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CELEBRATING OUR KENNEDY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORS

KENNEDY HEIGHTS CULTURAL CAMPUS GRAND OPENING AUGUST 29



Kennedy Heights Cultural Campus architectural rendering,
 Photo courtesy of Ellen Muse-Lindeman

After six years of planning, the long-awaited Kennedy Heights Cultural Campus at Kennedy Avenue and Montgomery Road will open this summer. The event will mark one of greater Cincinnati's most dramatic revitalizations as the formerly derelict building, which once housed a Kroger, will open its doors as a destination for exploring and experiencing creative expression. Among its occupants will be the Kennedy Heights Arts Center's *Carl, Robert, Richard, and Dorothy Lindner Annex* and the Kennedy Heights Montessori Center.

The Kennedy Heights Montessori Center will be relocating and expanding their award-winning, not-for-profit parent cooperative school that educates 2 to 6 year olds with the core values of Diversity, Respect, Peace, Relationships, Honesty, and

Compassion. Spaces are available for the 2015-16 school year! Call 513-631-8135 or visit www.kennedyheightsmontessori.org for more information.

KHAC's Lindner Annex will include a multi-purpose space for dance, theatre and music classes and performances, as well as private events; Scripps Howard Media Center offering arts education programs in video, photography, animation, website design and graphic design; a small gallery, and ten individual artist studios. For more information, please visit: www.kennedyarts.org or call 513-631-4278.

Help us 'Raise the Heights' at a grand opening celebration on Saturday, August 29! Turn to **page 4** to learn more about the event and how you can get involved!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WED. 07/01/15
 KH Youth Council • 6:30-8:00
 The Character Building • 3500 Lumford
 Play in the Park • 6:30-8:00
 Kennedy Park

Wed. 07/08/15
 Play in the Park • 6:30-8:00
 Kennedy Park

TUE. 07/14/15
 Kennedy Heights/Pleasant Ridge All-Star
 Neighborhood Celebration • 6-10 PM
 Kennedy Park

No July KHCC meeting, community dinner, or KHDC meeting.

Wed. 07/22/15
 Play in the Park • 6:30-8:00
 Kennedy Park

Wed. 07/29/15
 Play in the Park • 6:30-8:00
 Kennedy Park

WED. 08/05/15
 KH Youth Council • 6:30-8:00
 The Character Building • 3500 Lumford
 Play in the Park • 6:30-8:00
 Kennedy Park

FRI. 08/07/15
Deadline for September/October 2015 newsletter submissions. Send information for events that start or occur from September 1-October 31 to Danielle Linn (danielle@kennedyheights.org)

Wed. 08/12/15
 Play in the Park • 6:30-8:00
 Kennedy Park

TUE. 08/18/15
 KHCC Meeting • 7:30-8:30 PM
 Community Dinner • 6:30-7:15pm
 KH Presbyterian Church

Wed. 08/19/15
 Play in the Park • 6:30-8:00
 Kennedy Park

Wed. 08/26/15
 Play in the Park • 6:30-8:00
 Kennedy Park

SAT. 08/29/15
 Raise the Heights Parade • 11 AM
 Opening Celebration • 12-5:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE!

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SAT. 08/29/15 Raise the Heights Parade • 11 AM; Opening Celebration • 12-5:00 PM

Sat. 09/26/15 32nd Annual Progressive Dinner

Sat. 10/10/15 8th annual Kennedy Heights+Pleasant Ridge Arts+Music Festival • All Day • Corner of Kennedy & Montgomery.

COMMUNITY DINNER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
6:30-7:15 PM

KENNEDY HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Free-will donations accepted. KHCC meeting immediately follows at 7:30 PM. The Community Dinners are co-sponsored by the KHCC and KHPC Hospitality Committee. All are welcome!

Sign up for the KHCC eNews and get alerts about upcoming neighborhood events and important announcements. To receive eNews messages, sign up on the KHCC website . (www.kennedyheights.org).

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL!

