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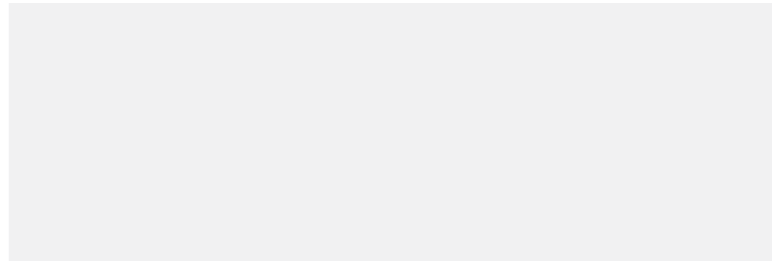
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Dear Fellow Residents of Forest Hill,

I want to use this President's Letter to introduce you to the new board members of FHHO. Joining the board this year are

Ann Ghazy (Brewster), **Lee Barbee** (Hereford), **Ron Ramsey** (Burlington), **Barbara Danforth Shelton** (Bolton) and **Jacqueline Kelly** (Burlington). We say farewell to **Tess Givens** and thank her for her work in 2020. And we welcome **Hugo Theilen**, infant son of **Mark Madland**, trustee and his wife, **Brita Theilen** as the newest resident of the Forest Hill neighborhood. The board and the Executive Committee meet together monthly using Zoom on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

As 2021 develops, there are some aspects of life that look very similar to 2020 and our 70th year as one of the oldest homeowner associations in the country. However, I see other optimistic signs of being able to come back to a less socially distanced agenda of working with and for our neighbors. While we are hunkered down for the winter and not able to do any in-person activities various committees are developing their work schedules for the upcoming months. Our Membership Committee, which has been quiescent for the past few years is being ably chaired by **Barbara Danforth**. The committee is seeking community members to greet new residents; you may have already received an email about that. Please email Barbara (bjdanforth69@gmail.com) if you are interested in working with the committee.

In addition, our newly formed Marketing and Communications Committee is working to update the web site. The Preservation/Standards Committee is laying ground work for spring when they anticipate

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Home Owners Team Up to Clean Up

The October 17th trash pick-up was a success! With help from the sunny weather, 22 volunteers tidied more sidewalks than ever before. **Mark Madland** announced the event with EVITE to all our residents who have provided their email addresses. Mark and **Tony Rucpic** once again had everything very well organized to make the day more comfortable for all volunteers. FHHO provided safety vests, garbage bags, and "picker-upper" tools, which were downright fun to use. Using individually marked street maps, volunteers picked up trash on the tree lawns and street edges on Forest Hills Blvd., Lee Rd., Mayfield Rd., Monticello Blvd., Northvale Blvd., and N. Taylor Rd. Amazingly within an hour, volunteers finished their work, and it was well worth the effort to see a tidier neighborhood. If you would like to volunteer for seasonal cleanup events, please forward your email address to Gretchen Mettler at President@FHHO.org. We acknowledge and appreciate these neighbors for their good-hearted volunteering:

Lee Barbee	Meikel Hollowell	John Langner
Elliot Barden	Nadeline Joseph	Agnes Lina
Judy Charlick	Jack Kenney	Mark Madland
Marji Edguer	Sue Kenney	Gretchen Mettler
Mark Finenbine	Sam Kohn	Mary Rice
Dave Henry	Shanelle Lampkin	Tony Rucpic
Joanne Havach	Tyrone Lampkin	Nate Wright



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Let Beautiful Curb Appeal Be Your Spring Tradition



Every spring is a new chance to improve the first impression of your home's exterior. Take a look at your gutters, paint, and shrubbery from your sidewalk. Curb appeal doesn't just benefit home sellers; giving your home exterior a unique aesthetic touch benefits everyone.

See Our New Look at www.fhho.org

Webmaster **Samatha Baxter** has been busy adding new photos and redesigning the website to make navigating easier with well-placed menus and a clean look.



New Membership Chair is Excited and Needs Your Help

Barbara Danforth, the new Membership Committee Chair, is ready for your help and creative ideas. The mission is twofold: First, to welcome new residents to the community with home maintenance/improvement and educational materials. Second, to engage existing residents in becoming involved in FHHO activities.

Do you have ideas about how we can make new residents feel welcome? Are there activities or issues you would like to see FHHO address?

Please let Barbara know. Call, email, or text Barbara who will be happy to discuss your ideas with you at **216 233-4360** or bjdanforth69@gmail.com

How To Order: Choose S M L XL

Indicate your name, address, and size and then:

-- deposit \$20 cash or a check made out to FHHO in an envelope 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.

Tee Shirt Fund Raising Event

Beryl, FHHO trustee, and her husband **Gary Tiskoff** sent these FHHO logo tee-shirts to the children's grandmother, their long-time friend who visited the Tiskoff's Rockefeller home. FHHO tee-shirts are soft heavy-weight cotton, pre-shrunk, and light heather gray with a green and black printed logo. **Just look how happy these FHHO tee shirts made Haruka, Ayaka, and Tomoki in Kanazawa, Japan.**



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residents will be calling on them for advice about exterior home improvements and restorations.

While we are a volunteer organization whose board is not paid for anything we do, we still have expenses. 2020 was hard on the budget because donations were down, while expenses did not change. We anticipate decreasing expenses a bit this year, but your donations are still crucial to achieving the stated purpose of the organization: "To promote, safeguard and improve the property values in and the general welfare of the community known as Forest Hill." You can see our 2020 financial statement on the FHHO web site. The value you receive for your donation to FHHO includes free consultations on exterior preservation and home repairs as well as FHHO working to maintain and improve the streetscapes of our neighborhood through various efforts. In addition, FHHO sponsors neighborhood community building activities, as social distancing guidelines allow. I am asking all of you to contribute to FHHO this year, as all the board members have already done.

