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# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

NEWS BY, FROM, AND FOR THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

JULY/AUGUST 2016

## PLAY IN THE PARK IS BACK!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**S**ummer is here and *Play in the Park* is back with an amazing calendar of events designed to bring neighbors, residents, and friends together in the beautiful Kennedy Heights Park. The events build on the themes of community, nature, music, and art and are held every Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM. Activities will continue weekly through August 24.

In 2016 we are pleased to include for the first time the CODE, University of Cincinnati Alumni Band, Sunrock Farm Petting Zoo, Madcap Puppets, FOMO Brothers, ROK Cincy, and the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, all of whom are thrilled to be a part of our neighborhood experience. Returning favorites include Meeting Mars, Elementz, Kennedy Heights Arts Center, and the always popular Mister Softee! *Play in the Park* is made possible through a generous gift of Cincinnati Parks, the Community Councils of Kennedy Heights & Pleasant Ridge, and the in-kind support of community members. You won't want to miss it!

- Wed. 07/06/16**  
 KH Youth Council • 5:00–6:00 • Shroder Paideia, Library Media Center • 5030 Duck Creed Rd  
 Play in the Park • Madcap Puppets • 6:30–8:00 • KH Park
- Tue. 07/26/16**  
 KHDC Meeting • 6:30–8:30 • KH Presbyterian Church
- Wed. 07/13/16**  
 Play in the Park • Music in the Park with Meeting Mars • 6:30–8:00 • KH Park
- Wed. 07/20/16**  
 Play in the Park • Let's Move! Boot Camp for All! • 6:30–8:00 • KH Park
- Wed. 07/27/16**  
 Play in the Park • Music in the Park with FOMO Brothers • 6:30–8:00 • KH Park
- Wed. 08/03/16**  
 KH Youth Council • 5:00–6:00 • Shroder Paideia, Library Media Center • 5030 Duck Creed Rd  
 Play in the Park • Opera in the Park with ROKCincy • 6:30–8:00 • KH Park
- Wed. 08/10/16**  
 Play in the Park • Music in the Park with Elementz • 6:30–8:00 • KH Park
- Fri. 08/12/16**  
**Deadline for September/October 2016 newsletter submissions.**  
 Send information for events that start or occur from September 1–October 31 to Danielle Linn at : [danielle@kennedyheights.org](mailto:danielle@kennedyheights.org)
- Wed. 08/17/16**  
 Play in the Park • Mr. Softee and Kickball • 6:30–8:00 • KH Park
- Tue. 08/23/16**  
 KHDC Meeting • 6:30–8:30  
 KH Presbyterian Church
- Wed. 08/24/16**  
 Play in the Park • Shakespeare in the Park • 6:30–8:00 • KH Park

## CELEBRATING OUR KH DIVERSITY

**W**e pride ourselves that Kennedy Heights is known as a diverse, inclusive neighborhood. Our Latino population is small, 120 according to the 2010 census. Meet Gustavo and Ada Peralta, two of our neighbors.

Searching for a good education, the Peraltas left their home in Nicaragua in 1988 because their country was at war and the possibilities for a college education were dim. Through a relationship with Xavier University, Gustavo came to Cincinnati on a student visa. He felt his English wasn't good enough to succeed in college, so he started with classes in English as a second language. He passed and went on to get a degree in communications. Gustavo wanted to go back to Nicaragua but his mother said, "It is too difficult here. Stay there." He misses her but goes home occasionally to visit.

With a one year work permit Gustavo started working for Sprint, then got hired by Time Warner. It was difficult with a wife and baby and student loans. "Life is full of problems," Gustavo said, "but you have to find a way. If you work hard you can accomplish your goals. I tell my children to think positively and solve the problem, don't create more problems."

Gustavo and Ada have three children who have all gone to college, and two grandchildren in Cincinnati. Gustavo became a U.S. citizen in 2012.

While servicing this area for Time Warner, Gustavo and Ada saw what a quiet, peaceful neighborhood Kennedy Heights is. They purchased a home on Glen Edge Lane in 2010. Gustavo's brother lives in Silverton, and his nephew is in Kennedy Heights. "We like to live close by so we can help each other." His sister lives in California. This summer his son is returning to Nicaragua to get married and the whole family will be going for the celebration.

