



2021 ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2021

AGENDA

- Committees Overview
- Membership Update
- Financial Report
- Committees Update
- Votes + Elections

HOUSEKEEPING

- Webinar functionality
- Votes will be taken by poll
- Please forgive any of my Zoom deficiencies 😊

FHCA COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP

Tasha Garcia, Chair

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Michele Butchko, Co-Chair

Catharine Longendyck, Co-Chair

AIR TRAFFIC

Marylou Tibaldo-Bongiorno, Co-Chair

Kenneth M. Kroll, Co-Chair

Jeff Morgan, Co-Chair

BEAUTIFICATION

June Bennett, Co-Chair

Rose Gordon, Co-Chair

EVENTS

Jackie Jay, Chair

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- 2020 membership: 245 (another record high!)
- 2021 membership: 127



FINANCIAL UPDATES

OVERVIEW

- The following present fiscal reporting for the following years
 - 2019: Jul – Jun 2019/2020
 - 2020: Jul – Jun 2020/2021
 - 2021: Jul – Aug 2021
- A dedicated PorchFest account was opened in Nov 2019
- A forensic audit was recently completed for Jan 1, 2019, through Sep 30, 2021. Audit conducted and verified by Tumasang J. Awundaga & Associates of West Orange

2019-2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

FHCA

Beginning Balance	\$	23,927.13
Total Expenses	\$	(20,211.44)
Total Income	\$	16,087.58
Liabilities & Equity	\$	-
Net Income	\$	(4,123.86)
ENDING BALANCE	\$	19,803.27

PORCHFEST

Beginning Balance	\$	1,766.14
Total Expenses	\$	(1,163.17)
Total Income	\$	-
Liabilities & Equity	\$	-
Net Income	\$	(1,163.17)
ENDING BALANCE	\$	602.97

2020-2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

FHCA

Beginning Balance	\$	19,803.27
Total Expenses	\$	(10,205.55)
Total Income	\$	10,846.45
Liabilities & Equity	\$	-
Net Income	\$	640.90
ENDING BALANCE	\$	20,444.17

PORCHFEST

Beginning Balance	\$	602.97
Total Expenses	\$	-
Total Income	\$	-
Liabilities & Equity	\$	-
Net Income	\$	-
ENDING BALANCE	\$	602.97

2021 (Jul/Aug) FINANCIAL REPORT

FHCA

Beginning Balance	\$	20,444.17
Total Expenses	\$	(11,220.79)
Total Income	\$	10,188.69
Liabilities & Equity	\$	-
Net Income	\$	(1,032.10)
ENDING BALANCE	\$	19,412.07

PORCHFEST

Beginning Balance	\$	602.97
Total Expenses	\$	(1,708.06)
Total Income	\$	13,150.00
Liabilities & Equity	\$	-
Net Income	\$	11,441.94
ENDING BALANCE	\$	12,044.91

COMMITTEE UPDATES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Michele Butchko, Co-Chair

Catharine Longendyck, Co-Chair

2021-2022 Projects

- *A Guide for Owners of Historic Properties in Newark, NJ*
- Successes in Reporting and Fighting Historic District Code Violations
- Working Relationship with Newark City Departments
- Signage to Post on Vacant Homes in Historic District
- “No Parking” Signage to Post on Commercial Vehicles
- Historic District Plaques
- “Welcome” Information Package to New Homeowners
- Mailing List and Database of All Forest Hill Homeowners

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Marylou Tibaldo-Bongiorno, Co-Chair

Kenneth M. Kroll, Co-Chair

Jeff Morgan, Co-Chair

Air Traffic Committee

is evolving to the:

**Environmental
Action
Committee
(EAC)**



EAC Co-Chairs:

Kenneth Kroll, Marylou Tibaldo-Bongiorno & Jeff Morgan

Five Areas of focus

Air Traffic

Continue when necessary to ensure our quality of life in Forest Hill is considered when airport expansions & flight routes are designed to accommodate growing demands in the NJ/NY metro area.



EPA-Riverside Industrial Park Superfund site

(Located in the North Ward)

Ensure and communicate with the EPA that, during soil and other remediation, all air emissions from this toxic superfund site will be completely trapped, i.e. cannot escape into the air of the surrounding community.



Forest Hill Trees

Work with City Services and/or other organizations to ensure our street scape trees are maintained for health and trimmed for safe pedestrian walking.

NJ Tree Foundation, Newark Green Team



Essex Hudson Greenway

Partner with other community organizations and where required lend FHCA's support in establishing this...

