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CALL FOR SERVICE ON THE 2014 KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY (KHCC) COUNCIL BOARD

Nominate yourself, a friend, or a family member for the 2014 KHCC Board. Service terms for most positions are for one year and begin in January 2014. The service term for the Member At-Large position is two years.

Come out and vote for the new Board members during the November KHCC meeting.

Tuesday 11/19/13 • 7:30 PM

Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

See page 7 for descriptions of open Board positions. Contact KHCC Treasurer Sarah Stamper with interest or questions at sarah@kennedyheights.org by **Monday November 18**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 11/5/13

Election Day

Tuesday 11/19/13

Community Dinner • 6:00–7:15 PM
Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church • Co-sponsored by the KHCC and KHPC Hospitality Committee. All are welcome at this free dinner. Volunteers are needed for dinner set-up and clean-up. Contact Lydia Morgan (lydiajmorgan@gmail.com) to help out.

KHCC Meeting and 2014 Board Elections • 7:30–8:30 PM • Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church. Come cast your vote for the 2014 KHCC Board members.

Friday 12/6/13

Winterfest • 7:00–9:00 PM • Kennedy Heights Arts Center and Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center. See left and page 3 for details.

Friday 12/6/13

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR KHCC
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014
NEWSLETTER CONTENT**

Items should be for events that start on/occur from January 1–February 28, 2014. Email items to Kendra Brown (kendra@kennedyheights.org).

****No KHCC Meeting in December****



Friday December 6, 2013 • 7:00–9:00 PM

Kennedy Heights Arts Center • 6546 Montgomery Road

Children's activities • Tasty goodies for all • Music and singing • Gallery exhibits • Holiday shopping at the Arts Center gift shop

Non-perishable food donations will be collected for *The Caring Place* (a subsidiary of the FreeStore Foodbank) located at KH Presbyterian Church.

Contact Christine Schumacher at **513-351-8785** or christine@kennedyheights.org by **Monday November 25** if you want to help out at **Kennedy Heights Winterfest** or donate a dessert.

And don't forget to stop by the **Pleasant Ridge Winterfest Celebration** at the Pleasant Ridge Rec Center (5915 Ridge Road) from 6:00–8:00 PM!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from the Kennedy Heights Community Council! Fall is here and with the changing season we reflect on what we are grateful for.

We had a beautiful Progressive Dinner celebration, a (G)Litter Magic Clean-Up Day, and our neighborhood was highlighted by Invest In Neighborhoods for our collaboration with our next door neighbors in Pleasant Ridge to address the violence we had over the summer.

We've continued to partner with Pleasant Ridge on various efforts such as the 2013 Candidate Night and the District-A Festival. We look forward to more opportunities to work together in ways that will mutually benefit both our neighborhoods. We will hold elections for trustee positions on the Kennedy Heights Community Council Board on **Tuesday November 19**. We need your involvement—neighbors willing to volunteer their time for important neighborhood initiatives!

As always, we encourage you to come to the council meetings and get involved! Community Council meetings meet 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. See you there!

—Michelle Dillingham
KHCC President

michelle@kennedyheights.org

2014 Kennedy Heights
Community Council
Board Elections will be
held on Tuesday
November 19!



Kennedy Heights Community Council
President Michelle Dillingham. Photo courtesy of the
Dillingham family.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY JUNE 28, 2014

Kennedy Heights turns 100 next year and a grand celebration is in the works. Watch the newsletter, website, and Facebook page in the coming months for more details. If you want to help plan the festivities or volunteer at the event, please contact Carren Herring at srcarren@gmail.com. Thanks to Erik Brown of Brownstone Design for our logo.



INTRODUCING *NEXTDOOR* WINTERFEST 2013: A CELEBRATION FOR THE SEASON!

For all who have access to a computer, there is a new way to connect with neighbors using the *Nextdoor* website, which the City of Cincinnati is now making available to all neighborhoods including Kennedy Heights. It is a free service that allows you to get in touch with your neighbors for just about any reason such as to offer free plants to your neighbors, ask about reputable service representatives, discuss community-wide issues, find a new home for an outgrown bike, and more.

Enter <https://nextdoor.com> in your browser, and a box will appear to “Find your neighborhood”. Enter your email address, house address, and then click the “Get started-it’s free” box.