When Gustavo came here in 1988 there were very few Latinos. He met some through Bellarmine Chapel at Xavier University. He was one of the founders of the Hispanic festival held every year in September. Welcome, Gustavo and Ada! You make Kennedy Heights a better place to live and raise a family.



Photos of *Play in the Park* participants courtesy of Susan Wade Murphy

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings my fellow Kennedy Heights residents! Summer is here, school is out and there are many great activities taking place in our neighborhood. Play in the Park is well under way and we've had great attendance so far. Check out our Facebook page for the weekly activities!

I want to hear from you! We are in the process of updating our community plan. What would you like to

see change in our neighborhood from a development standpoint? More businesses, housing for our elders, more activities for our youth, a dog park perhaps? We want to hear from you for your input! We live in a wonderful, diverse and embracing community and want to keep it that way. Please share your ideas by emailing us at khcc@kennedyheights.com.

Thanks, Dan Kasprowicz

DISTRICT A—ARTS+MUSIC FESTIVAL

District A invites you, your friends, and family to the party — Kennedy Heights + Pleasant Ridge Arts + Music Festival!

Saturday, October 15th, Noon–7:00 PM at the Kennedy Heights Cultural Capus at the corner of Montgomery and Kennedy Avenue.

Registration for the Festival's Art Show and Sale is now open. Register now online or by mail. Artist Booth Fee is \$50; only \$40 if your application is postmarked by 8/31/16. All information is at www.district-a.org.

Please let us know what you liked at last year's Arts+Music Festival, or tell us what you think we could improve this year. The Festival belongs to all of us, so we're hoping you'll help us all build it together.

Contact us any time with your questions and ideas at info@district-a.org

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Thank you, neighbors! Your gifts are enabling us to deliver our newsletter to every resident, help provide the monthly community dinners prior to the Community Council meeting, contribute to the Caring Place, Play in the Park, Juneteenth, District A, the Kennedy Heights Arts Center, Winterfest, neighborhood beautification, the Aging in Place planning, and Communities United for Action.

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AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVE

If you would like to participate in the Kennedy Heights 50+ Resident Housing Survey, you may access it directly online at: http://bit.ly/KHOver50, or call 513- 536- 6243 to request a mailed copy of the survey

## PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY

Please note that some programs require pre-registration. You can register online at [www.cincinnati.org](http://www.cincinnati.org), in person at the branch, or by calling the branch at 369-4488. We are still adding programs for August. For questions about any of the programs, please contact the branch.

### ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE HOLIDAY!

**FREE SUMMER LUNCH** is served at 12:30 p.m. Monday – Friday through August 12 to children 18 and under.

**Animals Alive!** Learn about and meet a tree frog, box turtle, corn snake and screech owl from a Great Parks naturalist. **2 PM, Fri. 07/15**

**Art for Kids!** Paper Recycling! Learn about recycling and how to make your own recycled paper with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful! Ages 4–12. **2 PM, Tues. 07/19**

**Art for Kids!** Monet's Water Lilies Mural Project! Learn about the French Impressionist artist Claude Monet, then make a lily pad mural to display at the library! **4 PM, Tues. 08/16**

**Color Me Calm Coloring Book Club!** Come relax and enjoy the stress-relieving benefits of coloring! Bring your own supplies or use ours! Adults. **6:30 PM, Mon. 07/11, 08/01**

**Computers for Beginners, Part 1.** Learn the fundamental skills that every computer user needs to know. No computer experience required. Call 369-4488 for more information. Registration required. Adults. **4 PM, Wed. 08/03**

**Computers for Beginners, Part 2.** Basic computer skills (using a mouse and keyboard) are required. Call 369-4488 for more information. Registration required. Adults. **4 PM, Wed. 08/10**

**Cool Science! Growing Plants!** Hear a story, plant a seed and learn how to measure and chart its growth! . Advanced registration requested. Ages 4–12. **4 PM, Thurs. 07/14**

**Cool Science!** Make a Marble Rollercoaster! Advanced registration requested. Ages 4–12. **4 PM, Thurs. 08/11,**

**Croc Talk by the WAVE Foundation, Newport Aquarium.** Learn about crocodiles and alligators and meet a live baby alligator! All ages. **2 PM, Tues. 07/26**

