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KENNEDY HEIGHTS NEWS

The Newsletter of the Kennedy Heights Community Council

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Progressive Dinner Saturday September 24

It's time for the 28th Annual KHCC Progressive Dinner! If you have never been before, this is THE event not to miss in Kennedy Heights! There will be over 125 people spending a fun evening sharing great food and entertainment with wonderful neighbors.

We begin the evening together at 5:30 with appetizers & sips at the KH Arts Center. When you arrive you will be greeted with great food, music, and drinks and register for the next stop which will be dinner at a host family's home. Each host family will have between 6-12 people at their home for dinner. The small number allows for great conversation and a fantastic opportunity to get to know a few people/neighbors a little better. After dinner, everyone will get back together at The Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church for homemade desserts and a silent auction.

This is KHCC's biggest annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$25 per person and includes appetizers, dinner, and dessert. The silent auction will include gift certificates, gift baskets, and much, much more!!!!

- To learn about hosting a dinner at your home, contact Lydia Morgan (631-7289 or lydiajm@fuse.net).
- To donate a dessert, make a donation for the silent auction, reserve tickets or for more information on the event, contact Natalie Boyer (324-6534 or Natalie@kennedyheights.org).
- Tickets can also be purchased through any Board Member,

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Tuesday 9/20/11
7:30 pm
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KH News Goes Digital!



More News...

While it's Still News!!

Community Council has decided to stop delivering paper copies of the *Kennedy Heights News* to each of about 3,000 addresses in our neighborhood.

KH News isn't going out of business...it's just going global...on the internet.

Cost

Home delivery of each paper edition of *KH News* costs \$7-800. That's the cost of printing, postage, & mailing. In recent years the newsletter has been Community Council's single largest budget item.

Delivering *KH News* directly to home computers costs less than \$150...per year.

Right Now...vs..Right Stale

No matter how much we watch deadlines, there's a good chance you'll get the paper *News* too late to take advantage of community happenings. There's at least a two-week lag between writing and home delivery.

Using email—the *KHnews*—we can alert you today to what's happening tomorrow—or even this evening. We will likely send 1-2 by regular mail as needed.

We Need Your Address!!

Chances the address on your postal-delivered *KH News* is "Occupant...xyz Street". That's because we have a list of every address in Kennedy Heights.

Unfortunately there is no such list of email addresses. If you one of the 300 or so who already receive *eNews* do nothing.

If you don't already receive *eNews* and want to receive *eNews*, we need **YOU** to send us your email address.

Mum's the Word

We won't share your address with anyone else or use it for anything other than the *eNews*. We don't even need your name. Just your email address with the subject of "KH *eNews*."

Send it to
eNews@kennedyheights.org

Don't Have email?

If you don't have a computer, internet or email...or just love paper...send us your name and street address...and we'll send you the *eNews* by U.S. Mail.

Send your address to:
KHCC, P.O. Box 36448
Cincinnati, OH 45246

**CALLING ARTISTS
& HIGH END
CRAFTERS!**

Annual Crafts Bazaar
October 8

- You do the selling and keep the proceeds.
- The cost is \$40 per 8 ft x 2-1/2 ft table.
- Rent by 9/5/11 and receive 2 free
- lunch tickets valued at \$16. Final day to rent is 9/19.

KH Presbyterian Church
6312 Kennedy Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45213
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
513-638-3620.

**6640 Kennedy**

KHDC's first fully re-habbed home is on the market.

\$94,900
Check it out!

**Kennedy Heights Development Corporation**

In 2008 Kennedy Heights revived its nonprofit development corporation, which had been inactive for more than twenty-five years. We now have a board of thirteen volunteers, twelve of whom are residents of Kennedy Heights.

I am very proud about the diversity of our Board, and the skills, relationships, and knowledge they individually and collectively bring to the table. They are fantastically committed to our neighborhood. Their tenure as KH residents ranges from five years to 50 years!

