

Kennedy Heights
Community Council
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KHCC Meets
Tuesday 9/21/10
7:30 pm
KH Presbyterian
Church



Progressive Dinner Saturday September 25

It's time for the 27th Annual KHCC Progressive Dinner! If you have never been before, this is THE event not to miss in Kennedy Heights! There will be over 125 people spending a fun evening sharing great food and entertainment with wonderful neighbors.

We begin the evening together at 5:30 with appetizers sips at the Geier Apartments. When you arrive you will be greeted with great food, music, and drinks and register for the next stop which will be dinner at a host family's home. Each host family will have between 6-12 people at their home for dinner. The small number allows for great conversation and a fantastic opportunity to get to know a few people/neighbors a little better. After dinner, everyone will get back together at The Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church for homemade desserts and a silent auction.

This is KHCC's biggest annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$25 per person and includes appetizers, dinner, and dessert. The silent auction will include gift certificates, gift baskets, and much, much more!!!!

- To learn about hosting a dinner at your home, contact Lydia Morgan (631-7289 or lydiajm@fuse.net).
- To donate a dessert, make a donation for the silent auction, reserve tickets or for more information on the event, contact Natalie Boyer (324-6534 or Natalie@kennedyheights.org).
- Tickets can also be purchased through any Board Member, through Bob Kamp or online via PayPal at www.kennedyheights.org.

"UP" in Daniel Drake Park

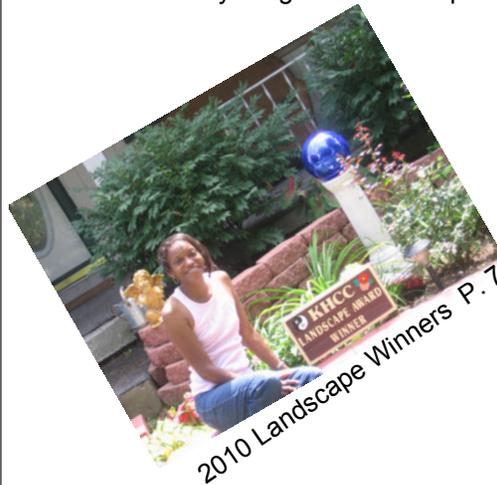
August 28 8:30 pm

KHCC is proud to bring the community a FREE outdoor movie night.

- Academy Award winning animated film "Up".
- Starts at dusk (around 8:30-8:45 pm) on a giant inflatable screen.
- Cartoons shown before the feature.
- Popcorn & other snacks available or bring your own.

Last year about 75 people attended and it would be great if we could double that number this year. There's plenty of room on the lawn to bring your family, your neighbors and your friends!

A big Thank You goes out to Michele Dragga and Cincinnati Parks for coordinating this event for us! Bring the family and a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the last days of summer in one of Kennedy Heights' beautiful parks.



Kennedy Heights Development Corporation Board Members

- Ernie Barbeau,
- Mike Harmon,
- Leslie Lannan
- Joe Feldhaus
- Rich Moore
- Jody Barkley,
- Melissa McNally
- Clete Benken
- Erik Brown
- Charles Clingman
- Cynthia Hale-Price
- Casey Millard
- Noel Morgan
- Donna Ricks

KHDC Tackles 2 Development Projects

For the past four months our neighborhood's nonprofit redevelopment arm (KH Development Corporation, KHDC) has been hard at work with two major initiatives--establishing a cultural center, and rehabbing four residential properties.

KH Cultural Center

Over the past three years the Community Council and the KHDC have focused on redeveloping the four acres at the southeast corner of Kennedy and Montgomery as the Kennedy Heights Cultural Center. The property is now owned by Cincinnati Public Schools.

We have joined with three partners:

- Cincinnati Art Museum,
- KH Arts Center
- KH Montessori Center.

The Center is projected to be a \$2.4 million project.



Our funding package includes:

- The City of Cincinnati
- An anonymous donor
- A recommendation from the Chamber of Commerce to Governor Strickland that we be allocated \$300,000 for construction
- We have applied for substantial funding from a local foundation.

In a few weeks we will be placing a bid to purchase the property, from Cincinnati Public Schools.

Each of the partners will be responsible to secure funding for designing and constructing their space within the existing structure. Clete Benken, a volunteer and Robison resident, has been enormously helpful with this project. The Cultural Center is KHDC's first major redevelopment project whose aim is to revitalize our business district.

