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## Volunteer Opportunities

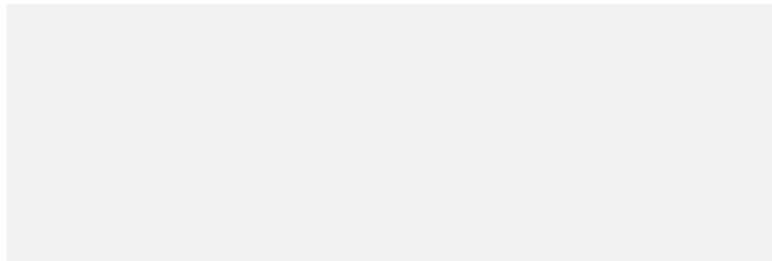
**House and Grounds Committee:** Planning activities for summer to maintain Blue Cottage grounds and plant flower gardens in public spaces.

**Membership Committee:** Meeting new residents and introducing them to Forest Hill.

**Fund Raising:** Planning fund raising events to generate money for Blue Cottage repairs.

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## Save the Date:

Sat., March 14th

at 4:30 pm

Pot Luck Supper

& Listening Session at  
Forest Hill Presbyterian  
Church

(See Inside for Details)



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## Dear Residents of Forest Hill,

It is a great honor to be asked to be the President of FHHO. The new board and I plan to work daily to engage residents in the mission of FHHO: to promote, safeguard and improve the property values and the general welfare of the community known as Forest Hill.

We have many ideas to begin to work on, but our first one is to present to our community what the benefits are from contributing time and money to FHHO. In this winter and spring we will be holding opportunities sponsored by FHHO to meet your neighbors, give us a chance to hear your ideas for our neighborhood and to build a network with your neighbors. Our first "Listening Session" is March 14th (see details on page 2 of this newsletter). Come warmer weather months, there will be block parties, walking groups and perhaps even some garden touring, all with the aim of getting to know your neighbors better and to develop networks within our various blocks, improving the general welfare of our community. As Margaret Mead wrote, **"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."**

As past President Jo Fox wrote last summer, paying attention to the "curb appeal" of your property can have dramatic positive effect on the sale prices of the homes near your property. When the weather allows, volunteers will be working daily to pick up blowing trash from streets and tree lawns, which improves the attractiveness of the entire area. To support each other we propose in the warm months to have small groups of volunteers cleaning out weeds and debris from the curbs and streets of our neighborhoods where it is needed.

The Standards Committee, which may have a new name by the time this newsletter reaches you, is planning to sponsor an event on how to preserve your slate or tile roof. Information on that event will be forthcoming.

The board is meeting monthly to plan activities, planning how to welcome new residents into the community and

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## Annual Home Owners Meeting Election Results in New Officers and Directors who Proclaim "We'll Get it Done"

On December 9th, outgoing FHHO president **Jo Fox** held a well attended welcome gathering at the Blue Cottage in honor of the new board of directors.

*Pictured above from left to right, top row:*  
**Robert Charlick**, Trustee and Member of Standards  
**Mark Madland**, Trustee  
**Sam Kohn**, Trustee and Executive Secretary  
**Tess Givens**, Trustee

*Second Row:*  
**Eda Daniel**, Trustee and Chair of the Board  
**Beryl Tishkoff**, Trustee  
**Gretchen Mettler**, Trustee and President

*Not pictured:*  
**Tom Winston**, Trustee and Chair of Standards  
**Anthony Rupcic**, Trustee and Treasurer  
**Christopher Hubbert**, Trustee

engage longtime residents who have never felt invited in. We are also planning fundraising to support our activities. We do not entertain the words "We can't"; we are a "we'll get it done" group. I look forward to meeting many of you in the upcoming months.

**Gretchen Mettler**,  
President, FHHO



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## Planning a New Roof, Siding or Windows?

As Mother Nature begins to loosen her wintry grip on the Cleveland area it's time to turn our attention towards our outdoor projects. Just a friendly reminder to residents, especially new homeowners, that anyone planning any exterior alterations such as roof repair or replacement, siding, windows, doors or driveway replacement, and new additions such as a fence, deck or shed must obtain a permit from FHHO.

