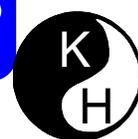
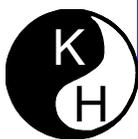


Kennedy Heights News

May, 2003



KHCC Election: June 17

Every June KHCC residents elect officers to serve for the next 12 months.

As required by the KHCC constitution, the nominating committee presented its slate of nominees at the May meeting:

President: Joshua Swain (Mchugh Pl.)
Noel Morgan (Orchard Ln.)

Vice President: Charles Clingman (Red Bank Rd.)

Vice President for Community Planning: Mimi Gingold (Wyatt Ave.)

Secretary: Sheral Foster (Kinoll Ave.)

Treasurer: Bob Kamp (Wyatt Ave.)

- Nominating chairman Van Foster explained that the committee wanted to present at least two nominees for each position. However, in the time permitted they were able to identify two nominees only for president.
- There were no nominations from the floor of the May meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at the June 17 meeting.
- Officers elected on June 17 will serve from July thru June.
- All adult residents of KH are automatically KHCC members and eligible to vote.
- Information provided by each candidate is posted on the KHCC website (www.kennedyheights.org).

Cincinnati Outlaws Loitering ...With Intent

It is now illegal to loiter on Cincinnati streets "with intent to engage in drug dealing." KH residents testified in support of the new law, which City Council passed on May 20.

The law has a long list of behaviors that can cause a police officer to suspect drug activity. These include

- regularly stopping vehicles or passersby
- concealing items from public view
- fleeing when police approach
- acting as "spotters" to warn police are coming.

Enforcement procedure:

- Spot the suspicious behavior
- Ask suspects to explain their behavior
- If they don't "move along," arrest for loitering with intent to deal drugs.

■ Penalty: Misdemeanor

Councilman Pepper, who sponsored the new law, said the main aim is to "interrupt the open air dealing."

See Suspected Drug Activity ?

Call Sgt. Ibold !
979-4420

Other crimes?

Officer Engleman
979-4468

Historical Sap Run

May 10 was a Saturday for the record books. Lots of rain & flooded basements. And for the first time in history KHCC's annual Sap Walk-Bike-Run (& Eat!) was an indoor event!

The physical activity was moved to Woodford School gym, where dozens of determined folks worked up their appetite by circling the floor.

And despite the rain, there was a near-full house for breakfast.

Thanks to:

- ★ Bigg's (Discounted food)
- ★ Dana Bateman (trophies--we'll use them next year!)
- ★ KH Presbyterian Church (for use of the kitchen and dining hall)
- ★ Many volunteers who sold tickets, cooked & served breakfast, and handled all of the other essential tasks.

Beverage Store at K&H?

If Buddy Jackson has his way, the vacant building (Church's; Richie's) at Kennedy & Montgomery will give way to a drive-through beverage store.

- Mr. Jackson announced at the May KHCC meeting that he wants to buy the property, demolish the present building, and erect a "steel building." He intends to apply for a liquor license to sell beer & wine.
- Residents expressed concerns that a beverage store is not consistent with the comprehensive community plan.
- KHCC as well as the neighboring residents and churches will have an opportunity to object to a liquor license.

Van Foster, Chairman of the Commercial & Office Development Committee, will be watching this carefully.



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Community Council Meets

Tues. June 17 7:30
Annual Election
KH Presbyterian Church
Kennedy Avenue
Child Care Provided
Join Us!

Crime on Our Minds

Drugs? Prostitution? Burglary? Car Theft? Menacing?

Make no mistake. Kennedy Heights is a great place to live. One of the best neighborhoods in Cincinnati. And when police report neighborhood crime statistics, Kennedy Heights crime rate is still among the lowest.

But there's also no escaping the fact that we are part of the City. And like all neighborhoods we've got our share of crime & criminals.

That painful point has recently been driven home by residents who have "gone public" with their frightening experiences.

■ A Kennedy Ave. resident whose house has been burgled and who has been personally harassed and threatened because he dared to complain about the drug dealing across the street.

■ Another KH resident told City Council that she and her kids have slept on the floor for fear the next bullet would come through their window.

■ Reports at Community Council meeting of prostitutes and drug dealers openly plying their trade on side streets where you'd least expect them.

KH Runners Unite!

Run with your neighbors! No experience or athletic prowess required.

