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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

SAVE THE DATE!

- **ALL WEDNESDAYS IN JULY AND AUGUST:** PLAY IN THE PARK • 6:30–8:00 PM • KENNEDY HEIGHTS PARK
- **WED. JULY 2 & AUGUST 6:** KH YOUTH COUNCIL • 6:30–8:00 PM • THE CHARACTER BUILDING, 3500 LUMFORD PL.
- **TUE. JULY 22:** KHDC MEETING • 6:30–8:00 PM • KENNEDY HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- **TUE. AUGUST 26:** KHDC MEETING • 6:30–8:00 PM • KENNEDY HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nextdoor is the new social network that helps you to connect with your neighbors in Kennedy Heights for just about any reason! Choose the boundaries that you want, include other neighborhoods in “your” network, and invite other neighbors to join. The *Nextdoor* website offers privacy and safety features, address verification, secure encryption using the HTTPS Internet protocol, and mobile access via an iPhone and Android app. Information that you share will never show up in search engines and *Nextdoor* never shares your personal information with third-party advertisers.

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SHOP HOP in Kennedy Heights & Pleasant Ridge to save your \$\$ and to support your community during the 2nd weekend of July and August.

Fri. 7/11/14–Sun. 7/13/14

Fri. 8/8/14–Sun. 8/10/14

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

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Greetings from the Kennedy Heights Community Council! Summertime is here and the Livin’ is Easy! We hope you noticed our commitment to our youth with the re-launch of “Play in the Park”, a chaperoned playtime at Kennedy Park every Wednesday in July and August. The Kennedy Heights Youth Council has also kicked off, creating a space for our youth to be heard, and their participation to be valued.

On Saturday June 28 we commemorated 100 years of Kennedy Heights as a Cincinnati neighborhood, and we thank all those who came out to make this event a success. We enjoyed the opportunity to come together in celebration to honor the unique legacy of our neighborhood. Many of the individuals who spent months planning our centennial are long-standing members of our community—some are from second- and third-generation families of Kennedy Heights.

We have a history that we want to be remembered and shared, so that new residents and our younger generation

understand that the neighborhood they enjoy today was purposeful, and was fought for! Honoring our past also helps us understand that we cannot rest...and that having an intentionally welcoming, integrated, safe, and beautiful neighborhood does not just happen. It takes everyone working together. We honor those who labored for our neighborhood, and in celebration we call on our residents of today to carry on the legacy that is Kennedy Heights – as stable, racially integrated community with a diverse socio-economic mix of residents.

There are many ways to get involved in the neighborhood. Please join us at the Community Council meetings which meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Presbyterian Church at 6312 Kennedy Avenue. The meetings start at 7:30 PM and end promptly at 8:30 followed by meet-and-greet time. **Please note we will NOT meet in July or August.** See YOU at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 16!

–Michelle Dillingham, President KHCC
michelle@kennedyheights.org

Thank you to all the Kennedy Heights 100th Anniversary Celebration organizers, vendors, contributors, volunteers, and participants!

Editor’s Note: Because of the date of the Anniversary Celebration relative to the printing of this issue, highlights, recaps, and photos will be featured in the September/October 2014 newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WED. 7/2/14: Play in the Park • 6:30–8:00 PM
Kennedy Heights Park • See activity schedule on page 3.

KH Youth Council • 6:30–8:00 PM
The Character Building (3500 Lumford Place)
See details on page 2

WED. 7/9/14: Play in the Park • 6:30–8:00 PM
Kennedy Heights Park

NO JULY KHCC MEETING OR COMMUNITY DINNER

WED. 7/16/14: Play in the Park • 6:30–8:00 PM
Kennedy Heights Park

TUE. 7/22/14: Kennedy Heights Development Corporation (KHDC) Meeting • 6:30–8:00 PM
Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church

WED. 7/23/14: Play in the Park • 6:30–8:00 PM
Kennedy Heights Park

WED. 7/30/14: Play in the Park • 6:30–8:00 PM
Kennedy Heights Park

FRI. 8/1/14: Deadline for Sept./Oct. 2014 newsletter submissions • Send information for events that start on/occur from September 1–October 31. Email submission to Kendra Brown (kendra@kennedyheights.org).

WED. 8/6/14: Play in the Park • 6:30–8:00 PM
Kennedy Heights Park

KH Youth Council • 6:30–8:00 PM
The Character Building

WED. 8/13/14: Play in the Park • 6:30–8:00 PM
Kennedy Heights Park

NO AUGUST KHCC MEETING OR COMMUNITY DINNER

WED. 8/20/14: Play in the Park • 6:30–8:00 PM
Kennedy Heights Park

TUE. 8/26/14: KHDC Meeting • 6:30–8:00 PM
Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church.

