



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

# Forest Hill

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## My Dear Neighbors!

Last November marked my first annual meeting. I didn't know what to expect, but I was pleased to meet with some new residents and long-time faithful residents. It was nice to see some of you there, and I hope to continue to meet more of you. We spoke about the Blue Cottage, plans for 2024, and some of the wins and losses from the recent past. I am reminded of how much life has been lived on these streets, in these yards, and in our homes. We live in a special place, and I want to do better in welcoming new neighbors and celebrating the ones who have made this community home for years.

This year should be a good one; we will continue to ask what can make this neighborhood better. I want to invite anyone with interest to join me at the Blue Cottage, at **6 pm on the second and fourth Thursdays each month** throughout this year. I am interested in how we want to use that space and who wants to get involved with Forest Hill events or neighbor outreach.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, and we hope to see you soon at upcoming neighborhood events.



Aaron Haynes  
*President - FHHO*

## Don't Forget to Renew Your Support of FHHO for 2024

FHHO relies on your donations to support our neighborhood and offer valuable services. We invite you to join us as an FHHO Supporter or Champion this year. One time donations can be made through Paypal, Zelle, Venmo, or by check. Monthly donations can be automatically set up through Paypal. With a recurring donation, you won't need to do anything to renew your support next year!

Visit: [www.fhho.org/membership](http://www.fhho.org/membership) or scan one of the QR codes shown here to make your contribution today.

### Become a FHHO Supporter:

\$100 a year or \$9 a month with benefits including:

- Free solar eclipse glasses at the April 8th event (while supplies last so reserve one on-line today)
- Free registration for the Monster Garage Sale
- Name listed as a contributor in the newsletter and on the FHHO website

## FHHO 2023 Operating Fund Donors

We would like extend a sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" to all our 2023 FHHO Donors

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

### Become a FHHO Champion:

\$150+ a year or \$13 a month with benefits including:

- FHHO Supporter benefits plus...
- Invitation to an FHHO end of year celebration



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**UPCOMING FOREST HILL  
SPRING EVENTS**  
[www.FHHO.org/events](http://www.FHHO.org/events)

**THE ECLIPSE IS COMING!**  
Monday, April 8th  
12:30 pm to 4:30 pm



FHHO will be hosting viewing celebrations within our Forest Hill neighborhood for this unique once-in-a-lifetime event. Come join us for food, fun, and witnessing history with your neighbors. Cleveland will not be in the path of a total solar eclipse again until year 2444! FHHO Supporters can receive FREE commemorative Cleveland eclipse viewing glasses (while supplies last). Reserve yours on-line today!

**FHHO BURLINGTON LOT  
SPRING CLEANUP**

**Sunday, April 14th, 10 am**

Did you know that the FHHO owns the lot at the corner of Burlington and Mayfield? It's an enchanting entrance to our historic neighborhood! As it's a natural wooded lot, there are many trees that have fallen or shed limbs that are in need of cleaning up. If you can extend a helping hand, contact Brad Toth at [bradtoth98@gmail.com](mailto:bradtoth98@gmail.com) or 440-840-1567 with questions or let him know what tools you can bring.

**FOREST HILL  
MONSTER GARAGE SALE**  
**Saturday, May 18th, 9 am to 3 pm**  
Event is open to all Forest Hill residents. *See details on page 4.*

**VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE HOURS**  
2nd and 4th Thursdays each Month  
The Blue Cottage  
6 pm to 7 pm  
Catch up with the FHHO President and share your ideas for Forest Hill.

## Forest Hill Park - East Cleveland Section

As a Homeowner in Rockefeller's Forest Hill Development, your property values are impacted by the condition of East Cleveland's Forest Hill Park. Twenty-six years ago, The East Cleveland Parks Association (ECPA) entered into a contract with the City of East Cleveland to help maintain their parks. ECPA is a volunteer organization, funded by individual donations and small grants.

The group assisted in talks between the City and MetroParks to have MetroParks manage and improve the park.

However, these negotiations were stalled by East Cleveland's City Council. Recently, many East Cleveland residents are showing up to Council meetings urging Council to complete negotiations with MetroParks. It is time for more East Cleveland Forest Hill residents to get involved. If you are an East Cleveland resident and interested in joining this effort, contact [president@fhho.org](mailto:president@fhho.org) to be connected with ECPA.



