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KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GARDEN AT WOODFORD PAIDEIA ACADEMY

appy 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!

2017 LANDSCAPE AWARDS NOMINATIONS

t'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 "I.")

Deadline for nominations: July 8, 2017

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

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

in full swing and there are many great events coming up this year for you to be a part of. We just finished up with our annual SAP Run and will be looking for volunteers to help get Kennedy Park ready for this year's Play in the Park events. We will be sprucing up both park entrances on **Saturday**, **May 20th**. If you or someone you know is looking for ways to help make a difference in our neighborhood, please contact us at khcc@kennedyheights.org to learn more on how you can help.

reetings my fellow Kennedy Heights residents! Spring is

-Dan Kasprowicz KH Community Council President

KEEP KH GREEN: RECYCLE!

ennedy Heights Is Below Average! Would you believe Kennedy Heights residents only recycle 19% of our waste? This is below what our neighbors in Pleasant Ridge, Madisonville and Oakley recycle. What difference does recycling make? Think about it. Where is "away" when we throw something away? We're just putting what we don't want in someone else's backyard. There's only one earth that we all share. Recycling converts what we can't use anymore to other uses. Recycling conserves energy, reduces greenhouse gases and save trees. Who doesn't want that for our planet?

The city has given us green recycle bins and empties them every \other week on the same day as trash pickup. All soup, milk, juice, broth and beverage cartons can go in the bin. All paper including cereal boxes, magazines, newspapers, junk mail and cardboard boxes can be recycled – but not plastic bags. Collect clean plastic bags and return them to a local grocery if they have a collection bin. For a complete list of what can be recycled got to www.cincinnati-oh.gov/recycling/recyclable-items or call 513-352-3200.

To keep even more out of the landfill, the city sent us orange bags to collect clothing, shoes and housewares (please give whatever is still usable to The Caring Place). Place the orange bags alongside the recycle bin. Try composting! It's a simple way to return vegetable and fruit scraps to the earth.

As we recycle, we can share the habit and enthusiasm with our children and grandchildren and teach them to work toward a better, cleaner world for all. If you can buy in bulk and cook from fresh ingredients then there's even less packaging to dispose of. Yard Waste collection has resumed on the same day as recycling. Bins are not supplied for these. Use your own and label 'YARD WASTE'. With all these opportunities to keep items out of the landfill, let's strive for zero waste and improve our recycling score. Other City Services: Large Trash pickup, up to 5 bulky items, [old couch, table, chairs etc.] Call the City for special pick up 513-591-6000.

Says one green bin in KH to another, "See you at the curbside Monday night for a Tuesday morning pickup!"

FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS APRIL 2017

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Thanks for those who contributed as a Friend of Kennedy Heights in February and March 2017. If we have inadvertently omitted your name, please inform us.

Anonymous (2) Joe Feldhaus Dan Kasprowicz

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS: FIRST BAPTIST PASTOR ROB HARPER

n hour with Rev. Robert Harper gives you an exhilarating glimpse of how a local church can strengthen the spiritual, physical and financial health of this city. Embarking on his 15th year as pastor of First Baptist of Kennedy Heights, Harper has nurtured his congregation's growing impact by combining his skill as a social worker with faith in the God-given potential of every person.

Case in point: in 2008, Harper teamed up with his dear

friend Pastor Tracy Ventus (raised on Congreve) and other clergy to form the Collective Empowerment Group (CEG) of Cincinnati, a coalition of 28 leading black congregations, to overcome redlining and other discriminatory banking practices with fair equal access to credit.

Modeled on the original CEG in Prince Georges

County, Maryland, Cincinnati's CEG partners with Center Bank of Milford, which provides loans, business advice, and financial literacy classes for member churches and their parishioners. This has led to millions of dollars in credit for minority churches, businesses and individuals, and brought millions in new deposits to CEG banks.

"Here we also have business partners – a unique aspect of Cincinnati's CEG - ranging from single proprietors to million dollar companies. Partners offer excellent vendor services

at a 10-25% discount," Harper adds, and build their customer base from congregational referrals. Kelvin Washington of Black and Bossie hair care is a founding CEG partner in our neighborhood. First Baptist also strengthens the community through the annual Back to School Jamboree, when the whole congregation joins forces to treat kids to a day of fun before sending them home with the supplies they need to succeed in school. "We have food, corn hole, ring toss, free throw, even a dunking booth. Guess who they wanted to dunk?" Harper asks wryly.

During his secular career as a caseworker and professional development trainer for Hamilton County Job and Family Services, Harper served as a teacher, youth pastor, interim and associate pastor at churches across Greater Cincinnati before being called at age 50 to become pastor of First Baptist at a time of congregational distress. He's delighted that "the congregation is learning to relax, laugh with each other, and at ourselves."

Harper and his congregation team up with other neighborhood churches on projects such as the annual First Ladies' Health Fair. "My hope is that we can do more things that will engage the whole community." He described with pleasure the experience of walking the neighborhood with Tracy Sheridan of Kennedy Heights Presbyterian to stop, talk and pray with people.

"One of the things I really like about Kennedy Heights is that this neighborhood is truly integrated," he adds. "The nearest white person is right next door. This is truly a neighborhood."

-Ariel Miller

PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY

Please note that some events/classes require pre-registration. You can register online at www.cincinnatilibrary.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

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

Ages 5-1'2. 2 p.m. Tues., 6/27

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,

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.,

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 bedtime 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

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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,

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

he 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

olunteers are the heart of any nonprofit, 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."

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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 vou."

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

amps 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

tart 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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