



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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A Message from the FHHO President:

I'd just like to review what things we've accomplished in the last few years, all in the interests of making Forest Hill a great neighborhood and a beautiful place to live. Here is the condensed version:

Regularization of Standards: Both applications for exterior changes and violations of deed restrictions are now being tracked via a spreadsheet on line. For persistent or emergency problems the Committee turns to the Cities of East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights. We have the right, via the deed restrictions, to pursue any resident of Forest Hill, but we do not have a police force or court system, so for egregious problems we really have to depend on the two Cities. For problems that require immediate action, like witnessing someone tearing off a roof without permission, it is imperative that neighbors take action and contact us. If we do not get to the homeowner in time, the slate or tile roof is just gone, and the homeowner has never had the opportunity to learn about repairs or replacements that would fit their budget AND grace the neighborhood. There is a reminder in every Newsletter about the need to contact Standards about exterior changes, and recently it has become possible to download the applications directly off the website. Email Standards@fhho.org.

Upgrade in Communication: In the past we were reliant on two Newsletters per year (edited by the excellent Jeff Dross) plus one annual meeting to reach all the members of FHHO. We had no assurance that residents were reading the Newsletters or responding to flyers. Today we have our private online social network, www.fhho.nextdoor.com, through which we can immediately reach the 275 residents who have signed up. Because of nextdoor, and with the help of Marla Zwinggi, we had a second successful area-wide garage sale in May and a family picnic in August. We also had a very successful residents' meeting August 27 to share information about FHHO and start a new steering committee. We continue to rely on our Trustees to deliver welcome packets to new neighbors and flyers to be disseminated when needed. For an invitation to join fhho.nextdoor.com, email President@fhho.org.

Application for inclusion of National Register of Historic Places: We have applied to NRHP on behalf of all 1000 homes in Forest Hill. Accordingly we have taken a photograph of every home in Forest Hill and I can attest that most of them are beautiful. Our onsite visit with the state agency will come up in October. Trina Prufer and Chris Hubbert are working with Deanna Bremer Fisher of Future Heights and Jane Busch, an independent consultant, on this project. We are still very early in the process.

Improvement in Finances: In various efforts to cut back on expenses we let our part time secretary go, we donated to the city of East Cleveland the triangle where Northvale and Forest Hills Blvd. come together to save on taxes, we placed a lot on Mayfield up for sale, also with a view of reducing our tax burden. As an experiment, we have decided to email the Fall Newsletter to save on mailing expenses, although there will be hard copies available at the Cottage. We raised the FHHO dues to \$75 from \$52 and raised the discount letter dues from \$104 to \$125. Between the freeze on expenses and the increase in dues we are running a bit ahead of where we were last year at this time. Hopefully we will end this year in the black after 4 years of ending in debt. If you don't recall whether or not you have sent your dues for 2014, you can check the list of contributors which is available on our website www.fhho.org

We have some incredible positives as a community. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and architect and city planner Andrew Thomas created a diamond-shaped neighborhood with well-built homes ("good bones" the realtors say) and a location now poised to become an adjunct to the University Circle development. Our population has become diverse in many ways which is a great strength. We are delighted with the number of residents who have stepped up to lend their energy and expertise to improving Forest Hill. Our community is a prize, and we just need to polish it like the diamond it is. We welcome all your suggestions for making things better, and of course we would like you to work alongside us to ensure that that happens.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at: president@fhho.org

Yours truly,
Hester Lewellen

What's Inside?

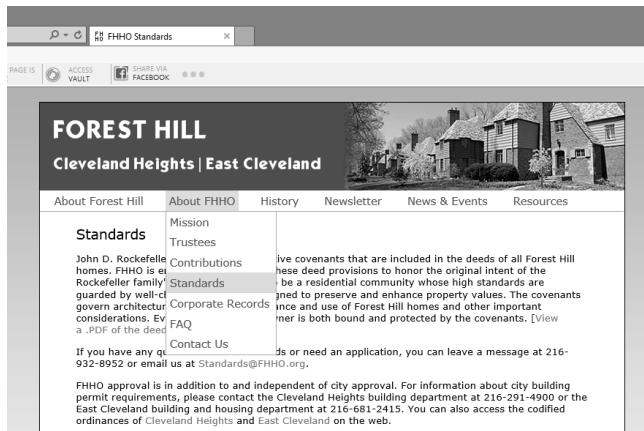
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**"I'm Not a Part of FHHO!"
"Oh, Yes You Are!"**

