance from the police.

The condition of many streets in Forest Hill is no worse than those in other parts of each city. The same is true of snow and leaf removal issues. We can certainly take your concerns to the two municipalities and sometimes that adds credence to the complaint. Equally effective is multiple phone calls. If you truly have a problem and MORE THAN ONE call is placed to the correct person in city hall, action is more likely.

The Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc. was established to oversee the deed restriction linked to each of our properties. Proper care and maintenance of the homes will make our neighborhood strong. Using the strengths of both the homeowners association and the municipal governments gives us twice as much influence as other residential areas.

Important East Cleveland Phone Numbers: City Hall - 216-681-5020 Mayor's Office - 216-681-2208 Building & Housing Department - 216-681-2415 Council - 216-681-2310 Police Department (non-emergency) - 216-451-1234 Parks & Recreation - 216-851-1180 Service - 216-681-2419

East Cleveland Council President, Dr. Joy Jordan, Council at Large Nathaniel Martin, Council Member Chantelle Lewis

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Cleveland Heights Council Members: Ed Kelley, Phyllis

Evans, Bonnie Caplan, Ken Montlack, Cheryl Stevens, Mark Tumeo & Dennis Wilcox

IS YOUR ADDRESS NUMBER VISIBLE?

Make sure that your home address number is easily visible day and night, in the event that EMS or other services need to find you!

Thanks "Snowblowers!"

Thank you to the snow blower operators who went the extra distance and did the sidewalks for an entire street, a collection of homes or a neighbor's drive. Your efforts this winter are surely appreciated and we commended you as "better-than-good" neighbors!

Recognizing Great Neighbors

Each year, the city of Cleveland Heights recognizes extraordinary care given to property throughout the city and presents them with Community Improvement Awards. During the 2009 ceremony held in City Hall, eighteen homes, 16 "Tender Loving Care" Awards and three businesses were rewarded. The following Forest Hill neighbors received recognition:

- The Grimes Residence on Brandon Road
- The Hall Residence on Rumson Road
- Logos on Lee / Guenther's in the Rockefeller **Building on Mayfield**

In addition, special recognition was given to the Home Repair Resource Center and the Joseph/Finkenbine family for their renovation of a house on Westover Road.

Congratulations! You make our neighborhood better!

Everyone Needs a Neighbor Like Sally

Sally Miller and her husband, Robert moved to our area from Colorado some years ago and brought with her experience working with other neighborhood organizations. Sally dug in, became involved and has done much to improve OUR neighborhood! She got her street (Hollister) organized and each year they do an outstanding block party. She has corralled teams of workers for the annual Burlington/Mayfield woods cleanup and cleaning of the Blue Cottage. She regularly recruits workers to label our newsletters and mailings and has spent countless hours on the phone finding new Trustees for blocks that have been unrepresented at the semi-annual Trustee meetings. On a more personal level, she has greatly assisted an elderly neighbor (a resident since 1942!) prepare her house for sale and her ultimate transition to assisted living.

Thanks to Sally for all she has done for Forest Hill!

A Nocturnal Visitor to Forest Hill

Forest Hill resident and outdoor enthusiast David A. Richardson captured the accompanying image of a coyote visiting Newbury Drive early one morning last November using a backyard trail camera. Our visitor may have come from Forest Hill Park, where coyote have been reported denning. Coyote are not originally native to Ohio, having arrived from the American west, expanding their territory east into states that once had healthy wolf populations. The name "coyote" is borrowed from Mexican Spanish, ultimately derived from the Nahuatl word cóyotl. The popularity of the animated Warner Brothers' character Wile E. Coyote has spread the three-syllable Spanish pronunciation of the word "coyote" (kahy-oh-tee instead of kahy-oht) throughout English-speaking North America.

Although wolves were extirpated from northeast Ohio long ago (the last wild wolf killed in Ohio was in 1842), in some sense they are staging a comeback along with the coyote. Coyote first arrived in Ohio from Indiana in the early 1900s. A second group of coyote took a more circuitous route north of the Great Lakes where they encountered a remnant population of gray wolves that had survived in Canada and, according to DNA testing, interbred with the coyote. These coyote-wolf hybrids have colonized the northeastern United States and are currently moving west through New York and Pennsylvania towards Ohio. The two groups are just starting to encounter one another and it is unclear whether they will occupy different niches or interbreed further.

