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Congratulations!

2014 KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: Michelle Dillingham (Odin Ave.)

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Jayne Dressing (Valley View Ave.); Daniel Kasprovicz
(Valley View Ave.); Sharifah Tafari (Red Bank Rd.)

COMMUNITY DINNER

TUESDAY JAN. 21 & TUESDAY FEB. 18

6:00 PM • KENNEDY HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ALL ARE WELCOME • FREE-WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED

KHCC MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT 7:30 PM

Volunteers are needed for dinner set-up and clean-up. Please contact Lydia Morgan (lydiajmorgan@gmail.com) to help out. The Community Dinners are co-sponsored by the KHCC and KHPC Hospitality Committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 1/21/14

Community Dinner • 6:00–7:15 PM
Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church

KHCC Meeting • 7:30–8:30 PM

Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church

Tuesday 1/28/14

Kennedy Heights Development
Corporation Meeting • 6:30–8:00 PM
Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church
All are welcome.

Friday 2/7/14

DEADLINE FOR MARCH/APRIL 2014

KHCC NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Information should be for events that start on or occur from March 1–April 30, 2014. Email your submission to Kendra Brown (kendra@kennedyheights.org)

Saturday 2/15/14

District A and Cincinnati Playhouse present
Joan the Girl of Arc • 7:00–8:30 PM
Nativity School • 5936 Ridge Road
Suggested donation for adults is \$5 and children are always free. Celebrate Nativity's Girls Up & their support of girls around the world.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from the Kennedy Heights Community Council! The winter season has made us bundle up, warm our homes, stay safe from icy doorsteps, and protect our pets from extreme cold. It is that time of year when we reflect and reminisce on the past year. It is also the time—in the short days of winter—when we also look to the future and resolve to improve our health and our finances...and to finally clean out the garage.

We hope that one of your resolutions is to get more involved in your neighborhood!! If it is, we have many ways you can get involved and some wonderful events planned for the year.

Each one of us in Kennedy Heights has something special we can contribute to make our neighborhood better, and I welcome you to come out and explore ways to help build community.

We have a wonderful group of newly elected trustees for 2014,

and I am thrilled to serve again as president for another term.

We'd love to see you at the Community Council meetings which meet on the third Tuesday of each month starting in

January 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!

"In every community there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart there is the power to do it." (Quote by Marianne Williamson)

**—Michelle Dillingham, President
KHCC
michelle@kennedyheights.org**

Join us at the
monthly
Community Dinners
before the KHCC
meetings!

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 held in November.

▪ BEAUTIFICATION OR YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Contact Michelle Dillingham at
michelle@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-oh.gov/dote and click on "Major Projects" or www.facebook.com/KennedyConnector

NEXTDOOR MAKES AN IMPACT IN KENNEDY HEIGHTS

Nextdoor has become the newest way to connect with your neighbors for just about any reason.

Since the launch of this social network in the Kennedy Heights community, posted items and communication have included:

- Snow emergency notices
- Inquiries from the Kennedy Heights Development Corporation to neighbors about their general impressions of community housing
- Cancellation of Winterfest
- City of Cincinnati holiday trash pick-up schedules
- Queries about and responses to a recent loss of television reception in the neighborhood

To use *Nextdoor*, 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. You can also access *Nextdoor* via an iPhone and Android app.

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.

For more information about Nextdoor, please visit https://nextdoor.com/about_us/ or <http://help.nextdoor.com/>.

ELDER SERIES CELEBRATES NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY MAKERS

As part of the 100th anniversary celebration of Kennedy Heights, we began an Elder Series during the monthly Council meetings. Started last fall, these brief presentations highlight neighborhood history-makers and continue through 2014.

In October we profiled a couple that helped to stabilize the community as the racial make-up of Kennedy Heights changed in the early 1960s. [*Editor’s note:* This couple wishes to remain anonymous.]

In November, we learned about Jeanette Bronson who—along with her family and thirteen other local families—brought a class action desegregation lawsuit against the Cincinnati Public Schools’ Board of Education in an effort to gain equal access to quality education in all communities.

You can view the Elder Series stories on the Kennedy Heights Community Council website (www.kennedyheights.org)

You can also join us at the Community Council meetings

which are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church. After food and fellowship during the free community dinner at 6:00 PM, stay for the Council meeting at 7:30 to hear the next story of the Elder Series.

If you know someone who should be recognized in the Elder Series, contact Christine Schumacher (christine@kennedyheights.org or 513-351-8785).

