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# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

NEWS BY, FROM, AND FOR THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

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## NEW FOR SENIORS AT THE CARING PLACE



**G**uests are invited to enjoy warm bowls of savory soup and specialty breads in the Fellowship Hall at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, upstairs from

The Caring Place. The early lunch will be available from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on January 4th and 8th, February 1st and 6th, and March 1st and 6th.

This delightful new initiative was started by Jim Bellew, a longtime volunteer. He had a vision of showing clients how to prepare tasty, healthy meals from items available in the food pantry and build community in the process.

Mrs. Lydia Morgan will prepare the lunch with her wonderful kitchen staff, Susan Stebbins and Carolyn Miller. "I enjoy cooking and sharing food, and this is a ministry our church is interested in developing," she stated.

Jim's crew of volunteers from Nativity Parish will serve the guests and provide company and conversation. The program will be tested for three months. If it is meeting a need, it will continue and possibly develop into a bigger outreach program.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, January 4**  
Savory Soup Lunch  
at The Caring Place.  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 8**  
Savory Soup Lunch  
at The Caring Place.  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 16**  
KH Community Council Meeting  
at KH Presbyterian Church  
6:30 Free community dinner  
7:30 Meeting

**Thursday, February 1**  
Savory Soup Lunch  
at The Caring Place.  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Thursday, February 1**  
Deadline for Mar/Apr newsletter submissions  
Email Kate Elliott  
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**Saturday, February 3**  
Playhouse "Off The Hill"  
*Pinocchio*  
Woodford Paideia School  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 6**  
Savory Soup Lunch  
at The Caring Place.  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 20**  
KH Community Council Meeting  
at KH Presbyterian Church  
6:30 Free community dinner  
7:30 Meeting

## OFFICER ENGLEMAN RETIRES



*Officer Engleman is honored at November council meeting.*

Our beloved and loyal neighborhood police officer, George Engleman, will retire January 15, 2018. He dedicated 21 years of service to the city of Cincinnati and 12 years to Kennedy Heights, Pleasant Ridge, and Madisonville. He saw a lot of changes during his many years of service: cameras added to patrol cars, body cameras, updated computers, and new weapons for officers.

To Officer Engleman, the best parts of community-oriented policing were having the community as stakeholders and maintaining their trust. He laughs as he admits that the biggest challenge was keeping fit—but he didn't become a Cincinnati police officer until he was 37 years old!

"It's been a pleasure and an honor to serve both Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge," said Officer Engleman. "Play in the Park, Winterfest, Great American Clean Up, and, of course, putting the Bumps on the Bridge have been some of my most memorable and rewarding events. Pleasant Ridge and Kennedy Heights will hold a permanent spot in my heart."

At almost every community council meeting, Officer Engleman reported that Kennedy Heights has one of the lowest crime rates in the city and praised us for our vigilance and cooperation.

We will miss you, Officer. We thank you for protecting us, responding promptly to our calls for service, and teaching us how to prevent crime. His parting wish? "I would love to see more streets become block watch certified."

## SNEAK PEEK: JUNE BRINGS NEW MEMORIAL



**In June, the Community Council will dedicate a memorial** to Tuskegee Airman and Kennedy Heights resident, Combat Pilot First Lieutenant John H. Lehr, 1920-2015.

With a matching grant from the Ohio Arts Council, artist Jarrett Hawkins is designing a sculpture that will be placed on the grounds of the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. Plan to be there! Look for more information as the date approaches.

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KENNEDY HEIGHTS ARTS CENTER NEWS

**W**inter Art Classes:  
**New Year, New You!**

Registration is NOW  
OPEN for Winter

Classes at Kennedy Heights Arts Center, and classes will start in late January! Stretch those creative muscles by learning a new art form or practicing an old favorite.

For kids we have a Saturday Ceramics class and a fun mixed media class inspired by Pop Art.

Adult classes include Drawing in Color, Watercolor Painting, a daytime Acrylic Painting class, Open Studio, Ceramics, and Memoir Writing.

