



# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

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## THE KHCC 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

An evening of food and fun  
with your Kennedy Heights neighbors!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2012  
5:30 PM–10:00 PM

### EVENT LOCATIONS

KH ARTS CENTER (Appetizers & Music)  
VARIOUS KH NEIGHBORS' HOMES (Dinner for 6-12 people)  
KH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Dessert & Silent Auction)

**\$25.00 PER TICKET**

Ticket price includes Appetizers, Dinner & Dessert.  
Proceeds benefit the KH Community Council

To order your dinner tickets, go to  
[www.kennedyheights.org/Events/Progressive.html](http://www.kennedyheights.org/Events/Progressive.html)  
Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express & PayPal accepted

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To host a dinner at your home, to donate a dessert or an item  
for the Silent Auction, or to volunteer during the event, visit  
[www.kennedyheights.org/Events/Progressive.html](http://www.kennedyheights.org/Events/Progressive.html).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Saturday 9/8/12:**

Outdoor Movie Night:  
"The Lorax"  
Drake Park Lawn  
8:30 PM Cost: FREE

#### **Tuesday 9/18/12:**

KHCC Meeting  
KH Presbyterian Church  
7:30 PM

#### **Saturday 9/29/12:**

Annual Progressive Dinner  
Kennedy Heights Arts Center  
5:30 PM–10:00 PM  
Cost: \$25.00 per ticket

#### **Saturday 10/13/12:**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual District A  
Arts & Music Festival  
Montgomery Road  
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

#### **Tuesday 10/16/12:**

KHCC Meeting  
KH Presbyterian Church  
7:30 PM

#### **Tuesday 11/6/12**

Election Day  
Vote from 6:30 AM-7:30 PM

Deadline for Nov./Dec. 2012  
newsletter content:

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 12, 2012**

**Email to:** Kendra Brown  
[kendra@kennedyheights.org](mailto:kendra@kennedyheights.org)

See page 3 of this newsletter for additional Progressive Dinner information.

## 2012 KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

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## CALL FOR SERVICE ON THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY (KHCC) COUNCIL BOARD

Please consider nominating yourself or one of your friends or family to be elected to the KHCC Board. Nominations occur at the October Community Council meeting, followed by an election in November, with terms that begin in January.

Our officer positions include **President, Vice-President for Administration, Vice-President for Community Planning, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee-at-Large.**

As a Board member, meeting responsibilities are few with only one regularly scheduled Board meeting monthly, typically meeting prior to each Council meeting.

Substantial support, written material, and established practices are available to assist any new Board member.

### President:

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

### Vice-President for Administration:

1. Assist the President as needed.
2. In the absence of the President, assume the duties of the latter.
3. Oversee fundraising.
4. Assure completion of the annual audit shortly after election to office.

### Vice-President for Community Planning:

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

### Secretary:

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

### Treasurer:

1. Receive all moneys of the KHCC and keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures.
2. Pay out funds authorized by the Board.
4. 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:

1. Represent the concerns and interests of residents in various sections of our community.
2. Serve as a link between the Board of Trustees and our neighborhood.
3. Encourage involvement of neighbors in the well-being of our community.

Contact **Michelle Dillingham, Trustee-At-Large** with interest or questions: **513-602-4260.**

### GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

My name is Kendra Brown and I am the new editor of the KHCC newsletter. I have lived in KH for nearly three years, and think it is tops among Cincinnati neighborhoods. I look forward to serving the KH community in this role and will put my background in higher education publishing, graphic design/arts, production, and fine art to good use.

I hope that you enjoy the look and feel of the "Neighbor to Neighbor" newsletter. I think that it really captures the spirit of the people that live in Kennedy Heights and my goal is for it to become a regular communication tool for the neighborhood.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [kendra@kennedyheights.org](mailto:kendra@kennedyheights.org) with your newsletter-related feedback or suggestions, topics, or questions.

## KHCC ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

The annual KHCC Progressive Dinner is THE not-to-miss event in Kennedy Heights and an opportunity to spend a fun evening sharing great food and entertainment with your neighbors.

The dinner will be on **Saturday September 29, 2012** and will begin at **5:30 PM** with appetizers, drinks, and music at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center.

After your arrival at the Arts Center, you will register for your next stop: dinner at a host family's home. Each host family will provide dinner for 6-12 people, giving you and your KH neighbors a fantastic opportunity to get to know each other better.

After dinner, everyone will gather together at the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church for homemade desserts and a silent auction. Many area businesses and residents donate items to the auction, and there are great deals on a variety of items, both large and small.

This is the biggest fundraiser for the Council and all proceeds from the dinner and silent auction will benefit KHCC.

