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NEWS BY, FROM, AND FOR THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

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## CENSUS 2020: KENNEDY HEIGHTS COUNTS!



A new school to ease overcrowded classrooms. A new road to ease overcrowded commutes. The 2020 Census can deeply impact our community. **The results of the census help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are distributed to states and communities every year.**

Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution requires a once-a-decade population and housing count of all 50 states, DC, Puerto Rico and the Island areas. **National Census Day is April 1, 2020.**

- Census results are used to determine the apportionment of U.S. and State Congressional Districts.
- Census data determines how more than \$675 billion in federal funds are distributed to states and communities annually.
- There will NOT be a citizenship question on the Census.
- All census responses are protected under Title 13 of the US Code. Answers can only be used to produce statistics.

**Kennedy Heights has been identified as a community likely to have lower than average participation.** Make sure our neighborhood receives the federal support it deserves!

You will receive your invitation to participate by April 1, 2020. You can respond to the census online, by mail, or by phone. Make Kennedy Heights count!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, January 11**  
**Opening Reception of “Revolutionary: Being American Today”**  
 at KH Arts Center Mansion  
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 21**  
**KH Community Council**  
 at KH Presbyterian Church  
 6:30 p.m. FREE Dinner  
 7:30 p.m. Meeting

**Saturday, January 25**  
**Community Forum on Healthcare Costs**  
 At Pleasant Ridge Library  
 2:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 28**  
**Alzheimer’s Monthly Support Group**  
 At KH Presbyterian Church  
 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 513-841-1499 to register

**Saturday, February 8**  
**Stuart Little**  
 At KHAC Lindner Annex  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Free, ages Kindergarten +

**Tuesday, February 18**  
**KH Community Council**  
 at KH Presbyterian Church  
 6:30 p.m. FREE Dinner  
 7:30 p.m. Meeting

*Content for Mar/Apr newsletter due Feb 1 to [katee@kennedyheights.org](mailto:katee@kennedyheights.org)*

## WINTERFEST 2019





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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**I**t has been an honor to serve Kennedy Heights as **President of the Community Council.** Our community is in good hands with Sharifah Tafari and Kate Elliott co-chairing the presidential role in 2020. The lifeblood of our community is civic participation and it is critically important that residents of Kennedy Heights periodically step up to help out however they can. Good luck to our board in 2020 and I hope to see many KH residents at the council meetings!

Douglas Linn  
 Exiting President

**WELCOME YOUR 2020 BOARD**



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**FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS: OCT 1 - NOV 30, 2019**

Start the New Year off with a gift to the Community Council You can become a sustaining member by giving monthly using the Donate button on our website: [www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org)

*If we have inadvertently omitted your name, please inform us.*

**Friends of Kennedy Heights**

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 Adam Kirwen  
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**KENNEDY HEIGHTS ADDING ANOTHER COMMUNITY GARDEN**



**C**alling green thumbs! Two Kennedy Heights residents, Jess and Eli, have purchased a plot at the corner of Kennedy and Robison. They are avid gardeners with giving spirits, eager to create a community garden. And they want to hear from you!

- What would you like to see in the space? Rentable plots? Open-access picking areas? A fruit orchard?
- Would you like to be a team member to get this project going? You could help plan the layout, implement the plan by building beds or performing landscaping.

Jess and Eli will be completing the Civic Garden Center training program beginning February 5th. It is 12 weeks long, occurring once a week on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Ideally, anyone on their team would participate in this training with them.

Besides the formal training, Jess and Eli would like to have a few meetings over the winter to hammer down plans. Work could begin when the weather is nice enough, perhaps in April. They are hoping to find more gardeners willing to commit a few hours a week through to make sure that the project is a success.

Reach out to Jess at [jwieman23@gmail.com](mailto:jwieman23@gmail.com) if you want to be involved!

## 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 WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 1.

**Art for Kids!** Ages 4–12.

Tues. 1/14, 2/11. 4:00 p.m.

**Beginning Genealogy.** Adults.

Thurs. 1/23, 2/27. 6:00 p.m.

**Community Forum On**

**Healthcare Costs:** Adults.

Sat. 1/25. 2:00 p.m.

**Cool Science!** Ages 5–12.

Tues. 1/28, 2/25. 4:00 p.m.

**Get Crafty!** Adults.

Tues. 2/17. 6:30 p.m.

**Homework Help.**

Mon.-Thurs. 3:00-6:00 p.m.

