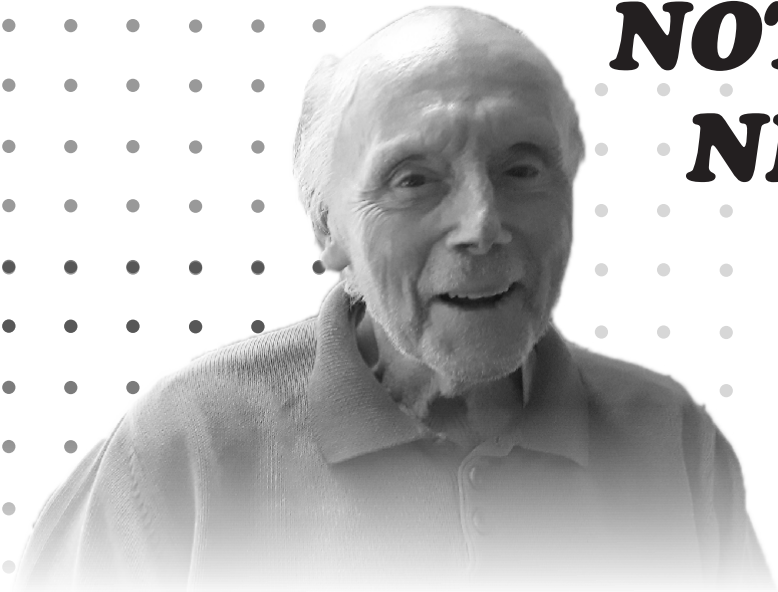


NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

COMMUNITY NEWS



NOTABLE NEIGHBOR

BOB KAMP

By John Bange

Most people in Kennedy Heights know our good friend and neighbor Robert Kamp. He has been a great force for the financial aspects of our community for almost 50 years.

Bob was born in Dayton, Kentucky and lived in Bellevue and Covington while growing up. He graduated from UC and XU, with two master's degrees. He taught at St. Xavier High School from 1970 to 1973 and taught at McNicholas High School and Holmes High School. Even though he loved teaching and being influential in the lives of students, in 1975 he decided to use his speaking skills in a new field, the Insurance Sales and Service industry. His ability to speak and interact with people made him a natural in the field in which he worked for 45 years.

He moved to Cincinnati in 1970. Bob and Mary married in 1975. They lived on Paddock Road in an apartment when they were first married and when they decided to start a family, they started looking for a house. In 1978 they bought the house on Wyatt Avenue in which they still live from friends. They loved the idea of living in a welcoming, diverse community. Neighbors were very welcoming, especially Mimi Gingold and Al Gerhardstein. It was here that they raised their son Cuyler and their daughter Krystyna. They have three grandchildren and one on the way. Also sharing their home is a very sweet Rescue dog named Capone, that also answers to "Al."

Soon after moving in Bob became involved in the community through the Community Council. His financial experience was a

great gift to the community as Treasurer from the mid 1980's through 2010. Initiatives and programs that Bob was involved in include the Progressive Dinner, the SAP Run, NSP (Neighborhood Support Program), and various fundraising events. Of course, there were many volunteers working together to bring these events to fruition. Bob's expertise was going door to door, inviting residents to participate, and soliciting donations. He visited most every residence in Kennedy Heights once a year, for many years, on foot. He was dogged in his efforts. Bob is a people person. He loves talking to folks and getting to know them, so this is a perfect way to do that! We thank Bob for his many footsteps and the pairs of shoes that he certainly wore out!

Bob's wishes for Kennedy Heights include that our diversity continues and that residents remain involved to keep it a thriving community.

Bob's primary free time interest is physique development, which he started in 1959 and is dedicated to it even today, continuing to work out at a local gym. The high point of this aspect of his life was being selected Mr. Cincinnati in 1972.

Bob, all of us in Kennedy Heights thank you for your many years of dedication. We know a replica of you will not be found. You stand as a shining example of community spirit and excellence!