The purpose of obtaining a permit through FHHO is to ensure your project is in compliance with the Covenants and Standards of FHHO. Permits may be obtained by going on-line to [fhho.org/standards/forms](http://fhho.org/standards/forms). Please fill out the appropriate form and submit the form with a check for \$30. There is an additional \$10 fee for each additional application such as, siding \$30 + windows \$10 + door \$10 = \$50 fee. **Homeowners that have paid their annual dues of \$75 are exempt from the fee requirement.**

Applications may be dropped off at the Blue Cottage. The Standards Committee looks forward to working with residents to keep our neighborhood appealing. For further information please contact **Tom Winston** (Standards Chair) at [tomwinston3rd@yahoo.com](mailto:tomwinston3rd@yahoo.com) or call Tom at 216-798-0706.



## Recognition Awards Presented at the Annual 2019 Members Meeting Held at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church

Many residents were recognized for their outstanding voluntary contributions to Forest Hill.

When **Chris Hubbert** moved to Forest Hill in 2002 he immediately volunteered on behalf of FHHO. Chris served as the association's corporate secretary and president, and subsequently joined the board of trustees and served as chairman of the board until October 2, 2019. As a long



Tony Rupcic and Chris Hubbert

time resident and attorney, Chris brings his legal experience and knowledge to the board. **Tony Rupcic**, Trustee and Treasurer presented the award for recognition to Chris who remains a trustee for the 2020 board.

### Volunteer of the Year

**Bryan Thomas** was recognized as a resident who had made special contributions during 2019. Bryan volunteers for Forest Hill Park in East Cleveland and was indispensable at other events such as the Burlington lot clean-up and the Rockefeller Jazz & Tea event.



Past President Jo Fox and Bryan Thomas



### Winners of the Annual Forest Hill Park Fall Photo Contest

Stunning acrylic prints of the winning park photographs were awarded. The grand prize went to **Joanie Havach**

and was accepted by her husband (left). The runner up prize was awarded to **Doug Menafee** (right).

### Donation to the East Cleveland Parks Association (ECPA)

**Dick Secor** accepted a special donation of \$400 earmarked for any project of ECPA's choice.



Homeowners were provided a pre-meeting social event with a generous spread of refreshing beverages and appetizers which were artfully arranged by **Marlene Perez**, and **LaTrelle**. Also on hand to help were **Dave Henry**, **Tom Winston**, and **Sharon Leary**. FHHO is very grateful for the use of the **Forest Hill Presbyterian Church** event room and kitchen and to the indispensable assistance shown by **Michael Broadwater**, custodian.

Residents at the meeting rejected the proposed bylaws changes (for further details go to [www.fhho.org](http://www.fhho.org)).



## Pot Luck & Listening Session to be held at the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 14th

- Pot Luck 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
- Listening Session 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

This is the first FHHO listening session of 2020 and you are invited to bring your appetites along with your ideas for projects that would benefit and raise awareness of our Forest Hill neighborhood.

*The main dishes will be provided for the enjoyment of both vegetarians and meat eaters. Your potluck dish contribution should serve about 10 people.*

*While anyone could bring a favorite dish, it is suggested that last names ending:*

*A-L bring vegetable or dessert and  
M-Z bring salads or breads*

**Please join this opportunity to meet other residents and to exchange ideas.**

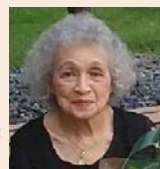
### The Events Coordinator

**LaTrelle Winston** has been added to the FHHO team as our new "Events Coordinator." LaTrelle will work with the community and the executive committee to plan and execute major events. LaTrelle led her team of volunteers to create the successful Jazz & Tea event that was held at the Rockefeller Building courtyard. The goal is to work with ideas provided by the community to ensure more inclusive social events. LaTrelle is asking for your ideas to create a calendar of events for 2020 that all residents can enjoy. Please submit your ideas to **LaTrelle** at [latrellehogg@yahoo.com](mailto:latrellehogg@yahoo.com) by March 30th.