You choose the boundaries that you want and can include other neighborhoods besides Kennedy Heights in “your” neighborhood. You can also invite other neighbors to join.

The *Nextdoor* website contains privacy and safety features. Each person must verify their address and give their actual name. Your website is securely encrypted using the HTTPS Internet protocol. Information that you share will never show up in Google or other search engines. *Nextdoor* never shares your personal information with third-party advertisers.

Neighborhood guidelines include: respecting others by being honest, authentic, and straightforward in all actions; showing tolerance to others, even if you don’t share similar opinions; and not sharing posts from the website without the author’s permission.

Over 14,000 neighborhoods across the U.S. already use the *Nextdoor* website. Here’s to a useful tool for you, and for Kennedy Heights!

Mark your calendars! In the spirit of the season, a traditional neighborhood celebration is here to light up your holidays. The Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge communities will host the ninth annual Winterfest on Friday December 6 from 6:00–9:00 PM

Winterfest is packed with free and exciting activities for the entire family at several locations. Come for part or all of the celebration. All are welcome!

The festival kicks off with a tree lighting ceremony at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center (5915 Ridge Avenue) at 6:00 PM. Families will enjoy festive games, crafts and entertainment inside the gym at the community center. Children will even have the opportunity to visit with jolly-old Santa Claus!

Then head to the Kennedy Heights Arts Center (6546 Montgomery Road) to continue the celebration from 7:00–9:00 PM. Visitors can view our winter art exhibition in the gallery, listen to holiday music by local choirs, and enjoy tasty desserts and beverages.

You can even do some holiday shopping. The show features jewelry, pottery, photography, paintings, glass, and fiber works from local artists—perfect for gift-giving.

While at the Arts Center, children can make handmade ornaments in the art studio, and everyone is invited to gather ’round the piano for carol singing with charismatic musician Todd Hepburn.

Winterfest would not take place every year without the generous support of our sponsors. A big thanks to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (Pleasant Ridge Center), Kennedy Heights Arts Center and Kennedy Heights Community Council and Pleasant Ridge Community Council.

If you want to volunteer at or donate a dessert to **Kennedy Heights Winterfest**, please contact Christine Schumacher at christine@kennedyheights.org or **513-351-8785** by **Monday November 25**. For more general information about Winterfest, please call 631-4278 (KHAC) or 731-7894 (Pleasant Ridge Community Center).



A peek inside the soon-to-be renovated Kennedy Heights Cultural Center which was open to the public during the District-A Festival on Saturday October 12. The Cultural Center is expected to open by early summer 2014. Photo taken by Kendra Brown.

2013 PROGRESSIVE DINNER A SUCCESS!

A beautiful fall evening was the backdrop for another fun-filled Kennedy Heights Progressive Dinner on Saturday September 28. More than 100 neighbors gathered at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center to enjoy music by local jazz ensemble Stardust Trio and delicious appetizers from Maggiano's. Twelve host families welcomed neighbors into their homes to share a delicious meal before everyone headed over to the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church for the Silent Auction and dessert portion of the evening. The 2013 Landscape Award Winners received recognition and a special honor was given to Susan Wade-Murphy who spearheaded this summer's successful "Play in the Park" events.

If you were unable to attend this year or have never gotten involved in the Progressive Dinner, it is an evening not to miss. Please consider becoming a host family or an event planner, or donating a silent auction item. It is not only one of the biggest "fun"-raisers of the Community Council, it is also a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and connect with the Kennedy Heights community.

Special thanks to Jayne Dressing, Jody Barkley, Bob Kamp, Ellen Muse-Lindeman, Lydia and Noel Morgan, Christine Schumacher and Hal Hess, Sarah Stamper, B.J. Gardner, Carren Herring, Dana and Tracie Bateman, David and Lois Patterson, Clete and Ann Benken, Joe Feldhaus and Marcheta Gillam, David and Susan Donnett, Pat and MaryAnne Romanello, Kate Kern, Natalie Boyer, Kennedy Heights Arts Center, and Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church.



Erik Browne and Susan Wade-Murphy during the Progressive Dinner cocktail hour at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. Photo courtesy of Susan Wade-Murphy.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday November 15

Youth Lock-in for ages 13-18 at Bread of Life Church. Drop-off is at 8:00 PM and pick-up is

Saturday November 16 at 8:30 AM. For more information, contact the church via e-mail at churchoffice@breadoflifecincy.org or call **513.489.LIFE (5433)**.

