



Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc. is a non-profit organization established more than sixty years ago to benefit the nearly 1000 homes in the Forest Hill neighborhood and to enforce the protective covenants applicable to each property in Forest Hill.

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**Cheryl  
Stephens to  
Speak at Nov  
13<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Meeting**

Cheryl Stephens, Cleveland Heights City Council member, will give us an update on progress affecting the inner ring suburbs. Ms. Stephens is a resident of Forest Hill and has been a strong supporter of the Triangle Project. The title of her talk is "Saving Our Community, One House at a Time."

**A Message from the FHHO President:**

As I write this, it is mid-August and we've finally had some rain. Water, or the lack thereof, was one of the main reasons the Triangle Project came to a screeching halt after the plants had already been purchased. Sally Miller (VP Membership) has constructed a temporary home for them in her backyard. The plants will end up going in at the Cottage instead since we have no water (or electricity) on our little island between Northvale and Forest Hills Blvd. Time will tell, but watch for a sign in front of the Cottage telling you where and when you can help us plant our "xeriscape."

We're looking for Forest Hill realtors to help us market our area productively. Ken Tench (a former FHHO President) has been working on finding local realtors who could put their heads together and come up with a colorful brochure for sharing with the realty community. It is critically important that new residents understand that Forest Hill has deed restrictions. If interested, email Ken at [tenchteam@gmail.com](mailto:tenchteam@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail at 216-543-0880.

The Standards Committee is helping us maintain the value of our neighborhood. They've been working hard, and some of you may have realized that if you were one of the 120 residents who received a note from them informing you of a perceived problem with your property. The committee members, Jeff King, Ted Howard, Ron DeVito, Dale Rothenberger, Dean Sieck, and Tony Rupcic, have been examining applications for exterior changes and driving through the neighborhood making note of problems that need adjustment. These problems have run the gamut from asking people to mow their lawns to, unfortunately, summoning the help of the Cleveland Heights or East Cleveland Housing Departments.

As you know, we have Forest Hill properties which are abandoned and foreclosed sprinkled in and around some of the most beautiful homes in northeast Ohio. It is up to each of us to maintain our properties but also to let our organization know when there are properties that are not maintaining standards. Every resident of Forest Hill has a copy of the deed restrictions attached to the deed to their property. If you have misplaced your copy, or you want a copy of the Standards, you need only drop in to the Blue Cottage on the first Saturday of any month and pick up a copy. We are open from 10 to 1 on what we are calling "First Saturdays." These Standards are also available on-line at [www.fhho.org/images/deedr.pdf](http://www.fhho.org/images/deedr.pdf)

Speaking of on-line connections, you know that former FHHO President Chris Hubbert has been maintaining our website at [www.fhho.org](http://www.fhho.org) and also our Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, just search for "Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc." You can "friend us" and "like us"! And also see pictures from recent block parties. Meanwhile, we have an online social network, restricted to residents of Forest Hill, which you can join by going to [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and looking for Forest Hill. Or try <https://fhho.nextdoor.com/invite/439acbf155bfebf91532> And you can follow us (actually Jeff Dross) on Twitter at "ForestHillHomes."

This reminds me--if you have email, make sure we have your address so we can mail you the Newsletter on line which would make it a lot easier for you to go directly to links by clicking instead of having to carefully type them out. And it would save us postage as well.

Remember, all of us who are working for Forest Hill Home Owners are strictly volunteers. We have no paid staff. If you have the time and inclination to help us out, please contact Sally Miller ([smiller3375@msn.com](mailto:smiller3375@msn.com) or 216-932-2516) or me. We could use more help on Standards, on Marketing, and on maintaining the Cottage. We welcome your ideas!

Sincerely,

Hester Lewellen

President pro tem

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**Rockefeller's Forest Hill Stables**  
by Sharon E. Gregor

In the late 1800's John D. Rockefeller built two massive wooden stables with stone foundations on his Forest Hill estate. They were located a short distance from the residence to the southeast and next to the half mile track where Rockefeller's standard bred trotters were exercised and trained. The Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society is fortunate to have a rare color slide of the impressive stables which was taken by Cleveland Heights resident Lois Cook in 1958. Lois gave her slides of Forest Hill Park to the Society's archives following a walking tour of the park's historic sites that she attended in 1998.