Financial Assistance available! Visit our website at  
www.kennedyarts.org or call 513-631-4278 to discover more.

**Make Art. Build Community.**



**Art for a Difference Day**

Every year we create a special art project in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This day of service encourages youth to

- understand why we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- discover the benefits of volunteering time
- explore how to be kind to everyone
- realize how to use creative talents to make a difference in the community!

Youth ages 5-14 are invited to participate for FREE. Parents can drop off and pick up, or are welcome to participate as well.

Every year, KHAC partners with a different local non-profit to create artworks that benefit their mission.

FREE to participate, but **registration is required.**

Monday, January 15th from 9:30am - 12:00pm. Located at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center Lindner Annex, 6620 Montgomery Road (corner of Kennedy Ave & Montgomery Road).

More information and registration can be found at  
www.kennedyarts.org or call 513-631-4278.

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## PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY

Please note that some events/classes require pre-registration, which can be done in person at the branch, online at [www.cincinnati.org](http://www.cincinnati.org), or by calling 513-369-4488. For questions about any of the events or classes, please contact the branch. Please check the branch calendar for possible additions to the schedule. There's lots of FREE fun in store for children and adults at the library.

### ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS ARE CLOSED JANUARY 1ST FOR THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY!

**Art for Kids!** Learn about an artist and make a different project every month.  
Ages 4-12.  
Tues. 1/16, 4:00 p.m.

**Art for Kids: Kehinde Wiley and Power Pose Self Portrait!** Celebrate Black History Month.  
Ages 4-12.  
Tues. 2/20, 4:00 p.m.

**Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!** Hear about Dr. King and make an "I have a Dream" cloud to decorate the library's window. All Ages.  
Mon. 1/15, 2:00 p.m.

**Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra and Cincinnati Song Initiative Present a Free Staging of Argento's The Diary of Virginia Wolf and Copeland's Emily Dickinson Songs.** Experience opera in an accessible and family-friendly atmosphere! All Ages welcome.  
Tues. 1/09, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

**Cool Science!** Make a different science project every month. Advanced registration requested. Ages 5-12.  
Thurs. 1/11, 2/08. 4:00 p.m.

**Get Crafty.** Call the branch for January's craft. Pre-registration is required. Adults, Teens.  
Mon. 1/15, 2/19. 6:00 p.m.

**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.  
Fri. 1/26, 2/20. 4:00 p.m.

**Make It, Take It Craft!** Get creative! Snacks provided. Teens.  
Mon. 1/20. 4:00 p.m.

**Maker Monday.** A new maker project every month. Teens.  
Mon. 1/08, 2/12. 4:00 p.m.

**Teen Chef!** Teens. 4:00 PM, Mon., 2/19.

**Word Processing Basics.** Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2010. Registration required. Adults.  
Thurs. 1/16. 6:00 p.m.

**Pleasant Ridge Book Club** January's title is *Tapestry of Fortunes* by Elizabeth Berg. February's title is *The Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton. Adults.  
Thurs. 1/18, 2/15. 2:00 p.m.

### STORY TIMES

Come join us for one of our story times:

**Library Babies and Toddler Time!** Ages 0-36 mos.  
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.  
1/03, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/07, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28.

**Preschool Story Time** Registration required. Ages 3-6.  
Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.  
1/03, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/07, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28.

## JOIN THE BOARD AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

**S**hare your skills and time with our community council. Join the Board, which plans the events and represents Kennedy Heights in the city. Help with the Sap Run, the Progressive Dinner, tend planters on local street corners, help with serving and clearing for the free Community Dinners. **Contact [khcc@kennedyheights.org](mailto:khcc@kennedyheights.org) to learn more!**

## DISTRICT A CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!



**A** decade ago, District A (which stands for the ARTS & for ALL of US) came together to achieve a new partnership across neighborhoods. When Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge Community Councils launched this venture, they agreed to share neighborhood arts assets and to seek new and sustainable economic development together.

