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RED BANK ROAD BIKE LANE INSTALLATION UPDATE

On January 15 Community Council hosted a *Bike Lane Open House Session* where representatives from the Cincinnati Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) presented the City of Cincinnati's comprehensive bikeway plan and shared three alternative options for bike lanes on Red Bank Road. Approximately 35 people attended the meeting.

The Red Bank Road bikeway would provide the neighborhood's first dedicated bike route and connect to the Ohio River Bikeway as part of the Eastern Corridor Red Bank Connector project which is under design via the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The session provided an opportunity for each attendee to voice opinions

regarding the proposed reduction or removal of on-street parking, rider safety, and the ability of the various options to serve the needs of less experienced cyclists, children and recreational riders. Several Red Bank residents voiced concerns regarding the reduction or removal of parking along Red Bank. Representatives from Pleasant Ridge cited the current safety issues that cyclists face on local streets. Representatives from Madisonville Community Council, Cincinnati Public Schools and Queen City Bikes shared plans for the expansion of the bike lanes and explain the advantages and disadvantages of the options.

Options 1 and 2 provide painted bike lanes along the curb at both sides of the street extending (*continued on p. 2*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 3/5/13

KHCC Volunteer Open House
7:00–8:30 PM
Kennedy Heights Arts Center
See page 3 for more information

Tuesday 3/19/13

KHCC Meeting
7:30–8:30 PM
KH Presbyterian Church

Saturday 4/13/13

Sap Walk/Bike/Run XX
9:00–11:00 AM
KH Presbyterian Church
See page 3 for more information

Tuesday 4/16/13

KHCC Meeting
7:30–8:30 PM
KH Presbyterian Church

Saturday 4/27/13

Green Up Clean-Up
9:00–11:00 AM
Kennedy Heights Park
See page 4 for more information

Deadline for submitting content
for the May/June newsletter:

FRIDAY APRIL 5, 2013

Email submissions to
Kendra Brown
(kendra@kennedyheights.org)

Save the Date!

**KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY JUNE 1 & SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2013**

A weekend of community celebration! KHCC was officially established 50 years ago this year. Celebrate the thousands of hours of volunteer effort with a weekend cookout and formal event. Tell your friends about our fabulous community reunion and watch the KHCC website (www.kennedyheights.org) and eNews in the coming weeks for registration and up-to-date information.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from the Kennedy Heights Community Council!

After serving in various roles on the council for the past eight years, I am truly excited to be president for Kennedy Heights. We have an energized board that is already working hard on some great activities for the neighborhood.

This year's events include a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Community Council, the opening of the Kennedy Heights Cultural Arts Center, block parties and cookouts, Movie Nights, Pool Days at Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center, the Great American Clean-Up, a revival of the Sap Run, a Candidate's Night to meet the candidates for local offices, the Progressive Dinner, and Winterfest.

I tell everyone I meet, "I love Kennedy Heights!" and I mean it. We are a diverse, attractive, safe, and vibrant community. We need all our residents to get involved so we can continue to be a great neighborhood.

Please come out to the Community Council meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the



Kennedy Heights Community Council
President Michelle Dillingham

Presbyterian Church (6312 Kennedy Ave). The meetings start at 7:30 PM and have been shortened to one hour to encourage more meet-and-greet time. Our Police and Fire Departments report on safety issues in the neighborhood and respond to any concerns you may have and we have information about the arts and recreation activities, and much more.

Come out, meet your neighbors, and get involved in what will be surely a banner year for Kennedy Heights!

—Michelle Dillingham
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RED BANK ROAD BIKE LANE UPDATE *(continued from p. 1)*

continuously from Woodford Road to the south to the corporation boundary near Ehrling Road. Option 2 differs from the first option by providing parking along the southbound side of the street near the intersection of Woodford Road. The third option includes a single "climbing lane" along the east side of the street. The climbing lane would only accommodate northbound riders and there would be no bike lane on the southbound side of the street.

