

Join us for the Annual KHCC Sap Brunch

- Saturday, April 18
- 10:30 AM
- Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church
- Suggested Donation of \$15 per person or \$25 per couple
- Waffle breakfast with all the trimmings

Congratulations, Jeane

Jeane Goings was named by the *Cincinnati Enquirer* as one of its 2009 Women of the Year. Jeane and Bill Goings are long-time residents of Iris Avenue and active members of KHCC and the Kh Presbyterian Church.

A large Kennedy Heights contingent joined Jeane at the *Enquirer's* March luncheon for her and the other honorees.

Jeane retired from a career as a social worker at Children's Home. She is a former president of the Cincinnati YWCA and has given her time to dozens of Cincinnati other non-profits including The Wellness Community, League of Women Voters, Urban League, NAACP, Charter Party, Mental Health Northwest, and the Interfaith Hospitality Network providing shelter and food to the homeless.

Congratulations to our Woman of the Year.!

Let Yourself Blossom! Summer Camp at KH Arts Center

- ◆ Ages 10-13
- ◆ 6/15-7/10 Monday - Friday
- ◆ 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
- ◆ Camp fee \$50...Scholarships available. Ask!
- Exploring the arts and our community.
- Experience different forms of art such as painting, drawing, poetry, photography, drama, story telling, music & more!
- Make new friends and be creative at the Arts Center.

There are numerous other classes and day camps at the Arts Center. Check out the website or call the Arts Center.

kennedyarts.com
631-4278
6546 Montgomery Rd.

2008 Double Winners KHCC Landscape Award

Cincinnati Horticultural Society Gardening Award

Mike Maloney and Jeff Dey, 5829 Wyatt Avenue

- On Wyatt for 9 years
- Favorites: Dahlias & lavender-pink Coneflowers (that match their house color)



The Paterson Crew
Lois, David, Martha & Sam
3721 Davenant Ave.

- On Davenant for 12 years
- Favorite plant: Black Elephant Ear
- Planting tip: install an automatic sprinkler to keep deer away



Kennedy Heights

News

April, 2009

Theory of Mind
April 19 4 pm

Playhouse in the Park
at ballettech

T*heory of Mind*, a world premiere by Ken LaZebnik (former writer for Garrison Keillor's *Prairie Home Companion*), is about a young couple on a first date. As the girl and we (the audience) discover, the boy is on the high-functioning end of the autism spectrum. This subtle play about disability and young relationships strikes some very real chords and is surprisingly funny. Something like *all* our first dates.

- Informal discussion with the cast at 4:45 p.m. and jazz jam at 6.
- Tickets at the door : \$5 adults, \$10 groups of adults and children.
- Come early and stay late for Jazz Jam.
- This is an ideal opportunity for parents, grandparents and children (over 12) to enjoy live theatre and music together. We hope you'll take advantage of it.

557-3850 or 841-2822

Presented by
District A, in partnership with
ballet tech cincinnati
6543 Montgomery Rd.

Reminder

As spring springs set your garden sights on joining the growing list of KHCC Landscape Awardees!

KHCC Meets

4/21/09 7:30

KH Presbyterian Church

Focus on Development

Welcome to *Clete Benken, Chair, KHCC Development Committee*

Kennedy Heights

The City of Cincinnati has presented draft designs for new community boundary and gateway signs FOR Kennedy Heights. These are slated to replace the older wooden boundary signs which have been damaged or lost. We will soon meet with City staff to offer comments for refinements. Stay tuned for updates and a peek at what we hope to see installed by this summer.

Bicyclers Unite!

The City of Cincinnati is looking for feedback on a proposed plan to develop **bike-friendly corridors** in the city. Residents are asked to vote on proposed routes of "share-the-road" or "sharrow" routes which are intended to direct cyclists to safer, bike-oriented streets.

Details at

www.cincinnati-oh.gov/sharrows/

Representatives of Pleasant Ridge and KH Community Councils are simultaneously seeking residents interested in starting a **Bike Advocacy Group**.

So far discussion has focused around determining whether there is potential to collaborate among neighborhoods toward developing a more pedestrian-oriented, bike-friendly environment along our local streets and potentially along the Montgomery Road corridor.

