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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUE. 01/17/17
 KHCC Meeting • 7:30–8:30 PM •
 Community Dinner • 6:30–
 7:15pm • KH Presbyterian
 Church

Sat. 01/21/17
Around the World in 80 Days •
 Nativity School • 7–8pm

Tue. 01/24/17
 KHDC Meeting • 6:30–8:30 pm
 • KH Presbyterian Church

Fri. 01/27/17
 KH Arts Center Facility Open
 House • 12–7pm • KHAC &
 Lindner Annex

Wed. 02/01/17
 KH Teen Council • 4–5pm •
 Shroder Paideia, Cafeteria •
 5030 Duck Creek Rd.

Thur. 02/02/17
 Badge of Honor Opening
 Reception • 6–8pm •
 Kennedy Gallery, KHAC

Mon. 02/06/17
 Adult Home Ec • 7–8:30pm
 KHAC Lindner Annex

Fri. 02/17/17
**Deadline for March/April 2017
 newsletter submissions.**
 Send information for events that
 start or occur from March 1–April
 30 to Danielle Linn at :
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TUE. 01/18/17
 ArtsWave Sampler Weekend
 10am–2pm • KHAC Lindner
 Annex

TUE. 02/21/17
 KHCC Meeting • 7:30–8:30 PM •
 Community Dinner • 6:30–
 7:15pm • KH Presbyterian
 Church

Tue. 02/28/17
 KHDC Meeting • 6:30–8:30 pm
 • KH Presbyterian Church



Celebrating Ten Years!

Kennedy Heights has the unique privilege of having its own arts organization that brings Kennedy Heights & Pleasant Ridge together in inter-neighborhood collaboration and our KH Community Council is proud to give financial support.

District A (*which stands for the ARTS & for ALL of Us*) was designed in 2007 to define a new sense of community and be a catalyst for sharing and multiplying our neighborhoods' arts assets.

2017 activities kick off with Playhouse in the Park's 'Off the Hill' and faster-then-ever production of *Around the World in 80 Days* on **Saturday, January 21 at 7 - 8 p.m.** at Nativity School. Before and after, there's time for neighborhood conversation and meeting the cast members, too.

When Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge Community Councils decided to form this venture they pledged to catalyze new and sustainable economic development, enhance educational opportunities at all schools and encourage life-long learning through the arts.

One of their largest events is the fall Music and Arts Festival held at the Cultural Campus at Kennedy and Montgomery. The live music, art activities, and art of all kinds available for purchase plus the local food vendors make for a fun day for people of all ages.

Tending the vision and planning activities for the community is a dedicated Board led by Maria Kreppel. Other members and advisors are Lois Conyers, Henry Faulk, Loucresha Jones, George Kalomeres, Danielle Linn, Sharifah Tafari, Ernie Barbeau, Eric Bertelsen, David Choate, Lawrence Coleman, Paul DeLuca, Joanne Grueter, Ellen Muse Lindeman, Karen McAffry, and Scott McAffry.

All are welcome to their meetings *usually* on the 4th Thursday of the month from **6:30 to 8:00pm**, in the *Community Room at the Pleasant Ridge Library*. Contact these neighbors anytime at 513-557-3850 or info@district-a.org

The final Playhouse production of the 2016-17 season will be *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, hosted by KH Montessori Center, on April 22.

MLK CELEBRATION SERVICE

All are welcome to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Service at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 15, at 10:30 a.m. (Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church is located at 6312 Kennedy Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45213) The guest speaker will be Nathaniel Lampley, Jr., Esq, a managing partner at the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP. Mr Lampley is a Hamilton native and an honors graduate of the University of Dayton and the Cincinnati College of Law. He is very active in civic and community service groups, including Leadership Cincinnati, The United Way Volunteer Leaders Development Program and Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor. Mr. Lampley has been honored by the Cincinnati Business Courier as one of the "40 Under 40", "Who's Who in Black Cincinnati" and has been recognized as an Ohio Super Lawyer in Litigation every year since 2004. Mr. Lampley's address will be "We Are One", based on Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. Music will be provided by the KHPC Chancel and the Grace Gospel Choirs, with a special Children's Message. For more information, please contact the church office at 513-631-1114.

KHAC ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

The Kennedy Heights Arts Center welcomes the **Inlet Dance Company** as the 2017 Artist in Residence! Each spring, and with support of the Ohio Arts Council, KHAC hosts an artist to engage with our community.

