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NEWS BY, FROM, AND FOR THE KENNEDY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

MAR/APR 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 27
Celebration of the Harlem Renaissance Exhibition Opens
 Kennedy Heights Arts Center
 FREE timed tickets thru Mar 27
 Kennedyarts.org
 Learn more on Page 4

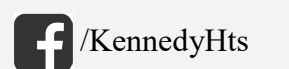
Monday, March 1
Summer Art Camp Registration
 Registration opens for in-person Summer Art Camps at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center
 www.kennedyarts.org

Tuesday, March 16
KH Community Council
 Virtual meeting via GSuites
 meet.google.com/amo-fjbm-bgq
 6:30 p.m. Board discussion
 7:30 p.m. Public meeting

Thursday, March 25
Tween Book Club
 on Zoom, from PR Library
 cincinnati.library.org | 513-369-4488

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KENNEDY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

WHY DO WE NEED A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN?

Neighborhood Planning is making progress but we are still receiving one recurring question: **WHY?**

A Neighborhood Plan is a formal document that records the goals and visions that the residents have for the neighborhood.

- Creates and confirms neighborhood identity, goals, and vision
- Helps guide policy decisions that impact the neighborhood
- Helps guide development and investment decisions
- Used as a tool for community investment projects
- Demonstrates to City leaders that the neighborhood is united

Here are a few examples in which a Neighborhood Plan can be valuable:

- 1) A developer has plans for a site in Kennedy Heights. The development will increase vehicular traffic, includes bright flashing signs, and aims for a liquor license. If the Neighborhood Plan has clearly stated parameters around pedestrian safety, an ideal quantity of liquor-licensed institutions, and expectations for electronic signage, those parameters can be shown to the City of Cincinnati. Because it is

a formal document showing neighborhood-wide agreement, it will have greater influence over whether or not the development happens.

- 2) A resident wants to convert a vacant lot into a community space. The Neighborhood Plan can not only indicate whether or not the resident's plans align with the visions of their neighbors, but it can provide basic information to guide the resident in achieving their plans: who to reach out to, how to communicate their ideas with residents, etc.
- 3) Another developer has plans for a site, but is short on the funds to purchase the full property. If the plans align with the Neighborhood Plan, the developer and the Community Council and the Development Corp can make a stronger case as to why the project should receive additional funding from the City or other grants, and make it more likely to move forward.

There is still plenty of time to get involved in this process. Working Groups are just now beginning to meet to shape the goals, strategies, and actions steps for the plan. To learn more, email mary@kennedyheights.org or visit our Planning Website:

www.cincinnati-oh.gov/khplan

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

This year has kicked off with incredible energy and optimism on the Community Council Executive Board, and we hope you feel the same. We are seeing the early stages of our Neighborhood Plan taking place, and we hope you are plugged in and sharing your own hopes and dreams with us.

Our virtual meetings are seeing consistently high turnout, with active feedback. Thank you for your patience with the inevitable technical difficulties, and thank you for your participation! If you are having trouble with these virtual meetings, please reach out to board@kennedyheights.org or call Kate Elliott at 513-919-5710 so that we can make sure you stay connected in the way that works best for you.

Do you receive our emails? We try to send emails on a monthly to bi-monthly basis, more when urgent info arises. These emails contain news about local businesses, opportunities for assistance or grants, and reminders about our monthly Council meetings. If you do not receive these emails, you can sign up at our website kennedyheights.org. Having trouble? Email board@kennedyheights.org from your preferred email and we will get you added to the list!

And if you are on social media, make sure you are following our Page, Kennedy Heights Community Council, at www.facebook.com/KennedyHts There is also a Facebook Group for Kennedy Heights, which allows neighbors to connect, post about lost of found animals, ask questions about local happenings, and more. You can request to join this group at www.facebook.com/groups/981246835239385

It seems that digital connections are the way of the future, but we hope to have a few COVID-safe in-person gatherings, including a celebration of the new Kennedy Ave Bridge. News will be shared by email and social media, and by this newsletter if time allows.

Stay warm, and look for signs of spring!

Kate Elliott and Sharifah Tafari
Co-Presidents



Corner of Dante and Doon under snow. Photo by Christina Miller.

FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS: DEC 1, 2020 - JAN 31, 2021

Thanks to all who have supported the Community Council this past year. Your generosity through the last few months has been overwhelming. Many thanks to Bob Kamp for once again gathering your support. If we omitted your name, please let us know.

