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## Kennedy Heights Community Council **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Kennedy Heights Community Council is 50 years old! Come join us as we celebrate the hard work, dedication, and spirit of the volunteers that have been revolutionizing the community since 1963 and that continue to transform the neighborhood.

### **Family Celebration and Cookout**

**DATE:** Saturday June 1, 2013 • **TIME:** 3:00–6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Kennedy Park (6037 Kennedy Avenue)

Join your neighbors for a family gathering to celebrate the anniversary of the Kennedy Heights Community Council. Cookout parking is available at the entrance of both sides of the park, on Robison Road or on Kennedy Avenue, and in the parking lot of the old Shroder school on Lumford Place. There is a path from the parking lot to the park.

We need additional volunteers for the cook-out. If you want to help out, please contact Christine Schumacher at [christine@kennedyheights.org](mailto:christine@kennedyheights.org).

### **Council Presidents' Celebration: *Passing The Torch: Emerging Leaders in Kennedy Heights***

**DATE:** Sunday June 2, 2013 • **TIME:** 5:30–7:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** KH Presbyterian Church (6312 Kennedy Avenue)

Join residents and friends as we learn about the past and future vision of Kennedy Heights. Enjoy a light buffet, a video of interviews with local residents that was produced by Shroder High School students, entertainment, and a program.

All are welcome to both events. For up-to-date celebration information, sign up for the eNews at the KHCC website ([www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org)) or check out our Facebook page.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday 5/21/13**  
KHCC Meeting  
7:30–8:30 PM  
KH Presbyterian Church

**Saturday 6/1/13 & Sunday 6/2/13**  
KHCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration  
See information at left

**Thursday 6/13/13**  
Community Cookout & Concert  
6:00–9:00 PM  
Kennedy Heights Arts Center  
6546 Montgomery Road  
See page 3 for more information

**Tuesday 6/18/13**  
KHCC Meeting  
7:30–8:30 PM  
KH Presbyterian Church

**Saturday 6/22/13**  
Litter Magic Clean-up  
9:00 AM–12:00 PM  
Kennedy Heights Park  
See page 3 for more information

Deadline for submitting content  
for events that occur or begin  
**July 1–August 31, 2013:**

**FRIDAY JUNE 7, 2013**

Email submissions to  
Kendra Brown  
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from the Kennedy Heights Community Council! Warm weather has finally arrived in the neighborhood, and your council board has been busy planning several activities for spring in Kennedy Heights. Read through this newsletter and you will find information on what is coming up. You can get updates on the KHCC Facebook page and website, where you can also sign up for the semi-weekly eNews that contains quick reminders about neighborhood events.

Why is the council working so hard to plan these gatherings? Because we are invested in making sure Kennedy Heights remains an enjoyable, safe, diverse, and vibrant neighborhood to live in!

My family moved into my husband's childhood home on Odin Avenue about 9 years ago. On move-in day he looked out the window and reminisced how he would play outside with his friends until twilight, and the fun he had growing up here. Today we are delighted to have a few new neighbors with young families, and our block has sprung to life with kids playing ball, riding bikes, and playing.

Kennedy Heights has always been a purposeful neighborhood, and so we ask you to come out to the events, enjoy good company, and sustain our sense of community. From our Welcome Neighbor program, to our beautification efforts, to the cook-outs there is something everyone can enjoy.

We hope to see you at the Community Council meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month 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.

Happy Spring!

–Michelle Dillingham  
[michelle@kennedyheights.org](mailto:michelle@kennedyheights.org)



Kennedy Heights Community Council President Michelle Dillingham, her husband Chris, and their son Michael. Photo courtesy of the Dillingham family.

# CONNECT ONLINE WITH THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL!

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Find out about neighborhood news and upcoming events and sign up for the eNews at [www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org).

## KENNEDY HEIGHTS CULTURAL CENTER PROJECT STATUS

Construction work at the Kennedy Heights Cultural Center is now in full swing. At the beginning of April, the roof replacement was nearly complete, and interior demolition and clean-up work had begun. By the beginning of May, the Kennedy Heights Development Corporation expects to complete contract negotiations and release a general contractor who will submit for building permits and finish the interior build-out of the project.