WED. 8/27/14: Play in the Park • 6:30–8:00 PM
Kennedy Heights Park

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INTRODUCING THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS YOUTH COUNCIL (KHYC)!

Great beginnings for Kennedy Heights! The newly birthed Kennedy Heights Youth Council (KHYC) had its first “Meet & Greet” on Wednesday June 4 at The Character Building located at 3500 Lumford Place (the old Shroder High School). The KH teens hailed from Clark Montessori, Walnut Hills High School and Woodward Technical High School. They enjoyed ice-breaker activities and sharing ideas about what they would like to see in their neighborhood, i.e. block parties, a recreation center, a carnival, talent show, a basketball league, and various entertainment venues. They also enjoyed yummy snacks, desserts, and beverages donated by our friendly neighbors, Lin Grieser and Susan Stebbins, and KHCC.

Youth Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30–8:00 at The Character Building

Thanks to Jaime Bryant, the Youth Services Coordinator from the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission, for helping President Michelle Dillingham and board member Sharifah Tafari organize our new youth council. Thanks also to Riyadh Shamma, the new owner of The Character Building, for providing a home base for the KHYC.

The KHYC will hold meetings at The Character Building on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30–8:00 PM, and the next meeting will be on Wednesday July 2. For more information about the Youth Council, contact Sharifah Tafari, KHYC Advisor, at sharifah@kennedyheights.org or 513-225-2355.

Principal Jesse Moore and several other faculty members from Woodford Padeia gave a presentation at the May KHCC meeting about the activities that are taking place at the school. They also spoke about the upcoming Cincinnati Public Schools’ summer session for third-graders that will be held at Woodford. Principal Moore emphasized Woodford’s “open door” atmosphere and encouraged Kennedy Heights residents to visit the school or become a volunteer. A community open house is also in the works—stay tuned for an announcement and information.

Our neighborhood Cultural Center continues to move toward 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 website: 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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR “FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS”

Your Community Council Board held a budget planning session in early January. We made a wish-list of neighborhood activities - from the Arts, to festivals like Juneteenth, pool days, movie nights, block parties, the newsletter, Progressive Dinner, and the list goes on. Then, we had the difficult task of selecting only what we could afford.

For this reason we decided to launch a fundraising initiative called “The Friends of Kennedy Heights” so we could better fund and expand on all these great community-building activities.

Please join us to thank the following “Friends” who have made a financial contribution to Kennedy Heights. *We appreciate you!* We ask that YOU join the Kennedy Heights friend list. Any amount is welcome, and instructions on how to become a “Friend” is below!

- Lafayette & Barb Anderson
- Clete Benken
- Eva Fitzpatrick
- Ella Gilden-Jones
- Ron & Judy Hughes
- Diane Imes
- George Kalomeres
- Daniel Kasprowicz
- Kelly Leanza
- Arthur & Ella-Louise Manigan
- Bill & Marlene Muse
- Janet Parker

- Christine Schumacher & Hal Hess
- Thomas Schutte
- Bennett and Ann Smith
- Bob & D.D. Starr
- Harry & Susan Stebbins
- Tony & Jessica Stieritz
- Jeffry Weidner
- Joanie & Jeffry Weidner

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL!

- COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Contact Christine Schumacher at 513-351-8785 or christine@kennedyheights.org for more information.
- COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER: Board elections are held in November.
- BEAUTIFICATION OR YOUTH AND EDUCATION: Contact Michelle Dillingham at michelle@kennedyheights.org for more information.
- YOUTH COUNCIL (YC): Contact Sharifah Tafari at sharifah@kennedyheights.org for more information.
- CITIZENS ON PATROL: Contact Valerie Kulhavik from Pleasant Ridge Citizens on Patrol at prcop@pleasantridge.org.
- KENNEDY HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: For more information, visit www.kennedyheights.org/khdc.

Become a Friend of Kennedy Heights for 2014! Your tax-deductible donation supports the bi-monthly newsletter and the events in and around the community. (Receipts sent via email or if no email address provided, via regular mail at year-end.)

Donation Amount (Please check amount)
___ \$10.00
___ \$20.00
___ \$50.00
___ \$100.00
___ Other amount: \$_____

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____

Can we publish your name only in the newsletter as a Friend of the Community? ___Yes ___No

Check or cash is accepted. Please mail this completed form and payment to: P.O. Box 36318, Cincinnati, OH 45236. Other one-time or recurring payment options—including credit card payments—are available at www.kennedyheights.org using PayPal. Kennedy Heights Community Council is a 501-C not-for-profit organization.

DISTRICT A'S 2014 ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL WILL BE AT THE "CENTER" OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS!