Details

clete@kennedyheights.org

313-8710

Kennedy Corner Cultural Center?

Kennedy Heights Community Development Corporation (KHDC) is continuing to work on redevelopment of the former Furniture Fair / Kroger Store / Kennedy School property at Kennedy & Montgomery.

Our hope is to create the type of community-serving uses identified in our 2005 Urban Design Plan for the area.

KHDC has partnered with a local not-for-profit corporation to complete a feasibility plan for the development of a "cultural center" which would feature arts education, cultural enrichment, and civic use spaces along with potential retail/commercial space and/or residential space.

Plans are now posted at the KHCC office.

The City is helping, and we are working with several potential partners to develop a sustainable program and financial plan.

We welcome the help of anyone with time, talent or ideas to share.

Contact

Ernie Barbeau KHDC President if you have questions or are interested in assisting.

ernie@kennedyheights.org

Business District Funds

This past fall KHCC was awarded up to \$100,000 for the proposed **Kennedy Heights Business District Gateway West Gateway Improvement Initiative**.

This can pay for a combination of façade and site improvements and other potential "community building" investments.

The initiative is one of several projects the community has identified to help rebuild the Montgomery Road corridor from a failing commercial strip to a thriving center of neighborhood-serving business, arts, and cultural activity.

Funding Jobs on Montgomery Road

Only properties along Montgomery Road between Tyne and Coleridge are eligible for this funding.

Since the original notification in January, only two property owners submitted two detailed applications, which KHCC approved at its March 17 meeting. The Council voted to allocate \$25,000 toward the development of the proposed "Green Corner" project at Tyne and Montgomery Road and reserve \$75,000 for the development of the proposed Cultural Center at Kennedy and Montgomery

Homes Listed (MLS) for Sale in March, 2009

For Sale: 28 homes, priced from \$ 19,000 to \$ 238,632.

Average: \$106,000 Median: \$100,000.

3 are bank-owned (the bank bought them at sheriff's sale because no one bid the minimum amount).

Sales Pending

10 homes: \$ 15,000 to \$ 235,000.

4 Lender Owned

Homes Sold in 2009

10 Sales closed

Price range: \$4,250 to \$176,000

Compiled by Mary Ray

Realtor & KHCC Board Member

Foreclosures in KH

A study of foreclosure statistics released in March confirms that the foreclosure crisis has not overlooked Kennedy Heights. Here's a snapshot of the impact of foreclosure in 2008.

- Properties advertised for Sheriff's Sale: 53
- Properties actually sold at sheriff sale: 26

According to the census there are 1,449 owner-occupied homes in KH. That means at least 3.6% of the community's homeowners were sued for foreclosure and almost lost their home. 1.4% actually lost their homes in 2008.

Ernest Barbeau

President Kennedy Heights Development Corporation

Facing Foreclosure?

Ask for Help Now!

- Home Ownership Center 961-2800
- Better Housing League 721-6855
- Working in Neighborhoods 541-4109
- Legal Aid 241-9400

Got KH News to Share?
Deadline: 4/27

news@kennedyheights.org



March 23 “District A” hosted a community conversation and idea exchange at a “Salon Named Desire” in Pleasant Ridge. Over 60 neighbors and business district representatives shared their thoughts on a host of proposed community development and reinvestment projects, including a proposed Amphitheater at the KH Arts Center, accessibility improvements to the Library, the new Woodford School and the proposed redevelopment at Kennedy and Montgomery.

District A is an arts collaborative, a clearinghouse, a catalyst to strengthen community and spur economic development along the historic Montgomery Road corridor in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kennedy Heights Native Featured in Charlotte’s Web

She grew up on Iris as Leslie Barnes, and as Leslie Lannan she and her husband, Chris, recently returned to Aikenside. If you took your kids to see *Charlotte’s Web* at the Taft, you would have seen her in the roles of both a reporter and a lamb.



Leslie has performed with The Children’s Theatre in many productions for the past 14 years. She is also a member of the board of the KH Development Corporation.

The Giving Garden

Three KH residents have founded the *Giving Garden*. Their vision is to reclaim disused, vacant or blighted property and transform it into usable, beautiful public space. They will use it to help neighbors learn about sustainable, environmentally friendly gardening.

