

# KH Community Plan Almost Done

At the February 19 Council Meeting, KH residents will be asked to approve a 5 year comprehensive community plan. This is the first revision to our community plan since 1983.

The Planning Committee has logged hundreds of hours in researching and preparing the plan, and on February 19 will be asking residents for an "up or down" vote on the entire plan.

## Planning Process

Our journey began in the early fall of 2001, with a committee of 16 KH residents, our community coordinator, a Planner for the City of Cincinnati.

We have collected information and advice by a variety of means.

- A one-page survey included in two newsletters
- Two town meetings where 120 residents provided their ideas, concerns, and hopes.
- Conferences with representatives from a variety of organizations, including the KH Senior Club, Caring Place, Montessori Center, Woodford School, and the City Park Board, Recreation Commission, and Community Development Department.
- Scores of e-mails, phone calls, and old-fashioned, face-to-face conversations with neighbors and friends, and among members of the Committee.

## Plan Scope

The Plan has six major areas:

- Residential
- Parks, open-space and recreation
- Commercial and office development
- Infrastructure and design
- Community services
- Kennedy Heights Community Council Structure

Each area has numerous goals and the committee has identified over 100 different strategies for reaching them.

## Ken-Sil Needs You!

Snow's on the ground, but spring's around the corner. And Ken-Sil is in the thick of organizing for baseball.

They need coaches. Head coaches. Assistant coaches. Assistant to the assistant coaches. Your pay will be the crack of bats and smiles on the faces of your young players...and the satisfaction of knowing that you've made a difference.

Ken-Sil basketball happens on Saturdays at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. The Ken-Sil Snakes (5-6 year olds) are undefeated at 7-0. They'll receive trophies at the 1/21 Council meeting. The older kids have just started their season.

- Want to coach?
- Want to get your kid onto a team?
- Want to know more?

Contact **Melissa Kitchen**  
631-0294 [kitchenmmt@aol.com](mailto:kitchenmmt@aol.com)

## Copies Available

The full plan is over 60 pages long and loaded with ideas. The summary will be about 10 pages.

To give it justice, you should get a copy and review it before the February meeting.

### After Feb. 1

- On the KHCC Website
- By e-mail:  
**BarbeauKeim@aol.com**
- By phone: **531-4041**
- Neighborhood Networkers

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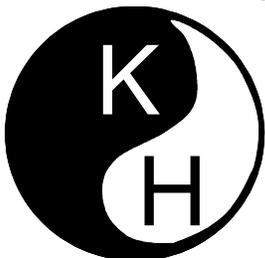
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## Community Council Meets

January 21 7:30

KH Presbyterian Church  
Kennedy Avenue  
Ken-Sil Tophies Awarded  
Childcare Provided  
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Kennedy Heights Newsletter



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<http://home.fuse.net/KennedyHeights>

# Neighborhood News From Rogers Park Place

by Richard Cooke, Neighborhood Networker

As the Neighborhood Networker for Rogers Park Place, I am thrilled to share my experience with the community.

In early November I invited neighbors to the first Residents' Meeting at my home. The turnout was amazing, with over half of households represented! Clearly people were ready to participate and take positive action to make our street (and neighborhood) an even more desirable place to live. Discussion focused on what was and was not working for each of us. We identified key priorities for our street and what we each were prepared to invest in terms of time, effort and other possible ways to participate.

## Networking Results

Here's a brief summary of what neighbors on Rogers Park Place have accomplished in just two months:

- We decorated the lamp posts on Rogers Park and Beechview with festive ribbons...and celebrated our efforts with good conversation and hot, mulled wine!
- We joined our companion street Beechview and Pleasant Ridge in the December 13th Luminaria and Tree Lighting Event. Both streets looked truly magnificent, lined with beautifully lit luminaria. This time we celebrated with a pot-luck evening of Holiday cheer.
- We created a Neighborhood Watch Program for Rogers Park Place, involving over 75% of the residents. Officer Engleman has shown us how to record and report crime, enabling us to watch out for each other and our homes. The City will be installing our "Watch" signs in the next few weeks.
- We alerted the City Traffic Engineering Department to a problem with the "no parking zone" signs at the top of Rogers Park and Montgomery Rd. The City will install new signs within the next 2-3 weeks.
- We have established a good working relationship with the Traffic Engineering Department, which has promised to paint the lamp posts on Rogers Park Place next summer.