You're the first to know. On Saturday, October 11, District A's 7th annual Arts & Music Festival will not happen up and down Montgomery Road, from Kennedy Heights to Pleasant Ridge. Instead, we're staying put.

morning coffee and foods for every appetite—from vegan to pizza to salsa to "C'est Cheese". Of course, the Cultural Center will be open to us (as much as construction allows).



On Saturday, October 11, from 10:00 AM–10:00 PM, District A's Arts & Music Festival, in partnership with the Kennedy Heights Development Corporation, will take over the Kennedy & Montgomery corner—just for fun!

Last year's Arts & Music Festival began at the Kennedy & Montgomery corner. About 120 neighbors took advantage of our first chance to walk through the front doors of the Center where they were greeted by Kennedy Heights Development Corporation members who led the tours.

Outside, the newest Kennedy Heights arts group, My Nose Turns Red youth circus, shared their talents & tricks with us all.

This year's Arts & Music Festival aims to bring 1200 neighbors and guests to see what's in-the-making at the (Cultural) Center of Kennedy Heights. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND SHARE THE NEWS. Be sure to bring your neighbors, past and present, with you. This party to celebrate our community's future is Coming Soon...

—Maria Kreppel, District A Board Chair, www.district-a.org

Dozens of volunteers have been working all year on the transformation. Expect to see the Montgomery Road sidewalk come alive with art on October 11. Expect to enter the long-empty parking lot through a Sculpture Garden. Expect to find all kinds of choices for kids of all ages just inside— from do-it-yourself truck-painting and 'painting' on a chain-link fence to professional demonstrations and performances. At the heart of all this art will be our annual Art Show & Sale, from Noon–5:00 PM. (Be sure to answer our CALL to ARTISTS at www.district-a.org.) Along Kennedy Avenue, you'll hear music on-the-hour and find a beer garden plus



Mollie Schaper, a performer with the My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus, demonstrates juggling basics in the near-empty parking lot of the Cultural Center during the 2013 District-A Festival last October. Photo taken by Kendra Brown.

City of CINCINNATI logo. 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, Snow Removal • Zoning Issues



Cultural Center façade, "Coming Soon". Photo courtesy of District A.

PLAY IN THE PARK. Summer Fun at Kennedy Heights Park Wednesday Evenings • 6:30–8:00 PM. JULY: 2 Sprinkler Fun with Cincinnati Fire Department, 9 Music in the Park with Meeting Mars, 16 Bicycle Clinic – bring your bike & helmet, 23 Yoga in the meadow – everybody stretch, 30 My Nose Turns Red – join the circus tonight. AUGUST: 6 Dog Days of Summer – bring a furry friend, 13 Music in the Park – Blue Grass on the grass, 20 Back to School with Mr. Softee, 27 End of the Summer Picnic Celebration. Each week includes a themed activity, games and snack! New this year — Music in the Park on every 2nd Wednesday! Visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/playintheparkcincinnati. Funded in part through the Greater Cincinnati Foundation's Summertime Kids Grant and the Community Councils of Kennedy Heights & Pleasant Ridge.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Progressive Dinner is on Saturday, September 27, and is a fun time to meet your Kennedy Heights neighbors and friends. After enjoying appetizers at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center, you will share a meal in the home of a neighbor, and then end the evening with dessert and a silent auction at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church. Additional details will be in the next newsletter. We need volunteers to plan and coordinate the dinner, host a meal in their home, donate dessert, and plan the silent auction. If you can help, please contact Christine Schumacher at christine@kennedyheights.org or call 513-351-8785.

KHCC ELDER SERIES RETURNS THIS FALL

Elder Series presents an opportunity to learn about the people who impacted Kennedy Heights since the Council's inception in 1963. The series profiles individuals and their contributions via interview highlights, providing aspects of neighborhood history that most of us do not know. The Elder Series is a regular part of the KHCC meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Transcripts of all Elder Series interviews are also available on the KHCC website.

NOW ACCEPTING 2014 LANDSCAPE AWARD NOMINATIONS!

If you know of any landscapes (including your own) that are doing an outstanding job of contributing to the beauty of Kennedy Heights, nominate them for the 2014 award. Submit your nominations to Annette Delaney at annette@kennedyheights.org or 513-319-1936 by Thursday, July 31. The landscapes will be judged later this summer and the winners will be announced at the Progressive Dinner on September 27.

HELPERS NEEDED AT COMMUNITY DINNERS. Be part of the action! A free community meal is provided by the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church and the Community Council before the Council meetings. After-dinner clean-up is part of KHCC's contribution. Tasks include sweeping the floors and collecting food, though no dishwashing is required! The clean-up takes 30–45 minutes and more people means less clean-up time. The KHCC is looking for people to help with clean-up 4 or 5 times a year. If you can volunteer, please contact Christine Schumacher at christine@kennedyheights.org or call 513-351-8785. The next Community Dinner will be on Tuesday, September 16.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT BLOSSOMS IN KENNEDY HEIGHTS DURING SPRING LITTER MAGIC CLEAN-UP DAYS

Our two Litter Magic events this spring were good days for community spirit. While we only had ten community volunteers at our clean-up in May, twelve "GO CINCINNATI" program volunteers joined us for beautification, planting, and trash pick-up.

