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WORK WITH THE ZOO TO SAVE OUR POLLINATORS



Kennedy Heights Community Council is partnering with the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden to increase local pollinator habitats. Join us by taking the Plant for Pollinators Challenge!

From butterflies and bees to hummingbirds and moths, pollinators are vital to the a third of the world's crops and are critical to our agricultural system. Unfortunately, populations are declining worldwide.

Join this effort! Provide beautiful, vital habitat and enjoy the colorful blooms that bring butterflies and other pollinators to your yard. It's easy to do, whether planting a few pots or cultivating a larger garden.

Our designated Pollinator Garden is at the Kennedy Heights Art Center garden, 6546 Montgomery Road, designed and maintained by expert gardener, Lee de Rhoades. Stop by for inspiration and to see pollinators at work! Other community activities will include a themed Play in the Park (PIP). Look for more info as the season gets closer:

www.facebook.com/playintheparkcincinnati/

For details on planning, planting and registering your garden:

cincinnati.zoo/horticulture/plant-for-pollinators/

There is no charge to register your garden. You can order a special Pollinator Garden yard sign for \$20.00. Contact Kate Kern (kate@kennedyheights.org) for more information, to receive a Pocket Plant Guide published by the Zoo, and/or if you are interested in helping with this program.

Can't get enough gardens? Volunteer with The Giving Garden, located at 6524 Tyne Avenue. We are affiliated with the Civic Garden Center, so by volunteering in our garden, so you can earn free or discounted classes at the Civic Garden Center.

You can also adopt a bed for a nominal fee and/or help in the community beds throughout the year. For more info, contact Theresa Cohen: tcohen40@gmail.com or 513-372-0933.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 5
Founders Day
 at KH Arts Center
 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 RSVP to
ellen@kennedyarts.org
 or call 513-631-4278

Tuesday, May 21
KH Community Council
 at KH Presbyterian Church
 6:30 p.m. FREE Dinner
 7:30 p.m. Meeting

Tuesday, May 28
Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group
 At KH Presbyterian Church
 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 513-841-1499 to register

Wednesday, June 5
Alice in Neverland with Know Theatre
 at Pleasant Ridge Library
 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 9
Jazz In The Heights
Phil DeGreg Trio with special guest Kathy Wade
"Tribute to Stevie Wonder"
 at KHAC Lindner Annex
 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18
KH Community Council
 at KH Presbyterian Church
 6:30 p.m. FREE Dinner
 7:30 p.m. Meeting

26TH ANNUAL SAP RUN: GREAT WEATHER, GREAT FUN



Thank you to all volunteers who made this day such a success! Approximately 100 participants raised more than \$2,000 for Kennedy Heights neighborhood initiatives. We couldn't have done this without those who registered participants, guided traffic, cooked amazing food, and stuck around to clean up. See you next year!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Warmer weather is finally here, and that means it's a great time to get out of the house and spend time with neighbors!

I personally always look forward to the arrival of June, because it means that Play in the Park is here. Beginning the second week in June, this wonderful gathering in Kennedy Heights Park for features live entertainment, arts and crafts, and something new every week. Make sure to mark your calendar for every Wednesday evening.

Don't miss the amazing events that make Kennedy Heights the arts mecca it is: New Dance Laboratory with MamLuft&Co. Dance, arts camps, Jazz in the Heights, and more. Our dedication to the arts makes Kennedy Heights truly special, and I hope you make time to enjoy it.

I also want to personally thank everyone who came together to make our 26th Annual Sap Run such a great success. I can't wait to see you all again at the park! - Douglas Linn, President

MAMLUFT&CO. NEW DANCE LABORATORY



Modern dance organization MamLuft&Co. Dance presents a showcase evening of new works by its company members. The event is a highly unique opportunity for

audiences to have an insider experience in the creative process: following each work's performance, the choreographer will join the audience for light-hearted discussion and feedback.

Company members include: Juan Gabriel Martinez Rubio, Susan Honer, Hannah Williamson, Corrinne Bailey, and Claire Dieringer.

May 30 through June 1, 8:00 p.m. in the Kennedy Heights Arts Center Lindner Annex. Doors open with light refreshments at 7:15 p.m. Advance tickets \$10 for students, seniors, and persons of low income; \$15 general admission. Tickets may be reserved online at MLCo.org/dancelab or 513-494-6526. Ticket prices increase after May 20.

FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS: FEBRUARY 1, 2019 - MARCH 31, 2019

Thank you to those who contributed as a Friend of Kennedy Heights between February 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019. Every gift counts! You do not have to wait until Bob Kamp knocks on your door; you can give any time! We invite you a sustaining member by giving monthly using the Donate button on our website, kennedyheights.org. *If we have inadvertently omitted your name, please inform us.*

Friends of Kennedy Heights

- Adam Kirwin
- Anonymous
- Al Gerhardstein & I Mimi Gingold
- Louise Kilgore

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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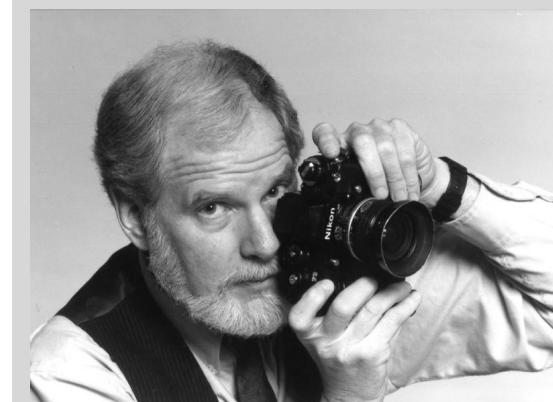
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IN MEMORIAM: GORDON BAER



Gordon Baer, a versatile, award-winning photographer and great friend of the Kennedy Heights Arts Center, died March 16 after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. His work included stories of Vietnam veterans, the civil rights movement, a dying aunt, the strip mining of eastern Kentucky, a Kentucky chair maker, and almost every type of photo assignment. He worked as a staff photographer at the *Cincinnati Post* and *Times Star* from 1966 to 1971. His work has appeared in many national magazines, including *Life*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Fortune* and *National Geographic*.

He is survived by his wife Shirley VanAbbema of Pleasant Ridge.

THE CARING PLACE



The Caring Place appreciates the abundance of donations from near and far. We can always use new socks and undergarments for men, women and children, as well as diapers, toilet paper, and grocery bags (plastic, paper and cloth). Thank you for helping your neighbors in need.

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. **ALL BRANCHES CLOSED ON MAY 27TH.**

After Hours Teen Program.
Fri. 6/14. 6:00 p.m.

Alice in Neverland by Know Theatre. Wed. 6/5. 2:00 p.m.

Animals Alive with Great Parks of Hamilton County. Thurs. 6/27. 2:00 p.m.

Art for Kids! Ages 4–12.
Tues. 5/7, 6/4. 4:00 p.m.

Cool Science! Ages 5–12.
Thurs. 5/9, 6/20. 4:00 p.m.

Get Crafty. Adults.
Mon. 5/20. 6:00 p.m.

Homework Help!
Mon.-Thurs. 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Last Day 5/10.

Let's Go Lego & Other Building Bricks! Ages 3–12.
Fri. 5/24, 6/28. 4:00 p.m.

Magic with a Mission Puppet Show/ Michael and Janice Principato. "Magical Adventure at the Library"
Tues. 6/25. 2:00 p.m.

Make It, Take It Craft! Teens.
Mon. 5/20. 4:00 p.m.

Maker Monday. Teens.
Mon. 5/13, 6/10. 4:00 p.m.

Science Matters Demo. All Ages.
Tues. 6/11 2:00 p.m.

Sensory Playtime! Ages 1–5.
Sat. 5/11, 6/8. 10:30 a.m.

Summer Art Club. Teens.
Tues. 5/28, 6/25. 4:00 p.m.

Tales to Tails w/ Ruby or Holly.
5/6, 5/16, 6/3, 6/20. 4:00 p.m.

Teen Chef!
Mon. 6/17. 4:00 p.m.

Pleasant Ridge Book Club.

January's title is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Adults. **Thurs. 5/9, 6/13. 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



Do you have a loved one dealing with dementia or Alzheimers? The Caring Place is starting a monthly support group for caregivers of individuals with dementia. The next meetings are May 28th and June 24th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at KH Presbyterian Church.