## KHCC On-Line

<http://home.fuse.net/KennedyHeights>

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletters (from 9/02) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School news         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Constitution; minutes   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Directory |

Only a few months old, the KHCC website is already getting a professional face lift, compliments of our volunteer WebMistress, Elizabeth Hamilton (Welton Ave.).

Elizabeth spends her days designing websites for U.C. and has stepped forward to donate some evening time to assuring that our website will be "state-of-the-art" and second-to-none.

Yes, the present address is a bit awkward. That's the price of a freebie. But Elizabeth has her sights on ways to fix that as well.

Tune in. Check it out. Set your browser to make it your home. And let us know what you think!

## What's Next?

Plans for the near future include a "welcome wagon" for new residents, a block party, a directory of residents and an overall beautification strategy for the street.

As you can see, we have plenty to discuss at our monthly meetings. At the January meeting Sgt. Ibold from District 2 will facilitate a discussion about the drug issue and associated crime that is unfortunately evident in our community.

We are committed to working proactively with the residents, the KHCC and police to drive this issue from our neighborhood and preserve the beauty and tranquility of Rogers Park Place and Kennedy Heights.

- The Neighborhood Networkers are volunteers who serve as the "eyes and ears" of the neighborhood.
- Networkers communicate neighborhood concerns to the council, and in turn keep neighbors posted on what council is doing to address concerns.
- The typical "network" is one block, though some are longer.
- After less than 6 months, KH has almost 50 volunteer Networkers!

To learn more--or take the lead for your street:

Kathy Spoon 631-5575  
kspoon@cinci.rr.com

## Nursery School Open House 2/7

Looking for an affordable, top notch day care/nursery school? One of the City's best programs is right in the heart of KH!

### Kennedy Heights Montessori Center

- Parent cooperative, founded by KH & Pleasant Ridge parents
- Adjoins Woodford School
- 96 kids (ages 3-5)
- Preference to Kennedy Heights children
- Classes balanced for race, age, and sex
- Scholarships available

Open House for  
Prospective Parents

February 5

7:00 PM.

631-8135

### Paid Ad

**Need computer help? Cyber Sentry - home and small business networking, wireless setup, hardware & software upgrades, virus protection, data recovery, virus recovery, and more!**

**\$35/hour or flat rates available. Call Kathy 631-5575.**

## NSP Survives Budget Cuts

One of the major sources of the KHCC budget is a \$10,000 "Neighborhood Support Project" grant from the City of Cincinnati, funneled through Invest in Neighborhoods. Each of the city's 51 neighborhood councils is eligible to receive a grant.

### Funding Survives

To help trim its 2003 budget, the City proposed to cut the grants from \$10,000 to \$5,000. That was reversed after many community leaders made their voices heard at City Council's finance committee hearings in early December. Immediately after KHCC president Josh Swain spoke at a hearing in Bond Hill, Mayor Luken announced that Council members had gotten the message and that they would not touch the NSP grants.

Each year we must submit a new proposal for the NSP grants. Our proposal was presented and approved by Community Council at its December 18 meeting. The proposal asks for \$10,000 to be used on several projects.

## Pleasant Ridge School in Kennedy Heights?

Once upon a time Kennedy Heights Elementary stood at the corner of Kennedy & Montgomery a school. It was closed & demolished in the 1970's.

### Coming Full Circle

- Kroger closed its Pleasant Ridge store and built a new, mini-superstore on the former school site.
- IGA replaced Kroger in PR.
- Furniture Fair replaced Kroger in KH.
- Furniture Fair shut down its KH store last year.
- And the lot and building at Kennedy & Montgomery are now owned by....the Cincinnati School Board.

### Master Plan

The School Board's Master Plan includes demolishing Pleasant Ridge Elementary (now in PR) and building a new PR Elementary at Kennedy & Montgomery. Construction is supposed to start this summer with the school to open in the fall of 2005.