- List of names of Friends of Kennedy Heights donors, including Guy & Stefanie Adams, Ernie & Judy Barbeau, Jody Barkley, Dana Bateman, Kathleen Bertrand, Essie Brantley, Mary Clare Brennan, Marcia & Sidney Broadnax, Charles & Jeanette Bronson, McCharles & Betty Bryant, Ann Burlew, Geraldine Calmeise, Musa Campbell, Ed & Nancy Ciarniello, Howard & Theresa Cohen, Lois Conyers, Don & Robin Corathers, Shirley & Purcell Davis, Lee & Diana DeRhodes, Michael Maloney & Jeffrey Dey, Elissa & Sean Donovan, Charles Dragga, Douglas & Monica Faison, Brian & Marcia Frye, Julie Graham, Sandie Gresham, Linda & Steven Grieser, Julia Guichard, Mike & Fran Harmon, Jodi & Alaric Harris, David Harris, Michael O'Hara & Glenda Harrison, Duane & Kirsten Holm, Gary & Mary Jo Horton, Diane Imes, Adam Kirwen, Jolene & James Lay, Rita Lee, John Leopard, Thane & Laura Lorbach, Phil & Conchi Madson, Arthur & Ella-Louise Manigan, Michael McCreary, Sharon McCreary, Mark McDonald, Scott McMillan, Joost Meijer, Tom & Casey Millard, Erich & Jerilyn Miller, Huxley & Ariel Miller, Joseph & Deborah Moats, Monica Moore, Tim & Teresa Mulligan, Marilyn & Shawn Nolan, Mattie Phillips, Ben Pipkin, Laura Porter, Connie Price, Allan & Karen Rahe, Richalee Rice, Mary Ann & Patrick Romanello, Dennis & Kathleen Ryan, Jeffrey Davis & Rina Saperstein, Holly & Ed Sauerbrunn, Nancy Schmidt, Brian & Kelly Seedhouse, Ruby Sinkfield, Roger Klug & Julie Spangler, Harry & Susan Stebbins, Dorothy Stroud, Joy Upton, Jeffry & Joan Weidner, Joseph Williams, Lillie Willis

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THE CARING PLACE

Many, many thanks to our countless neighbors, churches, schools, businesses and community partners for the support we have received in the past year and continue to receive, especially during these challenging times of the pandemic.

You have made it possible for The Caring Place to stay open in order to help our many neighbors in need, near and far, have access to food, clothes and many other resources and services week after week, month after

month. We truly appreciate each and every one of you!!

Drive-thru service continues at TCP every Tuesday and Thursday 9am-2pm. We continue to distribute masks and hand sanitizer as well.

For volunteer opportunities, please call (513) 841-1499 or email caringplc@yahoo.com or comment/message on our Facebook page "Caring Place-Kennedy Heights."

PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY

The Pleasant Ridge Branch of the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library will be open Monday through Saturday from 10AM-6PM. Available services include curbside service, browsing, limited computer access, and assistance with faxing, scanning, copying, and printing. Visitors will be asked to limit their visits to 2 hours or less and building capacity remains reduced. Story times and other programs may be offered on a very limited basis and may be offered virtually, held outside, or as a Take and Make. The adult book club will meet via Zoom on March 11 and April 8 at 2:00. The tween book club will meet via Zoom on March 25 at 7pm. Please call the branch at 513-369-4488 or go to the website at www.cincinnati.org to see titles and register. Available services and/or hours may change. Call the branch with any questions. Visit the website to access all our eBranch offerings and for the most current information on the services and programs offered through any of the branches.

NOTABLE NEIGHBORS: ANN AND AL HILL

Contributed by John Bange.



Ann and Al Hill have lived in Kennedy Heights for 50 years. One of the highlights of their life has been their role as foster parents. Between 1993 and 2020 they fostered nearly 100 girls, and all while raising their own two daughters!

Al Hill was born in Colman, Georgia, one of 17 children. While still young, he came to Cincinnati to live with an uncle and aunt and attended Hughes High School. Ann was born in Douglas, Georgia. Her family moved to Cincinnati when she was young, and she also attended Hughes, where she and Al first met. They dated for awhile before Al was drafted into the military in 1969, not long after graduation.

Al served in the U.S. Army at Ft. Knox, K; Ft. Sill, OK; and in Vietnam. He was assigned to an artillery unit far back from the front lines. Ann moved to Florida and stayed with relatives while working at an RCA plant where they manufactured electronic components. While they were apart they wrote to each other. Ann sent many packages of delicious baked goods to Al. He remembers that his buddies always looked forward to those packages, which Al happily shared. Ann still possesses all the letters they shared. After being discharged, Al and Ann were reunited and they soon married.

Al was first employed by Queen City Metro first as a driver and later as a manager. He retired after 37 years.

For a short time the Hills lived in Walnut Hills. They moved to Kennedy Heights in 1970 on Bantry Avenue. When their neighbors and good friends, the Kellers, moved to downsize, they bought their house across the street and moved there, which is where they currently live.