Representatives of DOTE and Queen City Bike noted that dedicated bike lanes are more likely to be used by less experienced cyclists and children. Nern Ostendorf of Queen City Bike also discussed the potential to link the bike lanes to Woodford School and the "Safe Routes to School" program

which is intended to increase physical activity among children by creating safer options for walking or riding to school. Links to the Bike Master Plan and copies of the alternative plans can be viewed at <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/bikes/news/feedback-needed-on-red-bank-road-design-options/>.

Join us for a bike ride and look for more information at the upcoming *Sap Run* event. Council does not anticipate making final recommendations to DOTE until further investigation of the alternatives can be completed.

—Clete Benken
clete@kennedyheights.org



KHCC Volunteer Open House
Tuesday March 5, 2013
7:00–8:30 PM
Kennedy Heights Arts Center
6546 Montgomery Road

Light refreshments will be served.
 For additional information or questions, contact
 Christine Schumacher (christine@kennedyheights.org)
 or **513-351-8785** or check out the KHCC website at
www.kennedyheights.org. Event sponsored
 by the KHCC Communications Committee.

The Sap Run is Back!

Sap Walk/Bike/Run XX

Saturday April 13, 2013 • 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
Meet at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church

The sugar maple sap will be rising and so should you!
 Walk, bike, run, and share an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast
 with your neighbors during the twentieth Sap Run.

8:30–9:00 AM

Register at the start line in the KHPC parking lot
 Or at www.kennedyheights.org.

9:00–10:00 AM

You're off for a mini-mini-mini marathon in which
 you can ride, bike, or walk on the designated routes.
 Routes start and end at the KHPC parking lot.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Return refreshed & ravenous to KHPC for the all-you-can-eat
 pancake breakfast. Special Awards will also be presented.

To register and find route information, go to KHCC website
 (www.kennedyheights.org). Sponsored by the KH Presbyterian Church
 Hospitality Community and the Special Events Committee of KHCC.

**COME ONE, COME ALL
 TO THE VOLUNTEER
 OPEN HOUSE!**

On March 5, the Communications Committee will host a Volunteer Open House from 7:00–8:30 PM at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. We will have information on upcoming KHCC events and on the ways that you can get involved.

Starting in April the community kicks off an exciting season with Sap Run XX and continues through the summer with park picnics, a concert, and Movie Night. We will also be in full party mode as we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Community Council (June), the thirtieth annual Progressive Dinner (September), and Winterfest (December). There are also opportunities to take time for the community by keeping it clean, safe, and beautiful while getting to know your neighbors. Sign up to participate in the Great American Clean-up, Litter Magic, or the Green-up Days in the parks.

Help is needed in all areas of the planning and execution of these events. Join us to learn how you and others can be part of the re-energized Kennedy Heights scene. If you cannot attend the Open House but still want to get involved, email Christine Schumacher at **Christine@kennedyheights.org** or call 513-351-8785.



New neighbor Annie Brown of Woodford Road receiving her Welcome Basket at the KHCC January meeting.

KENNEDY HEIGHTS CULTURAL CENTER PROJECT STATUS

Phase 1 construction activity started this month and the pace of activity will accelerate leading up to the late-June occupancy of the Cincinnati Art Museum. The Museum's first and only neighborhood outreach center will provide state-of-the-art storage and viewable display of their archived collection.

The Kennedy Heights Montessori Center takes occupancy in early August and will begin the 2013 school year with a totally new 8000-square-foot facility and spacious outdoor play area that adjoins the June Alexander Playfield.

The Kennedy Heights Arts Center is developing plans for artist studios as well as conference and event spaces which will compliment and support their facility and programming goals. They will take occupancy during Phase 2 of the project which is expected to kick off later this year.

To date, nearly \$2 million in funding has been raised towards the Phase 1 funding target. Now our goal is to raise \$150,000 from individual donors, residents, families, other neighborhood stakeholders, and arts patrons throughout the city. We need to raise at least half of that amount—or \$75,000—this spring and the remaining portion by the fall. All donations will be used toward capital construction costs to complete common area improvements and tenant spaces for the project partners.

