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HOUSING STUDY WORKSHOP MEETING SUMMARY

Kennedy Heights resident **Clete Benken**, of MKSK's Urban Design and Planning Studio, shared the results of MKSK's recent study with 45 neighborhood residents at the October 2 meeting. The goals of the study were to:

- Preserve and expand the supply of more modern, accessible housing stock.
- Diversify the range of available workforce and affordable housing choices.
- Investigate opportunities for the development of housing that enable seniors to age in the community and/or co-habitat with caregiving friends and families.
- Improve/expand transportation options for seniors and their families.

The workshop allowed residents to provide feedback on the studies' findings to date, and put forward things to consider as we address issues involved in the development of four key focus areas:

- The Kennedy Heights Cultural Campus
- 6541 - 6549 Montgomery Rd.
- Kennedy & Coleridge Avenue Corridors
- Former Shroder School and Northdale Place

Based on this feedback, a refined preliminary vision plan with prioritized goals & objectives, recommended implementation strategies, supporting exhibits and budget allowances will be shared with the KH Development Corporation and the KH Community Council over the next couple months. Direct comments and questions to 513-536-6243 or kennedyheightsdc1@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 20
KH Community Council
 at KH Presbyterian Church
 6:30 p.m. FREE Dinner
 7:30 p.m. Meeting
****COUNCIL ELECTIONS****

Saturday, November 17
Thanksgiving Dinner Bag Giveaway
 at The Caring Place
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Neighbors in need welcome
 Volunteers needed.

Friday, December 7
WINTERFEST
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 at KH Arts Center Mansion
Hot cocoa, s'mores, choral music, holiday shopping, and crafts
****6:30 TREE LIGHTING****
 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 at KH Arts Center Annex
International art exhibit, food, cash bar, and more.

NO DECEMBER COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Saturday, December 15
Christmas Dinner Bag Giveaway
 at The Caring Place
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Neighbors in need welcome
 Volunteers needed.

WINTERFEST 2018: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th



In the spirit of the season, a neighborhood celebration is here to **light up your holidays!** Kennedy Heights Community Council and Kennedy Heights Arts Center proudly present the 14th Annual Winterfest on Friday, December 7th. **Winterfest is packed with fun, festive and FREE activities for all ages. Come meet your neighbors and share in the seasonal cheer!**

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Kennedy Heights Arts Center Mansion
 6546 Montgomery Road

The festivities begin with s'mores, ornament making for kids, and performances by local choirs. Enjoy complimentary hot cocoa while you view the Annual Kennedy Collective exhibition "Emerge." Browse our Art Shop & Holiday Art Market to pick up unique gifts created by local artists! **Don't miss the tree lighting at 6:30 p.m.**

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Kennedy Height's Arts Center Lindner Annex
 Corner of Kennedy Ave and Montgomery Rd

A family-friendly rockin' party! Enjoy music, holiday photos, savory and sweet dishes, a cash bar, and more. Don't miss the international art exhibit featuring works of art by students from Cincinnati and our sister city, Kharkiv, Ukraine. **Formal presentation at 7:15 p.m.**

For more information, visit www.kennedyarts.org or call 513-631-4278

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LETTER FROM THE (ACTING) PRESIDENT

November is election month, even on the Community Council. At our November 20th meeting, we will ask you, the community, to vote on members of the Kennedy Heights Community Council for the 2019 year. We have six positions up for election: President, VP of Planning, VP of Administration, Secretary, Treasurer and Member-At-Large. The Nomination Committee of the Board has ensured that at least one person has volunteered to be on the ballot for every position, but any KH resident can run for a spot. Contact doug@kennedyheights.org on or before November 19th, 2018 to be included on the ballot. Write-in space is available. All candidates will have a short amount of time to introduce themselves. I hope that you will join the meeting on Tuesday, November 20th at 7:30. Come enjoy the complimentary hot dinner beforehand and in the Fellowship Hall of the KH Presbyterian Church. Let's wrap up 2018 in style!

