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NEWS BY, FROM, AND FOR THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

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## PREPARING FOR 2020



**K**ennedy Heights passed a **Comprehensive Community Plan in 2003**. According to the City of Cincinnati, these kinds of plans are expected to have a 5-15 year shelf life. With 2020 fast approaching, we are overdue for our next Community Plan.

In 2003, we were “committed to the neighborhood values of

1. embracing diversity, be it in terms of age, economic status, nationality, occupation, race, religion, sexual orientation, or any other personal characteristic
2. promoting safety, and personal responsibility in behavior and in assuming a civic role
3. sustaining our residential character, with small service-oriented businesses
4. enhancing the physical attractiveness of our family-owned residences or rental units, business or institutional properties, parks, and streets
5. preserving our heritage, such as homes, buildings, and unique sites
6. enhancing the value of our institutions, organizations, and services
7. facilitating social interactions among our neighbors, which may lead to helping neighbors, pride, cohesion, and safety
8. promoting a pedestrian and bicycle friendly environment
9. respecting our environment and resources
10. recognizing the relationship of dynamic neighborhoods and a viable central city.”

Do these values still resonate? Has our neighborhood changed? What do you want to see in Kennedy Heights’ future?

**2020 will be the year of developing a new Community Plan. If we are to create a plan that truly reflects the ideals and dreams of our residents, we need your input.** Please attend the November Community Council meeting to elect the leadership for the coming year and learn more about how you can be involved.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, November 16**  
**Emerge: New Works**  
**FREE Opening Reception** at KHAC  
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Show runs through Jan. 4

**Tuesday, November 19**  
**KH Community Council** at KH Presbyterian Church  
 6:30 p.m. FREE Dinner  
 7:30 p.m. Meeting  
**\*\*COUNCIL ELECTIONS\*\***

**Tuesday, November 26**  
**Alzheimer’s Monthly Support Group**  
 At KH Presbyterian Church  
 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 513-841-1499 to register

**Friday, December 6**  
**Winterfest at KHAC**  
 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
*Tree lighting, music, wine, light bites, shopping*  
**at the Annex**  
 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
*Live performances, crafts, open studios, food & drink.*

**Saturday, December 7**  
**Holiday Open House**  
 At Pleasant Ridge Library  
 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## THANK YOU, FROM THE CARING PLACE



**O**ctober 5th was the annual “**Drive Thru Donation Day**” for **The Caring Place (TCP)**. The day allows caring neighbors to drive through with donations, while volunteers unload everything in the parking lot so that donors don’t have to get out of their cars.

Thanks to the members of the Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church Mission Committee, especially Ms. Carole, for organizing this annual event. Thanks to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts from Pleasant Ridge Montessori and their parents, especially Brittany Fuller for organizing the troops to come out and help again. Thanks and welcome to Brandalyn Nicole, a new volunteer, for all of her help. And,

of course, thanks to Mr. Fred and his big, blue pickup truck for transporting the whole load to TCP. Together we all help our neighbors in need!

Did you miss this opportunity, but are eager to help your neighbors? See page 6 for more ways to help, especially during the upcoming holiday season.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

**T**is the season of gratitude, and I want to humbly thank you for the trust you placed in me as your President. This role has meant a lot to me, and stepping down is truly bittersweet.

I also want to thank the Community Council for their hard work, dedication, and support. I have no doubt many will continue to serve this neighborhood for some time further. Please be sure to attend our meeting on November 19 so that you can vote them in and help shape our neighborhood's future.

I love this neighborhood and am very proud of what we have achieved together this past year: events like Sap Run, Party in the Park, and Winterfest continue to grow. Our reputation as an arts incubator flourishes. Businesses are moving in. I look forward to watching new leadership write our next chapters.