One of the stables was constructed in 1879 and the other in 1886. I am not sure which stable in the photograph was built first but I continue to research the question. Both Rockefeller and the superintendent of Forest Hill refer to the two structures as stables and they appear repeatedly on the plat maps in the atlases of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County which were published over the years. Although A. D. Taylor, the landscape architect who planned Forest Hill Park, recommended in 1938 that the structures be demolished, the two stables remarkably survived into the 1960's and were a familiar sight to park visitors. They burned to the ground in 1964.

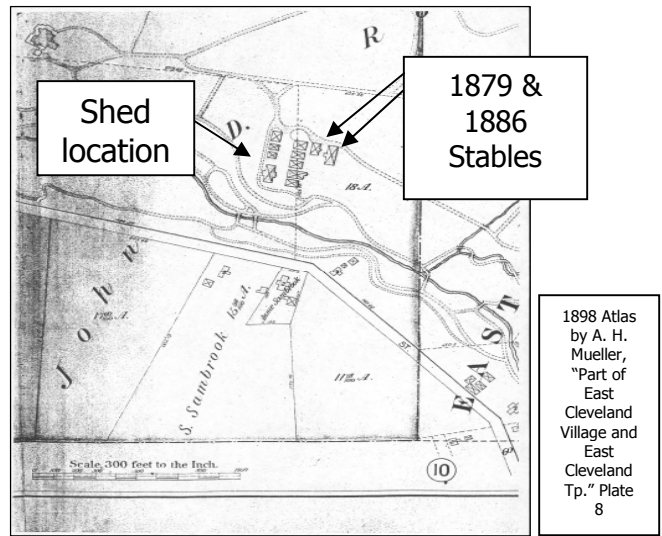
The brick ruin found today in Forest Hill Park not far from the site of the actual two stables, is often mistaken for and thought to be Rockefeller's stables. However, there is a significant body of evidence that the shed-like structure, today's brick ruin, was built long after Rockefeller left Cleveland in 1917.

In 1925-1926 prior to planning the Forest Hill Housing Development, New York architect Andrew J. Thomas took a photographic survey of the entire estate. He stood adjacent to the half mile track with his back to the track facing south and took a wide angle photograph of the two large stables which dominated the site and the landscape. (If you have a copy of my book: *Forest Hill: The Rockefeller Estate* see pages 26 and 125) Thomas also took another photograph of the back of the stables. The shed-like structure, today's brick ruin, is not in either photograph. Nor is it found on

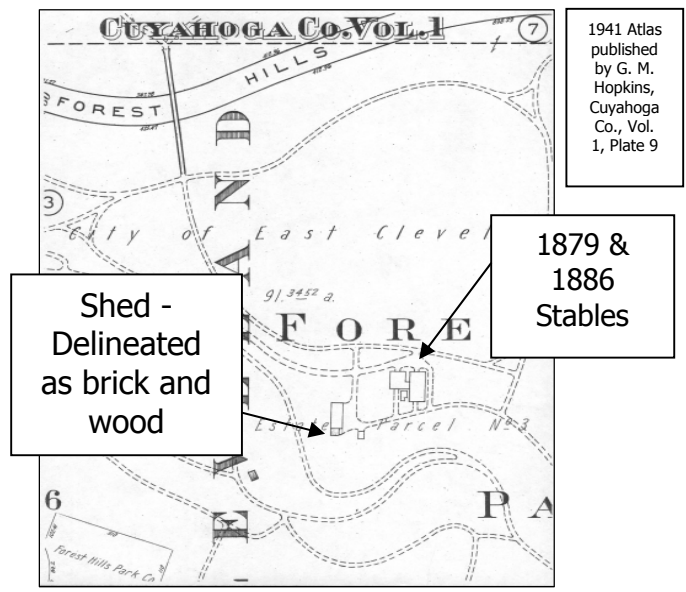
the 1898 Mueller Atlas, the 1920 atlas by G. M. Hopkins or the 1927 atlas by Hopkins.

The earliest evidence so far of a structure on the site of the brick ruin is A. D. Taylor's 1937 topographical map of Forest Hill Park. A building can also be made out in the aerial photographs found in Taylor's 1938 *Forest Hill Park A Report On The Proposed Landscape Development*. And it is clearly delineated in the 1941 G. M. Hopkins Atlas. All of the documentation to date suggests that, although the bricks are apparently older, a wood and brick structure, today's brick ruin, was built sometime between 1926 and 1937. While that timeframe encompasses the short lived era of the Forest Hill Housing Development's use of the estate as a golf course, it will take more research to discover exactly why and when Forest Hill Park's intriguing ruin was built.