Although it was canceled due to an early winter storm, thank you to all the volunteers who were ready and willing to donate their time to Winterfest 2013. Special thanks also to Marilyn Nolan (Beechview) for planning Winterfest and to Anne Ramsay for organizing Luminaria 2013.

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION IN THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

At the October meeting of the Kennedy Heights Development Corporation (KHDC), the Board elected new Chairperson and my successor, Teresa Davis Mulligan (Davenant Avenue). Teresa's parents became neighborhood residents more than fifty years ago! For the past few years, she has been an active member of the Corporation's Fundraising Committee and has also served as its Secretary. Teresa is a gem and with her as Chair, the Board and the neighborhood are in very good hands.

My journey as a leader for Kennedy Heights began in the summer of 2001 when the

Community Council appointed me as Chair of the committee that developed a comprehensive neighborhood plan. I was later elected Council President and held that office for five terms.

When the Community Council reestablished the Development Corporation in 2007, I became the Corporation's Interim Chair and served in that role and as Chair for over six years.

Without question, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve our neighborhood in a variety of leadership roles. This service has provided me the opportunity to appreciate and praise the uniqueness of our neighborhood, the skills and talents of our neighbors, and the enormous value of a viable

Community Council and Development Corporation. Without question, the future of Kennedy Heights will be robust if both organizations have neighbors who will share their knowledge, skill sets, creativity, commitment, and collegiality.

Over the past six years, the Corporation—a sixteen-member, all-volunteer Board—has devoted several thousand volunteer hours toward the neighborhood's vitality. Two major examples of that commitment is the Cultural Center Project and the rehabbing of four foreclosed residences.

Even with these successes, more needs to be done. With your good will and support, Kennedy Heights will realize more success and progress.

—Ernie Barbeau

KHDC meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:30–8:00 PM at KHPC

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY JUNE 28, 2014

Kennedy Heights turns 100 this 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.




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 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.

REFLECTIONS & NEW BEGINNINGS IN *DISTRICT A*

This is the season to look back and give thanks, while we breathe in a whole New Year and double-down!

Five years ago, more than two-dozen of your neighbors were crazy enough to launch *District A*. They were also focused enough to spend a Saturday with an ArtsWave professional who coached everyone present to draw what they imagined a successful 'postcard from *District A*' might look like five years out ... and here we are!

In 2013, we welcomed four new artists and arts businesses and hope that you will do the same online or in person:

- *Bi-Okoto Cultural Institute*
5601 Montgomery Road
www.bi-okoto.com
- *Dandy Haberdashery*
6030 Ridge Avenue
www.facebook.com/DandyJewelry
- *Edible Ohio Valley Magazine*
6455 Kennedy Avenue
www.edibleohiovalley.com
- *My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus*
3500 Lumford Place (in the former Shroder School building)
www.mynoseturnsred.org

In the Pleasant Ridge Business District, we now have all kinds of music to enjoy at Molly Malone's and Bean & Grapes—with continuous art installations at the latter—**AND** at our newest coffee shop, the *Pleasant Ridge Coffee Exchange*. Enjoying these locally owned and operated venues will

be your easiest New Year's resolution to keep!

And that's not all. As we imagined in 2008, *District A* has become a catalyst for inter-neighborhood planning, helping to connect hundreds of neighbors so that they can work together on shared interests and needs including:

- Businesses in Kennedy Heights are joining "Shop Hop," a feature of the Pleasant Ridge Business District on the second weekend each month.
- *Citizens on Patrol* are recruiting, training, and walking the streets of our neighborhoods as one group.
- *Good Guys Loitering* are now 'hanging out' at targeted corners in both neighborhoods.

Check out
www.district-a.org
for information on
2014 events!

- *Play in the (Kennedy) Park*, which was recognized citywide as a model initiative, brought all families together, and
- *Kennedy Heights & Pleasant Ridge Development Corporations* are jointly exploring future Business District designs and connections.

Successes like these only multiply as every relationship grows stronger roots and nurtures new growth.

So it's time to double-down in 2014. Imagine all that this year could bring us with the efforts of *twice* as many Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge volunteers and supporters, and know that every one of us thanks you for lending our community what only you can give. Let's connect at 557-3850 or www.district-a.org

—Maria Kreppel
District A Board Chair

**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:**

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Mike Harmon 351-7683**



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

Friday 02/08/14–Sunday 02/09/14

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.



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