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# Forest Hill

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Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc. is a non-profit 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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## A Message from the FHHO President:

This summer the association's office at the corner of Lee and Monticello was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The rigorous application process took lots of hard work and more than two years, but the national recognition of the significance of the building, affectionately known to area residents as the "cottage," was well worth the effort.

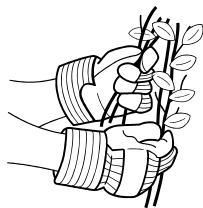
The cottage has served as the gateway to the Forest Hill community for three-quarters of a century. Built in 1930 as the Forest Hill sales office of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s Abeyton Realty, the cottage was originally located at the corner of Brewster Road and Lee Boulevard near the "Rockefeller homes," where it was clearly visible driving up Lee from Euclid Avenue. With its wavy-edged cedar shingled sides and steeply pitched cedar shake roof, the building is a miniature replica of one of New York architect Andrew J. Thomas' French Norman homes and acted as a unique advertisement for the development. In 1937 the realty office was moved to its present location, closer to where homes were then being built.

In 1948 Toledo businessman George A. Roose acquired the sales office when his real estate syndicate purchased the subdivision from Rockefeller, and the cottage continued to serve as the realty office for this later phase of the Forest Hill development. When Roose returned to Toledo, he sold the cottage, along with the original office furniture, to Forest Hill Home Owners in 1957. FHHO continues to maintain the cottage as its office.

The National Register listing acknowledges that the office is significant as a physical reminder of the history of the allotment and the developers who literally shaped the community. Apart from its historical context, the building is an architecturally unique example of the realty sales office. The cottage is a visible symbol of Forest Hill's unique historic development. Originally conceived of as a temporary structure, we are fortunate that the cottage continues to serve the Forest Hill community.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the following people for their contributions to the National Register application: Barbara Powers, Department Head of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ken Rose, Assistant Director of the Rockefeller Archive Center, Kara Hamley O'Donnell, Historic Preservation Planner for the City of Cleveland Heights, Meghan Hays, Local History Librarian for the Shaker Heights Public Library, and area residents, Sharon Gregor Nancy Moody and the late Walter Leedy. Without their assistance the listing would not have been possible.

Sincerely,  
Christopher J. Hubbert



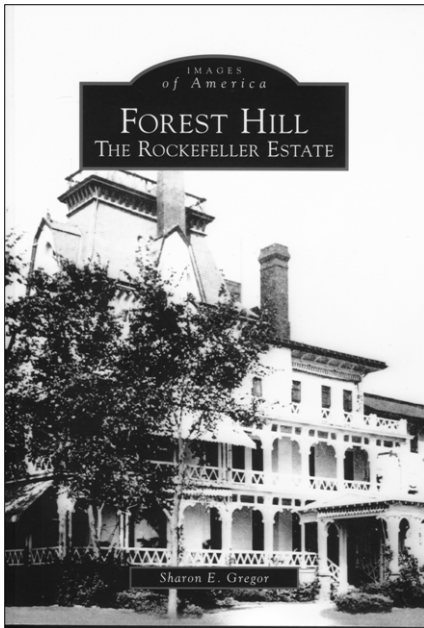
## 2007 Annual Meeting Set

When you bought your house, you immediately became a member of Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc. Part of your duty as a member is to attend the annual meeting and define the future of the organization. That opportunity becomes available again this year at the Annual Forest Hill Home Owner Meeting. This year's event will take place:

**Tuesday November 13, 2007**

**A.M. McGregor Home – 14900 Private Drive East Cleveland, Ohio 7:00PM**

A yearly financial report of Forest Hill Home Owners will be presented, relative questions will be taken and home owners will elect trustees to the board. Join your neighbors and friends and learn a bit about the community. See you there!