Ann and Al raised two daughters, Crystal and Rhonda. They have many grandchildren. To the great sadness of the family, Rhonda passed away in August of 2020. Our hearts are with them as they journey through this loss.

The Hills began their journey as foster parents in 1993. they specialized in fostering teenage girls, which has been particularly helpful because of the great need for foster homes for teenagers in Greater Cincinnati. They still have contact with many of the girls that they fostered—one even joins them every Thanksgiving for dinner!

Ann and Al appreciate the friends they have made and the diversity of Kennedy Heights.

If you know of a neighbor who has a story to share, reach out to John Bange at jbange75@hotmail.com

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



CINCINNATI AIKIDO

Aikido is a Japanese Martial art created by Morihei Ueshiba that emphasizes a non-aggressive approach to defense. Aikido is highly active, yet less aggressive to your body than other martial arts, while still allowing you to work the muscles and joints. Ideally, the goal of Aikido is to defend yourself without causing injury to either you or your opponent.

Cincinnati Aikido holds classes in the Kennedy Heights Arts Center Annex.

Class attendance is obtained through membership, and discounts are provided for additional family members, military personnel, and for payment using auto-draft.

Over 20 classes are offered each week with each class lasting about one hour. It is recommended to attend two to three classes a week for optimum growth in your Aikido training, however you are welcome to attend as many classes as you like!

Learn more at <https://aikidocincy.org/>



PLEASANT RIDGE REC CENTER

Open Pickleball

Monday – Friday
9:30am – 11:30am

*Call 731-7894 to make reservation

After School Program

\$190.00/month
Monday – Friday
2:30pm – 6:00pm

*Register here: <https://web1.vermontsystems.com/wbws/ohcincinnati.wsc/splash.html>

*program includes arts and crafts, group games, sports, homework help
*masks are required

Open Pottery Studio

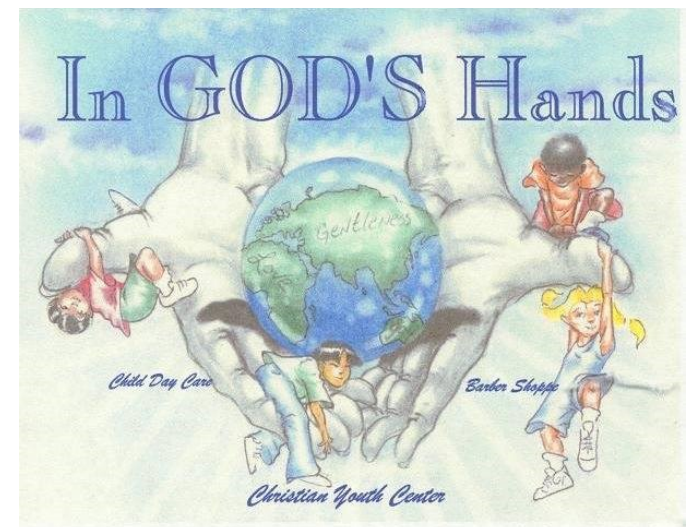
Monday – Friday
3:30pm – 6:30pm

Glazes, clay and firing are not included

*must have pottery experience

*masks are required

\$50.00/month



OPENINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

In God's Hands, a local daycare provider, is building a TEAM. Looking for Teachers, Cook, Teacher Assistants, Assistant Director

Eager to work with individuals with a passion to work with children and families.

Please email resumes to: ingodshandshr@gmail.com

In GOD'S Hands Christian Youth Center,
3808 Zinsle Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45213
513-792-0905

Step up To Quality Youth Center

Do you have a local business? You could be featured in an upcoming newsletter. Reach out to kelliott@kennedyheights.org

KENNEDY HEIGHTS ARTS CENTER: SO MUCH ART, SO LITTLE TIME



Juneteenth Cincinnati and Kennedy Heights Arts Center present: A Celebration of the Harlem Renaissance

Juneteenth Cincinnati in partnership with Kennedy Heights Arts Center is proud to present *A Celebration of the Harlem Renaissance* from February 27 - March 27, 2021.

The Harlem Renaissance was an intellectual, cultural, social, and artistic movement that took place in the 1920s and 1930s following the Great Migration during which thousands of African Americans left the south and moved north. It was marked by a flourishing of art, music and literature that reflected the history and experience of African Americans.

A Celebration of the Harlem Renaissance highlights the artistic and cultural achievements and enduring legacy of this movement through an art exhibition, poetry reading, dance and jazz performances, and educational curriculum for students.

You are invited to join us in the celebration of the Harlem Renaissance, as we pay homage to an era that has undoubtedly changed African American history and culture forever.

