



September/October 2022

# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Kennedy Heights Community News

**2022 Holiday Art Market at KHAC**  
**Deadline to apply is midnight 10/19/22**



## Of Mice and wo-Men *A Halloweenish Tale*

**If** it were not for the two dead mice in my walls, I may never have learned who was sharing my kitchen, or found the closet.

The animal removers had left no stone unturned when searching for the source of the foul smell that had begun to permeate my new home. It was a familiar and distinguishable scent for those who know it. It couldn't have come at a more ironic time, though, because the day the animal removers arrived was two months to the day I walked over the threshold as a new homeowner. It was also two months to the day I began to feel I wasn't alone in the house. This feeling of a prescence, of not being alone, was particularly noticeable when I was in the kitchen near my stove. Yes, that's where I felt invisible companionship the most.

There were a few weeks of painting, cleaning, and minor electrical work before moving in. But since then, I have experienced the same feeling in the kitchen every day. So much so, I learned to become comfortable with it; accepting it as merely part of the personality of the house.

### upcoming events

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Pleasant Ridge Library,**  
9/5, CLOSED.

**Daily Snacks,** Mon-Thurs., All ages, 3pm.

**Homework Help,** Mon-Thurs., K-8th, 3-6pm.

**Storytime,** Tuesdays, 10:30-Toddlers; 11:15-Preschool, 11-Craftivity, All Ages. Pleasant Ridge Library.

**Adult Book Club,** 9/8, 10/13, 2pm, PR Library, Pleasant Ridge Library.

**Teens Create,** 9/12, 3:30pm. Pleasant Ridge Library.

**Human Books,** 11/12. Pleasant Ridge Library.

**KH Community Council** 9/20 & 10/18, 7:30-8:30pm, In person and virtual.

**Ancient Egypt iSpy/Take & Make,** 9/3, All Day. Pleasant Ridge Library.

**Genealogy for Beginners,** 9/27, 10/25, 6:30pm. Pleasant Ridge Library.

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Sharifah Tafari

**A Letter  
From Our President**

Dear Neighbors,

As we all prepare to say goodbye to summer heatwaves and torrential rains, we hope that you enjoyed community events such as Play in the Park, National Night Out and Hello & Welcome Community Days. Now it's time to look forward to a successful new school year, fall community events and more volunteer opportunities. If you have an idea for a community event, please let us know and, if we can, we'll help make it happen.

Thanks to neighbors who keep their eyes and ears open to help us stay informed about what's going on in each quadrant. By working in partnership with Officer Rice and our Safety Committee, you help to sustain the peaceful quality of life in KH (i.e. neighbors in need, unauthorized activity and vandalism at the old Shroder building, motorcycle noise nuisance on Coleridge Avenue, Zinsle Avenue and Red Bank Road.

On a somber note, Hamilton County is in the Covid-19 high zone, according to the CDC. To ensure the safety of everyone, masks will be required at the in-person community council meetings until further notice. The virtual option will continue to be available as well (see the link below). On a positive note, we will have vibrant KH yard signs and t-shirts available at the meetings for a reasonable donation. If you need to request a pickup at a later date, email board@kennedyheights.org, or call (513) 202-4345. And if you haven't seen the website in a while, check it out at kennedyheights.org and let us know what you think. Thanks, Eric Ziegler, for your hard work at updating it!

Finally, I'd like to give a heart-felt "*thank you, partner!*" to my former Co-President Kate Elliott for all of the love, passion and dedication she gave, and continues to give, to our neighborhood.

See you in the Heights!  
Sharifah

## Welcome Laura Lennon!



photo: Christina Miller

She is an interior designer, certified horticultural professional, employee of AJ Rahn Greenhouse, artist, member of the Pleasant Ridge Garden Club, wife, homeowner and resident of Kennedy Heights. AND she is to be a regular (hopefully) contributor to this newsletter.

Laura and her husband have not lived in KH long. She is originally from Redmond, Washington. When I knocked on her door to ask if she would be willing to do an interview, it was simply because I admired the work she was doing in her front yard. But it took no longer than for her to open the gate to her backyard that I knew she had things she could share with all of us.

