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Save the Date:

FHHO Home Owners Annual Meeting is Wednesday Nov. 16 th, at 7 pm.

Please read the details on page 2. When you bought your house, you immediately became a member of Forest Hill Home Owners. This entitles you to attend the annual meeting and to vote on bylaws and board members.

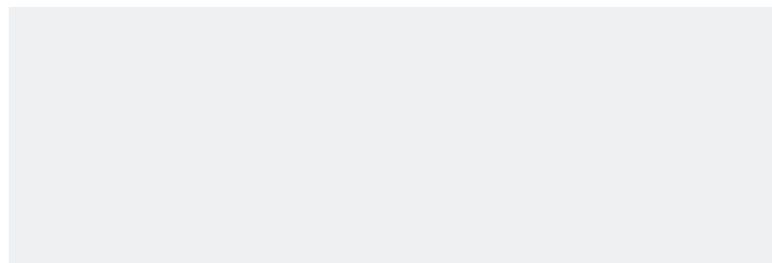
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Neatly Stored Carts are Out of Sight

Unlike the majority of Cleveland Heights, most Forest Hill homes have attached garages, which is something residents really appreciate. FHHO urges home owners to store their carts in a thoughtful and manageable manner by following city requirements. If possible, store the carts in your garage, otherwise next to your garage or house.

FHHO Homes are on the Rise...Again

Forest Hill home owners already know their home is a prized place to live. The market for Forest Hill homes significantly improved in 2021 from previous years. According to resident and realtor, Frank Ricchi, 2022 has continued this positive growth. FHHO houses are selling faster with increased property values of 37% in Cleveland Heights and 90% in East Cleveland.



Frank Ricchi, leading realtor in Forest Hill, lives and works in Forest Hill for the last 20 years, with 60+ sales in the FH neighborhoods of CH and EC.

Did You Know?

Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc. is a nonprofit organization established in 1950 to benefit the more than 950 homes in the Forest Hill neighborhood. The FHHO mission is to enforce the protective covenants applicable to each property in Forest Hill in order to preserve and promote the integrity and history of the Forest Hill community in Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland. Many Forest Hill homes are even on the National Register of Historic Places.



**Have You Made an FHHO Donation Lately?
Please use the enclosed envelope.**



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Dear Fellow Residents of Forest Hill,

This summer has flown by! And hasn't it been a really good summer! I have three main issues to address in this letter.

Annual Home Owners Meeting

The annual meeting will be a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting this year. You will find more information about the Annual Meeting and proposed agenda on page 2. 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 Directors, the application is on the web site. The proposed agenda for the annual meeting 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. Everyone who wants to attend virtually will receive a secure invitation, but we are hoping to have a robust in-person gathering.

Bylaws Updates

The Bylaws Committee has been diligently working on updating and revising the bylaws. These revisions have been presented to the Board, which will vote at the September meeting on presenting them to the greater FHHO community. The Board will put the revisions on the web site for the community to review, so that the community vote will be an informed one.

Save The Blue Cottage

We are proud and excited to announce the start of the "Save The Blue Cottage" campaign to raise \$80,000 to stabilize, repair and preserve our beloved piece of local history. Since September 1, the Save the Blue Cottage committee (Beryl Tishkoff, chair, Jammie Artise, Tracey Kirksey, Fran Mentch,

**Is Metroparks Coming to East Cleveland Forest Hill Park...
Read about this on page 2.**

Gretchen Mettler) has been hard at work soliciting support from our neighbors and friends.



As you have read in past newsletters, you are well aware of the urgently needed repairs. After more than 85 years at its current location at Monticello and Lee Boulevard, the foundation has disintegrated. The building tilts, the walls and windows have cracked and the Cottage is now dangerously unsupported by its underpinnings. The need is urgent to make critical capital repairs before it is too late for the Cottage.



Save The Blue Cottage



The Blue Cottage is unique. It is a historic and a charming welcome to our Forest Hill neighborhood. It is a Cleveland Heights Landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It has been a gathering place for meetings and a host of neighborhood activities. Now is your opportunity to make a huge difference in our community before the Blue Cottage is lost forever.