**See a free
 performance from Inlet on
 Saturday, March 18th at the
 KHAC Lindner Annex
 Details to come**

During our 4 week residency, Josh Brown from Inlet Dance Company will be working with individuals of all ages to create a fun and exciting dance performance piece. Recapture the JOY of dance! Everyone welcome, no experience necessary! It's FREE to participate, but Registration is required as space is limited. Check our website at www.kennedyarts.org in late February for more details about our 2017 Artist-In-Residence schedule.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope you all got to spend some time with family, friends and loved ones over the holidays. We are looking forward to a great new year. We recently met with our 2017 elected board to discuss our plans for this year. I wanted to thank Christine Schumacher and Sharyl Barnes for their time and contributions to our community. Christine has played a valuable role over the last few years in many roles including heading our welcome baskets for new home owners and the Elder Series.

One important area that Doug Linn, our Vice President of community planning is focusing on is updating our community plan. We need your input on such things as housing, zoning, business district, beautification and much more. Be on the lookout and plan on attending our upcoming community council meetings.



Pictured from left to right is your 2017 Kennedy Heights Community Council board. Dee Cannedy-Lowery, Carren Herring, Rachel Foote, Dan Kasprowicz, Doug Linn, Jean Bange, Sharifah Tafari and Anita Hisle. Not pictured is Peggy Brown.

Thanks,
Dan Kasprowicz

ARTSWAVE ARTS SAMPLER WEEKEND

Artswave Arts Sampler Weekend:

Saturday, February 18th – 10:00am – 2:00pm

FREE Art in your neighborhood! The Macy's Arts Sampler weekend, presented by ArtsWave, celebrates the arts in our community with two days of FREE activities throughout the region on February 18th and 19th. Check out the arts that make Cincinnati amazing! All ages are welcome to join us at the KHAC Lindner Annex on Saturday, Feb. 18th to participate in some awesome music and dance experiences.

The Dance & Dash Booth (MamLuft&Co. Dance / CCAC) at 10:00AM-2:00PM

The Power of Percussion with Liz Wu at 10:15AM-11:00AM

Nouveau Chamber Players at 12:00PM-12:30PM

Bacchanal Steel Band at 12:45PM-1:15PM

ArtsWave supports more than 100 arts organizations making impact in Greater Cincinnati, including Kennedy Heights Arts Center. More information at www.theartswave.org

FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS DECEMBER 2016

Thanks to the following who joined the Friends of Kennedy Heights in November and December. If we inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name, please inform us.

We look forward to your tax deductible gift in 2017. If you would like a letter acknowledging your gift for tax purposes, please let us know. Attend the Community Council meeting February 21 to vote on the Council budget for 2017 and see how your gift is used.

Friends of Kennedy Heights (from December 2016):

Kathleen Bertrand

Douglas & Linda Ford

Christine Schumacher & Hal Hess

Bennett & Ann Smith

Become a Friend of Kennedy Heights! Your tax-deductible donation supports the bi-monthly newsletter and the events in and around the community. (Receipts sent via email or if no email address provided, via regular mail at year-end.)

Donation: Please check amount.
Cash or check is accepted.

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Include my name (only) in the newsletter as a Friend of the Community: Yes No

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KHAC FACILITY OPEN HOUSE

Planning a wedding, special celebration, corporate or nonprofit event in 2017? Check out our two unique and affordable venues for special events! Stop by on **Friday, January 27 between 12 to 7pm** for an Open House to view the Kennedy Mansion and our new Lindner Event Center.

Enjoy free food samples from our preferred caterers, and learn more about our beautiful spaces for all kinds of events.

One-day special: Book your event on January 27 and receive 20% off the rental fee! For more information, contact Dominique Springs, Events and Marketing Manager at dominique@kennedyarts.org

ADULT HOME EC

Adult Home Ec: Spice Mixes & Spiced Nuts
Monday, February 6th, 7:00 – 8:30pm
KHAC Lindner Annex (corner of Montgomery Rd and Kennedy Ave)
Ages 13 – Adult.
Only \$5 to attend.

It's time to go through the spice cabinet and get adventurous! Nuts are a great base on which to add a variety of fun spice combinations – either savory or sweet. This workshop will introduce you to ways you can add more spice to your life – how about a sprinkle of cinnamon in your coffee grinds or trying curry mashed potatoes? We all bought the spices, now what to do with them? We'll make a wonderful healthy snack that you can customize to your own adventurous palate.

Register at www.kennedyarts.org

PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY

Please note that some programs require pre-registration. You can register online at www.cincinnati.library.org, in person at the branch, or by calling the branch at 369-4488. For questions about any of the programs, please contact the branch.

Free Homework Help is available at the branch! Ms. Karay is here Mon., Tues., and Thurs. from 3:30-6:30 PM and Wed. from 3:00-6:00 PM.

