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Annual Members Meeting

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Wed., Nov. 11th

at 7 PM to 8:30 PM
on ZOOM.
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Dear Fellow Residents of Forest Hill,

I hope you have stayed safe and well since the last FHHO newsletter came to your house.

In this age of Social Distance, many of the plans the board and I had for FHHO this year have by necessity been put on hold. We have still carried on with projects to pick up trash. Our second pick up day was Saturday, July 18 beginning at 1 pm. We also had a group work together – but apart – to tidy up the Burlington wooded lot on Saturday June 6. There will be one more neighborhood beautification project while the leaves are falling. Additionally, I want to remind you of the Annual EC Forest Hill Park Fall Photography Contest. Details of the contest can be found on page 3.

I wrote in the Spring newsletter that we want to solicit your views on initiatives FHHO should engage in and support. As part of this newsletter we have enclosed a paper survey to be mailed or dropped off at the Blue Cottage. These surveys may be followed up with telephone calls to better understand your views. A good response will help the board prioritize our activities to what our neighbors value.

As part of our commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the formation of FHHO we are working with the cities of Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland to install signs at the Blue Cottage and several “gateway” corners to identify Forest Hill. This effort is made possible by the contributions we have received from our residents over the years. In addition, for this 70th year, we have beautiful light gray heathered tee shirts in various sizes with the FHHO logo available for sale at \$20 each. You can order one on the FHHO web site. Quantities are limited for the 2020 edition.

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Terrence Weiler, Mark Madland, Trustee, and Nate Wright.

Five Miles of Tree Lawns Included as Part of Spring/Summer Cleanup

The generosity of FHHO home owners could literally be seen on our streets in June and July as volunteers spring cleaned many parts of Forest Hill.



JULY 18th, Main Streets: Impeccably organized and outfitted by **Mark Madland** (see feature photo), Trustee, volunteers picked up trash from the main streets for the pleasure of the many pedestrians who enjoy our historic garden community. Streets included were Lee, Monticello, Forest Hills, Northvale, and N. Taylor. Shown above are (L) **Nadine Joseph** and **Mark Finkenbine**; (C) **David Condon**; and (R) **Lee Barbee II** and shown below is **Sue Kenney**.



Volunteers not pictured are: **Jack Kenney**, **Samuel Kohn**, Trustee, **John Langner**, **Gretchen Mettler**, Trustee, **Dave Henry**, and **Sharon Leary**.

June 6th, NE Burlington-Mayfield Lot: Volunteers arrived at the lot, one

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Dave Henry wears his FHHO logo tee at the July 18th street cleanup.



You may have missed seeing the marimba at the EC Forest Hill children's musical playground, located near the Boat House. That is because it was damaged and needs to be repaired. Fortunately the EC Parks Association was the recipient of a FHHO \$400 grant for a special project of the park's choosing. The association has decided to use the money to repair the marimba. We'll be glad to welcome it back into play.

"Special" FHHO Grant Announcement

President Gretchen Mettler is announcing a unique and historic 70th anniversary project for FHHO. Personal stories will be gathered from long-term home owners who wish to share their memories about living in Forest Hill. This collection will be obtained through telephone conversations or written interviews which will be recorded, transcribed, and compiled into a very special limited edition book. Each participating home owner will receive a free copy of this book and a limited quantity will be available for purchase. Please contact president@fhho.org or call Gretchen at (216)788-1255. She would love to talk to you.

Have You Lived in Forest Hill for 20 or 30 years or more? If so, We Would Love to Hear Your Story



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Made For Summer Fun in Forest Hill

Your comfortable FHHO tee will benefit the Forest Hill mission of historic preservation by adding to our funding. Designed by the 2020 Board of Trustees and printed locally, this shirt shows that you love your neighborhood. Quantities are limited.

* Light gray heathered tee shirt * S M L XL
* 99% Heavy weight cotton, pre-shrunk



TO PURCHASE: Indicate your name, address, and size and then:
-- deposit \$20 cash or a check made out to FHHO in an envelope in the mail slot at the Blue Cottage at 2419 Lee Blvd.
-- OR go to fhho.org and order with PayPal.
Either way, contactless delivery will be made to your home.

of Forest Hill's main entry points, with wheelbarrow, leaf blower, rakes, brooms, and mulch. Poison ivy was sprayed; the yucca plants were weeded and mulched. Unfortunately the split-rail fence (photo below, left with **John Langner**) had deteriorated but replacement sections have arrived and will be installed soon by **Tom Winston**, Trustee. The surprise of the day was that **Tess Givens**, Trustee, brought along her dad **Walter Prescott**, a professional landscaper visiting from California (photo below, right).