**Let's Go Lego & Other**

**Building Bricks!** Ages 3–12.

Fri. 1/24, 2/28. 4:00 p.m.

**Make It, Take It Craft!** Teens.

Mon. 1/20. 2:00 p.m.

**Maker Monday.** Teens.

Mon. 1/13, 2/10. 4:00 p.m.

**Poetry Teatime for**

**Homeschoolers.** Families.

Thurs. 1/16, 2/20. 1:00 p.m.

**Sensory Playtime.** 0-36 mos.

Sat. 1/11, 2/8. 10:30 a.m.

**Tales to Tails with Ruby or**

**Holly.** All ages.

Mon. 1/6, 2/3. 4:00 p.m.

**Teen Chef!** Teens.

Mon. 2/17. 4:00 p.m.

**Tropical Beach Party!** All ages.

Sat. 2/22. 2:00 p.m.

**Pleasant Ridge Book Club.**

Adults. Call the branch for the month's title.

Thurs. 1/19, 2/13. 2:00 p.m.

### STORY TIMES

Join us for one of our story times:

**Library Babies and Toddler**

**Time!** Ages 0–36 mos.

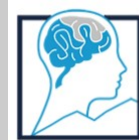
Every Wed., 10:00 a.m.

**Preschool Story Time**

Registration required. Ages 3–6.

Every Wed., 10:45 a.m.

## AGING IN COMMUNITY: XAVIER UNIVERSITY DEMENTIA CARE SUMMIT



XAVIER UNIVERSITY  
**DEMENTIA CARE SUMMIT**

“Meaningful, Compassionate Care”

Thursday, March 26th, 2020

This year's theme focuses on engaging persons with dementia using meaningful activities, music and art therapy, and Tai Chi. Emphasis will be on discussing care which involves mindfulness, compassion, and respect for diversity. The Keynote Speaker, Teepa Snow, will present “Creating Days with Meaning for Those Living with Dementia.” She will identify meaningful activities for persons with varying levels of dementia, as well as demonstrate strategies for positive emotional connections using verbal and non-verbal communication. CEUs will be available for purchase for nursing, OT, Social Work, and Counseling professionals.

Registration is now open! Go to [xavier.edu/dementia-summit/](http://xavier.edu/dementia-summit/) to register with early bird pricing!

## NOTABLE NEIGHBORS: THE WALKING MEN

Contributed by John Bange



From left: Sylvester Smith, Terrance Bell

You have probably seen them walking in Kennedy Heights, two robust men gliding along at a quick pace with walking sticks. They are Terrance Bell and Sylvester Smith.

Terrance grew up in Walnut Hills, and now he and his wife Staci live on Aikenside. They have two daughters, one here in Cincinnati and the other in North Carolina. Sylvester grew up in Madisonville, and now he and his wife Liliann live in nearby Silverton. They have a daughter and two grandsons.

They started their careers in a similar fashion, transporting youth from detention facilities to juvenile court. Later, they both attended the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio. There they learned the skills necessary to be a bailiff, which is a law enforcement officer vested with maintaining order during courtroom proceedings. They ensure that the public, jury, legal teams, witnesses and

defendants proceed through trials and other court proceedings with the required decorum. They were both soon certified. Sylvester and Terrance finally met while working at the Hamilton County Juvenile Court as bailiffs.

Terrance has been with the courts for 25 years and is currently the Assistant Chief with a rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Sylvester retired in 2013 with 30 years service, and had earned the title of Chief with a rank of Colonel. He now serves as a School Crossing Guard at Pleasant Ridge and Sands Montessori.

Terrance and Sylvester used to walk about nine miles around downtown after work, from the Court House down to Pete Rose Way, around town and back. Eventually, they decided to go home after work and instead meet in our area and walk the neighborhood.

Why do they walk? They do it for their health and because they enjoy the time together. On weekdays, they start walking in the evening at 4:45. On weekends, they start early and walk for about 90 minutes. They do not walk if it is raining, but they do walk when it is snowing, and they never walk on Sundays.

The sticks they carry are mostly used as a walking sticks. Though they do speculate that, with the number of dogs on the loose they've encountered, just the sight of the sticks may have kept the dogs at bay. With the miles they've put through the neighborhood, it may surprise some to know that they have not come upon the scene of a fire or accident. They have, however, helped a number of people who have fallen and needed assistance getting up. They have also found and turned in several wallets with large amounts of cash.