Douglas Linn, Acting President

THANK YOU, PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Progressive Dinner on Saturday, September 22. We are especially grateful for our wonderful dinner Hosts, and we hope that everyone made some new friends along the way!

Additional gratitude goes to the tireless Progressive Dinner committee, the inimitable Bob Kamp for ticket sales, Jim Zarnowiecki and his band, the great bartenders, those who donated desserts and appetizers, the personnel at the Arts Center, and everyone else who helped make this event happen. From all accounts, it was a fun evening for everyone.

The Progressive Dinner has been a 35 year tradition in Kennedy Heights. This year's ticket sales were particularly high, but the attendance was very low. We are interested in learning the cause for the discrepancy in tickets sold and guests attending.

We would like to hear your thoughts, opinions, suggestions or stories, both positive and not. All responses will remain confidential. Please send feedback to Jean Bange at jean@kennedyheights.org

Thank you for your input and your passion for our community.

FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS, AUGUST 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Thank you to those who contributed as a Friend of Kennedy Heights August 1 through September 30, 2018. Your support makes our neighborhood programs and projects possible. Send your gift to KHCC, PO Box 36318, 45236 or donate online at www.kennedyheights.org. Every gift counts!

Gifts to support the Lt. Leahr Memorial should be mailed to KHCC PO Box 36318 or made online at www.kennedyheights.org. *If we have inadvertently omitted your name, please inform us.*

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HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE CARING PLACE



Pull out the warm sweaters and fuzzy socks! If you find that you have a few extra warm items of clothing and blankets, please consider donating them to The Caring Place. We will accept just about any other article of clothing (gently used please. Underwear must be new).

You may drop off donations any Tuesday or Thursday between 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Special Holiday Dinner Bag Giveaways are fast approaching!

Thanksgiving Dinner Bag Giveaway: Saturday November 17, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Christmas Dinner Bag Giveaway: Saturday December 15, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We are always in need of monetary donations and volunteers to pick up food, stuff bags and/or distribute bags. Call 513-841-1499, email caringplc@yahoo.com or send a message on Facebook (@The Caring Place-Kennedy Heights). Thanks for helping neighbors in need!

MAKE WINTERFEST THE BEST YET

Winterfest is in need of volunteers. Join a planning session on November 6 or 27, 4:00 p.m. at the Kennedy Heights Mansion. Or email Mallory at mallory@kennedyarts.org

PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY

Please note that some events/classes require pre-registration, which can be done in person at the branch, online at www.cincinnati.library.org, or by calling 513-369-4488. For questions about any of the events or classes, please contact the branch. Please check the branch calendar for possible additions to the schedule. There's lots of FREE fun in store for children and adults at the library.

All library locations CLOSED Thursday, November 22; Monday, December 24; Tuesday, December 25; and Tuesday, Jan. 1. Branches will close at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31.

Art for Kids! Ages 4-12.
Tues. 11/20 and 12/18.
4:00 p.m.

Cool Science!** Ages 5-12.
Thurs. 11/08, 12/13.
4:00 p.m.

El Dia de Los Muertos Celebration!*
Thurs. 11/01, 3:00 p.m.

Get Crafty!* Adults, Teens.
Mon. 11/19, 12/17. 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Crafts & Cookie Decorating! All ages.
Sat. 12/15. 2:00 p.m.

Holiday Movie & Art Time! All ages.
Thurs. 12/27. 2:00 p.m.

Let's Go Lego & Other Building Bricks! Ages 3-12.
Fri. 11/23, 12/28. 4:00 p.m.

Make a Thanksgiving Treat!
All ages. Sat. 11/17, 2:00 p.m.

Make It, Take It Craft! Teens.
Mon. 12/17. 4:00 p.m.

Maker Monday.** Teens.
Mon. 11/12, 12/10. 4:00 p.m.

New Food Fitness and Fun!**
Nutrition program through Ohio State. Kids. Tues. 11/6, 11/13.
4:00 p.m.

