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NEWS BY, FROM, AND FOR THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

MARCH/APRIL 2016

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wed. 03/02/16**  
 KH Youth Council • 5:00–6:00 •  
 Shroder Paideia, Library Media  
 Center • 5030 Duck Creed Rd

**Tue. 03/15/16**  
 KHCC Meeting • 7:30–8:30pm •  
 Community Dinner • 6:30–  
 7:15 • KH Presbyterian Church

**Tue. 03/22/16**  
 KHDC Meeting • 6:30–8:30 •  
 KH Presbyterian Church

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 Sap Run • 8:30–11:00am • KH  
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**Fri. 04/08/16**  
**Deadline for May/June 2016**  
**newsletter submissions.**  
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 start or occur from May 1–June  
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 danielle@kennedyheights.org

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 “Off the Hill” in *District A* •  
 7–8:30pm • KH Cultural  
 Campus • 6–7pm • Pre-show  
 picnic, *weather permitting*

**Sat. 05/07/16**  
 Cincinnati Neighborhood  
 Games • KH Cultural Campus  
 and PR Rec Center • *More*  
*details coming soon!*



**SAP RUN XXIII**  
**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00–11:00 AM**  
**Meet at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church**  
 Walk jog or run, and share an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with your  
 neighbors during the twenty-third Sap Run!

**8:30–9:00 AM**

Register at the start line in the KHPC parking lot or at  
[www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org).

**9:00–10:00 AM**

You're off for a mini-mini-mini marathon in which you can walk, jog or run on the  
 designated routes. Routes start and end at the KHPC parking lot.

**10:00–11:00 AM**

Return refreshed and ravenous to KHPC for the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast.  
 Special Awards will also be presented.

**To register and find route information, go to [www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org).**

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**Sat. 05/07/16** Cincinnati Neighborhood Games Qualifiers • KH Cultural Campus and PR Rec Center • *More details coming soon!*

## Volunteers Needed!

Community Meal clean-up (1–5 times a year  
 before Community Council Meeting) clearing  
 off tables and putting food away, Sap Run  
 and Beautification events this spring. Contact  
[christine@kennedyheights.org](mailto:christine@kennedyheights.org) if interested.

Sign up for the KHCC eNews and get alerts about up-  
 coming neighborhood events and important announce-  
 ments. To receive eNews messages, sign up on the  
 KHCC website . ([www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org)).

## Coyotes

Some KH neighbors have spotted coyotes. Keep  
 these tips in mind!

1. Keep small dogs and cats in the house
2. Watch out around downed trees and high brush,
3. common places for coyote nests
4. Keep an eye on larger dogs as well. Coyotes
5. have been known to lure animals and lead them to  
 a larger pack
6. Be careful when out walking, especially at dusk  
 and dawn
7. Make sure garbage is contained and no food is  
 left outside



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CONNECT WITH THE KHCC ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**H**ello my fellow Kennedy Heights neighbors! I certainly hope you are doing well and are looking forward to Spring arriving just around the corner. I have been working with our board on several efforts that we want to focus on this year which include strengthening our neighborhood. Several weeks ago, a few of our board members and residents attended the Cincinnati Police Department's Town Hall meeting for District 2 on addressing crime. Everyone who attended had the opportunity to voice their concerns, ideas, or recognition

of what was working well. Our youth is our future and one of the takeaways from the meeting was how we plan to partner together to focus on your youth through positive mentoring. We are working to coordinate a plan with Pleasant Ridge, District A, and council woman Yvette Simpson. We will keep you posted on our progress. As always, please consider getting involved in one of our committees. We are always looking for willing and able volunteers!

—Dan Kasprowicz  
KHCC President,  
[daniel@kennedyheights.org](mailto:daniel@kennedyheights.org)

DISTRICT A — OFF THE HILL

**H**ere's your last chance this year to experience the professional quality and unique performance value that Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park brings 'Off the Hill' to District A venues.

On **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, **RIKKI TIKKI TAVI** comes to **Kennedy Heights Montessori Center** on the Cultural Campus at the corner of Kennedy & Montgomery. When you arrive, you'll be able to explore the amazing new KHMC facilities and then laugh your way through a classic tale told in 21<sup>st</sup> century style.

**Show time is 7PM.** From 6PM on, weather permitting, there will be picnic foods and fun outside, too. At 8PM, following the performance, actors and audience members get a chance to talk with each other. Whether you come alone or bring your neighbor, your family or your grandchild, you're bound to get hooked on this uniquely professional, community, family theatre.

Donations accepted at the door but not required. Children always free and everyone's always welcome!

So come meet your neighbors who are *District A* volunteers, and let's talk about building our future together. Email [info@district-a.org](mailto:info@district-a.org) or phone us at (513) 557-3850.

