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KENNEDY HEIGHTS 2016 LANDSCAPE AWARD WINNERS

In mid-July, the Landscape Award committee of Carolyn Thompson, Jane Patty, and Michele Dragga, spent an enjoyable morning judging the 17 landscapes that had been nominated for an award. The nominees proved once again that Kennedy Heights is full of lovely gardens. Thank you to all of you who submitted nominations, and congratulations to our five winners!

Stephanie, Guy, and Gretchen Adams, *Iris Avenue*

This year is the third win for Stephanie and Guy Adams, and their daughter Gretchen. Their consistently beautiful garden has earned them a spot in the Kennedy Heights Landscape Hall of Fame. Congratulations! The family have contributed their own personal touches to the garden. Stephanie planted a beloved iris that belonged to her great-grandmother, Guy purchased a 2000-pound granite boulder to be the focal point of the front yard, and Gretchen repurposed an old pedestal birdbath to house her fairy garden.



Geri Smith, *Hill and Dale Drive*
 Geri Smith has lived in her house for 45 years and in that time has created a garden both beautiful and practical. The house sits far back from the

road, but the eye-catching color and texture make her yard stand out. Practically, part of her garden camouflages the septic system. Perhaps most importantly, though, Geri finds that working in her is a great stress reliever.



Otis Elam, *Zinsle Avenue*
 When Otis Elam moved into his house seven years ago, he found one flower bed with a bug-infested rose in it. He replaced the rose then added complementary plants around it. Each year since then, he's been expanding his flower beds and adding something new. Over and over again the next year. His front porch has become an extension of his garden. That's where his collection of large houseplants, his babies, spend the summer. At the end of the day, Otis sits on his porch and destresses as he enjoys his babies and his lovely garden.



Josh and Kim Coffey, *Woodford Road*
 Josh and Kim Coffey have lived

in their house on Woodford Road for less than two years, but in that time, Josh has transformed his yard into an award-winning garden. He assessed the plants that were already established, incorporated the best into his design, and removed the others. Logs from a large tree that he removed have become seats around the couple's fire pit.



Christina Barkley, *Hedge Avenue*
 Christina Barkley's house, where she has lived for the past 18 years, is just down the street from the house where she was raised. Her father helped her get her garden started in the years after she moved into her own house. She replaced old railroad ties with neatly-stacked stone walls which provide a backdrop for pots of annuals. The result is that every bit of her yard that can be seen from both streets bordering her corner lot is full of perennials, trees, and shrubs in neatly-manicured beds. Even the space on the side of the garage is full of eye-catching annuals.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed. 09/07/16**
 KH Teen Council • 4:00–5:00 • Shroder Paideia, Library Media Center • 5030 Duck Creed Rd
- Tue. 09/20/16**
 KHCC Meeting • 7:00–8:30 • Community Dinner • 6:30–7:00 • KH Presbyterian Church
- Fri. 09/23/16**
 CUFA's Wine & Canvas Night • 6:30pm • St. Bernard's Annex • 735 Derby Ave. • \$35 in advance \$40 at door

- Sat. 09/24/16**
 33rd Annual Progressive Dinner • 5:30–10:00pm • Begins with appetizers at KH Arts Center • \$25/person

- Tue. 09/27/16**
 KHDC Meeting • 6:30–8:30
 KH Presbyterian Church

- Wed. 10/03/16**
 KH Teen Council • 4:00–5:00 • Shroder Paideia, Library Media Center • 5030 Duck Creed Rd
- Fri. 10/14/16**
Deadline for September/October 2016 newsletter submissions. Send information for events that start or occur from November 1–December 31 to Danielle Linn at : danielle@kennedyheights.org

- Sat. 10/15/16**
 District A's 9th Annual KH+PR Arts+Music Festival • 12:00–7:00 • Kennedy Heights Cultural Campus

- Tue. 10/18/16**
 KHCC Meeting • 7:00–8:30 • Community Dinner • 6:30–7:00 • KH Presbyterian Church

- Fri. 10/21/16**
 KH Arts Center Harvest Party • 5:30–8:00 • KH Arts Center

- Tue. 10/25/16**
 KHDC Meeting • 6:30–8:30
 KH Presbyterian Church

COMMUNITY MEAL NEWS

Behind the scenes making a community meal are a group of people who want to encourage neighbors connecting – while enjoying a meal together.

Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church and Hospitality Committee members Lydia Morgan, Susan Stebbins, Carolyn Miller and Brenda Abrams, plan and prepare a meal for neighborhood residents on evenings KH Community Council meets, the 3rd Tuesday of the month, with exceptions of June, July and December, from **6:30-7:00**. There is no fee although donations are accepted. Your presence is encouraged and valued. **It is helpful if you sign-up for the meal by calling the church office, 631-1114, several days before the meal.** You may speak with the secretary or leave a voicemail.

KH Presbyterian Church has been a steady presence for the neighborhood since the early '60's when it became a welcoming church for all people of the community. Council meetings, Sap Run gatherings, Progressive Dinner desserts and silent auction, community celebrations and more, have all been graciously hosted by the Church. So it comes as a natural outreach that the Church offers a meal before our Council Meeting.

A community clean-up crew completes the meal offering. Cassandra Jones, (937) 901-4187, cassandra@kennedyheights.org is the chair, connecting people to help 1-5 times a year for the task which takes 20-40 minutes, depending if 2 or 4 workers are helping.

Can you volunteer for clean-up? You can enjoy a meal and, help Council. If you choose, you can learn about Council happenings and meet neighbors at the Council Meeting. **Please call or email Cassandra to offer your services for several hours a year.** Thank you!

2016 Fall Classes at Kennedy Heights Arts Center

This Fall is packed with interesting and informative classes taught by some of the best local artist educators! Many options to choose from for kids ages 5 – Adult. Make being CREATIVE a priority this Fall with one of our diverse classes – including drawing, painting, creative writing, darkroom photography and movement classes like African Dance and Tai Chi. Classes meet once a week.

Sliding scale fees available for those in need of financial assistance. Class descriptions are available on our website and Registration is NOW OPEN! Visit our website at www.kennedyarts.org or call [513-631-4278](tel:513-631-4278) to learn more.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings my fellow Kennedy Heights residents! Summer is finally winding down. The kids are back in school. We wrapped up a great Play in the Park season with a wonderful performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company and the new mural on the Cultural Campus is receiving its finishing touches. September brings you our annual Progressive Dinner event, so if you haven't participated, please visit our site and read more about the event in the newsletter! Just

around the corner in November is our annual board elections. I encourage you or someone you may know that has a passion for making a difference to consider stepping up and volunteering a few hours a month as a council board member. We are always looking for eager volunteers to help with one of several committees as well. No experience is necessary, just an eagerness to volunteer some time to our great neighborhood. Will you consider?

-Dan Kasprowicz KHCC President dan@kennedyheights.org

DISTRICT A—ARTS+MUSIC FESTIVAL

District A's 9th Annual Kennedy Heights + Pleasant Ridge Arts + Music Festival is Saturday, October 15 from Noon to 7:00pm at the Kennedy Heights Cultural Campus. Expect to celebrate our community and enjoy art for all ages, all day long!

Come early for coffee from PR Coffee Exchange, and late on for wine and brews from Wiedemann and Madtree. Food will be available all day long, served up by Fire on High, C&M B-B-Q Grill, Grand Central Delicatessen, and A Mother's Touch Cakes.

This year's Art Show & Sale will be open all day long, until 7pm, and our resident Southern Ohio Woodturners Guild will also share their work with us. You'll find arts-in-the-making across the Campus from KHAC Art Space, the PR Library, KH Montessori Pre-School, Woodford Paideia, plus Michael Thompson's yellow 'canvas' truck, and our newest arts recycler, ScrapNati.

Music performances on the hour from a wide range of local musicians including Todd Hepburn, Serenity Fisher, Triple the Trouble, The Verbs, FoMo Brothers, and Nativity CODE.

Of special note, we'll officially dedicate the Kennedy Avenue ArtsWave mural designed by KH's own Casey Riordan Millard.

Come whenever you an and enjoy all the arts! You're guaranteed to meet both old and new friends and leave prouder than ever to call this community your home!

FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS

Thanks to each and all who gave generously when Bob Kamp came knocking or responded to our newsletter appeal given during June and July. If we have inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name, please notify us.