## Forest Hill Book Released

Forest Hill: The Rockefeller Estate, written by Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society founder and Past President, Sharon Gregor was released on October 16, 2006. We recently had an opportunity to discuss the book with Sharon. She talked about what led to writing the book and the interesting things she discovered.

In preparation for the Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society's fight to save Forest Hill Park in 1996, Sharon Gregor and then FHHPS President, Cathryn Kapp traveled to the Rockefeller Archives in New York. In three days, they gathered and read reams of paperwork relative to Rockefeller, the park and the sub-division. The effort to stop the construction of a soccer stadium complex in Forest Hill Park was successful and the new information proved to peak an already existing interest in Rockefeller and the area. In the ten years after the trip to New York, Gregor grew more interested in what she calls, "urban myths" surrounding Rockefeller and his time in Cleveland.

The Rockefeller home is often referred to as "The Homestead." In an era when residences did carry names, this would not have been uncommon, but during research for the book, she found no primary documentation indicating the

Rockefeller estate was ever named, "The Homestead." Even in a letter written shortly after the 1917 fire that destroyed their home, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. called their home "Forest Hill" to his then widowed father. "The Homestead" seems to have been misinterpreted years ago and continually repeated.

Repeated equally as often is that John D. Rockefeller, Sr. never returned to Forest Hill after his wife's death in 1915. Gregor was able to prove that Rockefeller did in fact return to East Cleveland in 1915, 1916 and a few months before the fire in 1917.

Stated time and again is the story that Rockefeller sold the entire Forest Hill property he had purchased in East Cleveland in 1873 to the Euclid Avenue Forest Hill Association for a hotel and water cure resort. In fact, he only sold ten acres. After the hotel business failed, he repurchased the property and turned the hotel into a home. Gregor is particularly pleased to have discovered the July 5, 1875 hotel opening announcement from the *Cleveland Leader* newspaper that appears on page 13 of the book. Prior to this, there was some question as to whether the hotel ever opened or was even completed.

In creating this book, the author hopes she adequately conveyed the benefits of living in an urban environment. At the time when Rockefeller lived in Cleveland, the city was on the move. Aside from a perfect geographic locale, capitalist and businessmen lived in close proximity to one another. Everyone knew everyone and the forward thinking Rockefeller exhibited confidence and courage to the 1880's Cleveland business arena that may never have been repeated afterwards.

Are there more stories? Of course. History is filled with information waiting to be extracted and pieced back together. Gregor remains intrigued with the landscaping for the original estate and hopes to devote some time to understanding more about it. If, however this is all that she writes about our home's history, we now have a fascinating record of an amazing time in America. The text at the back on the book states that the Rockefeller estate "remains shrouded in secrecy...." This book takes giant leaps to lift that shroud.

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Eastwick Home Owners pose for a photo after their Aug. 25 block party. Photo by neighbor, James Doss

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 -Lawrence L. Porter & Ruth Porter  
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 -Harriet Scruggs & LeMon Scruggs  
 -Ralph W. Taylor & Phyllis Taylor  
 -Heather Tomlinson & Adam Tomlinson