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A Letter From Our President



Sharifah Tafari

Greetings Neighbors,

As the leaves complete their final flutters to the ground and we head into the holiday season, we give many thanks to every neighbor who volunteered at our 60th anniversary celebration and helped to make it a great community event! And now we can look forward to celebrating with family, friends and neighbors at Winterfest, our grand finale community event of the year.

Tuesday, November 7, is the day to vote. Let your voice be heard. Contact VoteRiders if you need help with getting a current photo ID, which is required in order to vote. Call/text 866-ID-2-VOTE (866-432-8683) for more information.

Check-in and check on your neighbors. Some folks don't have a lot of family, if any, in town and the holidays can feel lonely. Are they receiving the newsletter to stay connected with the neighborhood? If not, please let us know. They can sign up at our community council meeting or email communications@kennedyheights.org. Are they in need of any resources (food, clothing, etc.) or social services from The Caring Place? They can call (513) 841-1499 for help. And thank YOU for being a good neighbor!

Happy Holidays,

Sharifah

President, KHCC

REMINDER!

Our next monthly meeting will be:
Tue. Nov. 21st @ 7:30pm

There is no meeting in December.

A 2023 Recap - Reaching New Heights

By Amber Ziegler

2023 was another busy year in Kennedy Heights, and we are grateful for the volunteers and community partners who make things happen.

We had several events to bring the community together this past year. In April, KHCC held the annual Sap Run, a 5k walk/run and community breakfast event. Thank you to Mary Ann Romanello, John Bange, Mary Ray, Kate Kern, and Pat MacVeigh for helping to run the event and keep participants safe along the route. Thank you to Redwood Market for donating beverages for our thirsty runners and walkers. And thank you to Peggy Brown, Lydia Morgan, and Rhonda McCreary for helping Sharifah whip up a delicious breakfast!

April showers bring May flowers, and so does Green Up Day! In May, volunteers helped beautify Kennedy Heights Park, so thank you to Dave Loebker, Lisa Pickering, Church of Christ Pastor Greg Jasper and members of his congregation, Robison Road Garden Club, and other KH residents who volunteered. Thank you to Redwood, Proud Hound, and Holtman's for providing refreshments.

The Triangle Park and Tot Lot also received some love this summer, thanks to volunteers Pat MacVeigh, Kate Elliot and children, Kate Kern, Mary Ray, and Kathy Tyler. In June and July, Play in the Park resumed, with a nature-themed event on June 21 sponsored by KHCC and including activities courtesy of the Kennedy Heights Art Center. Thanks to Susan Wade Murphy for making this annual program possible.

The end of summer brings about the Landscape Awards, a beloved neighborhood tradition that highlights some of the beautiful yards of KH. Thank you to Michele Dragga and her committee for running this program once again. This fall, KHCC celebrated the 60th anniversary of our founding at the Art Center Annex with activities, live entertainment, and food trucks. December brings the 20th anniversary of Winterfest, an annual holiday event hosted by Kennedy Heights Art Center and sponsored by KHCC.

2023 also saw the start of the Home Repair Program, a collaboration with Homebase, People Working Cooperatively, and KHDC, along with neighborhood volunteers, to complete minor home repair projects for our seniors in need. Thank you to all who volunteered!

Throughout the year, Kennedy Heights publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, which is no small feat! Thank you to Christina Miller and John Bange, who help interview community members, research the neighborhood, and write content. Thank you to Eric Ziegler for layout and design work on the newsletter. This publication couldn't happen without our dedicated volunteers!

And, of course, the KHCC board is an all-volunteer group of people who give of their time and talents to benefit the community. We welcomed several new board members mid-year, including Laura Weisbrod as Treasurer, Kate Elliott (former Co-President) as Secretary, Pat MacVeigh as a member-at-large, and Jan Lane as a member-at large. Thank you to Mary Ray, our outgoing Treasurer, and Peggy Brown, our outgoing Secretary, for your service.

