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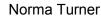
# **LANDSCAPING AWARDS 2015**

The Kennedy Heights Landscape Award Committee, led by Michele Dragga, had a tough job choosing five winners from a field of seventeen nominations, but in the end, the following residents were declared winners. Congratulations!





Paul Davis





Rob, Jackie, and Ivy Brumley



Kevin Holt

SAVE THE DATE!

Wed. 11/04/15 KH Youth Council • 6:00-7:00 PM • The Character Building, 3500 Lumford PI. Fri. 11/06/15 Wine and Canvas • 6:30 PM • KH Cultural Campus • Tickets \$35 in advance, \$40 at door • Must be 21+ KHCC Meeting • 7:30-8:30 PM; Community Dinner • 6:30-7:15pm • KH Presbyterian Church Tue. 11/17/15 KHDC Meeting • 6:30–8:30 • KH Presbyterian Church Tue. 11/24/15 \*No December KH Youth Council\* Winterfest • 6:00-9:00 PM • Kennedy Heights Arts Center • Celebrate the season! Fri. 12/04/15 Deadline for January/February 2016 newsletter submissions. Send information for events that start or occur Fri. 12/11/15 from January 1-February 29, 2016 to Danielle Linn (danielle@kennedyheights.org) \*No December Community Dinner or KH Community Council Meeting\*

\*No December KHDC Meeting\*

Enjoy the Holidays and we'll see you in the new year!

# **COMMUNITY DINNER**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17** NO DECEMBER MEETING 6:30-7:15 PM **KENNEDY HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 

Free-will donations accepted. KHCC meeting immediately follows at 7:30 PM. The Community Dinners are cosponsored by the KHCC and KHPC Hospitality Committee. All are welcome!

Sign up for the KHCC eNews and get alerts about upcoming neighborhood events and important announcements. To receive eNews messages, sign up on the KHCC website . (www.kennedyheights.org).

#### OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE **KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL!**

- COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER: Board elections are held in November.
- **BEAUTIFICATION:** Several opportunities for beautifying the neighborhood exist. Please contact Scott Liming at 513-410-0934 or **scott@kennedyheights.org** if you have an idea, a small amount of time, and/ or are ready to provide leadership in a beautification area.
- YOUTH COUNCIL (YC): Contact Sharifah Tafari at sharifah@kennedyheights.org for more information.
- CITIZENS ON PATROL: Please contact Valerie Kulhavik from Pleasant Ridge Citizens on Patrol at prcop@pleasantridge.org for more information.
- KH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Visit the KHDC website at www.kennedyheights.org/khdc for more information.

**Barbara Shells** 

# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR NEWS BY, FROM, AND FOR THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

### **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015**







Photos courtesy of Michele Dragga

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wed. 11/04/15

KH Youth Council • 6:00–7:00 The Character Building • 3500 Lumford

#### Fri. 11/06/15

Wine & Canvas supporting Communities United for Action • 6:30 • KH Cultural Campus • 6620 Montgomery Rd. • Tickets \$35 in advance. \$40 at door • Must be 21+ • visit www.cufacincy.org/wineandcanvas

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Tue. 11/24/15 KHDC Meeting • 6:30-8:30PM • KH Presbyterian Church

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ello my fellow Kennedy Heights neighbors! Fall is finally upon us. The leaves are starting to change color, making for a beautiful backdrop for our wonderful neighborhood. We've had a wonderful year full of great activities like our SAP Run, the All-Star Neighborhood Celebration, Play in the Park at Kennedy Park, our annual Progressive Dinner, Juneteenth!, Raise the Heights, the Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge Arts and Music Festival and our upcoming Winterfest. Thank you all for making this such a great year. Next year will be terrific, but we can't do it without the support of our great neighbors and volunteers. We are always looking for great leaders to step up and help make a difference

in Kennedy Heights. During our November council meeting, we will be holding our annual Community Council board elections. There are many great opportunities for you to step up and volunteer. If you, or someone you know is passionate about this great neighborhood, please consider nominating yourself or someone you know for one of the positions. For more information about these opportunities, please feel free to contact me directly at dan@kennedyheights.org or

simply attend our next council meeting. Have a great holiday season!

