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NEWS BY, FROM, AND FOR THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

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WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

At the November 20th Kennedy Heights Community Council meeting, residents had the opportunity to vote for the Council members who will represent the neighborhood in 2019. Meet your incoming 2019 Council:

- Douglas Linn, President
- Sharifah Tafari, Vice President of Administration
- Mary Ray, Vice President of Planning
- Peggy Brown, Secretary
- Sister Carren Herring, Treasurer
- Jean Bange, Neighborhood Support Program Manager
- Eric Armstrong, Member at Large
- Anita Hisle, Member at Large
- Dee Cannedy Lowry, Member at Large

The Kennedy Heights Community Council meets every third Tuesday of the month, with a break in July. The Council meets 6:30-7:30 p.m., during which a free community dinner is served to the public. From 7:30-8:30 p.m., the meeting is opened to the public. This is a great opportunity to see friends, voice concerns about your neighborhood, and learn about issues or initiatives that will impact your community.

Mark your calendar, and make it your New Year's resolution to get involved with Kennedy Heights!



Left to right: Sharifah Tafari, Peggy Brown, Jean Bange, Douglas Linn, Sister Carren Herring, Eric Armstrong, Anita Hisle, Mary Ray

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 8
The Caring Place, Open for 2019
 at KH Presbyterian Church
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 A community resource for neighbors in need.
 Open every Tues. & Thus.
Volunteers always welcome.

Tuesday, January 15
KH Community Council
 at KH Presbyterian Church
 6:30 p.m. FREE Dinner
 7:30 p.m. Meeting

Friday, January 18
Ken-Sil Youth Soccer Early Registration Deadline
 Ages 4-13
 Register at kensilsoccer.com

Monday, January 21
MLK Art for a Difference
 at KH Arts Center
 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 For ages 5-13

Monday, January 21
Winter Classes Begin
 At KH Arts Center
 Register at kennedyarts.org

Tuesday, February 19
KH Community Council
 at KH Presbyterian Church
 6:30 p.m. FREE Dinner
 7:30 p.m. Meeting

WINTERFEST 2018: WONDER AND JOY



Winterfest 2018 was filled with friends, family, and festive holiday cheer. Thanks to Eric Armstrong and Legacy Video LLC for these wonderful pictures!

2018 KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to everyone who came out and voted on the new officers of the KHCC! We welcome several new people, and we thank returning members for their continued volunteerism on behalf of our neighborhood. We also hosted the Kennedy Heights Development Corporation and representatives of Guardian Bank, who are in joint plans to build a new neighborhood bank in the corner parking lot of the Arts Center Annex, on the corner of Montgomery and McHugh. KHCC and you, our community, will be part of the process all the way.

2019 also brings the re-striping of Montgomery Road and the overhauling of our Neighborhood plan—the first chance to bring it up to date since 2003. As always, you are welcome to join us at our council meetings. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month. They will begin again in January, starting on January 15th at 7:30pm. Meetings run promptly for one hour, and I hope to see you there!

- Douglas Linn, President

THANK YOU, WINTERFEST

Thanks to everyone for making Winterfest a huge success! On Friday, December 7, approximately 450 people enjoyed festive activities and shared holiday spirit with their neighbors. Huge thanks to:

Luminaria by **Amber and Eric Ziegler** • Tree lighting compliments of **Perfect Cut Tree Service** • Carols with **Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Choir** • Harp music by **Lin Greiser** • Kids ornaments led by **Mindy Burger** of Scrap It Up • Art students' 120 works in *Winter Holidays* exhibit • Sister city art exhibit coordination by **Bob Herring** • Live music by **Brussels Sprouts** • Photo booth by **Will Jones** • Hospitality by **BJ Gardner, Becky Long, Lorrie Bertelsen, Bob Hagedorn, Jayne and John Dressing, and Craig Rush** • Table decorations by **residents of the Geier Apartments** led by **Sue Stebbens** • Photography and videography by **Eric Armstrong** and **Tarey Marshall** • Planning committee: **BJ Gardner, Sister Carren Herring, Sharifah Tahari, Anita Hisle, Mary Ray, and Sharon McCreary.**

Winterfest was sponsored by Kennedy Heights Community Council and Pleasant Ridge Community Council. Thanks also to event donors: Perfect Cut Tree Service, Trader Joes, Will Jones Photo, Scrap It Up, and Kennedy Heights Montessori Center.

FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS, OCTOBER 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2018

Thanks to our generous neighbors who together contributed more than \$8,000 in 2018. Your gifts advanced the mission of The Caring Place, The Kennedy Heights Arts Center, Juneteenth, District A, Play in the Park, Winterfest, our Newsletter, our Community Dinner, and Beautification of Kennedy Heights. As we start a new year, please make your gift for 2019 by mail, online, or through our neighborhood ambassador, Bob Kamp. We wish you a healthy and safe New Year.