Progressive Dinner tickets are \$25 per person and your ticket includes appetizers, dinner, and dessert. Order your tickets online by going to [www.kennedyheights.org/Events/Progressive.html](http://www.kennedyheights.org/Events/Progressive.html). You can pay using Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or PayPal.

If you are interested in hosting a dinner at your home, donating a dessert or an item for the Silent Auction, or volunteering during the event, visit [www.kennedyheights.org/Events/Progressive.html](http://www.kennedyheights.org/Events/Progressive.html).

## JOIN THE ACTION IN KENNEDY HEIGHTS

Things are happening in Kennedy Heights and all residents are encouraged to join in the activity.

A new Communications Committee is at work to help new residents feel welcome and to urge all residents to consider ways they can be involved in the neighborhood.

The committee will soon distribute Welcome Baskets to new homeowners with information included about Kennedy Heights. These homeowners will receive a postcard invitation to attend the **KH Community Council meeting on Tuesday, September 18** in order to pick up their baskets and receive a special welcome to the neighborhood.

In addition to information about Kennedy Heights, the baskets will contain **(2) complimentary tickets (valued at \$50.00) for the upcoming KHCC Progressive Dinner on September 29. Please note** that the Communications Committee will need to receive RSVPs for the complimentary tickets by **September 20**.

The Progressive Dinner will be here soon and there are numerous

ways for people to get involved. In addition to donating desserts or items to the Silent Auction, we need volunteers to help out at the KH Arts Center and KH Presbyterian Church throughout the evening. We also need people to host guests at their homes for the dinner.

Other Committees that have member openings are: Landscape, Education, and Youth. KHCC will also hold elections in the Fall for Board positions. Even though most positions are only for one year, some positions will be open as the current officers will not be serving another term.

Finally, we want to plan events that would add interest to life in our Kennedy Heights community. If you have ideas and/or an interest in any of these possibilities, please contact Christine Schumacher at [Christine@kennedyheights.org](mailto:Christine@kennedyheights.org).

**Communications Committee Members:** Michelle Dillingham and Christine Schumacher, both KHCC Trustees At-Large; Melissa Wolfe McNally, KH Development Corporation Board Member; and Kendra Brown, KHCC Newsletter Editor.



## PICTURE THIS

Students from the Kennedy Heights Arts Center start off the 2012 Art Parade, which was held on Saturday August 11. Following the parade, Kennedy Heights residents enjoyed art, crafts, music, and food at the Arts Center.

## UPDATE ON THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS CULTURAL CENTER PROJECT

FROM ERNIE BARBEAU, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, KENNEDY HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

For the past four years the neighborhood's nonprofit urban redevelopment corporation, the Kennedy Heights Development Corporation, has been focused on redeveloping the northeast corner of Kennedy and Montgomery. With critical assistance from the City the property was purchased from Cincinnati Public Schools, and transferred to the Corporation in March 2012. In June 2012, we had a terrific ground-breaking event, attended by more than 150 persons. The project is a \$3 million initiative!

The Project will serve to transform our business district as a unique arts-oriented area. The potential impact of the Cultural Center on our neighborhood's visibility, uniqueness, and viability are only limited by **your** support, energy, creativity, and generosity.

Three non-profit organizations will be co-located at the Cultural Center, formerly the old Kroger/Furniture Fair store building at 6620 Montgomery Road. The Cincinnati Art Museum's first off-campus Outreach Center will house an archived collection of art which can be viewed by the public. Kennedy Heights Montessori Center will re-locate their award-winning preschool program. The Kennedy Heights Arts Center will gain a satellite location for artist studios and

space for events, meetings, and conferences.

During spring and summer 2012, members of the Corporation's Board and several organizations provided dozens of volunteers who donated hundreds of hours of clean-up and renovation services. They cut and removed trees and shrubbery, planted trees, cut grass, picked up trash and garbage, painted the cement bases of the parking light poles and the metal barriers that are located in the parking lot, expanded the green space along Kennedy and Montgomery, and striped one section of the parking lot. They also completed a multitude of other tasks related to fundraising and the development of the Cultural Center's site.

Between now and February 2013 the Corporation will:

- complete the architectural plans and survey the property;
- hire an Owner's Representative to initially assist us with the pre-construction phase;
- issue roof repair and interior demolition specifications;
- develop several legal documents;

- begin the interior demolition of the building;
- develop specifications and bid plans for Phase I;
- advertise for design/build proposals;
- begin stabilization and remediation of the building;
- implement a neighborhood fundraising program; and
- apply for funding from a variety of institutions and organizations.

We expect construction to begin early 2013 and for the groundbreaking to be in the summer of 2013. In the next Corporation update, there will be information about other aspects of Phase I that will occur between February and June of next year, and details about Phase II.

