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NEWS BY, FROM, AND FOR THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

MAR/APR 2020

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 17**  
**KH Community Council**  
 at KH Presbyterian Church  
 6:30 p.m. FREE Dinner  
 7:30 p.m. Meeting

**Tuesday, March 24**  
**Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group**  
 At KH Presbyterian Church  
 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 513-841-1499 to register

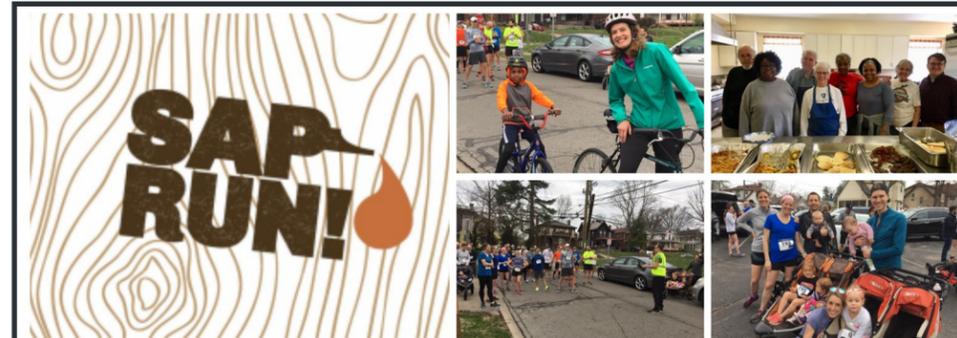
**Wednesday, March 25**  
**Guardian Bank Speaker Series: The Joy of Home Ownership**  
 at KH Arts Center Mansion  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 28**  
**Masaai African Drummers**  
 at Pleasant Ridge Library  
 2:00 p.m. All Ages.

**Saturday, March 28**  
**Opening Reception of Student Art Show**  
 at KH Arts Center Mansion  
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

May/June newsletter content due  
 Apr 1: [kelliott@kennedyheights.org](mailto:kelliott@kennedyheights.org)



## 17TH ANNUAL SAP RUN 5K, 10K, 15K, BIKE RIDE & BREAKFAST

**T**his is the 27th annual Sap Run in Kennedy Heights! Kick off race season with a challenging course that rewards you with a full, hot breakfast, including all the pancakes you can eat.

10K or 15K. Kids and families can ride the course on their bikes, too. View the course on Strava <https://www.strava.com/routes/11833167>

**Saturday,  
 April 4,  
 2020  
 9:00 a.m.**

The course is no easy walk in the park—Kennedy Heights is built on hills, and our run will challenge any runner or cyclist. Getting ready for the Flying Pig Marathon? Come test your hill endurance on this course.

The race starts and ends at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, located at 6312 Kennedy Ave, Cincinnati. You do not have to run in order to join us for breakfast. A \$10 donation gets you all the sappy syrup you can summon.

Though a hilly course, the mood itself is relaxed, only as competitive as you want it to be! Run the route more than once to challenge yourself to a

Volunteers are needed to put up route signs in advance, check in registrants, direct traffic during the race, cook breakfast, and clean up. Sign up to run, volunteer, or eat at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Cincinnati/SapRun>

## WELCOME SPRING IN THE GIVING GARDEN



**K**ennedy Heights' own community garden, **The Giving Garden**, located at 6524 Tyne Avenue, is looking for volunteers.

Gardening can provide nutritious veggies and fruits for your dinner table, beautiful flowers to decorate it, plus it offers a variety of health benefits: Exposure to vitamin D, decreased dementia risk, mood-boosting, low-impact exercise, and more!

Not only this, but the Giving Garden is affiliated with the Civic Garden Center community garden program. By volunteering in OUR garden, you can earn free or discounted classes at the Civic Garden Center!

You can also adopt a bed for a nominal fee and/or help in the community beds through the year.