Art for Kids! Learn about an artist and make a different project every month. Ages 4-12. **4:00 PM, Tues. 1/17, 2/21.**

Black History Month Art for Kids! Learn about African American artist Jacob Lawrence. Ages 4-12. **4:00 PM, Tues. 1/17, 2/21.**

Black History Month Jeopardy! Teens. **4:00 PM, Thurs. 2/2.**

Black History Month Pajama Storytime! Join us for fun bedtime stories, songs, action rhymes, crafts, and snacks to help your children develop early literacy skills! Pajamas optional. Families. **6:30 PM, Tues. 2/28.**

Color Me Calm Coloring Book Club! Come relax and enjoy the stress-relieving benefits of coloring! Bring your own supplies or use ours! Adults. **6:30 PM, Mon. 1/2, 2/06.**

Cool Science! Make a different science project every month and learn how it works in this book-based program. Call the branch for information. Advanced registration requested. Ages 4-12. **4:00 PM, Thurs. 1/12, 2/09.**

Cupcake Decorating 101! Learn to decorate cupcakes with Lisa Donaldson from Cincinnati Cake & Candy Supplies. You can have your cake and eat it too! Ages 12 & up. Registration required. **6:00 PM, Mon. 2/20.**

Family Literacy Fun: Feed the Birds! Hear bird stories, then use peanut butter, birdseed, and bagels to make a birdfeeder for our feathered friends! Registration required. **2:00 PM, Sat. 1/21.**

Family Storytime! Penguin Palooza! Join us for fun penguin stories, songs, games or craft activities to help your child build early literacy skills. Snacks. Families. **10:30 AM, Sat. 1/21.**

Family Storytime! Join us for fun stories, songs, games, or craft activities to help your child build early literacy skills! Snacks. Families. **10:30 AM, Sat. 2/18.**

Get Crafty. Make a different craft each month. Pre-registration is required to ensure that we have enough materials for everyone. Call 369-4488 or sign up at the branch. Adults, Teens. **6:00 PM, Mon. 1/16.**

Let's Go Lego & Other Building Bricks! Build with Legos, Duplos, and other building blocks and connectors on the third Friday of every month! Ages 3-12. **4:00 PM, Fri. 1/27, 2/24.**

Make It And Amanda Takes It. Help Amanda dress her baby. Onesies and decorating materials provided. You bring the creativity. Snacks provided. Teens. **4:00 PM, Mon. 1/16.**

Pajama Storytime! Join us for fun bedtime stories, songs, action rhymes, crafts, and snacks to help your children develop early literacy skills! Pajamas optional. Families. **6:30 PM, Tues. 1/31.**

Pleasant Ridge Book Club. Adults. **January's** title is Inside the O'Briens by Lisa Genova. February's title is The Silver Star by Jeannette Walls. **2:00 PM, Thurs. 1/19, 2/16.**

Story Times — Come join us for one of our story times:

Library Babies! Fun stories, songs, action rhymes, musical, scarf and puppet play for little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0-36 mos. **10:00 AM, Wed. 1/04, 1/18, 2/01, 2/15.**

Toddler Time! Fun stories, songs, action rhymes, musical and scarf play for little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0-36 mos. **10:00 AM, Wed. 1/11, 1/25, 2/08, 2/22.**

Preschool Story Time! Help children develop pre-literacy skills to prepare for kindergarten with fun and educational stories, action rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instrument play and other activities. Registration required. Ages 3-6. **10:30 AM, Wed. 1/04, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/01, 2/08, 2/15, 2/22.**

Tales to Tails with Ms. Janet & Ruby! Read to Ruby the Reading Therapy poodle! A fun way for children to practice reading out loud. **4:00 PM Mon., 1/09, 2/06.**

Teen Random Club! Something new every month. Have a snack and hang out at the library. Teens. **4:00 PM, Thurs. 1/05.**

Valentine's Day Craft! All Ages. **2:00 PM, Sat. 2/11.**

Word Processing Basics. Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2010. Topics include copying and pasting, changing fonts, margins and indentations, line spacing and more. Basic knowledge of keyboard and mouse is required before taking this class. Registration required. **6:00 PM, Thurs. 1/19.**

TELLING THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS STORY #9 LEWIS AND DELIA KENNEDY, PART 8

For the Kennedy's, the decade of 1890 was one of a devastating bankruptcy and of disappointing, likely substantially painful, career changes. Mr. Kennedy's bankruptcy proceedings began in 1887, with settlement four years later in 1891. Over that period of time, there were many transfers of properties owned by Mr. Kennedy to his wife, Delia, and to their daughter-in-law, Ida R. Kennedy. No property was transferred to the Kennedy's one and only son, Willis J. The transfer documents with the Hamilton County Recorder's office are relatively complicated and very difficult to analyze or summarize.