Join the KH Running/jogging group. Like-minded folks who enjoy a bit of company for their morning or evening runs.

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Taking Back the Streets

KH residents are finding ways to take back the streets. As Jeff Weidner observed at the May Council meeting "they" are on the street only because "we aren't."

■ KH has one of the city's largest Citizens on Patrol. These trained volunteers "watch, walk, listen, & report."

■ Numerous residents have signed up to start a "KH Runner's Group", touring the parks & streets.

■ And perhaps we'd all do well to take the advice of one wise resident at the April Council meeting, "Don't let them intimidate you. Stop & talk. Say, 'Hey, howya doin?!' You'll find they're the ones who are intimidated by us!"

Noel Morgan

Junk Cars Can be Towed, if...

Left 48 hours or longer on public property or on private property without the property owner's permission.

Extensively damaged or missing functional parts.

Three years old or older.

Market value of \$1,500 or less.

Apparently inoperable: missing wheels or other parts or so damaged as to appear not safely operable.

■ Police have been targeting junk cars with a "Clean Sweep" every Tuesday to remove them from neighborhood streets. Police generally remove junk cars from private property only with the property owner's consent.

5 Car Limit!

There's no legal limit on how many cars you can **own**. But in Ohio it is a crime to **sell** more than 5 cars in a year without a dealer's license.

Report suspected violators to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. **942-0489**.

Progressive Anticipation

Progressive dinner will be on 9/13. 4 months may seem a long time to whet your appetite, but we're already shopping for Dinner Hosts & donations (tax deductible!) for the post-dinner, Silent Auction. You donate the items; KHCC sells them to the highest bidder.

Auction possibilities include:

- Merchandise or gift certificate from your business or workplace
- Basket of baked-goods
- Unused timeshare
- Your own artwork
- Personal service certificate (baby-sitting, lawn mowing, etc.)
- Or even wedding or Christmas gifts that might appeal to a neighbor's fancy more than yours!
- Use your imagination.

We're accepting donations now, and can arrange pickup.

Kathy Spoon 631-5575

kspoon@kennedyheights.org.

\$\$ for Ken Sil Baseball

KHCC has received a grant of \$1,000 to support the KenSil baseball program. The money will be used to buy equipment and to help pay for coaches' clinics.

The grant comes from Invest in Neighborhoods.

Kid Community Collaborative

Six local teens (3 from KH), two Caring Place adults, and numerous other volunteers will spend their summer touring & learning about Cincinnati neighborhood.

- They'll do interviews, take notes & photos.
- And put it all together into a central resource directory of Cincinnati communities, with a focus on activities for younger community members.

Supported by the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Coalition for a Drug-Free-Cincinnati, and The Caring Place.

I have lived here my whole life, & the last two years have hurt me so. The idea is to have a positive view from our young people, the children who live, work, play, & pray here--Carol Chamberlain, Director of The Caring Place.

KHCC Minutes Summary: 5/20/03

Sheral Foster, KHCC Secretary

Three tables were filled with perennials that residents brought and swapped in the very successful "perennials & pastries."

The nominating committee presented its slate for the June election (see p. 1); chairman Van Foster also reported the committee's recommendations for constitutional changes to improve the election process in the future.

Residents had a lively discussion with Police Officer Engleman and Captain Curetan about what police are doing about crime in Kennedy Heights.

Responding to suggestions that KH's drug problems are caused by "outsiders", Capt. Curetan said that drug demand in the community is "very high." He also stressed the police determination to protect residents who call to report drug dealing and other crimes.

Other, recent police actions:

- Early morning (2 & 4 a.m.) patrols on Rogers Park, Kennedy, & Zinsle;
- Radar on Valley View, Standish, & Zinsle (3-11 p.m.);
- "Direct patrols" on Kennedy & Northdale. That means they are specifically patrolled daily;
- Officer Miller (KH resident) will be riding his bike through Kennedy Heights this summer. Bike patrol officers spend 7 hours on their bikes, which can move where cars can't and are also good for "sneaking up on the dope boys."

These are highlights of the 2 hour meeting; complete minutes are available on the KHCC website and at the June meeting.

■ Officer Engleman had high praise for the Rogers Park Place block watch club; he urged other residents to call him about setting up similar clubs on their streets.