–Dan Kasprowicz **KHCC** President daniel@kennedyheights.org

# **CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT CODE PROPOSAL**

A proposed New Land Development Code for Montgomery Rd. Business District will be discussed at the November 17 Community Council Meeting.

Last year, a staff planner of the Department of City Planning (formerly Department of Planning and Buildings) spoke at the May Council meeting regarding an update on the progress of the Cincinnati Land Development Code informing and requesting input in the proposed new Land Development Code.

At this November Council meeting, James Weaver, city planner, will discuss and explain the proposed third draft of the Development Code Proposal and request input from the community. This will primarily affect the Montgomery Road business district.

A copy of the Second Draft Proposal and Mixed-Use District comparisons Draft Proposal are on the Kennedy Heights website, www.kennedyheights.org. For further questions, please contact Daniel Kasprowicz, Council President, daniel@kennedyheights.org, or Christine Schumacher, VP for Community Planning, christine@kennedyheights.org.

# LAST CHANCE TO BECOME A FRIEND OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS IN 2015!

We ask that YOU join the Kennedy Heights Friend list. Any amount is welcome and all donations are taxdeductible. Instructions on how to become a "Friend" are below. Please also join us in thanking the following "Friends" who have made a financial contribution to Kennedy Heights. Your gift makes our activities possible!

Friends of Kennedy Heights (from August through September 2015):

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Verna William

**Correction:** The correct entries in our last issue are Ardell and Jody Barkley and Jolene and James Lay. We apologize for the error. We regret if we have inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name. Please let us know! Email us at danielle@kennedyheights.org

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If you have questions or need more information,

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#### November 2015

**Tues. 11/3:** Family Literacy Night: Fun with Letters for Parents & Children! 6:30 PM. Help children learn the ABC's using a variety of letters and fun activities! Stories, songs, puppets and play with different textures and letters! Snacks. Registration requested. Recommended for Ages 3-6 with parents and caregivers.

Wed. 11/4: Come join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Library Babies! Fun stories, songs, action rhymes, musical, scarf and puppet play for little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: 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. Wed. 11/4: Connect Ohio Computers for Beginners, Part 1. 4:00 PM. Learn the fundamental skills that every computer user needs to know. No computer experience required. Pre-registration is required. Call 369-4488 for more information or to register. Adults. Thurs. 11/5: Teen Random Club! 4 PM Something new every month. Have a snack and hang out at the library. Teens. Tues. 11/10: Art for Kids! 4 PM Make a mosaic turkey handprint. Ages 4-12. Wed. 11/11: Come join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Toddler Time! Fun stories, songs, action rhymes, musical and scarf play for little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3-6.

Wed. 11/11: Connect Ohio Computers for Beginners Part 2. 4:00 PM. Learn how to open files and programs, how to copy and paste data, information about file sizes & file types, and more. Basic computer skills (using a mouse and keyboard) are required before taking this class. Pre-registration is required. Call 369-4488 for more information or to register. Adults.

**Thurs. 11/12:** Cool Science! 4:00 PM. Experiment TBA. Call the branch for information, 369-4488. Advanced registration requested. Ages 4–12.

**Mon. 11/16:** Teen Chef. 4:00 PM. Play with your food and eat it too! Make a food related craft or creation. Teens.

**Mon. 11/16:** Get Crafty. 6:00 PM. Seasonal craft TBA. Pre-registration is required to ensure that we have enough materials for everyone. Call 369-4488 or sign up at the branch. Adults, Teens.