Coyote are highly adaptable, thriving even in developed urban environments. They typically prey on small mammals, such as mice, chipmunks and rabbits. Although rarely dangerous to people (domestic dogs are a much greater threat), small pets, such as cats, should not be left outside overnight. The Ohio State University has studied coyote in the Chicago area in the Cook County Coyote Project. To learn more about urban coyote, visit the project on the web at UrbanCoyoteResearch.com.

Forest Hill is home to a remarkable diversity of wildlife and we plan to feature more wildlife images in our newsletter and website. If you have a photo or story you would like to contribute, please email it to President@FHHO.org.

-by Christopher Hubbert



Photo courtesy of David A. Richardson

Meet Marla

Forest Hill Home Owner's new Secretary, Marla Zwinggi is a newer resident to our community. Although she is originally from Northeast Ohio, she studied in both New York and Boston before returning home to her Cleveland roots. Currently a marketing and communications specialist, Marla works at Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management where her main area of focus is on promoting the School's prestigious undergraduate and graduate business programs.

She and her husband, Nick, a web developer at Marcus Thomas LLC, wanted a walkable neighborhood similar to the Newton and Brookline areas of Boston. Marla hoped to find a home close to Case and they both wanted a place near Cleveland's museums, restaurants, culture and nightlife. After a bit of searching, they purchased their Rumson Road home on Christmas Eve 2007 and moved in shortly thereafter in 2008.

Marla loves being involved in a community and service to others makes up a big part of her life. In addition to her work with the FHHO, she has been active with the group of people trying to improve the Forest Hill Boulevard-Northvale triangle. She also volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland and mentors a young lady from the Ohio City area.

Marla and Nick are happy they found Forest Hill and believe they have found the right neighborhood to some day start a family and make lifelong friends.

Fill in the form below and mail it to FHHO, 2419 Lee Blvd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44118-1206. \$52 is the suggested membership fee, but any amount is welcome. If you'd like to further help your community, please indicate your interest in volunteering. You will be contacted!

Name:		
Address:		
Phone No.:	E-mail address:	
I want to do something mo	eaningful for the neighborhood: call me!	

Notes from the Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society

Preservation can show up in the oddest places. Who'd have thought Buffalo, New York, one of the most economically depressed areas in America would be a hotbed of preservation activity? In fact, so well regarded is Buffalo, that the National Preservation Conference will be held there in 2011.

Why Buffalo? Did you know that Buffalo has the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright buildings outside of Chicago? It has the largest intact parks system designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux. One of the world's first steel supported, curtain-wall office buildings was designed by Louis Sullivan and constructed in Buffalo. The largest building designed by H.H. Richardson, the Buffalo State Asylum for the Insane became the hallmark of the "Richardsonian Romanesque" movement. In an era when neo-classic concert buildings were derigueur, the contemporary Kleinhans Music Hall was constructed. Designed by the progressive father-son architectural team of Eliel and Eero Saarinen, at the 1940 opening it was recognized as one of the finest concert halls build in America. Restoration on the Buffalo Central Terminal has been in process for almost a decade.

It is theorized that the reason the BCT was not torn down and lost forever was due to the massive cost of demolition. Like our own East Cleveland side of Forest Hill Park, neglect can be a historian's best friend. There are more uninterrupted elements in the EC half of the park than the heavily remodeled Cleveland Heights portion. Despite this evidence, no one wants to see mass deterioration of beautiful and historic buildings (or parks.)

It is important to remember that Cleveland hosted this conference in 2002. A national audience experienced the work we've done as a community and responded in the positive. Sometimes, it takes a similar event in a nearby city to make one appreciate what we have at home. We have been doing a good job and we've received some recognition. Buffalo's benchmark status in the world of preservation should add encouragement to those of us in Cleveland and Forest Hill specifically. Like that city, we are surrounded by the byproduct of economic despair. At one time, our area was filled with moneyed Clevelanders and the buildings constructed were the finest and the designs were thoughtful and worth preserving. They are now in our hands, waiting for us to act and expecting us to continue acting.