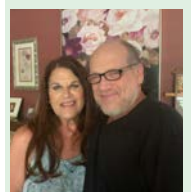


Volunteers not pictured are **Anthony Rupcic**, **Dave Henry**, and **Sharon Leary**.



Ongoing at the Blue Cottage: **Pat Rolfe** (who is pictured to the right) and Gretchen Mettler have been busy weeding and pruning the property perimeter and shrubs, yielding a neat appearance and making for an easy access to the front door from the sidewalk. Four viburnum were trimmed back after their spring blooming. A few new hostas have been planted with more to come. Flower filled baskets were hung on either side of the Cottage's east-facing windows.

Welcome to Our Neighborhood



John Stuart and **Venira Virzi**, after living in California for years, decided to retire to NE Ohio where Venira grew up. While house-hunting they "fell in love" with the Cleveland area and found their Eastwick ranch-style home to be "a dream come true."

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Bryan Thomas and Gretchen Mettler were part of the Spring Clean Up at the Burlington Lot.

for the first half of 2020. FHHO exists to promote, safeguard and improve the property values in, and the general welfare of, Forest Hill. Please consider a contribution to FHHO using the enclosed envelope. If every resident in Forest Hill contributed, your donations would provide the financing to maintain the historic Blue Cottage and the grounds, address the long term Cottage maintenance issues of a historic building, allow us to hold both social and educational resident events while maintaining our cash levels, and possibly have a law firm on retainer.

Because of concerns about the maintenance of some properties and exterior upkeep, retaining a law firm specializing in home owner association (HOA) matters would allow FHHO to seek legal action. We would seek legal action, only if necessary, to enforce FHHO preservation standards thus safeguarding your property values. Our property values are increasing. This year in Forest Hill only a very few houses have been for sale and since April 1 all of them were sold between \$150,000 and \$210,000. In large part, this is due to our neighborhood diligence with good home maintenance and well considered improvements.

The annual meeting will be virtual this year. You will find more information about the Annual Meeting and proposed agenda on page 3. This newsletter serves as the first official notification of the meeting. Further details will be found on the FHHO web page for those who wish to nominate themselves to serve on the Board of Trustees (this year we've been meeting using Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm). The proposed agenda will be more filled in as we get closer to the meeting. Information on how to access the Zoom meeting will be published on the web site.

Again, please do not hesitate to offer your ideas for community engagement. Our contact information is on the web site. **We do not entertain the words "We can't"; we remain a "we'll get it done" group.**



Gretchen Mettler
 FHHO President and Trustee

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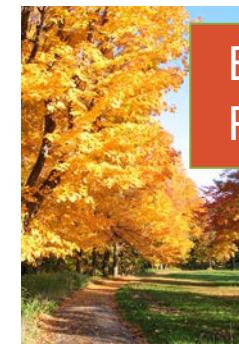
FHHO Members Meeting is on Zoom Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 pm

Please register to attend by completing a registration form at www.FHHO.org and submitting it no later than Tuesday, November 10 by 5:00 pm. Your link to Zoom will be emailed to the contact on your registration form. Agenda:

1. Minutes of previous meeting (read on-line)
 2. Financial presentation
 3. Abbreviated reports from committees
 4. Recognition awards
 5. Announcement of the winners of the Annual EC Forest Hill Park Fall Photography Contest
 6. Election of new trustees
- 8:30 PM Adjournment**

Become a Board of Trustees Member

FHHO's Board of Trustees consists of 15 Forest Hill residents who are concerned about maintaining our historic neighborhood. New residents are encouraged to apply. Go to FHHO.org for details.



Enter the Annual EC Forest Hill Park Fall Photography Contest

PRIZES: Two contestants will receive their own photo, beautifully enlarged, and custom printed on museum quality acrylic that is ready for hanging.

Whether it's a picture of wildlife or a landscape, share your passion for photographing the natural abundance of East Cleveland's Forest Hill Park by entering this contest.



HOW TO ENTER:

Participant must be a current resident of Forest Hill. Photos must be taken of East Cleveland's Forest Hill Park during Fall 2020. Post as many photo entries as you want on Nextdoor by Nov. 5th or email photos to **Sharon Leary** at samba23@me.com. Winners will be announced at the Annual Members Meeting on Nov. 11th. Co-Sponsored by East Cleveland Parks Association



David Condon's dog Scout at the park lake.

Thank You to All Our Generous FHHO 2020 Donors

As we enjoy the natural beauty that the Forest Hill neighborhood has to offer this summer, the FHHO Board of Trustees would like to express how much we truly appreciate the generosity of our resident contributors.

These donations were received between January 1 and June 30, 2020. The Board of Trustees thanks you for your support. And it's not too late for other home owners to make their contribution for 2020!

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