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IT'S SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY IN KENNEDY HEIGHTS!

Greetings from the Kennedy Heights Community Council. The kids are out of school, the smell of BBQ wafts through the air, and summer is upon us in Kennedy Heights. As we reflect on the passing of spring, we had a productive clean-up, a well-attended picnic in Kennedy Park, a community concert at the Arts Center, a very special celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of our Community Council, and for the first time in 20 years, the return of Cincinnati Juneteenth Festival to Daniel Drake Park.

Check out pages 4 and 5 for details and pictures from the KH Community Council 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Remember, the Community Council meetings do not meet in June/July, but the council board continues to meet at its usual time of 6:30 PM. Our council meetings will re-convene at their usual time on the third Tuesday of each month starting in August at the Presbyterian Church at 6312 Kennedy Ave. The meetings start at 7:30 PM and end promptly at 8:30 followed by meet-and-greet time.

Enjoy the Summer!

–Michelle Dillingham
President, KHCC
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With a possible *second* community concert and a Movie Night in the works for this summer, your council board is busy planning activities that encourage community building in Kennedy Heights. For up-to-date information on KHCC events, sign up for the eNews on the website and Facebook page and please come out and celebrate with us!!

Michelle and her son Michael at (G)Litter Magic Green-Up Day in May. Photo courtesy of Michelle Dillingham.



UPCOMING EVENTS

No July KHCC meeting

Saturdays July 6, 13, 20, 27

Pool Days

Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center
5915 Ridge Avenue

Saturday August 10

Annual Back-to-School BASH

3:00–6:00 PM

Cornerstone Missionary
Baptist Church

6601 Montgomery Road

Free School Supplies

Food • Fun • Music

Tuesday August 20, 2013

KHCC Meeting • 7:30–8:30 PM

KH Presbyterian Church

Deadline to submit content for the Sept./ Oct. 2013 newsletter including notification of community events that occur or start
Sept. 1–Oct. 31, 2013:

FRIDAY AUGUST 2, 2013

Email submissions to Kendra Brown
(kendra@kennedyheights.org)

Save the date!

KHCC 30TH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER • SATURDAY SEPT. 28, 2013
VISIT WWW.KENNEDYHEIGHTS.ORG FOR MORE INFO

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OUR HISTORIC YEAR CONTINUES IN KENNEDY HEIGHTS AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you want to get involved with any of the following events or committees, please contact Christine Schumacher at 513-351-8785 or christine@kennedyheights.org unless otherwise noted. Thank you again to everyone who has already volunteered during this historic year!

SEPTEMBER 2013

- (G)Litter Magic (clean-up location TBD). Date: Saturday 9/21. Time: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. Clean-up, weed, and serve refreshments. Please contact Candace Bates at candace@kennedyheights.org.

DECEMBER 2013

- Winterfest at Kennedy Heights
- Arts Center. Date: Friday 12/6.
- Time: 7:00–9:00 PM. Organize event, solicit dessert donations.

KHCC ON-GOING COMMITTEES

- **Beautification:** Maintain the neighborhood entry signs and keep up selected community flower pots throughout the year. Contact Jim Zarnowiecki at jim@kennedyheights.org.
- **Youth and Education:** Develop plans for youth involvement in neighborhood and work with area schools. Contact Jim Zarnowiecki at jim@kennedyheights.org.

- **Communications Committee:** Write newsletter articles and help with Welcome Neighbor program.
- **Community Council:** Become Board member (elections held in November), help with fundraising.
- **KH Development Corporation:** Help with fundraising and on-going activities and functions. For additional information, please visit www.kennedyheights.org/khdc.



For up-to-date information about the Kennedy Connector project including lane and street closures, please visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov/dote and click on “Major Projects” or www.facebook.com/KennedyConnector

CONNECT ONLINE WITH THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL!

“Like” the Kennedy Heights Community Council page on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @KHCCORG!

Find out about neighborhood news and upcoming events and sign up for the eNews at www.kennedyheights.org.

COMING SOON TO A KENNEDY HEIGHTS NEAR YOU: 30TH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER, LANDSCAPE AWARDS, AND THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

What are the first things that come to mind when you think of the Progressive Dinner? Chances are these are among them: delicious food, meeting neighbors in host homes, a silent auction with desserts, and the announcement of the Landscape Awards.

