

Kennedy Heights News

January 2006

Kennedy Heights Community Council



Memories of Winterfest 2005

Photos by Richard Cooke



Kids Made Ornaments



Adults Mingled



Nativity C.O.D.E. Band Warmed up the BigTop



Families Bundled Up & Rode the Horse Taxis



Have You Registered Yet?
KHCC is compiling a Community Registry...and we need you there!

On-line registration:

- ☑ Visit the KHCC website and answer click on **KHCC Resident Directory**.

Cash Incentive

\$25 (cold cash!) to the 125th person to register on-line!

www.kennedyheights.org

Not Wired to the Net?
Call 531-4041

KHCC Meets

Tues 1/17/06 7:30 pm

KH Presbyterian Church

Agenda Includes

2006 Budget

**School Properties Status
Columbia Township Plans**

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**Report Drug Dealing
Sgt. Kilgore : 979-4420**

More & Better Photos

Richard has stored a large collection of great Winterfest shots on...of course...the internet.

See them in living color by visiting
www.kennedyheights.org

heART of ART

The KH Arts Center is calling artists to submit their work for **heART of ART**, an exhibition that captures the essence of love in the work of the artist. The interpretation of the "love" theme can be broad, diverse and imaginative in scope.

The exhibition will include a wide variety of media, including sculpture, photography, paintings, pottery, glass and other forms of expression.

heART of ART will be featured at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center from February 11th 2006 to March 25th 2006 .

Entry Deadline: 1/27

631-4ART
www.kennedyarts.com

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KHCC's *Litter Magic* program was one of three organizations to receive a second-place National Award for Litter Prevention at the 2005 Keep America Beautiful National Awards ceremony. And Litter Magic Founder Joanie Weidner flew to Orlando to accept.

Joanie Reports



Keep America Beautiful President G. Raymond Empson Presents

I had a great time in Orlando, Florida at the national awards ceremony for Keep America Beautiful...though getting there was an adventure. The plane leaving Dayton to Florida was stuck, frozen on the runway and took two hours to dig out!

I made it just in time to attend the luncheon where I was presented a silver bowl with our community's name engraved on it.

Saturday, before flying back at 5 pm, I sat by the pool in 75 degree, sunny weather. It was great!

Litter Magic took the award for non-profit & community groups. The two other second place awards went to a New Mexico city agency and a Louisiana youth group.

Shroder's Fate Still Unknown

The Cinti School Board has yet to release announce results of its attempt to sell Shroder property before the December 31 deadline.

Shroder was not among three school properties that the *Cincinnati Enquirer* reported had been sold.

KHCC did learn that CPS had rejected a bid by KHCC's favored developer to buy the property for residential use.

Surveillance Camera Status

KHCC approved at the 11/19 general meeting the Council's application for a grant to fund installation of crime surveillance cameras on Kennedy Avenue. The grant would pay for purchase of 4-5 cameras, leaving KHCC responsible for monthly maintenance expenses.

In early December CPOP's Matt Ruecker & George West explained the program to the session (governing body) of the KH Presbyterian Church. After full discussion of the pros & cons, the Church endorsed installation of a camera on or near church property at Kennedy & Zinsle.

Web Survey Responses

17 residents responded to the camera survey on the KHCC website.

- No problem. Let's do it! **13**
- Yes, but some reservation: **3**
- Not yet; needs more study: **1**

The survey is still there for you to say your piece.

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www.kennedyheights.org

In Memory of William J Harris

William J. Harris was the first African-American detective for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, served with the Department for 28 years, and retired in 1994.



Cinti Enquirer Photo

He was born in Georgia and came to Cincinnati in the early 1940s; he graduated from Withrow and married Gwendolyn Jenkins. They have resided on Kennedy Ave. for over 30 years.

Mr. Harris graduated from the Police Academy in 1965 and was an original member of the Sentinel Police Association.

William J. Harris died of cancer on December 7.

\$\$\$ CG&E Shut-off Notice? \$\$\$

Ohio's Winter Payment rules help you avoid shut off or get back on.

Requires only

- \$175 + reconnect fee (if off);
- Payment plan for balance owed;
- Low income households can get \$175 from HEAP

569-1850

Bell Family Chiropractic
"...Where Caring Really Rings True!"
Dr. Henry J. Bell, Jr.

6941 Montgomery Road (513) 841-1050
Pleasant Ridge, OH 45213 Fax (513) 841-1052

Oasis Consulting Presents...
Creating Your Life Seminars

Discover Your Life Purpose
Feb. 6, 13, 17
7-9pm \$90

Find & Use Your Natural Gifts
Mar. 6, 13
7-9pm \$60

Treasure Your Life, Create Your Dreams
Mar. 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10
7-9pm \$120

\$225 for all 3 classes 513-631-5002

Facilitator, Linda B. Fabe, M. Ed., LPC. LBFoasis@fuse.net
Kennedy Heights Art Center 6546 Montgomery Road Cinti., Oh.