During the early 1890s, Mr. Kennedy continued as a realtor but soon expanded to include being a broker for loans. Mr. Kennedy was the founder of the Kennedy Loan and Building Association which met every Friday evening at the railroad depot on Woodford near Robison/

In 1890, Mr. Kennedy "disposed of the interest he had in Yononte Inn and it is understood he and his wife will not have charge of it". Immediately before

the Inn closed in November 1891 for the winter, the Kennedy's "gave a handsome complimentary dinner to the few remaining guests..."

In April 1892 Mr. Kennedy "closed a contract with the Bullock estate for the management of Kennedy Heights Hotel (owners of the Inn), which is to be repainted and greatly improved". A few weeks later a fundraising event for the "proposed Episcopal Church on the Heights" was hosted by Mrs. Kennedy "and the ladies of the Inn". In November it was reported that Mr. Kennedy, "well known as the former successful proprietor of Yononte Inn left yesterday afternoon with a party of 10 for his new hostelry, Lithia Springs Hotel, Tallapoosa, Ga." Mr. Kennedy was undertaking a career change.

In early 1893, Mr. Kennedy was part of a group of "Cincinnati capitalists" that traveled to Cumberland Island, Georgia, to explore the possibility of "purchasing this haven of pleasant winter shelter... They were royally entertained." We do not know what resulted from that excursion.

AGING IN PLACE: WINTER ADVICE FOR OLDER ADULTS

Plan ahead, check on neighbors as wintery precipitation and temperatures fall

Be Prepared!

- Older adults may have a few additional things to consider:
- Back up daily medications and the means to store the properly
- Ready access to medical equipment and assistive devices (e.g., canes, walkers, wheelchairs, lifts, oxygen tanks, etc.) as well as spare batteries and non-powered options.
- A safe place to go if it becomes unsafe to stay in your home (e.g., public shelter, friend's or neighbor's house) and a plan for getting there.
- Instructions for rescue personnel to help you relocate safely and quickly in an emergency.

Check on Your Neighbors

Before, during and after severe winter conditions, check in on older loved ones, friends and neighbors to ensure that they are okay and have the resources they need to remain safe and healthy.

- Do they need medical attention?
- Have they fallen?
- Are they staying warm enough?
- Are they taking their medicines as prescribed?
- Do they have safe food and water?
- Are they eating and drinking regularly?
- Is the temperature in their home comfortable?
- Do they have safe means to heat the home if temperatures continue to fall?
- Whom will they call if they need help?
- Do they have access to a phone that will work without power or landline service?

THE CARING PLACE

The Caring Place saved my life," says Beverly age 70. "I want people to know that I don't know what I'd do without the people at The Caring Place." Several years ago Beverly was working at the polls when she was handed a pamphlet about The Caring Place and the Senior Baskets they provided each month. She visited and immediately fell in love with then-director Ceal Bellman and her granddaughter Sarah. Beverly reluctantly joined the knitting classes they were promoting but ended up having a great time. When she was a child she learned to knit using pencils because her family couldn't afford needles. Eventually her grandmother found two needles of different sizes for her at a thrift store.

When Beverly got sick, she needed weekly shots for asthma and COPD but had no transportation. The Caring Place came to her rescue with bus tokens. When Ceal was ready to retire Beverly thought, "I'll be in a world of trouble," but Sharifa and JoAnn have warmly embraced her and call on her whenever they need volunteer help. "Beverly is

effervescent and brings a lot of joy to all of us when she is here," JoAnn said. Beverly has developed a fabulous friendship with the workers and volunteers. Now she is caring for her 96 year old father, her daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughter. With six in the household, Beverly still needs support from The Caring Place.

Some of the statistics from 2016: 136 people came for the first time during the year and there were 5687 volunteer hours given to serve the clients.

Stop by and join the community at The Caring Place, located in the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, is open 9-2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



KHAC EXHIBITION: BADGE OF HONOR

Presented in partnership with PAR-Projects, curated by Jonathan Sears

Jan. 28 – March 5

Kennedy Gallery

Opening: Thursday, Feb. 2nd 6-8PM

Artist talk: Feb. 25th, 5-6 PM & Closing reception: Feb. 25th, 6-8PM

This exhibit explores conflict in our world and the often overlooked calm that surrounds these episodes. Artwork by Cincinnati-based artists Gypsy Frank, Francis Hollenkamp and Michael James juxtapose photography and sculptural works which utilize repetition and shadow-play of small recognizable objects in order to form a larger, more dominating whole.