Post-Foreclosure Re-Hab



Several months ago City Council selected Kennedy Heights to be one of five neighborhoods to receive Federal money for rehabbing and re-selling four residences in each of those neighborhoods. The properties all must be vacant and have gone through foreclosure.

KHDC's Board established a committee to lead this \$200,000 effort; it is chaired by Melissa Wolfe McNally, a volunteer and Davenant resident. (Melissa's father, Jim Wolfe) was also a volunteer with KHDC's predecessor organization.)

This is the first time in 30 years that a Kennedy Heights organization has been involved in rehabbing.

To do these first four rehab projects, KHDC joined with a local nonprofit that is highly experienced in rehabbing. From 12 properties that fit the federal criteria we have bought two and are exploring several other candidates. KHDC volunteers have given a great deal of time and effort to this rehabbing initiative, and we are learning a great deal. We are committed to continuing housing redevelopment efforts for many years.



*Ernie Barbeau, Chair
KHDC Board of Trustees*

Sign for the Times

After years of planning by a number of Kennedy Heights residents, our new welcome signs can be spotted at several locations throughout the neighborhood.

The signs feature the logo that was first introduced at the 2008 Progressive Dinner; a refreshed version of Kennedy Heights' classic "Yin Yang" design that has served the community for many years signifying the racial harmony that has long been a hallmark of the neighborhood. The design was created by Kennedy Heights resident Erik Brown.

A KHCC committee worked with the City of Cincinnati to shepherd the installation of the signs.



KHCC Election: 10/19/08
KHCC Needs You !
Throw Your Hat Into the Ring

Please consider nominating yourself or one of your friends or family to be elected to the KHCC Board of Trustees. Elections will be held in October with terms to begin in January.

We are eager for candidates to fill all officer positions and two Trustees-at-Large positions.

President Vice-President for Administration
 Vice-President for Community Planning Secretary Treasurer

- Kennedy Heights Community Council is a non-profit corporation. The Board of Trustees is its governing body. Each member of the board has a single vote.
- KHCC's annual budget is about \$18,000, with substantial opportunity for direction from Board members regarding community spending priorities.
- Only one regularly scheduled monthly Board , typically meeting on the same evening as the monthly Council meeting.
- Substantial support, written material, and established practices are available to assist any new Board member
- The Officers all have one-year terms. At-large members serve for two years.

Position Descriptions

President

- Preside at meetings of the Council and the Board of Trustees.
- Appoint committee chairs.
- Represent KHCC outside of Kennedy Heights.
- Provide overall guidance and direction to KHCC activities.

Vice-President for Administration

- Assist the President as needed
- Act in absence of the President
- Oversee fundraising
- Assure completion of the annual audit shortly after election to office.

Vice-President for Community Planning

- Provide guidance and support for review and implementation of the Comprehensive Community Plan.
- Lead in the recruitment and coordination of volunteers and committees

Secretary

- Assure that all communications to other organizations and individuals will be sent and maintained as directed by the Board and of the Council.
- Record the minutes of Council and Board meetings and prepare them for publication.

Treasurer

- Receive all moneys of the KHCC and keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures.
- Pay out funds authorized by the Board
- Present and distribute a financial report at each meeting of the Board and Council and
- at other times as requested by the Board

Trustees-at-Large (2 of 4 to be elected for 2-year terms)

- Represent the concerns and interests of residents in various sections of our

KHCC
Present
Board of Trustees

President
 Natalie Boyer

Admin. Vice - President
 Vacant

V.P. Community Planning
 Clete Benken

Treasurer
 Kevin Holt

Secretary
 Mimi Gingold

Immediate Past President
 Ernest Barbeau

Members at Large
 Clyde Otis
 Mary Ray
 Joshua Swain





KH Arts Center
6546 Monttgomery Rd.

Touch

August 21 - Sept. 25
Opening Reception:
Saturday, Aug. 21 6-8PM

Call to Artists

Click VI photography
exhibition
Deadline for submissions:
9/3/10

**Lindner Scholarship
Fund**

Provides scholarships for
arts classes and camps for
students with financial need,
as well as supports free
outreach programs that bring
the arts to underserved
populations.

Donations To:

KHAC
6546 Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45213
Kennedyarts.org



Kennedy Heights & the Arts

Celebrate Community Arts Center Day at KHAC

Sunday, Sept. 12 12-4 pm

On September 12, Community Arts Centers throughout Greater Cincinnati will be open to show how the arts are bringing people together and creating vibrant neighborhoods. Come check out what's happening at YOUR Kennedy Heights Arts Center!