We recently received a letter from a neighbor who disagreed with a request that was made to "clean up" the yard. The resident responded that he is not a part of Forest Hill and FHHO has no right to tell him to clean up his yard. Let's set aside for a minute his desire to live in a messy home. To prove to this resident that he indeed is a part of the Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc. and he did indeed sign his acceptance of the deed restrictions when he bought his house, we were forced to go into the public record, make copies and present the legal documents to prove his connection.

We are all a part of Forest Hill Home Owners. Like most people who buy a home, the avalanche of papers that need signatures may seem daunting. Amongst the reams of paper was the deed restriction document. Want to remind yourself what it says? That's easy. Go to the Forest Hill Home Owner's website, www.fhho.org



In the band across the top, go to the "About FHHO" and drop down to "Standards". Click. The Standards page will appear. In the first paragraph, information on the deed covenants is included. At the end of the paragraph, you can click on the hyperlink to view a .pdf of the deed restrictions. <http://www.fhho.org/images/deedr.pdf>

So what does that mean to you? If you want to understand

the rules and guidelines, another hyperlink, about midway down the page will detail the guidelines, based on those deed restrictions.

Now that you understand the original covenants and how those deed restrictions apply to you, the homeowner, the next and final step is easy. A handful of home repairs require approval from the Standards committee. The reason is simple. They want to insure good materials are used to maintain the value of the home and the neighborhood AND, more important to you, they are VERY familiar with contractors and bids. They can help you save money! Hyperlinks to applications are located at the bottom of this page. Simply download the application, fill it out and mail or deliver to 2419 Lee Boulevard Cleveland Heights, OH 44118.

The Standards Committee is here to help you! Let them give you advice and guidance. They are here to insure the legacy home you purchased will remain a legacy home for the next generation. By doing so, they also insure the value of your investment. That's all John D Rockefeller, Jr. was really trying to do when he established the protective covenants almost ninety years ago.

2015 Slate of Officers

At the Fall meeting of the FHHO Board of Trustees, the following slate of officers and chairpersons for 2015 was elected by acclamation. Trustees are elected by the homeowners at the Annual Meeting in November.

- Chairman of the Board: Christopher Hubbert
- President: Hester Wellen
- Senior VP: Dr. Mary Rice
- Secretary: Joyce Rothenberger
- Treasurer: Tony Rupcic
- VP Membership: Kate Lewis
- Co-chairs Standards: Dale Rothenberger/ Dean Sieck
- Chair Marketing: Les Jones
- Chair Cottage and Grounds: Sally Miller
- Chair Communications: Jeff Dross

Foreclosure Bond

At the FHHO Information Sharing Meeting held on August 27th, resident Mike Reilly (Blackmore) indicated that community activist, Mike Gaynier will begin pressuring Cleveland Heights City Council to adopt legislation requiring a Foreclosure Bond for any property owner or mortgage holder that begins foreclosure procedures on a vacant property, or one that will soon be vacant. He asked that the attendees contact city council and voice their support of the initiative.

Basically, when filing to foreclose on a property, those filing would need to place funds in bond for the city to use in the event that the property is not kept in good repair during the foreclosure process.

The city of Youngstown has required a Foreclosure Bond since April of 2013 and has amassed a considerable amount of available monies that can be used in the event that the owner does not properly care for the property. Funds can be used for lawn mowing, boarding up vacant buildings and even demolition.

According to the law director, the city has no desire to use the money and they would much rather the owner cared for the property. The bond is a good insurance that the neighborhood will not need to suffer from the blighted structure. Any unused funds are returned once foreclosure is completed and a new owner is established.