Here's to a great 2024 in the Heights!



Volunteers helping in the new Home Repair Program.

Winterfest



Horse-drawn carriage ride at an early Winterfest.

20 Years of Cheer: A Look Back at Winterfest

By Amber Ziegler

What is now known as Winterfest began twenty years ago, when a Kennedy Heights volunteer organized a tree lighting in front of the Geier Apartments along Montgomery Road, known as the KH Holiday Celebration, which occurred on Saturday, December 13, 2003.

The first event to be officially called Winterfest took place the following year on December 3, 2004. This event included TWO tree lightings, at both the PR Rec Center and the Kennedy Heights Art Center, and also included luminaries, a children's party, and free horse-drawn carriage rides.

The carriage rides continued to be part of Winterfest through 2008 but had to be discontinued in 2009 due to budget constraints. In 2017, Winterfest expanded to include festivities in the Lindner Annex at the corner of Kennedy and Montgomery. The 2018 Winterfest even

included an international art exhibit featuring art by students in Cincinnati as well as students from our sister city of Kharkiv in Ukraine.

Unfortunately, due to health concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic, Winterfest did not occur in 2020 or 2021, but the event successfully returned in 2022.

Though it has changed over the years, Winterfest continues to include the traditional staples of tree lighting, live music and singing, and tasty treats. But most importantly, Winterfest is about gathering together to celebrate and enjoy the community we have built in Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge. We hope to see you for Winterfest 2023!



Winterfest expanded to the Lindner Annex in 2017.



A look back at years past...



Plenty of fun to be had both inside and outside!



Just because it's after dark doesn't mean there aren't kids activities.



Hot beverages and snacks at the mansion.

Winterfest 2023

Friday, December 1, 2023, 5:30-9:00 PM

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 17th Annual Winterfest on Friday, December 1st. Winterfest is packed with fun, festive and FREE activities for all ages. Come meet your neighbors and share in the seasonal cheer!

5:30 – 7:30 pm: The festivities begin at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center mansion, located at 6546 Montgomery Road. Enjoy live guitar music by James Ricks while you view the Kennedy Collective exhibition and browse our Holiday Art Market to pick up unique gifts created by local artists! Get into the spirit of the season with complimentary hot cocoa and s'mores around our fire pit (fire pit is weather permitting).

6:00 – 9:00 pm: Join the family friendly party in KHAC's Lindner Annex, located at 6620 Montgomery Road (corner of Kennedy and Montgomery). View an array of amazing artworks by area residents in the "Local Talent" exhibition. Enjoy performances by local school groups and the Cincinnati Jazz Academy, live music, art making & crafts, free food and drink, and other festive activities!

If you are interested in volunteering to help at Winterfest or need more information, please email info@kennedyarts.org or call 513.631.4278.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



6546 Montgomery Rd.

Gallery Hours:

Tue & Fri, 10am - 5pm
Sat, 11am - 4pm

www.kennedyarts.org

**Holiday Art Market
November 4 - December 23**

This holiday season, give the gift of locally made goods! Are you looking for a special, one-of-a-kind gift for a loved one (or yourself!)? Look no further! The Holiday Art Market at Kennedy Heights Arts Center offers an amazing array of unique, handmade items by more than 60 local artists, perfect for gift-giving. Options include jewelry, pottery, fiber works, ornaments, cards, and more. The KHAC Holiday Art Market is open Tuesdays – Fridays 10am to 5pm, and Saturdays 11am to 4pm from November 4 until December 23, 2023. More information at www.kennedyarts.org

**Clay Mug Workshop
Sundays December 3 & 10**

Learn the basics to hand-building with clay by creating your own studio mug. In this two day workshop, you will make and glaze a hand built clay mug—perfect for enjoying your coffee or to give as a gift! Each participant will walk away with two mugs of their own creation. The workshops for ages 13-adult will

take place on Sunday, December 3 and Sunday, December 10 from 12:00-3pm in the studio at Kennedy Heights Arts Center. Tuition is \$70 or sliding scale. Register today at Kennedyarts.org!