## Have a "MAD" Neighbor?

We want to recognize neighbors who have "Made A Difference" (MAD)! Submit nominations for individuals who are part of our Forest Hill Community and have gone above and beyond to do something nice for someone else. These stories highlight how fortunate we are to have them and showcase how people in our neighborhood help make our community better by good deeds, home & yard beautification, helping our elderly or sick, meeting temporary transportation needs, picking up groceries for someone unable, etc. MAD Neighbor nominees will be featured in upcoming newsletters and at the FHHO Annual Meeting. Find the nomination form at [www.fhho.org](http://www.fhho.org) and recognize a MAD Neighbor!

### Eligibility Guidelines:

- Reside within Forest Hill Community or own a business within Forest Hill
- Groups, family or individuals with no age limits
- Service providers to our Forest Hill area (Postal, Amazon, FedEx, UPS etc.)

## Call for Block Captains

Do you know the neighbors on your block well? Are you interested in getting involved with your neighborhood but don't want to become a trustee? Then becoming a Block Captain is the perfect position for you! Block Captains are delegates who are willing to help get the word out when there's important information to share. You could help us spread the word to nearby houses about garage sales, block parties, and more. You could also inform us with anything of interest on your block, such as new neighbors moving in or someone having a baby. To discuss your interest with a Board member, please contact us at: [president@fhho.org](mailto:president@fhho.org).

## Interested in Organizing a Neighborhood Block Social in Your Area?

Contact Donna Kolb at 216-536-2841 or visit the FHHO website for information on how we can help you get started.

## FHHO Can Help You Save Money On Your Roof Repairs!

A leaky roof is a big headache, and you can feel overwhelmed, even panicked, wondering who to call for estimates and what the cost will be. Some homeowners erroneously believe they cannot afford to repair their slate or tile roof. Others are told by a roofing company that they must replace their slate or tile roof. An expert in our area told FHHO that he rarely sees a slate or tile roof that cannot be repaired, and for much less than what a replacement costs. Homeowners need information they can trust; FHHO can provide that valuable information.

The Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) should be the *first call* you make when deciding how to repair your roof (**216-426-1000** or



[www.clevelandrestoration.org](http://www.clevelandrestoration.org)). For Cleveland Heights residents, CRS will come to your home *for free* and evaluate the need for repair. CRS operates the Heritage Home Program that offers technical assistance and financial assistance to ALL homeowners in Cleveland Heights but only financial assistance to East Cleveland residents. For details, please contact CRS.

Please get at least **TWO ESTIMATES**. Estimates for identical work can vary as much as **four times higher** among competing roofing companies. Some roofing companies use aggressive

marketing to get people to pay for a roof replacement when replacement is not needed.

The FHHO Standards Committee must preview and approve any plan for roof removal or extensive repair. Any roof replacement in Cleveland Heights requires approval by its Architectural Board of Review (ABR) before a permit can be issued. Cleveland Heights code requires that a roof be replaced with the same material as the original roof. East Cleveland also requires a permit be issued prior to the start of any replacement. The ABR seeks to preserve historic features of homes by evaluating whether a proposed roof replacement should use the same slate or tile material, or if not, at least a high quality alternative such as an asphalt or fiberglass material, whose appearance is very similar to slate or tile. East Cleveland also requires a permit and use of a contractor, such as those FHHO can provide.

**Got Questions? E-Mail: [treasurer@fhho.org](mailto:treasurer@fhho.org).**



*Clay tile from the home of Tony Rupcic's mother in Senj, Croatia built in 1902; that roof is still in good condition. There are many intact 120+ year old clay and slate roofs throughout Europe. Just Google "Senj Croatia" to see for yourself!*

*Photo courtesy of Tony Rupcic*

## Forest Hill Cleveland Heights Landmark District

The City of Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission was created by the City Council in 1973 to preserve and protect buildings, works of art, and other objects of historical or architectural value to the community. Recently, Cleveland Heights expanded the landmark law to allow whole neighborhoods to be designated landmark districts, which creates a wonderful opportunity for us. We have decided to identify a grouping of historically and architecturally related homes as a starting point for landmark nomination. Preliminarily, we are focused on the ranch homes that are characteristic of the post-war housing boom in Cleveland Heights. Once our Board has agreed on the homes to include in the initial nomination, we will contact those homeowners and seek their approval for the submission. So look forward to hearing from us soon!

## RECENT FOREST HILL AREA HOME SALES ACTIVITY

Forest Hill continues to see steady activity on home transfers. Below is a summary of home transfers from September thru February. Any homes highlighted in "yellow" were purchased by an LLC for renovation and potential resale or is part of a Bank repossession.