2008 also marked the birth of Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park's first 'Off-the-Hill' season, with District A as its founding partner. In April 2008, the Playhouse staged a first-ever community performance in Kennedy Heights, and a second in Pleasant Ridge.

So it's only fitting that Playhouse in the Park returns to kick off our 10-year celebration!

On Saturday, February 3, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Playhouse 'Off-the-Hill' brings to Woodford Paideia School a 2018 version of Carlo Colloid's family classic, *Pinocchio*.

This new *Pinocchio*, by Toby Hulse, is packed with magical characters, cartwheels, and circus antics—but the puppet's dream of becoming a real boy is as real as you remember it! Expect more surprises, too, from our Woodford student hosts!

Please visit [www.district-a.org](http://www.district-a.org) for all the details as they develop.

## PLEASANT RIDGE RECREATION CENTER

**N**ew year, new goals! We will be adding fitness equipment to our fitness center, along with new and exciting group classes: Adult Flag Football and The POUND Workout. Flag Football begins in December and The POUND will begin in January. This will be added to our current offerings of yoga, boot camp, adult basketball, Senior Fitness, Tai chi, Warrior Fit, Adult Basketball, indoor pickle ball, dance fitness and indoor group cycling.

- Adult Flag Football will be held on Fridays 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. beginning December 7.
- The POUND Workout begins Wednesday, January 10 and will be held on Wednesdays 7:15-8:00pm, \$5.00/class.

We are offering a special membership rate, which includes the annual membership card, annual fitness center card and non-contract fitness classes.

- Young adult (ages 18-24) cards are \$45.00/year
- Adults (ages 25-49) cards are \$60.00/year
- Seniors (50+) cards are \$45.00/year.

All classes taught by contractors have additional fees, which are usually around \$5.00/class.

## EXPANDED SUPPORT FOR AREA SENIORS NOW AVAILABLE

**Seniors living in Kennedy Heights, Golf Manor, Pleasant Ridge and Silverton, Ohio can now take advantage of new and important consultative services at no cost to them.**

With the full support of and in cooperation with The Caring Place, which is a Cincinnati-based food pantry, Cincinnati Area Senior Services (CASS) is now providing information and referrals relating to any number of vital services and programs including:

- Government-funded programs
- Transportation
- Meals-on-Wheels, food pantries and food stamps
- Home health aides
- Legal aid
- Counseling, Medical issues, Mental health issues
- Substance abuse
- Elder care services
- Death and funeral planning

To assist seniors, CASS Service Coordinator, Sharon Hale, will be on-site at The Caring Place, located at 6312 Kennedy Avenue, every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

“Before CASS approached us with this generous service offering, we didn’t have a resource in place for these kind of referrals,” said Sharifah Tafari, Executive Director of The Caring Place. “Now, we have someone on-site who can meet and sit down with seniors, listen to what their needs are, and pass along possible solutions to their challenges; that means a lot to us and to the seniors.”

The Caring Place was founded in 1982 by a coalition of churches and their congregations. Today, the organization provides a number of critical services to area seniors who may need food, clothing, furniture, help with rent and/or utilities, family development or support groups. CASS, which is celebrating 50 years of assisting area seniors, is a local, non-profit, 501c3 organization providing essential services and programs to thousands of seniors throughout Hamilton County.

“CASS and The Caring Place already provide essential daily-living services and programs to seniors via their respective organizations,” said Tracey Collins, Chief Executive Officer of CASS. “By working together, seniors who need assistance beyond what The Caring Place offers will now be able to get more information and referrals from a licensed CASS social worker who has professional relationships with any number of trusted and vetted resources.” Collins continues, “That peace of mind is invaluable to anyone, but especially to those who face age-related, physical and cognitive challenges.”

In addition to its home-delivered Meals-on-Wheels program and eight congregate meals sites, CASS also provides transportation and financial management services to seniors throughout Hamilton County. To find out more about the services and/or referrals CASS provides in communities around The Caring Place, please contact Sharon at 513-439-9533 or email her at [shale@CASSdelivers.org](mailto:shale@CASSdelivers.org).