Individual members of the Kennedy Heights Development Corporation (KHDC) Board have already donated or pledged \$15,000 to get us to our initial goal of \$75,000. In addition to this amount, other long-time Kennedy Heights residents have pledged \$30,000 as a challenge grant! This means that every dollar donated from individuals and families like you will

be **doubled**, giving us the opportunity to meet our initial goal of \$75,000! All new individuals and families who donate any amount will see their gift doubled and also receive public recognition at the Cultural Center.

To find out more about our Cultural Center project or to make a tax-deductible gift, please contact Casey Riordan Millard, KHDC Treasurer, at 513-703-7771 or visit <http://www.kennedyheights.org/khdc/Donate.html>.

Our Cultural Center will be a regional attraction for the Tri-State area and the only facility of its kind with a direct relationship to a major art museum. We need your financial support to complete this exciting development in the bright landscape of Kennedy Heights and Cincinnati.

—Clete Benken
Mike Harmon

GREEN UP CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2013 • 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
KENNEDY HEIGHTS PARK

Bring your work gloves and celebrate Spring by joining your neighbors for a morning of fellowship and service in Kennedy Heights Park.

After meeting at the park shelter at 9:00 AM, we will divide into teams to spruce up the park and the neighboring community. In the park we will improve the health of the spring wildflower area by removing invasive garlic mustard in addition to weeding and pruning the perennial beds along Robison Road. Litter pick-up will start in the park and move out to other areas of Kennedy Heights. After the Clean-Up, meet at the park for refreshments sponsored by the **Litter Magic** Committee of Community Council and conversation with your neighbors.

For more information, visit the KHCC website (www.kennedyheights.org). Event sponsored by the Cincinnati Park Board with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's Great American Clean-Up Day and Council's Litter Magic.

Spread the word—we want to see you there!



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SUMMARY OF KHCC JANUARY 2013 MEETING MINUTES

KHCC Meeting

Tuesday January 15, 2013

7:30–8:30 PM

KHCC President Michelle Dillingham called the meeting to order and all attendees introduced themselves to the group.

Fire & Police Reports

A Fire Department officer shared statistics from 2012 and reminded residents to be careful of space heaters. He also told residents that there is a paramedic on every engine in the city. Police Officer Engelmann shared stats from December 15, 2012 through January 13, 2013. Thefts that involve large air conditioning units are increasing. He gave the number to call for inoperable vehicles on the street: 979-4465. Several residents inquired about removal of dead animals in their yards. The general number to call for city services is 591-6000. Officer Engelmann shared that the city funded “walking” program ended December 31.

Treasurer’s Report:

Sarah Stamper

Sarah shared a final report of all 2012 expenditures and a tentative budget for 2012. Clete Benken motioned to approve the draft of the budget. MOTION APPROVED.

VP for Administration Report:

Jim Zarnowiecki

Jim shared a report that outlined specific programs and events for the Kennedy Heights Community. He shared a tentative calendar of monthly events and current chairs for each committee. Committees include: Finance/Development, Communications, Events, and Health and Safety.

VP for Planning Report:

Clete Benken

Cultural Center: Bids are coming in for the Cultural Center project. Kennedy Heights Development Corporation hopes to select a contractor by the second week of February. There will be artists’ studios (through the KHAC), special



Residents listening intently as John Brazina from the Cincinnati Department of Transportation and Engineering explains the Red Bank Road bike lane installation options. Photo courtesy of Frank Henson of Queen City Bike.

collections from the Cincinnati Art Museum, and the Kennedy Heights Montessori Center. The Center recently received a large donation of \$100,000 and fundraising efforts will continue in earnest early in 2013. The Art Museum plans to move into the center in June and the Kennedy Heights Montessori Center will be in by August.

Former Schroder Property: Clete shared an update on the status of

the property and recognized the working group of Kate Kern, Vanessa Williams, Karen Thomas, Dave Snyder and Caitlin Siegel Hartzler for their contributions in creating the position statement that was approved by KHCC. The Schroder building has recently been sold at auction, and Council will remain involved in the communication process as plans develop. There are no other efforts by the working group planned for now.



A poster showing the goals of bike lane installation in the City of Cincinnati. Photo courtesy of Frank Henson of Queen City Bike.

