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Council Next Meets on
Tuesday 5/19/09

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KH Date Book

- 5/16..... Edible Soil at Library
- 5/17..... Chamber Concert
- 5/19..... HCC Meetsw
- 5/24..... Sharon Draper at KH Arts
- 5/25..... Memorial Day
- 5/28..... Centennial Concert
- 6/2..... Camp-I-Can Starts
- 6/7..... Vine & Wines Tour
- 6/15..... Arts Center camp starts
- 6/20-21... Juneteenth Festival
- 6/30..... Landscape Nominations

Behind on Your Mortgage?
Facing Foreclosure?

Ask for Help Now!

- Home Ownership Center 961-2800
- Better Housing League 721-6855
- Working in Neighborhoods 541-4109
- Legal Aid 241-9400

Juneteenth Festival

- June 20-21 ■ Lots for Kids
- Eden Park ■ The Place to Be!
- Music ■ Free
- History

Join Us in Celebrating
The End of Slavery

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How KHCC Spends Its Money

Kevin Holt, KHCC Treasurer

Nationally, in City Council, and at recent KHCC meetings, we have heard suggestions that the use of public dollars in general does not genuinely reflect the will of citizens. We need your help to make sure that's not the case in KHCC.

At all levels of public activity, our budgets and spending should be seen as reflecting the values and priorities of this community. To the extent that this budget or other actions taken by Council do not reflect your values, we on the Community Council Board actively invite your feedback, motions for change, or participation at any level in Council activities.

Below is KHCC's 2009 budget .It was recommended by Trustee Board & approved unanimously at the general Council meeting in November, 2008. However, none of these figures is set in stone by rule, precedent, or funding constraint.

These budget dollars, CNBDU dollars, and other funds are regularly prioritized, distributed, and otherwise acted upon. Frequently these decisions are guided by our Comprehensive Community Plan or by the best judgment of those whose committee leadership leverages dollars to create added value in the community.

Authorized Spending

- Rent/Phone/Administration \$6,340
- Fundraising \$2,500
- Beautification \$ \$2,000
- Winterfest/Arts Support/ Juneteenth ... \$2,000
- Recreation/Youth/School \$1,900
- CODC/Development/Wayfinding \$1,000
- Newsletter \$6,400
- Committed contract staff funding \$4,910
- Refreshments \$150
- Total..... \$ 27,200

Landscape Nominating Season!

It's time once again to check out our neighborhood and nominate yourself or your neighbors who have a **beautiful street-visible landscape** for KHCC's annual recognition.

- Eligible: All residential, business, and association landscapes
- Judging Criteria: color, texture, design and maintenance
- Judging Dates: Second weekend of July.

Judy Barbeau, Chair
Landscape Awards Committee

Send nominations by June 30 to
KHCC 6463 Kennedy Ave.
 I nominate
 (Name) _____
 (Address) _____
 for the 2006 KH Landscape Award.
 Your Name _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 email _____
Sure.
You can nominate yourself!



Kennedy Heights News
May, 2009

Support Your Local Library

Please join the effort to preserve and expand our local library. This project would provide funds for renovations, including an elevator to make the branch handicap accessible. The P.R. Library is one of six libraries in Hamilton County that is not wheel chair accessible. As such this branch is vulnerable to budgetary cuts during the economic downturn.

The Public Library Board has approved this \$1.2 million renovation project,if the community raises \$400,000. Thus far the Library Fund Committee has raised \$140,000 from grants and individual contributions. KHCC supported this project with a generous donation last year. Help us keep this valuable asset available for ALL of us to enjoy!