Sensory Playtime!
Recommended for Ages 1-5.
Sat. 11/10, 12/08. 10:30 a.m.

Tales to Tails! Kids.
Thurs. 11/05, 12/03. 4:00 p.m.

Teen Chef! Teens.
Mon. 12/17. 4:00 p.m.

Pleasant Ridge Book Club.
Call the branch, 369-4488, for each month's title. Adults.
Thurs. 11/08, 2:00 p.m.

STORY TIMES
Come join us for one of our story times:

Library Babies and Toddler Time! Ages 0-36 mos.
Every Wed., 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Story Time
Registration required. Ages 3-6.
Every Wed., 10:45 a.m.

* **Registration Required**

** **Registration Requested**

PICKLE BALL COURTS

The Lang Tennis Courts have been closed for some time due to a sink hole opening and swallowing a large portion of a court. The sinkhole was filled with lean fill and then site restored. It was decided to replace the tennis courts with pickle ball courts. Work on the pickleball courts will take place once the contract or bid is approved, which is currently estimated to be spring of 2019 unless the funding is approved sooner.

Plans can be viewed at www.kennedyheights.org

2018 KENNEDY HEIGHTS LANDSCAPE AWARD WINNERS



Patricia Shea and Hameed McKnight, 5832 Kinoll Avenue

This is the third time that Patricia and her son Hameed have won a landscape award, so they are now in the Kennedy Heights Landscape Hall of Fame. They have been KH residents since 2004 and over the years have worked together to produce their lovely garden, winning in 2011 and 2014 as well as this year. At this point they most enjoy sitting back and appreciating the finished product that their years of gardening

have produced. For those just starting their own garden, Patricia recommends ornamental grasses and New Guinea impatiens as plants that are easy to maintain but make a big splash.

Dave and Reyana Jardine, 3441 Woodford Road

Dave and Reyana have lived on Woodford Road for 35 years, and in their current house for the last five years. Reyana was an employee of Woodford Paideia for 35 years, and Dave retired from the Cincinnati Zoo after 30 years. In the garden, they are a team. Reyana designs and suggests the plants, and Dave makes it happen. Dave particularly enjoys his hostas, while Reyana loves the colorful nasturtiums and Mandevilla vines that accent the porch. One thing that sets their garden apart is the placement of animal sculptures, particularly rhinos and lizards, throughout the beds and on the porch. They are a tribute to Dave's years of working at the zoo.

Mary Phillips, 3513 Mary Ann Lane

Mary has lived in Kennedy Heights for over 30 years. She lives on a hill, so her garden's focal point is a tall retaining wall and steep set of stairs. Mary loves large plants—tall cannas, robust elephant ears, and a very tall Knockout rose. They are the perfect scale for the retaining wall and steps. In between, the garden is full of colorful annuals and perennials that make it a real show stopper. When Mary is asked what she likes best about her garden, she says that not only does she love the flowers, she loves the work—it's better than housework.

Ron and Ronda Avant, Mary Ann Lane

Ron has lived in Kennedy Heights for 29 years and has perfected both his front and backyard gardens. Ronda loves the vibrant colors from the annuals and perennials planted in the front garden and the soothing sounds of the fountain. When the color reaches its peak, she knows that summer is here. Ron has created his paradise in the backyard. It's a tranquil place where he can relax and escape the stress of his job.

Sherry and Freddie Stonestreet, 6811 Bantry Avenue

Sherry and Freddie were not available for an interview.

Photos on the Kennedy Heights Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/KennedyHts/>

NOTABLE NEIGHBORS: THE DRAGGAS

Contributed by John Bange



The Draggas have lived on Red Bank Road in Kennedy Heights for 30 years, moving here from nearby Pleasant Ridge. Both Ohioans through and through, Michele is originally from Dayton, while Chuck hails from Cleveland.

Their son, Christopher, lives in North Carolina with his wife, Kate.