Red Bank Road Bike Lanes

Representatives from the Cincinnati Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) shared three alternative options for bike lanes on Red Bank Road during an Open House meeting from 6:30–7:30 and also during a portion of the regular meeting. Residents from Kennedy Heights and representatives from Pleasant Ridge and Madisonville voiced their opinions regarding the proposed reduction or removal off on-street parking, rider safety, and the ability of the various options to serve the needs of less experienced cyclists, children and recreational riders. Representatives from Cincinnati Public Schools and Queen City Bikes shared plans for the expansion of the bike lanes and explained the advantages and disadvantages of the options. (Continued on p. 6)

CREATIVE WRITING, COMMUNITY, AND THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS ARTS CENTER



A student painting in one of the classes of 2012 artist-in-residence, Migiwa Orimo. Photo courtesy of the Kennedy Heights Arts Center.

Creative writer Wendy McVicker doesn't just write poetry—she does her best to “incite” it, as she says, whether in schools, libraries, or community centers like the Kennedy Heights Art Center. With *that* kind of attitude toward creative writing, it's no wonder the Art Center chose Ms. McVicker to be its 2013 artist-in-residence.

This year's residency, *Hear Your Dreams, See Your Voice*, is all about the written word, and beginning April 6, poet McVicker will spend several weeks spreading that word in the Kennedy Heights community with creative writing workshops and classes. Are you interested in

creative writing? Join a class, and bring a friend!

During her four-week residency, Wendy will meet two or three times a week with a core group of 10- to 14-year-olds to write and share poetry. Their youthful words will become the heart of the project, serving as guiding inspiration as additional groups meet weekly to write and suggest other methods for artistic interaction. “Our community residents' creative interests, whatever the medium, will be valuable to the project,” said KHAC Executive Director Ellen Muse-Lindeman.

Ms. McVicker, who is from Athens,

Ohio, is a creative writer with 25 years of experience in leading poetry workshops and residencies. Through both these and her writing, she strives to reveal the rich gift of language to participants of all ages and experience, and seeks “to honor memory and the slow, deep process of knowing,” as she has said.

She recently began performing with musician Emily Prince and in 2011, a group of University of Dayton typography students made posters of some of her poems that were displayed in the Dayton Metro Library and other southern Ohio venues. This year that project has moved to Ohio University and it will include other poets. Ms. McVicker is always seeking the discoveries that arise from this kind of collaborative exploration.

The residency will kick off with a performance by Ms. McVicker on **Saturday April 6 from 4:00–6:00 PM** at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center, 6546 Montgomery Road. A full schedule of residency classes is available at www.kennedyarts.org. Participants may register via the KHAC website or by calling the center at 513-631-4278. Participation is entirely **FREE**.

This project is supported by grants from the Ohio Arts Council and the John A. Schroth Family Charitable Trust, PNC Bank Trustee.

KHCC MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY *(continued from p. 5)*

[See the Red Bank Road bike lane article on page 1 for details from the Open House.]

Michelle Dillingham concluded the open house meeting by thanking attendees and noted no further action will be taken on the bike lanes at this time.

Communications Report: Christine Schumacher

Christine shared the continued efforts of the “New Neighbor” program as well as details about [the

volunteer open house] at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center on March 5 from 7:00–8:30. The purpose of this meeting is to inform residents about [upcoming] events and committees with which they can get involved and encourage them to do so. Goals are to increase awareness and involvement in community issues and events and also to increase communication with Pleasant Ridge residents.

Announcements

None except for the February 2013

KHCC meeting date and time.

The meeting was adjourned by Michelle Dillingham.

Note: Original minutes were taken by Secretary Jayne Dressing and are available on the KHCC website (www.kennedyheights.org).

ON MARCH 21: A UNIQUE “DISTRICT A COMMUNITY” CONVERSATION ON OUR FUTURE!

Bringing new arts to the community and new audiences to local arts is the *means* to our *end*. By growing our arts assets across Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge, *District A* has to build ongoing inter-neighborhood collaboration to achieve our mission...and that's happening now!

If you want to be part of this collaboration, then join your neighbors on **Thursday March 21** from **6–8 PM** at Beans & Grapes (6200 Montgomery Road) for a first-of-its-kind *District A Community Conversation* with KH & PR Community Councils and Development Corporations.