- **COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER:** Board elections are held in November.
- **BEAUTIFICATION:** Several opportunities for beautifying the neighborhood exist. Please contact Scott Lining at 513-410-0934 or scott@kennedyheights.org if you have an idea, a small amount of time, and/ or are ready to provide leadership in a beautification area.
- **YOUTH COUNCIL (YC):** Contact Sharifah Tafari at sharifah@kennedyheights.org for more information.
- **CITIZENS ON PATROL:** Please contact Valerie Kulhavig from Pleasant Ridge Citizens on Patrol at prcop@pleasantridge.org for more information.
- **KH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:** Visit the KHDC website at www.kennedyheights.org/khdc for more information.

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CONNECT WITH THE KHCC:



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings fellow neighbors! The excitement of summer's arrival is in the air and it couldn't have come at a better time. We have a lot to be excited about with plenty of events taking place that you and your family can take advantage of.

As a reminder, we will not be meeting as a community council in June or July, but will resume our meetings on Tuesday, August 18th at 7:30 pm.

The annual Juneteenth festival at Drake Park took place on June 20th and 21st. I hope you got to enjoy the annual celebration. Play in the Park kicked off on June 10th and runs every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Kennedy Park.

neighborhood celebration with Pleasant Ridge, so be sure to attend! We are also looking for volunteers to help with our annual Progressive Dinner event and neighborhood enhancement committees. Please email KHCC@kennedyheights.org if you would like to volunteer.

Lastly, be sure to sign up for our e-blast news mailing list on our main site at www.kennedyheights.org. Have a great summer!

-Dan Kasprovic KHCC President daniel@kennedyheights.org

KENNEDY HEIGHTS AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVE

A Collaboration between the Kennedy Heights Community Council and the Kennedy Heights Development Corporation

AGING-IN-PLACE refers to the process of evaluating our current and evolving circumstances as we age and examining how we can maintain a high level of independence while staying in our current residences. Often as we age, we experience that our houses are requiring too much maintenance, or making physical demands that we can no longer meet.

Scheduling an Interview

- We are now interviewing senior residents of Kennedy Heights (ages 62 and older)
To schedule an interview, please email your name, address, and phone number or email address to: steve@kennedyheights.org
Do you want to know more about the vision of the Kennedy Heights Aging-In-Place Initiative? Please email your comments and questions to: steve@kennedyheights.org

Your Kennedy Heights Senior Housing Team: Steve Grieser, Chair

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.

To use Nextdoor, go to https://nextdoor.com or for more information, visit https://nextdoor.com/about_us/ or http://help.nextdoor.com/.

SHOP HOP

in Kennedy Heights & Pleasant Ridge to save your \$\$ and to support your community during the second weekend of July and August:

Fri. 7/10/15-Sun. 7/12/15

Fri. 8/7/15-Sun. 8/9/15

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.

CINCINNATI CITY OF 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.

BECOME A FRIEND OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS IN 2015!

We ask that YOU join the Kennedy Heights Friend list. Any amount is welcome and all donations are tax-deductible. Instructions on how to become a "Friend" are below. Please also join us in thanking the following "Friends" who have made a financial contribution to Kennedy Heights.

Friends of Kennedy Heights (from February 1 - May 31):

- Anonymous, Nellie Hope, Bennett and Ann Smith, Alice Harkins, Annie Todd, Eva Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Bertrand, Maria Kreppel, Harry and Susan Stebbins, Pricilla Gilliam, Ella-Louise Manigan

Become a Friend of Kennedy Heights! Your tax-deductible donation supports the bi-monthly newsletter and the events in and around the community.

Donation: Please check amount. Cash or check is accepted. Name: Address: City/State/ZIP: Email:
\$10.00, \$20.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, Other amount: \$
Include my name (only) in the newsletter as a Friend of the Community: Yes No

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.

@ PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY Please note that some programs require pre-registration. You can register online at www.cincinnati.library.org, in person at the branch, or by calling the branch at 369-4488. For questions about any of the programs, please contact the branch at 369-4488.

July 2015 Programs

Wed. 7/1: Come join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Library Babies! Fun stories, songs, action rhymes, musical, scarf and puppet play for little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Help children develop pre-literacy skills to prepare for kindergarten with fun and educational stories, action rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instrument play and other activities. Registration required. Ages 3–6.

Thurs. 7/2: Teen Random Club! 4:00 PM. Make baseball cake pops! Have a snack and hang out at the library. Teens.

Sat. 7/4: ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY.

Tues. 7/7: Art for Kids: Vincent Van Gogh & Sunflowers! 3:00 P.M. Learn about this famous artist, then try his technique in painting flowers! Sponsored by the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. Registration required. Ages 4–12.

