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Santa & friends at the PR Rec Center



Neighbors meet at the KH Arts Center

WinterFest 2009

12/4 6-11 pm

Join your neighbors in welcoming the holiday season by attending the 6th annual Winterfest.

6-8 pm: PR Community Center

The Pleasant Ridge Community Center will kick off the festivities with a tree lighting at 6 pm, followed by games and craft activities for the children along with entertainment until 8 pm.

8-11 pm: KH Arts Center

- The Arts Center's 8 pm tree lighting will kick off an evening of musical entertainment and craft activities for the children until 11 pm.
- Families are encouraged to visit the galleries to see the Holiday Treasures Art Exhibition...and walk across the street to sample special programming at ballet tech
- Free shuttle bus running between Community Center and the Art Center....but, alas, the budget couldn't handle the traditional horses & buuggies....But buses are definitely warmer!!

631-4278 www.kennedyarts.org

City Targets KH for Rehab \$\$

Cincinnati City Council has designated Kennedy Heights as one of five neighborhood's to participate in the National Housing Initiative. The initiative focuses on rehabbing vacant, abandoned, or foreclosed properties.

The federal stimulus grant will enable 20 Cincinnati houses to be rehabbed, including four in Kennedy Heights.

The City will allocate \$40,000 for each house to be purchased and rehabbed; and the City has contracted a local non-profit development organization to administer the grant. The KH Development Corporation will be responsible for identifying the four KH houses and overseeing the rehab work.

KHDC will work closely with the City and with HURC, a private non-profit development agency. Charles Clingman (Red Bank) a long-time resident and experienced developer, will be the Corporation's Volunteer Lead Person with this Initiative.

Ernie Barbeau, Chair, KHDC

KHCC Meets

Tuesday 11/17 7:30

Election

Nominees

President	Natalie Boyer (Glen Edge)
Planning V.P.	Clete Benken (Robison)
Treasurer	Kevin Holt (Beechview)

At Large

Mary Ray	(Orchard)
Ardell Barkley	(Tyne)
Michelle Dillingham	(Odin)

Nominees Needed

Administrative V.P.
Secretary



Kennedy Heights

Stand Up & Be Counted!

The U.S. Census will be conducted on April 1, 2010. It's a one day snapshot of everyone living in the U.S. on that day, including non-citizens. The count is conducted once every ten years.

Mayor Mallory has formed a Complete Count Committee to ensure that the count for Cincinnati will be as accurate as possible. He believes that the last census missed almost 50,000 residents and estimates that the city has lost \$104 million of census-based, allocated funds over the past ten years.

An accurate count also affects the city's image since indices that measure crime and poverty use the census population as a base.

The only way to be included in the census is to complete and return the census form (it's available in seven different languages) that will be sent out next year. The U.S. Census Bureau does not extract data from any other database. It also treats any returned information in complete confidence.

Provided by the Census

The Caring Place is sponsored by several area churches. It is located in the basement of the KH Presbyterian Church on Kennedy Ave.

- Food
 - Clothing
 - Other Services
- Tuesdays & Thursdays
9-2

Remembering Jim Cebula

For over 3 decades Kennedy Heights has been blessed with its own, resident historian. In his day job, Jim Cebula was a professor of history at the University of Cincinnati.

But Jim's love of history extended to and embraced our community. Jim and his wife, Maria, moved to Kennedy Heights in 1971 after reading that residents were committed to building a racially integrated community.

Jim quickly became active in the community and served as president of KHCC in 1977. Jim researched and wrote about Kennedy Heights, both for local consumption and in scholarly journals.

Jim came from a Pennsylvania coal mining family which shaped his interest in the labor movement and in American history. He was most proud of a 1984 collection of workers' poetry which he co-edited with his KH neighbor and labor educator, the late Jim Wolfe.

Jim was 67 when he died from cancer on October 9.

