



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Forest Hill

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Why You Can Make a Difference in 2023?

Because You Live Here!

YOU can make a difference in whether your Forest Hill neighborhood remains the one you want to continue living in or one you don't. Forest Hill has nearly 1,000 properties within the original subdivision. That's potentially more than 2,000 or more residents. Although greatly diverse, we can be a positive force when we all work together.

Let's say there are major issues with city government. As a united Forest Hill, we can have a major influence at City Council meetings. But that won't happen without active interest and residents who are willing to step up and add positive energy to our community. Our biggest enemy... and the one thing that will help push our community downhill is APATHY. Good things don't happen by chance, which is why your support, both as an active neighbor and by providing financial support to FHHO are so very important.



You are attached to your relatives, whether you like them or not. You are also attached to your neighbors and will probably have more frequent contact with

them than many of your relatives, other than those within your household. Just think about it! You need to get to know them, to understand them, to overcome differences and work to live harmoniously with them. Studies show that neighbors who know each other and work to help each other are both safer and happier.

Let us all work to remove that big "A" (apathy) from our shoulders and help make a difference in Forest Hill this year. Tell us what you'd like to do or see done. Send an e-mail to: foresthillnews44118@gmail.com. Some things you can help with include:

- offering your professional expertise to neighbors
- helping organize a summer street or block party
- arranging events for kids on your street to get together
- hosting an in-home discussion about issues in Forest Hill
- joining a ZOOM discussion about senior concerns
- sharing tips on gardening, cooking, good books or shows

Good Neighbors help make Great Neighborhoods!

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Please excuse any name typos or omissions due to printing deadlines.

FOREST HILL MONSTER GARAGE SALE RETURNS IN MAY

Planning is underway for our popular Forest Hill Monster Garage Sale which will return again this year on **Saturday, May 20th**. Last year 23 Forest Hill homes participated in the event which brought people from all over greater Cleveland to our area. The event also acts as a showcase of our magnificent neighborhood. So as you begin your Spring cleaning start gathering up items you want to sell and make room in the garage to join the fun. To get more details, or sign up to participate send your contact information via e-mail to: foresthillnews44118@gmail.com



VISIT YOUR CITY HALL WEBSITES FOR VALUABLE INFORMATION

Cleveland Heights
www.clevelandheights.gov



East Cleveland
www.eastcleveland.org



Look to both City websites to access a host of resident information on these topics:

- Department contacts for city services
- Trash, Recycling and Bulk pickup schedules
- Parks and Recreation activities and hours
- City Council activities and meeting agendas
- How to report a problem on your street
- Building permits and Inspection requirements
- Nuisance animal control services
- Signing up for on-line news updates

FHHO Junior Entrepreneur Program

Do you have a son or daughter who has or would like to make a product or provide a service this summer? Let us assist them in getting set up and advertise for their benefit and for the benefit of our Forest Hill neighbors. Activities like sewing, cooking, lawn care work, dog walking, graphic design, bicycle repair, mower cleaning, babysitting, elder companionship, etc. Think outside the box and contact us at: foresthillnews44118@gmail.com.

Forest Hill Park Inches Closer to Metroparks Oversight



For many years we have all enjoyed, and had high hopes, for Forest Hill Park to become part of the Cleveland Metroparks system. There have also been rumors swirling around about the Park's future. It now appears that some progress has been made recently about Metroparks taking over management of Forest Hill Park. Jeff Tolman, Communications and Outreach Manager for the Metroparks gave the following statement: **"Cleveland Metroparks continues to routinely engage with the City of East Cleveland on the possibility of assuming management of the East Cleveland portion of the historic Forest Hill Park, including seeking the necessary funding support for its on-going maintenance and restoration. Pending securing that needed support, we will be engaging the surrounding community to determine public priorities for the park's future protection."**

Forest Hill Neighborhood Who's Who

The creative and analytic energies of our Forest Hill neighbors are simply astounding. Their presence in our neighborhood should be recognized.

Starting with this issue we will highlight the **Forest Hill Neighborhood Who's Who** living among us. Residents are free to submit short articles for this column. Tell us what you have done, or are doing, and whether you are involved with unique research, creative writing, visual or performing arts, unusual hobbies, science, business, entrepreneurship, community service, etc.

Forest Hill has a unique history and has a wide and culturally diverse population. By living here you are a part of that history. So send us your story... it couldn't be easier. E-mail your story to: foresthillnews44118@gmail.com.

We Have Amazing Neighbors

Last summer, Curt Hancock and Mike Horvath moved here from California and love Forest Hill. Curt is General Manager at Apollo's Fire of the internationally acclaimed Baroque Ensemble with offices in the Rockefeller Building. Both men are quilters and crafters. Pictured are some of the stuffed toys they've created. Be sure to visit their website for more samples of their work at:

onehookproductions.square.site



These cute stuffed animals represent just a small sample of a variety of unique local handmade items available.



Spring Home Improvement Planning Tips and Forest Hill Standards Information

Good News for Homeowners with Slate or Tile Roofs

The slate and tile roofs throughout Forest Hill have remained one of the crown jewels of our home stock since the subdivision was first developed. They play an important part in the historical uniqueness of our area. With proper care these roofs can last a lifetime. When a homeowner hastily decides to switch to an asphalt roof (based on the recommendations of a *“make a quick buck” contractor*) it can lower the value of your home, and believe it or not, impact the value of other homes nearby. FHHO can help any Forest Hill homeowner with recommendations of qualified local roofing companies that can provide advise on how to save or restore damaged areas of your roof. They have the expertise on the best methods to perform the work and minimize additional damage. While a few homeowners have recently removed their original roof without consulting or gaining approval from FHHO, some later agreed to restore their roof with either original materials or approved suitable replacements.