A 15-member board of trustees leads the Corporation, with fourteen of those members currently living in Kennedy Heights. As volunteers, those individual trustees have provided thousands of hours of service for our neighborhood's revitalization over the past four years. Their passion, skill, expertise, and financial support have been enormously helpful, and their willingness to freely give of their expertise has been remarkable and generous.

The Corporation will periodically post additional details about the progress of the Cultural Center Project at [www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org) Specific suggestions, ideas and support can be addressed to Ernie Barbeau at [ernie@khdevelopment.org](mailto:ernie@khdevelopment.org).



**Left:** The future Kennedy Heights Cultural Center at 6620 Montgomery Road

## KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S LANDSCAPE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Jeff Dey & Mike Maloney of Wyatt Avenue



Martha & Lois Paterson of Davenant Ave

### ANNUAL LANDSCAPE AWARDS

The KHCC Landscape Awards Committee has been a continuous committee of the Council since 1988 and has presented over 160 annual awards to both residences and businesses in our neighborhood. The Committee presents the winners with individually engraved crystal awards. Recipients also receive recognition in the newsletter and on the KHCC website. In addition "Landscape Award Winner" signs are displayed in each winner's yard until September.

### LANDSCAPE HALL OF FAME AWARDS

When the Landscape Awards Committee celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008, the committee decided to do something unique to honor this milestone. The result was the establishment of the **Landscape Hall of Fame**. This award gives special tribute to Kennedy Heights residents who have consistently maintained beautiful landscapes in our neighborhood **AND** who have won a KHCC annual Landscape Award three or more times since the committee's inception.

This year the committee focused on our new Landscape Hall of Fame awards and inducted two additional residences. **New inductees, Mike Maloney and Jeff Dey** have been residents of Kennedy Heights since 1999. **The Paterson Family, Lois, Dave, Martha and Sam** have been residents since 1997. On Saturday

August 25, the Committee and KHCC President Natalie Boyer presented engraved awards to the new inductees.

Landscape Hall of Fame inductees receive a distinctive engraved award and their names are added to a gold-plated plaque that is displayed at our Community Council's public events. Members are models for our neighborhood. Over the next year the Committee plans to design a page on our website to honor all Landscape Hall of Fame winners. The 2012 inductees will join *Landscape Hall of Fame* members listed below along with their award-winning years.\*

If you wish to nominate a neighbor, business, or yourself for a 2013 Landscape Award, forms will be available next spring in the

newsletter, on the KHCC website ([www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org)) and at Community Council meetings. Nomination forms will be due by the end of June 2013. The landscape judging will occur in early July 2013, and the criteria include color, texture, design and maintenance.

Congratulations to all and "thank you" for adding to the beauty of Kennedy Heights over the years.

#### Submitted by:

The 2012 Landscape Awards Committee . . . a continuous annual KHCC event since 1988