Public Hearing on Phone Rate Rules
1/20 City Hall

Cincinnati Bell could soon be able to raise rates for basic phone service without having to justify the increase to the Public Utilities Commission.

The PUCO will be town to hear your opinions. Link to details: www.kennedyheights.org

Advertisement

Dana Bateman, DDS
Complete Family Dentistry
6252 Montgomery Rd.

351-7252

Office Hours by Appointment

School News You Can Use

by Ce Holm, KHCC Education Committee

Interested in attending one of Cincinnati Public School's magnet programs? Check out the *Schools of Choice Information Fair*.

January 26 4:00 to 7:30 pm
Cintas Center at Xavier University

At the *Fair* you can talk to staff and learn about the different schools in CPS, including Woodford Paideia on Red Bank Road in Kennedy Heights.

Magnet Registration

- Siblings of students already attending a magnet school can register January 9 to 20.
- General enrollment for magnet schools in our quadrant, including Woodford, and citywide magnet schools begins **January 30**.
- Call the specific school for more details about time and location of signup; some begin pretty early in the morning!
- General enrollment for magnet schools outside our quadrant will begin **March 6**.

Ninth-grade Application January 30 to February 3.

If your child is an 8th grader who is not attending a 7-12 school, you must choose a school for 9th grade.

The *Schools of Choice Fair* can help you there, too. Representatives from 29 programs at 17 CPS high schools will be on hand to explain the special focuses of their schools.

John Parker Vouchers

The bad news: John P. Parker is in **Academic Emergency**. That means students have not done well on state tests.

The better news: The State of Ohio may pay you to go to a better school. The new program is dubbed *EdChoice*.

If your child attends John P. Parker School, you may be eligible for an EdChoice **voucher** from the state for tuition at a private or charter school. Up to 14,000 tuition vouchers will be given to students in under performing public or charter schools.

Up to \$4,250

Vouchers for elementary students can be as much as \$4,250.

Parker Voucher Eligibility

Students eligible for vouchers include children who are:

- ☑ now attend John P. Parker; or
- ☑ would be eligible to begin kindergarten there next year; or
- ☑ now attend an "academic emergency" charter school but live in the Parker attendance area (which includes a portion of Kennedy Heights).

Voucher Application Process

- Before applying for a voucher, your child must already be accepted for enrollment at a participating nonpublic school. If you are interested, you should first apply for admission to the nonpublic school.
- Private and charter schools interested in participating will begin registering with the Ohio Department of Education in January.
- Parents can register their children for vouchers in March through May.
- Families will be notified if they have received a tuition voucher in June or July.

You'll find more details and a list of participating schools on the Ohio Dept. of Education website www.ode.state.oh.us/School_Finance/ecs.

You'll also find a direct link on the KHCC website, www.kennedyheights.org.

KHCC Education Committee Needs You!

Help KHCC identify, address, & meet the community's educational needs.

Call Ce: 531-9048
education@kennedyheights.org

Neighborhood Summit 2/4/06

- At Xavier University's Cintas Center.
- Emphasis on neighborhoods sharing their expertise on community projects.
- The morning is devoted to these "best practices" sessions and a variety of informational and skills building workshops.
- The afternoon features City Council members and city staff discussing the city's top priorities and issues.
- Mayor Mark Mallory will open the day and be available throughout for informal discussions with attendees.

Free Lunch!

Pre-Summit Dinner 2/3 \$15

- Sponsored by the Community Building Institute
- Jim Diers, author of *Neighborhood Power: Building Community the Seattle Way*

Register On-line
for Summit &/or dinner
Handy Link at
www.kennedyheights.org

Proposed KHCC Budget for 2006

This is a Summary. The full proposal is on the KHCC website and will be distributed at the 1/17 meeting.

Income

NSP Grant	\$7,000
Litter Magic Award	\$500
Resident Donations	\$6,260
Sap Run	\$4,000
Progressive Dinner	\$3,500
Newsletter Ads	\$1,000
NBDG Grant	\$9,000
Total Income	\$31,260

Expenses

Administration	\$12,000
Grant Writer; Support Worker; Rent; Fund Raising	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 5,500
Beautification; Litter Magic; Winterfest & Summerfest; Recreation	
Development	\$ 2,000
CODC; Education Forum	
Services	\$11,760
Newsletter; Welcoming; Juneteenth; Admin	
Total Expenses	\$31,600

See the whole picture at www.kennedyheights.org

