



David McMurray
Resident of Blackmore Road

Tell us about yourself

I have been married to my life and business partner, Patricia, for 37 years. We have two children, Amanda and David. Amanda is an attorney here in Cleveland with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, and David is an intelligence specialist with the Special Warfare Development Group in THE US Navy, stationed in Dam Neck, VA. We recently completed the sale of our successful franchise business in the Kansas City area which we had managed for 15 years. Prior to the establishment of the McMurray Corporation, I was employed by the Deluxe Corporation for 25 years in various roles, including sales, sales management, business development, and project management. Currently, I am an active volunteer at Community Housing Solutions, a non-profit with the mission of assisting low and moderate income families obtain and maintain safe, decent and affordable housing. I enjoy home improvement projects, home brewing, music and reading, and enjoy hiking the trails of our national forests.

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

Pat and I moved here from Overland Park, Kansas in March of 2016. Amanda and her husband, Jonathan, presented us with our first grandchild, Owen, last April, and we decided that we wanted to be closer to him and them. We chose Forest Hill because, after searching real estate in the surrounding area, we found Forest Hill and Cleveland Heights to be affordable, fairly tax friendly, and because we found a great house.

Why do you want to be a trustee?

I believe that we need to have a board that is more actively involved in improving our community and marketing its growth potential. We need to study and emulate the action plans and results other successful Cleveland communities have experienced. At the present time, Forest Hill is not one of the "hot" locations, and until it is, our property values will deteriorate, along with the overall condition of our historic neighborhood. I believe that my business background will enable me to help our homeowner's association become more successful in meeting these goals.

What will be your neighborhood focus as a trustee?

I believe that the focus of the trustees should be a combination of duty to the FHHO and to the members of its community. Things are never black or white. There are many reasons for non-compliance with the standards set forth in our covenants, ranging from ignorance of the standards to financial insolvency to an attitude of "you're not going to tell me what to do." and getting to the bottom of the reasons for an individual's non-compliance is the key to successfully solving the issue.