The current work will result in the completion of the first of two major improvement phases to the former Kroger building. The Cincinnati Art Museum Outreach Center and Kennedy Heights Montessori Center plan to take occupancy in mid to late summer. The second phase will feature artist studios, a meeting room, and event space that are currently being planned by the Kennedy Heights Arts Center.

The fundraising for our Center recently received a wonderful new boost: an anonymous local family foundation made a \$200,000 contribution! While our fundraising committee is still seeking out similar grants from corporate and family foundations, our neighborhood drive to raise at least \$75,000 from current and former Kennedy Heights residents, neighbors, and art lovers is moving ahead. We have reached \$40,000 which was achieved by a generous \$15,000 matching pledge from one Kennedy Heights family. Development Corporation board members—all current or past residents of Kennedy Heights—have individually made more than \$8,000 in contributions and have pledged an additional \$8,000. One Kennedy Heights family has donated \$5,000 and other families have made contributions totaling \$3,500 in recent weeks.

We are asking all current and former Kennedy Heights residents, neighbors, and friends to contribute, in whatever amount they can afford. No amount is insignificant and all donations are tax-deductible.

Thanks to all of our major donors and to everyone that has contributed time, talent, or monetary donations in order to make the first phase possible. If you would like to learn more about the project or make a contribution toward the cost of Phase 2 construction, please visit [www.kennedyheights.org/khdc](http://www.kennedyheights.org/khdc).

—Clete Benken  
Mike Harmon

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CANDACE BATES, THE NEW CHAIRPERSON OF  
THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL LITTER MAGIC COMMITTEE!**

### Kennedy Heights Community Cookout & Concert

**Thursday June 13, 2013  
6:00–9:00 PM  
Kennedy Heights  
Arts Center  
6546 Montgomery Road**

We need volunteers to help organize the cook-out and concert, set-up, and clean-up.

For more information or to volunteer at the cook-out, please contact Jayne Dressing at [jayne@kennedyheights.org](mailto:jayne@kennedyheights.org).

## LITTER MAGIC CLEAN-UP

**WHO** You, me, US!!! The lovely residents of Kennedy Heights and other individuals who would like to serve the City of Cincinnati.

**WHAT** Join your neighbors for fellowship and service at the Litter Magic Clean-Up!

**WHEN** Saturday June 22 • 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**WHERE** Meet at the Kennedy Park Heights Shelter at 9:00 AM where we will divide into teams. Litter pick-up will start at the shelter and move out to other areas of Kennedy Heights (down Woodford to Kennedy North, Red Bank North/South, and Montgomery Road from Robison to Coleridge).

**WHY** Since 1996, Litter Magic has been a very important and unique part of the Kennedy Heights community, winning several state and national awards for its accomplishments and achievements within the community.

**ADDITIONAL INFO** We will have plastic work gloves, pinch-style trash grabber tools, and trash bags available to hand out to volunteers. After the clean-up, please meet us back at the park for refreshments sponsored by the KHCC Litter Magic Committee and conversation with your neighbors!

For more information, contact Candace Bates ([candace@kennedyheights.org](mailto:candace@kennedyheights.org)). Event sponsored by the Cincinnati Park Board with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and KHCC Litter Magic Committee.