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 -Joseph L. Greene, Jr. & Ruby Greene  
 -Alice V. Lee  
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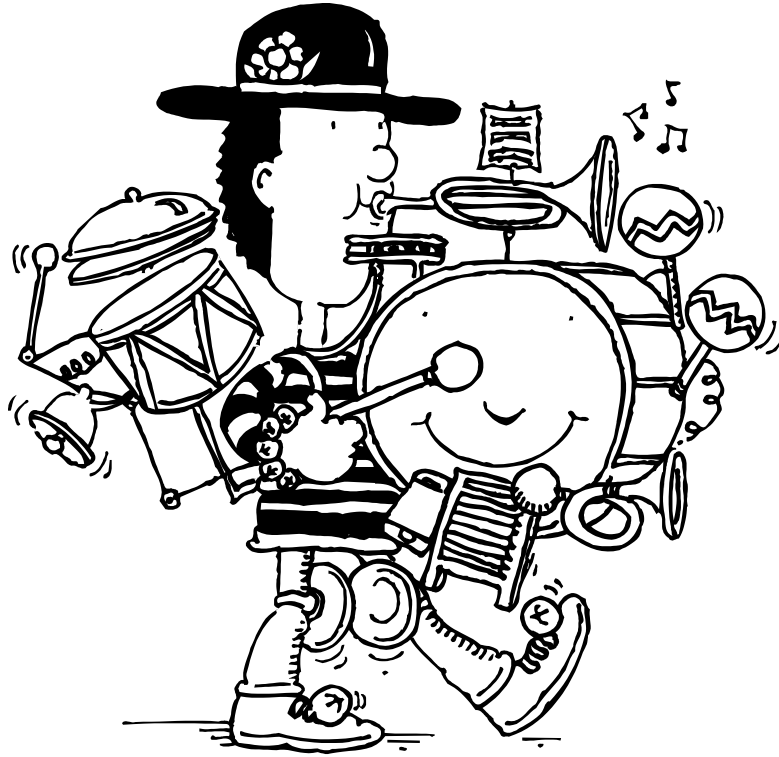
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**Thanks Everyone for Your Continued Support!**



Many of us are doing multiple jobs to keep the neighborhood humming! Are you doing your part?

Why not pick up an instrument and join in? The song we make together will be music to your ears!

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 join the band and help, call me!** \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes from the Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society

### Restore or Renovate?

All of the homes in the Forest Hill Community are unique in their own way. Whether you live in a Rockefeller, Scholz, Srgo, Arcy Steel, Kelvinator or any other style of home in this community, chances are there is quite a bit of history related to the way your home was built. Understanding what you have purchased in your "old" home is very important.

Many homeowners prefer older homes over new for a number of reasons: Often the craftsmanship is better, the wood trim and floors have the rich patina of age, architectural windows and other detailing gives the home character, and the structure may just feel more solid and settled.

Whether you are new to the community or have been here for years, the likelihood of your home needing some tender loving care is very high. Because of the uniqueness in the materials used on our homes, it is important that all Forest Hill residents understand the difference between restoring and renovating their homes. So enter the question, Restore or Renovate? Older homes can present new challenges for homeowners who may not understand the true cost of the work needed. Homeowners need to brace themselves for the upcoming costs associated with their project(s).

The cost difference of restoration, which is an attempt to restore all or part of a home with historical accuracy, is considerably more than the cost of renovating, which upgrades the old with new.

According to the article, "7 top problems in renovating older homes" (Bankrate.com), "An old house sure has character, but it's going to take more than character to overcome some of the special problems you're going to encounter." These problems include:

1. Water
2. Foundation Cracks
3. Lead
4. Electricity
5. Asbestos
6. Windows
7. Tanks, wells and cesspools

It is critical, that both new homeowners and those of us who have lived in the community for multiple years, truly understand what they have purchased as it relates to their home. Homeowners should pay close attention to the type of roof, the style of window and the type of siding on their homes among many other exterior features. The interior of the home may also boast historic amenities such as the fireplace, the type of flooring, the crown and door moldings, sinks, toilets and the list goes on and on.

Which ever you decide to do with your home, restore or renovate, make sure you are dealing with a reputable company that understands the homes in this community. Not all roofers can repair slate or tile roofs. Not all gutter companies can replace or repair copper gutters. The Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society and Forest Hill Homeowners' Association can assist all community homeowners with their home projects. Names of contractors who specialize in the type of work required for your home can be provided to you. Whether you decide to restore or renovate make sure you do your homework!

-Kesha R. Owens

*(Kesha is 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 her at 932-7549.)*

### Welcome!

Logos on Lee has opened in the Rockefeller Building offering a variety of personalized and printed goods. Why not stop by and say, "Hello."