People of all ages can experience free arts activities, tour our gallery and enjoy refreshments. Add your touch to Our Community group collage and participate in hands-on art making all day.

1:00: enjoy American favorites as Julie Spangler Klug (Cincinnati Pops & Orchard Lane) performs on the piano.

2:00: Artist Brenda Tarbell leads a clay workshop exploring texture.

3:00 Transform recycled materials into works of art with Robin Hartman.

Register Now for 2010-11 KHAC's Art Classes

Kennedy Heights Arts Center offers a number of arts classes for all ages from September through May. There is bound to be something for you & your kids!

kennedyarts.org 61-4278

- New this Fall! Arts In Action is KHAC's arts program geared specifically for teens.
- Use your artistic skills to make an impact in the community. Our first project will be creating back-drops for ballet tech's fall show!
- Capture the world on film in our Photography classes for both adults and youth (ages 13-18). Learn basic camera techniques and develop you own photos in KHAC's

Art Inspired by Nature Touch Exhibit Opens August 21

In Kennedy Heights Arts Center's upcoming art exhibition, visitors will be invited to do something that is usually forbidden in galleries – *touching*. Artist Brenda Tarbell has created a series of ceramic sculptures for the garden with surface textures and openings inviting sensitive exploration. This work, which was partially funded by an Individual Artist's Grant from the City of Cincinnati, is the centerpiece of a new exhibit opening August 21 entitled Touch.

"The natural world is the source of inspiration for my work," says Tarbell. "I try to create forms in clay that look as if they might have grown, might move, or are in decay. There is a braille to my sculpture; it is meant to be explored tactilely. It is meant to be touched."

The exhibition also features other works drawing influence from nature through organic forms and textures, including: drawings and paintings by Claire Darley and Rebecca Nebert, small metal sculptures by Lisa Wilson and installations by Rebecca Nava.

District A

is a citizens' initiative uniting Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge in their first ongoing collaboration for regional community development.

We're a catalyst, a clearinghouse, a collaborative formed to strengthen community and spur economic growth in neighborhoods that date back to 1795 along the historic Montgomery Road corridor in Cincinnati Ohio.

Today, these neighborhoods are diverse and vibrant family communities. Through District A, their Community Councils envision an even more diverse and vibrant tomorrow – with arts at the core.

3rd Annual District A

Arts & Music Festival SATURDAY, OCT 9

[Call to Artists](#) is now available for the Art Show & Sale
Questions? info@district-a.org

The Kunken Gallery At the Green Corner Market (Tyne & Montgomery)

The Kunken Gallery is a small, intimate gallery featuring one or two local artists each month. Open on Saturday's between 10a.m. and 1p.m. during The Green Corner Farmers Market in Kennedy Heights and by special appointment. In addition The Kunken carries a number of one of a kind gifts, as well as CD'S by local musician **Steve Haber**.

The Kunken Gallery is very proud and privileged to be showing the art of three young people, **Tristan Wayne, Anna D'Amico, & Lexi Midkiff**, all winners of various awards and extremely talented.

You are invited to the opening reception from 6pm til 8pm, Saturday 7th August at The Kunken Gallery. The show will feature throughout August. Hope to see you there.

The Gallery will open every Saturday from 10:00a.m. until 1:00p.m. with a different artist every month.

The Kunken Galley is managed by Cyd Alper-Sedgwick, Principal of the Kunken Collection consisting of a variety of services including interior design, Feng Shui consultations and Life Coaching. For more details visit the Kunken Collection website



The Green Corner Market
Kunken Gallery
6624 Montgomery

arts innovation movement nee ballet tech cincinnati

ballet tech cincinnati has changed its name to **arts innovation movement**.

In 2007, the company moved from the far north suburbs to Kennedy Heights and began to transform the community.

Soon, it became clear that "ballet tech" does not nearly describe the breadth of what the organization does, how it impacts the community, and the future direction of the organization.

Producing Artistic Director and President, Board of Directors Marvel Gentry Davis explains, "Clearly, we are a great dance company and school. But we have never been focused solely on ballet. Now that we are leading arts innovators in dance, a part of the regional arts center movement and District A revitalization of the community, we really want our name to reflect who we are as leaders in arts innovation, community impact, and movement, encompassing all the genres of dance that we teach and perform, and the fact that we are leaders in the regional arts movement and international dance with our Gala of



arts innovation movement
(Formerly ballet tech)
6643 Montgomery

Chopsticks or Chopin? Play Me, I'm Yours!