The bottom line is to seek out advice from FHHO *before* selecting a contractor or starting any work. Properly repairing your tile and slate, along with keeping up with routine maintenance, can help your historic roof last forever.

Need Help with Planning Improvements or Financing?

FHHO is available to have consultations with any resident who has questions as to how to proceed and can often point you in the right direction for resources. FHHO is looking forward to implementing a plan that will insure each renovation project is a success for the resident and for the Forest Hill neighborhood. You can also reach out the following local organizations for help with historic preservation, repair options, education and rental tools along with financing options.

Cleveland Restoration Society – Will come out and do a free consultation on how to preserve your home before you start doing any major repairs or restoration projects. You can also take advantage of their Heritage Home Program if you are interested in their low-interest loans (through Key Bank). Any Forest Hill home over 50 years old qualifies. These loans are not needs-based. You can visit www.clevelandrestoration.org.

Home Repair Resource Center – Was established to help maintain the housing stock in the inner-ring suburbs. FHHO encourages homeowners to utilize the various housing assistance programs and training classes offered through HRRC.

In addition HRRC's offers loan programs for repair projects up to \$10,000. The organization also provides “do-it-yourself” repair assistance and a Resource Library that provides repair guidelines as well as information on contractors that have done work for other area homeowners. For more information, visit the HRRC programs website at www.hrrc.org or call 216.381.6100.



RECENT FOREST HILL AREA HOME SALES ACTIVITY

Forest Hill has seen several home transfers during the past 14 months as some homeowners have moved due to job transfers, others opted to downsize or had major health issues that forced some to sell while others just decided to take advantage of the hot real estate market. Below is a summary of home transfers in 2022 and early 2023. Those highlighted in *“yellow”* were purchased by an LLC for renovation.

2022-2023 Home Transfers

• 1420 Blackmore	\$242,500
• 1460 Blackmore	\$285,500
• 2573 Bolton	\$165,000
• 1090 Brandon	\$205,000
• 15565 Brewster	\$243,900
• 16141 Brewster	\$161,000
• 16360 Brewster	\$211,500
• 1503 Burlington	\$406,500
• 3064 Chelsea	\$240,000
• 3076 Chelsea	\$245,000
• 3159 Chelsea	\$260,000
• 3330 Chelsea	\$157,000
• 3343 Chelsea	\$275,000
• 3357 Chelsea	\$240,000
• 15781 Cleviden	\$172,000
• 16002 Cleviden	\$129,900
• 3136 Eastwick	\$221,000
• 1321 Forest Hills	\$175,000
• 1310 Forest Hills	\$275,000
• 1345 Forest Hills	\$225,000
• 1405 Forest Hills	\$232,000
• 1412 Forest Hills	\$319,000
• 15901 Glynn	\$210,000
• 16164 Glynn	\$157,500
• 16035 Henley	\$167,500
• 1283 Hereford	\$220,000
• 2400 Newbury	\$179,900
• 3567 Northvale	\$223,000
• 15701 Oak Hill	\$219,180
• 3205 Rumson	\$313,205
• 3298 Rumson	\$240,000
• 1121 Rutherford	\$235,000
• 1423 Westover	\$230,000
• 1452 Westover	\$430,000

There are currently 8 homes for sale in Forest Hill as of February 25, 2023.

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FHHO MISSION: Forest Hill Home Owners, Incorporated is a 528 non-profit organization that provides advise and support to Forest Hill homeowners with options to protect the property values of all homes in Forest Hill. FHHO was established in 1950 as part of the agreement for donating the original summer estate of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. to the cities of Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland. FHHO is a 100% volunteer organization and is supported by annual voluntary contributions.

Please send in a donation today and make sure FHHO has your current e-mail so we can publish future issues of this newsletter electronically and reduce printing and mailing expenses.



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New Forest Hill Homeowners Step Up for FHHO

Aaron Haynes and his wife, Chelsea, purchased one of the original Rockefeller homes back in the summer of 2021 and have extensively renovated that property. During that work Aaron became acquainted with the long history of Forest Hill and when our 2022 president had to step down he stepped up to take over as the new president of FHHO for 2023. Four other new homeowners to Forest Hill also volunteered to serve as Board trustees. They each recognized that the future of Forest Hill depends on the energy and involvement of our newer homeowners to help promote and support the historic legacy and vibrancy of our wonderful neighborhood.

Yay!...It's Back Up

For the past 12 months, this beautiful weathervane, that has been featured before in past newsletters, has been stored in the garage of Willie Tommie's home at 3121 Chelsea Drive. It has now been repaired and is back up on the Cupola of his home with a shiny new copper-finished roof. There are only a handful of homes throughout Forest Hill that have retained this unique architectural feature on their homes.



Upcoming Forest Hill Area Events

Saturday, April 8, 2023 – Forest Hill Open House

The Blue Cottage – 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Light Refreshments

Saturday, April 15, 2023 – Jigsaw Puzzle Afternoon

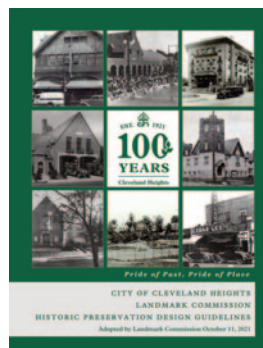
The Blue Cottage – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

May 20, 2023 – Forest Hill Monster Garage Sale

Throughout Forest Hill – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Help plan Street or Block Party this Summer.

Contact us to feature the event in our next newsletter!



The City of Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission has produced a comprehensive catalog covering information on Historic Preservation Design Guidelines that is available to download from the city website: clevelandheights.gov

GOT A QUESTION OR CONCERN ABOUT THE FHHO NEWSLETTER?
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