Friday November 22

Please join us for an Evening of Giving Thanks through Worship at the Bread of Life Church from 7:00–9:00 PM. For more details please visit us at breadoflifecincy.org.

Thursday November 28

Bread of Life Church Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Bowl. All men and youth are welcome to come fellowship in a game of football from 9:00–11:00 AM.

Youth Nights (ages 12–18)

First and second Wednesday of every month • 7:00 PM

All events will be held at Bread of Life Church, located at 5902 Robison Road. For more information on any of these events, please visit our website at www.breadoflifecincy.org or call **513.489.5433**.

**OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CULTURAL CENTER
CONTINUES MOVING TOWARDS ITS 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**

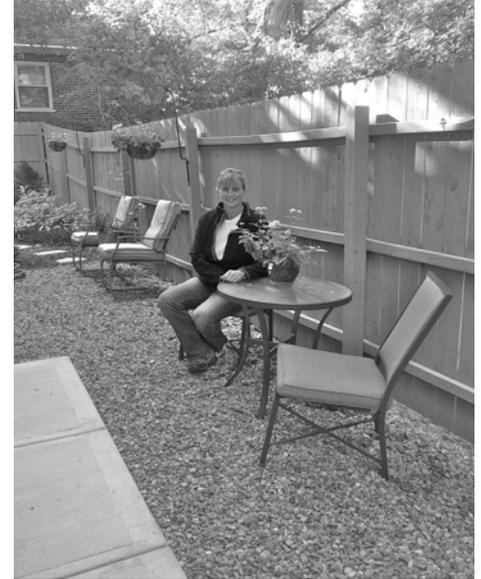
2013 KENNEDY HEIGHTS LANDSCAPE AWARD WINNERS

In late August, the Kennedy Heights Beautification Committee—headed by Annette Delaney—evaluated nine landscape nominees. While they were all beautiful, the following four emerged as the 2013 winners.

WENDA WADE (VALLEY VIEW)

As you drive or walk past Wenda’s house, the well-maintained borders of shrubs—which are accented with large stones—catch the eye. Wenda, who has lived in Kennedy Heights for three years, hired landscape designer Chris Carpenter to design and install the borders. However, Wenda has also given the garden her own personal touch by using colorful flower pots. She is always looking for new color combinations to try, and she has had good luck storing her pots in the garage during winter. Some of the tender perennials survive and come back bigger and prettier the next season.

Wenda’s tip for a beautiful garden is to use a lot of mulch. By doing so, she only has a little bit of weeding and watering to do once a week. Her reward for her time spent in the garden is sitting on her porch or patio with a glass of wine and enjoying the beauty.



Above (left to right): Landscape Award winner Wenda Wade and landscape designer Chris Carpenter. Photos courtesy of Annette Delaney.

MARY BETH POULIMENOS (SKYLINE)

Mary Beth moved to Kennedy Heights seven years ago. She spent 2007 redoing the garden and by 2008, she had transformed it into a lush display of about 70% annuals and tropicals and 30% perennials and shrubs. She loves the constant color of annuals and the striking foliage of such tropicals as King Tut grass and elephant ears

(she uses four different varieties). For accent, she tucks pots of colorful plants among the established beds.

In her backyard, she tends a small garden of vegetables and 15 varieties of herbs that she uses for cooking and for bouquets. As the season winds down, she stores the tropicals in the garage or basement, but she makes up for the decline of flowers and foliage with seasonal accents. Last year, her display included pumpkins that were painted silver, black, or purple.

Congratulations to all our 2013 Landscape Award winners!

Mary Beth’s advice to new gardeners is to not be afraid of experimentation. Try a plant that you’ve never used before. Choose a different color scheme each year. Get creative and try something wild like painting a plain orange pumpkin metallic silver. And who knows? You may become a landscape award winner.



Landscape Award winner Mary Beth Poulimenos. Photo courtesy of Annette Delaney.