Friends of Kennedy Heights (from June and July 2016):

- List of names: Guy & Stephanie Adams, Jacqueline Anderson, Dana & Tony Arrasmith, Jean & John Bange, Linwood Battle, Ernie & Judy Barbeau, Jody & Ardell Barkley, Barbara Belcher, Victoria & Alvin Bell, Natalie Boyer, Essie & James Brantley, Patrick & Regan Brinker, Marcia & Sidney Broadnax, Charles & Jeanette Bronson, Peggy Brown, Margaret & John Bruggeman, Coeany & James Bryant, McCharles & Betty Bryant, Raymond & Denise Bykes, Geraldine Calmeise, William Canty, Bob Cardwell, Margaret Casey, Blanche Castleberry, Daphne & Alvin Chaney, CincinnatiSOUP, Howard & Theresa Cohen, Walter & Karen Coleman, Lois Conyers, Martin Culver, Angela Davis, Jeffrey Davis & Rina Saperstein, Shirley & Purcell Davis, Eugene & Gary Delaney, Lee & Diana DeRhodes, Jamie Donaldson, Susan & David Donnett, Elissa & Sean Donovan, Charles & Michele Dragga, Douglas & Monica Faison, Carl Foote, Mr. & Mrs. Franklin, Elizabeth Gardner, Jonnie Gault, Al Gerhardstein & Mimi Gingold, Bill & Jean Goings, Mildred Golder, Julie Graham, Mr. & Mrs. Graham, Linda & Steve Grieser, Sandie Gresham, Julia Guichard & Stirling Shelton, Jodi & Alaric Harris, Curtis & Willa Harrison, Bob & Marilyn Herring, Richard & Barbara Hoffmann, Duane & Ce Holm, Gary & Mary Jo Horton, Evelyn Hunter, Johnny Jamison, Willie & Frances Johnson, Rosanna Juncos, Dave & Suzanne Kammer, Roger Klug & Julie Spangler, Jolene & James Lay, John Leopard, Thane & Laura Lorbach, Phil Madson, Lonia Malcom & Bertha Browning, Michael Malone & Jeffrey Dey, Albert & Marsha Martin, Michael McCreary, Sharon McCreary, Melissa McNally, Winona & Major McNeil, Tom & Casey Millard, Erich & Jerilyn Miller, Terry Miller & Barbara Thomson, Mr. & Mrs. Moots, Lydia & Noel Morgan, Alison Nurre, Barbara Obermeyer, Michael O'Hara, Carolyn Osborne, Maxine & Clyde Otis, Jane & Charles Patty, Ben Pipkin, Laura Porter, Connie Price, Allan & Karen Rahe, Redwood Carryout, Mary & Earl Reed, Richalee Rice, Steven Riffle & Mary Kay Klein, Mary Ann & Patrick Romanello, Veosa Ruffin, Willa M. Russell, Dennis & Kathleen Ryan, Holly & Edward Sauerbrunn, Thomas Schutte & Arlena Edmonds, Brian & Kelly Seedhouse, Mary Frances Shea, Verna & David Singleton, Ruby Sinkfield, Bennett & Ann Smith, Robert & Wanda Smith, Susan & Harry Stebbins, Dorothy Stroud, Leonard & Cather Lee Sturdivant, Helen Upshaw, Joy Upton, Barry Ward, Clyde & Beulah Walker, Jeffry & Joan Weidner, Martha & Ernest White, Joseph Williams, Yvonne & Nathaniel Williams, Sandra Willingham, Mary Wolfe, Kenneth Woods, Loyette & Robert Woodard, James & Janet Wright

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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.

ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPT. 5TH FOR THE HOLIDAY!

Solving Mysteries through Chemistry: The Chemistry of Fibers and Forensics by the American Chemical Society for National Chemistry Week. Date and time to be announced. Please call 369-4488 to confirm the date and time. Kids & Teens

Our free Homework Help begins again August 30th. Ms. Karay will be here Mon, Tues, and Thurs. from 3:30-6:30 PM and Wed. from 3:00-6:00 PM.

Art for Kids! 4 PM Tues., Sept. 20 - Print with apple slices! 4 PM Tues., 10/18 - Make Your Own Masks! Ages 4-12. **4:00 PM, Tues. 09/20, 10/18**

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. 09/12, 10/03**

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. 09/07, 10/05**

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. 09/14, 10/12**

Cool Science! Make a different science project every month and learn how it works in this book-based program. **09/08: Experiment with Flotation & Buoyancy, 10/13: Life of the Mighty Monarch & Craft by Gwen Roth, Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District.** Call the branch for information.