### Attention Seniors!! You Can Save Money!!

On June 30, 2007, Gov. Ted Strickland signed into law an extension of the Homestead Exemption law. Now, there are no income restrictions. If you are age 65 or over you may exempt \$25,000 of the value of your home. For example, if your home is valued by the County Auditor at \$175,000, you will only be assessed taxes based on \$150,000.

If you previously filed and were eligible for Homestead Exemption, you do NOT need to re-file. If, because of income restrictions, you had not filed, do so now. There is a filing deadline of October 1, 2007 to affect your 2008 tax bill. Contact the Cuyahoga County Auditor's office at 216-443-7010 or you may download an application at [www.auditor.cuyahogacounty.us/communityservices](http://www.auditor.cuyahogacounty.us/communityservices). If your spouse, who was eligible for this exemption has died, you are now eligible provided you are over 59 years old. No further action is required on your part.

If you miss the October 1, 2007 filing deadline, you may submit an application for the next taxation period between January 8, 2008 and June 2, 2008.

When your next tax bill arrives, your tax savings will be shown on an enclosure. Once you have filed, you do not need to reapply.

In addition to seniors, totally and permanently disabled citizens are also eligible.

## The Lore of Forest Hill: Lake Newbury

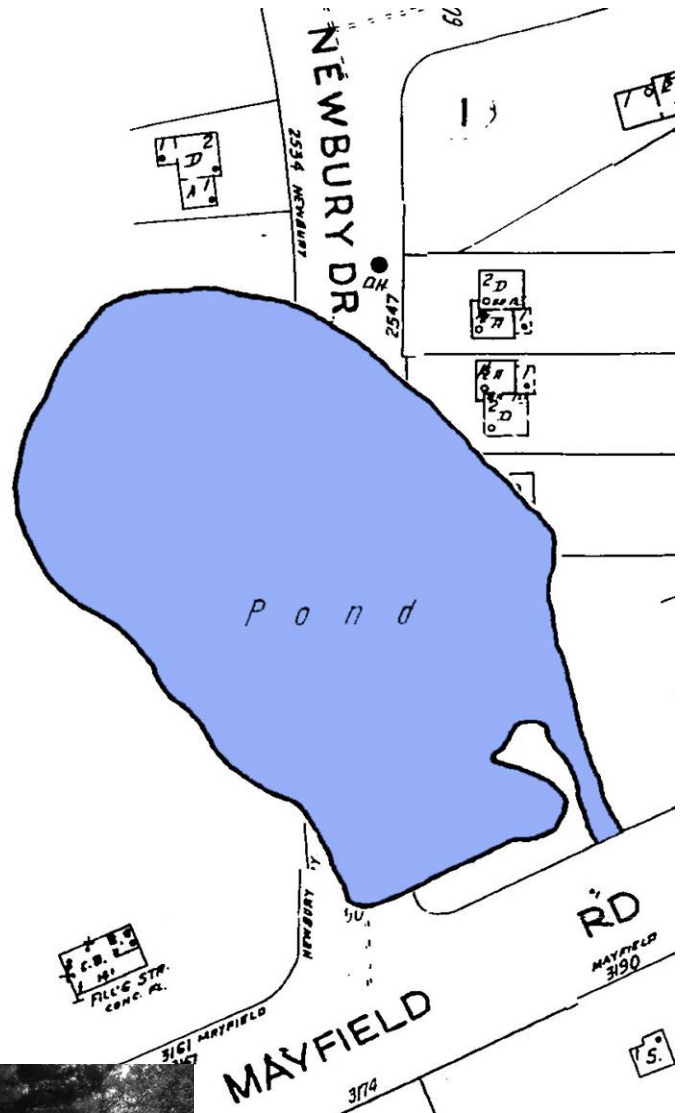
In the second installment of "The Lore of Forest Hill," Arlene Rich wrote that she had discovered that in addition to the Forest Hill Park Lake, there was a second lake (a pond, really) in Forest Hill. (The Lore of Forest Hill: Part Two, *News of Forest Hill*, March 1977). The 1927 Cuyahoga Land Tract shows the pond east of the Montefiore Home (now Homewood at Rockefeller Gardens) and north of Mayfield Road. A.D. Taylor, the landscape architect for Forest Hill Park, wrote that the Rockefeller family dredged the pond, which was filled in when the Forest Hill subdivision was created. (*Forest Hill Park: A Report on the Proposed Landscape Development*, 1938). According to Arlene, the pond's outlet ran under Mayfield near Ivydale Road. Richard C. Smith built a home there which he named "Brookside" because of the stream. In 1977 Arlene interviewed Arthur H. Siebold, who had lived in the area most of his life and who remembered the pond. He told Arlene how the Rockefellers cut ice from both ponds in the winter and stored it in an ice house to use in the summer.