## KHCC FEBRUARY & MARCH 2013 MEETING MINUTES (HIGHLIGHTS)

### 2/19/13 Meeting • 7:30–8:30 PM

- **Call to order and introduction of neighbors (Michelle Dillingham)** Michelle recapped the 2013 Invest in Neighborhoods Summit at Xavier University and discussed the importance of having a presence at city events.
- **Fire Report (Fire Dept.)** Fire hydrant inspection is underway and over 200 inspections are complete. From mid-January through 2/19, there were 167 responses from the fire department, including 2 fires. The fire department is down 80 positions, though about 40 new firefighters will graduate soon.
- **Police Report (Officer Engelmann)** There were 3 theft reports from 1/13–2/14. The AC unit was stolen from KH Presbyterian Church on 2/3/13. A boarded-up 4-family building on Northdale was demolished. There was an auto recovery on Afton—a stolen car from a local dealership—and neighbors should look out for unfamiliar and unattended parked cars. The vice unit will monitor events at the Spotlight Social Club [located on Montgomery near Kennedy] due to complaints of excessive trash and parking in nearby business lots.
- **Treasurer's Report (Sarah Stamper)** After a review of the monthly budget, there was a motion to approve this. MOTION APPROVED.
- **VP for Administration Report (Jim Zarnowiecki)** After an explanation of the 2013 KHCC calendar of events, Jim went through the goals of the KHCC standing committees: Finance-Development-Fund-

raising (Jim Zarnowiecki, Chair); Communications (Christine Schumacher, Chair); Events (Jayne Dressing, Chair); and Health and Safety (no chair yet). There was a motion to approve the calendar of events. MOTION APPROVED.

- **VP for Planning Report (Clete Benken)** The new owner closed on the Shroder property on 1/10/13 and the property must get new zoning before any construction or remodeling occurs. KHCC has not made a decision about the bike lane installation [on Red Bank Road] but Council will ask about the installation of “sharrows”, an option not originally presented by the Department of Transportation and Engineering. Cultural Center renovation started during the week of 2/18 and the anticipated occupancy dates of the KH Montessori School and Cincinnati Art Museum are in August or September.
- **Communications Report (Christine Schumacher)** The Volunteer Open House will take place on 3/5 and the Welcome New Neighbor initiative continues to expand. Christine has started contacting former residents for the KHCC anniversary celebration in June.
- **Guest Speaker: Aaron Pullin, Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV)** CIRV is an organization that identifies problem individuals and provides resources and support to help them turn their lives around. Its staff primarily works with adults and youths who are involved in criminal activities or who are/have been in the criminal justice system. CIRV's services include court advocacy, counseling, and job placement. Aaron shared some of

the organization's successes including indictments of twelve gang members within the past year and job placement of over 130 ex-offenders last year.

- **Announcement** The Sap Walk, Bike & Run will be on 4/13. Participants can complete a 5K run or a one-mile run, walk, or bike. Registration is available on the KHCC website or at the event.
- The meeting was adjourned by Michelle Dillingham.

### 3/19/13 Meeting • 7:30–8:30 PM

- **Call to order and introduction of neighbors (Michelle Dillingham)** The Spotlight Social Club which originally opened as a “teen center” is now requesting a liquor license. The executive board of the council plans to send a letter opposing the liquor license and there was a motion to approve this action. MOTION APPROVED.
- **Fire Report (Fire Dept.)** A new class of 38 fire fighters will start on Easter and the Cincinnati Fire Chief and 100 firefighters will be involved in Opening Day activities. From 2/19–3/18, there were 141 runs, including 119 EMS, 8 fires, and 14 other events.
- **Police Report (Officer Engelmann)** On 4/1/13, the one-year follow-up drive through the neighborhood for the NEP assessment will occur. Two homes on Coleridge and one on Northdale were demolished due to blight and neglect. A landlord-tenant training will be held on 5/1/13 at Little Flower Church in Mt. Airy. Officer Engelmann alerted the community to a new motorcycle club on Montgomery near Ravenal. Members call themselves the “1%”, are known as the “Sin-City” bike club, and do not have a reputation for positive behavior.
- **Treasurer's Report (Sarah Stamper)** After a review of the monthly budget, Sarah said that we needed to revise the original amounts due to changes in NSP fund allocation. There was a motion to approve the budget. MOTION APPROVED.
- **Approval of January and February 2013 Council Meeting Minutes** Michelle asked everyone to review the minutes from the last two meetings and proposed a motion to

## Music Making with Madcap

A Peanut Butter & Jam Spring Concert

**Date:** Saturday May 4, 2013 • **Presentation times:** 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM  
**Location:** Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church (6312 Kennedy Avenue)  
**Tickets:** \$5.00 each (child or adult) or 4 tickets for \$15.00

The story of Jack and the Beanstalk as told by the violin, cello, piano and Madcap Puppets through the music of Schubert. Don't miss the music, storytelling, and warm and fuzzy fun! Plus, FREE cookies for children at each concert generously donated by Graeters–YUM!