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1898 Atlas by A. H. Mueller, "Part of East Cleveland Village and East Cleveland Tp." Plate 8



1941 Atlas published by G. M. Hopkins, Cuyahoga Co., Vol. 1, Plate 9

## A New Sheriff is in Town

If, like the majority of Forest Hill homeowners, you keep your home in good condition, care for the landscape and maintain all of the "little" things that inevitably go wrong with an old house, you are probably unaware that your Forest Hill Home Owners Standards Committee has stepped-up their review and oversight of homes in the neighborhood.

"We have listened to the voices of the neighbors," says Jeff King, Vice-President of Standards. "As property values deteriorated, some homeowners stopped caring for their houses. That has resulted in a deleterious effect for the neighborhood. Neighbors' complaints increased. We need to end that concern."

To combat this unfortunate byproduct of the economy, the Standards Committee has recruited additional support from concerned neighbors, Ted Howard, Dale Rothenberger and Doug Sieck to the already engaged Tony Rupcic and Ron DeVito. Bi-weekly meetings have been restarted and "drive-around" weekends have been scheduled to document the errant homes in the neighborhood.

"Under normal circumstances, we would not take these drastic approaches. Unfortunately, we have an owner base that is increasingly upset with the problem homes in their area," said King. "The Forest Hill Home Owners was established to remedy just this type of problem. We are ready for the challenge. This is exactly the reason you moved into a neighborhood protected by a homeowners association."

The majority of residents need not worry. If you keep your home in good condition, that is all that is asked. If however, you elect to ignore the basic requirements of living in a civilized neighborhood, Vice-President King is ready to remedy the problem!

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## Northvale & Brandon

Have you noticed the home at Northvale Road and Brandon Road? It was recently purchased and the owners have already begun the process of bettering the deteriorating home.

Peeling paint was scraped to bare wood and a fresh coat of carefully selected colors were applied that match the architecture of the building and bring out the inherent quality of its design and construction.

When new folks move into a neighborhood, you never know if the new people will respect the architecture and the area, or if they will simply allow the building to exist as has over the years. The Forest Hill neighborhood has always welcomed those who put the extra effort forward. Welcome Viola Dixon, we're glad you're here!

## Eastwick Drive (Plus!) Block Party

Eastwick (Plus) had great weather for its 17th annual block party on Aug. 4, which featured a massage therapist, vendors, volleyball, silent auction, line dancing, and a performance by internationally known dance/drum troupe Tam-Tam Magic. Our theme was patriotism and we proudly wore our red, white, and blue leis. Resident chef, Rufus Webb, performed his rib and chicken magic to our delight. Virgil Brown, Jr. stopped by, and our special guest from Forest Hills Blvd. was Ruth Kay, born May 5, 1915 (You do the math!). Kudos to everybody who participated and helped!



## Hollister Road Celebrates Bastille Day With a Picnic

"Bienvenue à notre rue" decorated our centerpiece cake at the 13th annual Hollister Road block party on Bastille Day. Trustee, David Ward, planned a spectacular celebration complete with red, white and blue flower arrangements with miniature French and American flags. Hollister road residents, their families and neighbors from other streets joined for a delicious smorgasbord of favorite dishes. 43 people join in the celebration spanning ages from two months to 98 years. The festivities included a traditional "guess -the -numbers -in -a -candy-jar." Plans are being made for a late fall Round Robin dinner. Hollister road neighbors really enjoy getting together.

## Twitter

### Follow: ForestHillHomes

If you're a fan of Twitter, we invite you to follow us on Twitter. We've started to post neighborhood information, fun facts and thought provoking ideas on Twitter. We'd love to have you follow us!

Don't know how to use Twitter, it is EASY! Log onto [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) and follow the easy instructions to join. We'll try and keep you interested and informed.

### Please Welcome These New Neighbors!

**Blackmore** – Brian Scott Allen  
**Bolton** – Terram Johnstone and Barbara Danforth  
**Brandon** - Wendy Horn, Teamus Hudson  
**Brewster** – Natasha Chomesky  
**Eastwick** – Barbara Jean Price and Ann Smith  
**Glynn** – Tiffany Howard  
**Hereford** – Michael McGrude, Irvin and Ebony Glass  
**Kew** – Alexander Denny and Simon Young  
**Monticello** – Jimmy and Iris Magee, Scott Brigeman  
**Northvale** – Viola Dixon  
**Rumson** – Jeremy and Allison Dunning  
**Rutheford** – Judith Claghorn

## Nextdoor

The goal of Nextdoor is to build stronger, safer neighborhoods. Nextdoor is a private social network for neighbors. It allows neighbors, and ONLY the neighbors in their specific area to communicate. Whether you are looking for a neighbor to baby-sit or want a reputable painter, the website facilitates this interaction.

