



Lee Barbee II
Resident of Hereford Road

Tell us about yourself

I am a retired Military Officer of the United States Army. Currently, I serve as a Social Worker for the division of Children and Family Services. I have been a resident of Forest Hills since 1969 when my parents moved here from the City of Cleveland. I attended Caledonia Elementary, Kirk Middle School and Shaw High School. I received my Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Kent State University. I enjoy caring for my lawn year round and I take pride in the landscaping that surrounds my home. I love my two dogs, Rocky and Bear, who have been in my family for many years.

How long have you lived in Forest Hill? Why did you move here?

I purchased my current home from my parents in 2000 and later purchased a house located at 1036 Hereford. I have investments in this community and the people who reside here. I recently won a law suit against AT&T due to the company digging up my yard and putting down cable lines without my permission. I rent out the properties that I won and I am a landlord with high standards. I expect those who I rent to, to have the same love and pride for not only the property, but the community as well. I have a great respect and high expectations for my renters. Within the written lease agreement, it is expected that in addition to home keep up the lawn to be care for as well.

Why do you want to be a trustee?

I want to be a trustee for the Forest Hills community because of the love, faith and dedication that I have for Forest Hills. My ultimate goal is to bring East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights together as one community. My belief is that the unity of the two will increase the value of our neighborhood. A focal point of improvement would be the East Cleveland School District. Young families are interested in our neighborhoods, but there is no interest in our schools. Restitution of home cannot be fully achieved until the quality of our school system is addressed. Families won't fill the homes that are left abandoned by negligent homeowners because they want and need the assurance that their children will be able to attend a quality school system.

What will be your neighborhood focus as a trustee?

My focus for this community is two-fold. I would like to go after delinquent homeowners and seek succession for our neighborhood. I believe the succession of our community would be through either a Township or an incorporation of both East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights together as one. I intend to live in and be a part of this community for the rest of my life. I have the determination to do the job and advocate for our community. I am committed to the people, integrity of the quality of life and to the Forest Hills community.