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MAY/JUNE 2017

KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GARDEN AT WOODFORD PAIDEIA ACADEMY

Happy Spring Everyone! It's time to gear up for gardening this season. Our community garden has twelve raised beds. Two beds are dedicated to the students at Woodford Paideia Academy. Last season a three-bay compost bin was built thanks to the efforts of Elizabeth McElroy, one of our green thumb teachers, who heads up the Garden Club at Woodford Paideia Academy. The compost bin is fed by a combination of food waste ("greens") from the school cafeteria and leaves from the neighborhood ("browns"). We're working on building a shed, installing a rain barrel and adding fencing this season. Are you interested in renting a raised bed for only \$25 for the whole season? Composting? Weeding and watering the garden? Contact Sharifah, community garden coordinator, at sharifah@kennedyheights.org or (513) 225-2355. See you in the garden!



PICTURES FROM A SUCCESSFUL SAP RUN!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. 05/03/17
 KH Teen Council • 4–5pm • Shroder Paideia, Cafeteria • 5030 Duck Creek Rd.

TUE. 05/16/17
 KHCC Meeting • 7:30–8:30 PM • Community Dinner • 6:30–7:15pm • KH Presbyterian Church

Tue. 05/23/17
 KHDC Meeting • 6:30–8:30 pm • KH Presbyterian Church

Wed. 06/07/17
 KH Teen Council • 4–5pm • Shroder Paideia, Cafeteria • 5030 Duck Creek Rd.

Fri. 06/16/17
Deadline for July/August 2017 newsletter submissions.
 Send information for events that start or occur from July 1–August 31 to Danielle Linn: danielle@kennedyheights.org

TUE. 06/20/17
 KHCC Meeting • 7:30–8:30 PM • Community Dinner • 6:30–7:15pm • KH Presbyterian Church

Tue. 06/27/17
 KHDC Meeting • 6:30–8:30 pm • KH Presbyterian Church

2017 LANDSCAPE AWARDS NOMINATIONS

It's time to submit your nominations for the 2017 Kennedy Heights Landscape Awards! Kennedy Heights is full of beautiful landscapes, but if you notice any that are particularly striking, why not nominate them for an award? You may also nominate yourself. If you don't know the name of the homeowner, submit just the address. Judging will take place in late July/early August. Any landscapes that were winners within the last three years or that are in the Kennedy Heights Landscape Hall of Fame are not eligible.

Submit all nominations to:

Michele Dragga

Michele@kennedyheights.org or 513-984-6867
 (please note: Michele is spelled with only one "l.")

Deadline for nominations:

July 8, 2017

PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY

Please note that some events/classes 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 events or classes, please contact the branch. Please check the branch calendar for possible additions to the schedule.

**ALL LIBRARIES WILL BE CLOSED
MAY 29 FOR MEMORIAL DAY!**

**PR Branch is now serving healthy
afternoon snacks for children up to age
18. Children must be working with our
Homework Help aide or reading to be
eligible for a snack. Snacks are served
from 3:30 to 4:00 and 4:30 to 5:00.
Until May 25th.**

**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.
Until May 11th.**

**Animals Alive from Hamilton County
Great Parks Naturalist.** Discover what
kinds of animals may live in your backyard
and meet and learn about a few close up!
Children, Families. **2:00 PM, Tues, 6/20**

Art for Kids! Learn about an artist and
make a different project every month.
Ages 4-12. **4:00 PM, Tues. 5/16, 6/20**

**Bad Kitty Happy Birthday
Celebration!** Celebrate Bad Kitty's
birthday with fun activities, treats, and by
meeting Bad Kitty (costumed character)
for Children's Book Week! Children,
Families. **4:00 PM, Tues., 5/02**

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. 5/01, 6/05**

Cool Science! Make a different science
project every month in this book-based
program. Advanced registration
requested. Ages 5-12. **4:00 PM, Thurs.
5/11, 6/13**

**Curious Garden by Hamilton County
Soil & Water Conservation District.**
Follow a boy named Liam as he
changes a gray city to a lush garden
world, showing how humans impact the
environment. After, children will have the
opportunity to plant the seed that could
start their own garden! Recommended for
Ages 5-12. **2 p.m. Tues., 6/27**

Family Literacy Fun: Shapes! Stories
and activities to help your child learn
shapes, an important early literacy skill.
Snacks. Families. **2:00 PM, Sat., 6/17**

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. 5/20,
6/17**

Get Crafty. Make a different craft each
month. May's craft is a watercolor tile and
June's craft is a crystal candle holder. Pre-
registration is required to ensure enough
materials. Call 369-4488 or sign up at the
branch. Adults, Teens. **6:00 PM, Mon.
5/22, 6/19**