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

- Douglas Linn, President



FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS: AUG 1, 2019 - SEP 30, 2019

Thank you to those who gave a gift to Kennedy Heights in August and September at the invitation of Bob Kamp, by mail, and online. Your Our fiscal year ends December 31. If you have not made your gift for this year, now is the time. You can become a sustaining member by giving monthly using the Donate button on our website: www.kennedyheights.org  
*If we have inadvertently omitted your name, please inform us.*

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AGING IN COMMUNITY: HOLIDAYS AND ALZHEIMERS

*From mayoclinic.org* | The holiday season can cause mixed feelings for a family affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia. While typically a time for celebration, families may experience a sense of loss for the way things used to be. For caregivers, the holidays may create added work. You'll have to consider the needs of the person with dementia when decorating and gatherings.



By adjusting your expectations and modifying some traditions, you may find meaningful ways to celebrate holidays.

- Create a safe and calm space. Familiar music, simple décor, and electric candles instead of open flames.
- Keep celebrations simple. Keep guests informed as to the needs of the person with dementia. And be sure to take care of yourself, too.

Join our free monthly support group, on the 4th Tuesday or every month, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church's Caring Place. Reach us with questions or concerns at Aging in Community: 513-536-6243

**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.library.org](http://www.cincinnati.library.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.

**ALL BRANCHES CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 28, DECEMBER 24 & 25, and CLOSE AT 5 PM ON DECEMBER 31.**

**Adulting 101.** Teens.  
Tues. 11/12, 12/10. 4:00 p.m.

**Art for Kids!** Ages 4–12.  
Tues. 11/19, 12/17. 4:00 p.m.

**Board Game Night.**  
Thurs. 11/21, 12/19 4:00 p.m.

**Diabetes Support Group.**  
Wed. 11/27. 2:00 p.m.

**Cool Science!** Ages 5–12.  
Thurs. 11/14, 12/12. 4:00 p.m.

**Get Crafty!** Adults.  
Tues. 12/23. 6:30 p.m.

**Holiday Open House, Sat. 12/7**

**Homework Help.**  
Mon.-Thurs. 3:00-6:00 p.m.

**Let's Go Lego & Other Building Bricks!** Ages 3–12.  
Fri. 11/22, 12/27. 4:00 p.m.

**Make It, Take It Craft!** Teens.  
Mon. 11/18. 4:00 p.m.

**Maker Monday.** Teens.  
Mon. 11/11, 12/9. 4:00 p.m.

**Tales to Tails with Ruby or Holly.**  
Mon. 11/4, 12/2. 4:00 p.m.

**Teen Chef!** Teens.  
Mon. 12/16. 4:00 PM.

**Pleasant Ridge Book Club.** Adults. Call the branch for the month's title.  
Thurs. 11/14, 12/12. 2:00 p.m.

**STORY TIMES**  
Join us for one of our story times:

**Library Babies and Toddler Time!** Ages 0–36 mos.  
Every Wed., 10:00 a.m.

**Preschool Story Time**  
Registration required. Ages 3–6.  
Every Wed., 10:45 a.m.

**THE CARING PLACE**



Believe it or not, the Holiday Season is just around the corner! As you may know, The Caring Place (TCP) serves Kennedy Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Silverton and Golf Manor. During this time of year, TCP gives special holiday packages to our neighbors in need: Meals in November and December, and toys in December.

**We can use your help!** If you would like to donate food items or toys (new or gently used please), or both, please drop off your donations during TCP hours.

TCP is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 2pm. We are located in the rear basement of the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, 6312 Kennedy Ave. Our door is next to a little red fence, and has a small sign.

Feel free to call (513) 841-1499 or email [caringplc@yahoo.com](mailto:caringplc@yahoo.com) for more information, for volunteer opportunities, or if you are in need of services. Many thanks for helping our neighbors in need have a special holiday season!

**THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS FLAG, OR, SOMETHING TO WAVE ABOUT**

*Contributed by John Bange.*

**I**n April of 2018, an initiative was launched to create a unique flag for each of Cincinnati's 52 neighborhoods. The purpose was to build neighborhood pride and a better sense of place. Over several months, teams of local designers learned about their communities through an online survey, visits and workshops.

Once preliminary designs were created, they were reviewed with community councils and other members of each community. Those in attendance at the meetings voted for their favorite design. The final flag designs were created based on all of these steps.

In Kennedy Heights we owe thanks to Jeffry Weidner, Lois Patterson and Lettie Davis for additional creative support during the final design phase.