If you believe this is a good idea, please contact Cleveland Heights City Council. Their contact information is available on the Cleveland Heights website, clevelandheights.com (city hall – government - city council)

To find out if this initiative is in place with East Cleveland contact, Ward 3 Council Vice President Thomas Wheeler (Brewster) at tjw777@gmail.com

A foreclosure in the neighborhood does not need to be a death sentence to the street. Action that is working elsewhere can be initiated here, with your action and involvement.

A Few Words about Andrew J. Thomas....

By Trina Pruffer

Andrew Jackson Thomas was the architect who designed the 81 "Rockefeller" homes in Forest Hill. Orphaned by the age of 13, and with no formal education beyond the 6th grade, he became a self-taught architect whose work is still revered today for its efficient use of space, utility of design and high construction standards. He designed apartments for families of all income levels.

By the early 1920's, Mr. Thomas had purchased land and built a French Norman Tudor home in the town of Scarsdale, New York as his residence. Perhaps coincidentally, he lived on Fenimore Road in Scarsdale, which ran perpendicular to Brewster Road. (The street names are similar to those in the Forest Hill Development.) By 1930, census records indicate that he was living in a rented luxury apartment on Fifth Avenue.

As with his own home, our 81 homes in Forest Hill were built in the French Norman style popular during the 1920s. However, our floor plans are somewhat unique for the style, with each home having 3.5 bathrooms, at least one servant's chamber, a compact layout and abundant closets. In actuality, the homes are similar in design to classic New York City pre-war luxury apartments.

Throughout his professional career, Mr. Thomas was passionate about his quest to provide ideal homes for the middle-class. He pioneered the use of communal green spaces and made sure each room was well-proportioned and had sufficient light and air. Perhaps most-importantly, the homes were designed around how people actually lived, providing both a better life for the family and opportunities for individuals to come together as a community.

Chris Ronayne to Speak at FHHO Annual Members Meeting

Chris Ronayne, President of University Circle, Inc., has agreed to be our as speaker at the FHHO Annual Meeting at 7:15PM on November 11, 2014 at Hope Lutheran Church, 2222 North Taylor Road at Northvale.

Mr. Ronayne has been a dynamic leader for the University Circle neighborhood since 2005 and his contract for that position has recently been extended to 2016. Prior to joining UCI, Mr. Ronayne was the campaign manager for Jane Campbell's successful run as Mayor of Cleveland and served as Cleveland's Planning Director, Chief Development Officer and Chief of Staff. He also led numerous revitalization projects, such as, the Avenue District, Flats East Bank, Steelyard Commons, the Cleveland Waterfront District Plan and Battery Park.

Let's all do what we can to be sure he gets a great turnout!

Notes from the Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society

In 2006, the stately Chicago landmark sports stadium, Soldier Field lost its National Landmark status after the addition of the much derided "flying saucer" renovation. The charming city of Cape May, New Jersey is in danger of losing its status because of the addition of newer homes, removal of a historic theater and a convention center that clashes with the historic architecture that has made the city famous. Pinehurst Golf Course, Tombstone, Arizona and Lake Oswego's Carman House all are faced with a similar fate. Fifteen sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places have already been delisted.

While a few of these events took place because of tragedies, such as fire, most are removed or threatened because of alterations that make a negative impact on the architectural significance of the site. In our neighborhood, it is easy to see the first coffin nail in a viable historic community – the security storm door.

For some inexplicable reason, scores of residents seem to think a French Provincial design-themed front door matches the architecture and style of their California Ranch, Mid-Century Split level, Classic 40's and 50's Colonial and Master Bungalows. In almost every case, these security storm doors cheapen the house, call attention to the poor aesthetic choice of the owner and in general depreciate the value of the neighborhood.

It is true that sometimes storm doors need to be replaced and these security storm doors are readily available and cheap. They are sold with the idea that they add security. Visitors driving through Forest Hill, seeing the proliferation of these doors must think we must have a huge burglary problem, or else our residents are pretty paranoid. Is that the message we want to send?