Cincinnati Public Radio is presenting **Play Me I'm Yours** by **Luke Jerram** to celebrate the anniversaries of 90.9 WGUC (50 years), 91.7 WVXU (40 years), and 88.5 WMUB (60 years).

Thirty-five uniquely-painted street pianos will be placed throughout Greater Cincinnati in public parks, streets and squares for anyone to play and enjoy - including Kennedy Heights Arts Center!

The KHAC piano was painted by talented students in KHAC's summer Camp Create under the direction of artist Cedric Cox and apprentice artist Bryn Sharp. Thru September 17, the piano will be on the porch at the Arts Center for **You** to play.

We'll be featuring a number of professional pianists and student musicians for small concerts on Saturdays. We invite you to come play, too. Please call us at 513-631-4278 if you'd like to



Outstanding Citizen Criteria

- Resides in KH
- Has made a Significant contribution to improving quality of life in KH through personal commitment
- Not on present KHCC Board

Landscape Judging Criteria Included

- Color
- Texture
- Design and Maintenance

Landscape Committee

- Vicki Bishop, Kirkup Ave.
- Michele Dragga, Red Bank Rd.
- Carolyn Thompson, Dogwood Ln
- Judy Barbeau, Kinoll Ave., Chair

Nominate an Outstanding Citizen of the Year

Each year Community Council looks to honor an individual as "The Outstanding Citizen of the Year".

This award is given to a Kennedy Heights resident whose service and dedication have made significant contribution to the neighborhood.

Nomination(s) can be made by submitting in writing a statement of the reasons why the nominee deserves of this special honor. Consideration will not be limited to the nominee's significant achievements or contributions during the year immediately preceding the year of the award, but can be cumulative over a period of years in the community.

We plan to make the announcement of the Citizen of the Year at the September 25 Progressive Dinner.

Nominations

On-line nomination forms are on the KHCC website, www.kennedyheights.org/OCOTY/NomForm.html.

You may also request a nomination form from committee chair Michelle Dillingham michelle@kennedyheights.org.

Nomination Deadline: September 1, 2010

Michelle Dillingham, KHCC Board Member-At-Large

2010 Landscape Awards

KHCC's Landscape Awards Committee received nominations of 47 (!) residences (on 18 streets) and 1 business for the annual landscape award. The streets with nominees were Aikenside, Bantry, Congreve, Davenant, Edgeview, Glen Edge, Iris, Kinoll, Odin, Orchard, Robison, Rogers Park, Red Bank, Skyview, Welton, Woodford, Wyatt and Zinsle.

The Committee visited each garden on July 17. The criteria for judging the landscapes included color, texture, design and maintenance.

After five hours of touring and discussing, the Committee chose the following

2010 Residential Landscape Award Winners:

- Mary McGowan, 3539 Glen Edge Ln.
- Julia and Matt Pentecost, 6406 Orchard Ln.
- Barbara Shells, 3824 Congreve Ave.
- Katherine and David Snyder, 6140 Robison Rd.
- Norma and William Turner, 5821 Wyatt Ave.

2010 Business Landscape Award Winner:

- Designer's Desk Exteriors, 3550 Woodford Rd.

Yard signs have been placed in all residential winners' yards, and each winner will be presented an engraved crystal award.



3539 Glen Edge



6406 Orchard

The Landscape Awards . . . a continuous annual KHCC event since 1988

In God's Hands Achieves Excellent Rating

In God's Hands has achieved State award for excellence in Early Care and Education. We are now officially, a Step Up to Quality, and Head Start Enhanced Center. We will celebrate our success on August 27th. The Festivities will include:

- Open House 4:30 - 5:30
- Gear up your tricycles for Trike-A-Thon 2010!!! 5:30 - 6:00
- In School Ready To Learn Bash 6:00 - 7:30 Featuring Music By Holy Gang

Want a Free Tree? ReLeaf is Back!!

The Cincinnati Park Board is giving away trees. **ReLeaf** aims to beautify city streets by planting 550 trees. The trees are supplied by local nurseries and are between six and eight feet tall.

You can choose from seven different species. To qualify, you must live within city limits and the planting location must be visible from the street but must not interfere with utilities. Applications must be submitted by September 24th and trees will be available for pick up in mid-October. The project is funded by a grant from Duke Energy.