We'll see you at the Cultural Campus on 4/30/16!

Maria Kreppel, *District A* Board Chair  
[www.district-a.org](http://www.district-a.org) & [www.cincyplay.com](http://www.cincyplay.com)

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Thank you to our donors during December 2015 and January 2016. Your gift supports the work of our community!

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AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVE

Your Voice will help shape the future of senior housing for residents 50+!

The Kennedy Heights Development Corporation and Community Council's Aging In Place Initiative wants to know what our residents aged 50+ envision for the future housing choices in Kennedy Heights.

**In mid-April** we will begin a random sampling of several hundred of our 50+ residents by mailing them a survey that will review a wide variety of housing options, with some ideas that might not have thought about.

**In early May** the survey will also be offered online to those residents who were not a part of the random sampling in April through a link on our Kennedy Heights Community Council's web site. Along with the survey process, we will be forming focus groups to listen more closely to the needs, ideas, and questions of our neighbors.

If you are interested in being a part of these groups, or might be willing to host a group at your church, on your street, or in another neighborhood setting, please contact me via email at [steve@kennedyheights.org](mailto:steve@kennedyheights.org) or at (513) 536-6243.

Steven Grieser, Chair of the Kennedy Heights Aging In Place Initiative  
**Team members**, Ernie Barbeau, Jane Patty, Sara Bourgouis, Kevin Jones, Sherry Lind

## PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY

Please note that some programs require pre-registration. You can register online at [www.cincinnati.library.org](http://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.

**ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS CLOSED, SUNDAY, 03/27.**

**Art for Kids!** Join us for a book-based art projects. Learn about an artist or type of art, then make a different project each month. Ages 4-12. **4:00 PM, Tues. 03/15, 04/19**

**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. 03/7, 04/04**

**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. **4:00 PM, Wed. 04/06**

**Computers for Beginners, Part 2** Basic computer skills (using a mouse and keyboard) are required. Call 369-4488 for more information. Registration required. Adults. **4:00 PM, Wed. 04/13**

**Cool Science!** Make a different science project every month and learn how it works in this book-based program. Call the branch for information. Advanced registration requested. Ages 4-12. **4:00 PM, Thurs. 04/14**

**Family Fun!** Join us for a family-friendly activity every month. Families. **2:00 PM, Sat. 03/26, 04/16**

**Family Storytime!** Join us for fun stories and activities to help your child build early literacy skills. Families. **6:30 PM, Tues. 03/29, 04/26**

**Fun with Looney Ballooney!** See Looney Ballooney twist balloons into fun shapes and animals and then take one home! Registration required. Children. **4:00 PM, Mon. 03/14**

**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. **6:00 PM, Mon. 03/21, 04/18**

**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. **4:00 PM, Wed. 04/20**

**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. **4:00 PM, Wed. 04/27**

**Let's Go Lego & Other Building Bricks!** Join our new Lego Club and build with Legos, Duplos, and other building blocks and connectors on the third Friday of every month! Ages 3-12. **4:00 PM, Fri. 03/18, 04/15.**

**Make It Take It.** Get creative! Make a craft and take it home with you. Snacks provided. Teens. **4:00 PM, Mon. 04/18**

**Pleasant Ridge Book Club.** Adults. March's title is *Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. Call 369-4488 for April's title. **2:00 PM, Thurs. 03/17, 04/21**

**St. Patrick's Day Cookie Decorating.** Learn to decorate St. Patrick's Day cookies with Lisa from Cincinnati Cake & Candy. Registration required. Adults, Teens. **6:30 PM, Tues. 03/15**

**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. **10:00 AM, Wed. 03/2, 03/16, 03/30, 04/06, 04/20**

**Toddler Time!** Fun stories, songs, action rhymes, musical and scarf play for little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0-36 mos. **10:00 AM, Wed. 03/9, 03/23, 04/13, 04/27**

**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. 03/2, 03/9, 03/16, 03/23, 03/30, 04/06, 04/13, 04/20, 04/27**

**Tales to Tails with Ms. Ellen and Rowdy!** Build your young reader's self-esteem and reading skills by letting him/her read aloud to a certified therapy dog. Ages 5-12 **4:00 PM, 03/24.**

**Teen Random Club!** Something new every month. Have a snack and hang out at the library. Teens. **4:00 PM, Thurs. 03/3, 04/07**

**Teen Chef!** Play with your food and eat it too! Make sour patch grapes in March. Teens, **4:00 PM, Mon. 03/21**

**Tide Pool Animals with the Newport Aquarium!** The Newport Aquarium brings the beach to you! Enjoy animals from their tide pool exhibit and discuss tides as a whole and how the ocean works together with the moon and other forces to change the landscape of beaches. All Ages. **4:00 PM, 03/22**