Want to become part of this exciting "virtual community?" it is simple. Log onto [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) and join, or simply reply to the e-mail that arrives from a neighbor who already belongs to the group. You'll find lots of great information and more important, GREAT neighbors!

### 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](http://www.fhho.org)

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

## Notes from the Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society

Happy Silver Anniversary!

This must sound like a broken record! In the issue of the Forest Hill Home Owners Newsletter released a year ago, we talked about a silver anniversary. Last year, it was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the homes being listed on the National Registry; this year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society!

So, what does that mean? A bunch of old homes in an old part of town are now a quarter-century old. Big deal.

Actually, it is a big deal. In our whirlwind culture, what is NOT 25 years old? Video tapes and 8-track tapes did not last 25 years. Fotomat did not last 25 years. Bell-bottom slacks did not last 25 years. (Thank God!) It now looks as though the Blackberry will not last 25 years. Cats, the second most popular show on Broadway ran 17 years. (the jury is still out on "Phantom" which opened in January of 1988 and could soon best the "25" mark.)

Twenty-five years is actually a BIG deal and we want everyone to know!

At a neighborhood gathering in the Historic District of Forest Hill this summer, the Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society announced an agreement between the organization and the City of East Cleveland to erect historic markers at the East Cleveland borders of the area. As residents already know, the Cleveland Heights end of the neighborhood is posted, so this completes the demarcation of a progressive architectural concept started in the late 1920's and one that remains equally viable today.

In a few short months, historic markers will be placed at the NE corner of Brewster Road and Lee Boulevard, the NW corner of Mount Vernon Boulevard and Cleviden Road and the NE corner of Wyatt Road and Newbury Road. Combined with the Cleveland Heights markers on Northvale Road at Glynn Road and Brewster Road, it will be easy to grasp the scope of this important area.

History teaches us much. We know some technology is fleeting but some is timeless. Some music is eternal and other songs are quickly forgotten. Art can be unforgettable or memorable. Architecture can rise to serve the time in which it was devised but quickly lose its value when times change, or it can become everlasting in its value to society. When permanence occurs, it is good and right to recognize it as a value to society and recognize its existence. The Forest Hill Historic District has reached that pinnacle. It foretold the coming of cluster homes and trail blazed the idea of community design. Ideas constructed here in the late 1920's are still being used today. For that, we should all celebrate, even twice!

-Jeffrey R. Dross

*(Jeff is Vice-President of FHHP. 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.)*

**Thanks to the following contributors to Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc. – You make us a better neighborhood!**

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### 2012 Annual Meeting

All homeowners in the Forest Hill neighborhood of Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland are members of Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc. The 2012 annual meeting will be held Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at Forest Hill Church Presbyterian 3031 Monticello Boulevard (at Lee Boulevard) in Cleveland Heights beginning at 7:15 PM, to elect the 2013 board of trustees and listen to Cleveland Heights Councilperson Cheryl Stephens. Join your neighbors and friends and learn a bit about the neighborhood.



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## Forest Hill Project Progress

During the late spring and summer, work was underway at the Blue Cottage, the Burlington Woods and the Triangle at Northvale and Forest Hills Boulevards.

The Cottage has a new air conditioner which required new electric wiring. Eight wood chairs were contributed by Louise Kates and Mike Reilly. We can now seat 21 people comfortably in our recently refurbished headquarters. Wi-fi is installed for the office.

Volunteers completed a spring clean-up in June at the Burlington Woods located at the NE corner of Burlington and Mayfield Road. Yucca plants, contributed by David Richardson, were planted and mulch was obtained by Cheryl Stephens from Cleveland Heights and spread at the corner. A fall leaf raking is scheduled Saturday, October 27 from 9-noon. Please plan on helping, if you can.

In late June, volunteers weeded, cleared debris and raked at the Triangle. Mulch was added around the largest trees. Deer and drought resistant plants were purchased at the close of the season from a nursery in Ashtabula and are now waiting for a permanent location.

What do we need now?