Advanced registration requested. Ages 4-12. **4:00 PM, Thurs. 09/08, 10/13**

Family Fun! 2:00 p.m. Sat. 9/17: Family Friendly activity & snacks. 2:00 p.m. Sat., 10/22: Join us for Halloween stories and make your own masks! Families. **2:00 PM, Sat. 09/17, 10/22**

Family Storytime! Join us for fun seasonal stories and activities to help your child build early literacy skills. Snacks. Families. **6:30 PM, Tues. 09/27, 10/25**

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. 09/19, 10/17**

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. 09/21, 10/19**

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. 09/28, 10/26**

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. **4:00 PM, Fri. 09/16, 10/21**

Make It Take It. Get creative! Make a craft and take it home with you. Snacks provided. Teens. **4:00 PM, Mon. 10/17**

Pleasant Ridge Book Club. Adults. September's title is Luckiest Girl Alive by Jessica Knoll. Call 369-4488 for October's title. **2:00 PM, Thurs. 09/15, 10/20**

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. 09/7, 09/21, 10/05, 10/19**

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. 09/14, 09/28, 10/12, 10/26**

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. 09/7, 09/14, 09/21, 09/28, 10/05, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26**

Tales to Tails with Ms. Janet & Ruby! Read to Ruby the Reading Therapy poodle! A fun way for children to practice reading out loud. **4:00 PM Mon., 09/26, 10/24**

Tales to Tails with Ms. Susan and Holly! 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, Tues. 09/06, Thurs. 09/22, Tues. 10/11, Thurs. 10/27**

Teen Chef! Play with your food and eat it too! Teens, **4:00 PM, Mon. 09/19**

Teen Random Club! Something new every month. Have a snack and hang out at the library. Teens. **4:00 PM, Thurs. 09/01, 10/06.**

Word Processing Basics. Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2009. 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. 10/20**

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN — MAJOR R. McNEIL, RETIRED EDUCATOR IS A LIFELONG LEADER

During nearly three decades as an educator, Major R. McNeil developed something of a reputation. He was known as open and accessible with students — while still expecting their best performance in and out of the classroom. He was pegged as innovative and ambitious by administrators — who responded by promoting him from job to job through the Cincinnati Public School system. “I wanted to be the leader,” said McNeil, now 73, and a 48-year resident of Kennedy Heights.

He started on that path early, growing up with seven siblings in Zanesville, Ohio. Sports, scouting, church and student government all provided opportunities for leadership. A high school guidance counselor suggested the military for his next step. “I remember him asking me if I wanted to go to the Navy, the Army, or the Marines.” But McNeil wanted college — and choose historically black Central State College in Wilberforce, Ohio. It was there, outside mostly white Zanesville, that he settled on education, inspired by a sister on the same path and African-American professors he respected. After a short, unsuccessful stint at the former Delco Products plant in Dayton — he was fired for not wearing the standard uniform — CPS came calling in 1968.

In quick succession, McNeil served as PE teacher at Samuel Ach Junior High; assistant principal at C.M. Merry Junior High, then Taft and Hughes high schools; then principal at Sawyer Junior High and finally, in 1979, Withrow High School. He had aspired to Withrow's top job for several years — and so arrived with detailed plans for new initiatives:

- At the end of school days, he stood at the front door and required each student to carry a book home. Students carrying books, he believed, had their hands too full for trouble.

- During school days, he assigned security employees with golf carts and Polaroid cameras to be his eyes all over (and even beyond) the 27-acre campus. Pictures provided proof when students were not where they were supposed to be.

- At football games, he stood in the same spot in the stadium — to see and be seen.

He launched a Partner in Education program, connecting students with corporations; an International Baccalaureate program, recruiting students from different countries; “Saturday School,” disciplining students with weekend lessons and community service; and school dances, providing supervised socialization on Friday nights. In all endeavors, McNeil said, he wanted to get to know his students. “Familiarity is a safety component,” he said. “People who know you can also predict you. If you can predict, you can position yourself to protect.” McNeil left Withrow in 1985 to serve in CPS administrative positions for the next decade. Then came 15 years as a corporate diversity consultant, first for Cincinnati-based Pope & Associates then with his own firm.

These days, McNeil devotes time to golf and yard work at the Davenant Avenue home where he and wife, Winona, raised daughter Megan Wallace and son Major III. Both remain active in community efforts, in Kennedy Heights and elsewhere.