**Wiggly Worms!** Learn about worms with the story *Tunneling Earthworms* and what they eat, how they survive, and what kind of environment they live in. A worm bin will allow kids to have a hands-on experience with worms. Presented by the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District. Registration required. Children. **4:00 PM, Thurs. 03/10**

**Word Processing Basics**

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2007. 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. **6:00 PM, Thurs. 04/21**

**\*Doing research on the history of Pleasant Ridge or Kennedy Heights? Check out the library's special collection of pictures, documents, books, etc. covering the history of both communities. Just ask staff for the materials.\***

## OUTSTANDING CITIZEN—JUDGE TYRONE YATES

There are 52 neighborhoods in Cincinnati, and Municipal Court Judge Tyrone Yates is proud to call Kennedy Heights his home. "It's an ideal community, diverse in every way," said Judge Yates, one of our newer residents. He has been impressed with "how neighbors support each other, watch out for each other, and care for the community."

Judge Yates graduated from Withrow High School in 1972, the University of Cincinnati in 1978 and got his law degree from Toledo University.

As a member of the Ohio General Assembly, City Council and now working in the Hamilton County Courthouse, Judge Yates has a unique perspective on Cincinnati. "It's an exciting city with a relatively small population that is home to some major assets: the Reds, Bengals, Fortune 500 companies, Cincinnati Symphony, Ballet, and many professional dance and theater groups." At the same time, he feels there are challenges the city and its citizens face including poverty and affordable, quality housing. Judge Yates is a firm believer that enhanced educational opportunities and high quality schools will draw new residents and younger families to all fifty-two neighborhoods.

The level of civic participation he has observed in Kennedy Heights around the Arts Center has impressed him. During his tenure in the Ohio General Assembly, Judge Yates was a strong supporter of the Ohio Arts Council and the Artist in Residence Program. He believes in the power of the arts to enhance and transform society.

His service to Cincinnati includes:

- Member of City Council, 1990-97, serving 2 terms as Vice Mayor
- Chairman of the Cincinnati Citizens Committee on Youth, 2002
- Member of the Ohio House of Representatives, 33<sup>rd</sup> District, 2003-10

Judge Yates is a member of:

- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
- National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People
- Association for the Study of African American Life and History
- The Friends of the Harriet Beecher Stowe House
- Navy League of the United States

—Bob Herring

We welcome your suggestions of Kennedy Heights' residents to feature in our Notable Citizen series. Send names to Danielle Linn at [Danielle@kennedyheights.org](mailto:Danielle@kennedyheights.org)



## GARDEN AND HOME TOUR 2017

Let's get a jump on the planning! The 2017 Kennedy Heights Home and Garden Tour Committee is now forming. The tour will be held in July of 2017 - dates TBD. We need 6-8 Kennedy Heights residents to create this upcoming event. If you find pleasure in looking at homes and gardens, if you have an interest or expertise in finding sponsors, strategic planning, an eye for beauty, and if you have a desire to participate in community events we would love to have you join us!!

Contact: Melissa McNally  
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[marewynkamp3@zoomtown.com](mailto:marewynkamp3@zoomtown.com)

## ELDER SERIES

Fran and Mike Harmon were the Elder Series interviews presented at the November KHCC meeting. The interview is on our website, as are all of the Elder Series, [www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org).

## THE CARING PLACE

**W**ho is responsible for the Caring Place? Including the director, Sharifah Tafari, The Caring Place has a volunteer Board of people from the community, headed by President Chuck McClain.

President McClain writes, "I would like to say thank you to the Kennedy Heights community and surrounding areas for all the support and volunteer help we receive throughout the year. As you well know, the need has never been greater in our community as our numbers from 2015 show:

- 918 households served, consisting of 650 adults and 268 children. Of those, 137 households came for the first time.
- This is an 18% increase in households from 2014.
- This increase in clients also resulted in 953 more volunteer hours worked during pantry hours.
- Contributions decreased by 21% and expenses increased by 6%.

"We met the need this year, but barely. We had to dip into our reserves for the first time in many years and overall ran a deficit of nearly \$17,000. I don't think the needs of the community will lessen anytime soon so

the Board Members will be out there working hard to secure the funds we need to operate. We will be visiting local businesses, churches, schools and other organizations that have been there for us in the past. We sincerely appreciate everything they have done but we need additional revenue to meet the ever growing needs of Kennedy Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Silverton, and Golf Manor."

Board member Amy Sansbury volunteers at the pantry every Thursday. "This enables me to bring the clients' experience to our meetings. It's obvious to me that over the past 4 years our numbers have gone up. We try to offer food and other necessities to help tide people over from month to month, but it's never enough. There is a lot more we could be doing if we had more to give."