You may know Michele through her vast beautification efforts in Kennedy Heights. She has chaired the Landscape Award Committee for five years and was a judge for many years before that. She cares for the

plantings at the entrance to Drake Park. She also serves on the Cincinnati Park Advisory Council as the representative for Drake Park, alongside the representative for Kennedy Park, Kate Kern. The Council meets officially four times a year with the City of Cincinnati, but she continuously reports downed trees and large limbs, excessive litter, graffiti, and suspicious activity on an as-needed basis. Michele once called in to report 13 old tires that were dumped at the overlook!

Michele is a Master Gardener. She works at Greenacres in Indian Hill as the Coordinator of *Volunteers for the Veggies*, a gardening program that grows organic produce to donate to the FreeStore FoodBank. She coordinates, talks with visitors, works the soil and nurtures the plants.

Chuck is a civil engineer by trade, and volunteers his time and talents in a multitude of ways. He is involved with the Engineers Without Borders program which has 360 chapters in the United States. Specifically, Chuck works with other professionals developing water systems in Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania. They work with locals to design a system, and then assist them in the construction and startup, ultimately providing clean water for small villages. He has traveled to many of these villages and worked directly with the people who live there. Chuck is also a mentor for engineering students at Miami University.

Michele and Chuck are particularly excited about the Aging In Place program that is being promoted in Kennedy Heights. The program has special meaning to them because they plan on doing what is necessary to remain in their Kennedy Heights home as long as possible. We're certainly eager to keep them around, too, and are deeply grateful for all they do to make this neighborhood better.

DO YOU KNOW? YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Our neighborhood schools are Kennedy Heights Montessori Center (513-631-8135), Woodford Paideia Academy (513-363-6400) and Shroder High School (513-363-6900).

Our schools are always in need of volunteers for tutoring, after school programs, field trips, etc. **In fact, Woodford and Shroder are currently in need of community members to join their Local School Decision Making Committees (LSDMC).** Get involved and support future leaders that live in your neighborhood! Contact the schools for more information.

TELLING THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS STORY: YONONTE INN, part 5

Contributed by Ernie Barbeau



A NOTE FROM ERNIE: Over the past five years, a trove of information about the Inn has been found in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. For instance, between May 1888 and December 1895 there are seven articles, 130 items, and three classified ads. To share the *Enquirer's* relevant information to you via this column would mean that the Inn's series would not be completed until 2021!

After recent conversations with the Editor of this newsletter and KHCC's President, the following two-phase plan will be implemented. In the first phase, I

will identify in this column and list chronologically, in a telegraphic manner, important events, activities, and issues related to the Inn.

The second phase will be a comprehensive document (more than twenty pages) with details about important matters in the Inn's twenty-one year existence. That document will be on the Council's webpage by February, 2019.

During the Inn's initial five years, *Enquirer* correspondents described the Inn as a "summer hotel", a "country club", and a "resort" that was "charming" and "delightful." For the owners of the Inn, it's last five years were not "charming" or "delightful".

1888: The Inn goes into receivership six months after its opening.

1889: What is a "tally-ho," a "coaching party," and a "barouche"? The Inn is the site of many "gay-eties," such as parties, dinners, and events. The owners of the Inn were Prohibitionists! The Inn obtains a new owner, the Bullock family, and thus is the beginning of their long-term commitment to the Inn.

1890: The Inn encounters financial turmoil.

1891: Lewis Kennedy becomes involved with the Inn, including a management contract with the Bullock family.

1892: A railway company begins running an extra train for the Inn; concerts at the Inn; the first of several events held at the Inn for the Episcopal Mission at Kennedy/Aikenside.

1893: The beginning of tally-hos to the Inn by the Cincinnati Young Men's Business Club.

1895: The Bullocks want to sell or lease the Inn; the Kennedys cease managing the Inn, and the *Enquirer's* reports extensively of severe marital problems by a well-known couple whose wife was a lessee of the Inn.

To be continued...

Interested in local history? Ernie has a wealth of knowledge and research tricks he would like to pass on to an informal "apprentice." Email the Editor at katee@kennedyheights.org to learn more.