Good News from The Caring Place

We are turning our food pantry into a "choice pantry". Clients will no longer receive pre-packed bags of food, but will come into our newly renovated pantry and choose the food best for their families. We are excited to be able to make this change and plan to have an open house when it is complete. This has been made possible through the generosity of many. The Episcopal Community Services Foundation has given The Caring Place a grant for \$3,500 to cover the expense of converting the space. KH Presbyterian Church has given us the use of another room for the pantry, and many volunteers have worked hard to adapt the space. We feel this is a more dignified way to help those in need and that there will be less waste.

As you might expect, due to the recession, the number of people coming for assistance has increased dramatically over the past year. September was another record setter. We served 340 families, up almost forty percent over the past year.

How We Voted

About 41% of 3,865 registered voters in 6 KH precincts showed up for the 11/3 election. The figures below are based on a quick & dirty analysis of election numbers posted on the Board of Elections website. Because of overlapping precincts, the numbers include some voters who live beyond the recognized boundaries of Kennedy Heights...and exclude some who do.

Still it's interesting to see a sample of how we did.

Mayor

Mallory1203 Wenstrup....382

Issue 3 (Casino)

Yes....1,108 No...510

Issue 8 (Water Works)

Yes....1098 No...435

Issue 9 (Streetcars & Rail)

Yes.....748 No...843

These numbers are for the following precincts in Ward 14: B,D,E,F,M,P.

Once the results are available electronically, I'll compile a more complete & accurate tally & post it on the KHCC website.

Noel Morgan, Editor



This is certainly a strain on our budget, but our supporters have been very generous and we have been able to meet the current demand for food. However, we have had to limit the number of people we can assist with utilities and rent, a hardship for many of our families.

We have also become a location for the Ohio Benefit Bank. This state-sponsored computer program lets our clients to come to The Caring Place to apply for benefits such as food stamps and HEAP rather than having to go to various government agencies. This program will also allow us to prepare 2009 tax returns for the clients.

We will soon begin collecting for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets as well as toys for the children at Christmas and the demand will no doubt be greater than last year, but we have always been gratified by the generous support we receive.

Thanks to all of you who continually respond to the needs of those we serve. Because of your concern, this valuable ministry has continued into the twenty seventh year. God bless you all!

Volunteers (and donations) are always needed and welcome. Call 841-1499 if you have time to give.

Ciel Bellman, Director, The Caring Place

The KH Arts Center Has Something for YOU!

**Holiday Treasures Guild Show
Opens Saturday, Nov. 14**

One-of-a-kind handmade treasures created by local artists are the focus of the Kennedy Guild's annual show at the KH Arts Center.

The exhibition includes new work by painters and photographers, as well as jewelry, ceramic works, fiber creations, mosaics and sculpture.

A Giving Tree will display ornaments fashioned just for this occasion by the artists. Proceeds from their sale will benefit the children's arts programs at the Arts Center.

**Free opening reception on
Saturday, 11/14 6-8 pm.**

Enjoy light refreshments, beverages and live music by harpist Linda Greiser. Free.

The show runs through January 9. Monday-Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm.



**Holiday Art Workshop
Temari Fusion**

11/22 3-5 PM

Combine two easy techniques to create colorful and unique holiday ornaments or gifts.

Local Fiber Artist, Lynn Conaway will guide you as you learn the ancient craft of making thread wrapped Temari balls and how to decorate them using needle felting. Once you master these techniques the creative possibilities are endless!

Workshop fee of \$20 includes all supplies. 631-4278 or stop by the Arts Center
bruce@kennedyarts.org.

Winter Break Art Camp

Looking for fun things for the kids to do over Winter Break? Sign them up for our one-day art camp on **December 28** from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. We will be offering two groups: a camp for children ages 5-7 and one for 8-12 year olds.

Join us for a full day of creativity and fun. Mark your calendars - more information about the camp will be coming soon. Call 631-4278 to register.

Jazz Jams

**ballet tech cincinnati
11/15, 12/20**

Come enjoy live improvisational jazz in a relaxed, family-oriented atmosphere. Bring your instrument and join in or just relax and listen. Musicians of all skill levels invited. Admission is \$5.



