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NEWS BY, FROM, AND FOR THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri. 12/02/16
Winterfest • Family Fun •
6:30-8:30 • KH Arts
Center • Adults Only •
8:30-11:00 • KHAC
Lindner Annex

Sat. 12/10/16
Imagine 2016 Artist Talk •
1-3pm • KHAC Lindner
Annex

Fri. 12/16/16
**Deadline for January/
February 2017
newsletter submissions.**
Send information for
events that start or occur
from January 1–February
28 to Danielle Linn at :
danielle@kennedyheights.org

*The Kennedy Heights
Community Council,
Youth Council, and
Development Council will
not meet in December.
All will reconvene in
January 2017.*

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

*We wish you a joyous
holiday season and a
happy new year!*



In the spirit of the season, a neighborhood celebration is here to light up your holidays! The communities of Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge will be hosting the 12th annual Winterfest on Friday, December 2nd.

Winterfest is packed with fun, festive and FREE activities for all ages. Come for part or all of the celebration.

The festivities begin at **Pleasant Ridge Community Center**, 5915 Ridge Ave. From 6:30 to 8:00 pm, families will enjoy carnival games, a bounce house, crafts, refreshments, entertainment and visits with jolly-old Santa Claus!

Then head down the street to the **Kennedy Heights Arts Center** for more celebrating from 6:30 to 11 pm.

6:30 – 8:30pm: In the galleries at 6546 Montgomery Rd. (the Kennedy Mansion), enjoy performances by local musicians, ornament-making, holiday shopping, cookie decorating and wine, hot chocolate and lite bites.

8:30 – 11pm: Come to the Winterfest Bash, an adults-only party in KHAC's Lindner Annex event center at 6620 Montgomery Rd. Enjoy music, beer and wine - plus a special Winterfest Cocktail by The Overlook Lodge. You don't want to miss it!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Kennedy Heights own community garden, The Giving Garden, located at 6524 Tyne Avenue, is looking for volunteers. We are affiliated with the Civic Garden Center community garden program and by volunteering in OUR garden, you can earn free or discounted classes at the Civic Garden Center.

Duties include: watering, weeding, dead-heading, planting, harvesting, composting, soil amending, and preparation of beds for the next growing season. You can also adopt a bed for a nominal fee and/or help in the community beds throughout the garden. Please contact Theresa Cohen at tcohen40@gmail.com or 513-372-0933 for further information. We will plan a meeting once volunteers have contacted me.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The new year is just around the corner and we are already planning ahead to work on improving this great neighborhood we call home. I recently attended Mayor Cranley's State of the City address and I am happy to share that the city is working on some great initiatives to help improve our neighborhoods. One of which is a housing court, which will help focus on curbing blight throughout the city which is caused by careless landlords which leave properties to dismay.

Another big effort we are focusing on next year is to start work on updating our community plan. What should our housing, zoning, business, safety, parks, lighting, traffic needs, etc., look like in the Future? The last time the community plan was revised was back in 2003.

Have a safe and joyful holiday season!

-Dan Kasproicz KHCC President dan@kennedyheights.org

CINCINNATI NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT PROGRAM

Each year the City of Cincinnati allocates funds to neighborhoods through the Department of Community and Economic Development. We applied for, and received, the maximum amount available: \$6,800. The bulk of these funds help us publish our bimonthly newsletter which is mailed to every household - over 2500 - in Kennedy Heights. We are one of the few neighborhoods that publish a newsletter and we hope you find it informative. Knowing each other helps us care for each other.

The police report given our monthly Community Council meetings continually shows Kennedy Heights as a safe, low crime community and we want to keep it that way. Remember, you can call 765-1212 if you see suspicious activity such as drug dealing and our neighborhood officers will investigate immediately. Always call 911 if you see a crime in progress. If you block wants to have a Block Watch, our neighborhood police officer will gladly help you start one. The Neighborhood Support funds are also used to pay for the insurance required for our community council. The rest of the funds provide some of the support we give to Play in the Park, Juneteenth and District A. This is your tax dollars coming back to our neighborhood!

FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS

Thanks to each and all who gave generously when Bob Kamp came knocking or responded to our newsletter appeal given during June and July. If we have inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name, please notify us.

Friends of Kennedy Heights (from June and July 2016):

- Clemmie Armstrong, A.E. & Barbara Ballard, Lilian Bosworth, Costella Britton, JA & EE Brooks, Robert Brumley, Ann Burlew, Robert & Gail Caldwell, Musa Campbell, Delores Crawford, Cindy Curey, Michelle Dillingham, Timothy Drew, Ann Fledderman, Amy Gingrich, Dick & Mary Winn Godar, William & Anne Hamilton, Harry Ewer & Sons, Inc., Julia Johnson, Marian Korte, Rita Lee, Diane Lewis, Arthur & Ella-Louise Manigan, Lee & Yelandra May, Beatrice Melvin, Richard & Sally Moore, Arnold & Sharon Mungin, Bill & Marlene Muse, Richard & Elizabeth Norton, Barbara Shells, Kenneth & Carolyn Thompson, Michael & Jane Thompson, Earsie Vinson, Russell Williams, Lillie Willis

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. Name: Address: City/State/ZIP: Email:
\$15.00 \$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 Other amount: \$
Include my name (only) in the newsletter as a Friend of the Community: Yes No

Please mail this completed form and payment to: P.O. Box 36318, Cincinnati, OH 45236. Other one-time or recurring payment options—including credit card payments—are available at www.kennedyheights.org using PayPal. Kennedy Heights Community Council is a 501-C not-for-profit organization.