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

### KHCC LANDSCAPE AWARDS HALL OF FAME

**Lee DeRhodes, Iris Ave.**  
Awarded: 1988, 1993, 1998, 2008

**Jean & Bill Goings, Iris Ave.**  
Awarded: 1990, 1995, 1999

**Eleina McFinley, Zinsle Ave.**  
Awarded: 1992, 1997, 1999

**Winona & Major McNeil, Davenant Ave.**  
Awarded: 1988, 1996, 1999, 2006

**Lori Puthoff, Aikenside Ave.**  
Awarded: 1989, 1994, 2007

**Ralph Wright, Aikenside Ave.**  
Awarded: 1997, 2006, 2007

**Edward C. Johnson, Woodford Rd.**  
Awarded: 1998, 2002, 2008

**Annie Mary Adams, Zinsle Ave.**  
Awarded: 1991, 1996, 2009

**Velma & Hubert Rodgers, Zinsle Ave.**  
Awarded: 1991, 1996, 2009

**Mike Maloney & Jeff Dey, Wyatt Ave.**  
Awarded: 2001, 2008, 2011

**The Paterson Family, Davenant Ave.**  
Awarded: 2001, 2008, 2011

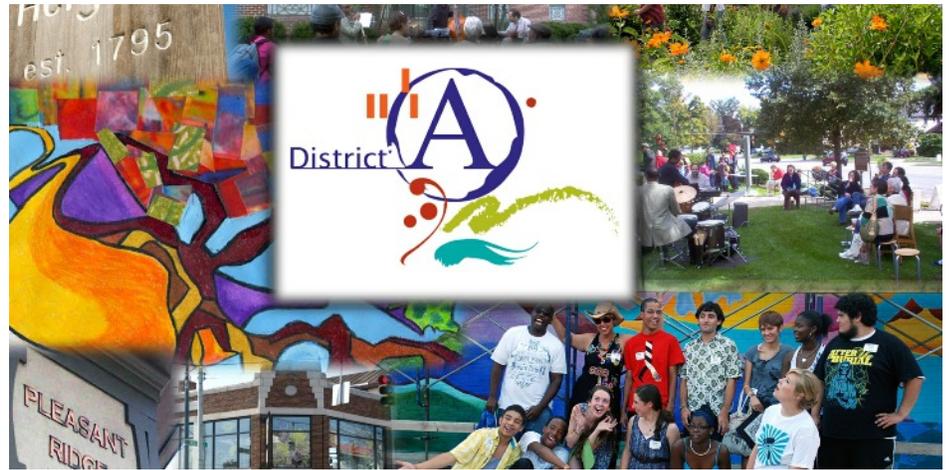
\*Specific addresses are not provided out of respect for privacy

## FUN FOR ALL AGES AT THE ANNUAL *DISTRICT A* ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL!

What a year in Kennedy Heights . . . and what a year ahead to 2013. The opening of the **Kennedy Heights Cultural Center** is bound to begin a new era. So, let's celebrate!

On **Saturday, October 13, 2012**, watch the **Kennedy/Montgomery Corner** come alive with the giant puppets of MADCAP. An ArtsWave grant to *District A* will fund their performance of *When You Wish upon a Fish*, which runs from 11:00 AM–noon. This show will stop the cars and entertain all ages!

MADCAP is only the beginning. The **Kennedy Heights Arts Center** opens to you and your family from 10:00 AM on. Make this the day you explore all that it offers our community, from galleries and art-making studios inside to family arts and music on a lawn surrounded by acres of gardens. Then follow MADCAP down to Pleasant Ridge for a children's treat at the **Ridge Pavilion**, 6142 Montgomery, where you'll discover one-of-a-kind gifts and creations at the outdoor Art Show &



Sale from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Across the street at **Pleasant Ridge Library**, you'll hear jazz on the lawn played by Phil DeGreg and find even more family fun.

A brand new business, **Beans & Grapes**, at 6200 Montgomery, is opening TWO EXHIBITS during the Festival. One is a regional juried show that features over 40 photographers, including some from Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge. The second show is a *District A* collaboration with some of our young teens and seniors, and with FotoFocus—Cincinnati's first month-long, international celebration of photographic arts. You'll be amazed at the work of Nativity

School's seventh-graders and delighted to see and hear from 20 neighbors who've helped shape the character of our community.

You'll have much to talk about from 5:00–10:00 PM, at **All Saints Episcopal Church** (around the corner from the Pleasant Ridge Library), while you enjoy the street music, dinner by the bite, and lots of fellowship!

For more information about the *District A* Arts & Music Festival, please contact Maria Kreppel, *District A* Board Chair, 513-703-8451



# ARTS + MUSIC FESTIVAL

**SAT. OCTOBER 13, 2012**

**10:00 AM–10:00 PM**

**MONTGOMERY ROAD CORRIDOR  
IN KENNEDY HEIGHTS & PLEASANT RIDGE**



**Adult & Youth Art Classes  
8-Week Session  
(Sept. 17– Nov. 9, 2012)**

Kennedy Heights Arts Center  
6546 Montgomery Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45213  
Phone: 513.631.4278

Visit [www.kennedyarts.org](http://www.kennedyarts.org)  
for more information





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## HOMEOWNER & RENTER RESOURCES

**Home Buyer Training Programs** Contact the Home Ownership Center of Greater Cincinnati at 513-961-2800 or Working In Neighborhoods at 513-541-4109.

**City of Cincinnati's American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) Program** Contact 513-352-6146 for information.

**Emergency Mortgage Assistance** Contact the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati at 513-241-9400 or visit [www.lascinti.org](http://www.lascinti.org).

**Homeowner Preservation Initiative to prevent foreclosure** Contact Working In Neighborhoods (WIN) at 513-541-4109.

**Housing repairs for low-income/elderly households** Contact People Working Cooperatively, Inc. at 513-351-7921 or visit [www.pwchomerepairs.org](http://www.pwchomerepairs.org).

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)** Contact The Center for Independent Living Options, Inc. at 513-241-2600.

**Tenant Representation Project** (*Legal representation for low-income tenants with tenant-landlord legal issues.*) Contact the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati at 513-241-9400 or visit [www.lascinti.org](http://www.lascinti.org).

**Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME's) Fair Housing Services Program** Call 513-721-4663 or visit [www.cincyfairhousing.com](http://www.cincyfairhousing.com).