The Annual Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday September 28 from 5:30–10:00 PM and there are many areas in which you can help:

- Be a Progressive Dinner co-chair
- Be a dinner host (20 needed)
- Organize, plan, and solicit donations from businesses for the Silent Auction
- Donate an auction item
- Solicit dessert contributions
- Donate a dessert
- Set-up and decorate Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church for the Silent Auction

- Assist with dinner registration
- Set-up and display desserts at KHPC
- Assist with clean-up at the church after auction.

If you want to be involved with the Progressive Dinner, contact Natalie Boyer (natalie@kennedyheights.org) with your interest and/or ideas.

LANDSCAPE AWARDS

Summer in Kennedy Heights means a parade of flowering trees and shrubs in addition to beds of colorful annuals and perennials. It also means that it is time to send in your nominations for the annual Kennedy Heights Landscape Awards.

If you've noticed any landscapes (including your own) that are doing an outstanding job of contributing to the beauty of Kennedy Heights, nominate them for the 2013

Landscape Awards. Send your nominations to Annette Delaney at annette@kennedyheights.org or call 319-1936 by **Monday July 15**. Winners will be announced at the Progressive Dinner on September 28.

100 YEARS!

How long has Kennedy Heights been a part of Cincinnati? In 2014, the answer is...100 years! Plans are beginning now for next summer's celebration. Want to be included? Contact Jayne Dressing at jayne@kennedyheights.org.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CULTURAL CENTER CONTINUES MOVING TOWARDS ITS FALL OPENING

ALL OF US—RESIDENTS, NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS—ARE ASKED AND NEEDED TO CONTRIBUTE, AS MUCH AS YOU CAN, NO AMOUNT TOO SMALL, EACH ACCORDING TO ONE'S OWN RESOURCES.

TO DONATE OR PLEDGE, YOU MAY GO TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD NON-PROFIT'S WEB SITE:

www.khdevelopment.org

OR CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTS WORKING FIRST-HAND ON THE PROJECT:

Teresa Davis 631-4908 • Casey Millard 351-2880

Mike Harmon 351-7683

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBOR



New neighbor Annette Delaney of Woodford Road receiving her Welcome Basket at the KHCC May meeting.

Kennedy Heights Community Council 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Former Community Council president Lois Conyers (*center*) speaking to the audience at the Council Presidents' Celebration as emcee Andrew Setters (*left*) and several past Council presidents look on (*far left to right, all standing*): Mike Harmon, Ernie Barbeau (*back*), Duane Holm (*right*), and Natalie Boyer (*far right*). Photo by Kendra Brown.

50 years of Kennedy Heights Community Council was the occasion for celebration during the first weekend in June. The Family Celebration and Cookout at Kennedy Park kicked off the festivities with host Clete Benken grilling a variety of meats and neighbors providing side dishes. The weather cooperated, with not a single thunderstorm to spoil the occasion. Good conversations with new neighbors and those not so new to the neighborhood were enjoyed by the 70 people who came to the cookout.

The party continued the next day at the Council Presidents' Celebration, which was held at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church. Neighbors

filled the Fellowship Hall and enjoyed a buffet dinner catered by Sharon Childress as they listened to music by Undercover, a local jazz band. The conversation provided another 'delicious' ingredient: One of the members of the band is Harry Stebbins, a Kennedy Heights resident. Lining one of the walls of Fellowship Hall were historical displays that gave neighbors a chance to learn about the Community Council's past and reminisce about their own experiences.

The Master of Ceremonies was Andrew Setters, a WLWT News 5 reporter and new Kennedy Heights resident.

Cincinnati City Councilwoman



Lifelong Kennedy Heights resident Bob Herring speaking about his experience in the neighborhood. Photo by Kendra Brown.

Yvette Simpson represented the Mayor’s office and read a proclamation of the numerous ways that the Kennedy Heights Community Council has impacted the neighborhood. State Senator Eric Kearney was unable to be present but sent a proclamation that was read by Lawrence Coleman, Sr., a member of the KHCC 50th Anniversary Committee.

Check out additional photos on page 6!

The Rev. Robert Harper, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kennedy Heights, lead the Litany. It noted the areas of life in which the Community Council has worked to ensure a stable place for residents to live and to be productive. Audience members responded with affirmations to continue the vision that started in 1963.