While we do not have any Cleveland-based Wright building, Buffalo was the sight of one of his lost masterpieces. The Larkin Administration Building was demolished for parking in 1950. This is a loss from which we all suffer. Let's not let similar things happen again, especially here in Forest Hill.

-Jeffrey R. Dross

(Jeff is Vice-President of FHHPS. An article by the Society appears in each issue of the Forest Hill newsletter. If you are interested in more details about the organization, call him at 321-0206.)

Rockefeller's Cleveland by Sharon E. Gregor

Local author and historian, Sharon Gregor has completed her second book for Arcadia Publishing. <u>Rockefeller's Cleveland</u> is a part of the company's "Postcard History Series" and is filled with a collection of historic postcard images relative to John D. Rockefeller's life in Cleveland with referential and background information provided by Ms. Gregor. It is now available in stores. Her previous book, <u>Forest Hill – The Rockefeller Estate</u> was released in 2006 and is still available from local retailers.

Creative Holiday Lighting

Burlington residents, Jim and Cindy Young certainly deserve a "creativity" award for holiday decorations! Their beautifully lighted white and blue "umbrella" tree presented an unusual approach to lighting.

Eleanor Shankland

Eleanor Shankland, Trustee for Newbury south passed away in January at the age of 94. Eleanor was an accomplished artist and enjoyed an interesting career as a fashion illustrator and sometimes model for Higbee's for many years. A light-filled studio was added to her Chelsea Road home to support this career. Never one to rest on past accomplishments, at 80, she learned to drive!

She and her second husband, a well-known physicist at CWRU, had lived for many years on Hazel, north of Forest Hill. She met him on a train going to San Francisco with her two young daughters, after the death of her first husband. After Prof. Shankland's wife passed away, some years later, he called on Eleanor and asked her to be his wife.

Eleanor always offered to host parties and help with projects in Forest Hill. Her interesting home with gardens designed by Elsetta Gilchrist Barnes, one of Cleveland's first female landscape architects appeared on a number of Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society Home and Garden Tours. The garden (and Eleanor) was featured in a 1976 Plain Dealer article because of its varied and interesting variety of plants and foliage. Eleanor, always "dressed to the nines," even for a walk around the block became a "presence" in the neighborhood and will be sorely missed.

Wet Newspapers?

Are you tired of receiving an unordered newspaper on undefined days? Do you drive over them in the morning? Do they turn into a soaking mess by the time you notice? Call the Plain Dealer and ask them to stop using your home as recycling bin! 216-999-6000.

Dugway Brook Watershed

If you are like so many of us in this area, you have likely heard of Dugway Brook time and time again, but may not know exactly what it is and what it means. The Dugway Brook is actually a nine square miles watershed that stretches through most of the east side of Cleveland.

A watershed is a body of land where the water from rain, snow and ice drains downward into an adjoining body of water. Essentially, a watershed acts like a funnel, collecting water and distributing it into the waterway. This water movement is crucial to the drinkable water supply provided by Lake Erie.

Most of Dugway Brook is culverted (underground storm sewers) primarily under the cities of Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland and University Heights, but it is exposed in Lake View Cemetery, Forest Hill Park in both Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland as well as Bratenahl where it flows into the lake.

Because of its crucial nature in the local supply of potable water, it is extremely important that sewage and waste is not mixed with this storm water. NEVER drop waste or chemicals down sewers as that will ultimately return to you in your drinking glass!

The 2nd Annual Dugway Brook Watershed Festival will take place on Saturday, June 26, 2010 from 11am – 3pm at the Forest Hill Park Boat House in East Cleveland. This free event will feature family-friendly activities, demonstrations, free food samples, and arts and crafts for kids. Come learn about the Dugway Brook and how **you** can impact our environment!

Contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Health at 216-201-2001 x1223 or visit www.ccbh.net for more information.