More information

Mary Anne Phalen 531-8737

Contributions

PRCC Library Fund
 c/o Mary Anne Phalen
 6377 Grand Vista Ave
 Cincinnati, OH 45213

Got KH News to Share?
Deadline:5/29
 news@kennedyheights.org

KHCC Meets
 May 19 7:30
 KH Presbyterian Church
 2010 Census
 New KHCC Worker

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KHDC Moving Forward

Ernie Barbeau, Chair, Kennedy Heights Development

Would the quality of life for residents of Kennedy Heights be improved if we increased the economic well-being of neighborhood businesses and our housing stock? **YES.** Should neighbors like you, and organizations outside of our neighborhood, join hands to improve our neighborhood's well-being? **YES.**

A YES response to those two questions has led to re-establishment of the non-profit Kennedy Heights Development Corporation (KHDC). It was established in 1977 and discontinued in 1982. KHCC revived the non-profit in 2008, and our 501(c)3 application (tax deductible) is pending with the IRS. The KHCC Board appoints a majority of KHDC Board members.

Currently the KHDC's mission is being accomplished by fourteen volunteers; we do not have a staff. The volunteers reside on Aikenside, Dante, Davenant, Iberis, Kinoll, Orchard Lane, Red Bank, Robison, Rogers Park, Tyne, and Wyatt. Three priorities drive our activities and energy, as recommended by KHCC:

- Redeveloping the old Kroger site at Kennedy & Montgomery;
- Increasing the viability of the Montgomery Road Business District;
- Improving the neighborhood's housing stock.

KHDC Officers

Ernie Barbeau, Chair
Natalie Schoenfeld, Vice-Chair
Charles Clingman, Treasurer
Melissa McNally Wolfe, Secretary
Jody Barkley Chairs our Nominating Committee.

At the PR Library

- ◆ Saturday, May 16, 2:00 p.m. Edible soil! Learn about the layers of soil by making a cup of edible soil out of vanilla wafers, pudding, & oreo sprinkles topped off with a gummy worm. Ages 5-12; registration required.
- ◆ Saturday, May 16, 2:00 p.m. Close knit circle, for needlecrafters of all types and levels. Newcomers always welcome.
- ◆ Featured book for May: *City of Thieves*, a novel set in Russia during World War II, by David Benioff.

Camp-I-Can

Children's Home 6/2-8/6
7 am--6 pm

- Ages 5-12
- Swimming, field trips, social skills, leadership
- Extracurricular & enrichment activities
- \$154 per week includes breakfast, lunch, snack, all trips 7 activities
- Hamilton Co. Vouchers accepted

Children's Home
5050 Madison Rd.
272-2800 ext. 3623
www.thechildrenshomecinti.org

Chamber Music Concert

May 17 7 pm

KH Presbyterian

As part of its 100th Anniversary, the KH Presbyterian Community has commissioned Rick Sowash to write a special composition to be performed in July 2009.

You're invited to sample his compositions in this specially arranged and intimate setting in the church sanctuary. It will be an electrifying concert of selected pieces performed as a prelude to the 100th Anniversary. Be sure to attend, enjoy the music & refreshments, and meet the composer and musicians after the concert.

- *Mt. Airy Wedding Suite* for oboe, violin and cello
- *Pastorale* for flute, violin and cello
- *Quartet* for oboe, violin, viola and cello

Rick and the musicians have graciously agreed to perform the concert gratis, but contributions will be gratefully accepted.

2008 Landscape Awardees



Matt & Janet Cresci
6305 Tyne

Stephen Eadicicco
& Tyler Seeger
6308 Orchard

Sap Brunch Report

About 90 folks celebrated spring at the annual KHCC Sap Brunch.

Great time (& eats!) had by all...and about \$1,000 added to KHCC coffers.

Thanks to the volunteers.

Rick Boyer, Natalie Boyer, Mary Ella Berta, Natalie Schoenfeld, Barbara Obermeyer, Ann Dempsey, and Jessica Sterritz, Bob Kamp.

Natalie Boyer
Acting President, KHCC



It was standing ovations and standing room only on April 19th at ballet tech when Playhouse in the Park came 'off the hill' to present "Theory of Mind" in **District A.**

"Theory" delighted 99 residents and visitors of all ages who filled ballet tech in between a dance rehearsal for Myth and a jazz jam!

The play introduced all of us to a high-functioning autistic teenager on a very well planned first date that defies his best efforts to make it perfect.

