One of Greater Cleveland’s Best Kept Secrets

A Treasured Diamond Hidden within a Park

This thoughtfully planned and developed Forest Hill community of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., offers a serene country-style setting of distinguished homes, beautiful gardens, wooded quiet streets and pristine parklands, within minutes of University Circle and Downtown Cleveland.
The Forest Hill community spans parts of Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland, Ohio, and is bordered to the north by Glynn Road, the south by Mayfield Road, by Lee Boulevard to the west and North Taylor Road to the east. Forest Hill was once the beloved summer home of oil magnate John D. Rockefeller and his family.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. purchased the estate from his father in 1923 and, with New York architect Andrew J. Thomas, planned an upscale residential and commercial development featuring distinctive French Norman style architecture. Although the Great Depression forced Rockefeller to suspend operations, following World War II other developers were drawn to Forest Hill to build comfortable colonial and contemporary ranch homes on the remaining open land. Design principles of the Rockefeller-Thomas plan were extended to the later development and today Forest Hill is a rich tapestry of people, homes and gardens.

Forest Hill, a finely-crafted tapestry woven with stately oaks, elms, maples and ashes stretching unbroken across hundreds of acres of gently rolling landscape just minutes from University Circle.

A sparkling “Cul-De-Sac” like community with a collection of outstanding homes, mature landscapes and beautiful gardens unmatched in greater Cleveland. With a diversity of home styles ranging from the French Normandy “Rockefellers”, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, to California-style ranches, gracious brick Georgians and distinctive Colonials, Forest Hill is truly an elegant environment.

One can still sense the magnificent Lake Erie vista that the Rockefeller family developed so many years ago. This unique mix of urban vibrancy continues to attract a stable, diverse, and involved community of proud home owners, continuing the tradition that went into the original planning of the Forest Hill community.
Forest Hill has a wide variety of commercial shopping and dining districts, many within walking or biking distance. The nearby Cleveland Heights Community Center offers all residents access to a complete fitness center, dual ice skating rinks, basketball courts, indoor track and swimming pool. Seniors can enjoy all kinds of daily activities for the young at heart. Outside the Center an all purpose pathway, grassy recreational area and Nature trail await all comers.

The Forest Hill community invites the feeling of living inside a park where you can enjoy:

- the 235-acre Forest Hill Park at your doorstep
- miles of walking/biking trails
- sporting venues nearby for soccer, baseball and tennis
- a state-of-the-art fully-equipped community center for Cleveland Heights residents
- Cain Park with its outdoor entertainment amphitheaters
- easy access to regional transit
- an outstanding public library system and performing theater
- several distinctive commercial shopping and dining districts to delight all tastes

Forest Hill is just minutes from the University Circle business district including Case Western Reserve University, the world-class medical facilities of the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals along with Severance Hall, home to the world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra.
Forest Hill Home Owners (FHHO) Inc. is the historic association, begun in 1950, that actively works to maintain and preserve the legacy of Forest Hill and keep alive deed and housing “covenants” established for this community by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The mission of this non-profit association is focused on preserving the integrity and history of Forest Hill by:

- Monitoring compliance of the protective covenants
- Welcoming new residents to the Forest Hill area
- Educating the public about Forest Hill and its history
- Marketing the Forest Hill community regionally
- Apprising residents about important community issues
- Assisting residents with home improvement information
- Maintaining community-owned areas within Forest Hill

FHHO represents 1,000 distinct homes in the community, and works tirelessly to keep Forest Hill “a great place to live and grow.” Using its “NextDoor” social media blog, fhho.nextdoor.com, neighbors are kept informed about breaking neighborhood news and alerts. Every homeowner is automatically a member of FHHO, as part of the covenants included within the deed to each home. There are no mandatory dues, only voluntary donations during the annual fund drive. All donations directly support FHHO projects and maintenance of its community-owned properties.