Gallery Hours: Tuesdays - Fridays, 10am – 5pm & Saturdays, 11am – 4pm



photograph by Michael James

Our Oldest Neighbor: Harry Ewers & Sons

We've all driven by it a 100 times. It has been there as long as anyone can remember. Since 1908, Harry Ewers & Sons Building Supply has been at the railroad tracks on Woodford Road. Harry Ewers, his wife, four sons and two daughters, lived in the small house at the west end of the property. They initially hauled sand and gravel and soon expanded into hauling coal, the major fuel for heating homes and businesses in the 1920s, 30s and 40s. They also provided snow removal. A modified plow was pulled by a horse to clear sidewalks and driveways.

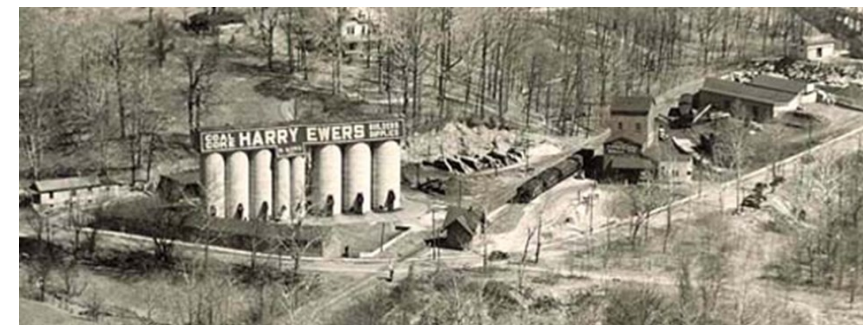
Older residents of Kennedy Heights will remember the concrete silos that stored the coal brought in by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The sight of a train coming through was a thrill for the kids in Kennedy Heights, and many of them put pennies on the track to watch the engine and coal cars flatten them.

Realizing that the use of coal would soon be replaced by natural gas, Ewers started to work with blacktop in the late 1930s, which soon became the majority of their jobs. The silos were later used to store cement. From the top of a silo you could see the Carew Tower downtown. After a fire in the silos in the 1950s, they were torn down.

In the early 1950s, Robison Road was extended from Woodford east to Glen Edge. The Lang Brothers developed the area off Robison Road and Glen Edge, building houses at the west end of Glen Edge and developing Skyview and Edgeview. Ewers worked with Lang to construct the driveways. Three of the Ewers sons ended up purchasing homes in the new subdivision.

Today Ewers specializes in blacktop and counts among their clients the ATP tennis courts and multiple country clubs in Greater Cincinnati. The biggest challenges Ewers faces today are complying with regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and dealing with employee turnover.

The founding Harry Ewers was followed by his son, Harry Jr. Bob Ewers took over next and was followed by Bob Jr., a member of the fourth generation and the current Ewers at the helm. We are grateful for Ewers support as a Friend of Kennedy Heights.



The small building at the crossroads to the right of the silos was the passenger station. The Ewers first family home, still standing, is to the left of the silos. Above the silos is the home of the Robinson estate that became Robison – now Kennedy – Park. Robison Road east to Glen Edge and Kennedy is a dirt path.

-Bob Herring

KHAC 9TH ANNUAL STUDENT ART SHOW

9th Annual Student Art Show:

March 11, 2016 – April 8, 2016

Opening Reception – Saturday, March 11th, 2017, 2-4 pm

Kennedy Heights Arts Center proudly presents the 9th Annual Student Art Show. Come celebrate the talented work from KHAC youth and adult students, as well as the artwork from selected students from local elementary schools (including Pleasant Ridge Montessori, Woodford Paideia, Silverton Paideia, Nativity Elementary, and Academy of World Languages).

This show is sure to inspire artists of all ages! Gallery hours are Mon. – Fri. 10am – 5pm, and Saturday 11am – 4pm.

YOGA AT KHAC LINDNER ANNEX

Join local resident, Karen Smith, for an energizing hour of yoga at the KHAC Lindner Annex (corner of Montgomery Rd and Kennedy Ave) on Thursdays from 5:00 – 6:00pm. \$5 donation for adults. 18 and younger are free. Instructor, Karen Smith, is looking for teens who would like to help lead the yoga (No yoga experience required. You stand behind the teacher and follow along. It's easy!) Leading a community yoga class counts as service hours for school. The class is appropriate for beginners through advanced.

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