We do not entertain the words "We can't"; we are a "we'll get it done" group. I look forward to meeting many of you in the upcoming months.

Gretchen Mettler

FHHO President and Trustee



Scoop It; Don't Skip It

It is not just an FHHO rule. It is city code. Dogs must be kept under control and are not permitted to run at large. To protect our pets and neighbors,

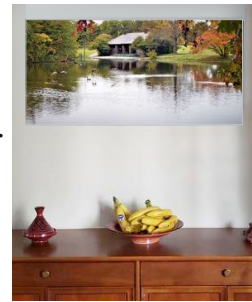
dogs must be kept on a leash when going for a walk or when the pet leaves its home. Ensure your pet can be returned to you if need be by displaying proper identification on the collar. Do not let your dog soil someone else's front yard. Pick up and properly dispose of droppings left anywhere by your pet.



Annual Home Owners Meeting

As part of the FHHO response to the pandemic, the Board presented the Annual Home Owners Meeting November 11 on ZOOM.

Barbara Danforth and Obie Shelton, Bolton, were given recognition awards for outstanding preservation of their home exterior. Dr. Lydia Glaude, Forest Hill Boulevard, was recognized for improvements made to her property. Pat Rolfe received the volunteer of the year award. The winners of the Annual EC Forest Hill Park Fall Photography Contest which is co-sponsored by the EC Parks Association, were announced and after the meeting received their enlarged print prizes. Grand prize (pictured to the right in her home) was awarded to Ann Ghazy. Runner up Devaney Carswell plans to display her photo in her office. Look on Nextdoor for the wide range of entries.



Tony Rupcic (Treasurer), and Tom Winston (Historic Preservation) gave reports. Mark Madland and Sam Kohn reported on the FHHO survey of homeowners. Unfortunately, the meeting was "Zoom bombed," and Sam and Gretchen's quick work allowed the participants to regroup within minutes.

Welcome to Our Neighborhood

- Brandon - Nwofaouh Federick
- Brewster - Kilami Ayana Grair
- Chelsea - Douglas Ditirro
- Cleviden - Janiece Walters
- Forest Hills - Samuel, Kayla Beever
- Hereford - Daniel Mueller, Mariel Gerry
- Kew - Russell Brown, Tanya Everette-Brown
- Lee - Striegel, Michael
- Mt.Vernon - Tracey Kirksey
- N. Taylor - Brandon Gregory



Rockefeller Home Owner on Brewster Rescues 80 Year Old Pin Oak

When a pin oak appeared wounded at its base, Eda Daniel knew it was in trouble. These massive trees, which line much of Forest Hill, are worth saving. They not only enhance the look of your street, but they act as air conditioning which can cool the air and protect the house. An ISA Certified Arborist can check the tree and provide recommendations. Possibly grass growing under the tree needs to be removed because it takes up water and nutrients, and the dirt needs aeration to allow water and nutrients to enter the soil. Sometimes, because of the compacted soil, the tree develops hair-like roots that encircle the old roots. Part of the treatment might include adding a root-growth promoter into the ground. Funguses, such as the one that causes oak wilt, can be treated with a vaccine. Saving the tree can cost 1/10 of installing A/C. Besides maintaining the tree, this care will help support your home's value with a return of lush foliage. Next year there will be a healthier, more beautiful, dense leaf canopy providing even more cooling. And, less grass to mow!

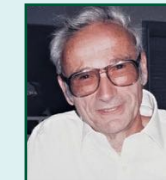


In Memoriam

James E. Houser, Jr. lived on Newbury with his wife Lillian for 35 years, where they raised their two children, Kelly and Jeffrey. James was known to have lived for his family and taking care of others. He worked for 37 years as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist at Hillcrest Hospital.

It speaks highly for Jack Lichenstein, husband of Lois, and homeowner on Newbury, that one of his favorite sayings was "Let gratitude be your attitude." Jack lived on Newbury for 43 years. He was a military veteran as well as a reading specialist and elementary principal in Cleveland Heights. FHHO remembers Jack in gratitude for his years as the newsletter chair from 1983 to 1996 and serving as a trustee as well.

Jeremiah D. "Jerry" Ford, long time resident on Fenemore, was a member of the Scottish Shano Society and was known to have had many funny stories from his work as a tax auditor.



Thank You Generous Donors

As we enjoy the natural beauty that the Forest Hill neighborhood has to offer year-round, the FHHO Board of Trustees would like to express how much we genuinely appreciate our contributors' generosity. The Board of Trustees thanks this partial list of FHHO donors.

Please consider making your donation today.

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- Henry, Clyde Jr.: Monticello

The Doves Return to Forest Hill

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. developed the Forest Hill homes with distinctive tree-lined curving streets with landscape design by the architect Andrew J. Thomas. Lamp posts and street signs crowned with the Forest Hill dove were installed throughout the development spanning the East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights



border. In 1975 the King Standard street lights were replaced and sold to the public. A few lucky homeowners managed to save some. In the late 1990s, Dick Secor commissioned an artist to fabricate miniature cast doves for recognition awards. FHHO now uses the dove image in their logo.

Thanks to the East Cleveland Forest Hill Neighborhood Group, the doves once again sit atop lamp posts and street signs in East Cleveland. The new doves are cast in polymer composite using 3-D technology instead of iron.



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