"Linear park for recreation, transportation and healthy communities"

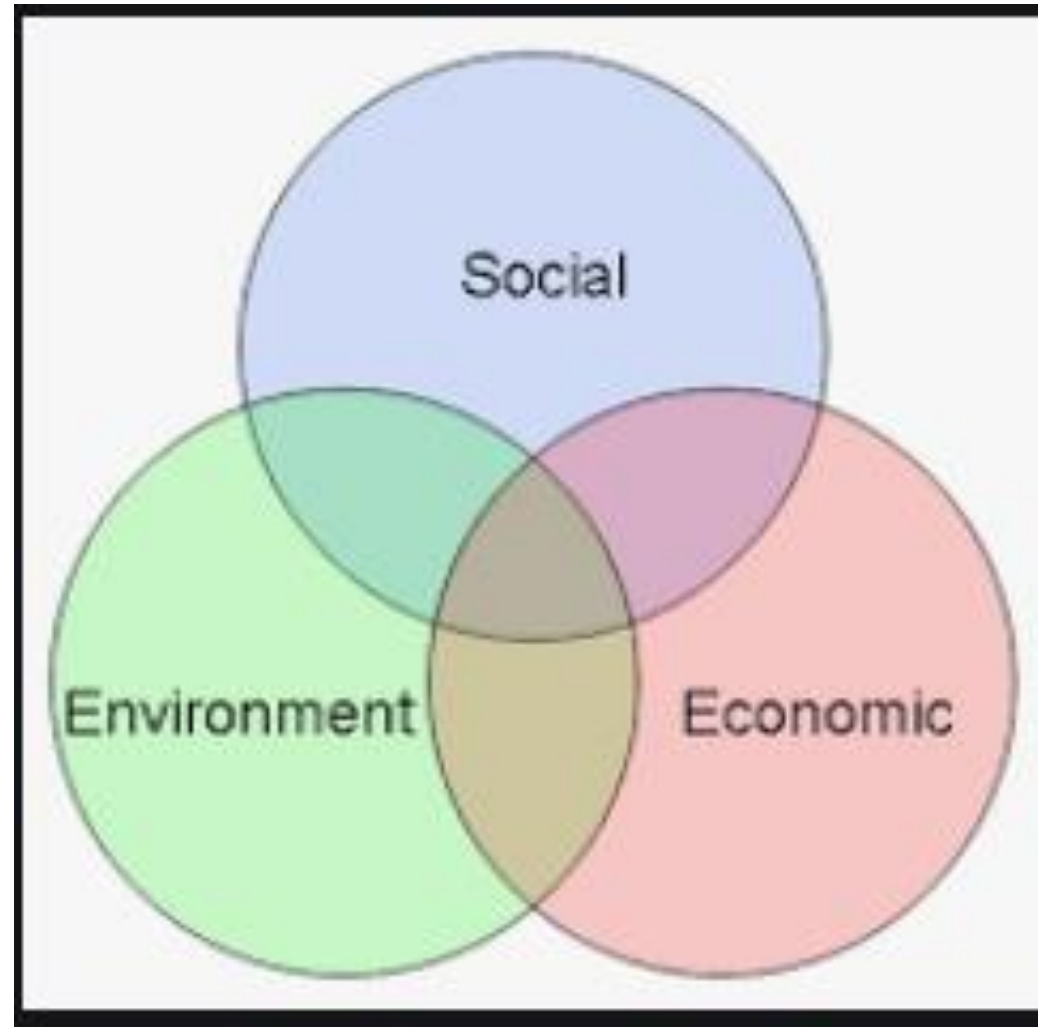


Sustainable Practices

Look into how FHCA can lend its voice to ongoing development in Newark. Are new buildings in Newark going to be Zero Energy, Passive House, LEED compliant? Are they contributing to open space and adding trees? Recycling? Solar panels in the city?

Engage Young People and possibly our schools in these initiatives.

Meet with the
Newark Green Team



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2021 Activities



Plant and maintain flower beds at the corner of Heller Parkway and Branch Brook Park Drive

Procure and install
Holiday decorations
at the Ballantine
Gates and at the
Heller Pkwy Forest
Hill entry sign



2021 Activities (cont'd)

- Plan and coordinate neighborhood Tree Plantings with the NJ Tree Foundation. We have planted more than 130 trees in conjunction with the Tree Foundation in Forest Hill over the past 8 years. A possible planting in Spring 2022 is forthcoming. Please contact FHCA if you would like trees (minimum of 10) planted on your block or within close proximity.
- Removal of erroneous signage posted in the neighborhood such as "Junk Cars" or "We Buy Houses"

2021 Activities (cont'd)



16' Norway Spruce in Branch Brook Park,
near the Ballantine Gates

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Jackie Jay, Chair

Meet the Committee!