We live in a unique neighborhood of quality homes that have kept their value because the core materials are of unquestionable quality. Most are architect-designed with well-thought out interiors and exteriors. Replacing core elements with inexpensive alternatives does nothing but cheapen the building. Be careful when replacing doors, windows and even roofs. Each can reduce the value of the structure if poorly selected. While it may not initially end with the de-listing of a national recognition, a cheap replacement door is a gateway drug in the inevitable decline of a fine old historic structure and can lead to the discrediting of a neighborhood's historic status.

-Jeffrey R. Dross
(Jeff is Vice-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 him at 321-0206.)



Information Sharing Meeting

On August 27, 2014 Forest Hill Home Owners invited the community to the Cleveland Heights Community Center to share ideas, concerns and opinions about the state of the neighborhood. No elected official from either East Cleveland or Cleveland Heights were in attendance, reinforcing the general opinion that solutions will only come from residents.

Almost as soon as the meeting started, ideas were presented. If the fact that no invited political leader from either East Cleveland or Cleveland Heights was in attendance didn't prove the general opinion, most people stated that solutions will only come from residents. We cannot rely on the weak leadership provided by either city, especially in light of their respective financial frailties.

Michael Wells (Glynn), retired Cleveland State University professor clearly established the problem and immediately offered to work toward a solution. Soon thereafter the idea of investigating a Special Improvement District (SID) rose to the top.

Howard Maier (Blackmore), former administrator of NOACA laid out some core parameters on which to build the case for a SID.

- Establish the core problem(s)
- Determine the geographic area
- Define the goal to resolve them
- Create reasonable expectations by which the residents can measure success

Darrell Fields (Oakhill) a retired lawyer, offered to help with research and clarified that a SID could/should work in tandem with FHHO (not in opposition) and the structural makeup needs to be defined in that way. He also urged that once the SID parameters are formed, we should immediately seek partnership with University Circle, Inc. (UCI) The University Circle neighborhood is a major entity in Cuyahoga County, but its land-locked situation has forced it to look out beyond its borders.

Talk of the SID was not all that dominated the lively discussion. Dean Sieck (Bolton), Co-Chair of FHHO Standards Committee and former Trustee at Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC) suggested that we re-introduce the Forest Hill neighborhood to the organization so they might begin targeting homeowners who need assistance in our area. Mike Reilly (Blackmore), local businessman explained to the group that fellow Cleveland Heights resident and former CH Council candidate, Mike Gaynier is pushing Cleveland Heights Council to adopt legislation that would require a Foreclosure Bond when banks foreclose on a property. New Rutherford resident, Jay Nesbit and longtime resident Les Jones (Chelsea) wanted to reinvigorate marketing efforts that promoted the neighborhood. Hester Lewellen (Eastwick), FHHO President reminded the attendees that Forest Hill residents are eligible for Heritage Home Loans provided through the Cleveland Restoration Society. These low interest loans are not "needs-based" and are available to anyone whose home is over 50 years old.

Concerns were raised that the establishment of a self-help SID would allow the cities of Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland to "abandon" Forest Hill. It was quickly pointed out that SID's work in tandem with cities and effective lawsuits have been won when a city attempts to avoid its responsibility in SID districts. The key is to continue pressure on the city to do what cities were established to do.

After almost two hours of productive conversation, a group of fourteen citizens agreed to form a steering committee tentatively called Forest Hill Action Group and establish a proposal that can be debated and agreed upon by the entire neighborhood. Jamain & Kesha Owens (Wyatt), Jim Simpson (Burlington), Trice James (Brewster), Mary Hall (Rumson) Pete and Laura Grebus (Monticello) and Frank Ricchi (Mt. Vernon) along with the aforementioned Mike Wells, Darrell Fields, Les Jones, Dean Sieck, Howard Maier and Michael Reilly will soon start the process everyone hopes will solve some of the chronic issues faced by Forest Hill.

What's A SID?

The Ohio State University Extension, Community Development Fact Sheet defines a SID as a tool for targeted development for, "...a community, neighborhood or business district that desires public improvement and services beyond the level currently provided..." A SID then becomes a predefined area where property owners pay an additional tax or fee that is designated for specific services or improvements within the districts boundaries.