Please contact Theresa Cohen for further information at [tcohen40@gmail.com](mailto:tcohen40@gmail.com) or call 513-372-0933.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to lead our neighborhood through 2020. We are excited about helping our neighborhood grow and achieve short-term and long-term goals all year long. In order to do that successfully, we are counting on each and every one of you to be stakeholders and participants in the process.

What does that look like to you? It starts with coming out to the monthly community council meetings and FREE community dinners. During the meetings you will learn about the Community Plan, council committees, fundraising events, community gatherings, local school news, volunteer opportunities, and much more.

Be sure to check out the wonderful things happening at the Arts Center, sign up for the Sap Run, volunteer at The Caring Place, and generally enjoy being part of such a vibrant community!

Kate Elliott and Sharifah Tafari
Co-Presidents

PROGRESSIVE DINNER NEEDS YOU



In 2019, the difficult decision was made to cancel the long-standing tradition of the Kennedy Heights Progressive Dinner. The decision was not made lightly, but was naturally met with great disappointment from many neighbors. An ad hoc committee of six met to discuss its future. The committee researched past dinners, talked to members of the planning committee, studied the results of past dinners and talked with Liz Blume of the Xavier University Community Building Institute.

For the long term, the committee is recommending convening small groups of residents to discuss the dinner in a larger context. They recommend that Kennedy Heights recruit leaders from different areas of the neighborhood for ongoing development. They have several ideas of how to "relaunch" the event in Fall 2020, but they need neighborhood participation.

If you are interested in carrying on this well-loved tradition, please reach out to Steven Greiser at slgrieser@gmail.com.

FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS: DEC 1, 2019 - JAN 31, 2020

Thanks to those who gave to the Community Council. 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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VOLUNTEER WITH THE CARING PLACE



The Caring Place would like to thank all of you for the numerous donations we receive to help neighbors in need.

The Caring Place is blessed to have many wonderful volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday...and behind the scenes on many other days of the week!

A number of volunteers are aging gracefully and are not able to do much heavy lifting when cases of food and other supplies are delivered or need to be purchased or picked up.

If you or someone you know is interested in a great volunteer opportunity, stop by any Tuesday or Thursday (we'll give you a tour!). You can also contact us: (513) 841-1499 or caringplc@yahoo.com

Don't forget to like us on Facebook: The Caring Place-Kennedy Heights.

## 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.

### Arts & Crafts for Kids!

Ages 4–12.  
Tues. 3/10, 4/14. 4:00 p.m.

**A Beginner's Guide to Mindfulness and Meditation.**  
Adults. Thur. 3/5. 6:30 p.m.

**Beginning Genealogy.** Adults.  
Thur. 3/26, 4/23. 6:30 p.m.

**Cincinnati Zoo on the Move Animal Ambassadors.**  
All Ages. Tues. 3/24. 4:00 p.m.

**Cool Science!** Ages 5–12.  
Tues. 4/28. 4:00 p.m.

**Get Crafty.** Adults.  
Mon. 3/16, 4/20. 6:00 p.m.

**Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!** All Ages. Sat. 3/7. 2:00 p.m.

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

**Let's Go Lego & Other Building Bricks!** Ages 3–12.  
Fri. 3/27, 4/24 at 4:00 p.m.  
Sat. 3/28, 4/25 at 10:30 a.m.

**Make It, Take It Craft!** Teens.  
Mon. 3/16. 4:00 p.m.

**Maker Monday.** Teens.  
Mon. 3/9, 4/13. 4:00 p.m.

**Masaai African Drummers.** All Ages. Sat. 3/28. 2:00 p.m.

**Pleasant Ridge Book Club.** Adults.  
Thurs. 3/12, 4/9. 2:00 p.m.

**Poetry Tea Time for Homeschoolers.** Children.  
Thurs. 3/19, 4/16. 1:00 p.m.

**Sad, Sinister, Seamy Side of Cincinnati.** Adults.  
Mon. 3/23. 6:30 p.m.

**Sensory Playtime!** Ages 1–5.  
Sat. 3/14, 4/11. 10:30 a.m.

**Spring Tea Time with My Doll and Me!** All Ages.  
Sat. 4/18. 2:00 p.m.

**Tales to Tails.**  
Mon. 3/2, 4/6. 4:00 p.m.

**Teen Chef!**  
Mon. 4/20. 4:00 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



### Do you have a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia?

The Caring Place continues to offer a support group for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's or dementia.

