



Kennedy Heights News

February 2008

Kennedy Heights Community Council



Vote on 3/4

After months of watching Presidential Wannabes debate and campaign around the country, we'll get our chance to weigh in on March 4.

Some reminders from the Board of Elections.

Not Registered?

Too late. The deadline was 2/4.

Primary

Ds vote for Ds

Rs vote for Rs

You vote the ballot of the political party with which you now want to be affiliated. **But** that does not have to be the party you voted for in the last primary.

If you voted **D** in 2004 and want to want to switch and vote **R**, you get the **R** ballot by signing a statement at your polling place confirming the change in your political party affiliation.

I.D. Needed to Vote

- ✓ Driver's license number; or
- ✓ Last four digits of your Social Security number; or
- ✓ Current photo i.d., utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and current address.

Absentee

- No excuses needed.
- Mail: Complete and return an application to the Board of Elections no later than election day.
- At the Board of Elections: Walk in, apply, & vote anytime between now & election day.



On the Ballot in KH

(Omits offices where only one person seeks the nomination)

Democrats

Republicans

President

Hillary Clinton

Mike Huckabee

Barack Obama

John McCain

Others will be on ballot but have withdrawn

Ron Paul

Mitt Romney

Congress

Stephen L. Black

Nathan W. Bailey

William R. Smith

Tom Brinkman

Victoria Wulsin

Jean Schmidt

Common Pleas Judge

Pat DeWine

Kathy King

Cincinnati School Levy: Issue

10

- ✓ Emergency operating Levy
- ✓ \$51,500,000
- ✓ Average 7.89 mills (\$.79) per \$100 of valuation

Cincinnati Zoo Levy: Issue 17

- ✓ Maintain Cincinnati zoo
- ✓ .46 mills or \$.046 per of valuation

Disclaimer: I compiled this by combing through a long list on the Bd. of Elections website. I could have missed some folks....editor

City Adopts KH Urban Design Plan

On December 19th, Cincinnati City Council formally adopted ordinances establishing the neighborhood's Urban Design Plan (UDP) and Urban Design Overlay District (UDOD) for the Business District, located along Montgomery Road between Tyne and Coleridge Avenues. This includes recommendations for development and improvements we believe will enhance the safety, appearance, and quality of life for our residents, business owners and users of our business district.

The new development design criteria include building placement, signs, and façade alterations.. Community Council has asked that the UDOD be that now in place in Pleasant Ridge.

Want more specifics?
www.kennedyheights.org
"Urban Design Plan"



KH COPPs at 2004 Winterfest

Citizens on Patrol (COPP) Needs You!

Kennedy Heights Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) is looking for volunteers who would like to help keep Kennedy Heights a safe place to live.

Join fellow residents to help patrol the streets and be the eyes and ears for the District 2 police.

Using police radios and cell phones team members are able to communicate directly with officers and report crimes in progress.

Much of the COPP units function however, is reporting quality of life issues. By locating and reporting issues that contribute to criminal activity, these teams are able to fix the proverbial "Broken Window."

Volunteer training for the program is offered four times per year at the Police Academy.

COPP training course consists of three Thursday evenings, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

First quarter training

2/21 2/28 3/6

Second quarter training dates

Thursday, May 8; Thursday, May 15; Thursday, May 22

For Information or Application

partol@kennedyheights.org

531-4041 (leave a message)

KHCC Next Meets

Tues. February 19 7:30 pm

KH Presbyterian Church

- Zoo & School Levies
- Woodford CLC Update
- KHURC
- Sap Run Plans
- Police reports

Actions Taken at January KHCC Meeting Approved

- 2008 Budget
- NHS & CBNDU Grant Proposals
- Resolution supporting KH Montessori Center
- Appointments to interim KHURC Board



Great American Clean-up Litter Magic Big Spring Event

4/26/08 8:30--11:30

- Free T-shirts
 - Gloves and pick-up tools available.
 - Post-cleanup refreshments
 - Door Prizes!
- joanie@kennedyheights.org

New Sight on Kennedy Ave.

Beneath the ball park and walking track known as June Alexander Park is a huge water tank. The pump house on Kennedy Avenue is disguised as a brick apartment building.

And the latest construction by the pump house is a back-up generator--required, we've been told, by Homeland Security. Construction should be completed by the end of February with landscaping in the spring.

KHCC has worked with the Water Works to keep the equipment as unobtrusive as possible,

kennedy heights arts center
WHERE ARTS COME TO LIFE



Arts Classes

Winter session started 2/5

Spring session starts 3/31

Kids

- Art Connections "Children's Art & Sculpture" (\$25)
- Home Schooler Arts "Art classes for Home-Schoolers" (\$25)
- Drop In Art (at P. Ridge Library; free)

Teens

- Drama Workshop "For Who wish to be On the Stage" (\$25)

All Ages

- Photography "Real Photography and Dark Room Techniques" (\$45)
- Art for Older Adults "Paper making for Retired Citizens" (\$15)
- Watercolor Adult Workshop (\$90)
For days, times & registration
631-4278

www.kennedyarts.org

In Search of Outstanding KH Citizens

KHCC's *Outstanding Citizen of the Year* Award is given to a Kennedy Heights resident whose service and dedication have made a significant contribution to the neighborhood.