At the Ridge Library

The library staff sent a simple message along with its program list of free programs.

We are grateful for your support in passing Issue 7!

Now for a sampling of what the library has to offer you & your kids (all free, of course)

Wednesdays

10:00 Ages 0-3

Baby & Toddler movers & shakers.

10:30 Ages 3-5

Preschool storytime

3:00 Ages 5-12

Tails to Tails

The featured November book is Geraldine Brooks's novel, *People of the Book*.

Playhouse in the 'Hood

District A and the Playhouse in the Park will present 4 neighborhood performances between January and April.

- 1/23 **Cyrano** PR Presbyterian
- 3/6 **World of Wonder** Nativity
- 3/20 **Eth-No-Tech** KH Presbyterian
- 4/17 **Riki Tiki Tavi** PR Montessori

7-8:30 pm \$5 (over age 13)
www.districta.org

Exemplary Volunteer

Lydia Morgan (Orchard Ln) received the NAACP's 2009 *Exemplary Volunteer* award at its annual awards dinner. In addition to inspiring and overseeing the annual Juneteenth festival for the past 23 years, Lydia volunteers routinely for lead roles in for church & community activities & is a past recipient of the KHCC Citizen of the Year.

Editorial Soapbox

Check the front page. You'll see that KHCC is having an election. It happens every year.

Some communities are known for their hotly contested, internal political battles. That's seldom, if ever, been a problem in Kennedy Heights. We pride ourselves on being a "together" neighborhood or community spirited folks.

But look more closely at the election notice, and you'll see that none of the positions is contested. Further, two of the officer slots have no nominees. That means the nominating committee was unable to interest anyone in stepping up to those community leadership positions.

The KHCC board of trustees is the governing body for our non-profit corporation and manages a sizable budget (\$35,000+) from grants, contracts, and donations.

We need a secretary to keep minutes and such and an administrative vice president to coordinate committees. And both to participate in the overall board process.

The time commitment isn't huge (monthly board and general meetings). The rewards include that good feeling you get from doing your part to Kennedy Heights one of the city's greatest communities.

So. Consider this your invitation to come to the November meeting & toss your hat in the ring.

And...if you're into writing, the *Kennedy Heights News* could also use a new editor!

Noel Morgan
Editor, KH News



Thanksgiving Feast

The KH Presbyterian Church invites you to a Thanksgiving Feast!

- The home-cooked, sit-down dinner will be served family style on Thanksgiving (11/26).
- Dinner's free & kids (with adults) are welcome.
- Seating: 12-12:30 Served:12:30

But

Reservations are needed to make sure there are enough seats & plates.

Reservations

Call 631-1114 by 11/19;

Tune to

www.kennedyheights.org

Another reminder to stop by the KHCC website...and sign up for *enews*.

Rick Boyer updates the website regularly and sends the *enews* to your "inbox" a couple of times a month.

Idling Car = Tempting Target

Letting the car idle in your driveway may avoid the discomfort of a cold seat...but what good's a warm seat if a car thief is behind the wheel?!

KH Date Book

11/14	Arts Center Reception
11/15	Jazz Jams at ballet tech
11/18	KHCC Meets & Elects
11/26	Thanksgiving
12/4	Winterfest
12/25	Christmas
1/1	New Years
1/19	KHCC Meets
1/23	Cyranó

Birthday Reminder

Ohio has added a late fee to all vehicle registrations and drivers license that are expired more than 7 days!

This means on the 8th day past your expiration you will be charged an additional late fee of \$20.00 per transaction in addition to your regular transaction fees.

Infant Day Care in KH In God's Hands

In its 10th year, *In God's Hands (Zinsle & Red Bank)* has added infants to its services. It also serves preschool, toddlers, as well as after school care.

Excellent care at reasonable prices.
792-0905

Kennedy Heights Community Council

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 V.P. & Acting President Natalie Boyer
 V.P. Community Planning Clete Benken
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