KHDC's two initiatives are:

- Redeveloping the vacant lot 4.2 acre at the southeast corner of Kennedy and Montgomery (K-M), the neighborhood's focal point, from a warehouse to a cultural center; and,
- Rehabbing foreclosed single-family houses. In this article I will focus on our work to create The Kennedy Heights Cultural Center Project.



K-M Today
Cultural Center Tomorrow

KH Cultural Center Closer to Reality

The Cultural Center project has consumed an enormous amount of time and effort by our board. It has the potential to dramatically change our business district, bring many visitors to KH, and enable us to increase our reputation as an art/culture oriented neighborhood. Our plan is to renovate the former Kroger / Furniture Fair building, which will be owned and occupied by KHDC and three non-profits:

- Cincinnati Art Museum will use its space to store and exhibit art and hold educational programs;
- The KH Montessori Center has been looking for a new home since the demolition of Woodford School;
- The KH Arts Center will use its space for artist studios and a multi-purpose room). In a few weeks we expect to purchase from CPS the K-M property.

Many Pieces

The K-M property is now owned by Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS). CPS bought it several years ago with the intention of using it for the replacement of Pleasant Ridge School. Since CPS changed its plan and rebuilt Pleasant Ridge at its original location, CPS has used the building only for storage.

The City of Cincinnati has committed funds to help KHDC buy the property from CPS, and for the past year we have been working on putting together the rest of a \$3.1 million financing for purchase and rehabbing the building. To help with KHDC's share of the financing, we have consulted with a professional fund-raiser. John Olberding of Chanticleer Consulting (and one time resident of Robison). has been providing consultative services to our Board. Our Fund Development Committee is chaired by Mike Harmon (Kinoll Avenue).

We have also contracted with Emersion Design (of Norwood) for architectural services related to the Project's first of two phase construction. Hundreds of hours have been devoted to this phase, not only by the Corporation but by Emersion and our partners.

I could go into more details about the Project. But, I close my noting that once our webpage is in place, we will periodically post updates and an update will be provided at our neighborhood's Progressive Dinner (September 24).

*Ernie Barbeau, Chair
KHDC Board of Trustees*

KHCC Priority & Budget Adjustments

- KHCC has closed the office at 6463 Kennedy Avenue. The KH Arts Center has kindly agreed to store files and historic items that we do not want to discard. We do intend to have an office in the Kennedy Heights Cultural Center when it opens. In the meanwhile, this will save \$3,300 in rent and utilities a year.
- We have also terminated our phone line. We have preserved the number and intend to reopen that line after we have chosen a less expensive and more effective means of responding to calls. In the short term, this choice will save the community \$780 per year.
- These moves have been prompted by a reduction in grant funding and a desire to shift our expenses away from administrative costs and toward more tangible direct services to the community. These include Beautification, Youth Activities, and Community Events.

KHCC 2011 Landscape Awards

The Kennedy Heights Landscape Awards Committee has been a continuous annual committee of the Council since 1988 and during these years has presented over 160 landscape awards. This year the Committee received 14 residential nominations and one business nomination located on 13 streets in our neighborhood--Aikenside, Bantry, Davenant, Dickens, Hill and Dale, Kinoll, Montgomery, Ravenal, Rogers Park, Skyline, Solar Vista, Welton, and Wyatt.

All nominees were visited by the Committee on Saturday, July 16. Nominated landscapes were judged on color, texture, design and maintenance.

After five hours of touring and discussing, the Committee chose the 2011 winners and all winners were notified by mail. All winners will be presented a personally engraved crystal award in August and photos of all winners and their landscapes will soon be posted at www.kennedyheights.org.

Honorable Mention

John and Jean Bange, 3821 Davenant Ave.
Liza and Kevin Eibensteiner, 6268 Rogers Park Pl.
Sherry Felton, 6811 Bantry Ave.
Mary Beth and James Poulimenos, 5817 Skyline Dr.