HAL HESS (WYATT)

Hal and his wife, Christine Schumacher, moved to Kennedy Heights in 1975. Over the years, his garden has evolved to include shady borders of *(continued on page 6)*

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perennials in the backyard and borders of sun-loving perennials in the front of the house. He has even beautified his tree lawn with perennial plantings around the trees and along the curb.

Hal strives to have a mix of perennials so that a few plants are in bloom throughout the growing season. If a plant grows too exuberantly and starts crowding out its neighbors, he is not afraid to pull it out and try something else. As a result, his garden always looks well-maintained with spots of color throughout.

The huge red oak in his backyard prevents Hal from growing a vegetable garden on his property, so he raises his crops in his neighbor's backyard. He grows seven varieties of potatoes, 30 varieties of tomatoes, and peppers, beans, peas, and lettuce. So far this year he has donated 500 pounds of his harvest to The Caring Place.

Hal's advice for a successful garden is to take the time to improve the clay soil. Initially, till in as much organic matter (such as shredded leaves or mulch) as you can and then continue to use mulch each year. Hal's gardens attest to the success of this method.



Landscape Award winner Hal Hess (*right*) and his wife Christine Schumacher. Photo courtesy of Annette Delaney.

ALLY AND DAVID NURRE (WYATT)

Ally and David started their garden as a joint effort ten years ago. David built the hardscape, including retaining walls, two arbors, a deck, and pond, while Ally has focused on the plantings. She likes to use annuals and native perennials in a free-form, English cottage garden style. Ally has also installed a much-used herb garden outside the kitchen door. The couple's future plans include the expansion of the back garden to include more native

perennials and beekeeping. (They already have a hive that is set up and ready for bees).

For Ally, gardening has many pleasures. She is "overjoyed" with the perennials that come up year after year, as they reflect the continuity of years of living in the community. She likes to give plants to her neighbors and in turn enjoys receiving plants from them. As she observes, "flowers build neighbors."



Landscape Award winners Ally and David Nurre. Photo courtesy of Annette Delaney.

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JOIN THE 2014 COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD!

Consider nominating yourself, a friend, or a family member for election to the KHCC 2014 Board. Elections occur on **Tuesday November 19** and terms begin in January. Our officer positions include President, Vice-President for Administration, Vice-President for Community Planning, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member at-Large.

As a Board member, meeting responsibilities are reasonable with only one regularly scheduled Board meeting monthly, typically meeting before each Council meeting.

All positions are for one-year terms except for the Member At-Large role which has a two-year term. Substantial support, written material, and established practices are available to help any new Board member.

PRESIDENT

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

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION

- Assist the President as needed.
- In the absence of the President, assume the duties of the latter.
- 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.

MEMBER AT-LARGE (4 POSITIONS)

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

Contact Sarah Stamper with interest or questions at sarah@kennedyheights.org by **Monday November 18**.

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Mollie Schaper, a performer with the My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus, demonstrates juggling basics during the District-A Festival on Saturday October 12. The troupe is a new member of the Kennedy Heights community and currently holds classes at the former Schroeder High School building. Photo taken by Kendra Brown.

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL!

- **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**
Contact Christine Schumacher at 513-351-8785 or christine@kennedyheights.org
- **COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER**
Elections for the 2014 Board members will be Tuesday November 19.
- **BEAUTIFICATION OR YOUTH AND EDUCATION**
Contact Jim Zarnowiecki at jim@kennedyheights.org for more information.
- **KH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
For more information, visit www.kennedyheights.org/khdc.



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



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 WINTERFEST • FRIDAY DEC. 6 • 7:00-9:00 PM • KENNEDY HEIGHTS ARTS CENTER**

**SHOP HOP in Kennedy Heights & Pleasant Ridge
 this holiday season to save your \$\$ and support
 your community during the 2nd weekend
 of November and December!**

**Friday 11/8/13–Sunday 11/10/13
 Friday 12/13/13–Sunday 12/15/13**

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, contact Rosalyn Watts (Shop Hop Chair) at shophop@pleasantridge.org to be included. All Kennedy Heights merchants are welcome.



Citizen Service Request

**www.5916000.com
 or (513) 591-6000**

5916000.com is an interactive tool that highlights the most commonly requested services and is available at your convenience. Simply choose a category, select a service and fill out the form to send us your request. You can also call **513-591-6000** for a menu of the most requested services such as:

**Trash Pickup • Streets
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