Thank you to those who contributed as a Friend of Kennedy Heights October 1 through November 30, 2018. Every gift counts! *If we have inadvertently omitted your name, please inform us.*

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Become a Friend of Kennedy Heights! Your tax-deductible donation supports the bi-monthly newsletter and the events in and around the community.

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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)3 not-for-profit organization.

IN MEMORIAM: TWO OUTSTANDING KENNEDY HEIGHTS LEADERS

Ruby Rankin-Metz, 88, died on November 17 and is survived by her sons Robert and Stephen. Ruby was a faithful fifty-year member of Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder in addition to other capacities. Ruby loved her garden, good food, fine clothing, opera and the fine arts, as well as being with her multitude of friends.

Bill Goings, 98, died on November 18 and is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jeane, and their children William, Jan, Jennifer and Lorraine. Bill was a founding member of the Kennedy Heights Community Council, as well as a deacon and an elder of Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church. He was a retired Captain in the Army and pharmacist.

Ruby and Bill leave a legacy of love and devotion to faith, family, and friends for our community.

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 Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Art for Kids! Ages 4-12.
Tues. 1/15, 2/19. 4:00 p.m.

Cool Science! Ages 5-12.
Thurs. 1/10, 2/14. 4:00 p.m.

Get Crafty. Adults, Teens.
Mon. 1/15, 2/19. 6:00 p.m.

Homework Help! Students.
Mon.-Thurs. 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Let's Go Lego & Other Building Bricks! Ages 3-12.
Fri. 1/25, 2/22. 4:00 p.m.

Make It, Take It Craft! Teens.
Mon. 1/21. 4:00 p.m.

Maker Monday. Teens.
Mon. 1/14, 2/11. 4:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration. All Ages.
Mon. 1/21. 2:00 p.m.

Sensory Playtime! Ages 1-5.
Sat. 1/12, 2/9. 10:30 a.m.

Tales to Tails with Holly Kids.
Mon. 1/17, 2/28. 4:00 p.m.

Teen Chef! Teens.
Mon. 2/18. 4:00 p.m.

Valentines Cupcakes with Cincinnati Cake and Candy Supply! Adults, Teens.
Mon. 2/11. 7:00 p.m.

Pleasant Ridge Book Club. January's title is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Adults.
Thurs. 1/10, 2/14. 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.

AGING IN COMMUNITY: ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Caring Place, in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, will offer an in-person support group for caregivers and family members who have someone living with dementia. This safe, confidential, and supportive environment offers participants the chance to develop informal mutual support and social relationships. The support group will educate and inform participants about dementia, and help participants develop and share methods and coping skills.

The support group will be open to the public, not limited to clients at The Caring Place or to Kennedy Heights residents. It will be an inclusive environment, with special attention to bringing in participants who are African-American.

Co-facilitators will be Sharifah Tafari, Executive Director at The Caring Place, and Sharon Hale, CASS social worker and Senior Service Coordinator at The Caring Place. Both are certified by the Alzheimer's Association. The support group begins in January of 2019 at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church (6312 Kennedy Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45213). For more information, contact Sharifah or Sharon at 513-841-1499 or caringplc@yahoo.com.

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

WINTER TERM ART CLASSES

While the weather outside is frightful, it's a great time to come in for an art class at KHAC! Expand your creativity, learn new skills, and have fun in a variety of 8-week classes for youth, teens, and adults. Topics include: colored pencil drawing, pastel drawing, acrylic painting, clay hand building, and open studio.

Classes start the week of January 21. Register now at kennedyarts.org or call 513.631.4278. Sliding scale fees available for those with financial need.

ART FOR A DIFFERENCE

Use your creative skills to make a difference in our community! Each year, Kennedy Heights Arts Center sponsors an art-based community service project in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This year we are partnering with Episcopal Retirement Services to create handmade Valentine cards. The cards will be given to older adults living in ERS homes, bringing joy into the lives of seniors.

Youth ages 5-13 are invited to participate. Monday, January 21 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. High school students may serve as volunteers to assist the younger children. Participation is free, but space is limited, so register early. Register at kennedyarts.org or call 513.631.4278

DANCE AT THE ANNEX



MamLuft&Co. Dance is a local non-profit arts organization in Cincinnati that strives to bring dance and dance education to schools and children within our community. We offer dance classes for children of all ages and abilities, and we are bringing our after school dance education program to the Kennedy Heights neighborhood!

Available at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center Annex, we will be offering many different styles of classes including Ballet, Modern Dance, and Creative Movement. All of these classes are open to children ranging from ages 3-8 years old. We teach classes that are age-appropriate and are terrific for both boys and girls! All of the classes will introduce children to dance techniques that will assist in coordination, rhythm, and body awareness skills.