**Winter Break Art Camps
December 18 - 22**

When the kids are off school for Winter Break, send them to the Arts Center for fun-filled days of artmaking! Select from a variety of one-day camps for students ages 5-12 during the week of December 18-22. Camps run from 10am-3pm each day. Led by professional teaching artists, students will have lots of creative fun in our studio exploring wintery themes! Please check out website kennedyarts.org to register. Sliding scale fees available.

**Local Talent
October 22 - December 23**

Lindner Gallery

Talented artists are all around us! View a variety of artworks created by residents of Kennedy Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Silverton, and Amberley Village, and celebrate the creativity we have right here in our neighborhoods – our local talent! All are invited to free Opening Reception on Sunday, October 22 from 1 - 3pm, coinciding with the Kennedy Heights 60th Anniversary event.


**Kennedy Collective Exhibition
November 4 - December 23**

Kennedy Gallery



The Kennedy Heights Art Center is pleased to announce the annual group show featuring new works by members of the Kennedy Collective, on view November 4 – December 23, 2023 in the Kennedy Gallery, located at 6546 Montgomery Road. The show includes new and previously unseen works in all media by local artists, including paintings, photography, collages, sculptures, fiber, and more. The exhibition also features Off the Wall: a collection of smaller works for \$50 each, with half the proceeds going to support Kennedy Heights Arts Center. The public is invited to attend the Opening Reception on Saturday, November 4 from 6-8pm. Free, open to the public, light refreshments.






Neighborly Shout Outs





Chris - Woodford Rd.
We're new to the neighborhood and all of our new neighbors remind us of why we wanted to live here so badly! Thanks to Dominique, Ray, Xavier, Eunice, and Pete!


Christina - Dante Ave.
To the Forte's, Harris' and Bowman's, I am thankful always that I know my neighbors keep an eye out and are there for me when I need them. I couldn't have better neighbors!

Laura - Bantry Ave.
I am thankful for our neighbor Stuart who lives on Welton. He is always helping other neighbors with their yard work. I also appreciate how he always remembers our family and engages us all in conversation.

Abby - Lumford Pl.
We are thankful for all our neighbors, but a big shoutout to Jackie and Tyler for always looking after our house and sharing their spices with us when we've run out!




Sharifah - Red Bank Rd.
I am sooo thankful for my neighbors Diane, Owen and Poppy Magill, Jane and Charley Patty, Mary Ann Romanello, Cinder Miller and especially John Chambers for helping out so much at The Caring Place!!




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Mon & Tue, 10am - 8pm
Wed - Sat, 10am - 6pm
Closed on holidays - 11/23, 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, and 1/1

Imagination Station
Nov: Dino-vementer; Dec: Veterinarian
Smartphone Basics - Beginners
11/1, 11/8 @ 2p. Registration req..
Tweens Create
11/6, 12/4 @ 3:30p.
Meditation w/ Melanie Moon
11/8 @ 11:30a. Registration req.
Branch Book Club
11/9 <i>Round House</i> by Louise Erdrich. 2p.
Birding for Beginners
11/11 @ 10:30a. Registration req.
Family Day
11/11 @ 1p. w/ Delicious Design Cookies. Registration req.
Sickle Cell Anemia Education
11/14 @ 4p
Imagine Lab
11/15 Create Your Own Cipher. 12/20 Music Makers. Both @ 3:30p
Saturday Playdate
11/18, 12/9 @ 10:30a.
Paint Cafe
11/25 @ 10:15a.
Lego Builders Club
11/27, 12/18 @ 3p.
Tales to Tails with Myrtle
11/30, 12/28 @ 3p. Youth

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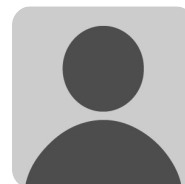
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 on the Kennedy Heights Community Council Facebook page.**