- Continued financial support from residents
- Monthly housecleaning at the Cottage
- 12 folding metal chairs for large meetings at the cottage
- Help October 27 at Burlington Woods clean-up
- Help planting garden in September

If you have the time or resources, we'd appreciate your help and thanks to those who have helped thus far.

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## Home Repair Resource Center

Home Repair Resource Center is a Cleveland Heights nonprofit that helps homeowners purchase, repair, and retain their homes. For more information on HRRC's services, call 216-381-6100 or check HRRC's website, [www.hrcc-ch.org](http://www.hrcc-ch.org). On their website you will find special programs to help seniors and women with home repair.

## Where Do You Take Visitors? To the Cemetery?

My husband's great-nephew Matt visited us briefly on his way back home to Minnesota after a year of working for Habitat for Humanity in Wilmington, DE. We hadn't seen him in 10 years, and he had never seen Cleveland. So this young man of 23 got to have a one-day tour of our area as we got reacquainted with him.

We toured downtown and walked through the West Side Market. He bought some Burning River IPA at Great Lakes Brewery. He turned down the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, but seemed very interested and moved by the Garfield Monument in Lakeview Cemetery. He stood for a long time gazing at those coffins in the basement and thinking, I guess, about a life cut short.

I'm not sure most people take their visitors to Lakeview Cemetery, but they should. The view of downtown Cleveland and the Lake from the top of the Garfield Monument is terrific and worth climbing all those stairs. All kinds of information is available online about the cemetery's "residents." ([www.lakeviewcemetery.com](http://www.lakeviewcemetery.com)).

We stopped by Rockefeller's 70 foot Vermont granite obelisk, surrounded by the grave markers of his immediate family--and all those sad ones that just say "Baby." (Rockefeller himself lived to be 97.) Matt asked why he was buried here.

John D. Rockefeller moved from NY state to the "Western Reserve of Connecticut" (That's NE Ohio) in 1853 when he was 14. In 1863 he invested in an oil company drilling in the Flats. In 1870, he bought the company and named it Standard Oil which became SOHIO. And that's how he got into the 1%.

He and his wife Laura moved to NYC in 1884. Nevertheless, they maintained their summer home in Forest Hill, arriving in late spring and staying till early fall, from the late 1870s until December 1917 when the unoccupied 40 room house burned to the ground. (The Plain Dealer said it was arson.) Does everybody know he spent every summer in East Cleveland for 40 years?

Also at Lakeview, the Wade Chapel Tiffany window is amazing; I overheard the docent saying that it was when Wade's grandson saw that stained glass window, representing the Resurrection, in Tiffany's Studio, he made the decision to build a chapel around it to honor his grandfather who had founded Western Union. All the mosaics inside, showing prophets and saints, were also created by the Tiffany Studio.

At the end of the day we took Matt to Forest Hill Park for a sunset over the Lake, and that was a great capper. And then we went home and watched the Olympics.

FYI there is a new biography of James A. Garfield out called *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard. It focuses on the assassination and the physicians who ended up (unintentionally) killing him with unsanitary practices. She calls it "murder." But there is a book that covers his whole life by Cleveland Hts. resident and CSU Professor Emeritus Allan Peskin--*Garfield, A Biography*--available at your local library and bookstores.

Some of the Rockefeller information above was culled from "*Forest Hill: The Rockefeller Estate*" by Sharon E. Gregor, Arcadia Publishing, 2006.



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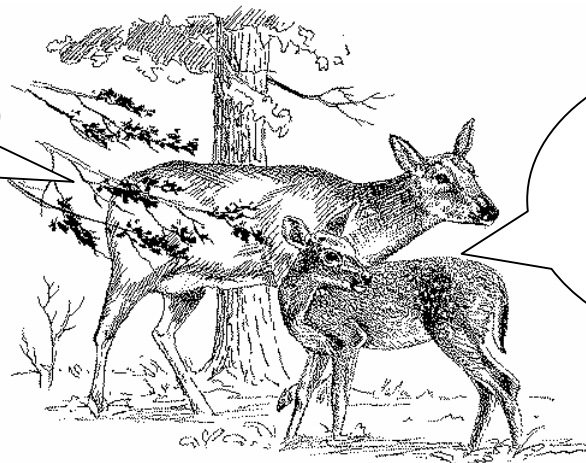
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Well if you plan on staying, we'd better pay our FHHO dues... and maybe eat fewer flowers!

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