



Kennedy Heights News

March, 2007

Kennedy Heights Community Council



Many KH Students Eligible for EdChoice "Vouchers"

Parker, P Ridge, & Woodward

KH elementary students (grades 1-8) who do not choose a magnet school are assigned to John Parker, Pleasant Ridge, or Silverton. High schoolers are assigned to Woodward.

Because of the schools' poor performance on state tests, the State of Ohio will pay for Parker, P Ridge, & Woodward students to transfer to private schools. The State calls its program *EdChoice*.

Who's Eligible

- All students in schools that are in *Academic Emergency* (Parker & Woodward HS) or *Academic Watch* (Pleasant Ridge).
- Incoming kindergartners, freshmen, or students now attending charter schools who would otherwise be assigned to a failing school are eligible.

*Students already attending private schools are **not** eligible.*

See a list of parochial schools near KH on p. 3

Full Tuition for Some Schools

The State of Ohio will pay up to \$4,250 (elementary) or \$5,000 (high school) for next year's tuition at a private or parochial school. Like most of the Catholic Schools, Nativity accepts the EdChoice voucher, as do Yavneh, Purcell and Roger Bacon.

Example

Nativity's tuition (2006) is \$2,465 for church members and \$3,645 for non-members. Either way, your child would have a "full ride."

If the tuition is more than the EdChoice voucher, parents must pay the difference.

Unless more than 14,000 students apply statewide, there are no income limits.

Application Deadline: 4/20/07

1. Apply to the private school. You have to be accepted there before you can apply for the voucher.
2. The school staff will help you with the EdChoice application.

**More information & List of Schools That Accept EdChoice Vouchers
1-877-644-6338**

KH Welcomes ballet tech !

The lease has been inked, & it's official.

Kennedy Heights is the new home of Ballet Tech Cincinnati. The dance school will be housed in the once Mr. Kelly's Night Club on Montgomery Rd. Until renovations are completed, classes are being held across the street in the KH Arts Center

In Ballet Tech's Own Words

Ballet Tech is a non-profit that uses the Art of Dance as a common language to promote unity and interaction between people of all walks of life.

Each year ballet tech presents Greater Cincinnati with major dance programs featuring professional and pre-professional dancers. The Season Series showcases a wide variety of artists, dance styles and music.

Our mission is to educate, entertain and amaze by providing diverse and innovative performances that have a phenomenal community impact.

Our vision is that ballet tech Ohio performing arts association is the international benchmark for excellence in dance.

See p. 3 for a sampling of current ballet tech classes.

KH's Un-Flying Pig Sap Walk-Bike-Run

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 5. That's when KHers & friends emerge from hibernation and work out the winter kinks.

The Annual Sap Run pre-dates by at least a decade the Flying Pig Marathon, which by some strange coincidence has been scheduled for May 6. But the Pig can't hold a candle to the Sap.

Walk-Bike-Run...& Eat!

Unlike Piggers, Sappers not only have the option of running biking or walking, they travel a much saner distance (5k?) in their own neighborhood, knowing that a fabulous breakfast awaits them at the finish line.

And if you're not up for the grueling walk-bike-run...you can start at the finish and line up for a breakfast for & with champions.

Sap Walk-Bike-Run & Eat Tickets

Adults: \$15 Kids: \$7.50
Ask About Family Deal
sap@kennedyheights.org
531-4048

More details next month

KHCC Meets

3/20/07 7:30 pm
KH Presbyterian Church

- Montgomery Rd. UDOD
- Woodford Principal
- Constitutional Amendments
- Cincinnati Collaborative Agreement

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Beverage Cave Communications

There are no longer any official obstacles to construction of the *Beverage Cave* adjacent to Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church at Kennedy & Montgomery. Recognizing the Cave's victory on building and liquor permit issues, KHCC twice invited the owners to meet and discuss their plans for the future. The owners declined.

Mr. Barbeau,

From the Owner

I will be extremely busy in March also... I'm sorry, my time is valuable to me and I simply do not have the time for this meeting. I do however encourage you to send me any positive information, or if you can think of anything that will help towards the success of my business. I would love to hear it. Thank you,

*William G. Jackson III
Skyy Properties LLC*

From KHCC

Gentlemen:

We remain very concerned about the impact of The Beverage Cave on our community. It is unfortunate that you have not accepted our invitations to meet with community representatives.

We had hoped at a minimum that you would confirm assurances you made under oath when you testified at the Ohio Liquor Control Board hearing. Those included

- 1. The premises will be well lit*
- 2. You will hire police officers on detail to patrol the premises*
- 3. You will have surveillance cameras*
- 4. Buddy will personally be working the facility full time*
- 5. The premises hours will be 10:00 – 10:00 except Sunday and you will not open until after church services are concluded on Sundays. You are also considering staying open until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday.*
- 6. You will not accept walk-up traffic*
- 7. You will not sell individual cans of beer*
- 8. You will not sell cheap wine like Mad Dog*

We trust that you will take these steps and more to operate your business in a way that will not have a negative impact on the community.