Their first task was the clean-up of the Butterfly Garden which is tucked away at the end of Ravenwood Avenue near Kennedy Avenue. They donated about \$200 of plant material, soil, and accessories for the effort. The volunteers collected 45 bags of brush and trash from this site which the city later picked up from the corner of Kennedy and Woodford.

The GO CINCINNATI crew also donated and planted six flower pots on gateway streets that border Kennedy Ave. They also left enough Anouilh plants to fill another dozen pots which was great!

GO CINCINNATI volunteers also worked at two other neighborhood sites. Twelve worked at the Giving Garden with Marty Wagner on the corner of Tyne and Montgomery. They

freshened up and helped in the preparation of the vegetable beds that local residents have purchased for growing food during the summer. Giving Garden was "a-buzz" with activity that day.

There were also ten GO CINCINNATI volunteers who worked with community members and Ellen Muse-Lindemann to freshen up and paint the porch and ramp at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center.

Our first Litter Magic event, which was part of the Great American Cleanup and originally scheduled for March 29, was rained out. But on the following Saturday, there were seventeen community volunteers who collected about 35 bags of trash from different locations on Montgomery Avenue from Robison Road to McHugh Place, Kennedy Avenue from Robison to Montgomery Road, the Cultural Center parking lot, the crossroads at Woodford Road, and behind the business corridor from Ravenal Court to Tyne Avenue. Besides the trash that the city picked up, twelve volunteers took bags of trash home and included

these as part of their weekly home pickup.

Special thanks go out to the following Kennedy Heights residents for extra Litter Magic effort during our April and May clean-ups: Charlie and Jane Patty for the cleanup and plantings at Woodford and Kennedy; Susan and Harry Stebbins for the trash pickup along Kennedy Avenue and Montgomery Road and grass maintenance at the Presbyterian Church; Michele Dragga for Drake Park oversight, plantings and cleanup; Kate Kern for the Kennedy Park plantings, volunteers and cleanup; and Michelle Dillingham for the volunteer supervision of the Butterfly Garden during the GO CINCINNATI cleanup and planting.

Join us for the next Litter Magic Clean-Up Day as a volunteer or leader by signing up on the Kennedy Heights Community Council website (www.kennedyheights.org) or by contacting Christine Schumacher (christine@kennedyheights.org).

Back 2 School Block Party

Saturday, August 16
4:00-7:00 PM

Bread of Life Church • 5902 Robison Rd.

Free games, food, and school supplies for children in grades K-5. All children MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more info please visit our website at www.breadoflifecincy.org or call 513.489.LIFE.



Buy your 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book for \$25.00 at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. Quantities are available for a limited time only so get yours today!

KENNEDY HEIGHTS SENIOR HOUSING SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey on senior housing. This survey is the first of several ways that your ideas, preferences, and interest will determine how senior housing resources are developed in Kennedy Heights. Mail your completed surveys to: Kennedy Heights Community Council, P.O. Box 36318, Cincinnati, OH 45236. You can also complete the survey online by going to www.kennedyheights.org. For survey questions, please contact Steve Grieser at steven@kennedyheights.org.

- I am a current Kennedy Heights resident: Yes No
- My age: _____
- Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statement using the following scale: **1—Strongly Agree; 2—Somewhat Agree; 3—Somewhat Disagree; 4—Strongly Disagree**
 _____ I believe that Kennedy Heights would benefit from the development of senior housing units.
- Please rank the four following types of projects with "1" being your **most-favored choice** and "4" being your **least-favored choice**:
 _____ I would like to see us rehabilitate a combination of 2, 4, 6 or 8 multi-family units on sites scattered throughout our neighborhood.
 _____ I would like to see us develop a combination of rehabbed and newly-built 2, 4, 6 or 8 multi-family units on sites scattered throughout our neighborhood.
 _____ I would like to see us develop a new multi-family unit on one site in our neighborhood.
 _____ I would like to see us rehabilitate an existing multi-family unit on one site in our neighborhood.
- Would you—or someone you personally know—be interested in moving into a senior housing unit if this became an available option in Kennedy Heights during the next few years? Yes No

If you answered "yes" to the previous question, please list the number of individuals (including yourself) who would be interested in a senior housing unit in Kennedy Heights during the next few years: _____

- Comment Section (optional):** Please use the space below for any specific comments you wish to share at this time. There will also be many more opportunities for public input in the future.

- Contact information (optional):**

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!