The fourth Tuesday of every month. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

At the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church.

Two Caring Place staff members are certified by the Alzheimer's Association as caregiver support facilitators. The group is open to anybody and there is no cost, so help spread the word. For questions and to register, please call Sharifah Tafari at 513-841-1499.

## NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS



### KENNEDY HEIGHTS MONTESSORI ENROLLMENT

Kennedy Heights Montessori Center has been part of our community since 1965, when it began as a Parent Co-op in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. Now in the beautiful Kennedy Heights Arts Center Annex, it is one of Cincinnati's premier early childhood education resources.

Enrollment of Kennedy Heights residences has decreased over the years. In the hopes of keeping the school in touch with its roots, there is funding through an anonymous donor to assist Kennedy Heights children who seek to attend KHMC. Speak with school staff to learn more: (513) 631-8135.



### GUARDIAN BANK SPEAKER SERIES

The Guardian Bank Speaker Series continues at the Kennedy Heights Arts

Center (Mansion), 6546 Montgomery Road, from 6-7 p.m. The final session is:

- March 25, 2020: The Joy of Home Ownership

The Kennedy Heights Guardian branch will include all normal branch operations and 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 at 513-942-3500 or [swuchnick@guardiansavingsbank.com](mailto:swuchnick@guardiansavingsbank.com)



### NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Our neighborhood school, Woodford Paideia Academy, has welcomed a new School Resource Coordinator. James Lacey is from Cleveland, Ohio, and is a recent graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Marketing.

Woodford is always looking for tutors and volunteers to support the students. If you have time and talent to share, please contact Mr. Lacey at 513-363-6418 or [LaceyJa@cpsboe.k12.oh.us](mailto:LaceyJa@cpsboe.k12.oh.us)

## HAPPENING AT THE ARTS CENTER

### WELCOME ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE: LEESA HAPPAPURO



Announcing the 2020 Community Artist-in-Residence: Leesa Haapapuro.

Leesa is an interdisciplinary artist from Dayton, Ohio, proficient in a wide variety of techniques from stone carving to welding to weaving. Leesa's efforts to connect with others through her artistic practice are often radical and transformative. She has made socially engaged, collaborative art projects and site-specific installations with more than 10 communities in Ohio. She received the City of Dayton's Community Artist award and is a three-time recipient of The Montgomery County Regional Arts and Cultural Individual Artist Fellowship.



Leesa will be in residence at KHAC from April 15 to May 23. She will collaborate with residents of all ages on public art installations in the community. The works will explore a theme of coded messages. The artist and community members will create sculptures that contain a hidden meaning. The works will be installed in spaces throughout the neighborhood, popping up in surprising locations and challenging us all to decode the messages within.

Everyone is invited to take part in the project, and no experience is necessary!

Participation is FREE thanks to generous grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Eleanor C. U. Alms Trust, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee.

To learn how you can get involved—from a six week workshop to one-time events—visit [kennedyarts.org/learn/#tab4](http://kennedyarts.org/learn/#tab4), email Mallory Feltz at [mallory@kennedyarts.org](mailto:mallory@kennedyarts.org), or call 513-631-4278.

### 12TH ANNUAL STUDENT ART SHOW

Opening Reception: March 28, 6-8pm. FREE.



Each year, Kennedy Heights Arts Center highlights our talented students with an exhibition featuring original artwork created by the youth and adult students enrolled in KHAC classes, as well as students from our local elementary schools, including Woodford Paideia, Pleasant Ridge Montessori, and Nativity School.