The new PR school will serve students from Pleasant Ridge up to the west side of Kennedy Avenue. All other KH students would be assigned to Parker School in Madisonville.

### KHCC's 2003 NSP Request

- Newsletter printing and postage: \$3,000
- Council phone service: \$750
- Beautification: \$1,250  
Partial funding for several projects
- Fund-Raising : \$1,000
- Implementation of the Community Plan: \$2,500
- Promotion of Volunteerism: \$1,000
- Community Safety & Welfare: \$500

### Communities Object

Both Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge Community Councils have objected to the proposed change.

KHCC suggested that the School Board swap land with the Recreation Commission to build our long-promised rec center at Kennedy & Montgomery and transform Woodford into a KH neighborhood school.

However, the Recreation Commission has said it does not have the money to build a new rec center for KH and does not appear interested in Kennedy & Montgomery.

Pleasant Ridge has proposed that the Board buy land that adjoins the present school at Montgomery and Lester Roads and rebuild at the same site.

Stay Tuned.

**For more details about the School Board's Master Plan:**

[www.cpsboe.k12.oh.us](http://www.cpsboe.k12.oh.us)

## KHCC Membership

The Kennedy Heights Community Council (KHCC) is a non-profit organization of and for the residents of Kennedy Heights.

### Boundaries

Kennedy Heights is defined as generally bounded by the City of Cincinnati incorporation limits on the north, south, and east; Orchard Lane, Robison Road, Edgeview Drive, and Glen Edge Lane on the west; and nearby streets of Hill & Dale Drive, Dogwood Lane, Kenoak Lane, Monardi Circle and Lucille Drive on the south, because of their traditional affiliation with KHCC. Residents on both sides of border streets are members.

### Automatic Membership

There is no membership application. If you are 18 or older and live in KH, you're automatically a member. Show up at a meeting, and you are guaranteed a voice & a vote. If you received this newsletter in the mail, chances you are probably a member.

Non-residents with an interest in KH are eligible for Associate Membership. Associates cannot vote, but can join in debate at meetings and serve on committees.

***We don't collect taxes or charge dues. But KHCC does ask members to support the organization by making voluntary donations.***

## Volunteers Needed!

Pick your niche!

- Fund raising
- Ad Sales
- Beautification
- Networkers
- COPS
- Planning

**Don't be Shy!**

**531-4041**

**khcc@fuse.net**



## Free Wood Chips!

Does your street want to put chips around each of the tree lawn trees or front yard trees?

Green space need chips around trees?

Del Dobby of *Perfect Cut Tree* says he'll deliver them...for free!

**221-3864**

## Advertise to KH Residents!

This newsletter is direct-mailed monthly to almost 3,000 Kennedy Heights households.

- That's at least 6,000 potential readers.
- About half are single-family homeowners.
- All are potential customers of businesses from Kenwood to Rookwood and beyond.
- We accept ads of all sizes—from a few lines to a full page.

**Ad rates are very reasonable.**

Contact  
Kathy Spoon  
631-5575  
kspoon@cinci.rr.com

**Volunteer Ad Sales Folks Needed!  
631-5575**

### *Paid Ad*

**For Sale: Single Family home - 3 Bedroom, 1 bath, central air, all new interior, fenced yard, garage. 5850 Kennedy Ave. Asking \$107M. Contact: Andy 659-5641**

## Neighborhood Summit 1/25/03

Invest in Neighborhoods is sponsoring a "Neighborhood Summit" between neighborhood folks and City officials. The invitation is open to everyone with a "strong interest in your neighborhood."

The day-long summit will begin with a moderated session with the Mayor and Council on the role of community councils. The rest of the day will be dedicated to a series of information sessions with officials from various departments and skill-building workshops for community councils.

This should be great for Neighborhood Networkers!



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### **Register Now!**

- **1/25/03 8:30--4:00**
- **Cintas Center (Xavier)**
- **Free breakfast & lunch!**

**Pre-register by 1/15**

**921-5502**

**[www.investinneighborhoods.com](http://www.investinneighborhoods.com)**

**Community Council Meets January 21 7:30  
Join Us!**