The group will meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month and it will address issues and topics affecting the families. The Caring Place staff members are certified by the Alzheimer's Association as trained caregiver support facilitators. The group is open to anybody and there's no cost, so please spread the word!

For questions and to register, please contact Sharifah Tafari at 513-841-1499. Special thanks to Bellarmine Chapel's Social Mission Core Team for awarding Kennedy Heights Development Corporation and The Caring Place a mini-grant to assist in covering the costs.

ARTS IN KENNEDY HEIGHTS



2019 SUMMER ART CAMPS

Fun-filled, uplifting, and affordable summer camps! Kennedy Heights Arts Center offers a range of one-week art camps for ages 5-13 that allow for creative exploration in visual arts, photography, video, dance, music, and theatre. Camps run June 3 to August 5, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily. Extended care is offered for a fee of \$10 per day/per child. Volunteer opportunities are also available for teens, ages 14-18.

Register early, as camps fill fast! We offer sliding scale fees for those with financial need. Visit our website at www.kennedyarts.org or call 513-631-4278 to learn more.

JAZZ IN THE HEIGHTS

This summer concert series features world-class jazz performers in our Lindner Event Center. All concerts take place at KH Arts Center's Lindner Annex, 6620 Montgomery Road at 2:00 p.m.

Phil DeGreg Trio, special guest Kathy Wade: "Tribute to Stevie Wonder" | Sunday, June 9

Vocalist Dixie Karas | Sunday, July 14

Dan Faehnle of Pink Martini with Jim Connerly Trio | Sunday, August 4

Events include pre-concert receptions with complimentary lite bites and cash bar. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. All proceeds benefit KHAC's programs for adults and youth. Purchase tickets online at www.kennedyarts.org or call 513-631-4278.

FOUNDERS DAY

Kennedy Heights Arts Center's 15th Annual Founders Day celebrates how, together, we build community through the arts. We will review past accomplishments, share plans for the coming year, and recognize our valued supporters.

Special awards will be presented to two local residents for their service to the Arts Center: Jeff Dey, Kennedy Award for Leadership; and BJ Gardner, Volunteer Award. Come support and congratulate these amazing people!

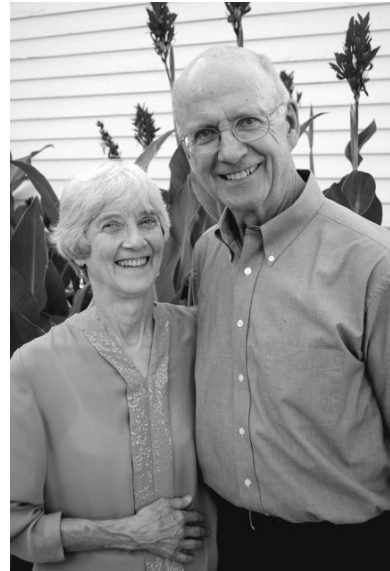
The free event will take place on Sunday, May 5th from 2:00-4:00 pm at Kennedy Heights Arts Center, 6546 Montgomery Road. Light refreshments. RSVP is appreciated to ellen@kennedyarts.org or 513-631-4278.

LOCAL ARTIST RECEIVES OHIO ARTS COUNCIL AWARD

Congratulations to Kennedy Heights' visual artist Kate Kern, who won an Individual Excellence Award from the Ohio Arts Council for her interdisciplinary work. This award is peer recognition of Ohio artists for the exceptional merit of a body of work that advances or exemplifies the discipline and the larger artistic community. Kate, a long-time Kennedy Heights resident, has a studio in the Kennedy Heights Art Center Lindner Annex and heads the Kennedy Heights Park Advisory Council. www.katekern.com

NOTABLE NEIGHBORS: CHRISTINE SCHUMACHER AND HAL HESS

Contributed by John Bange



Our neighborhood has been graced with the presence of Christine Schumacher and Hal Hess for 44 years.

Christine hails from a farming community in the northwestern corner of Ohio, and was raised in the Swiss Mennonite tradition. Hal grew up on a farm in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was raised in the Old Mennonite tradition.