THE YEAR-ROUND CREW

- Jackie Jay, Chair
- Shari Belgrave Rudder
- Don Charles
- Byron Clark
- Steven Horn
- Karen Sheehan
- Tony Villanueva
- Derek Walls
- Dan Zanella

HONORARY MEMBERS (courtesy of PorchFest)

- Paul Agostini
- Barbara Morgan
- Jeff Morgan
- John Patino
- Dan Reeve
- *And special thanks to all of our day-of volunteers!*

Overview

- Meet monthly; weekly as we prepare for PorchFest
- 2020/2021 At-a-Glance
 - Light the Lake (Sep 2020)
 - Fall Light Up the Night Bike Ride (Oct 2020)
 - Branch Brook Park Picnic Meet-up (May 2021)
 - Garage Sale (Jun 2021)
 - Spring Neighborhood BikeFest (Jul 2021)
 - Newark PorchFest (Sep 2021)

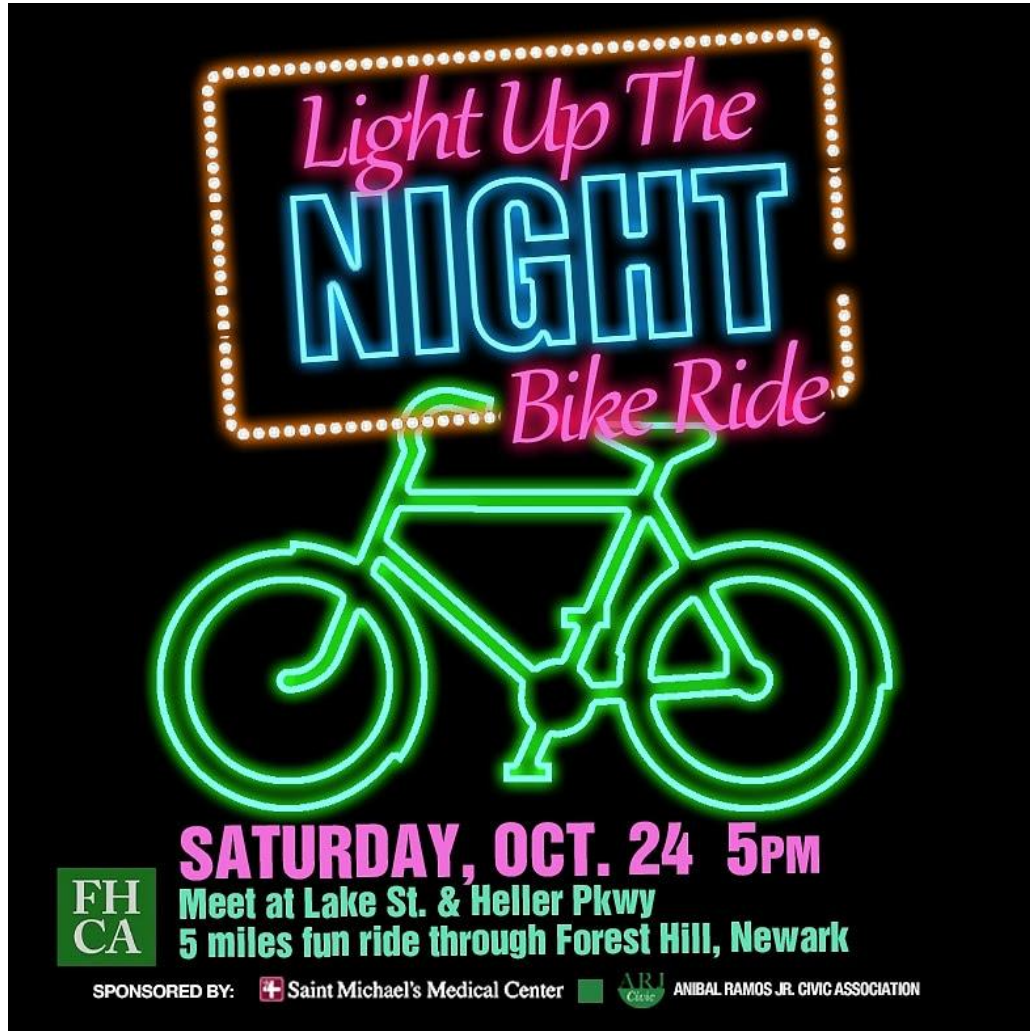
Light the Lake, a COVID-19 Memorial

- September 26, 2020
- COVID-19 memorial event



- Sold more than 200 lanterns
- Donated \$1800 to Greater Newark United Way COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund

Light Up the Night Bike Ride



- October 4, 2020
- Halloween-themed
- More than 100 attendees



Branch Brook Park Picnic Meet-up



- May 23, 2021
- Casual meet-up near the Cherry Blossom Center
- Approximately 30 attendees
- Met a lot of new neighbors!
- More meet-ups to come!