Tues. 11/17: Family Literacy Night: Fun with

Words for Parents & Children! 6:30 PM. Help children learn words by introducing the concept of shapes! Visit different stations with shapes, rhymes, actions, and musical fun! Use wordless books to help with children develop narrative skills, and decorate a word jar to take home! Snacks. Registration requested. Recommended for Ages 3-6 with parents & caregivers.

**Wed. 11/18:** Come join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Library Babies! Ages 0–18 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3 –6.

Wed., 11/18: Connect Ohio Internet for Beginners, Part 1. 4:00 PM. Topics covered include browser basics, search engines, website navigation, and online safety. Basic knowledge of the mouse and keyboard are required before taking this class. Pre-registration is required. Call 369-4488 for more information or to register. Adults. Thurs. 11/19: Pleasant Ridge Book Club. 2:00 PM. Discuss <u>Signature of All Things</u> by Elizabeth Gilbert.

Thurs. 11/19: Word Processing Basics. 6:00 PM. Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2010. Pre-registration is required. Call 369-4488 for more information or to register. Adults. Fri. 11/20: Let's Go Lego & Other Building

Bricks! 4:00 PM. Join our new Lego Club and build with Legos, Duplos, and other building blocks and connectors on the third Friday of every month! Ages 3–12.

**Sat. 11/21:** Family Thanksgiving Craft. 2:00 PM Give thanks and make a decoration for the holiday! All Ages, Families.

**Tues. 11/24:** Family Storytime: Thanksgiving stories, craft & snacks! 6:30 PM. All ages welcome. Registration required.

**Wed. 11/25:** Come join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Toddler Time! Fun stories, songs, action rhymes, musical and scarf play for little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3–6.

Wed. 11/25: Connect Ohio Internet for Beginners Part 2. 4:00 PM. Topics covered include creating secure usernames & passwords, filling out online forms, uploading and downloading files, and more. Basic knowledge of the mouse, keyboard, and using the Internet are required before taking this class. Pre-registration is required. Call 369-4488 for more information or to register. Adults. Thurs. 11/26: ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY!

#### December 2015

**Tues. 12/1:** Family Literacy Night: Fun with Math & Science For Parents and Children! 6:30 PM. Help children learn about math and science in fun ways! We will be measuring how long things are and how tall they are. Look at different animal pictures, count cheerios and do simple science experiments at different stations! Snacks. Registration requested Recommended for Ages 3-6 with parents and caregivers.

Wed. 12/2: Come join us for our story times! 10:00 AM: Library Babies! Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3–6. Thurs. 12/3: Teen Random Club! 4 PM. Something new every month. Have a snack and hang out at the library. Teens. Tues. 12/8: Art for Kids! 4 PM. Sculpt a Play

Do decoration for Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa! Ages 4-12. **Wed. 12/9:** Come join us for our story times!

10:00 AM: Toddler Time! Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3–6. **Thurs. 12/10:** Cool Science! 4:00 PM. Experiment TBA. Call the branch for information, 369-4488. Advanced registration requested. Ages 4–12.

Sat. 12/12: Holiday Card Making and Cookie Decorating! 2:00 PM. Families. All Ages. Wed. 12/16: Come join us for our story times! 10:00 AM: Library Babies! Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time. Ages 3–6 Fri. 12/18: Let's Go Lego & Other Building Bricks! 4:00 PM. Join our new Lego Club and build with Legos, Duplos, and other building blocks and connectors on the third Friday of every month! Ages 3–12.

Sat. 12/19: Last Minute Gift Crafts! 2:00 PM. Need a last minute holiday gift? Come make something beautiful. All Ages, Families. Mon. 12/21: Make It Take It. 4:00 PM. Get creative! Make a craft and take it home with you. Snacks provided. Teens

**Mon. 12/21:** Get Crafty. 6:00 PM. Seasonal craft TBA. Pre-registration is required to ensure that we have enough materials for everyone. Call 369-4488 or sign up at the branch. Adults, Teens.