Wed. 7/8: Come join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Toddler Time! Fun stories, songs, action rhymes, musical and scarf play for little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3–6; 11:00 AM.

Thurs. 7/9: Cool Science: Red, White & Blue Color Mixing! 4:00 PM. Call the branch for information, 369-4488. Advanced registration requested. Ages 4–12.

Sat. 7/11: My Daddy Reads! 2:00 P.M. Join acclaimed visual artist, author, and arts educator ANNIE RUTH and lyricist Teniah for an interactive performance of music, poetry, storytelling, and song. My Daddy Reads emphasizes the value of reading, literacy, and positive self-expression, while celebrating and encouraging fathers to read to their children. Children, Families.

Wed. 7/15: Join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Library Babies! Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3–6

Thurs. 7/16: Pleasant Ridge Book Club. 2:00 PM. This month's book is *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith.

Fri. 7/17: Let's Go Legos! 4:00 P.M. Families, Ages 3–12.

Mon. – Fri. 7/20 – 7/24: Brain Camp: "ALL-STAR EXPLORERS"! 2:00–5:00 P.M. Come

explore the wonderful world all around us during the **week-long Brain Camp**. We will read great stories, play, fun games, experiment with science, & create themed crafts. So come be an "All-Star Explorer!" Registration is required. Children.

Mon. 7/20: Teen Chef. 4:00 PM. Play with your food and eat it too! Make a food related craft or creation. Teens.

Mon. 7/20: Get Crafty. 6:00 PM. Craft TBA. Pre-registration is required to ensure that we have enough materials for everyone. Call 369-4488 or sign up at the branch. Adults, Teens.

Tues. 7/21: Pajama Storytime! 6:30 P.M. Wear your p.j.s and enjoy fun stories, songs and activities to help children develop early literacy skills. Families. Registration recommended.

Wed. 7/22: Come join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Toddler Time! Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3–6.

Thurs. 7/23: Word Processing Basics. 6:00 PM. Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2010. Pre-registration is required. Call 369-4488 for more information or to register. Adults.

Tues. 7/28: Summer Movie! 3:00 P.M. Title TBA. Registration recommended, but required for large groups.

Wed. 7/29: Join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Library Babies! Ages 0–18 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3–6.

August 2015 Programs

Tues. 8/4: Maassai African Drummers! 3:00 P.M. Inter-active storytelling and drumming on a variety of instruments from African cultures. All Ages. Registration required.

Tues. 8/4: Tales to Tails with Ellen & Rowdy. 4:00 P.M. Read to a trained therapy dog.

Wed. 8/5: Join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Library Babies! Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3–6.

Wed. 8/5: Connect Ohio Computers for Beginners, Part 1. 4:00 PM. Learn the fundamental skills that every computer user needs to know. No computer experience required. Pre-registration is required. Call 369-4488 for more information or to register. Adults.

Thurs. 8/6: Teen Random Club. 4:00 P.M.

Wed. 8/12: Come join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Toddler Time! Ages 0–36 mos.;

10:30 AM: Animals Alive with a Great Parks Naturalist will be in place of our usual Preschool Story Time! All Ages.

Wed. 8/12: Connect Ohio Computers for Beginners, Part 2. 4:00 PM. Learn how to open files and programs, how to copy and paste data, information about file sizes & file types, and more. Basic computer skills (using a mouse and keyboard) are required before taking this class. Pre-registration is required. Call 369-4488 for more information or to register. Adults.

Thurs. 8/13: Cool Science! 4:00 PM. Experiment TBA. Call the branch for information, 369-4488. Advanced registration requested. Ages 4–12.

Mon. 8/17: Make It Take It. 4:00 PM. Get creative! Make a craft and take it home with you. Snacks provided. Teens.

Mon. 8/17: Get Crafty. 6:00 PM. Craft TBA. Pre-registration is required to ensure that we have enough materials for everyone. Call 369-4488 or sign up at the branch. Adults, Teens.

Wed. 8/19: Join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Library Babies! Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3–6.

Wed. 8/19: Connect Ohio Internet for Beginners, Part 1. 4:00 PM. Topics covered include browser basics, search engines, website navigation, and online safety. Basic knowledge of the mouse and keyboard are required before taking this class. Pre-registration is required. Call 369-4488 for more information or to register. Adults.

