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The Kennedy Heights News took a summer vacation.

So we couldn't remind you of the KH Nights Out in July & August (by all accounts July was very well attended and enjoyed)....or Everybody's Picnic in Drake Park in July (attendance could have been better, but the music was great!).

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**Council Next Meets on Tuesday 9/18/07**

**Community Calendar**

- 8/18** KH Night Out  
Tot Lot; Zinsle & Red Bank 6-8 pm
- 8/21** School starts (Cincinnati)
- 9/2** CHOIRFest (Nativity)
- 9/3** Labor Day
- 9/8** **CLICK!** Opens (Arts Ctr)
- 9/15** Progressive Dinner
- 9/18** KHCC Meets
- 11/10** Prepare Affair



**Enjoying KH June Night Out**

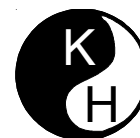


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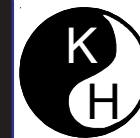
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# Kennedy Heights News

August 2007

Kennedy Heights Community Council



**Progressive Dinner: A KHCC Tradition**

1984 the KHCC powers-that-were came up with a great way to bring folks together and collect a few bucks for Council's coffers in the bargain.

Here's how the Progressive Dinner was described in the 1993 booklet celebrating KHCC's 30th anniversary.

"This event consists of *hors d'oeuvres* served at one of the neighborhood streets, followed by dinner at the homes of various volunteer hosts. The evening concludes with desserts and a silent auction at the KH Presbyterian Church.

The Progressive Dinner has become an important source of revenue for the KHCC as well as an opportunity for important social interaction. As in all other KHCC activities, the ideal of a harmonious interracial community has been the core agenda."

**The Tradition Continues Saturday September 15**

The Progressive Dinner has stood the test of time. After 24 years it's still going strong, while some (but not all!) faces have changed, the basic formula has not.

**Appetizers at Geier**

**5:30 Appetizers**, social hour, and dinner assignments at the Margaret Geier Apartments, behind the Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Compliments of the Geier residents

**Dinner With Neighbors**

**7:00 Dinner** in the home of one of 12-15 community hosts. The hosts open their homes and provide wonderful meals ranging from gourmet to just plain great!

Most homes accommodate 6 to 10 people chosen at random. Seldom will you know everyone at the table when you arrive--but you can be sure to know them once you leave!

**Non-Residents Welcome!**

You don't have to be a resident of Kennedy Heights to attend our Progressive Dinner. We're very progressive that way and welcome all to the table.

**Order Tickets Today!**

Don't wait until the last minute! For very practical reasons, we need to know ASAP how many to expect for dinner!

Natalie  
731-5477

[tickets@kennedyheights.org](mailto:tickets@kennedyheights.org)  
Suggested Ticket Donation: \$20

[WWW.KENNEDYHEIGHTS.ORG](http://WWW.KENNEDYHEIGHTS.ORG)

**KHCC Next Meets**

Tues. September 18 7:30 pm  
 KH Presbyterian Church  
 Check the Website for  
 Agenda Updates

**New After-School Program at Parker at Shroder**

John Parker School has moved to the former Shroder building on Lumford Place.

The YMCA is operating a new **Cincy After School** program with lots of activities.

- Dance ■ Sports ■ Art
- Tutoring ■ Computers
- Leadership training ■ & more

Martita Nelson, the Director, has invited Kennedy Heights children, particularly those already in the neighborhood at Woodford School, to participate.

Call Ms. Nelson for details, to enroll your child or volunteer to tutor, coach, work with crafts, & such, etc.

**Martita Nelson, Director**  
363-2900

**Progressive Donors Needed**

**Silent Auction**

If you're reading this, there's almost certainly something you can add to the Silent Auction. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination.

- Wedding present or gadget that seemed like a good idea at the time..but has just been gathering dust & taking up space
- Donation of your personal time or service (mow the grass, rake leaves, babysit, prepare taxes, serve dinner, Swahili lessons, etc.)
- Gift certificate or item from your business **Jody**  
731-0169
- Etc. **auction@kennedyheights.org**

**Numerous Other Volunteer Options**

- Make Dessert
- Dessert & Auction set-up
- Planning **Natalie**
- Ticket Sales **731-5477**
- Etc. **natalie@kennedyheights.org**

**Dinner Hosts**

How about having a few neighbors for dinner on September 15?

How many is a "few"? That's entirely up to you. Whatever you're comfortable with, from 2 on up to a dozen or more.

What to cook & serve? That's also your choice. Could be an old favorite or a new recipe. Fancy fare or just good, down-home victuals.

Tempted? Decided? Or just curious?

**Lydia or Noel**  
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## 2007 Landscape Winners

Judges: Vicki Bishop Michele Dragga, Carolyn Thompson, Judy Barbeau (Chair)

The 2007 Landscape Awards Committee received 24 landscape nominations, Streets with nominees included:

- Aikenside • Congreve • Davenant • Iris • Kinoll • Orchard • Red Bank
- Rogers Park • Valley View • Zinsle

The judges visited all nominees on July 7. Judging was based on the color/texture, design and maintenance. Judges were impressed by the many beautiful landscapes and after over three hours of touring and discussing, chose the following five winners. All are "First Place" winners!

- Stefanie and Guy Adams 6345 Iris
- Lin and Steve Grieser 5866 Red Bank
- Lori Puthoff 3625 Aikenside
- Heather and Kyle Horton 3707 Aikenside
- Ralph and Janet Wright 3815 Aikenside

In addition to the traditional yard signs, each winner received a personally engraved acrylic crystal landscape award to keep.

You can see the winning landscapes at [www.KennedyHeights.org](http://www.KennedyHeights.org). and at the Progressive Dinner on September 15.