Previously, it was difficult to know just where the pond was located or its extent. Recently, however, Sharon Gregor, author of *Forest Hill: The Rockefeller Estate*, informed me that Sanborn maps show the pond. Sanborn fire insurance maps were created to estimate the potential risk of fire in towns and cities. Founded in 1867 by D.A. Sanborn, the Sanborn Map Company was the primary American publisher of fire insurance maps for nearly 100 years. Today Sanborn maps are invaluable sources of information for anyone who wants to learn about the history, growth and development of American cities, towns and neighborhoods.

Digital Sanborn maps for Ohio are available on the OhioLINK Digital Media Center website. The 1926 map of the area shows the pond, but the pond is gone by the 1950 issue of the same map. By combining the two maps we can clearly see that the pond was located where Newbury Drive intersects Mayfield and that it reached almost to Rumson Road.

Sharon alerted me to one more piece of the puzzle. She discovered a letter at the Rockefeller Archive Center dated June 28, 1917, from W.B. Smith to John D. Rockefeller at his Pocantico Hills estate in New York. In this letter Smith refers to "fencing the Pond on Mayfield Road" and advises using cement posts for permanence. When Sharon mentioned this to history buff and Brewster Road resident Steve Morchak, he immediately recalled a cement fence post at 3175 Mayfield in front of the Horizon Montessori School. This post, similar to those along Lee Road at Forest Hill Park, is the last physical remnant of Forest Hill's second pond.

BY CHRISTOPHER J. HUBBERT



### Thanks!

Thanks to Gloria Young, Jeannine Gury and Dick Secor for organizing the Burlington 4th of July parade and party AGAIN with Flower the Clown for the kids, hot dogs and fun. One neighborhood dog, at least, also enjoyed a hot dog.

### Have you said, "Hello!" to our new neighbors?

**BLACKMORE** – Edward & Antionette Hicks  
**BURLINGTON** – Joseph Quittner & Martha Wright  
**FENEMORE** – Stephen Silio & Marsha Cappy  
**FOREST HILLS** – Gregory & Linda Pritchett  
**GLYNN** – Tracey Brown  
**GLYNN** – Robert Boyd & Sonji Gaskins  
**KEW** – Ravindra Gudavelli  
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**MT VERNON** – Chenita Fuqua  
**NEWBURY** – Anthony & Valerie Wiggins  
**NORTHVALE** – John & Margaret Maddox  
**WESTOVER** – Eric Sullivan & Kristin

## What will Forest Hill be like in...?

...five, ten years?

Neighbors who have been involved in making our community comfortable (as opposed to moving away), and have lived here 30 or 40 years, are now getting older. They have worked on neighborhood issues for many years and now must redirect their focus to keep up their own property. Newer residents haven't yet understood the need for their active participation and community involvement in the same numbers as the past.