To form a SID, either 60% of property owners, based on frontage or 75% of property owners must petition the appropriate legislative authorizes. A non-profit corporation must be established to manage the SID and owners of property located within the borders then become members of the non-profit corporation. A plan must be submitted with the petition detailing the intended improvement or service desired, beyond those provided by the municipality. Once granted, ALL property owners, regardless of whether they signed the initial petition are assessed the additional fee or tax.

A Board of Trustees or Directors must be established to direct the activities of the non-profit. There are some additional guidelines for board members and effectivity time limits.

A SID can be a very effective way to secure additional desires within almost any geographic area. The Coventry Business District can be looked upon as an excellent example, using the funds for street improvements, plantings, waste management and advertisement. A walk down the busy street demonstrates the effectiveness of a well-run SID.

Homeowner Fees

Remember, if considering a home repair, approvals must be secured and a fee is required.

Application Fees: A basic fee of \$30 will be assessed for exterior alterations and additions. Fees for additional applications will be \$10. (Fee is waived for contributors.)

Approval Violation: Failure to secure a permit for alterations or additions will result in fines, not to exceed \$500. Continuing to work on a project after FHHO has notified the resident of a violation will result in a fine, not to exceed \$100 per day.

Maintenance Violations: If a maintenance violation is not corrected, the assessed fine is not to exceed \$100 per day.

Forest Hill National Register Nomination Help Wanted!

Would you like to volunteer to help in the effort to add Forest Hill to the National Register of Historic Places? Help is needed for a number of tasks in a variety of skill levels, particularly data entry. If you're interested, please call the Forest Hill Home Owners office at 216-932-8952 or email Hester Lewellen at President@fhho.org

At present, Forest Hill Park, the Rockefeller Building, the sales office, (Blue Cottage) and the eighty-one Rockefeller homes are listed in the National Register. But the historical significance of Forest Hill did not end when the Rockefeller homes were completed. From the 1930s to the 1950s, Forest Hill continued to be developed as a model suburb according to the principles established in the 1920s by John D. Rockefeller Jr. and architect Andrew J. Thomas. The resulting subdivision of approximately one thousand homes is historically significant as an excellent example of suburban planning and as a collection of high quality colonial and ranch homes that retain their historic appearance to a large degree, thanks to the FHHO preservation guidelines.

The process of listing the balance of Forest Hill in the National Register of Historic Places has just begun. It will take some time and a fair amount of money, but the end result will be the protection and preservation of this exciting neighborhood.

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fhho.nextdoor.com, the neighborhood social network with nearly 300 Forest Hill neighbors registered has been integral in the Forest Hill conversation. If you want to continue to follow this issue, please sign-up. If you have neighbors who are interested, invite them to join as well. For an invitation to join, email President@fhho.org This is an excellent way to stay connected to Forest Hill and the exciting conversations that will be taking place.

FHHO Information Sharing Meeting Minutes August 27, 2014

The meeting began at 7:17 p.m. with FHHO President Hester Lewellen welcoming all to the meeting. There were 59 people in attendance this evening. Each FHHO officer that was in attendance was introduced and each told a little of how they are involved. Packets were handed out to each person or couple and Hester explained all of the information inside. Hester then gave an overview of what FHHO has done over the last two years. This included what the Standards Committee has done, with applications for exterior changes now downloadable off the internet; the decision to email the fall newsletter to save us money; at the Cottage and grounds we have installed a new furnace, painted the inside of the Cottage, had the parking lot re-surfaced, the roof cleaned and repaired; we now have Trustees for each block; as part of the requirements for National Register of Historic Places we have taken photos of each home in FHHO and noted that most of the homes are beautiful; in another cost-cutting move we have dismissed the Blue Cottage office secretary, have put a lot on Mayfield up for sale, and turned the triangle at Forest Hill and Northvale over to East Cleveland to save on taxes; for 4 years we had ended in the red so this year we have raised the dues which so far are running ahead of last year. Hester finished by saying that our organization is a positive for the community. We are a diamond-shaped neighborhood that is perfect for aging residents that need a 1st floor home with an attached garage or couples without children.