### "HIP"

#### Low Interest Fix-Up Loans Available

A "HIP" loan from Hamilton County allows homeowners to borrow money to repair or remodel their homes or rental property. The loan rate is 3% below the lowest bank rate.

Patrick Hanrahan,  
"HIP" Coordinator

Dept. of Community Development  
138 East Court Street, Room 1002  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

#### Prepare for Prepare Affair 11/10

Need help getting your house ready for the winter?

- Rake leaves? ■ Clean gutters?
- Install storm windows? ■ Etc?

People Working Cooperatively (PWC) will again have volunteer crews helping low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners with these vital chores.

**Saturday November 10**

Call to register as a homeowner or a volunteer

**251-8921**

#### Now Showing on our Website

- History: KHCC's 30th anniversary (1993)
- Folks: Photos of landscape winners
- KHCC Policy: Community Plan; Constitution; CBI Report
- Schools: Information on all community schools; School "Report Cards"

[www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org)

### KHCC Needs YOU!!

We are eagerly looking for volunteers to join the KHCC Trustees Board as a council officer or a member at large.

We need your help to manage a budget of \$28,000 to best serve this community.

We need your energy to help ensure we are as inclusive as possible in our activities and our decision making.

We need your expertise to promote the highest degree of competence possible in this public service opportunity.

Don't be bashful. Come on down!!!

Kevin Holt, KHCC Treasurer  
Nominating Committee  
kevin@kennedyheights.org  
396-6320

### Planning for the New Woodford

Woodford School is scheduled for demolition in the fall of 2008. While the school is being rebuilt, Woodford students will move to Losantiville.

Want to be involved in planning the new building--and the Community Learning Center? Planning meetings are open to the community and all views are welcome.

To make sure you are notified of meetings, "register" with KHCC president, Ernie Barbeau.

[ernie@kennedyheights.org](mailto:ernie@kennedyheights.org)  
531-4041

### Before and After School Programs

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### Searching for the KHCC Citizen of the Year

Each year the KHCC Board of Trustees recognizes a resident as the KHCC *Citizen of the Year*. The purpose of this award is to pay tribute to an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to our community.

Criteria include; what neighborhood activities the individual is involved with, the number of years and/or hours of involvement, and his or her contribution to Kennedy Heights.

Send your nominations to the Michelle Dillingham KHCC Board Secretary

Include a statement why you believe your nominee should be the 2007 Citizen of the Year. We also need the nominee's address & phone number.

Michelle Dillingham, KHCC Secretary  
6463 Kennedy Ave. Cinti 45213  
[michelle@kennedyheights.org](mailto:michelle@kennedyheights.org)



Joanie Weidner, Jim Zarnowiecki, & Hanah Balash

### News from the KH Arts Center

Each summer the Xavier University Summer Internship program provides an intern to the KH Arts Center and 20 other non-profits.

This year's intern was Hannah Balash. Hannah is a voice major at XU and will be continuing to help the Arts Center with Drama classes throughout the year.

She was the lead staff person in the Summer Arts Experience at the Center, helping the artists and shepherding 30 middle school students during summer arts camp.

Her work, service and creativity were invaluable this summer and we wish her good luck as she pursues her dreams.

### Ballet Tech's Temporary Quarters

Ballet Tech is converting the "old Mr. Kelly's" into a first class dance studio. During construction, classes are being held in Pleasant Ridge at 6091 Montgomery Rd. They have a long list of classes for all ages & preferences

**841-2822**

### Signs of the Times

#### New Yard Signs

Thanks to a grant from Neighborhood Business Districts United (NBDU), KHCC is printing yard signs to help alert residents about community events.

KHCC has hired Erik Brown of Brownstone Design to design the series of inexpensive signs to advertise recurring events like Litter Magic, the Progressive Dinner, and Sap Run.

Erik is an alumni of Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church where his father and mother have served for many years.

Mock-ups of the signs and suggestions for a new KHCC logo will be presented for review and comments at the progressive dinner. Hope to see you there.

#### Gateway Signs

The City of Cincinnati is helping KHCC develop new gateway signs at our neighborhood boundaries. These would replace the weathered wooden signs.

Jenn Hackman, Kathy Tyler, and Mary Ray are looking for others that are interested in helping guide the City and Erik Brown.

We hope this initial design work will led to comprehensive system of wayfinding and streetscape improvements that tout the unique assets and identity of the neighborhood.

Please contact Jenn Hackman if you have any interest in participating.

[Jenn@kennedyheights.org](mailto:Jenn@kennedyheights.org)  
Clete Benken, Chair  
KHCC Office & Business  
Development Committee

### Bye & Thanks to Van & Cheryl

For several years Van Foster chaired KHCC's Development Committee. We've lost Van (& Cheryl) to Atlanta, where he has been opening up a new engineering office for his employer.

### Litter Magic Picks Up

- Litter Magic held its summer clean-up on July 28.
- Ten folks came out to pick up litter in our great neighborhood.
- We were joined by two Silverton neighbors walking their dogs.
- Next clean-up: October 13
- Free t-shirts to new volunteers.

Joanie Weidner, Litter Magic

### & City Responds

Immediately after Litter Magic, KHCC I sent a long e-mail to a supervisor with the City's Neighborhood Services Department, with several complaints about lower Kennedy Avenue, especially along the wall.

The complaints focused on overgrown bushes and shrubs, poison ivy; litter on top of the wall; and, blocked storm sewers.

Three days later the City responded with an eight-person crew and two trucks!

Some issues still remain, such as blocked storm sewers, and the west side of lower Kennedy (in Columbia Township). I plan to pursue those issues.

Ernie Barbeau  
KHCC President

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