Nextdoor is the new social network that helps you to connect with your neighbors in Kennedy Heights for just about any reason! Choose the boundaries that you want, include other neighborhoods in "your" network, and invite other neighbors to join. The Nextdoor website offers privacy and safety features, address verification, secure encryption using the HTTPS Internet protocol, and mobile access via an iPhone and Android app. Information that you share will never show up in search engines and Nextdoor never shares your personal information with third-party advertisers.

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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.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

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. 12/20.**

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. 12/05.**

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. 12/08.**

Family Fun! Families. **2:00 PM, Sat. 11/19 - Superhero Party, Sat. 12/17 - Gingerbread House.**

Family Storytime! Join us for fun seasonal stories and activities to help your child build early literacy skills. Snacks. Families. **6:30 PM, Tues. 12/27 .**

Decorate Fleece Scarves!

Make a cozy gift for yourself or someone else to help stay warm this winter. Supplies provided. Children, Teens, Adults. **2 PM, Thurs. 12/22.**

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. 12/19.**

Holiday Giftmaking! Make something special or fill a last minute gift need. Supplies provided. All Ages. **2:00 PM, Sat. 12/10.**

Holiday Movie! Take a break from the holiday hustle and bustle with a movie for all ages. Families, Children, Teens. **2:00 PM, Thurs., 12/29.**

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. 12/16.**

Make It Take It. Get creative! Make a craft and take it home with you. Snacks provided. Teens. **4:00 PM, Mon. 12/19.**

Pokemon Bingo! Kids 2:00 PM, Fri. 12/30.

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. 12/07, 12/21.**

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. 12/14, 12/28.**

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. 12/07, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28.**

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., 12/12.**

Tales to Tails with Ms. Susan and Holly! Build your young reader's self-esteem and reading skills by letting him/her read aloud to a certified therapy dog. Ages 5-12, **4:00 PM, Tues. 12/06, Thurs. 12/15.**

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN — MEET MAC

You've driven past Woodford Rd. and Kennedy Ave. many times, but have you ever stopped in Milton McPherson's Auto Service to meet the proprietor, affectionately known as Mac?

After 22 years in the Air Force, Mac was approached by the previous owner of the filling station-turned-into- auto- repair-shop, to see if he would take it over. Mac tried it, liked it and has been there 21 years doing general auto repair.

However, fixing cars isn't all Mac does. He's a mentor and father figure to teens in the neighborhood. Girls and boys will stop by to fix their bikes, or when Mac sees them hanging out on the streets, he calls them in. He's set several on the right track to becoming an auto mechanic. Three now own their own shops, two are working in big shops, and one works at an auto supply store. Today, they'll stop by for advice or just to thank their former mentor.

If you stop in for a visit, you'll see photos on all four walls of Mac's office. The collection started with a picture of his mother and grew from there. Prominently displayed is Mac's Covenant which

reads in part: "You are placed here to serve my people. There will be those that try to take advantage of your generosity and there will be those that will try to stop you from doing my work. Times may get hard, but hang in there for I know all of them..."

Mac, a resident of Kirkup Ave., plans to keep on going as long as his body holds up, hoping one of his sons will take over for him. He services cars of all makes and models and customers come from all over the city, many who were former Kennedy Heights' residents. His leased space is modest from the outside, but full of vitality on the inside. Stop by and say hello! He's open 8:30 - 5:30 Monday through Friday.



QUALITY THEATRICAL PLAYERS: A COMPANY WITH HEART AND SOUL

The Quality Theatrical Players, a non profit tax exempt organization, in partnership with Renaissance Entertainment Experience proudly announce the world premiere of the stage presentation of the original one act Christmas play, **Santa Goes Straight To The Hood** by Willie James Jones. It will be presented at the Kennedy Heights Art Center's Annex Center, located at 6620 Montgomery Rd. at Kennedy Avenue on Saturday, December 10th at 4:00 P.M. for tickets contact Everybody's Records at 513-531-4500. You may also order your discounted \$10 tickets on line at www.renaissanceentertainmentexp.com.

Santa Goes Straight to The Hood is a Christmas story about certain troubling times we live in and a little blind girl named Swanna, a casualty of it, who attempts to remind her family and friends about the true reason for the season. Through developing details, Swanna unexpectedly extends an unusual request to Santa.

This presentation is in the format of reader's theatre combined with illustrations. It is considered an experimental departure from other live stage and film productions of the producing company, Quality Theatrical Players.