Hal was drafted in 1965 during the Vietnam War. In lieu of military service, the couple served as Civil Rights workers by moving to Atlanta during Atlanta's 'racial riots.' While in Atlanta, Christine earned her Master's in Social Work from Atlanta University. After completing the two-year term of service, Hal taught at the Frederick Douglass High School.

From Atlanta, they moved to Indiana University so that Hal could sing opera and earn his Master's in choral conducting at the Jacobs School of Music. Christine was employed by Family Services in Bloomington.

The couple moved to Cincinnati in 1974, when Community Mental Health hired Christine. They lived in an apartment for a year before finding their Wyatt Avenue home. Christine eventually became Director of the Mason office of Community Mental Health Centers of Warren County. Her career spanned family counselling, drug and alcohol prevention, and community education. Hal taught music at Winton Woods Middle School for 29 years.

In the fall of 1976, Christine and Hal invited several neighbors to have a 'Leaf Raking Party' which meant two hours at each house, with time for a snack, and then sharing a scrumptious dinner. The tradition has continued for 42 years, with only one change: no raking, just dinner!

Their community involvement has been profound. They have hosted the Progressive Dinner at their home often. Christine served on the Community Council from about 2012 to 2017, during which time she conducted 24 interviews for the Elder Series (all posted on the KH website). These interviews celebrate and remember the rich history of the intentional diversity of KH. She also started the Welcome Baskets Program, a way to greet new folks in the community and inform them of Kennedy Heights activities.

Hal has worked on the Beautification Committee and maintained the "Welcome to Kennedy Heights" signs at the entrances to the community. His personal gardening venture has been a boon, producing glorious vegetables. He loads a wagon and visits neighbors, offers vegetables to all. Much of the bounty goes to the Caring Place in KH.

Soon Christine and Hal will be moving away from KH into a smaller, single-floor home. They have sold their house on Wyatt to a young couple who want to be closer to their parents on Davenant Avenue, and who look forward to continuing the traditions of our community. But Christine and Hal emphasize they will always consider KH home!

TELLING THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS STORY

Pardon this brief pause in "Telling the Kennedy Heights Story," contributed by Ernie Barbeau. As he mentioned in the last issue, Ernie has discovered a treasure trove of information at the University of Cincinnati, and is taking time to sort it all out. Stay tuned!

NEIGHBORHOOD BLITZ CLEAN UP: JUNE



The week of June 24th the Department of Public Services Neighborhood Operations Division will be in Kennedy Heights & Pleasant Ridge for the Neighborhood Blitz.

Monday, June 24th – Friday, June 28th

Greenspace Crew: Will mow, trim & edge all DPS owned properties during the week.

Dumpster: One (20yd.) dumpster will be delivered to each neighborhood on Monday, June 24th by 9:00am and removed on Friday, June 28th by 9:00am. If dumpsters become full before Friday, staff will empty and bring it back. Dumpster location to be identified.

The following items are "NOT" permitted in the dumpster:

- Tires (stack outside dumpster)
- Paints
- Hazardous Waste Materials
- Propane Tanks
- Liquids of any kind
- Gas Cans/Helium Tanks
- Appliances w/Freon
- Oils
- Lacquers/Thinners

Street Sweeping: Done in accordance with the Street Sweeping schedule.

Friday, June 28th ***ONLY***

Roving Trash Truck: There will be a roving trash truck servicing all corner cans and collecting excessive trash and illegal dumped items. Note: This is not another trash collection day.

Litter Picking: Staff will be on foot litter picking main thoroughfares and heavily littered areas.

Private Lot Abatement Program (PLAP): Staff will abate privately owned properties that have been cited for litter, high grass and overgrown brush violations. Staff will notify community the week before blitz begins.

NOMINATE FOR THE 2019 KENNEDY HEIGHTS LANDSCAPE AWARDS



Kennedy Heights is full of beautiful landscapes, but is there one that inspires you to reroute your morning walk? Nominate them for an award! You can even nominate yourself. If you don't know the name of the homeowner, submit the address. Submit nominations to

Michele Dragg. Michele@kennedyheights.org or 513-984-6867.

NOTE: Michele is spelled with one "l."

Deadline for nominations: July 12, 2019. Judging will take place mid-July. *Winners within the last three years or households in Kennedy Heights Landscape Hall of Fame are not eligible.*