*Ernest J. Barbeau, Ed.D.
President of the Board of Trustees*

KHCC Considers UDOT Request

Two years ago KHCC contracted with a consulting firm to develop a "market feasibility study" of the area around the corner of Kennedy Ave. and Montgomery Rd. The \$35,000 study was paid for by a grant from the City of Cincinnati. It was completed last year.

The study identifies possible and best uses for the Montgomery Rd. corridor. Its recommendations for development include:

- Future commercial and retail spaces should be geared toward neighborhood service uses which benefit from local walk-up and drive-by patronage.
- The Arts Center, park (and potential new school) could anchor arts, cultural, and recreation-oriented uses with the district.
- Future uses could include
 - Live-work spaces (as part of mixed-use projects),
 - Cafes and specialty food vendors,
 - Book sellers,
 - Music-related venues,
 - Galleries and instructional spaces

UDOD

The first step in that direction was new zoning, putting it under the more pedestrian-friendly CC-P code which does not, e.g., permit drive-thru businesses.

The next step is to have the City adopt a "Uniform Design Overlay District" (UDOD) that incorporates the basic ideas in the study. The purpose of a UDOD is to:

- (a) Protect and enhance the physical character of the business district;
- (b) Prevent deterioration of property and blighting conditions;
- (c) Encourage private investment to improve and stimulate the economic vitality and social character; and
- (d) Ensure that infill development does not adversely affect the physical character of the area.

*You can read the full Feasibility Study at
www.kennedyheights.org*

On KHCC's 3/20 Agenda

"Should KHCC ask the City of Cincinnati to create a UDOD based on the Market Feasibility Study?"



2006 Crime Stats for KH

	2006	2005
Part One	212	214
Part Two	158	144

Per Capita Comparison with Our Neighbors (2006)

	Part 1	Part 2
Oakley	6.77	1.86
Hyde Park	3.39	0.77
O'Bryonville	2.66	1.00
Pleasant Ridge	3.98	2.32
Kennedy Hts.	4.00	2.98
Mt. Lookout	4.73	1.82
Madisonville	4.98	3.43

Definitions

Part One: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, Larceny and auto theft.

Part Two: non aggravated assault, vandalism, sexual offenses, family offenses, disorder offenses, and other offenses.

For the statistically curious, more extensive data are on the KH website.

*Ben Pipkin
Kennedy Heights CPOP*

For Up-To-Date KH News

Tune your computer to
www.kennedyheights.org

Check Out our New Web Home

If you've not visited kennedyheights.org recently, check it out. The new webmaster, Rick Boyer has given the site a face lift.

Facing or Fearing Foreclosure?

Call for Free
Advice, Guidance, & Assistance
1-888-995-HOPE
Referrals to local counseling services
**Hamilton County Homeowner
Preservation Group**



KH Education Forum February 10

On a blustery Saturday morning over 75 folks turned out to talk about their vision for a rebuilt Woodford School.

The forum had been advertised by a large postcard direct mailed to all KH residents in addition to hand-delivered pamphlets to over 2,000 residents

Organized by the Community Building Institute, hosted by KHCC.

Attendance: 75+

KH residents: 55

Others: Woodford LSDMC & staff.

After spirited discussion, participants voted their preferences on 2 questions.

1. *Support increased enrollment and capacity at Woodford Paideia to offer more opportunity for Kennedy Heights students to enroll?* **Yes:** 98%

2. *Which site would enable School-Community Learning Center to provide the most effective and accessible programs?*

- Kennedy & Montgomery: 66%
- Current Woodford Location: 30%
- Lumford Place (Shroder): 3%

In addition participants identified a substantial list of possible programs for the new school's community learning center.

All present were encouraged to become more involved as Cincinnati Public begins the process of planning the new school.

KHCC president Ernie Barbeau & education committee members Lydia Morgan & Duane Holm presented the results of the forum at the School Board meeting on February 27. The KHCC board advocates rebuilding the school at Kennedy & Montgomery.

Nearby Parochial Schools that Accept the EdChoice Voucher from students now in Parker, P Ridge, or Woodward

- Nativity (Pleasant Ridge),
- Queen of Angels (Madisonville),
- St. John's (Deer Park),
- St. Cecilia's (Oakley),
- St. Mary's (Oakley),
- Yavneh Day School (Kenwood),
- Cin. Hebrew Day School (Amberley)
- Roger Bacon
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- Purcell Marion

Education in KH

Ce Holm, chair, Education Committee

Superintendent Blackwell: Woodford Will be Rebuilt

Although the School Board's Master Plan still says Woodford is on the list of schools to be "renovated," Superintendent Blackwell has assured KHCC that she intends for it to be rebuilt. From her letter to KHCC:

Plans to replace the Woodford School are moving forward as planned.