■ Buddy Jackson informed residents of his plans to buy the land on the SW corner of Kennedy & Montgomery (most recently Richie's) and build a drive-through beverage store. Several residents questioned whether this is what we want on that corner. (see p. 1)

■ Jeff Weidner reported on the proposed anti-loitering ordinance. One of the main goals of Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P) is to discourage loitering which is often linked to drug dealing and other crimes. He reminded residents of the goal of having 100% participation in KH C.O.P.

■ Margaret Peyton has resigned as KHCC representative to Coalition of Neighborhoods.

■ Debbie Ghiz asked for support in her bid for election to City Council

■ Councilman DeWine spoke about his concerns with crime.



Landscape Nomination



Deadline: June 28

Rules: Nominate yourself or a neighbor; beauty must be street-visible.

Judging: First weekend of July

Photos of 2002 Winners are on-line
www.kennedyheights.org

Send nominations by June 28 to
Joyce Hibbard 6135 Kennedy Ave.
I nominate

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

for the 2003 KH Landscape Award.

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Read & Talk!

Book Discussions at P. Ridge Library

6/24 7:30 p.m.

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

7/22 6:30 p.m.

Join author Jon Entine for a discussion of his book.

Taboo: Why Black Athletes Dominate Sports and Why We Are Afraid to Talk About It

Next C.O.P. Training

- Patrol KH with your neighbors.
- Apply by 8/8
- Train 8/14, 8/21, 8/28

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Keep On Giving!

A lot of folks have used the envelopes in last month's *KH News* to make their annual contribution to KHCC.

If you're not among them, fear not. There's still plenty of time.

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Community Calendar

Juneteenth: June 14!

Plan to spend Saturday, June 14 in Eden Park having a great time and celebrating the end of slavery!!

Though it's now held in Eden Park, Cincinnati's annual Juneteenth Festival has its roots planted firmly in KH. The Festival was started (1988) in Daniel Drake Park by a handful of KH residents, inspired by similar events in Texas & the southwest.

16 years later the Juneteenth Festival is a Cincinnati tradition. And most of the organizers are still KH residents.

Freedom Celebration

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when a Union General landed in Galveston, TX, and re-issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Festival is a half-day family affair.

- Music: Gospel, blues, jazz, contemporary
- Kids' Area: Free games, face painting, etc.
- Food: Sold by private vendors
- Crafts, clothes, etc.: Sold by private vendors
- Admission: Free!

The Juneteenth Committee operates the Festival on a bare bones budget. And this year the bones are especially bare! Your contributions to KHCC for Juneteenth will be tax deductible and passed along to the Juneteenth Committee.

Hope to see you on June 14!

Lydia Morgan
Cincinnati Juneteenth Committee

- 6/10:** KHCC Executive Committee
- 6/14:** Juneteenth Festival
- 6/17:** KHCC Election
- 6/28:** Landscape Nominations Due
- 7/7-11:** Day Camp in KH Park
- 7/13:** Litter Magic Clean-Up
- 8/8:** C.O.P Training Ap Deadline
- 8/14/21/28:** C.O.P. Training

Summer Swimming

Pleasant Ridge Pool is open for the summer!

Daily Fee: \$3

Season Pass: \$8. Can be used at any Cincinnati pool, including in-door pools in Clifton, Mt. Auburn, & Over-the-Rhine.

Pool Hours: Mon-Sat; 12-4:30
Mon-Thur: 5:30-7:30
Fri: 5:50-7:30 (Family swim)

Swim Lessons

- Session 1: June 23--July 10
 - Session 2: July 14-31
 - Fee: \$30--plus pool pass
- Lessons are \$10 at the Madisonville pool (271-3301) & \$30 at Oakley (631-4264). Call for schedules.

PR Recreation Center: 731-7894
Info about other City Pools: 352-4018

Stay Tuned to the Web

The KH News takes a summer break. So this is a good time to get acquainted with our website, where we'll keep printing all the neighborhood news that fits.



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Summer Clean-up

- July 13, 2003 8:30 am 
- Meet at KH Presbyterian Church.
 - Work until 10:30 a.m.; followed by refreshments at the church.
 - Free T-shirts to new volunteers.
 - Gloves and litter gadgets available.

KH Park Day Camp
July 7-11

- Ages 3.5 to 13
- KH Park
- Register: 321-6070

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