### In Memoriam

On October 17, 2019 the Forest Hill neighborhood suffered a great loss as our dear friend Hattie Helm passed at age 90. Hattie was passionate about East Cleveland and a devoted trustee of the FHHO Board. She was warmly and graciously welcoming to new residents in her area. We miss the edible fruit arrangements she would contribute to FHHO events, but mostly we miss Hattie.



Left: Gretchen Mettler (President), Bryan Thomas, Dave Henry. Right: Jan Milic, Tess Givens, Kristen Fragrassi. Inset: Marlene Perez gathers with a puppy and neighborhood children.

### Swinging Fun at Windy Fall Fest

Mid-October residents were entertained by the beats of the swinging band *Hot Jazz* and an ample buffet of homemade soups with all the trimmings in the historic fall beauty of the East Cleveland Forest Hill Park. The raffle was a big hit and winners enjoyed taking a bit of autumn spirit home with them.

### Having Fun Making New Friends

One of the most heartening memories was to see so many residents that are new to Forest Hill enjoying their neighborhood. **Dick Secor** of the East Cleveland Parks Association provided visual aids and shared his extensive park knowledge with guests.



Many raffle winners received mums and pumpkins.

John Langner was the winner of a beautiful fall arrangement.

### Volunteers Make It All Happen

Thank you to Events Coordinator **LaTrelle Winston** whose volunteers were hard at work behind the scenes. Special thanks to the family of Devaney Carswell, her husband Will and two sons Michael Garner and Blake Beaman who demonstrated that the Fall Fest set up was a family affair.



L to R: John and Sarah Langner, Dick Secor, Denise Robinson and Cathryn Kapp.



Pictured above are Cathryn Kapp, Sharon Leary (Newsletter Chair), Pat Ramsey, Camilla Copeland, LaTrelle Winston, and Devaney Carswell. Much thanks to all our volunteers: Marlene Perez (VP Membership), Tom Winston (Trustee and Standards Chair), Trevor L. Carten, John and Sarah Langner, Pat Rolfe, Dick Secor, and Dave Henry.

Sue Lefferts with "Loki"

## Welcome to Our Neighborhood



Please join your neighbors in welcoming our new Forest Hill residents:

**Anthony Randolph**, **Brandon Ann Marie and Mohamed Aly Ghazy**, **Brewster Yong Yang**, **Cleviden Yvonne Avery**, **Glynn Leroy Nagle**, **Mt. Vernon Therese Vubiche and Steven Birky**, **Mt. Vernon Mary and Ronald Mitchell**, **Newbury Parker and Jordyn Warren**, **Newbury Ismail Ghazy and Samantha Baxter**, **Northvale Shantay Hill**, **Westover**

## Bringing Color to the Outside of Your Home can Have a Tremendous Effect on Your Historic Home's Value and Curb Appeal

Forest Hill is an architecturally diverse neighborhood with many prize examples of architectural styles. The Andrew J. Thomas-designed French Normandy homes, the Donald J. Scholz mid-century ranch homes, and the modern designs of noted architect Albert J. Sgro, inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright, are worthy of historic preservation. Because of our protective deed covenants, many streets continue to resemble the original neighborhood from the 1930s, '40s, '50s and '60s.

The historic preservation of mid-century ranches includes keeping the details that make your home special such as unique garage door windows and trim, natural stone and brick materials, clean modern front doors, shutters, and wrought iron trim. Careful palette selection will enhance the unique architectural details that Forest Hill homes are known for having.

Many homeowners choose to paint in the original historic colors. Historic colors can be matched by taking even a small chip for computerized color matching to your favorite paint retailer.

Other residents may want to choose a new palette that includes more current color schemes while still harmonizing with mid-century details. **LaTrelle Winston**, Events Coordinator and owner of *Interior Lifestyles*, offers a few examples of color palettes for mid-century ranch exteriors:



1. Sherwin Williams: Summit Gray with Extra White and Greenblack.
2. Benjamin Moore: Distant Gray with Harbor Haze and Cool Blue.
3. Sherwin Williams: Carriage Door with Windsor Greige, and Thunder Gray.
4. Sherwin Williams: Downing Slate with Downing Straw, Rookwood Antique Gold, and Rookwood Medium Brown.

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