REFLECTIONS OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE: THE LEGACY CONTINUES

Feb 27 - March 27



Curated by Lex Nycole and Gee Horton (pictured above), this exhibition pays homage to the Harlem Renaissance era and how its artistic endeavors have shifted the American cultural, economic and political landscape. 12 diverse artists created new works, in their own mediums, in a way that authentically pays tribute to the artists of the era.

AN EVENING OF JAZZ

Premieres March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Available to stream through March 27

Cincinnati Public Schools jazz faculty and prominent local jazz artists perform music of the Harlem Renaissance. Legendary jazz selections such as Duke Ellington's *Mood Indigo* and *Caravan* and Fats Waller's *Ain't Misbehavin'* will be performed.

AT HOME IN HARLEM HOSTED BY JENNIE WRIGHT

March 13 at 7:30 pm

Poet and performer Jennie Wright will host an immersive poetry experience and open mic via Zoom. Adult and teen poets are invited to sign up to read their work and become an active part of the performance through at home Cosplay by picking up "At Home in Harlem" costume kits.

REVOLUTION DANCE THEATRE RESILIENCE: RISING TO RENAISSANCE

Premieres March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Available to stream through March 27

In this spirited dance performance, Revolution Dance Theatre showcases the incredible artistic contributions made by African Americans against the backdrop of Jim Crow, racial disparity, and inequality in America.

CPS STUDENTS PERFORM MUSIC OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE

March 27 at 7:30 pm

The Cincinnati Public Schools Elementary Jazz Orchestra and the Middle School Jazz Orchestra directed by Dr. Isidore Rudnick present a musical tribute to the great Harlem Renaissance musicians Duke Ellington, Fats Waller, and Billie Holiday. The orchestras will be joined by special guest artist, brilliant Louisville saxophonist, Ron Jones.

All performances are free and accessible through the project's website at www.renaissanceincincy.org. Art activities for students can be downloaded on the website, as well. For more information, call 513-631-4278.

ARTS CENTER (cont.)

COLLECTIVE IMPACT: FEMALES JOINING FORCES

April 10th - May 29th, 2021

Kennedy Heights Arts Center, Kennedy Gallery
6546 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45213

Curated by Mallory Feltz. This group show of Cincinnati female artist collectives focuses on the combined power of women and their collaborative creativity. Works created through diverse perspectives and various themes highlight the different ways in which women work together, inspire important discussions in our region, and comment on the contemporary female experience. April 10th - May 29th, 2021.

Exhibiting artist collectives include: Art for Artists, ART HAGS, Bombshells of Cincinnati, LOOK, Maidens of the Cosmic Body Running, PhotographERS, and Monica Andino & Adriana Prieto.

Free Timed Entry Tickets are available on kennedyart.org website or by calling 513-631-4278. Masks are required. Practice social distancing.

SUMMER ARTS CAMPS: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are excited to announce that Kennedy Heights Arts Center will be offering in-person Art Summer Camps this year! Join in the fun by participating in one of our creative art camps for youth ages 5-13. We're offering a variety of one-week camps for youth exploring visual arts, media arts, dance, music and theatre. In-person camps will be offered with strict COVID-19 safety protocols in place, including: small groups, masks, distancing, hand washing, outdoor settings, and more. We will also offer a few virtual options for those who may prefer a remote setting. Sliding scale fees available for those in financial need.

Visit our website at www.kennedyarts.org or call 513-631-4278 to learn more. Camp descriptions and registration will open March 1st, 2021. Volunteer opportunities for teens ages 14-18.

POLLINATOR GARDENS

Kennedy Heights Community Council (KHCC) continues to partner with the Cincinnati Zoo to increase pollinator habitats in Cincinnati by promoting the Plant for Pollinators Challenge.

This campaign launched in 2019 with a goal of registering at least 500 pollinator gardens annually in Greater Cincinnati. As of October 2020, 1700+ gardens have been registered, including some of our neighbors in Kennedy Heights.

From butterflies and bees to hummingbirds and moths, pollinators are vital to the health of our environment. They also pollinate a third of the world's crops and are critical to our agricultural system, yet their populations are declining worldwide.

You can join this effort and provide beautiful, vital habitat and enjoy colorful blooms all season that bring many beautiful butterflies and other pollinators to your yard. It's easy to do. Whether planting just a few pots or a larger garden, you can do real conservation at home to support our pollinator friends as they do their job to keep our environment healthy.

For detailed information on planning, planting and registering your own garden use this link:

<http://cincinnati-zoo.org/horticulture/plant-for-pollinators>

There is no charge to register your garden, although you can order a special Pollinator Garden yard sign for \$20.00.

KHCC contact: Kate Kern: kkern@kennedyheights.org for

more info about KH Plant for Pollinators activities, to receive a Pocket Plant Guide published by the zoo, and/or if you are interested in helping with planning additional KH pollinator centric activities.