Garage Sale

- June 5, 2021
- 45 homes participated
- Used social media and garage sale signs to promote
- Special thanks to Councilman Ramos's office on coordinating the logistics



Forest Hill BikeFest



- July 31, 2021
- Two-part ride
- Approximately 60 people

- Partnered with Newark Community Cycling Center for free bike tune-ups
- Special thanks to Councilman Ramos, Newark PD, and County Sherriff's Dept



Newark PorchFest



- September 25, 2021
- Approx. 70 artists + more than 30 host homes; food vendors; kids' activities
- Estimate about 1,000 attendees
- Tremendous support from our sponsors
- Proceeds raised approx. \$1800 for GlassRoots



Upcoming Activities

- Winter Party
- House Tour
- Meet-ups
- Bike Rides
- Newark PorchFest 2022! (volunteers wanted 😊 😊 😊)

COMMUNITY VOTES + BOARD ELECTIONS

FHCA By-Law Changes and Updates Approved by the Board of Trustees

August 1, 2021

SPECIFICATION OF MISSION LANGUAGE

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE RECOMMENDED

ARTICLE II - Mission: Based on IRS tax-exempt status, the following update is recommended:

- Present:
 - C. Pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, is not contemplated by the organization for its members.
- Recommend:
 - C. No part of the net earnings of FHCA shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, officers, trustees or other private persons, except that FHCA shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions on furtherance of the purposes set forth in the FHCA Constitution.

COMMUNITY VOTED IN FAVOR OF APPLYING THESE AMENDMENTS

IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE VIRTUAL MEETINGS

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE RECOMMENDED

Present: ARTICLE IV – Meetings of the Organization

- A. The date and location of the Annual Meeting of FHCA members shall be set at the discretion of the Board of Trustees and should be held no earlier than May 1 and no later than June 30 of that same year. Notice stating the time, place, and agenda of the Annual Meeting shall be distributed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
- B. Special Meetings of FHCA members shall be called by the President and/or Board of Trustees from time to time as necessary for the best interests of FHCA. Notice stating the time, place, and agenda of any Special Meeting shall be distributed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
- C. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the members in good standing of FHCA present and eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting or at any Special Meeting of the membership.
- D. The Board of Trustees shall meet prior to each General Meeting or at the call of the President, with a majority of the voting members of the Board present for a quorum, with a minimum of six Board of Trustee meetings per year. Board of Trustee meetings shall be open to any FHCA member in good standing as an observer. At the recommendation of a Board Member, the Board of Trustees, by majority vote, may allow a member in good standing to participate in discussion.

Recommended Additional Language:

- E. Meetings of the Board of Trustees of FHCA may be held in person or virtually via electronic, teleconference or other online methods. At any such virtual meetings, all trustees present and participating must be able to simultaneously hear each other. A member participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.
- F. Notice of meetings of FHCA members or its Board of Trustees may be sent via email, provided that each member has signed an authorization agreeing to this method of communication. Such authorization, which is revocable, will also release FHCA from any liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member due to circumstances beyond the control of FHCA.
- G. The Board of Trustees may take action for urgent matters electronically or via email in lieu of meeting in person or virtually. Such electronic vote must be made in the form of a motion sent to all members of the Board of Trustees and must receive a majority vote for approval. There must be a record of the vote filed with FHCA's minutes and such record must include the action taken and the signatures (either electronic or physical) by no fewer than a majority of the trustees eligible to vote.

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Board Elections

NOMINATIONS

President

Jackie Jay

Vice President

Tasha Garcia

Treasurer

Michael McDermitt

Secretary

Catharine Longendyck

Trustees

Paul Agostini (*through Dec 31, 2021*)

Vesta Godwin Clark

Li Ng

Tony Villanueva

*Non-officer, non-voting positions: Parliamentarian: Mayra Suazo-Aquino
Communications Director: Byron Clark*

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THANK YOU!

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