Thurs. 8/20: Pleasant Ridge Book Club. 2:00 PM. This month's book is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

Fri. 8/21: Let's Go Legos! 4:00 P.M. Families, Ages 3–12.

Wed. 8/26: Come join us for one of our story times! 10:00 AM: Toddler Time! Ages 0–36 mos.; 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time! Ages 3–6.

Wed. 8/26: Connect Ohio Internet for Beginners, Part 2. 4:00 PM. Topics covered include creating secure usernames & passwords, filling out online forms, uploading and downloading files, and more. Basic knowledge of the mouse, keyboard, and using the Internet are required before taking this class. Pre-registration is required. Call 369-4488 for more information or to register. Adults.

32nd ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Kennedy Heights Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 26. This is a great time to meet new neighbors and re-connect with old friends. As always, we'll share appetizers and then move to various homes in Kennedy Heights to enjoy a meal with neighbors. Following dinner, we'll gather again for dessert and a silent auction.

More details will be in the next newsletter, but for now, please consider volunteering in some way for this wonderful event. We will need help with planning and coordinating as well as donations of appetizers, desserts and items for the silent auction. Finally, please consider hosting a dinner in your home! We have many longtime hosts but it would be wonderful to have some new hosts this year. We can help you if you have any questions or concerns about this. Please contact Jean Bange at jean@kennedyheights.org if you are interested in learning more about hosting, donating an appetizer or dessert or if you just want to learn more about the dinner. You can help make this the best Progressive dinner ever!

WE'RE BACK AT THE CORNER! DISTRICT A'S 2015 KENNEDY HEIGHTS+PLEASANT RIDGE ARTS+MUSIC FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCT 10, is the Kennedy Heights+Pleasant Ridge Arts+Music Festival, NOON to 8PM, sponsored by *District A*, in partnership Kennedy Heights Development Corporation, Kennedy Heights Arts Center, and Kennedy Heights Montessori Center . . . bigger & better than ever before! Expect to see Montgomery Road and Kennedy Avenue come alive with ARTS+MUSIC of ALL kinds on 10/10/15 – from do-it-yourself truck-painting to professional demonstrations along with all kinds of music on the hour, every hour from NOON to 8PM.

On Kennedy Avenue, in addition to our performance stage, you'll find a beer (and wine) garden, a coffee station, and foods for every appetite – from vegan to carnivore to kids fare. Along Montgomery Road, at the heart of all this ARTS+MUSIC, will be our annual **Art Show & Sale**, and this year our artists will be showing & selling all day long, from NOON to 8 PM. Last year, we hosted more artists than ever before and they reported record sales. So, buyers don't miss out! And, artists register now! Answer our CALL to ARTISTS at www.district-a.org

Above all, this year's Arts+Music Festival will open the doors to what's now happening at the Cultural Center—Montessori families and KHAC artists will welcome us all into their classrooms and studios!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW & SHARE THE NEWS. Be sure to bring your neighbors, past and present, with you. This party celebrates our community's past, present and ever more vibrant future!

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



Truck Painting, Michael Thompson and artists

Photo courtesy of District A



Revolution Dance Theatre Company

Photo courtesy of District A

Spaces Are Still Available at Kennedy Heights Montessori Center for 2015–2016!

Kennedy Heights Montessori Center, located at 6120 Ridge Avenue, is a great place for 3- to 6-year-olds! The highly-respected, well-established Montessori preschool and childcare center has enriched the lives of hundreds of children since 1965. We are a private, not-for-profit, parent cooperative that provides a high quality education at an affordable tuition to families. A full-day extended care program enhances the half-day Montessori classroom experience. Spanish classes and Webby Dance classes are also available. Full-day and half-day afternoon spaces are still available for the 2014-15 school year. Visit our website at www.kennedyheightsmontessori.org or call the school office at (513) 631-8135 for registration information and to learn how your family can become part of the KHMC community.

KH YOUTH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 & WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
6:30–8:00 PM
THE CHARACTER BUILDING, 3500 LUMFORD PLACE

If you have questions or need more information, contact Sharifah Tafari at sharifah@kennedyheights.org

Thank you to the many people who give to the neighborhood in different ways, with their time and energy, their in-kind donations, and those who contribute donations as Friends. It all is a significant part of what makes our community an inviting place to live.