If you would like to help, contact Sharifah Tafari at (513) 841-1499 or send your donation to: The Caring Place c/o Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, 6312 Kennedy Ave. 45213.

Thank you for your generosity!

## KH YOUTH COUNCIL

**T**he Kennedy Heights Youth Council (KHYC) has a new home! **Shroder Paideia High School** welcomes KHYC to meetup in their library media center on the main floor. The monthly meetups are on the first Wednesday from 5pm to 6pm. If you are a teen who lives in Kennedy Heights, join us to meetup with friends, plan fun activities, talk about real issues that are important to you, earn community service hours, eat yummy snacks, and much more!

The next two **KHYC Monthly Meetups** are **Wednesday, March 2**, and **Wednesday, April 6** at Shroder Paideia High School located at 5030 Duck Creek Rd. For more information contact Sharifah Tafari, advisor, at (513) 225-2355 or [sharifah@kennedyheights.org](mailto:sharifah@kennedyheights.org)

## KH COMMUNITY GARDEN

**B**elieve it or not, spring is almost here! And it's time to start planning for the 2016 growing season. The **Kennedy Heights Community Garden at Woodford Paideia Academy (KHCG)** has 12 raised beds. We're excited that two beds are designated for use by science students at Woodford Paideia Academy, and four beds are rented by neighbors. The rental fee is only \$25/bed for the whole season. There are six beds (with complimentary packs of seeds) remaining and waiting for you. The **KHCG** is located on the front grounds of Woodford Paideia Academy located at 3716 Woodford Rd. For more information or to rent a bed, stop by the Kennedy Heights Community Council meeting to talk to Sharifah, the KHCG coordinator, email [sharifah@kennedyheights.org](mailto:sharifah@kennedyheights.org), or call (513) 225-2355.

## SUMMER CAMP AT KH ARTS CENTER

**T**his summer, delve into some creative art-making at Kennedy Heights Arts Center! Join in the fun by participating

in one of our creative art camps for youth ages 5-13. We offer a variety of one-week camps for youth exploring visual arts, dance, music and theatre.

Each camp runs from 9:30am to 2:30pm daily. Extended care is available for all camps from 8:30-9:30am and 2:30-5:30pm for a fee of \$10 per day. Sliding scale fees available for those in financial need. Visit our website at [www.kennedyarts.org](http://www.kennedyarts.org) or call 513-631-4278 to learn more. Volunteer opportunities for teens ages 14-18. **Camp descriptions and registration will open March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.**



## KH ARTS CENTER STUDENT ART SHOW

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Art Show: Visions of Creativity at KHAC**

March 12, 2016 – April 16, 2016

**Opening Reception** – Saturday, March 12th, 2016, 2-4 pm

Kennedy Heights Arts Center proudly presents the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Art Show: Visions of Creativity. Come celebrate the talented work from KHAC youth and adult students, as well as the artwork from selected students from local elementary schools. This show is surely to inspire! Gallery hours are Mon – Fri 10am – 5pm, and Saturday 11am – 4pm.

## KH AC—ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

**T**he Kennedy Heights Arts Center welcomes visual artist Susan Byrnes as the 2016 Artist in Residence! Each spring, and with support of the Ohio Arts Council, KHAC hosts an artist to engage with our community. Ms. Byrnes will be working with individuals of all ages to create a wide variety of intriguing works centered on themes of the home and domesticity that will be incorporated into her exhibition in the gallery space. It's FREE to participate, but Registration is required as space is limited. Check the website at [www.kennedyarts.org](http://www.kennedyarts.org) soon for more details about our 2016 Artist-In-Residence schedule which will be announced in early March!



## ADULT HOME EC!

**L**earning never stops! Expand your knowledge base by introducing yourself to new hobbies or gain better insight into a topic that already interests you. In March we'll learn about how to make perfect Irish Soda Bread and members of the Xavier University Crochet Club will teach us an easy way to get into crocheting.

Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8:30pm  
\$5.00 per student.  
Open to ages 18 and up

## KH MONTESSORI CENTER

**"Celebrating Where We Belong"**

**Kennedy Heights Montessori Center Silent Auction 2016**

Music, Dancing and an Artistic Surprise! An array of auction items will be available for bidding! Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Appetizers, and Desserts

Saturday, March 19, 2016  
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
Kennedy Heights Art Center Annex  
6620 Montgomery Rd. Unit 3

Tickets are \$20/person in advance, \$25/person at the door

Please RSVP for the event to KHMC at (513) 631-8135 or email [khmontessori@gmail.com](mailto:khmontessori@gmail.com)  
Cash, Checks, and Credit Cards will be accepted for auction item payments.