Our ushers were six members of the Teen Council at Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center, and our audience included the directors of four agencies that serve teens and young adults. To round off the afternoon, as we entered the performance space, we could enjoy an exhibit wall of art created by local autistic teens.

What did the audience think? They asked for more events like this and more theatre in **District A.** Tim Vogt, director of Starfire, wrote "I wanted to thank you, again, for your work on this and your wise ways of community building and inclusion.

Thanks to everyone who enjoyed the show and to the many neighbors who made this first community partnership with the Playhouse such a success.

June 5 6 pm ARTS MIX

Hosted by A Salon Named Desire, 6091 Montgomery Road.

Maria Kreppel, Chair, District A

Geier Residents Present Dinner Theater

Sunday, May 3, residents of the Geier Apartments presented a 5-act play at the KHPresbyterian Church. The okay was a hit with the dinner theater audience...and the actors obviously had a great time as well!

Sharon Draper Speaks
Sunday 5/24 7: pm
KH Arts Center

Award winning and honored author **Sharon Draper** will speak about her new youth books and awards - *Copper Sun* *Just Another Moon*

Ms. Draper is a professional educator as well as an accomplished writer. She has been honored as the National Teacher of the Year, is a five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Award, and is a NY Times bestselling author.

Sponsored by local merchants & friends of the Center.

10 Years In God's Hands

In GOD'S Hands Christian Youth Center is celebrating ten years of service in KH. A commitment to the Church and community was the driving force in a desire to offer area youth a positive, drug free environment. We began with prayer in the blighted Zinsle Tot Lot, where drug trafficking and abuse prevented children from playing. A clean up of the park was organized, and a stand against drug trafficking began. Soon after, a nearby store closed and was purchased by the Tyler's. In *GOD'S Hands Christian Youth Center* was founded in May of 1999.

In GOD'S Hand's presence in Kennedy Heights has provided 10 jobs for the community. To date In God's Hands has served hundreds of families. Our programs include: A Head Start Enhanced Preschool that is currently reaching for the stars as we achieve our first star as a Step Up To Quality center. We also offer excellent Toddler, Before & After School, and a wonderful School age summer camp. We have continued in our responsibilities as a community partner, serving as an official adopt-a-spot representative, cleaning the children's park and providing a positive clean environment. Please join us as we grow and celebrate ten years of service.

Important dates:

Summer Camp 6/8-8/14
Fund-Raiser cookout 7/11
Trike-A-Thon 8/7

Kathy Tyler
In God's Hands

Vines & Wines Garden Tour

June 7 10-2

Did you know Pleasant Ridge and Kennedy Heights are home to some of the city's most beautiful private and public gardens? Join us for family friendly self-guided tour of those hidden treasures.

Tickets: \$10 for adults (purchase by 5/31) and \$15 at the door. Children under 18 are free. Cost of ticket includes tours of 14 gardens, light refreshments and a detailed tour map.

All proceeds will help establish rain gardens and other beautification projects in our community.

Tour check-in and same day ticket sales will be at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center, Advance tickets are to be picked up at the check-in on Sunday.

The Vines and Wine Garden Club is a newly established garden club to support beautification and garden projects in Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge.

Questions?

Jean Mickol 531-7299

Janet Teske 731-2113.

Ilene Hayes

Centennial Celebration

May 28 KH Arts Center

You're invited to a celebration of the centennial of KH Presbyterian Church, cosponsored by KHCC & the KH Arts Center, celebrating 100 years of service to the community.

Each Memorial Day, KHCC honors a group of citizens who have made and are making a significant contribution to the quality of life in our surrounding neighborhoods. Kennedy Heights has a rich tradition of military, civilian, and private citizens who have over the course of the years contributed personally to the safety, maintenance and beauty of our community.

6 PM Light dinner for church members.

7 PM Community Concert: Sycamore Community Bank and the Presbyterian Church choir perform series of show tunes, spirituals and marches.

8:30 PM Refreshments