ELDER SERIES

The Elder Series continues with the April Council meeting presenting Rhonda McCreary, who remembered people who helped shape young lives in Kennedy Heights in the 1960's and later. May Council meeting heard about the efforts of Ernie Barbeau and how he has been involved in several key areas of our community for a significant time. Read both stories, and others, on our website, www.kennedyheights.org.

Corrections to the May/June issue:

It was stated that Dr. Robert Crossett was the last principal of Kennedy School. He was the principal for many years, but Mr. Raymond Dornsife came after him, followed by Mrs. Grace W. Mangrum who was the last principal of Kennedy school. She engineered the move to Woodford School. During her tenure the school became an Individually Guided Education (IGE) program.

CELEBRATING OUR KENNEDY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORS

KENNEDY HEIGHTS IS AN ALL-STAR NEIGHBORHOOD!

Exciting news for our neighborhood! It was announced on May 29 that Kennedy Heights/Pleasant Ridge has been selected as one of ten official All-Star Neighborhoods! The All-Star Neighborhood program is sponsored by the 2015 Community Organizing Committee (COC), in partnership with the Cincinnati Reds and the Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau. This designation includes official All-Star Summer Signage, an allotment of T-Mobile All-Star FanFest tickets, paperback copies of *Cincinnati – Our City, Our Story*, a Baseball Across the Region Ceremony, and an official All-Star Neighborhood Celebration.

The Kennedy Heights/Pleasant Ridge All-Star Neighborhood Celebration will occur on Tuesday, July 14 from 6–10pm at Kennedy Park, at the corner of Kennedy Ave. and Woodford Rd. Be sure to mark your calendars and join your family, friends and neighbors for all the fun! More details about our All-Star Neighborhood program will be shared via Facebook (Kennedy Heights Community Council), at www.kennedyheights.org, and on signage throughout our community. In addition, information will be posted by the COC via Facebook (Batterupcincy) and www.cincyusa.com/coc. If you are interested in learning more and/or volunteering for the Kennedy Heights/Pleasant Ridge All-Star Neighborhood Celebration, please contact KHCC@kennedyheights.org or call 513-631-4278.

Raise the Heights! A Grand Opening Celebration and Art Parade on Saturday, August 29!

Help us 'Raise the Heights' at a grand opening celebration on Saturday, August 29!

An Art Parade (on Montgomery Rd from Ridge Rd. to Kennedy Ave) beginning at 11 am that day will kick off the celebration. Immediately following the parade will be a free festival on the grounds of the Kennedy Heights Cultural Campus from noon to 5 pm with live music, performances, interactive art installations, food trucks, and activities for kids. Popular Grammy nominated children's entertainer Zak Morgan will perform at 3 pm.

All are invited to participate in the Art Parade. Visual artists, performers, musicians, dancers, civic groups, organizations and neighbors are invited to create portable sculptures, moveable artworks, costumes, puppets, flags/banners or street performances in the parade. Work with your neighbors to create something that represents your street and community! There is NO FEE to participate. Deadline for parade

entries is August 14, 2015. Please contact Danielle Linn at danielle@kennedyheights.org or at 513-967-9837.



Participants from the 2011 Kennedy Heights Art Parade
Photo courtesy of Ellen Muse-Lindeman

TELLING THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS STORY #3

LEWIS KENNEDY & FAMILY , PART 2

In 1862 Lewis Kennedy, at the age of 27, was employed by James M. McCullough, of J.M. McCullough & Son. The company, established in the 1840s, had a store at 200 Main and 3 East 5 Street, and sold seed and garden and farm "implements and machines."

Kennedy remained with the company about eight years and in 1868 the store was renamed the McCullough and Kennedy Co.

Classified ads in several 1871 editions of the *Enquirer* note that Kennedy established the Lewis Kennedy & Co., "a commission merchant for clover, timothy and other grass seeds, grain flour, provisions, dried fruits, onion sets, and produce generally" at 38 Vine Street. One year later, Kennedy and John A. Clark of Pleasant Ridge, established Clark and Kennedy Co., "commercial merchants for wholesale grocery products", with a store at 36 Vine St. Five years later T. R. Kennedy of Pleasant Ridge, sold his "agricultural implements and seed" business at 16 Water Street to Clark and Kennedy, which shortly thereafter became the Lewis Kennedy & Co.

