



# HISTORIC FOREST HILL COMMUNITY NEWS / Spring 2022

"A Good Place to Live and Grow"

## Save the Dates:



## High Tea & Live Jazz Party On the Patio

Sun., July 17, 3 to 6 pm  
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Doggie Ice Cream Social - June 18	Book Swap/Giveaway- June 25
Tail wagging fun from 2 to 4 pm.	Bring some books to share and trade from 2 to 4 pm.

No RSVP necessary.  
Both events to be held at NW Corner of Chelsea & Burington

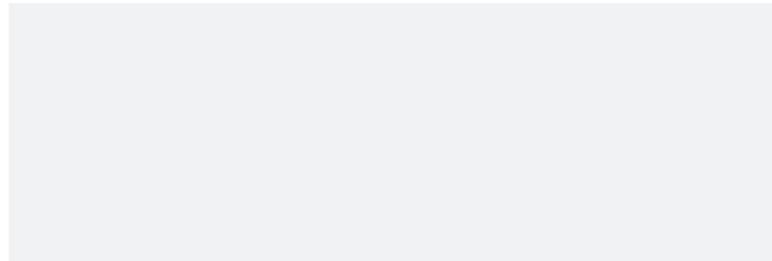
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## No Matter How You Spell it, Team "Rockspellers" is a Winner

Wearing FHHO logo caps and waving big homemade signs, cheerleaders Jackie Kelly and her family, Marlene Perez, and Jo Fox, brought down the auditorium. Standing, hollering, beating drums, they cheered for all 15 spelling teams, but especially for the FHHO Rockspellers who were Jackie Kelly, Fran Mench, and Jo Fox. While the spelling team may have ended in 9th place, the cheerleaders won the 2nd most coveted trophy, that of the BEE for the Best Cheering Section.

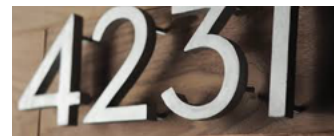


## Have you seen the Burlington Lot lately?

Thank you to Jo Fox, John Langner, Sarah Fuller, Marlene Perez, Fran Mench, Henrietta Silberger, and Tony Rupcic for donating their time on April 23rd for the annual lot clean up.

## Congratulations to Howard Maier

Howard received a copy of book, *Forest Hill: The Rockefeller Estate* for winning the FHHO Trivia Contest.



## Is Your House Address Visible Both Day and Night?

Emergency response teams cannot find you if your house

number is not well displayed. Poorly displayed numbers can cost you precious time in an emergency. Here are a few tips:

1. The numbers should be visible from both directions of travel.
2. Trees, bushes, or other debris should not block visibility from the road.
3. Numbers should be above eye level near the front door and within a radius of the porch light.
4. Avoid placing numbers away from the front door (like over garage).

## Nurture your Skills with the Terrace Road Garden Club



Nurture your skills by joining the Terrace Road Garden Club. This club has a history of 92 years promoting home gardening, flower arranging, and conservation/ecology within the local climate. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Call Elaine Perample at 216-932-8701.

**Have You Made an FHHO Donation Lately? Please use the enclosed envelope.**



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## Dear Fellow Residents of Forest Hill,

It is Spring! And because it is Spring, my thoughts turn to landscapes and exterior projects. This newsletter is filled with relevant information for Forest Hill property owners. Keeping

our properties looking good helps our individual home values and attracts neighbors we can welcome into the neighborhood.

Forest Hill is a historic neighborhood, which means exterior renovations should conform with the era in which the house was originally built. If you plan to do any restoration or refurbishment outside, it is important that you contact Jo Fox, head of the Preservation Committee, to clarify your project's goals. If you see any construction happening in our neighborhood, please notify Jo Fox ([Standards@FHHO.org](mailto:Standards@FHHO.org)) or call 216 932-8952 immediately so we can work with the property owners on their project.

FHHO can work with and for our neighbors to keep our neighborhood beautiful. Notifying FHHO will help meet our stated purpose "To promote, safeguard and improve the property values in and the general welfare of the community known as Forest Hill."

I wanted to title this letter "The Roof Over Our Heads". Perhaps the most important item of your house is the roof. When all of the houses in Forest Hill were constructed, they were finished with tile, slate or shake roofs. These original roofs add enormous value to your home. About 50% of the original roofs have been torn off by roofers who do not know how to maintain the original roof, and have been replaced with asphalt shingle. With proper maintenance, tile and slate roofs can last over 100 years, while asphalt will need to be replaced about every 20 years. Often when the original roof leaks, it is because the underlayment has deteriorated, but this does not necessitate roof replacement. Repair of the underlayment can be done by a competent roofer skilled in slate and tile roofs.

Please call 216 932-8952 to discuss roof repairs with

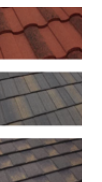
**Tony Rupcic.** Do not authorize a roof tear off without first discussing it with FHHO.

As I wrote last year, repairs on the Blue Cottage are needed. The Blue Cottage is a unique mixture of cottage style and Storybook architecture. It is a wooden structure that serves as a meeting place for several small organizations, as well as providing our Cleveland Heights address. Recent assessments of the structure confirm that the Cottage needs to be put on a firm foundation, as the rear corner is in touch with the ground. **Please watch for information about fundraising to repair the Blue Cottage this year.**

Happy spring! I am proud of Forest Hill. It is "A good place to live and grow."