**Additional info:** The presentation runs for approximately 40 minutes each. Enter KHPC from the back parking lot (Fellowship Hall) or the ramp entrance.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED: BE A PART OF A HISTORIC YEAR IN KENNEDY HEIGHTS!

Despite rain and snow, residents came out to the Arts Center for the KHCC Volunteer Open House on March 5. While enjoying light refreshments, neighbors listened to brief presentations on the Council's standing committees, descriptions of 2013 events, and the volunteer needs for each event. Active long-time residents were on hand to give their perspective on getting involved within the Kennedy Heights community.

The Volunteer Open House was a success. Several residents signed up to help out during the year and many connections were made among both new and long-time neighbors.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help during the year. We still need additional people for upcoming events and on-going committees. If you want to become involved, please contact Christine Schumacher at 513-351-8785 or [christine@kennedyheights.org](mailto:christine@kennedyheights.org).

### JULY 2013

- Block Parties at various KH locations. Dates/times: TBD.

- Pool & Pizza Parties at the Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center. Dates: Two Saturdays in July. Time: Afternoon. Provide/serve pizzas and beverages.
- Community Cook-Out & Concert at Drake Park. Date: Thursday 7/25. Time: 6:00–9:00 PM. Organize cook-out and concert, set-up, and clean-up.

### AUGUST 2013

- Movie Night at KH or Drake Park. Dates/times: TBD. Set-up and organize park.

### SEPTEMBER 2013

- Litter Magic (location TBD). Date: Saturday 9/21. Time: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. Clean-up, weed, and serve refreshments.
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Progressive Dinner and Silent Auction. Date: Saturday 9/28. Time: 5:30–10:00 PM. Organize, plan, and solicit donations for the Silent Auction; host a dinner in your home (20 hosts needed); solicit dessert contributions; set-up/decorate KHPC for the Auction; registration; set-up and display desserts; and clean-up church after auction.
- Note:** Planning and soliciting Silent Auction donations and recruitment of

dinner hosts must begin in early summer.

### DECEMBER 2013

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

### KHCC ON-GOING COMMITTEES

- **Beautification:** Plant and weed areas around Kennedy & Woodford, maintain neighborhood entry signs, and keep up selected community flower pots throughout the year.
- **Landscape Awards** (approximately May-Aug.): Review nominations and select winners.
- **Youth and Education:** Develop plans for youth involvement in neighborhood and work with area schools.
- **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.



## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL KENNEDY HEIGHTS SUNFLOWER COMPETITION!

Who will grow the **TALLEST** sunflower in Kennedy Heights this summer? Maybe YOU! The first annual Sunflower Competition is open to all Kennedy Heights residents. Entry fee is \$2.00 and includes sunflower seeds. Contact Ally Nurre (513-731-3530) by **Wednesday May 1** to enter the contest and pick up your seeds. Plant your seeds by **Tuesday May 7** and allow up to 2-1/2 months for your sunflower to grow. (The growing time will last until approximately mid-to-late July 2013.) When you think it has reached its maximum height, contact Ally to have a judge stop by your house and take the first—and only—measurement of your sunflower. Note: Be sure to call before the sunflower “drops” its head.

The grower of the tallest sunflower will win a prestigious plaque and a whole lot of bragging rights. Along with the winner of the competition, all residents with sunflowers that are 7 feet tall or more will also be recognized.

**For additional information or questions, contact Ally Nurre at 513-731-3530.**

Thank you to the following Kennedy Heights residents for your work on the Community Garden at Kennedy and Woodford during the last 10 years!

**Gary Adams**  
**Deandre & Devon Butts**  
**Lilian Bosworth**  
**Michelle & Chuck Dragga**  
**Richard & Elizabeth Gross**  
**Suzanne Kammer & Family**  
**David Nurre**  
**Joe Nurre**  
**Jane & Charlie Patty**

—Ally Nurre & Jim Zarnowiecki,  
 Community Garden Coordinators

And congratulations to the new  
 Community Garden Coordinators,  
 Jane and Charlie Patty!