The next time you see The Walking Men, please give them a friendly wave!



## HAPPENING AT THE ARTS CENTER

### WINTER TERM ART CLASSES

Expand your creativity, learn new skills, and have fun in a variety of 8-week classes for people of all ages. Youth can enjoy darkroom photography, stop motion animation, or open studio for kids. Adults and teens (ages 14+) can explore drawing, pastel drawing, acrylic painting, watercolor painting, clay hand building, and open studio. You can also try a one-day mixed media workshop!

Classes start the week of January 27. Sliding scale fees for those with financial need.



### ART FOR A DIFFERENCE Monday, January 20

Each year, Kennedy Heights Arts Center sponsors an art-based community service project on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This year, we are partnering with Episcopal Retirement Services to create handmade Valentines cards to be delivered to older adults living in ERS homes. Use your creative skills to make a difference in our community and bring joy into the lives of seniors.

Monday, January 20 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ages 5-13. High school students may serve as volunteers to assist the younger children. Participation is free, but space is limited so register early.

Register for Winter Classes or Art for a Difference Day at [kennedyarts.org](http://kennedyarts.org) or call 513.631.4278.



### STUART LITTLE Saturday, February 8 at 7:00 pm KHAC Lindner Annex

Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park presents their "Off the Hill" production of *Stuart Little*, the story of a lovable mouse trying to survive in the great, big world. Based on E.B. White's endearing classic. Recommended for grades kindergarten and up. Free.

### IN THE GALLERY



### Revolutionary: Being American Today

Opening Reception:  
Saturday, January 11,  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Artists Talk: Saturday,  
February 22 at 1:00 p.m.

On view through March 7.

Gallery hours are Tue-Fri, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sat 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Curated by Jessica Oberdick (Louisville, KY), this exhibition explores the notion of citizenship and how its definition can vary depending on one's gender, race, sexuality, and immigration status. Eight diverse artists present individual stories that cause the viewer to reflect on their own place in American society. *Revolutionary* features the work of Kiah Armstrong, John Brooks, Amanda Curreri, Stephanie Cuyubamba Kong, Brianna Harlan, Anissa Lewis, Melissa Vandenburg, and Renzo Velez.

## IN MEMORIAM: CECELIA "CE" HOLM

The following memorial was provided by Cecelia's daughter, Kirsten, at the request of the Kennedy Heights Community Council.



**C**ecelia ("Ce") Holm moved to Cincinnati as a young mother of three in 1968. Coming from Chicago, she and her husband

Duane knew they wanted to live in an integrated neighborhood. At that time, many African Americans had begun moving out of traditionally segregated areas of the city, and some neighborhoods did not know how to react. The Holms were attracted to Kennedy Heights in particular because the Kennedy Heights Community Council, made up of white and black residents, had organized a committee to introduce the

community to prospective residents. This initiative made integration more successful, and made it a key value of the neighborhood. Ce and Duane felt this activist neighborhood was home.

Ce grew up near Army bases in Iowa, Minnesota, and Arizona, then settled in California. She graduated from UCLA with a B.S. in Physical Education and worked in children's programming for Los Angeles Parks. Drawn by the opportunity to serve inner-city children, she moved to Chicago to work as Recreation Director at Erie Neighborhood House. There she met a young minister, Duane Holm. Duane was assigned to Scotland next, and so it was there that they were married. They lived in Scotland for several years, then returned to Chicago, and finally moved to Cincinnati for Duane's new church.

Plunging in to her new city, Ce became actively involved in the local elementary school. She worked with other parents to improve the quality of education for neighborhood children. She worked hard to foster the diversity she felt was one of Kennedy Heights' greatest strengths. In the early 1970s, she became part of a parent cooperative preschool held in the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church. This school ultimately became the Kennedy Heights Montessori Center. She obtained a Montessori credential and later a M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education. She worked as a teacher, then as director of KHMC until her retirement in the early-1990s.

After retirement, Ce worked part-time at 4C teaching home daycare providers Montessori-based educational activities to use in their work. She fully retired in 1996 to enjoy being with her granddaughter and continue her work in the neighborhood. She chaired the Education Committee for many years, working to improve relations between Kennedy Heights and Woodford School.

Ce passed away on November 6, 2019. Ever the teacher, she donated her body to UC Medical School. In her *Cincinnati Enquirer* obituary, it was expressed that in lieu of flowers, contributions could be made in Cecelia's memory to the Kennedy Heights Montessori Center.