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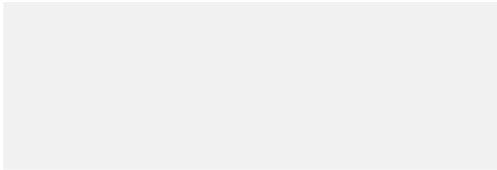
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Apply Now to Be on the FHHO Board - The Election is Nov. 10th

Would you like to meet neighbors and help make Forest Hill an ideal community? If so, you may enjoy being on the FHHO Board. If you have never served on a board, you may wonder what the Board does. The Board is a group of home owners who share their time, life skills, and enthusiasm to further the mission of FHHO. That mission is to protect property values, preserve historic homes, and ensure that Forest Hill is a good place for your family to live and grow.

There are 15 openings each year. Some board members serve many years because they are gratified by their involvement in the community. If you are a home owner and this sounds interesting to you, fill out an application at fhho.org. A committee of residents will review applications and propose a slate for the home owners to approve at the Annual Members Meeting on Nov. 10th. New residents are

strongly encouraged to apply and share their enthusiasm for their new community. You do not need prior board experience, but you do need to have time to participate, usually a few hours a month. The only requirement is the minimum annual contribution of \$75. [Go to fhho.org](http://fhho.org) for details soon.

The mission of FHHO is supported only by member donations. Please use the enclosed envelope to make yours today.



Show Off Your Forest Hill Pride for Only 20 Bucks

Two Ways To Order.

For each tee shirt, enclose \$20 cash or a check made out to FHHO along with your **name, address, and size** in an envelope, deposited in the mail slot at the Blue Cottage at 2419 Lee Blvd. OR go to fhho.org and order with PayPal. Either way, prompt contactless delivery will be made to your home.



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Dear Fellow Residents of Forest Hill,

This summer has flown by! I hope all of you have stayed healthy as our health warnings have modified through the summer.

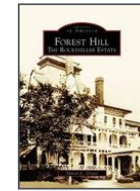
The Preservation Committee has been working with residents on their roofs, decks, and fence applications, as well as with property owners who are restoring or painting their exteriors. Several residents have used the Cleveland Heights Access app to report overgrown lawns in Cleveland Heights, and the city has been quickly responsive. Things are looking prettier and more kept up! The curb appeal of your house reflects our neighborhood diligence with good home maintenance and well-considered improvements. This is mirrored in the rising sale prices of Forest Hill properties. Since May, sale prices for our neighborhood have ranged from \$165,000 to \$385,000.

The Membership Committee has sprung back to life and has mailed out welcome letters with a summary of the Forest Hill Standards to every new property purchaser since July 2019. All of those home owners are also receiving a hand-delivered, reusable bag containing a copy of Forest Hill: The Rockefeller Estate by Sharon Gregor, a former resident of our neighborhood, now deceased. The Membership Committee hopes that this gift will give new home owners a perspective on the history and cohesion of our neighborhood. Forest Hill holds a singular place in the east side neighborhoods of Cleveland as a planned community. Many home owners take property maintenance very seriously and expect that their neighbors do, too.

The Activities Committee and the Membership Committee joined to present an ice cream social to

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New Residents Welcomed with Book About History of Forest Hill Homes



Suppose you are a new home owner to Forest Hill since 2020. In that case, you may have already received Images of America, Forest Hill: The Rockefeller Estate. This book was written by Forest Hill's Sharon Gregor (deceased, 2017) and is a pictorial window between 1923 and 1960 of our neighborhood. This is the history of YOUR home and YOUR neighborhood. It also includes extensive images of the design of Forest Hill Park. The book continues to be hand-delivered.

Since the pandemic, it has been challenging to welcome new residents and help them feel connected to Forest Hill. FHHO's Membership Chair position has not been filled since 2018. Under the direction of Gretchen Mettler, volunteers Ron Ramsey, Lee Barbee and Sharon Leary have made tremendous progress in sending a Welcome Packet to home owners who moved to Forest Hill in 2019, 2020, and 2021.



East Cleveland Couple Restores Once Blighted Ranch Home

Jamain and Kesha Owens are nearly finished with the extensive restoration of the once-blighted mid-century ranch home located at 15922 Forest Hill in East Cleveland. The 1953 house had been vacant for many years and was a long-standing concern for Forest Hill Home Owners. Kesha said this project has been ongoing for two years and entailed knocking down walls, lifting the roof off the rafters, waterproofing, pouring a new cement driveway and sidewalks, and will be "like-new construction." Excited to be "ramping down," Kesha is hopeful that they will list the house on the market in early fall.

welcome new people to the neighborhood on September 25 at the Forest Hill Swim Club. It was the second social event FHHO was able to sponsor this season!

FHHO exists to promote, safeguard and improve the property values in and the general welfare of Forest Hill. On this page, you will see the list of contributors to FHHO so far for 2021. Please consider a contribution to FHHO using the enclosed envelope. Your donation provides funding for our mailings, to maintain the historic Blue Cottage and the grounds, as well as address emergency Cottage issues and allows us to hold both social and educational resident events while maintaining our cash levels.