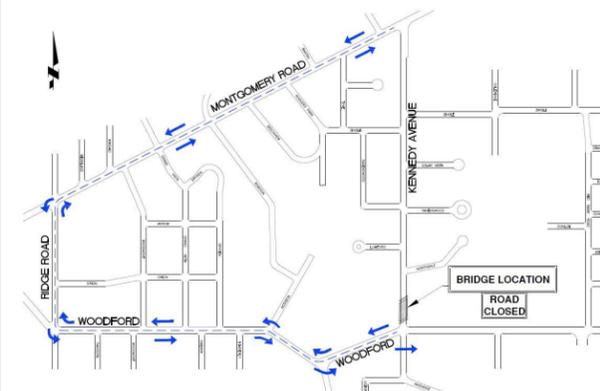
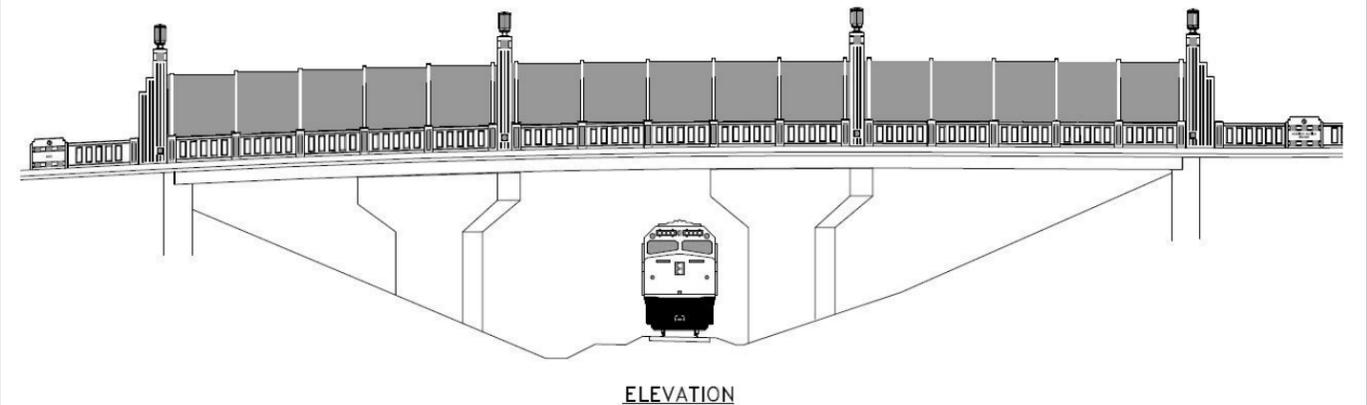
Join us for a free reception to celebrate the talent in our community! At Kennedy Heights Arts Center, 6546 Montgomery Road, on Saturday, March 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The exhibition runs until May 2. Gallery hours: Tues-Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat. 11am-4pm.

## KENNEDY AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT



**B**eginning in mid-April (but after our beloved Sap Run) the Kennedy Avenue Bridge will be closed in order to be completely replaced. The existing bridge was originally built in 1932. At 85 years old, the bridge has exceeded its useful life. The bridge is inspected annually and while it is currently safe for all legal vehicles, the bridge is in poor condition with widespread deterioration of the concrete structure. The deterioration has now advanced to the point where rehabilitation is not feasible, necessitating replacement.



The road will be closed from mid-April until mid-November, with final completion by the end of 2020. Detours will be clearly marked but will cut through more dense residential zones. **Please be aware of speed limits and respectful of neighbors and pedestrians through this time of transition.**

Kennedy Park will remain open throughout the project, though some driveway reconstruction and repaving will be needed.

The project has been estimated at a total of just under \$2.9MM and is covered 100% by a Federal grant. The construction will be performed by Sunesis Construction. The official website for the project can be found at <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/dote/dote-projects/kennedy-avenue-bridge-replacement/>

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