**Family Fun!** Learn and make Strawbees! Cut plastic connections to build things out of straws to make educational toys! The

modern version of Tinkertoys! Families. **2 PM, Sat. 07/09**

**Family Fun: 3 Doodler Creations!** Learn how to use a 3 Doodler tool to make plastic creations. Families. **2 PM, Sat. 08/20**

**Family Storytime!** Crocodiles & Alligators! Join us for fun stories and activities to help your child build early literacy skills. Make crocodile puppet! Families. **6:30 PM, Tues. 07/26**

**Family Storytime!** Starting School! Join us for fun stories and activities to help your child build early literacy skills. Snacks. **6:30 PM, Tues. 08/30**

**Get Crafty.** Make a different craft each month. Pre-registration is required to ensure that we have enough materials for everyone. Call 369-4488 or sign up at the branch. Adults, Teens. **6 PM, Mon. 07/18, 08/15**

**Guinness World Records!** Learn about some amazing world records! Children, Teens. **2 PM, Tues. 07/12**

**Internet for Beginners, Part 1.** Basic knowledge of mouse and keyboard are required before taking this class. Call 369-4488 for more information. Registration required. Adults. **4 PM, Wed. 08/17**

**Internet for Beginners, Part 2.** Basic knowledge of mouse and keyboard are required before taking this class. Call 369-4488 for more information. Registration required. Adults. **4 PM, Wed. 08/24**

**Let's Go Lego!** Design your own structures with Legos, Duplos, and other building blocks. Children, Families. **2 PM, Tues. 7/5**

**Let's Go Lego & Other Building Bricks!** Build with Legos, Duplos, and other building blocks and connectors on the third Friday of every month! Ages 3–12. **4 PM, Fri. 07/15, 08/19**

**Make It Take It.** Get creative! Make a craft and take it home with you. Snacks provided. Teens. **4 PM, Mon. 08/15**

**Make, Shake and Create Your Own Musical Instruments!** Use recycled objects to create a musical jug, shaker egg, rhythm spoons, chicken drum, ear drum, or "washboard" tie! Then use your

instrument in a jam session led by Russ Childers and his banjo. Ages 5–12, Families. Registration is required. **2 PM, Thurs. 07/14**

**Pleasant Ridge Book Club.** Adults. July's title is *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. Call 369-4488 for August's title. **2 PM, Thurs. 07/21, 08/18**

**Story Times** — Come join us for one of our story times:  
**Library Babies!** Fun stories, songs, action rhymes, musical, scarf and puppet play for little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0–36 mos. **10 AM, Wed. 07/6, 07/20, 08/03, 08/17, 08/31**

**Toddler Time!** Fun stories, songs, action rhymes, musical and scarf play for little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0–36 mos. **10 AM, Wed. 07/13, 07/27, 08/10, 08/24**

**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. **10:30 AM, Wed. 07/6, 07/13, 07/20, 07/27, 08/03, 08/10, 08/17, 08/24, 08/31**

**Summer Movie Time!** Cool off with a movie and a snack! All Ages. **3 PM, Fri. 07/22.**

**Tales to Tails with Ms. Brenda and Meigs!** Build your young reader's self-esteem and reading skills by letting them read aloud to a certified therapy dog, the pug dog Meigs. Ages 5–12. **11 AM, Sat. 07/16**

**Teen Chef!** Play with your food and eat it too! Teens. **4 PM, Mon. 07/18**

**Teen Random Club!** Something new every month. Have a snack and hang out at the library. Teens. **4 PM, Thurs. 07/17, 08/04**

**Word Processing Basics.** Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2010. Call 369-4488 for more information. Basic knowledge of mouse and keyboard is required before taking this class. Pre-registration is required. Call 369-4488 for more information or to register. Adults. **6 PM, Thurs. 08/18**

## OUTSTANDING CITIZEN — RON JIMMAR THE DONUT MAN

**Y**ou probably won't see Ron Jimmar around Kennedy Heights during the day because he's worked all night baking and frying many varieties of donuts at his business, Silverton Donut Shop, located at 7414 Montgomery Rd. (near the post office). When he, his sister, and five brothers moved to Kennedy Heights from Mt. Auburn, he entered second grade at Kennedy Elementary. He remembers going from arts and crafts at his old school to studying the solar system at Kennedy and it took him many years to catch up. Because he stuttered, he was shy and introverted, but he overcame this with speech therapy he received at school. He also studied piano in grade 3 at Kennedy. "It was a great school," he remembers, "and we even had gym class."