**Tues. 12/22:** Holiday Movie and Snack. 3:00 PM. All Ages, Families.

Wed. 12/23: Come join us for our story times! 10:00 AM: Toddler Time! Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3–6. Thurs. 12/24 and Fri. 12/25: ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY! Mon. 12/28: Winter Puzzle Land! 2:00 PM. Join us as we put together a winter puzzle! All Ages. Families.

**Tues. 12/29:** Family Storytime: Kwanzaa and New Year's! 6:30 PM. Hear some stories about Kwanzaa and New Year's, then make a craft. Snacks. All ages Welcome! Registration required.

Wed. 12/30: Come join us for our story times! 10:00 AM: Library Babies! Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3–6. Thurs. 12/31: ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS CLOSE AT 6:00 PM FOR THE HOLIDAY!

## WINTER COLLECTIVE EXHITIBITION: IMAGINE 2015

#### November 21, 2015 — January 2, 2016 Opening Reception — Saturday, November 21, 6–8pm Artist Talk — Saturday, December 12, 1–3pm

**embers** of the Kennedy Heights Arts Center's Artist Collective are proud to present this winter's exciting exhibition, **IMAGINE 2015.** This show features creative, new, and previously unseen work by Collective members at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. See how the work by these artists is changing and growing! Get your holiday shopping done early by browsing the annual Holiday Boutique with local artist made goods, and our "Off the Walls!" section of the exhibit, with all works priced at \$50, half of which goes directly to KHAC. Viewers are highly encouraged to attend the Opening Reception as these small works may go home with the buyer the minute they are purchased and they do go fast! Opening Reception is Saturday November 21, 6-8 pm, light refreshments will be served.

# **TELLING THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS STORY #4**

#### Lewis Kennedy (Part 3)

The 1880's was a decade of successes, financial losses, the wedding of their only child, Willis, and the death of the Kennedy's only grandchild. A review of that decade will be provided in four editions of this newsletter. The review will include business activities, family tragedy, social and community activities, and residences.

#### Business Activities

In the 1880s, Mr. Kennedy was the owner of Lewis Kennedy and Company at 36 Vine Street, a "commission merchant" that specialized in butter, eggs, flour, dried fruits, grain, seeds, and whiskey. During that decade, he was appointed as a member of a Chamber of Commerce committee that dealt with "quotations for record of prices" for butter, and was later appointed to a grain inspection committee. In 1881 he was one of the guests for the grand opening of four grain elevators at the Plum Street station.

In 1883 he was elected as Vice-President of the Pleasant Ridge Building and Loan Company, where he served until at least 1886. In April 1887, "a new association [had] been formed out at Kennedy Heights. It will be known as the Kennedy Heights Building and Loan Company. Mr. Lewis Kennedy will, of course, be President." In 1888 the *Enquirer* reported that the KHBLC "had a good meeting" and "several shares were taken." In January 1887, Mr. Kennedy was reported to be one of the incorporators of the Cincinnati, Norwood and Pleasant Ridge Railway Company, with capital of \$100,000. There were four additional incorporators.

Mr. Kennedy was also a real estate agent. As early as September 1881, he sold some property for \$6,000. He sold bought and sold properties in 1882 and 1883, and in the latter year he gave a parcel of land to his son Willis, and his wife Ida. In 1885, he sold two lots from his Lewis Kennedy subdivision. In 1885 the Union Life Insurance Company of Maine transferred to Mr. Kennedy "about ninety acres in section 24 of Columbia Township." In 1887, he sold property on the eastside of Highland (probably today's Hedge); and later lots 21-25 (near Kennedy and Aikenside) for \$7,700. The year 1887 included several lawsuits and significant financial losses.