## FUN OPPORTUNITIES FOR CREATIVE YOUTH IN KHAC SUMMER CAMPS

Delve into some creative fun this summer at the Kennedy Heights Art Center Summer Camps! From June 3–August 9, a wide range of one-week and two-week camps are offered for youth ages 5-13. Drawing, painting, weaving, photography, dance and theatre are just some of the areas students can explore. Each camp runs from 9:30-2:30 daily, with extended care available.

The Art Center's signature program for middle-school youth is Camp Create. This opportunity is a great way for students aged 10-13 to express their creativity through intensive art instruction while applying their learned skills to community-based projects.

Last year, participating students in Camp Create had the opportunity to paint a pig. Yes, a pig! You may have driven by the Art Center and caught a glimpse of the colorful pig in our front yard. This Picasso-inspired swine entitled "Pigasso Serenade" was featured in Washington Park as part of the The Big Pig Gig sponsored by ArtWorks.



A student artist during one of the 2012 summer camps. Photo courtesy of the Kennedy Heights Arts Center.

The students also created paintings that were displayed downtown at Tower Place. The students' music-themed canvas creations welcomed visitors to celebrate the World Choir Games. Coming full circle with the community-based projects, the students also painted a mural in the community garden at Gabriel's Place, located in Avondale.

Camp Create 2013 has a lot in store for its participants! Back for another summer to inspire the students, Cedric Michael Cox will lead our visual artists in projects based in drawing and painting. Performing artists will enjoy working with Ian Forsgren of Pones, Inc. on dance and movement-based performance. This two-week camp will take place June 10–14 and June 17–21 from 9:30 AM–2:30 PM. The final showcase of the students combined work of visual and performing arts will take place on Friday June 21 at 6:30 PM at the Kennedy Heights Art Center.

For more information about summer camp registration, please visit our website at [www.kennedyarts.org](http://www.kennedyarts.org) or call us at (513) 631-4278. Scholarships are available for those with financial need.

### VISIBLE VOICES

This summer's exhibition at Kennedy Heights Art Center, *Visible Voices*, explores collaboration between poets and visual artists. From June 1–July 15, the juried show will include works in all media which incorporate words and images, either side by side or as integral pieces. All are invited to a free opening reception on Saturday June 1 from 6:00–8:00 PM at Kennedy Heights Art Center. Summer gallery hours are Tuesdays through Fridays 2:30–5:30 PM and Saturdays 11:00 AM–4:00 PM. We hope you'll stop by to see this unique and inspirational show.

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"Common Good" by Mary Lennard

Make visible the images,  
Make audible the words.  
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Friday May 10 & Saturday May 11, 2013 • 7:00 PM (both nights)  
Kennedy Heights Arts Center  
6546 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45213.

### Ticket Information

Friday: Preview film night • Free admission  
Saturday: Advance tickets are \$10 at Everybody's Records  
(6106 Montgomery Road) or \$15 at the door

For more information about the Film Festival, call 888-470-6966  
or visit [www.renaissanceentertainmentexp.com](http://www.renaissanceentertainmentexp.com).

## THANK YOU, KENNEDY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS!

Our first inter-neighborhood planning conversation exceeded all expectations! On March 21 both the Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge Community Councils & Development Corporations joined with District A at Beans & Grapes Coffee House & Wine Bar for a collaborative community conversation on *PLAN CINCINNATI*, the city’s new strategic plan.

We used every available chair for the 85+ neighbors, community leaders, and business owners who came to participate. The evening began with luscious foods created by Kennedy Heights Community Council Member at-Large and chef Sharifah Tafari. While neighbors snacked and greeted each other, they also enjoyed exhibits of each neighborhood’s history and plans for the future. These included Jim Cebula’s history of Kennedy Heights, the Cultural Center’s architectural plans, Pleasant Ridge Business District drawings by University of Cincinnati Planning students, and both neighborhoods’ current planning documents on file with the city.