Keep watch for an article from her. She may share information about the rain garden she and her husband are creating in the backyard to deal with drainage problems, or the woodland shade garden, or the story about the iris bench she found . . . (they live on Iris!). Whatever she shares, I'm sure you will find it interesting and useful. I certainly did!

## IF YOU DON'T VOTE—YOU DON'T COUNT

The midterm election is almost upon us and this fall, residents across Kennedy Heights will be casting their ballots. This election includes several crucial races across all levels of government — local, state, and national.

We hope the following guide will help you prepare for the upcoming November 8 election day. **Note: All of this information and more, can be found here:**



**You must be registered to vote at your current address PRIOR to election day. Check your registration status online at [voteohio.gov](http://voteohio.gov) or by going to the Board of Elections.**

There are three ways that you can vote:

1. Vote by mail. Once you've submitted your Vote by Mail application to the Board of Elections, they will send you a ballot with instructions.
2. Early voting can be done at the Board of Elections at designated times listed.
3. Voting on Election Day can be done at your designated polling location. Polls are open from 6:30am-7:30pm on Tue. Nov. 8.

If you're looking for information on candidates and

issues, or are looking for a sample ballot, you can visit [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) online. Most importantly - no matter who or what you vote for, make a plan to vote and cast your ballot!

### Voting in November 8, 2022 General Election

#### LAST DAY to Register or Update Name/Address:

Oct	11	Board of Elections	8am - 9pm
Oct	11	BMV	normal hours
Oct	11	Public Library	normal hours
Oct	11	Online reg/address change	until 11:59pm

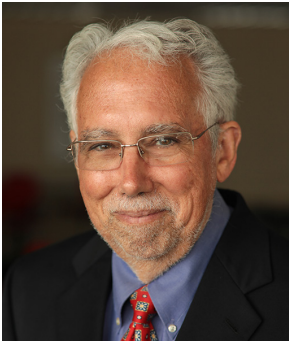
#### VOTE EARLY in person at BOE - 4700 Smith Rd 45212

Oct	12-14	W-F	8am - 5pm
Oct	17-21	M-F	8am - 5pm
Oct	24-28	M-F	8am - 5pm
Oct	29	Sat	8am - 4pm
Oct	31-Nov 4	M-F	8am - 7pm
Nov	5	Sat	8am - 4pm
Nov	6	Sun	1pm - 5pm
Nov	7	Mon	8am - 2pm

Fill out & submit an Absentee Application to get your ballot in the mail - **Applications accepted NOW** until noon Nov 5  
We start mailing Absentee Ballots Oct 12

**ELECTION DAY** November 8 Tuesday Polls Open 6:30am - 7:30pm

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Bob Herring

## Our Sister, Kharkiv

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began February 24, 2022, many Cincinnati residents have become aware that Cincinnati and the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv are sister cities.

This sister city partnership began in 1989 when the leaders of the two cities signed an agreement. “We have been sister cities for 33 years,” says Bob Herring, the President of the Cincinnati-Kharkiv Sister City Partnership (CKSCP), noting that the two cities have a “history of collaboration and support.” Mr. Herring is also a lifelong Kennedy Heights resident.

The city of Kharkiv is about twenty-five miles from the Russian border, which Mr. Herring compares to roughly the distance between Kennedy Heights and the Monroe outlet mall. While Russian troops have not entered the city, nor is the city surrounded (as of this writing), Kharkiv has been bombed for all but five of the first 153 days of the invasion. According to Mr. Herring, more than 4000 homes have been destroyed, along with more than fifty medical facilities and half of the city’s schools. “Now more than ever, the people of Kharkiv need our support,” says Mr. Herring.

There are multiple ways for concerned residents to help. The most important way is, of course, by making a financial donation. CKSCP recently raised and sent \$117,000 to the Kharkiv Red Cross, and donations continue to be accepted. Donated supplies are difficult to transport all the way to Kharkiv, Mr. Herring says, and the situation in Ukraine can change very quickly, meaning that cash donations are the fastest and most efficient way to help Ukrainians and Kharkiv residents.