We will explore what **PLAN CINCINNATI**, the city's new strategic plan, could mean for all of us if we work together in pursuit of each neighborhood's best outcomes. The Board of *District A* and your Community Council and Development Corporation officers believe that **PLAN CINCINNATI** offers each neighborhood new opportunities that we can multiply with a shared strategy and agenda. We will also develop key ideas and begin to map a path that each Community Council and Development Corporation has a stake in accomplishing.

PLAN CINCINNATI is a comprehensive report available in full at www.plancincinnati.org. The sections of the plan that we will use for our *Community Conversation* are available on the *District A* website, www.district-a.org. Joining us will be Katherine Keough-Jurs from the City Planning Department.

Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge are among 39 neighborhoods that have designated “Neighborhood Business Districts” and among the 14 that also have “Urban Design Overlay Districts.” (These are good things.) With these foundations in place, we are poised to work with the City to achieve two vibrant “neighborhood centers” along Montgomery Road. **PLAN CINCINNATI** defines neighborhood centers as “the building blocks of our neighborhoods...the traditional, walkable cores of our communities that feature not only commercial uses but also contain much of our civic infrastructure and the amenities that we need to go about our daily lives.”

Questions? Call 513-557-3850 or email info@district-a.org.

—Maria Kreppel, *District A* Board Chair



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 3/13/13

District A hosts a city-wide discussion about the challenges and benefits of living in a diverse community.

Moderator: Dan Hurley

6:00–8:00 PM

Beans & Grapes

6200 Montgomery Road.

Free program and light supper; reservations requested for supper.

Contact Myra Calder at

myra.calder@homecincy.org

or 513-721-4663, ext. 2623.

Thursday 3/21/13

KH/PR Community Councils and Development Corporations co-host a *District A* community conversation on *Plan Cincinnati*.

6:00–8:00 PM

Beans & Grapes

6200 Montgomery Road.

Saturday 4/13/13

Presentation of Dr. Seuss'

Go Dog Go!

7:00–8:30 PM

Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church
5950 Montgomery Road.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BREAD OF LIFE CHURCH

March and April: Youth Night for ages 12-18 every 1st and 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

Friday March 22: Spring Concert presented by Bread of Life's worship team. Please visit our website at www.breadoflifecincy.org for more info.

Saturday March 30: Please join us from 5:00–7:00 PM as we walk the Jesus path at Bread of Life. The Jesus Path Event will be a series of experiential stations representing the days leading up to Jesus' Resurrection. Participants will walk through stations including Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Garden, the Tomb, Good Friday and Easter Morning or Resurrection Day morning.

Friday April 19: Please join us at Bread of Life for a costume party from 7:00–9:00 PM. This will be an opportunity for children (of all ages) to dress up in costumes, play games, and enjoy food and fun.

Saturday April 20: Please join the youth of Bread of Life Church as we explore the Bible Museum in Mansfield, OH. We will meet at Bread of Life Church at 6:30 AM, depart at 7:00 AM, and return to the church around 8:00 PM. The event will include 4 Bible Tours and dinner. Cost is \$33.00 for adults, \$29.50 for youth, and \$5.00 for children under 5 years of age.

Friday April 26 & Saturday April 27: Bread of Life Marriage Ministry (2 Become 1) is hosting The Art of Marriage. Friday: 7:00–9:00 PM; Saturday: 10:00 AM–3:00 PM.

Bread of Life Church is located at 5902 Robison Road. For more information about any of these events, please email Pastor Angelia White at pastorangelia@breadoflifecincy.org or by phone at 513-489-LIFE.



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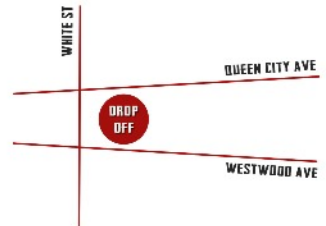
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 23
 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

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 UNWANTED SCRAP TIRES
 IN THE VACANT LOT
 AT THE CORNER OF WHITE ST
 AND QUEEN CITY AVE



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