### Home Transfers September 2023 thru February 2024

• 15472 Brewster	\$238,500
• 16088 Brewster	\$159,900
• 1159 Carver	\$155,000
• 15821 Cleviden	\$175,000
• 3142 Eastwick	\$162,500
• 16156 Forest Hills	\$110,000
• 1385 Forest Hills	\$325,000
• 15425 Glynn Road	\$130,000
• 1073 Hereford	\$108,000
• 3395 Monticello	\$182,000
• 1118 Mount Vernon	\$199,999
• 2160 Newbury	\$90,000
• 2400 Newbury	\$280,000
• 2485 Newbury	\$307,000
• 3187 Rumson	\$184,000
• 3232 Rumson	\$265,000
• 3390 Seaton	\$322,000

There are several other properties currently listed for sale or have a sale pending final closing.

- 1159 Brandon
- 3384 Chelsea
- 15917 Cleviden
- 16065 Glynn
- 1225 Hereford
- 3435 Hollister
- 3180 Monticello
- 2067 Mount Vernon
- 2540 Newbury
- 15717 Wyatt

You can check recent public access property sales data on any Cuyahoga County residence by visiting: [www.CuyahogaCounty.us/MyPlace](http://www.CuyahogaCounty.us/MyPlace) or [www.Realtor.com](http://www.Realtor.com) for "Recently Sold" or "For Sale" homes by zip code.



## 2024 OFFICERS

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Bradley Toth – Chelsea

*Nominations open for officer and trustee positions each September. Elections are then held at the FHHO Annual Meeting in November.*



**ABOUT FHHO:** Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc. is a 528 non-profit organization that provides advice, options, and support to Forest Hill homeowners on how 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.

## 2024 Board of Trustees

This year’s FHHO Board of Trustees consists of 12 dedicated neighbors who meet monthly to discuss all things Forest Hill. Board members come from both the East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights portions of Forest Hill. Find out what motivates us to serve and the initiatives we are leading by meeting us at the eclipse events on April 8th and reading about us at [www.fhho.org/trustees](http://www.fhho.org/trustees). New and long-time residents (and anyone in between) are welcomed to join the Board. Direct Board questions to [president@fhho.org](mailto:president@fhho.org).



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## A Warm Welcome to New Neighbors in Our Forest Hill Community



**Let’s send a big shout out to each of our 2023-2024 new neighbors. These families have purchased homes in Forest Hill since September 2023. Each new homeowner receives a Forest Hill Welcome Kit with valuable information about Forest Hill soon after move-in.**

- Brewster - Michael Smedley
- Brewster - Tabitha Walton
- Cleviden - Erin Skiffington and Christopher McFellin
- Forest Hills - Albina Pearl
- Forest Hills - Travis Smythe
- Hereford - Margaret Graham
- Lee - Uraizus Roberson
- Mount Vernon - Carl Goldstein and Lucinda Stephens
- Newbury - Monica Ziez
- Rumson - Debra Rodriguez
- Westover - Daniel and Donna Riesen

Here in Forest Hill, it is common to see a diverse mix of residents out walking with pets, exercising, or simply enjoying nature. Flora and fauna are abundant. The below ground utilities and wires enhance our overall park-like atmosphere. Many homes are being passed onto the next generation. The goal of FHHO is to sustain the guidelines that have preserved the integrity of this area for over 70 years. We invite you to enjoy your life here and become an active part of this beautiful tapestry of Forest Hill.

*We’re happy to have you as neighbors and hope you enjoy life here!*

## Forest Hill Monster Garage Sale

**SAVE THE DATE!** The 2024 Forest Hill Spring Monster Garage Sale will be held **Saturday, May 18th from 9 am to 3 pm**. If you’d like to host a garage sale, register at [www.fhho.org/events](http://www.fhho.org/events) or call **216-932-8952**. Registration is free for FHHO Supporter and Champion donors and \$25 for all other Forest Hill residents.



### Registration covers:

1. Advertising of the garage sale thru local media sites
2. Your location listed on the printed and online maps
3. A yard sign to post
4. Coordination of any donations of unsold items



Let FHHO do the legwork for you. All you need to do is register, set up your items, and put the sign in your front yard. Buyers will come to you! Registration is open now through **Monday, May 6th**. Contact [fhhogaragesale@gmail.com](mailto:fhhogaragesale@gmail.com) with any questions.