**The History of Spring Grove
Cemetery.** Join Linda, a docent at Spring
Grove Cemetery, to learn about the
history of the cemetery and its
Presidential connections! Adults. **6:00 PM,
Mon., 6/26**

**How Litter Hurts Animals by Keep
America Beautiful.** An exciting program
that demonstrates the harmful effects of
litter on animals and the environment.
Kids 5 - 12 years. **2:00 PM. Tues., 6/13**

Kid's Book Club. We'll be discussing
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by
Grace Lin on 5/01, and Pax by Sara
Pennypacker on 6/05, making a craft, and
voting on future books to read and
discuss. Snacks provided. Recommended
for Ages 9 - 12. **3:00 PM, Mon. 5/01, 6/05**

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. 5/26, 6/23

Make It, Take It Craft! Get creative! Make
a craft and take it home with you. Snacks
provided. Teens. **4:00 PM, Mon., 5/15**

Maker Monday. Teens. **4:00 PM, Mon.,
5/08, 6/12**

**Mini Brain Camp: Coding with Ozobots
(session 1).** Learn the basics of coding
with Ozobot, a tiny robot you can
command through simple codes! For
children entering Grades 1-5. Registration
is required. Please only register for **1**
session. Registration begins 5/01 at 8:00
AM. **2:00 - 4:00 PM, Thurs., 6/08 OR
4:00- 6:00 PM, Thurs., 6/08**

Movie Time! Cool off with a movie and a
snack! Call the branch at 369-4488 for the
title. *Hint: It's a Disney film set in ancient
Polynesia.* Families, Children. **2:00 PM,
Thurs., 6/22**

Pajama Storytime! Join us for fun bed-
time stories, songs, action rhymes, crafts,
and snacks to help your children develop
early literacy skills! Pajamas optional.
Families. **6:30 PM, Tues. 5/30, 6/27**

Pleasant Ridge Book Club. May's title is
The Underground Railroad: a Novel by
Colson Whitehead. June's title is A Tree
Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith. Adults.
2:00 PM, Thurs. 5/18, 6/15.

**Recycling 101 with Keep America
Beautiful.** Join Barb from Keep Cincinnati
Beautiful to learn about the following: Why
Recycle?, Standard Recyclables, Tips for
Recycling, Ideas for Home/Work/School,
and Available Resources. Adults. **6 PM,
Tues., 6/06**

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. 5/03, 5/17, 5/31, 6/07, 6/21**

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. 5/10, 5/24, 6/14,
6/28**

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. 5/03, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24,
5/31, 6/07, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28**

Teddy Bear Tea! Bring your Teddy Bear
and Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa or
someone special for fun stories,
decorating hats, musical play, snacks and
tea or apple juice! Children must be
accompanied by an adult. Families. **2:00
POM, Sat., 5/13**

Teen Chef! Play with your food and eat it
too! Teens. **4:00 PM, Mon. 6/19**

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.
Adults. **6:00 PM, Thurs. 5/18**

TELLING THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS STORY #11 LEWIS AND DELIA KENNEDY, PART 10

The Kennedy's returned to Cincinnati from Tallapoosa, Georgia sometime between August 1896 and April 1897, at which time Mr. Kennedy and son, Willis, became the "proprietors"* of The St. Clair Hotel, at the corner of Sixth and Mound. The hotel's six-story building built prior to 1875 had an "imposing front and tower". By 1897 it "was entirely refitted and refurnished (with) modern baths, electric lights, steam heat, large dining room, banquet hall and also single and double, with bath, for transients." When Mr. Kennedy's predecessor was leaving the Hotel, he said that "Our business has been very dull." Nevertheless, the Kennedy's were the Hotel's proprietors for less than three years. One source states that in 1898 the Kennedy's resided at the Hotel.

When Mr. Kennedy was proprietor of the Hotel he also maintained his real estate firm at the Chamber of Commerce Building and continued as a seed merchant. (Four of the sixteen seed merchant companies were McCullough's--Mr. Kennedy's in-laws!) In 1898 and 1899 the *Enquirer* noted the Kennedy's vacationing at Mackinac Island and Virginia Beach, visiting friends in Chicago and relatives in Cleveland, and Mrs. Kennedy's fund-raising activity for the Home of the Incurables.

The Kennedy's were neighborhood residents from 1900 to 1906. The Kennedy's were managers of the Yononte Inn in 1902 and 1903. Beginning in 1905, if not earlier, the Kennedy's had a "pleasant, old-fashioned cottage" at Lake Worth, Palm Beach. Also, in 1905 Mr. Kennedy was the postmaster for the Kennedy Post Office, located then at the Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern Railway station (Woodford Rd.), and continued his real estate work until 1913. When the Kennedy's returned to Cincinnati from their stay at the Lake in 1906, they went to the Emery Hotel at 4th and 5th streets for a "few days before establishing themselves in their summer quarters."--address unknown.