There followed a number of comments based on items raised in advance on fhho.nextdoor.com.

a.) Deterioration of some homes in Forest Hill:

Druscilla Robertson said that her next door neighbor at on Newbury has let the place deteriorate since moving in. Mary Hall reported that her neighbor on Rumson also is not taking care of their property. Said they have not mowed the backyard for over 1 year. Standards did visit the property this week. Mary has also reported the property to Cleveland Heights. Diana England said she will let her neighbor on Glynn Rd know that their property was talked about this evening. She will ask delinquent neighbors first if they need help in caring for their property. She also cleans up areas as she takes walks. Mike Wells lives on Glynn and has problems with the house next to his that is in bad shape and owned by a church. Mike feels that this meeting is an opportunity for us to explore a way to take care of situations. He says there are organizations available to help. He also feels that our dues are not helping the housing situation. Mike Reilly (Blackmore) introduced Howard Maier (Blackmore) who has been head of NOACA for 20 some years. Howard also has some knowledge of CDCs and SIDs. These programs will help protect our area. The first step is to research and find out what we expect the neighborhood to be like and what we are willing to do about it. Grants are also available. Rosanna Sprague (Burlington) said she is willing to help research. Darrell Fields lives on Oakhill. He said that Special Improvement District entails special services and will have to be paid

through property assessments. It is an easy concept to get done. He is willing to lead effort for a grant and said that University Circle Inc. (UCI) has money available. We have to tell them we are prepared. We are a bedroom community to UCI. Bonnie Bolitho (Monticello) said we are sitting on prime real estate. Mike Reilly says that the East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights cities will not be helpful as they are 20 years behind. We need to come together and lobby the cities. Trina Pruffer (Brewster) feels that volunteers are taking over what the city governments should be doing, which is not right. We need to be part of a Special Improvement District and the city needs to live up to their obligations. Dean Sieck (Bolton) would like to have a speaker at the fall meeting that is knowledgeable. Dean feels uncomfortable encouraging an out of town investor and prefers to have owner-occupied homes instead of renters. Leslie Jones has lived on Chelsea for 28 years and feels we need to focus on the broader picture. He is a retired marketing person and would like to serve FHHO as the Marketing Chairman.

b.) Hester noted that if there is a problem with roads, sidewalks, and trees on the tree lawn, it is up to the city to remedy the problem. Unoccupied civic buildings: The Pontiac building on Mayfield/Superior is now occupied by Motorcars Honda. If you have problems regarding the Medusa and/or Severance, contact Richard Wong at Cleveland Heights City Hall. We can notify members via fhho.nextdoor.com to have everyone call so-and-so on such-and-such day and see if this will get some action.

c.) Additional questions and/or issues:

(Person on Burlington) feels Forest Hill does not promote itself. We should tell everyone how great it is. We need a goal to bring revenue in. Darrell Fields (Oakhill) feels we have to link with the billion dollar community down the hill. We are a logical area for those who work in UCI. Marcia Steele (Brewster) would like to have a road we can drive down that has no potholes. It is up to the city to keep the roads repaired, not a special collection from those that live on the street to repair it. Jay Nesbit and his wife (Rutherford) just moved in a few months ago because they wanted to be in a nice neighborhood and close to bus lines and the Rapid. Empty houses and roads with potholes are not a good advertisement for selling a home. Cleveland Heights still has good schools. We need families moving into FHHO. It is also perfect for the "empty-nesters". Jamain Owens on Wyatt Rd said that 4-5 years ago members on his street looked into having a special assessment fronted by the county to be paid back over 20 years. It did not come to fruition. Trina fears that volunteers are depended upon too much. Elsie Dawson on Oakhill said she lives near the Forest Hill Park and would like the park patrolled better. Cars park close to where they picnic and can block traffic. Lynn Haney (Brewster) asked if the Metro Parks system could possibly take over responsibility of the park. Trina said she is on the FH Parks board and that is an ongoing question. Joyce Holloway (Lee) noted that the fencing along the Cleveland Hts. side of Forest Hill Park along Lee Blvd. has recently been replaced. Dean Sieck feels this evening that we have generated some good possibilities. The Home Repair Resource Center (HRRRC) used to designate a neighborhood