The designs were created with five basic guidelines:

- Keep it simple.
- Symbolism.
- two or three basic colors.
- No lettering or seals.
- Be distinctive or be related.



The Kennedy Heights flag is now complete! Neighbors viewed it at the October Kennedy Heights Community Council.

The goal is for residents to hang them on their porch or businesses and fly them outside. The initial flag was made by The National Flag Company right here in Cincinnati. But the art for the flags are considered "open source," so they can be ordered from any manufacturer.

It will most likely be best to place a bulk order for many flags. This will ensure consistency and a better price and delivery, and reduce everyone's individual effort. The flags are also intended to be used as a fundraiser for the community.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the KH Presbyterian Church. Come and learn more about how you can order your very own Kennedy Heights flag.

To see all 52 flags and learn about the neighborhoods, go to: [cincyflags.com](http://cincyflags.com)

### WINTERFEST 2019: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

**I**t's time for our annual celebration of the holiday season! Winterfest is a joint effort between Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge, held on the first Friday of December. Last year's event exceeded expectation, so we hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join your neighbors for shopping, refreshments, entertainment, and merriment.

Like last year, this year's event will take place in two different locations, so you can choose the party that fits your mood. Or don't choose, and move from one to the other! Both events are family-friendly.

#### Shopping, Sipping, and Singing

Kennedy Heights Art Center Mansion

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tree lighting, music by pianist Todd Hepburn, wine and light bites, art by the Kennedy Collective, and holiday shopping.

#### Crafting, Conversing, and Cavorting

KHAC Lindner Annex

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Performances by local students, live band, family friendly craft activities, open studios, food and drink.

Winterfest is sponsored by Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge Community Councils.



### MORE FUN AT THE ARTS CENTER

#### Winter Break Art Camps

Keep the kids busy and creative during Winter Break with one-day art camps for ages 5-12. Each camp runs 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on December 23, 26, 27, 30, January 2 and 3. Cost is \$30 per day, \$40 if you add after-care until 5:30 p.m. Sliding scale fees are available for those in financial need. Teens can volunteer, too! Register or learn more at [www.kennedyarts.org](http://www.kennedyarts.org) or 513-631-4278.

#### In the Gallery

*Emerge: New Works by the Kennedy Collective*

Diverse local artists display works in all media including painting, sculpture, fiber, wood and more. Free opening reception, all are welcome, Saturday, November 16 from 6-8pm.

*Holiday Market*

One-of-a-kind holiday gifts created by artists.

*Emerge and Holiday Market* run from November 16, 2019 to January 4, 2020.

The gallery is closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### UPDATE ON KENNEDY HEIGHTS GUARDIAN BANK



**A** groundbreaking for the new Guardian Savings Bank branch is expected before the end of the year. The branch, coming to 6644 Montgomery Road, should be open in the spring of 2020. It will be the only full service bank in the Kennedy Heights neighborhood.

Guardian is the 11th largest bank, by deposits, in Greater Cincinnati. The new Kennedy Heights branch will be the 10th branch in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky region. Guardian also has two branches in Lexington, Ky

"We're very excited to bring this branch to the residents of Kennedy Heights," said Gail Williams, Vice President and Community Relations Officer for Guardian. Williams has a personal connection to the neighborhood. "Having grown up and still residing in this area," she says, "I'm thrilled that my neighbors will have easy access to the products we offer, specifically personal banking services and mortgage loans. One of our goals is to increase home ownership opportunities in the heart of Kennedy Heights, Silverton and Pleasant Ridge, for longtime and new residents."

Guardian is known for its low-cost, low-rate home mortgage loans. Guardian services most of the loans it originates so customers enjoy the benefits of a smaller, local lender as well as the ability to directly communicate with a neighborhood banker.

The Kennedy Heights Guardian branch will include all normal branch operations, as well as a mortgage loan officer on site. Prior to opening, neighborhood residents will be made aware of job opportunities at the branch.

To learn more about Guardian's home mortgage programs, please contact Steven Wuchnick via email, [swuchnick@guardiansavingsbank.com](mailto:swuchnick@guardiansavingsbank.com) or call 513-942-3500.