Mrs. Delia McCullough Kennedy died while residing in Pleasant Ridge, on August 30, 1907, at the age of 67. Cause of death was asthma. She, like her husband and their two sons, are interred at a Spring Grove Cemetery in a plot owned by her father.

*Quotes are from the Cincinnati *Enquirer*.

-Ernie Barbeau

THE CARING PLACE: VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the heart of any non-profit, and The Caring Place is no exception. "We know how much work staff has and we take some of the weight off their shoulders" is why Catherine volunteers at The Caring Place. "It feels good," says Madeline. Every Thursday after school four or five students from Nativity School, grades 6-8, spend over an hour doing whatever is needed. They mop floors,



clean, fold clothes, fill bags, prepare for seasonal celebrations, and more. "I do it to help the community," says Maddie and Jessica chimes in, "Some people aren't as fortunate, and we should help."

This is not a school requirement. One girl followed in her brother's footsteps. Another's mom recruited her. Students sign up each month according to their availability and parents bring them and take them home. "Ms. Sharifa always tells us what a good job we do. She's very gentle and makes it sound like fun. She boosts you."

For their part, The Caring Place is deeply grateful for students' donation of time and talent and welcomes other schools to volunteer.

SUMMER CAMP AT KENNEDY HEIGHTS ARTS CENTER

Camps are filling up quickly, but there's still time for you to register! Join us for some creative art-making at Kennedy Heights Arts Center! Participate in one of our creative art camps for youth ages 5-13. We offer a variety of one-week camps for youth exploring visual arts, media arts, dance, music and theatre. We also have 2 camps for kids ages 11-16. Each camp runs from 9:30am to 2:30pm daily. 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 and to register.

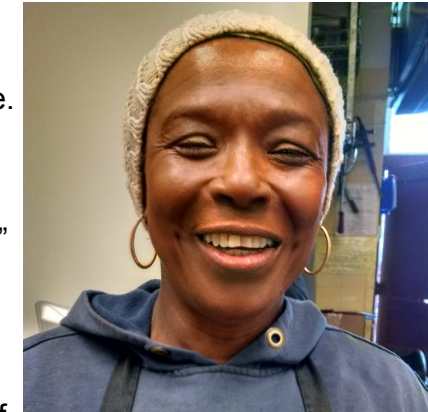


RECIPE FOR EXCELLENCE: C&M BBQ

Start with high quality ingredients, add secret homemade spices, sprinkle with a passion for excellence, grill on an open fire and out comes delicious home cooked food. That's Mary Solomon's recipe for everything she serves at C&M BBQ Grill located at 6452 Kennedy Ave., across from the Cultural Center Annex.

Mary and her husband Ceil Solomon have had other restaurants in greater Cincinnati, but as a resident of Kennedy Heights Mary noticed there was nothing on Kennedy Avenue. Pizza was the only option for home delivered food for people in the neighborhood, so she decided to do something about that.

Mary grew up in Jamaica before moving to New York. When she visited her sister in Cincinnati in 1965 she liked it and moved here. She's been in Kennedy Heights for 30 years. "The people are friendly. It's about family. I talk to a lot of people and we get along." Mary has nine children (two sets of twins) and 12 grandchildren and all are doing well. Her children attended Catholic schools and Mary is a member of the Church of the Resurrection in Bond Hill. Two sons are now working their way through college.



Mary likes the location of her restaurant because it's close to everything. The aroma from meats grilling outside draws people, and visitors to the Arts Center and Annex stop in. She's open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days a week and closed on Sunday. "I do it for the people. Some work the early shift and some the late shift, so my hours are convenient for all."

A customer from St. Bernard who stopped in for a carryout of jerk chicken, beans and curried goat says, "This food is outstanding! We love coming here."

Her biggest sellers are jerk chicken and curry. She sells 150 pounds of goat a week. An extensive menu appeals to all tastes: pork and beef ribs, pulled pork, catfish, tilapia, perch and whiting; hotdogs, hamburgers, metts and brats plus vegetarian options. Side dishes include mac & cheese, green beans, rice and beans, baked and pinto beans, greens, rice, plantains, yams and more. You can find C&M BBQ Grill on Facebook and their menu at <http://www.cmbbqgrill.net>

When Mary isn't cooking, she's running her other businesses: Mary's Cleaning Service and Vintage Accessories next door to C&M BBQ Grill. If you haven't met Mary, stop in!

SAVE THE DATE!

Kennedy Heights Home and Garden Tour

Sunday, June 25, 2017

1:00-4:00 PM

See the hidden treasures of Davenant Avenue.

We want your help on the day at the registration table, at the homes and gardens, and as a photographer.

Call Mary at
513-265-9199

Look for registration online:
www.kennedyheights.org

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