**Gretchen Mettler**

FHHO President and Trustee



## Henley Ranch Beautifully Restored with Stone Coated Steel "Tile" Roof Panels

A frequent question is "How does FHHO benefit homeowners?" One example is a topic of conversation on Henley in East Cleveland. The Preservations Committee (Jo Fox, Chair and Tony Rupcic), is always ready to work with residents when replacement, rather than restoration, becomes a necessity. In this case, they helped turn a damaged tile roof into a "modern restoration" that has the look of historic roofing materials that make Forest Hill homes so beautiful.

The homeowner was presented with a novel interlocking stone-coated steel product that was specifically designed for the North American market as an alternative to costly tile replacement. The stone-coated steel is about one-third the weight of tile and comes in an extensive designer-range of colors that beautifully recreate the look of historic tile. Although slightly more expensive than asphalt

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shingles, it is extremely durable and comes with a transferrable lifetime warranty.

Given the qualities of the product and the beautiful tile-like appearance of the finished roof, the use of this product is an acceptable solution in cases in which a tile roof is beyond repair, as specified in the FHHO Preservation Guidelines.

The Preservation Committee oversees compliance with the covenants, which are attached to the deeds of every Forest Hill house. FHHO was incorporated in 1950 to improve property values and the general welfare of the community by enforcing the covenants. As such, every homeowner in Forest Hill is automatically a member of FHHO and subject to compliance with these deeds regarding the use and maintenance of property. It is clearly community pride and compliance over the years that has made Forest Hill the beautiful neighborhood that it is.

Please remember, contact the committee for advice and information about available resources when considering exterior work on your historic home. The committee MUST review any proposed exterior alterations to roofs, windows, doors, siding, porches, decks, driveways, and any additions, or structures such as fences, sheds, gazebos, hot tubs etc.

Importantly, permits must be obtained from FHHO BEFORE application to the city. Contact Jo Fox at [preservation@fhho.org](mailto:preservation@fhho.org) for information, resources, permits, or to report covenant violations.

## Monticello Curb Appeal Project

Nate Wright and Clyde Henry, Monticello home owners, are engaging all Monticello property owners in an effort to enhance the appearance of the street. They are meeting neighbors one by one promoting edging to maximize beautiful curb appeal. Steps include removing weeds/debris from sidewalk cracks and street gutters. Edging includes both sides of the sidewalk, along driveways, and the curb. On Saturday, May 21, Nate and Clyde demonstrated at the FHHO Blue Cottage, 2419 Lee Blvd. in Cleveland Hts.

Please consider making your 2022 FHHO donation today using the enclosed envelope.

## Welcome New Home Owners

Jan Milic, VP Membership has been busy coordinating with FHHO President Gretchen Mettler to reach all new home owners. A welcome letter and copy of the special book, *Forest Hill: The Rockefeller Estate* have been delivered to 2022's newest neighbors -



Brandon - Molly, Lee and Ian O'Malley  
Brewster - Phillip and Hannah Zamore  
Chelsea - Jesse Dejacio  
Eastwick - Andrew Linebarger  
Monticello - Darlene Toney  
North Taylor - Brennae Bowman and Stefani Larkins  
Rutherford - Mohammad Jafari and Danielle Taylor  
Westover - Michael Berry and Jeaneene Bowling-Berry

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Sunday,  
July 17,  
3 pm to 6 pm



## High Tea & Live Jazz On the Patio

Admission of \$10 per person includes a live performance by The Mal Baron Jazz Group and afternoon high tea party fare.

When the Heights Rockefeller Building opened in 1931, it became a key feature of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s distinguished Forest Hill garden village. The French Normandy architectural style building and the first 81 homes built in the community are on the National Register of Historic Places. The courtyard is unique, nestling statuary alongside graceful ornamental trees in a garden setting.

The Mal Barron Jazz Group, performing together since the mid-1980s, has a well-established repertoire comprised of memorable jazz standards, Bossa Novas and other types of Latin music, and original tunes.



Get your tickets at the door.

## Main Street Litter Cleanup

The next event is on Sun., June 5 from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please contact Lee Barbee for more information or to volunteer at this or future cleanups at [l.barbee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:l.barbee@sbcglobal.net)

## Successful Return of the Monster Garage Sale

The area-wide "Monster Garage Sale," which was suspended, due to COVID, was back on May 21st and drew great interest. Twenty-six homes, from Rumson to Glynn and Brewster participated with individual sales. Thank you to Les Jones for the maps and to everyone else who made this a success.



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## Wine Down Wednesdays

Kick-off the arrival of Spring with a series of wine pairing events. The wine experts at Chuck's Fine Wines, Chagrin Falls will share their knowledge of wine; how to select a good wine at any price point to be paired with a variety of appetizers and food choices or a wine that can stand on its own.

These in-person wine tastings will take place on McGregor's Campus in the Independent Living dining room on the Third Wednesday of each month: April 20, May 18, and June 15, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Reservations are required to attend to ensure we have enough pairings. Limited space. Register early.



The wine experts at Chuck's Fine Wines in Chagrin Falls will help us navigate the wine spectrum to develop your sense of taste.

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