Bob Herring, Nativity School principal and a lifelong Kennedy Heights resident, spoke of living in the neighborhood during the 1950s and early 1960s and described how things have changed and yet remain the same. Social interactions among the residents and opportunities provided by the neighborhood were the reasons that he and his wife, Marilyn, chose to live in Kennedy Heights and raise their family here. Teresa Davis Mulligan talked about growing up in the neighborhood but not fully appreciating what the community offered—diversity, neighborliness, genuine character of residents, location and architectural uniqueness of the homes—until she moved back to Kennedy Heights with her family after living on the East Coast.

Former Community Council Presidents and past recipients of the Citizen of the Year Award were recognized. Current KHCC President

Michelle Dillingham thanked everyone for coming and urged each person to continue the tradition of supporting the Council with time and monetary assistance.

Many thanks to the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church for their hospitality, Lydia Morgan and other members of the Women’s Auxiliary, Susan and Harry Stebbins, Janet Coleman for designing the program, Susan Kitchen for creating the historical displays, and the KHCC 50th Anniversary Committee— Jim Zarnowiecki, Lawrence Coleman, Sr. Carren Herring, and Christine Schumacher, Committee Chair for making the anniversary celebration a success and for launching the next 50 years of the Kennedy Heights Community Council.



Top right: Resident Teresa Davis Mulligan talking about her decision to return to Kennedy Heights after living away from Cincinnati for many years.
Right: Duane Goings (left) reflecting on his experience as a Council President as his wife Jeane, former KHCC president Everitt Kitchen (seated) and emcee Andrew Setters (right) listen. Photos by Kendra Brown.

Bottom: Residents Stanley and Larissa Williams at the Family Celebration and Cookout. Photo by Hal Hess.





Top left photo: Neighbors socializing at the Council Presidents' Celebration as local band Undercover plays jazz standards. *Top right:* Council Members At-Large Christine Schumacher and Sharifah Tafari (seated) assisting neighbors with registration. Photos by Kendra Brown. *Bottom left:* Resident Shandon Crawford relaxing at the Family Celebration and Cookout. Photo by Hal Hess. *Below:* One of the two delicious Anniversary Celebration cakes. Photo by Kendra Brown.



VISIBLE VOICES: THE INTERSECTION OF ART & POETRY

A collaboration between poets and visual artists, this juried show includes works in all media which incorporate words and images, either side by side or as integral pieces. *Visible Voices* will be on display through Saturday 8/10/13.

Kennedy Heights Arts Center • 6546 Montgomery Road
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KHCC APRIL 2013 MEETING NOTES (HIGHLIGHTS)

4/16/13 Meeting • 7:30–8:30 PM

Call to order and introductory remarks were made by M. Dillingham. Each attendee introduced him/herself to the group. No new neighbors were present.

Fire Report: None

Police Report (Officers Engelmann and Tucker):

PVO for KH & PR from 4/23—5/9. There will be a 2-man walk or ride detail; police will patrol from 12:00—4:00 AM. Drug dealer arrest on Ravenal Ct. involving warrant issues; involvement of District 3 officers.

Crime report 3/16—4/11/2013: 1 robbery; 4 thefts [including 2 auto thefts]; 4 aggravated robberies; 1 burglary; 1 aggravated burglary; and 3 felonious assaults including an incident at the bus stop near the Family Dollar store. Officers are working with the Silverton Police to find out if there have been similar incidents. A resident reported hovering police helicopters near his street and that the new owner of the former Shroder School is not maintaining the property. There are signs of vandalism and trash and debris have been dumped at the school. Officer Engelmann reported that the police know about these incidents and Officer Tucker said that the Health Dept. can be called in if needed and the owners can be cited. Officer Engelmann

also said that a person who works for the owner had recently asked for a patrol of the property, apparently due to recent citations for tire dumping.

Motion to Approve March Council

Minutes: M. Dillingham motioned to approve the March minutes. MOTION APPROVED.

Treasurers Report: S. Stamper gave current balance and motioned to approve the monthly budget. MOTION APPROVED.