In order to keep Forest Hill vibrant, it is necessary to have an active membership base for Forest Hill Home Owners Association. Unless residents know each other and work together, isolation will erode an essential ingredient of a safe, comfortable area. Newer residents may still feel like outsiders, but in fact, they are not. Their lifestyle will set the tone for the neighborhood in the coming years. If you, as a newer resident (less than 15 years), want a good neighborhood several years from now, NOW is the time to work on a committee or project and learn the mechanics that will make that possible. The reason you purchased your home may have been the community you knew to be outstanding. That excellence was not created by accident. It is a byproduct of hard work by numerous unsung neighbors. Future advances will be the result of good work by involved neighbors. Come to the November meeting, or call before that to ask what you can do. Of course, payment of annual dues will also help keep Forest Hill a unique, desirable area for your home.

## East Cleveland

What can we do to help our East Cleveland neighbors? Forest Hill is painfully aware of the problems faced by the city of East Cleveland. One third of our area is located in this troubled city. In many cases, the friends we see weekly are trying to adjust to life in a city that can no longer adequately service its residents.

It is easy to say that we expect everything from the city, but that of course is not practical. It is time to prioritize. Knowing that the city cannot service all of your needs, what is now of primary importance? Where should the city direct its precious resources? Toward what goal should FHHO try and assist.

Please contact us. You may call the FHHO office at 216-932-8952, write to us at: 2419 Lee Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118 or drop Christopher an e-mail message at [president@fhho.org](mailto:president@fhho.org).

In addition, we are now trying to put together a constructive meeting that will build a plan to deal with this situation. We hope to have more on that later. Hopefully, together we can all help the neighborhood.



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### Unauthorized Construction Fines

We live in a neighborhood covered by deed restrictions. When you purchased your home, you signed a paper that told you that you were bound by the previously installed deed restrictions. One of those restrictions covered the maintenance of your home. To insure the continued high quality of the homes in our neighborhood, the Forest Hill Home Owners Association was formed to insure the deed restrictions were followed. When you want to change windows, replace a roof, deal with siding, fences, patio enclosures, room additions and decks, you need to receive written approval from the Forest Hill Home Owners. The Forest Hill Home Owners Board of Trustees has authorized the assessment of fees and fines for those homeowners who proceed with residence alteration without filing an application. The full cost schedule is as follows:

- \$30 – Fee for an initial permit application and the issuance of the permit.
- \$5 – Fee for any second or subsequent permit that may be required for a project. For example, if the project will involve three different Standards issues, *e.g.* siding, roof, and windows, then three permits will be issued: one for roofing, one for siding and one for windows. In this case the fees would be \$30 plus \$5 plus \$5 for a total of \$40.
- \$60 – Fine if the contractor/ homeowner applies to FHHO after the Cleveland Heights or East Cleveland permit is issued, to off-set the urgency created by our late entry to the process.
- \$150 – Penalty fine, if construction begins before an application is filed.
- \$500 – Secondary fine, if construction is more than 50% complete when the contractor/ homeowner applies to FHHO.
- \$1500 – Tertiary fine, if the contractor/ homeowner persists in a project after FHHO delivers a **Notice to STOP WORK**.

Contractors involved in construction subject to a fine will be ineligible for future work unless a "reinstatement" fee is paid and they attend a class on FHHO rules.

Application is easy. Simply call 216-932-8952. Completing the paperwork is much simpler than paying fines or removing the completed work!

### You're Invited

Any residents who are interested in a Friday night potluck, second Friday of the month, at the Blue Cottage, should contact FHHO Senior VP Jan Milic. Space is limited, so everyone has a chance to see the cottage. There will be a different group each potluck with a maximum of ten people, to allow for easy conversation. Call Jan at 932-4658.

### Another Benefit of FHHO Paid Dues

If you are considering a remodeling job in the near future, you should be certain that your \$52 FHHO dues are paid. Fees for construction permits will be waived for all members. In addition to benefiting the neighborhood, this could save you some money! Remember to file for a permit; the fines assessed for that failure to comply with your deed restrictions are NOT waved. Call 932-8952 for more information.

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