His parents moved him to Nativity in grade 4 so he could receive religious instruction. He went on to graduate from Purcell High School and Xavier University. His four best buddies were from Kennedy Heights, and one was the best man in his wedding. He delivered the *Suburban Life*, *Enquirer*, and *Post* newspapers for several years as a teenager. The papers would be dropped at "the Loop," the end of the street car line where Family Dollar is now.

He has fond memories of the old Kennedy Heights business district: the best chicken was at Carter's, Al's Pony Keg (where the Laundromat is now), two grocery stores, a meat market, a bank, an insurance company, pharmacy, 5 & 10 store, malt shop, among others. He used to hang out with friends at the old water tower (Bantry & Iris) and at Robison Park (so called because there was a Kennedy Park behind the elementary school).

Ron was a nursing home administrator for thirteen years before his brother Tommy convinced him and his dad to purchase The Donut Stop in Pleasant Ridge in 1989, which had been out of business for some time. Tommy managed the shop with his wife Hanna until his illness in 2003. Ron worked there at night. They had a thriving business with a loyal customer base when an opportunity led them to move to a larger location in Silverton.

In 1997 Ron purchased his childhood home from his father and moved back to Kennedy Heights. The Silverton Donut Shop won the "Best Donuts in Cincinnati" award and is certified kosher year round. Stop in Tuesday through Sunday early (5 a.m. weekdays, 6 a.m. weekends) and, if you're lucky, you may catch sight of Ron before he goes home to sleep.

## ADULT HOME EC!

**Cincy Adult Home Ec: Grilling and Popsicles**  
Monday, July 11, 7 PM  
KHAC Lindner Annex  
\$10 per student, Ages 13+

This installment of the "Adult Home Ec" series will cover how to safely grill meats and veggies and how to create your own cool and refreshing popsicles. A materials fee of \$10 will cover a light meal that you'll grill up yourself! Pre-registration is required on the Kennedy Heights Arts Center website. Ages 13+. For more information, contact [doug@kennedyheights.org](mailto:doug@kennedyheights.org)

## ABC'S OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS

Our neighborhood has many streets named after notable people and places. How many more can you name?

- A. Flow gently sweet \_\_\_\_\_ (river in Scotland)
- B. Town in Ireland located on a bay
- C. Author of *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*
- D. Author of *The Divine Comedy*
- I. A small island in the Inner Hebrides off the western coast of Scotland
- K. Founder of our neighborhood
- O. A widely-revered god in Germanic mythology
- S. First governor of Plymouth Colony
- T. A river in North East England
- W. 16th-century English ambassador and poet credited with introducing the sonnet into English literature

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**THE CARING PLACE**

“Mr. John is a true pillar of The Caring Place,” says Director Sharifa Tafari. “He is a kind, gentle and humble man that shines like a star. Being that he lives next door, he bridges the gaps with precision.” For many years The Caring Place has counted on volunteer John Chambers. He’s there early in the morning; he knows what needs to be done, and he does it. He helps anyone who needs help and has a wonderful disposition.

Former Director Ceal Bellman said, “He’s too good to be true! He was my right hand person. I can’t exaggerate how much he meant to me and the Caring Place. We need more like him.”

John says, “I love doing it. I like to help people out. It helps me on the inside doing things for people. I feel better about myself because I’m helping other people.” John got started because he knew some of the people coming in for assistance so he went over and asked if they needed help. He started in the pantry and stock room, and now he does whatever needs doing.

John notes that The Caring Place needs volunteers, especially younger men who can lift, carry, and stock. Their special needs are dishwashing liquid, detergent, personal care products and shoes. “Anything in pretty good shape we can use, John says.”



The Pantry, located in the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, is open 9-2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome!



**KHAC ARTWORKS MURAL—Coming Summer 2016**

A year after the old Kroger store property at Kennedy and Montgomery was transformed into the Kennedy Heights Cultural Campus, there is more excitement happening at the corner. The nondescript exterior will be brought to life with public art!

