

Forest Hills and the Town of Perinton Historical Architecture Commission

The Historical Architecture Commission (HAC) has approached the Forest Hills Executive committee with the request to meet with the Forest Hills neighbors to discuss the possibility of making the Forest Hills neighborhood a historical preservation district. The HAC believes that because it's been 10 years since the last historical discussion and that more than 70% of the neighborhood has turned over, that many of the new neighbors might be interested in preserving the neighborhood through this process. This request began in January of 2008 and after much dialog with the HAC, they've requested time to speak at our annual neighborhood meeting on April 23, 2009 at the Perinton Town Hall. The HAC will present their reasons for making Forest Hills a preservation district.

Since this initial request was received there have been several informal discussions and documents sent around the neighborhood with neighbors expressing their opinions on this topic. It is now time to start educating the neighborhood on the pros and cons of this historical preservation request. To do this two meetings are planned in March for Forest Hills residents only, to take place at the United Methodist Church (across the street from the west entrance to Forest Hills). The first will be held on Thursday, March 12th and the second on Tuesday, March 24th, both from 7:00-9:00 PM. The purpose of these meetings is to open a dialog among Forest Hills residents only, with the goal to see if we as a group would support or not support the Historical Designation, and the process involved. We feel this is the best way to be prepared for the eventual HAC meeting and be in a position to advise the HAC that we (as a neighborhood) are in favor or against this designation. Also at these meetings will be outside speakers from the Rochester Realty Association, a property appraiser, and a historical architecture representative who will present views on both sides of this issue.

Also on <http://www.foresthillsneighbors.org> web site the following documentation will be placed for neighbors to read and understand the rules/laws that the Town of Perinton would be using to regulate a historical building or residence.

“What is the Perinton Historic Architecture Commission”

“Chapter 149: Historical Preservation”

Web sites of other historical preservation sites to present pros and cons