Mr. Herring points out that there are other important ways to help that are not financial. He suggests that concerned residents contact their member of Congress (representative and/or senator) and express their support for Ukraine. Mr. Herring also suggests expressing support for Ukraine to neighbors, friends, and family. It’s important for the people of Kharkiv to know that they are not forgotten, Mr. Herring says.

For more information on the Cincinnati-Kharkiv Sister City partnership, including a link to donate, visit [cincy-kharkiv.org](http://cincy-kharkiv.org).

—Amber Ziegler



photo of Kharkiv: Anna Hunko

## PLEASANT RIDGE RECREATION CENTER



Visit the Rec Center on a Saturday! From 9:00am - 2:00pm enjoy the weight room, shoot hoops in the gym, or play pickleball. The CRC also has rooms that can be reserved for Neighborhood Watch meetings or other community uses. Call (513) 731-7894.



## Of Mice and wo-Men (cont'd)

As time passed and I settled into working in my kitchen, it became clear a second family had also moved in—in the wall behind the sink. I called an animal remover, and during their first visit, after two hours of searching, they were still uncertain if the nest was in the heaps of insulation they'd removed from the wall. But unexpectedly, we did discover the original placement of the stove prior to the 2018 remodel, right across from where my stove is today. As my thoughts drifted to my feelings of my watchful companion, I wondered if there really was a nest to be found at all. Then, one of the men decided to check the attic.

Suddenly, the remover let out a large gasp, followed by a shaky exclamation, "You didn't tell me you had a room up here!" I had no idea what he was talking about! I'd yet to go up there. He shared that in it there was a cedar closet with one jacket still hanging on a hanger. He took pictures, sent them to me, and left when the job was done.

Filled with intrigue, I consulted the home history, and decided to look into the family that owned the house for nearly 65 years. Did the jacket belong to my kitchen companion? I found their obituaries and read extensively about them. I found comments made by my current neighbors—a testament to the sense of community Kennedy Heights embodies. But most importantly, I learned the lady of the house enjoyed sharing recipes with her friends and neighbors, and curiously enough, baking. Nearly every comment referenced her talent. And it became clear to me that she spent a lot of time in her kitchen and deeply enjoyed her craft.

Perhaps, in a way, I believe she still enjoys the kitchen—how she knew it—and all while I enjoy our kitchen as it is now. I have yet to go up and explore my attic, but I intend to keep the jacket neatly hung in the closet just in case the winter brings with it a chill.

—Kate, New Neighbor

## The Pipe Dreams of Children and Retired Men



Davenant resident Jude watches the digging. Photo: John Bange

Like electricity, we often take our water supply for granted. It is fresh, clean and plentiful. Greater Cincinnati Water Works has 3,500 miles of pipe in their system and their goal each year is to replace about 1% of that, or 35 miles. Installed cost: \$1 million per mile.

In Kennedy Heights, Davenant

Avenue and adjoining streets are having their 1927 water main replaced this summer. The old water main is under the lawns near the curb and will be abandoned after the water is switched over to the new main installed under the street.

To begin the process, the street is first surveyed and marked with spray paint where the new main will be installed. A concrete saw cuts through the pavement on two lines 23 inches apart. An excavator digs out everything to about 5-feet deep. New steel pipes are lowered into the trench and are attached with flanges and fittings. Sand is dumped into the trench and is vibrated and packed around and on top of the new pipe. Finally, the trench is filled with CDF (Controlled Density Fill) which is similar to concrete but cures much faster. Later the street will be repaved.

The crews are dedicated to safety - their own and of the neighbors. Cones, barriers and signs help. They work with neighbors to make sure their cars are moved to safe spots. Steel plates are placed over all open trenches overnight. They welcome the curious who want to watch from a safe distance—children and retired men!