If members of the media have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Shaquanna Metcalf or Jennifer Robinson at 513-559-4501 or email them at [smetcalf@cassdelivers.org](mailto:smetcalf@cassdelivers.org) and [jrobinson@cassdelivers.org](mailto:jrobinson@cassdelivers.org).



Sharon Hale at The Caring Place

**For donations to help fund Sharon Hale’s work please call the Kennedy Heights Aging in Community Team at [513-536-6234](tel:513-536-6234) to leave a message.**

## TELLING THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS STORY, #12

### LEWIS AND DELIA KENNEDY, PART 11

*Contributed by Ernie Barbeau*

**Delia, Lewis, and Willis (their married son and only offspring) moved to Pleasant Ridge around 1906.** We know of two specific residential addresses: 6014 Montgomery Road, which is now Mullaney’s Pharmacy, and 5945 Ridge, which is now the Ridge Building. The latter was also the address for Willis and his wife Ida, who were childless. It was also the residence where Mr. Kennedy and Willis died. Mr. Kennedy died in November 1913 at the age of 78—at a time when the life expectancy for men was then 50.3. Willis died in 1917, at the age of 57.

After Delia Kennedy’s death in August 1907, her husband was a widower for six years. During those years there were only three items in the *Enquirer* about him—and all were death notices! (Two notices were customary at the time; three is exceptional). For comparison, in the 1880’s the *Enquirer* had eight full articles and fifty mentions in other articles about the Kennedys. Mr. Kennedy continued as the owner of Kennedy Realty until his death. Willis then shared the same business address, 316 Walnut. For several years Willis was identified as a traveling salesman and seed salesman, but we do not know if he had a business relationship with his father.

#### Preliminary Observations about the Kennedys

I am struck by two matters. First: The year after bankruptcy was settled, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy’s presence in our neighborhood dramatically changed. Second: Mrs. Kennedy’s family, the McCulloughs of Pleasant Ridge, seemed more involved with the Kennedys than Mr. Kennedy’s family. Of note: Mr. Kennedy and Willis had their first job with Mrs. Kennedy’s father, James McCullough, The Cincinnati Seedman. The Kennedys are also buried in a Spring Grove Cemetery lot owned by Mr. McCullough.

If we want to enrich our understanding of the Kennedys, significant gaps need to be filled:

- Photos and obituaries of Lewis, Delia, and Willis and his wife Ida.
- We need more information about Mrs. Kennedy. My primary sources are a dozen or so items from the *Enquirer*. Are there other sources?
- We need more information about Mr. Kennedy’s parents, brothers and sisters.
- The number of property transfers initiated by Mr. Kennedy several weeks before he applied for bankruptcy in 1887 is remarkable. Mr. Kennedy transferred properties to a brother-in-law and also a daughter-in-law. Clarity about the meaning of the documents at the County Recorder’s office would be helpful, but I do not have that knowledge.
- Mr. Kennedy may have had real estate in Pleasant Ridge. An extended visit to the County Recorder’s office should provide more information.
- For a few years, the Kennedys managed the Lithia Spring Hotel in Tallapoosa, Ga. Additional conversations with the Tallapoosa historical society might produce more relevant information about the Hotel during the Kennedys’ tenure.
- I have yet to find evidence that Mr. Kennedy was an official with the Village of Kennedy Heights. The search for documents continues.
- For the Yononte Inn, Mr. Kennedy was an investor and a manager for two or so years, but we do not know to what degree he was an investor. Records of the Inn may clarify.
- The Kennedys may have been a member of a Methodist-Episcopal church, but which church is currently unknown.

*Upcoming issues of this column will focus on the Yononte Inn, the Village of Kennedy Heights and its mayors, and the Christ Episcopal Mission. Later this year, this column’s content of the past two years will be modified, expanded, and transferred to our webpage.*