Kennedy Heights Arts Center is partnering with ArtWorks to create a mural on the façade of the Center’s Lindner Annex at the campus. Artist Casey Riordan Millard, herself a Kennedy Heights resident, designed the mural with input from a committee of local residents. Mostly known for her “Shark Girl” sculptures, drawings, paintings, and publications, Millard’s work has drawn the admiration of a growing national audience. The mural will be painted this summer by a team of professional artists and young adult art apprentices.

**You can be a part of the project, too! Everyone is invited to Community Day at the mural on Saturday, July 16 from 11am to 2pm.** Casey and the ArtWorks team will lead participants in making artwork inspired by the mural. These works by community members will come together in an installation in the Annex’s lobby. Adults and youth of all ages are invited to participate.

This vibrant mural will not only be a treasured asset for Kennedy Heights, but it will also attract visitors from throughout the region. It will inspire everyone to see the beauty of our community!



**Telling the Kennedy Heights Story #7: Lewis Kennedy , Part 6**

I previously discussed the *Enquirer’s* June 1887 article on Mr. Kennedy’s County’s Probate Court application for bankruptcy. This case was settled four years later in June 1891. The *Enquirer’s* title regarding the settlement is creative and provocative: *Holding the Bag. Lewis Kennedy Settles for Five Per Cent. His Creditors Get the Hot End of the Financial Poker.*

In 1887, the depth of Mr. Kennedy’s liabilities were projected to be \$125-150,000 [in 2016 dollars: \$3.1M-\$3.7M]. By 1891 Mr. Kennedy’s liabilities had dramatically increased. They were now \$171,600 [\$4,326,500].

The *Enquirer* stated that the “creditors...are holding the bag in good style. When Mr. Kennedy failed, his liabilities were heavy and his assets light. It was thought at the time that his creditors would not get much on their claims he had borrowed money in large sums.”

Mr. Kennedy owed nine banks \$123,400 [\$3,111,200] and four non-bank creditors, \$29,000 [\$731,200], for a total of \$152,400 [\$3,842,400]. The *Enquirer* did not identify the smaller creditors who were owed the remaining total liabilities of \$19,200 [\$484,100].

The *Enquirer* article concludes: “Mr. Kennedy is the man who owned the property on which the Kennedy Heights Hotel<sup>1</sup> was built. The building of that and the failure of the enterprise to pay was one on the causes of the failure. Mr. Kennedy became deeply involved in real estate deals, and could not carry them out. The settlement at 5 percent is one of the cheapest made in this city for a long time.” With the settlement being 5% of \$4.3M, the creditors received only \$216,000.

Upcoming Story columns will report on how the filing for bankruptcy significantly affected the Kennedy family.

<sup>1</sup>The Hotel refers to the Yononte Inn, previously on the corner of Davenant and Kinoll. Future *Story* columns will be devoted to the Inn’s history.

-Ernie Barbeau

**OKI 2040 UPDATE**

A big thanks to the over 2,300 individuals who participated in OKI’s 2040 Survey this past winter. We received comments from all 8 counties in the OKI region. Are you curious as to what your neighbors mentioned in the survey about their transportation needs? Survey highlights can be found by visiting [2040.oki.org](http://2040.oki.org) and clicking on the Community Outreach tab. In this section you can read about the top 5 concerns we heard about from you and you can review the Draft Project List OKI staff has developed in response to those concerns. Also under the Community Outreach tab, staff has prepared a Public Comment Summary Report for the first half of the OKI 2040 Plan Update. For additional information, contact Robyn Bancroft, Project Manager, OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, [rbancroft@oki.org](mailto:rbancroft@oki.org) or 513-619-7662.

**ABC’S OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS ANSWERS**

- A. Afton
- B. Bantry
- C. Samuel Taylor Coleridge
- D. Dante Alighieri
- I. Iona
- K. Lewis Kennedy
- O. Odin
- S. Miles Standish
- T. Tyne
- W. Sir Thomas Wyatt

**T**he Elder Series interviews that were presented at the April and May KH Heights Community Council meetings were Angela Davis of Davenant Avenue, and Bob Kamp of Wyatt Avenue. The interviews are listed on our website: [www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org).

**D**o you have a story about your neighbors? Want to get the word out about events in KH? Perhaps about the history of our neighborhood? Please consider writing an article for the newsletter! Contact the Danielle Linn for more information!