We have missed a couple of years, so it is likely there are a lot of prospects.

Nominating Criteria:

- Resident of Kennedy Heights.
- Not now on KHCC's Board of Trustees.
- Has made a significant contribution to improving the quality of life for the KH neighborhood. Contribution can be cumulative over a period of years.

Nominating Information Needed

- Nominee's Name, Address & Phone
- Why you feel this person deserves recognition as "Kennedy Heights Outstanding Citizen of the Year"? Include volunteer activities you are aware of, or any other information that would be helpful to the Council's Selection Committee.
- Your name & address
- Date Submitted

Send To

- ✉ email: citizen@kennedyheights.org
- ✉ Post:: KHCC, 6463 Kennedy Ave.

KHCC Studies New I.D. Signs & Possible Logo Update

Since the 1960's KHCC's logo has been the familiar KH "yin-yang," symbolizing the community's commitment to racial diversity & harmony. The logo is featured on small wooden signs on Montgomery, Kennedy, & Woodford.

Thanks to the efforts of Jenn Hackman, last year KHCC received a \$30,000 City grant to design & install new signs at our boundaries. The new signs must be designed and installed by the end of this year.

An ad-hoc committee has been meeting to consider updating the logo. We are still looking for residents, business operators, and property owners to offer their comments and opinions on how (or if) the logo should be updated and what the new signs should look like.

So far suggestions have included:

- Somehow incorporate the yin-yang.
- Unity and inclusion are important
- Reflect arts & cultural enterprises, churches and schools, & natural beauty of Neighborhood
- Simple and adaptable.



Thanks

Thanks to Jenn, Jeffry Weidner, Zola Stewart, Kathy Tyler, Jim Zarnowiecki, Rick and Natalie Boyer, Michelle Dragga, & Mary Ray, for sharing their input. The exchange of ideas seemed to be a reflection of the wide diversity of opinions that we might find throughout the neighborhood.

Chime In

Look for a link to an on-line survey on kennedyheights.org and take a few moments to complete a brief questionnaire. Your responses will be used to help our consultant prepare concepts for a possible next-generation logo.

We intend to hold at least one additional public meeting or workshop before any formal recommendations are presented to Community Council. Check the website and stay tuned for details on future public meetings.

*Clete Benken, Vice President,
Development*

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KHURC Back in Action

KH Urban Redevelopment Corporation (KHURC) is back at work, exploring ways to help advance the strategic goals and priorities of KH.

The interim KHURC board is working on ways to help revitalize the Montgomery Road corridor and help stem problems with foreclosures and the deterioration of neighborhood housing stock.

The board's immediate focus is assuring desirable development of the school board property at Kennedy & Montgomery and exploring the possible receivership as a way to rescue blighted but salvageable houses.

Services for Jared Hess

The 30 year old son of a long-time and active family has died from leukemia.

Jared Hess, son of Hal Hess and Christine Schumacher, was married, with two young children.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, Feb 16, 10:30a.m. at KH Presbyterian Church.



Think Spring

**2007 Landscape Award winners
Heather and Kyle Horton
3707 Aikenside Avenue**

Landscaping is a joint endeavor for Heather and Kyle.

They creatively designed a street garden (between the sidewalk and the street), filled with a variety of perennials that provided changing color and interest from May through September.

The landscape was accented with colorful window boxes, red begonia beds, an inviting swing hanging from a large oak tree and a cool in-ground water garden filled with water plants.

See photos of Heather and Kyle and their gardens and the other landscape winners at www.kennedyheights.org

Judy Barbeau



Liquor License Renewed

The Ohio Liquor Commission has renewed the liquor permit (beer/wine carryout) for Wilson's Grocery at Zinsle & Red Bank.

The store has been closed for several years, and the permit has been in "safe keeping" (i.e. unused). The permit is owned by KH residents.

Both KHCC and the City of Cincinnati objected to the permit renewal.



at ballet tech

Jazz

3rd Sunday of each month
6-9 pm \$5

Mardi Gras After Party

Feb. 22
Salsa with DJ Rudy

African Drum & Dance Class Dugombas Drum & Dance Ensemble of Africa

- Saturdays at 12 Noon
 - African Dance: 1:00
 - \$10 per session
 - \$25 for Drum & Dance
 - Ages 15 & up
- ballet tech is across Montgomery Rd. from the KH Arts Center.
841.2822

Now Hiring

In GOD'S Hands

3808 Zinsle Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45213

792-0905, 792-0207 fax

ingodshandscyc@current.net

Mail, Fax or e-mail resume

Call to schedule for 10:30 am or 5:00 pm Interview

Career Opportunities Available for qualified Teachers & Teachers Assistants
Cook & Van driver positions also available
Early Childhood Majors Welcome!