Please find all of our class information at www.mamluftcodance.org/kennedyheights/

KEN-SIL YOUTH SOCCER

Spring Season 2019 open registration for boys and girls ages 4-13. General registration fee is \$65. Register before January 18, 2019 for an early "Shark" special of only \$50. Some other fees apply. Learn more and register at www.kensilsoccer.com

NOTABLE NEIGHBORS: THE PATERSONS

Contributed by John Bange



Julian Bange enjoying repurposed art in the Patersons' garden. The "flowers" are wheel covers.

You have probably seen them at Play In The Park and other events in Kennedy Heights, most likely surrounded by creative and colorful art projects. Perhaps even without knowing it, you have seen the many area gardens that they have planted and nurtured. You may have stopped and looked at the Fairy Tree in front of their home. Lois and Dave Paterson consistently share their talents with the community as a way to encourage others to be creative, to educate our children, and to show how materials can be recycled.

Lois is from the West Side, Dave from the East Side. This "divided" household found common ground in Kennedy Heights, where they have lived since 1997. They were drawn to the neighborhood for its diversity, hoping to raise their young children, Martha and Sam, in such an inclusive environment. They love Kennedy Heights' diversity of race, age, religion and economic status. They enjoy meeting people, hosting a meal for the Progressive Dinner or dining with neighbors as a participant, and getting to know the people on their street.

When they moved into their home on Davenant Avenue, it had not been updated in many years. With a lot of love and even more work, they cleaned and painted all of the rooms, finished the floors, and remodeled the kitchen and bathrooms. And most visibly to all, they have created amazing gardens. Both have a background in landscaping, so this work comes naturally. Lois has provided gardening advice and labor to many of us over the years, she has helped with community projects, and has even won the KHCC Landscaping Lifetime Award and the Most Unusual Plants In The City Award!

Lois and Dave have added much beauty to our community. They really are artists in residence!

THE CARING PLACE



Happy New Year! All of us at The Caring Place would like to thank all of YOU for all the support you have shown over the past year. Who volunteered in any way; donated food, clothes, personal care items, household cleaning items, housewares, furniture, and money; who gave a kind word or recommendation; who sent positive

thoughts or prayers for our many neighbors in need. It is a blessing, indeed, to be a blessing!

The Caring Place will be open for 2019 beginning on Tuesday, January 8, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and will continue to be open every Tuesday and Thursday.

Thank you for extending a helping hand to your neighbors and making Kennedy Heights such a caring place.

TELLING THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS STORY: YONONTE INN, part 6

Contributed by Ernie Barbeau



A NOTE FROM ERNIE: A trove of information about the Inn has been found in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. To share the relevant information to you via this column would mean that the Inn's series would not be completed until 2021! Instead, I will identify in this column and list chronologically, in a telegraphic manner, important events, activities, and issues related to the Inn. A more comprehensive document will be on the Council's webpage by February, 2019.

During the Inn's final seven years, the *Enquirer's* coverage of the Inn decreased as the Inn's future deteriorated. Between 1896 and 1902, the *Enquirer* had 34 articles and items about the Inn, but for the remaining seven years it had only 14 articles and items.

1896: The beginning of the end of the Inn's hey-days. The Inn is for sale or lease!

1897: The Inn has a new proprietor who fails to repurpose or reinvigorate the Inn.

1898: The Inn is noted as a "vacant" hotel, there is a "novel" July 4 activity, and the Inn is listed as a "notable" building.

1899: The son of a well-known attorney proposes a "redemption" plan for the Inn. He fails.

1900: There is only one *Enquirer* item about the Inn, and it is insignificant.

1901: The Inn has a new proprietor, and the *Enquirer* laments about the Inn.

1902: The *Enquirer* has several items about the Inn!

1903: A tally-ho, a Saturday dinner and dance, and a concert, is reported.

1904: The Inn advertises for a cook and a "girl for upstairs work."

1905: The Inn has a new proprietor, and a night watchman.

1906: The Bullocks have another proposal for the Inn's future—a "sanitarium for the consumptives." It fails. A few months later another proposal is made. It fails.

1907: The *Enquirer* does not have any items or articles about the Inn.

1908: The Council for the Village of KH is interested in the Inn.

1909: The *Enquirer* does not have any items or articles about the Inn. But, a catastrophic fire in early December permanently closes the Inn.

In 2019, this column's series will list the historical themes of both the Episcopal Mission, then located at Kennedy near Aikenside, and the Village of Kennedy Heights. Narratives with details about the Mission and the Village will subsequently be published on the webpage.

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.