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# Have You Heard...

## WHAT IS THE FOREST HILL ACTION **COMMITTEE (FHAC)?**

Answer: A subcommittee of FHHO created after the August 2014 forum of Forest Hill residents which focused on housing conditions within our area. A dozen Forest Hill residents volunteered to begin brainstorming ways to address issues raised at that forum, and develop a strategy to more



aggressively tackle many of those issues on behalf of FHHO. They are exploring the formation of an LLC

to target these five action areas:

- Strengthening FHHO standards enforcement to help improve property values
- Exploring investment and funding options to improve the Forest Hill area
- Building the Forest Hill area brand regionally to attract new residents
- Expanding community engagement utilizing social media tools
- Coordinating with other local support groups that complement the FHHO mission

## **KICKING OFF 2015**

We are excited and energized by many great new things going on in Forest Hill. Starting with this new format for updating residents on activities going on in our neighborhood, we plan to reach out every

quarter to keep you informed on key projects and information concerning our historic neighborhood. Some of those key areas of focus will include:

- Highlighting the on-going work of the Forest Hill Action Committee as they explore more aggressive steps to attack foreclosed properties and delinquent landlords impacting property values in our area
- Participating in discussions with both Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland on any potential merger discussions as they relate to Forest Hill
- Actively pursuing our goal of getting ALL Forest Hill homes on the National Register of Historic Places
- Expanding participation in FHHO activities and continuing growth of "Next Door" our private social network at: http://fhho.nextdoor.com
- · Soliciting continuous feedback on ways to strengthen our historic community

Please consider supporting us by volunteering for a committee and making your annual donation to FHHO. Look for information on our 2015 Fund Drive in March.



# Forest Hill Real Estate Activities

Home transfers and activities at the end of December 2014 include:

- 26 homes sold within Forest Hill to new homeowners
- 2 homes sold to investors which are currently in renovation
- 18 bank-owned or foreclosed properties not yet on the market
- 10 homes up for sale by the current homeowners
- 2 homes currently in the final closing process

# Standards Report and Recent Actions

During 2014, the Standards Committee identified 50 properties that had at some point been reported as in violation of the FHHO covenant standards. Of those 50 homes, eight were either bank-owned, in proceedings with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank, or identified as having long-term compliance and ownership issues. Letters were sent notifying the homeowners of the violations, and re-inspections were conducted before the end of 2014 to determine whether the violations had been corrected. By year's end, forty percent of the remaining forty-two homeowners with violations had corrected them, and violations of one home from the eight on the long-term problem list had been corrected.

The Standards Committee also reviewed requests for variances to the vinyl siding and fence standards at the January Executive Committee meeting. The Committee decided not to modify the current requirement of at least 5-inch siding but will continue to review requests for a variance to the fence standards on a case-by-case basis and seek consensus from surrounding neighbors before allowing any variances to current fencing guidelines.

Finally, during 2014, the Standards Committee dealt with twelve inquiries or reviews of permits issued by the city of Cleveland Heights for remodeling projects or repairs to properties. All Forest Hill homeowners are asked to download an application from the FHHO website and file the request before initiating any major projects.

## **UPCOMING FHHO EVENTS**

March 7, 2015 - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm First Saturday Meet-N-Greet The Blue Cottage

March 17, 2015 – 7:15 pm **Executive Committee Meeting** The Blue Cottage

April 4, 2015 - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm First Saturday Meet-N-Greet The Blue Cottage

April 14, 2015 – 7:15 pm Street Trustees Meeting The Blue Cottage

May 23, 2015 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Forest Hill Community Garage Sale Look for details to follow on "Next Door" with sign-up and advertising information.

# President's Message

### **2014 FHHO CONTRIBUTORS**

Your FHHO Executive Committee sends out a sincere "THANK YOU" to the following Forest Hill residents for their generous contributions in support of FHHO programs and activities in 2014.

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## Forest Hill Holiday Celebrations



The residents on Eastwick Road held their annual potluck holiday celebration on December 13th at the home of Hester Lewellen and Glending Olson. In keeping with the Forest Hill

tradition Burlington Road featured the annual display of luminarias

on Christmas Eve under the supervision of Rosanna Sprague. Enthusiastic residents on Hollister, Rumson and Blackmore also joined in the holiday tradition with several homes displaying luminaries.



# Marketing and Public Relations

## **PROMOTING THE FOREST HILL HISTORIC BRAND**

A new marketing initiative is underway to position Forest Hill as a destination neighborhood with the focus on attracting new residents and building on the unique historic heritage and strengths of our area.

A sample of the first draft of a new promotional brochure shown below is targeted at new and relocating employees from University Circle's bustling commercial district to our Forest Hill community.

Additional projects underway include the redesign of the FHHO Welcome Kit, improvements in the functionality of the FHHO



website, increased public relations updates concerning Forest Hill to residents and in local media along with growing partnership opportunities with business and community groups to help attract investment to our Forest Hill area.



# FHHO-Owned Properties Update

One of the FHHO properties (along Mayfield between Burlington and Newbury) has been listed for sale. FHHO also received a rebate of \$400 for sewer overcharges at the Blue Cottage.

## WANT TO HELP OR GET INVOLVED?

You can help by making a contribution to FHHO any time during the year. You can also volunteer to serve on one of the standing committees of FHHO or the newly formed FHAC sub-committee. Just log onto: www.fhho.org for details or contact us by e-mail at: president@fhho.org.