—John Bange



Ellen Muse-Lindeman  
KHAC Executive Director

**KENNEDY HEIGHTS ART CENTER**

6546 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45213

**Gallery Hours:**

Tues., Fri. 10am – 5pm

Sat., 11am – 4pm



Mallory Feltz,  
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**What's Left Behind**

**September 24 – November 12, 2022**

**Kennedy Gallery**

This featured juried group exhibition of the 2022 FotoFocus Biennial explores how what we consume, what we collect, and what we discard affects the environment in which we live. What record are we leaving behind for future generations? Curated by Local Eyes, a group of five Cincinnati photographers, Helen Adams, Jymi Bolden, Melvin Grier, Samantha Grier and Amanda Cawdrey.

**Opening Reception: Saturday, Sept. 24, 6-8pm**

Celebrate the opening of this juried photography exhibition alongside the artists and member of the Local Eyes committee. Music by DJ Paloma and free light refreshments.

**Curator & Artist Talk: Saturday, Oct. 8, 12-2pm**

Join Curators from Local Eyes as they share more about the exhibition theme, and a selection of exhibiting artists as they speak about their work.



Image credit: Brad Smith, Junk Collector Louisville Kentucky, Widelux panorama camera – tri x film – black and white fiber print, 1998, 7.5 x 18 inches

Go to [www.kennedyarts.org](http://www.kennedyarts.org) for a full list of events and classes.



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**Mon. & Tues., 10-8pm**  
**Wed. thru Sat., 10-6pm**

**CLOSING**

for significant facilities improvements **before the end of 2022 and will reopen in early 2023.** Contact us for neighborhood events and programs during that time. Alternative branches are located in Deer Park, Bond Hill, and Norwood.

Available services:

- curbside service
- take & make activities
- browsing
- computer access (limited)
- assistance with faxing/copying/scanning & printing

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For branch offerings and questions,  
call us at 513-369-4488, or go to  
[www.chpl.org](http://www.chpl.org)

## Be A Human Book!

The Public Library and Community Happens Here are excited to bring the region's very first Human Library to Cincinnati on November 12! This event invites participants to unjudge someone through conversation.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Human Books. Do you have a story to tell? Do you enjoy connecting with others through meaningful conversations? Are you willing to help others break their own stigmas and break yours in the process? Then consider volunteering to be a Human Book for our Human Library event. Email the Library at [pls@chpl.org](mailto:pls@chpl.org) or call Community Happens Here at 513-666-1209 for more information.

## We Belong Together Community Day Saturday, Sept., 11—3pm

Join us for our last Community Day of the season—with an art carnival of fun. The Kennedy Collective is a group with the goal of fostering artistic growth and creative collaboration for local artists who are committed to building community. Come meet the members and learn more about this creative group. Enjoy FREE music, performances, art-making activities, food and drink, games and other surprises for all ages.

## CALL TO ARTIST VENDORS! 2022 Holiday Art Market at KHAC

Deadline to apply is by midnight, October 19th  
More information and the application form can be found on our website: <https://kennedyarts.org/event/call-to-vendors-for-holiday-art-market/>

## CALL TO CREATIVES!

### Local Talent Exhibition

This is the 2nd annual Local Talent! Exhibition, and it will run from October to December in the Lindner Gallery. Whether you call yourself an artist or not, we want to invite you to share your creativity with us.

This non-juried show is open to anyone, age 14 and up, living in: Kennedy Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Silverton or Amberley Village. Residents are encouraged to submit one original work of art! Works must be able to hang on the wall (no more than 10lbs, no larger than 24" in any direction).

*FREE to participate!*

For full details, submission form, and drop-off dates, please visit our website: <https://kennedyarts.org/exhibitions/#tab4>



This newsletter is not only for you, but about you!

### So, we need your stories!

Willing to share your "untraditional" holiday traditions? Is there a holiday you celebrate that, for you, takes the place of the traditional Thanksgiving or Christmas? We'd love to hear from you!

Email us at [communications@kennedyheights.org](mailto:communications@kennedyheights.org)

and maybe your story will appear in the November/December newsletter!



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**COUNCIL MEETINGS RETURN SEPTEMBER 20**

In person at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, 6312 Kennedy Avenue 45213

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