I encourage you to make your generous pledge (pledges are payable by September, 2023), or you can make your donation by check (payable to FHHO Memo: Blue Cottage) or PayPal at www.FHHO.org.

See you at the Annual Meeting!

Gretchen Mettler
FHHO President and Trustee

**FHHO Members Meeting is on
Wed., Nov. 16, at 7:00 pm
at Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian
3031 Monticello Blvd. in Cleveland Hts.
and on ZOOM.**

The FHHO Board is only as good as its home owners, so please plan to be part of a well-attended and actively engaged meeting.

The Forest Hill community's overall success depends on your interest and bringing issues to the Board.

This year's meeting will be hybrid, in person or on Zoom.

Please register for the Zoom link at fhho.org which will be posted on October 28. Or come in person without reservations.

Registration will stay open until Tuesday November 8 at 5:00 PM.

FHHO will email your ZOOM invitation to the contact on your registration form.

The agenda:

7:00 PM Call to Order

- 1. Minutes of the previous meeting (read online)**
 - 2. Financial presentation**
 - 3. Presentation of the bylaws revisions**
 - 4. Abbreviated reports from committees**
 - 5. Awards**
 - 6. Presenting board nominees**
- Voting will again be done separately from the meeting.**
- Adjournment**

Show your Roof some Love

Historical slate and ceramic tile are common materials used on many roofs in Forest Hill. These materials contribute to a home's beauty and character. They outperform and out-last asphalt roofs but require regular inspection, cleaning, and repairs by experienced professionals. Replacing broken tiles, repairing damaged flashing details, and removing algae, mildew, and moss are all vital steps in maintaining aesthetic and protective qualities. This summer, the cedar shake roof at The Blue Cottage was professionally cleaned and treated. Please stop by and see the difference a little love can make for a historic roof.

**East Cleveland Council Approves
Metroparks Lease Agreement**

On Tuesday, August 23, 2022, East Cleveland City Council voted 5-0 to allocate \$2 million for a lease agreement to Cleveland Metroparks to manage the historic East Cleveland Forest Hill Park. All funds will come from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (COVID-19 Stimulus Package). Gordon Hay of the East Cleveland Parks Association said, "this is just the first step" towards securing the 170-acre park management and preservation. A significant next step is for Cleveland Metroparks to present a proposed lease agreement to the city council for approval which will include accommodation for the Shaw High School reunion and other ongoing park events. There has not yet been a final date for the lease to commence. Those involved are hoping for a 2023 roll-out. Gordon said, "be patient, and you'll be surprised."

**The Rumson/Kew Block Party
was Perfect in every way!**

About seventy neighbors enjoyed a wonderful afternoon Saturday, August 26. This year's event was the first after a three year hiatus because of COVID. Residents from Kew, Rumson, Chelsea, Burlington, and Newbury were graciously included. Roasted corn, hot dogs, casseroles, salads and desserts were in abundance and devoured happily. Kids enjoyed a Bounce House, a Pinata, and several prizes. The shady lawn of the Silbergers was the perfect spot on a lucky sunny day. A number of new neighbors were there, and several longtime residents who had never ventured out before. Everyone re-connected with old friends and made new ones. We are all looking forward to next year already!

Congratulations to the committee for a successful event: Donna Kolb (chair), Winsome Shay, Ko Carten, Marlene Perez, Dick Secor, Jan Milic, Tanya Brown, Henrietta Silberger, and Trevor Carten.



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Plan Ahead for Exterior Alterations

FHHO permits are required for exterior alterations such as: roof repair or replacement, windows, doors, driveways, new decks, sheds, and fences. These permits are free for FHHO home owners. Applications are at fhho.org/standards/forms. City permits are still required and city noncompliance may be costly and include a *stop-work order*.

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Welcome New Home Owners

Forest Hill, long-appreciated for family-sized historic homes, warmly welcomes our newest neighbors. Have you said hello to our newest residents?



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