Their first project will be the vacant property at 6523 Tyne. They welcome volunteers, ideas, & donations.

bjgardner4@yahoo.com
(513) 731-7455

Sponsor a KH Soap Box

I just wanted to take the opportunity to tell you about a chance to win \$10,000 for KHCC. That’s the big prize being awarded to the winner of this summer’s Cincinnati Mayors Cup event at the **Soap Box Derby**.

KH already has a car (from last year) but there is a special rebate program going on now that I wanted to make you aware of. All City neighborhoods can get a \$200 rebate when they purchase and enter a new car in the Derby this year.

A car kit with shipping, taxes and entry fee will coast \$675. With the rebate it’s \$475.

\$10?

I’d like to get \$10 from 48 people to buy a second car — and a second chance at the prize money — for KHCC.

I think it’s doable. In fact, I’ve started the pledge drive off with my \$10. Can I find 47 more people? The donation is tax-deductible and all donors will get their name (business name) on the car as a sponsor.

Drivers & Pit Crew Needed

I can coordinate the pledges and purchase the car. We will need to find boys & girls ages 8 through 13 who will drive and help build the car.

If we raise more than \$475, both cars need some weights to make them more competitive so the extra money can go toward that.

I’d love to hear from all of you.

Thanks

Doug Newberry (Iris Ave.)

885-1373

rubba500@yahoo.com

www.BIGRaceWeekend.com

June 27-28

Mayor’s Job Fair April 23 2-4 pm

- 4th Annual Youth Job’s and Opportunities Fair
- Ages 16-24
- Duke Energy Center
- Questions? 352-3649 shawn.butler@cincinnati-oh.gov.



Saturday Farmers’ Market Tyne & Montgomery Fresh, “green” produce in Kennedy Heights!

Beechview resident Richard Cooke has converted the former “C-Tech” building at Tyne and Montgomery into *The Green Corner Studios and Marketplace*.

On Saturdays the front lot becomes a farmer’s market. It features the produce of Jim and Patty Schwartz of Back Acres Farm, Georgetown, Ohio.

If it is raining, don’t be deterred, They’ll just move the market inside at the Green Corner!

The Schwartzes’s animals graze in the pastures, so you can enjoy the taste of grass-fed beef, lamb, pork and chicken.

You might notice that you have to tap the eggs more firmly to crack them than you do with store bought eggs. Stronger shells and deep yellow yolks tell you something is different about these eggs,,even before you get to their great taste.

They also bring a variety of goodies from Patti’s kitchen. These include summer sausage that she makes from their own beef or pork, jars of jams and fresh homemade breads such as Amish, tangerine poppy seed and apple.

Amish families on neighboring farms send beautiful, well-constructed baskets to market with Patti and Jim. In mid-March they sent along several dozen freshly made yeast doughnuts and cheeses from an Amish farmer in Northern Ohio.

You can expect to find green and yellow peppers, lettuce, squash, t o m a t o e s , potatoes, carrots, greens, apples and oranges plus a few different items each week. More vegetable crops that will be available as they mature.





**Great American Clean-up
You Can Make a Difference**

April 25, 2009
8:45 – 10:45 am

- Meet at the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church
- Free T-shirts for new volunteers
- A good way for students to get service hours
- Pizza party following the clean-up back at the church

Thanks, Joanie

This is Joanie Weidner's last event after 10 years of service...so do her proud and make it the Greatest American Cleanup!

Questions
631-0051 evenings

Coming to the KH Arts Center

- Spring Arts Classes - Thru 5/9
- Heroes of Ohio 4/26
- Chamber Orchestra 5/17
- Sharon Draper 5/24
- Community Concert 5/28
- Summer Camp 6/15-7/10

KH Date Book	
4/18	KHCC Sap Brunch
4/19	<i>Theory of Mind</i>
4/21	KHCC Meets
4/23	Mayor's Job Fair
4/25	Great American Cleanup
4/26	Rick Sowash at KH Arts
5/24	Sharon Draper at KH Arts
6/20-21...	Juneteenth Festival



Happy Anniversary!

In God's Hands is celebrating its 10th anniversary on Zinsle Ave.

The Christian youth center directed by Kathy Tyler provides day care and classes for toddlers through pre-K. Its summer program includes classes up through 5th grade.

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