Brad Berkholder, Call Center Manager, City of Cincinnati Public Services:

Starting 4/3/13, the city will start distributing the new required garbage cans to residents based on their trash pick-up day. 65-gallon is the default size but residents can request 95-gallon containers. All residences with 4 or fewer units will be assigned (1) garbage can that stays with the property; properties with 5 or more units will need to use a commercial garbage pick-up service. The new requirements are meant to encourage people to recycle more, reduce sanitation worker injury, and spread out the workers. Requirements fully take effect by October and the city will collect garbage only from assigned containers after that time. There will be no more pick-up of

from multiple garbage cans but yard waste will [continue to] be collected every other week with recycling items. Residents can use their non-city garbage cans for yard waste [which can also be taken to one of (4) yard waste drop-off sites in Hamilton County]. There may be amnesty weeks around holidays due to the increase in garbage. The ordinance for the required garbage cans was put in place several years ago but is being enforced now due to budget cuts, environmental concerns, and making Cincinnati greener. There is a set-out service available for elderly and disabled residents.

Gary Payton, Social Worker, Comprehensive Recovery Coaching and Addiction Education:

A negative impact of drug use in a neighborhood is resident turnover. Heroin has exploded in the community, with kids starting off with painkillers and then graduating to heroin. There is considerable lack of information among kids and their parents who may not know the symptoms of drug use. “Paco” [synthetic marijuana] is not big in the KH community. The problem is that people are taking [these types of] drugs with the idea that they will not cause damage/addiction but are not “coming back” once they start using. There is less treatment (*continued on next page*)

SHOP HOP this summer in Kennedy Heights & Pleasant Ridge to save your \$\$ and support your community during the 2nd weekend of every month!

Friday July 12–Sunday July 14

Friday August 9–Sunday August 11

Neighborhood merchants offer special deals to customers who present a “Shop Hop Coupon” during normal business hours. Print your coupon at www.pleasantridge.org/business-district/shop-hop, pick one up at one of our participating businesses, or save it in your smartphone bookmarks.

Keep your coupon and use it at participating businesses all weekend.

Shop local and experience what the neighborhood has to offer!

If you are a Kennedy Heights merchant who wants to join Shop Hop, please contact Rosalyn Watts, Shop Hop Chair, at shophop@pleasantridge.org to be included. All Kennedy Heights merchants are welcome.

POOL DAYS



Saturdays July 6, 13, 20 & 27
Pleasant Ridge Rec Center
5915 Ridge Avenue

Co-sponsored by the Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge Community Councils.



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and more jail for drug users. All of the free treatment centers are full, leaving only expensive rehab centers and insurance-only facilities.

VP for Administration Report

(J. Zarnowiecki): 78 people registered for Sap Run XX and 100 came to the breakfast. Suggestions for future races include the addition of competitive running and biking. The winner of the Sap Run is Daniel Kasperowicz. P&G volunteers from Sharonville will be in KH for clean-up on 4/19. The 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on 6/1 and 6/2. Invitations for the 6/2 dinner [at KHPC] will be sent to all residents, though there is a limit of 200 people. Price will be \$10/person. The Community Concert [on 6/13] will lead into the Juneteenth celebration weekend [6/15 and 6/16] at Drake Park. Citizens on Patrol will collaborate with PR and

Madisonville. A youth committee is forming out of Shroder High School. Students are creating a video for the KHCC 50th Anniversary that will be shown at the dinner. KHCC door-to-door fundraising will begin on 5/15/13. There will be an “adopt-a-pot” initiative to install/maintain flower pots on Kennedy Avenue. Each pot costs \$150.00. Support will be provided for Ally Nurre's sunflower contest.

VP for Planning Report (C. Benken):

The roof of the Cultural Center has been replaced, demo is taking place, and the contractor is soliciting permits. KHDC needs a consent letter regarding Museum storage [stating that we are okay with it]. A use variance is needed for a special exception for fencing. C. Benken made a motion to approve both of these. **MOTIONS APPROVED.** KHCC will accept donations at the

fiftieth anniversary cookout [on 6/1]. He will provide meats and drinks; residents should bring side dishes. He also recapped the March PR-KH *PLAN CINCINNATI* meeting and said that there would be additional details at the next [May] meeting.

Communications Report (K. Brown):

The newsletter went to print on 4/15/13 and delivery will occur as soon as the end of the week of 4/22/13.

Announcements: None

Meeting Adjournment: M.

Dillingham adjourned the meeting.

Original meeting notes taken by Kendra Brown.