By 1877 Kennedy was wearing another hat—a

realtor. That year Kennedy had the following classified ad for a house for rent: "Near Norwood—Nice country place of fifteen acres covered with fruit, fine spring water, pond, etc. Lewis Kennedy, 36 Vine Street." Perhaps this "place" is Pleasant Ridge or Kennedy Heights!

In 1878, after only six years, the Clark and Kennedy Co. was dissolved. Three months later Kennedy was appointed as the administrator of the estate of his father, John W. Kennedy. In October, Lewis Kennedy and Albert McCullough, son of J. M. McCullough (Kennedy's father in law), were appointed to the Chamber of Commerce's Committee on Quotations for Butter, Cheese, Seed and Fruits.

Two sources note that between 1862 and 1880 Kennedy resided at eight different places. He boarded at the Winnie House (3rd and Broad) for at least a year (1862; at the age of 28 and three years after marrying Delia), 118 East 5th (1864), 173 Plum (1866), Pleasant Ridge (1867–1868), 136 Walnut (1869), 142 Elm (1870–1873), 29 Clark (1874–1877), and Norwood (1878–1880).

-Ernie Barbeau

THE CARING PLACE—BY THE NUMBERS

What does it cost to operate the Caring Place for a year? \$72,000. One third of this comes from the sponsoring churches:

Kennedy Heights Presbyterian, Nativity, Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian, All Saints Episcopal, St. Peters United Church of Christ, and the First Baptist Church of Kennedy Heights. One third comes from individual donors, and one third comes from organizations such as Seven Hills School, the General Electric Community Service Fund, Presbyterian Women of Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge.

\$46,000 of the annual revenue buys food items from the Free Food Store (it's not free!) and local groceries, provides bus tokens, laundry money, and help with prescriptions. The Caring Place has been forced to end emergency assistance for rent and utilities. If funds become available, these programs will be happily reinstated. As Over-the-Rhine becomes gentrified, displaced residents are moving to our local communities and many are in need of aid. The Caring Place serves residents of Kennedy Heights, Silverton, Pleasant Ridge, and Golf Manor, but will not turn away anyone in need. The remaining funds are for operating costs including modest rent, office

expenses, salary, and taxes. It is our 150+ volunteer's time who keep The Caring Place going, helping our part time Executive Director Ceal Bellman. The free choice food pantry and clothing room serve over 400 families a month.

Our community can take pride in knowing that, in our name, The Caring Place is living the gospel mandate, "Whatever you do for the least of my people, you do unto Me."

Stop by the lower level of the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays to visit or make a donation. You can reach Ceal Bellman at [513-841-1499](tel:513-841-1499).

Ceal Bellman, our executive director, announced at press time that she will be retiring this summer. A search for her successor is underway. If you know a suitable candidate, please refer them to The Caring Place.



KENNEDY HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

Every Thursday, the Kennedy Heights Seniors Club meets at 10:30 at the Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center, 5915 Ridge Avenue (near Woodford Road). Activities are varied and include:

- Theraband Exercise and "Laughter Yoga" with Ms. Sally starting at 10:45 AM
- A new Exercise program with Mr. Mike from 10:30–12:30
- Quilters
- Pickleball players
- Walking on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Ms. Kelly at 5:00 PM
- Trips to casinos and interesting cities. Two years ago, we had two buses going to Washington, DC which included a visit to the White House and Arlington National Cemetery
- Birthday Bashes are held quarterly, the next one is scheduled for July 23. These usually include entertainment
- Bingo on the second, fourth, and fifth Thursdays
- In February, we typically have our Black History Program. This year it was scheduled on March 29. Four guests presented experiences on their trip to Africa with a slide show which included pictures of them riding elephants.

New members are welcomed — bring a friend if you choose! People do not have to live in Kennedy Heights to attend. Come weekly or whenever your schedule permits. There is a small annual membership fee of \$13.00 (Cincinnati Recreation Center is \$10 and the Senior Center is \$3).

For more information, please contact our director, Ms. Sally Reusch, at the Pleasant Ridge Center (513) 731-7894.

Ella-Louise S. Manigan, President