and have grants available to homeowners. He also noted that the Cleveland Restoration Society subgroup (Heritage Homes) can provide low-interest loans that are not need-based for homes that are at least 50 years old. Rosanna Sprague suggested Chris Ronayne as a speaker for our Annual meeting. Mike Reilly said to contact Mike Gaynier regarding foreclosure bonds that would make banks keep up the appearance of a house. Hester said that this evening was an information gathering meeting and would like all those who have provided their expertise and contact to please sign up to form a steering committee that will begin to look into the issues. She will post the date of the next meeting on fhho.nextdoor.com. The volunteers on the steering committee tentatively titled Forest Hill Action Group are: Jamain & Keshia Owens (Wyatt), Jim Simpson (Burlington), Trice James (Brewster), Mary Hall (Rumson) Pete and Laura Grebus (Monticello), Frank Ricchi (Mt. Vernon), Mike Wells (Glynn), Darrell Fields (Oakhill), Les Jones (Chelsea), Dean Sieck (Bolton), Howard Maier (Blackmore) and Michael Reilly (Blackmore). Others are welcome to join; contact Hester to get included. President@fhho.org.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Rothenberger, FHHO Secretary

Happy About a Dead, Deadbeat Neighbor

If you have ever driven down Berkshire Road between Washington Boulevard and Coventry Road, you no doubt wondered about the four abandoned and disheveled homes on the east side of the street. For over twenty years these homes were held hostage by an eccentric owner who did "just enough" inside the law to keep the properties as a wart on an otherwise lovely street.

Recently, the owner died and each of the four homes has now been nursed back to health, by caring new owners. The entire street is now the beneficiary.

Don't be someone whose death will be celebrated by your neighbors. Respect your home and your community and take care of your property.

First Saturdays

To allow Forest Hill homeowners better access to the FHHO organization, our headquarters located at the Blue Cottage, 2419 Lee Boulevard, at the corner of Monticello Boulevard will be open from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on the first Saturday of every month. We're calling this First Saturday, so everyone remembers.

An FHHO Officer or Trustee will be on hand to answer any of your questions, accept applications for home repair and show you around the historic structure. We would also love to encourage your participation in the organization, so check the calendar and stop by the cottage.

Bad Credit? Bad Signs!

The posting of "Bad Credit" signs on neighborhood telephone poles is illegal in the city of Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland. If you see one in our neighborhood, please pull it down. They make the neighborhood look bad and the unscrupulous people behind these efforts are using this cheap method of advertisement to trap unsuspecting victims. Let's make it difficult for them to succeed!

Forest Hill Featured at the Library Lecture Series

At the Cleveland Heights Library Main branch, Meeting Rooms A&B, on Thursday October 2, 2014 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM, Sharon Gregor, Jeff Dross and Christopher Hubbert will present a talk entitled, Rockefeller's Forest Hill Neighborhood. Ms. Gregor will discuss the initial work involving the 81 original homes and the Heights Rockefeller Building, while Mr. Dross will explain what happened to the development AFTER the initial failure. Mr. Hubbert will tie all of this historical information into context with today's efforts to list the entire neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places.

Through the months of September and October, the library will present a number of talks on the history of our area. For more details on the other lectures, please contact Carol Wallencheck at the library at cwallenc@heightslibrary.org or 216-932-3600.

Want to Get Involved?

Call the Forest Hill Home Owners office at 216-932-8952 if you'd like to get involved with the discussion of a SID, or any other option for improvement.

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

Deed Restrictions can be located at:
<http://www.fhho.org/images/deedr.pdf>
Alteration guidelines are available on our website at:
<http://www.fhho.org/images/standards.pdf>

Call **216-932-8952** or Application can be download at:
<http://www.fhho.org/standards.asp>

FHHO approval is in addition to and independent of City approval.



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Mark Your Calendar Now! The FHHO Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday November 11, 2014 at Hope Lutheran Church Community Room at 7:15PM

Fill in the form below and mail it to FHHO, 2419 Lee Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118-1206. \$75 is the suggested membership fee, but many residents are sending \$125 to get the discount letter. 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 do something meaningful for the neighborhood; call me! _____