The new school will be designed to be an effective Community Learning Center to serve the entire community beyond the hours of the school day.

Building a school to meet the projected student needs of the KH neighborhood and the District continues to be a high priority of the Administration.

It remains our intent, and we continue to plan, to build the new Woodford on the current Woodford site because it is the best site for a school.

Even though I can appreciate the desire of some community members to build elsewhere, our best option is to build at Woodford

Rosa Blackwell, Superintendent
February 22, 2007

Open Enrollment at Woodford

Woodford Paideia is a "magnet school." It is located in KH. About 90 of the school's 500 students live in KH.

Like all other magnet schools, Woodford is holding "open enrollment." Students from anywhere in the District (including, of course, KH) are welcome to apply, as long as there are vacant seats. Principal Mennefield says there are still open spots at every grade (& 60 openings for Kindergarten!)

You'll need your child's birth certificate. If transferring from another school, bring the latest report card.

Sampler of ballet tech Classes

At P Ridge Library Free

Leaping for Literacy/Shared Reading Initiative Dialogic Reading Workshop:

- Teaches parents & caregivers to read more effectively to their children. Adults only.
- 4/2 6-8 pm

Dance-it-Out program (age 3-5)

Complements the Dialogic Reading Workshop.

- Leads children through stories on a book list using dance, drama, and fun props. Parent/caregiver must attend a Dialogic Reading Workshops.

- 3/26; 4/16, 4/23, 4/30; 5/7, 5/14, 5/21
- 6:30-7:30 pm

At the KH Arts Center

Mommy & Me (infant-2 yrs.)

■ Stimulates cognitive growth, sensory awareness, fine and gross motor, and musical and rhythmical awareness skills through a variety of dance and music explorations for the children.

- Thursdays 10-10:45
- \$30 for a six week session.

Movement Discovery (Age 3-5)

■ No direct involvement of a parent or caregiver, fostering children's self-confidence and independence. Students refine motor skills, learning to remember and create musical and dance phrases... activities that allow for self-expression.

- Thursdays 11-11:45
- \$30 for a six week session

Beginning Ballet (Ages 6-14)

■ Little or no experience in ballet. Basic techniques of ballet and the terminology.

- Tuesdays 6-7 pm
- \$30 for a six week session.

Hip-Hop Dance (Age 10-17)

■ Hip-hop technique and routines.

- Wednesdays 7:15 - 8:15 pm
- \$30 for a six week session.

Latin Dance (Adults)

■ Techniques and dance moves of all the most popular Latin Dances.

- Thursdays 7-8 pm
- \$60 (individual) ; \$90 couple) for six week session

Adult Ballet

■ A great way to stretch and tone your body, increase stamina, and have a lot of fun. Whether you've never taken a class, or took some "wayback when", this class is great for beginners to intermediate level dancers.

- Tuesdays 7:15 - 8:45 pm
- \$60 for a six week session

At Hilltop Apartments

For Tweens/Teens (age 10 & up)

■ Fun combination of hip-hop, ballet, and jazz. Basic techniques, focus more on a fun overview of dance than on advancing in technical skill..

- Thursdays 3:30-5 pm
- \$30 for a six week session.



**Litter Magic
celebrates
8 years
of service to
Kennedy Heights!!**

**Join the
GREAT AMERICAN
CLEAN-UP**

April 21, 2007

8:30 – Noon

Meet at KH Presbyterian Church
6312 Kennedy Avenue

Rid Our Streets of Litter !!
Celebration and
bag count at the church

Free Pizza !!

*Gloves and litter gadgets provided
FREE T-shirt to new volunteers*

Community Calendar

- 3/20** KHCC Meets
- 3/27** KH CPOP Meets
- 3/24** heART of ART Finale
- 3/31** KH Montessori Silent Auction
- 3/17** Irish Dance at PR Library
- 3/24** Monopoly Tourney at PR Libry
- 4/14** Arts Center Guild Show
- 4/21** Litter Magic

**Cub Scouts
Forming in KH**

They've got a leader & at last count a dozen lads had signed up through Woodford School for KH's new Cub Scout pack.

➤ Boys 7-10 years Grades: 1-5
The 10 purposes of Cub Scouting:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

Interested?

John Cathcart 613-1788

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**Metallic Club Meets at 10:00
KH & PR Presbyterian Churches**

3/16 Auto Safety and Car Maintenance
Steve Overbeck KH

3/23 A New Look at the World Economy
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Ridge Donut Shop

The best pastries for miles around!

At Woodford & Ridge

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