Santa Goes Straight To The Hood is written by author, **Willie James Jones**. He is also author of the nationally published musical play, **The Last Encore**, staged recently at Cincinnati's Aronoff Center For the Performing Arts. He is also author of **By the Time I'm Twenty**, which is a produced award winning film. He has written and television produced many stories, and as an educator staged several plays in his drama director position. Recently, Mr. Jones composed the words and music for the movie he wrote and executive produced entitled, *Out Of Sight...Out Of Mind* (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack).

Visit: www.renaissanceentertainmentexp.com

THE CARING PLACE—ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS...

All I Want for Christmas Is...

Children are making their lists and checking them twice because Santa Claus will be coming to town soon. But for some children their lists include what most of us take for granted. Here are items on the wish lists of clients' who come to The Caring Place.

- A bed (all sizes from infant to adult)
 - Bed linens
 - Dresser
 - Towels and wash cloths (soap included would be a plus!)
 - An electric scooter for a disabled person
- If you have any of these items to donate, call The Caring Place to arrange for pick up.

The Caring Place's wish list includes:

- Underwear for men and boys, girls and women
 - Socks all sizes
 - Belts and suspenders, especially larger sizes
 - Personal items including sanitary napkins, shampoo, deodorant
 - All cleaning supplies including dish soap, laundry detergent, multipurpose cleaners
- Toilet paper – **always** a need

Your donation can make Christmas a less stressful time for some of our neighbors. Some clients participate in the SNAP program (formerly called food stamps), but the amount doesn't meet a month's needs and many non-food items can't be purchased. Director Sharifa Tafari says, "Thank you for supporting our ministry to help our neighbors in need."

The Caring Place serves the neighborhoods of Kennedy Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Silverton and Golf Manor and is located at 6312 Kennedy Ave in the lower level of the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church.

Your donations are tax deductible. TCP is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 2PM. For more information please call [\(513\) 841-1499](tel:5138411499).



IMAGINE 2016

Winter Collective Exhibition: IMAGINE 2016!

Nov. 21, 2015 - Jan. 2, 2016

Opening Reception – Saturday, November 19, 6-8 pm

Artist Talk – Saturday, December 10, 1-3pm

Members of the Kennedy Heights Arts Center's Artist Collective are proud to present this winter's exciting exhibition, **IMAGINE 2016**. 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 19, 6-8 pm, light refreshments will be served.

ELDER SERIES - INTERVIEWS WITH NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS

As we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our Community Council in June, 2013, I began to interview residents who were active in the community and who contributed to making it the stable, integrated and welcoming community that it is. Looking through the archives, it was apparent that the quality of care and dedication to involvement in the affairs of the community, was striking. These stories of the gains and the struggles to make Kennedy Heights what it is today, needed to be told.

Polly and Phil Reading were involved in creating a welcoming place for new residents after the white flight began. Polly, as a member of the housing committee, accompanied realtors as they showed houses to prospective new homeowners. Phil wrote the *New Republic* ad that encouraged people to come to Kennedy Heights if they were interested in diversity.

Shirley and Bob Johnson helped create the Ken-Sil athletic program so that youth, both black and white, could play sports.

Cecelia and Duane Holm were active in numerous causes, notably addressing school issues, including building the KH Montessori program.

Lois Conyers began her connection to the neighborhood by helping residents know how to address issues of redlining and helping people organize effectively to create a stable neighborhood.

D.D. and Bob Starr actively promoted forming the Community Council.

Ronald Tilford told of his grandfather's legacy in building homes in the neighborhood and his involvement in the city of Cincinnati.

Frank Payne was a jazz musician in the city, working many venues even as he held a full time job in the Federal Court of Appeals for the sixth Circuit.

Mimi Gingold canvassed the neighborhood finding areas that needed new trees planted and needed improvements in the buildings. She involved a network of people to create a safer, beautiful community.

Lydia Morgan began the Juneteenth celebration in Cincinnati. In 2016, it celebrated 29 years. Her care and feeding, literally and figuratively, of the community continues today.

Fran and Mike Harmon spoke of the efforts to keep Robison Park, now Kennedy Park, a community space and of the network of citizens that came together to stop thefts in the neighborhood.

All are available on our website including pictures of some of the individuals. The Pleasant Ridge Library will soon have the stories on the reference shelf making them available to those unable to access a computer. My thanks to the KHCC Board for their support, and to the interviewees for willingly taking the time to tell of their involvement.

Christine Schumacher
resident of Kennedy Heights for 41 years

WINTER CAMPS AT THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS ARTS CENTER

It's time to register your kids for our Art Winter Camps! Join in the fun by participating in one of diverse day-long camps for kids ages 5 – 12. Each camp runs from 9:30am to 2:30pm daily (dates are 12/19, 12/21, 12/22, 12/27, 12/28, and 12/29). After-Care is available for all camps from 2:30 - 5:30pm for a fee of \$10 per day/per child. 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 November 1st, 2016.

KH MONTESSORI

We are currently accepting resumes for a full time kindergarten lunch assistant-toddler teacher who meets the high expectations we have of our teachers and staff here at KHMC. A CDA and Associates Degree in Early Childhood are preferred. Please email your resume

to khmontessori@gmail.com