Reflecting on his years in education and then diversity training, McNeil harkens back to childhood memories. He adopted a personal approach to his professions early on, he said, because he often felt overlooked as a black student in Zanesville's mostly white schools. Young people, he said, often just want someone to notice them. “They know if you know them.”

By Patti Newberry

COMMUNITIES UNITED FOR ACTION— WINE AND CANVAS NIGHT

Notice a few less blighted buildings in Kennedy Heights? Last year, Communities United for Action (CUFA) worked with local leaders to remove four of the worst vacant house in Kennedy Heights and is currently working for lower sewer bills, clean air, and affordable lending options. You're invited to a fun night of painting, raffles, games, drinks, and a silent auction to support CUFA's work to build safe, strong, livable neighborhoods.

Wine & Canvas Night 2016

Friday, September 23, 2016

Doors open at 6:30pm

St.. Bernard Church—Annex

735 Derby Ave,

Spring Grove Village, 45232

Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Light appetizers and other beverages available. Register four or more people at one time, and each person will receive a free raffle ticket! You must be 21 or older to attend this event.

Visit www.cufacincy.org/canvas to buy tickets online. Questions? Contact cufa@cufacincy.org or call 513-985-3947.



Major McNeil, with wife Winona, wears golf shirts in retirement. During nearly 30 years with CPS, he was known for his snappy coat-and-tie wardrobe.

THE CARING PLACE—CLYDE OTIS, A VALUABLE VOLUNTEER

It was cool watching television when I retired - for the first six months. I knew the soap opera characters by first name, but soon realized I wanted something more meaningful to do." Clyde Otis retired from Procter and Gamble in 2001 and later heard that The Caring Place needed a man's help for the heavy lifting. He and his neighbor came to check it out and have been at the Caring Place ever since on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-2.

Clyde's responsibilities evolved from packing bags and loading clients' cars to computer work which is what he had been doing at P&G. He keeps track of services The Caring Place provides including providing food, clothing, bus tokens, and boxes for the elderly. Sixty boxes were crammed in his office waiting to be picked up. Clyde prepares reports for the Freestore, The Caring Place Board, and other donor agencies.

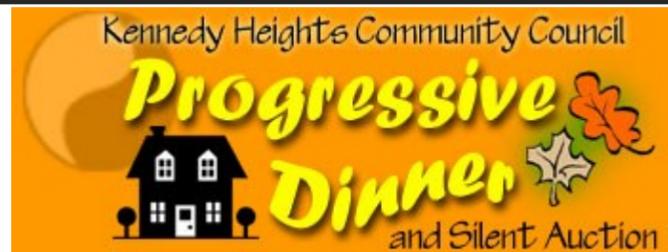
When Clyde started volunteering, about twenty households would come for help each day. Now it's

forty or fifty. In 2015, The Caring Place served about 2700 people. "Most people are very appreciative of our help," Clyde said. "I feel sorry for the grandmothers who come who are raising their grandchildren." One unmet need he notices is for razors. Personally, he's used a knife for a razor, but wishes other men didn't have to.



John Chambers, whom Clyde recruited to volunteer, sings his praises: "Clyde is one of the best; I've felt that way ever since I met him." There's lots of friendly banter as they go about their work. "I get verbal abuse all day long from John," Clyde says. Standing nearby watching and listening is Noah, a teen volunteer, who enjoys the guys' teasing. Who knows, in fifty years he may be the retired volunteer.

33rd ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER



Don't miss the 33rd Annual Kennedy Heights Progressive Dinner & Silent Auction! This year's dinner will be on **Saturday, September 24th, 2016** 5:30-10pm
Get involved with the Progressive Dinner!

- Volunteer on an organization committee
- Become a dinner host
- Donate a Silent Auction Item
- Donate an appetizer or dessert
- Purchase Tickets online below or from Bob Kamp at 631-3740 or 631-4924

For information, visit www.kennedyheights.org or contact jean@kennedyheights.org or 513-289-0872

HOMAGE TO SOUND

Photojournalist Melvin Grier pays tribute to the wonderful world of improvisation and innovation that is Jazz, with performance and behind-the-scenes images of musicians at renowned Cincinnati venues. Join us for these free events:

Opening Reception

Saturday, October 1
6 to 8 pm, KH Arts Center
6546 Montgomery Rd.