The KHCC Landscape Awards Committee

Vicki Bishop, Kirkup Ave.
Michele Dragga, Red Bank Rd.
Carolyn Thompson, Dogwood Ln.
Judy Barbeau, Kinoll Ave., Chair

ATTENTION HOLIDAY SHOPPERS!

Join us for unique, hand-made crafts, along with silent auction, homemade baked goods, a scrumptious lunch and entertainment, at our Annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 8, 2011

KH Presbyterian Church
6312 Kennedy Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45213
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Call 631-1114 for lunch tickets
(adults \$8; 12 & under \$5)
FREE admission for shopping and entertainment!

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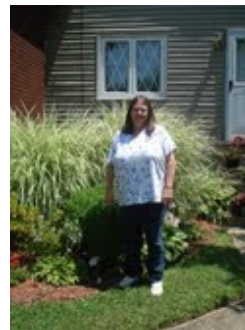
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Theresa and Howard Cohen, 6454 Welton Ave.—Residents of KH since 1996, the Cohen's Cape Cod home is circled by showy plants, well-maintained lawn and mature lush hydrangeas.



Mike Maloney and Jeff Dey, 5829 Wyatt Ave.—Residents of KH since 1999, Mike and Jeff's two-story pink 1894 Victorian home sits amid glorious flower, sunflower and vegetable gardens. As a three-time winner, they now are elevated to the KH Landscape Hall of Fame in 2012.



Patricia Shea, 5832 Kinoll Ave.—Resident of KH since 2004, Patty has cultivated a grand corner lot at Kennedy and Dickens with a gorgeous mix of colorful beds and huge soaring ornamental grasses.



Lois and Martha Paterson, 3721 Davenant Ave.—Residents of KH since 1997, the Paterson's one-story bungalow is surrounded by radiant gardens—including a delightful miniature "Fairy Garden" originated by daughter Martha. As a three-time winner, the Paterson Family is now elevated to the KH Landscape Hall of Fame in 2012.



Dorothy Stroud, 3851 Davenant Ave.—Resident of KH since 1970, Dorothy's residence just pops with lovely appealing well-placed landscaping around exquisite stonework that complements her attractive 85 year old home.



2011 Business Landscape Award

Green Corner Studios & Marketplace, 6524 Montgomery Rd., Richard J. Cooke, Owner and KH resident on Rogers Park Pl. Renovations over the last several years has resulted in creative landscaping by placing showy potted plants along Montgomery Road and around the attractive building, flanking a creative exterior art-display wall—A tremendous visual impact at the corner of Tyne and

KH Art Parade

8/27 11 AM

We are finishing up an amazing summer at Kennedy Heights Arts Center. More than 240 youth, ages 5-14, participated in 14 different arts camps exploring art, music, dance and theatre. Students traveled to Bali through art and dance, created magical Harry Potter-inspired artwork, painted junkyard cars and much more.

But the summer isn't over yet... Don't miss out on the BIGGEST EVENT OF THE SUMMER - the neighborhood art parade! On Saturday, August 27, the [Art Parade](#) will travel along Montgomery Rd. in Pleasant Ridge and Kennedy Heights featuring the amazing talents and creativity of area residents, schools and organizations.

But wait, there's more!

Fall is just around the corner - and with it, many more opportunities to create. We are offering a wide range of art classes for youth and adults - everything from drawing and painting to Lego sculptures to world drumming. There's bound to be something for you!

Check out our fall [class listings](#). Registration is open now. Register by September 10 and you'll get our EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT of 10% off tuition!

May the art be with you.

KHCC's Annual Election 11/15/11

Community Council elections will be held in November of 2011 for positions to be filled in January of 2012.

We will solicit nominations at the September and October Council meetings. Nominations are welcome at any time. All Board positions are available for nomination. If you have any questions about the duties involved in each position, please contact Kevin Holt or any Board member.

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