Congratulations Elected FH Residents!

Congratulations to Forest Hill residents, Cheryl Stevens and Ed Kelley, elected to Cleveland Heights Council, Chantelle Lewis elected to East Cleveland Council and Gary Norton, elected East Cleveland Mayor.

Hollister Road Block Party Expanded

One of Forest Hill's best attended and most envied block party has established Saturday, July 10th as the event date for 2010. A rain date the 11th has also been reserved. This year, organizers want to involve the whole southeast quadrant included within the N. Taylor, Monticello, Forrest Hill Blvd and Mayfield Road boarder. Those residents and Rumson, Seaton, Hereford, Hollister, and Chelsea neighbors, families and friends are invited.

If you live in this area and would like to join in the festivities, please RSVP to Sally Miller at 216-321-2516 or David Ward at 216-321-4845 by July 3rd. Flyers will be delivered and signs will be posted as the date of the event gets closer.

E-Mail Addresses Wanted

EMAILS CAN GET THE WORD OUT FAST! When the surveys were distributed last fall, we asked for e-mail addresses. Many neighbors provided them, and when Jan Milic impulsively decided to host a New Year's Party at the Rockefeller Building, this is how the invitations went out. There was no time and no funds for a mailing or flyers. On the Sunday after New Year's, with miserable weather, Jan packed the Rockefeller Party Room with congenial people, a cozy fire and lots and lots of "potluck" party food!

Just recently, the e-mail list (to Trustees only) was used to assist a new Forest Hill family. Their dog disappeared the day after they moved in and the new neighbors did not know where to turn. Hopefully, the quick e-mail circulation helped get the dog back to its new home.

We hope to take advantage of the e-mail network to let people know about events, opportunities, projects, alerts, and so forth in the future. Please submit your e-mail address (clearly written, please) with your contribution or email it to us at Secretary@FHHO.org. And please don't worry; we have no intention of selling your address. We simply want to keep you well informed of your neighborhood.

Cleveland Heights Resurfacing List

The following streets are on the revised Cleveland Heights list of roadways classified as "poor condition." Over the next five years, depending upon funds, these will be resurfaced.

- Chelsea Road
- Rumson Road
- Newbury Road (Monticello to the East Cleveland limit) If you believe your street is in worse condition than these you may contact Carl Czaga, Cleveland Heights Capital Projects Manager. (216-291-4444)

FHHO Contributors

After publishing the Autumn 2009 edition of the Forest Hill News, contributions to the FHHO continued to arrive. Following are the contributors omitted from the earlier list. Thanks to all for supporting your homeowner's organization!

Blackmore Road

Anthony S. Wong & Judy M. Wong

Bolton Road

Judith K. Sieck & Dean Sieck

Brewster Road

Steve F. Morchak & Thomas V. Pike Patrick A. Jordan & Dawn Jordan Vetella A. Camper

Burlington Road

Kathleen J. Pantano

James S. Harris, Sr. & Lola M. Harris Andrea J. Glickman & Roy Warren

Carver Road

H. Turner Thompson & Vivian M. Jackson

Chelsea Drive

Gerald Saidel & Mina Saidel

Cleviden Road

Paul J. McElroy & Patria F. Delores-McElroy Judge Una H. R. Keenon & Cory Bush III Laudenia A. Dickerson & Samuel L. Dickerson