Artist Talk with Melvin Grier

Saturday, October 22
2pm, KH Arts Center

Jazz Concert with the Bruce Menefield Quartet
8pm, KHAC Lindner Annex
6620 Montgomery Rd

This exhibition runs through November 12. Regular gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10am to 5pm, and Saturday 11am to 4pm.

Telling the Kennedy Heights Story #8: Lewis and Delia Kennedy, Part 7

A few weeks before Mr. Kennedy filed for bankruptcy in June 1887 there were several significant real estate transactions within the Kennedy family, which will be discussed in the next column. Within days of filing, he was sued by several creditors. Later that summer in July, the Kennedy's one and only grandchild, Mabel, died from "brain fever" at the age of four months. Without question, the Kennedy family had a very painful summer. In November it was reported that Mr. Kennedy "will return from California early next month, where he has been for several months past."

The 1887, the city directory listed the Kennedy's son, Willis J., as a clerk at the Lewis Kennedy and Company, where Mr. Kennedy was a commission merchant of dried fruit, grain, seeds, and other products. One year later the Company was listed as the Willis J. Kennedy Company; his father was not listed as a commission merchant or realtor.

During the spring of 1889, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy probably managed the recently established Yononte Inn, a remarkable "summer hotel" in Kennedy Heights. In September, it was reported that the Kennedy's "of the Yononte Inn say that it will be kept open all winter." Seventy days later, however, the Inn's owners, the Kennedy Heights Hotel Company, filed with the Hamilton County Clerk dissolution documents. In October, Mr. Kennedy "disposed of the interest he had in the Inn, and it is understood he and his wife will not have charge of it". In April 1892, however, it was reported that Mr. Kennedy "closed a contract with the Bullock estate for the management of Kennedy Heights Hotel, which is to be repainted and greatly improved". (The Inn's history will be featured in future columns.)

It was reported in May 1889 that Mr. Kennedy and Alexander Clark "two well-known property-owners...have gone into business as real estate brokers". The 1889 city directory listed Mr. Kennedy as an agent at 18 West 4th, and the Clark-Kennedy firm at 273 Main.

Future column: The Kennedy's and Lithia Springs Hotel, Tallapoosa, Ga.

*Unless otherwise noted, the source for this essay is *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

KH ARTS CENTER—FALL HARVEST PARTY 2016

Join us for our Fall Harvest Party and let us give thanks! We invite you, your family, and friends to discover the treasure that is Kennedy Heights Arts Center. Learn about the Arts Center's plans for the upcoming year, while enjoying live music, fun activities, and tasty food and beverages. All ages welcome!

- Enjoy hot cider, beer, wine, light bites, and homemade pies
- Tap your toes to lively music by Jazzopolis
- Participate in interactive art activities and a live photo booth
- Bring home cool prizes in games

and raffles

- Make s'mores around a campfire
- Meet and mingle with Arts Center staff and board members
- Learn up-to-date news about the Arts Center, as we kick off our 2016 Annual Fund Campaign (brief program at 6pm)

This free event will take place on Friday, October 21 from 5:30 to 8:00pm at Kennedy Heights Arts Center, 6546 Montgomery Rd. (Rain location: KHAC Lindner Annex, 6620 Montgomery Rd.) for more information, call 513-631-4278 or email ellen@kennedyarts.org.

ADULT HOME EC— PICKLES, HOT SAUCE, AND HERBS

Monday, September 12th
7:00 to 8:30pm
Adults, 13 and up
\$5.00 to Register
KHAC Lindner Annex
6620 Montgomery Rd.

This installment of the "Adult Home Ec" series brings us a variety of simple ways to use things you might have left in your garden. Refrigerator pickles are a great way to use up all these cucumbers and there are endless ways to add different flavors! Also, learn how EASY it is to make your own HOT SAUCE! Do you have a ton of fresh herbs in the garden now, but not sure what to do with them? Learn how to dry them, how to freeze them, and how to ensure you have herbs year round. Join us for this fun filled and casual evening! NEVER STOP LEARNING!

At the previous community council meeting our Kennedy Heights neighbor **Ruby Metz** was featured in our Elder Series. Please come to the next Community Dinners and Community Council Meetings in October and November to hear more profiles of our dynamic senior citizens.

Congratulations to our neighbor civil rights attorney Al Gerhardstein! His decades' long work to secure equal rights for the LGBT community is detailed in a new book *Love Wins* by Pulitzer prize winning author Debbie Cenziper and Jim Obergerfell. The story will be made into a movie soon.