To be continued. -Ernie Barbeau

# **KH ARTS CENTER**

#### WINTER CAMPS AT KENNEDY HEIGHTS ARTS CENTER

It's almost time to register your kids for our Art Winter Camps! Join in the fun by participating in one of five diverse day-long camps for kids ages 5–12. Each camp runs from 9:30 am to 2:30pm daily (dates are 12/21, 12/22, 12/28, 12/29, and 12/30). Extended care is available for all camps from 8:30-9:30am and 2:30-5:30pm for a fee of \$10 per day. Sliding scale fees available for those in financial need. Visit our website at www.kennedyarts.org or call 513-631-4278 to learn more. Camp descriptions and registration will be announced in early November 2015.

# **ELDER SERIES**

Lydia Morgan, organizer of Juneteenth, was presented at the August Kennedy Heights Community Council meeting and Bob Herring, recently retired Nativity School principal, was the subject of the September meeting. Both interviews are present on the Kennedy Heights website along with all other elder interviews.

http://www.kennedyheights.org/

# **CELEBRATING OUR KENNEDY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORS**

# DISTRICT A'S KENNEDY HEIGHTS+PLEASANT RIDGE ARTS+MUSIC FESTIVAL!

Thank you, Kennedy Heights, for hosting the 8th annual Kennedy Heights + Pleasant Ridge Arts + Music **Festival**, sponsored by **District A**, at your newest neighborhood treasure, the amazing Kennedy Heights Cultural Campus! Whether you missed the party or you were there all day, we hope you'll enjoy these photos and join **District A** in thanking each of the musical, visual, and culinary artists who helped to make it happen. See you on next year on October 8, 2016!





Photo courtesy of George Kalomeres

Photo courtesy of John Goodwin

# **RAISE THE HEIGHTS! GRAND OPENING OF THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS** CULTURAL CAMPUS

What a wonderful way to end the summer by celebrating the opening of a new cornerstone of our Kennedy Heights community! It was wonderful to see so many talented neighbors sharing their art with us all.





Photo courtesy of Amy Goodwin

Photos courtesy of John Goodwin





# THE CARING PLACE

# THE CLOTHING ROOM AT THE CARING PLACE

e think of Thanksgiving as a time to be with family and have a delicious traditional family meal. For clients of The Caring Place, holidays mean added stress trying to have the special meal and fulfill family expectations.

Be an invisible angel for these families in need by filling one or more of the 400 bags requested this year. \$25 will buy five chickens, or fill a bag.

An additional gift would be giving your time to help distribute the bags or deliver them to those without transportation. Families will come on Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 until noon. Just call 513–841–1499 with your offer to help. Your Thanksgiving day with family will be more rewarding knowing that you have made a Thanksgiving meal possible for people who depend on the generosity of strangers.

The Caring Place is very grateful to those who have responded to needs expressed in each issue of our community newsletter. Stop by the lower level of the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church between 9 and 2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays to visit or make a donation, or call 513–841–1499.

# CINCINNATI ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

#### **CABVI** Aims to Help More African Americans **Keep Their Independence**

oing through life with limited vision can be ve challenging. The Cincinnati Association for t Blind and Visually Impaired is ready to help with those challenges, bringing independence back into one's life. CABVI is the only private, not-for-pro organization in our community that provides services to help improve the quality of life and independence for tho with vision loss. Those services include, but are not limit to: rehabilitation, providing employment, and access to technology. Their certified instructors work with young children all the way to elderly adults and are committed helping them find a comfortable, independent lifestyle the works.

The African American community is more prone to vision loss due to our high rates of diseases like diabetes, cataracts, and sickle cell anemia when left untreated. Macular degeneration and glaucoma are other eye conditions that are commonly found in seniors and can lead to blindness. In 2012, the National Federation of the Blind reported that African Americans make up 2.9% (1,117,000) of the vision loss community, holding the second leading spot for ethnicities.

CABVI encourages people who are experiencing sight loss to seek help through one of their many services. Regular



ery he	eye exams are important and can help with early detection of the mentioned diseases plus heart disease and strokes. Services are based on ability to pay, and other funding is available.
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