Download an application from the Park Board's website
<http://www.cincyparks.com/bm~doc/request-form.pdf>



PIPP's New Rules Can Spell RELIEF

In the early 1980's Ohio was the first state in the country to make it possible for low income gas & electric customers to keep the heat on by making minimum payments, based on their income. The program is known as PIPP—Percentage of Income Payment Plan.

PIPP has been a life saver for hundreds of thousands of consumers over the decades. In the winter PIPP customers can keep the heat on by paying Duke no more than 15% of household income.

However, PIPP has had a serious defect. Although the customer is required to pay only the income percentage, he or she remains forever responsible for the difference between that payment and the actual bill.

Over the years that difference (the "PIPP arrearage") keeps growing and can add up to many thousands of dollars. The accumulated "PIPP arrearage" for all Ohio PIPP customers now approaches \$1 billion.

Duke and other companies have long since collected this money through an amount added to the monthly bills of all customers. However, the arrearage continues to show up on the company's books as debts owed by individual customers.

PIPP Plus

The PIPP rules will change in November, making it possible for PIPP customers to earn credits that over 2 years can wipe out the entire arrearage and avoid building up any new debts. The State is calling this "PIPP Plus."

The PIPP Plus customer will earn those credits by paying, **year-round**, 12% of household income to Duke. **And paying on time.**

Duke's gas & electric PIPP customers will be required to pay a **minimum** of \$20 monthly, even if they have no income.

Each timely payment is rewarded by a credit equal to 1/24 of the customer's total arrearage. Thus 24 timely, income-based payments can wipe out a huge arrearage.

In God's Hands
Provides day care
and before & after school
care
3808 Zinsle Avenue
792-0905,

ReLeaf Rules

- City Resident
- Plant within view of the street
- Not interfere with utilities
- Apply by 9/24
- First come, first serve
- Pick up 10/16
urban.forestry
@cincinnati-oh.gov
861-9070 ext. 21

PIPP Eligibility

- Gross household income limit of 150% federal poverty level
- Apply at Community Action Agency
- Document income & family size
- Pay based on income in winter & actual bill in summer

After November 1

- "PIPP Plus"
- Pay 12% of income year-round
- Pay on Time
- Earn credits to wipe out old debt & avoid new debt

Need Help Beating the Heat?

Community Action has fans & air conditioners—and help with your Duke electric bill.

- Over age 60; utility bill in name of you or a household member.
- Under 60 with certification of need from doctor or licensed nurse practitioner
- Program ends August 31

CAA is at Jordan Crossing (former Swifton Center) 569-1850

At the Pleasant Ridge Library

In August, we'll be taking a break from our usual baby & toddler, preschool, and school aged programs. We will resume after Labor Day.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

10:00: Babies & Toddlers Movers & Shakers

10:45: Preschool Storytime

3 pm: Tales to Tails: Read to Regis the reading therapy dog

Featured August book

Adults: *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson;

Teens: *Life As We Knew It*, by Susan Beth Pfeffer

Pre-Teens: *The Postcard*, by Tony Abbott.

Blues & Jazz at the

KH Arts Center Thursday 8/19 6:30 pm

On Thursday August 19 Erwin Stuckey Band and Ricky Nye will Rock the House with Blues and Jazz. If you didn't get a chance to see Ricky Nye at the Bluesfest this summer now is your chance to see the well know blues, jazz and boogie woogie pianist . Ricky Nye has been performing throughout Cincinnati since the late 70's he has been a recipient of many Cammy awards.

The Thursday summer concerts are all free...and a great way to relax.

Citizens Police Academy

The next class of the Citizen's Police Academy will begin on September 8 and run for eight consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6-9 pm.

The course is sponsored by the Cincinnati Police Department as is an effort to increase awareness, understanding and foster a better relationship between the police department and citizens.

Covered topics include laws of arrest, search and seizure, criminal investigations, domestic violence, community oriented policing, and other subjects related to public safety.

The Academy is free, however, registration is required. Application deadline is August 30.

For more information or to enroll, please contact Monica Ervin at 513-357-7554 or monica.ervin@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Kennedy Heights News

For budget reasons the News has been trimmed from almost-monthly to quarterly (4 issues per year).

To make sure you don't miss out on community news between issues, visit our website—and sign up to receive the KH eNews in your email box.

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