Recycled Notes

Live in An Apartment Bldg?

- Curbside recycling is available for residents in buildings with fewer than 5 apartments.

Don't Have a Bin?

call 591-6000

Need an Extra Bin?

- Use a Rubbermaid-type container and label it for recycling, or
- Put items in a brown paper grocery bag and set it on or next to your bin.
- No trash cans allowed

HOME Celebrates 40th

Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) is Cincinnati's fair housing agency.

HOME is celebrating its 40th year of fighting housing discrimination with several events.

One event is a benefit performance of the critically acclaimed Broadway play *Radio Golf*. The play was the last written by author, playwright, Pulitzer and Tony Award winner August Wilson.

It centers around Pittsburgh's first African-American mayoral hopeful that must rebuild the city's economically depressed area but standing in the way is a lone property and the man that owns it.

Ensemble Theatre March 21
1127 Vine St

Ticket information: 721-4663

KHCC Roots...Part 2

KHCC was founded in 1965 by black and white activists to combat block busting and organized around the concept of community building through interracial cooperation. They "went door to door and listened to homeowners," "convened living room meetings...stressing the value of raising their children in an integrated neighborhood."

Late 1960's

1967 Cincinnati experienced a race riot of the 20th century.

Although KH remained calm, home sales began to decline.

KHCC focused on ,jobs, housing, & schools. The 1966 *KH Newsletter* featured the idea that "The world could be remade in one generation, if parents gave their best to their children and could bring them up free of their own prejudice."

KHCC helped establish the KH Parent Co-operative Nrusery School (now the KH Montessori Center), established a Teen Council, and endorsed Living Room Dialogues sponsored by several religious denominations.

Feeling unwelcome at the recreation programs in Pleasant Ridge, a group of black parents from Kennedy Heights & Silverton formed the Ken-Sil Athletic Association, which began with football and later extended to baseball, basketball, and soccer.

KH activists were media savvy. In addition to the KH Newsletter KHCC had a publicity committee to work with the print media to get positive stories out.

KHCC actively opposed plans to build low-income apartment complexes along Woodford Road, describing them as "the systematic violation of the community."

Concerned about the lack of books in the Shroder (then an elementary school) library, residents collected & donated 4,000 suitable books and arranged to house the library in a "colony" on school grounds.

Source: *Creating a Multiracial Community in Post-World War II Cincinnati: The Kennedy Heights Experiment*
Ohio Valley History Fall, 2007

Dr. James Cebula...Raymong Walter College...Kennedy Heights Resident

Post 1968: Focus Shifts

"After the 1967 & 1968 riots, the KH experiment continued, but...within the context of changing conditions. Government agencies responded to the needs of the community, but residential integration was not at the fore. The ideal of creating an integrated community continued to energize KHCC activists, who worked to maintain an interracial population in their homes and schools.

The KH activists managed to stabilize their facial demographics, a feat in itself as Cincinnati became one of the more segregated cities in America, but they were unable to regain the racial parity they had once enjoyed....By more than three decades, the KH experiment anticipated...that the 'central challenge for modern, diversifying societies is to create a new broader sense of 'we' "



Planning for the New Woodford School

Time Line

Spring, 2008 (i.e. almost now!): architect starts design work .

Fall, 2009: Woodford students temporarily move into Shroder.

2011: Woodford students move into brand new building.

Right now

KH residents and Woodford LSDMC dream & plan for the new school's "community learning center" (CLC).

CLC Theme

Providing a world-class education in a clean, safe, and orderly environment, inviting all generations to be life-long learners, cultivating the total person.

Community Calendar

- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/19 KHCC Meets
- 2/21 COPPS Training Starts
- 2/22 Mardi Gras After Party
- 2/25 Woodford CLC Planning
- 3/4 **Vote!!**
- 3/10 Woodford CLC Planning
- 3/18 KHCC Meets
- 4/26 Litter Magic Clean-up
- 9/20 Progressive Dinner

Series of Monday

Planning Meetings: 6:30 pm

1/28 2/25 3/10

January 28: Attendance about 40. Split into small, "brain storm" groups along areas of particular interests.

- Education for all ages
- Community hub
- Recreation
- Extended day & child care
- Families & home ownership
- Safety
- Best use of all CPS properties

✿ The new school will be here for decades. This is your rare chance to help influence what it will be, whom it will serve, and how it will look.

✿ A successful CLC will require "partners" outside the school who contribute services &/or money to the Center.

✿ Most under-represented group at the meetings so far: Parents of current Woodford students.

✿ See you at Woodford on 2/25...bring your imagination & enthusiasm !
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