Have You Heard...

WHAT IS THE FOREST HILL ACTION COMMITTEE (FHAC)?

Answer: A subcommittee of FHHO created after the August 2014 forum of Forest Hill residents which focused on housing conditions within our area. A dozen Forest Hill residents volunteered to begin brainstorming ways to address issues raised at that forum, and develop a strategy to more aggressively tackle many of those issues on behalf of FHHO. They are exploring the formation of an LLC to target these five action areas:

- Strengthening FHHO standards enforcement to help improve property values
- Exploring investment and funding options to improve the Forest Hill area
- Building the Forest Hill area brand regionally to attract new residents
- Expanding community engagement utilizing social media tools
- Coordinating with other local support groups that complement the FHHO mission

KICKING OFF 2015

We are excited and energized by many great new things going on in Forest Hill. Starting with this new format for updating residents on activities going on in our neighborhood, we plan to reach out every quarter to keep you informed on key projects and information concerning our historic neighborhood. Some of those key areas of focus will include:

- Highlighting the on-going work of the Forest Hill Action Committee as they explore more aggressive steps to attack foreclosed properties and delinquent landlords impacting property values in our area
- Participating in discussions with both Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland on any potential merger discussions as they relate to Forest Hill
- Actively pursuing our goal of getting ALL Forest Hill homes on the National Register of Historic Places
- Expanding participation in FHHO activities and continuing growth of “Next Door” our private social network at: http://fhho.nextdoor.com
- Soliciting continuous feedback on ways to strengthen our historic community

Please consider supporting us by volunteering for a committee and making your annual donation to FHHO. Look for information on our 2015 Fund Drive in March.

Forest Hill Real Estate Activities

Home transfers and activities at the end of December 2014 include:

- 26 homes sold within Forest Hill to new homeowners
- 2 homes sold to investors which are currently in renovation
- 18 bank-owned or foreclosed properties not yet on the market
- 10 homes up for sale by the current homeowners
- 2 homes currently in the final closing process

Standards Report and Recent Actions

During 2014, the Standards Committee identified 50 properties that had at some point been reported as in violation of the FHHO covenant standards. Of those 50 homes, eight were either bank-owned, in proceedings with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank, or identified as having long-term compliance and ownership issues. Letters were sent notifying the homeowners of the violations, and re-inspections were conducted before the end of 2014 to determine whether the violations had been corrected. By year’s end, forty percent of the remaining forty-two homeowners with violations had corrected them, and violations of one home from the eight on the long-term problem list had been corrected.

The Standards Committee also reviewed requests for variances to the vinyl siding and fence standards at the January Executive Committee meeting. The Committee decided not to modify the current requirement of at least 5-inch siding but will continue to review requests for a variance to the fence standards on a case-by-case basis and seek consensus from surrounding neighbors before allowing any variances to current fencing guidelines.

Finally, during 2014, the Standards Committee dealt with twelve inquiries or reviews of permits issued by the city of Cleveland Heights for remodeling projects or repairs to properties. All Forest Hill homeowners are asked to download an application from the FHHO website and file the request before initiating any major projects.

UPCOMING FHHO EVENTS

March 7, 2015 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
First Saturday Meet-N-Greet
The Blue Cottage

March 17, 2015 – 7:15 pm
Executive Committee Meeting
The Blue Cottage

April 4, 2015 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
First Saturday Meet-N-Greet
The Blue Cottage

April 14, 2015 – 7:15 pm
Street Trustees Meeting
The Blue Cottage

May 23, 2015 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Forest Hill Community Garage Sale
Look for details to follow on “Next Door” with sign-up and advertising information.
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