Eastwick Drive

Bonnie J. Terrell

Forest Hills Boulevard

Larry W. Howard & Gwendolyn Howard Frederick D. Jefferson & Rebecca Jefferson

Glynn Road

Toni Mallory

Henley Road

Herschell A. McCoy & L. J. McCoy

Hereford Road

Bettye T. Cleveland

Hollister Road

George Williams & Minnie Williams

Kew Road

Wanda E. Cruz-Knight & Ray Knight

Lee Boulevard

Paul Hunt & Cynthia Hunt

Monticello Boulevard

Inez Everett

Mt. Vernon Boulevard

Mary E. Mann

Newbury Drive

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Oakhill Road

Darrell A. Fields & Helen Forbes-Fields

Rumson Road

Marilyn Campbell Peckinpaugh

Alisa Feingold

Jewell Strother & Lloyd Strother

Walden Road

Carol Ann Walker & Joseph H. Walker

Westover Road

Ralph Curry & Jan May

Kenneth Tench & Dana Smith-Tench

Mail Troubles

Several residents have indicated they have had difficulty with mail delivery — receiving the wrong mail or not receiving their mail. We spoke to the post office about the issue generally, but if you have a specific problem, you can call the national customer relations service at 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777). They are open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 8:30 pm and Saturday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm (closed Sundays and holidays). Or you can send an email anytime by going to www.USPS.com/CustomerService and clicking on the email tab. Of course, before you lodge a complaint, keep in mind the millions of pieces of mail that the USPS delivers every day and that the occasional error is unavoidable.



Notification to Home Owners in Forest Hill

Written approval from the Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc. is required for new construction, exterior alterations and/or additions to comply with Deed Restrictions.

Written Approval is Needed For:

Windows / Roofing / Siding / Fences / Patio Enclosures / Room Additions / Deck

Alteration guidelines are available on our website at www.fhho.org

Call **216-932-8952** for an application. FHHO approval is in addition to and independent of City approval.

New Trustees

A number of neighbors have stepped up and agreed to serve as Trustee members. The Fall 2009 and Winter 2010 meeting were brimming with new voices and new ideas. Please thank the following residents for agreeing to help he community:

- Marsha Cappy Fenemore
- Hattie Helm Forest Hills (north)
- Adele DeMarco Kious Henley (east)
- David Ward Hollister
- Bill Falender Kew
- Adam Tomlinson Mt. Vernon
- Percel Davis Northvale (west)
- Sharon Collins Rumson (east)
- Dorothy Broz Mayfield
- Judy Heuan Brandon (north)
- Fiona Reilly Blackmore
- Cynthia Hunt Lee
- Lillian Houser Newbury (south)
- Pat Ortiz Newbury (central)
- Donna Kolb Rumson (west)

Giving Our Neighborhood A Boost

There is always a long list of things that people would like to see done in our neighborhood, but the financial means to accomplish them is very close to zero. It was recently suggested that individuals with special skills, connections, interests, or resources, might be interested in taking on the responsibility of some of these needs.

Mike Reilly was the first to respond, offering (through Reilly Painting and Contracting) to paint the Cottage and oil the roof, two badly needed maintenance issues.

Percel Davis, Nate Wright, Marla Zwinggi, and David Richardson have joined together to enhance the island at Northvale and Forest Hills Blvd. with plantings.

For the annual Burlington/Mayfield woodlot cleanup, Jan Milic has recruited her friend, Frank Webber to assist in taking down some trees.

We still need "angels" to adopt the following needs:

- Replace or level/repair sidewalk slabs at the cottage, estimate: \$2500
- Provide a picnic table for the Northvale Forest Hills Blvd island, estimate: \$2500
- Rental of the Rockefeller Building for the New Year's Day Potluck Party, estimate \$1500
- Promotional video for new residents and realtors, estimate: Unknown

You may have some projects on YOUR mind, with the resources to carry them out. Why not give your own boost to Forest Hill?

Color and Your Home

As spring approaches, the task of painting and staining your home is becoming more and more a reality. Often, we are puzzled with selecting the correct color. Some have even decided upon carnival colors, more appropriate to Caribbean retreats than our early and mid-century structures. Here are a few tips:

Rockefeller homes MUST be stained, not painted. Some other homes in the area might also benefit from stain rather than paint. Check with your dealer or paint advisor. Select a color commensurate with the architecture of the home. There are many natural, subtle wood tones or earth tones available. Some of the paint manufactures

available. Some of the paint manufactures offer a brochure featuring complementary tones and historic colors. Take advantage of their color expertise. Still confused? Consult a trusted neighbor or FHHO Trustee.

The Cleveland Restoration Society also offers a color consultation service. Call the Preservation Resources Center at 216-426-3108 to get advice with a historic perspective. A properly painted home will add to the value of your Forest Hill home.



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