The Annual Meeting will be virtual again this year. You will find more information about the Annual Meeting and proposed agenda on page 3. This newsletter serves as the first official notification of the meeting. Further details will be found on the FHHO web page. The proposed agenda will be more filled in as we get closer to the meeting. Information on how to access the Zoom meeting will be published on the website. To avoid the interruption we experienced last year with the Zoom bombing, everyone who attends will receive a secure invitation. For those who wish to nominate themselves to serve on the Board of Directors, information about the application process will be on the website soon. Since April 2020, we have been meeting using Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.

I would like to remind everyone about the annual Forest Hill Park fall photography contest. There is more information on page 3. In addition, there will be one last neighborhood pick-up trash event on Saturday, October 2. Look for information about that soon.

Gretchen Mettler
FHHO President and Trustee

Have you met Tom?

Tom Winston, Preservation Chair, will do his best to help you maintain your home's value in the process of exterior modifications. Just complete a free application at Standards@fhh.org.

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Through your donations, FHHO will further our 70-year-mission of maintaining property values and neighborhood lifestyle. Expenditures this year include:

- Seasonal main streets and lot clean-up events.
- Reaching new homeowners with educational support.
- Maintaining the Blue Cottage and Burlington lot.

If you have specific questions about our mission, be sure to visit our website fhh.org or reach out to Gretchen Mettler, president at president@fhh.org.

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Please consider adding to your donation today or making your first time donation of any amount.

FHHO Members Meeting is on Zoom Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm

The FHHO Board is only as good as its home owners, so please plan to be part of a well-attended and actively engaged meeting. The Forest Hill community's overall success depends on your interest and bringing issues to the Board. This year's meeting will be held on Zoom.

Please register to attend by completing a registration form at www.fhh.org which will be posted on October 17. Submit your registration no later than **Wednesday, November 10, by 5:00 PM**. FHHO will email your ZOOM invitation to the contact on your registration form.

The agenda:

7:00 PM Call to Order

1. Minutes of the previous meeting (read online)
2. Financial presentation
3. Presentation of the bylaws revisions.
4. Abbreviated reports from committees
5. Awards
6. Presenting new board nominees. Voting will again be done separately from the meeting.

8:30 PM Adjournment

Taking Care of your Forest Hill Home

Unightly moss growth on your roof WILL cause early deterioration of shingles, allowing water intrusion into your home. Moss and algae chemical mitigation using a soft wash roof cleaning is only a fraction of the cost of replacing your roof. Various area companies such as Hook and Ladder Professional Cleaning, Tricounty Roof Cleaners, or Powell & Sons can discuss their methods with you and give you an estimate for cleaning your roof. The Rockefeller homes have original slate and ceramic tile floors, while nearly every Forest Hill home has ceramic tile on at least one floor. After 50 to 90 years, they are all in need of a bit of love. To clean slate, use a cleaning product that is pH neutral and does not contain lemon or vinegar. Lightly scrubbing with a nail brush or similar short bristle brush may help loosen that half-century of dirt. Rinse with clean water and after air-drying, apply a slate sealer. Slate tile flooring requires sealing to aide in repelling water and preventing staining and scratching. The sealer, purchased from a general hardware store such as Dunn's or Coventry Hardware, or Home Depot, should be applied every year.

Landscaping requires work to look good. If you think your foundation bushes are overgrown and need to be taken out, you may be able to severely prune

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Enter the Annual EC Forest Hill Park Fall Photography Contest

2 Prizes Awarded!

Whether it's a picture of wildlife or a landscape, share your passion for photographing the natural abundance of East Cleveland's Forest Hill Park by entering this contest.



PRIZES: Two contestants will receive their photo, beautifully enlarged and ready to hang. Images are custom printed on polished acrylic for brilliant home display.

How to Enter:

1. Only Forest Hill residents may enter.
 2. Photos must be taken of East Cleveland's Forest Hill Park during Fall 2021.
 3. Post as many photo entries as you want on Nextdoor by Nov. 5th or email photos to SharonLeary@samba23@me.com.
- The winners will be announced at the Annual Members Meeting on Nov. 10th.



Welcome New Neighbors

Brewster - Mary Graham
Eastwick - Frederick and Brenda Wright
Fenemore - Eunigue and Malik Seifullah
Forest Hills - Matthew and Cassandra Goldschmidt
Forest Hills - Andrew and Elizabeth Hall
Forest Hills - Bregina and Frederick Knuckles
Glynn - Samantha Elizabeth Arrowsmith
Glynn - Molly Kilma
Monticello - Gerald Lewis
Monticello - Sharon Mitchell
Newbury - Aaron and Chelsea Haynes
Newbury - Lee and Gertrude Wood
Westover - Joshua and Linda Cooper
Westover - Angela Marmella
Rumson - Shekiera Smith
Rutherford - Thomas Sullens

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them back. In a couple of years, they will fill in again. If you don't have that kind of patience, when you plant new shrubs and bushes, always start at least 3 feet away from the foundation and space them appropriately to allow for mature growth. Remember nature abhors a vacuum, and when you turn over the soil, dormant seeds will spring to life, so don't forget to inspect your landscaping for weed growth at least weekly.