With the help of Katherine Keough-Jurs, Senior City of Cincinnati Planner, we walked through the major

sections of *PLAN CINCINNATI* to begin to understand its composition and potential impact. This led to a lot of conversation about what the *PLAN* could mean for all of us if we work together to achieve our best outcomes.

At each table, participants from Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge listed the assets and needs of their own neighborhood and of their neighbors’ neighborhood. The results were shared around the tables and then throughout the room. As “great



Clete Benken, KHCC VP of Planning, explaining the potential impact of *PLAN CINCINNATI* on the Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge communities. Photo by Kendra Brown.

ideas” and “burning questions” were called out by individuals, the widespread responses literally brought people together in new and interesting ways.

Over the next few months, our Community Councils and Development Corporations—along with the District A Board—will be working through the issues and ideas that surfaced from the March 21 brainstorming sessions at our conversation tables and across our neighborhoods. We have only just begun.

To learn more, visit [www.district-a.org](http://www.district-a.org) where you can link directly to *PLAN CINCINNATI* and to current planning documents for Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge. Get in touch with any of us at any time—and help us grow better together!

–Maria Kreppel,  
District A Board Chair



Katherine Keough-Jurs, Senior City Planner, describing the different initiatives in *PLAN CINCINNATI*. Photo by Kendra Brown.

  
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## KHCC MEETING MINUTES (HIGHLIGHTS) *(continued from p. 4)*

approve each of these. MOTIONS APPROVED.

- **VP for Administration Report**

**(Jim Zarnowiecki)** Council will allocate \$200 to the Sap Run. Jayne Dressing called for volunteers to help with registration and event promotion. The KHCC Litter Magic Committee has a new chair, Ms. Candace Bates. Postcards for both the Litter Magic Green Up Day [scheduled for 4/27/13 and in conjunction with the Great American Clean-Up] and the Sap Run will be sent in late March.

- **Guest Speaker: Larry Williams,**

**Principal at Shroder High School**

Shroder Students will create a video for the KHCC fiftieth anniversary and they will also be asked to help out at the Sap Run and the Litter Magic Clean-Up in April. Students made a \$1000 donation to the Caring Place through their Giving Grant. Community members can contact the school to advertise opportunities for students to complete their required service learning hours.

- **Other activities** Resident Ally Nurre is sponsoring a sunflower growing competi-

tion. The entry fee is \$2.00 (including seeds) and participants can enter at the Sap Run or Litter Magic Clean-Up, or they can contact Ally directly. Judges will measure the sunflowers later in the summer, and the grower of the tallest flower will receive a sunflower plaque. KHCC approved \$300 for a Kennedy Heights Soap Box Derby car and will be kept up to date on the car's progress in city races. A racing demo is planned for one of the summer cookouts. A planning committee is being developed for the KHCC fiftieth anniversary events in June.

- **VP for Planning Report (Clete Benken)**

The roof of the Cultural Center is being completely replaced and the interior work will begin by the end of March. The KH Montessori School and Art Museum are still scheduled to move into their space by August or September. The Cultural Center recently received another major corporate donation and KHCC continues to solicit contributions.

- **Communications Report (Christine Schumacher)**

The Volunteer Open House was a success and several resi-

dents signed up to help at upcoming events. Neighbors are encouraged to use the Kennedy Heights Facebook page and email list for receiving updates about community events, news, and actions.

- **Guest Speaker: Christina Brown, Cincinnati Human Relations Commission (CHRC)**

The CHRC works on issues such as neighbor disputes, chronic nuisances, youth services, and community engagement. Representatives attended the neighborhood diversity discussion on 3/13 at Beans and Grapes Coffee House & Wine Bar.

- **Announcements**

The Sap Walk, Bike & Run will be on Saturday 4/13 and registration is available on the KHCC website or at the event. The Beverage Cave is up for sale.

- The meeting was adjourned by Michelle Dillingham.

**Note:** Original minutes were taken by KHCC Secretary Jayne Dressing and are available at [www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org).