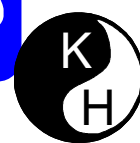


# Kennedy Heights News

May, 2003

All the news that fits we print!



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**W**hen you unfold this newsletter try to catch the little envelope before it hits the floor. Hold onto it to send your annual contribution to KHCC.

## Neighborhood Canvas

KHCC traditionally dedicates May to fund raising. That means a handful of folks spend their time to trying to persuade the rest of us to donate money to Community Council.

In reality, however, that "handful" has often boiled down to a team of one--Bob Kamp, who has doubled as Treasurer and Fund Raiser Extraordinaire. There's a good chance Bob has knocked on your door to ask for "whatever you want to give." He's probably also sold you a ticket to the Sap Run or Progressive Dinner.

Bob's out there again this year. But he's not alone. He's joined by several dozen Neighborhood Networkers.

## Door Knocking Networkers

Over the month of May the Networkers will be hanging reminders on your door knob and making the personal pitch to support Community Council.

Two thirds of Council's modest budget depends on your willingness to give a few dollars to help assure that your neighborhood lives up to its reputation as one of the best places to live in Cincinnati.

Noel Morgan  
Vice President, Editor

## What Have You Done for Me...Lately ?!

Partial list of some things KHCC has been doing...and plans to continue

- ✓ Completed & adopted the Comprehensive Community Plan
- ✓ Landscaped the corners of Woodford & Kennedy
- ✓ Expanded delivery of newsletter to ALL KH residents, including apartment dwellers
- ✓ Created & maintained a top-notch website
- ✓ Litter clean-up
- ✓ Established Neighborhood Networkers
- ✓ Citizens on Patrol works with police to curb neighborhood crime
- ✓ Represented residents at School Board & City Hall
- ✓ Cleaned up & improved our parks
- ✓ Worked with Amber Acres residents on flood problems.

## Thanks for the KH Chill Spot

**C**hill Spot. That's how KH Beautification chair Mimi Gingold refers to the new space at the corner of Kennedy & Woodford. Neatly landscaped, with benches and paved path, focused on the KH historical sign.



Although we had a grant from Invest in Neighborhoods, we couldn't have done it without the help of local businesses.

- Ewers: sand and gravel.
- Bob Cianciolo: expertise, stone, & coordination of materials.
- Roger Mitchell: transportation and storage.

## Got a Gripe?

**T**he Neighborhood Networkers meet monthly at 6:30, just before the council meeting.

- Networkers are a pipeline for block-by-block information to let Council know about residents' concerns---from safety to unsightly properties to abandoned vehicles.

## Get involved!

- Each month we have speakers from the council and the city address concerns that residents have raised.

New to the neighborhood? Live in an apartment complex & want to meet your neighbors? Don't be shy...you're a KH resident!

Contact Kathy for more information:  
631-5575 or kspoon@kennedyheights.org.

## Perennial Swap

Come early (about 6:30) to the May KHCC meeting & bring an adoptable plant from your garden.

■ If you divide the plants several days before the meeting, keep them out of direct sun and water as necessary. If kept watered and protected, they can survive for many weeks.

■ Bring the plants to **Perennials & Pastries** in plastic pots so they'll be easier for you and the recipient to handle. These can be easily carried in boxes or flats.

Don't have a garden yet? This will get you started. You don't have to give to receive!



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## Community Council Meets

May 20

7:30

**KH Presbyterian Church**  
**Kennedy Avenue**

- Perennials & Pastries
- Child Care Provided

**Join Us!**

## Great Clean-Up!

Thanks to all the residents who pitched in & picked up at the Great American Cleanup on April 26.

- ☆ Litter Magic Chair Joanie Weidner counted 61 volunteers and 110 bags of trash!
- ☆ Several people signed up to patrol some of the twelve Litter Patrol Zones. Continuous cleaning is on its way to Kennedy Heights!

## New Equipment Coming to Lang

The Recreation Commission has confirmed that it has new playground equipment for the Lang Playground at Robison & Woodford. Weather permitting, it will be installed in May,

## Woodford Full...& Excelling

Woodford Paideia has filled all of its kindergarten "slots." That means you'll have to look elsewhere if you've not yet enrolled your kids for next fall.

Last year Woodford's 3rd graders scored more than 30% above other schools in the district. And the 4th graders outscored the district by more than 20% in math.

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## Register Now for C.O.P. Training

- Citizens On Patrol training is now offered four times a year.
- 12 hours of training is required for C.O.P. The evening classes are in three consecutive weeks, 5-9 PM.
  - High-quality, presentation-style training at the Police Academy facility in Longworth Hall on Pete Rose Way.
  - Taught by Cincinnati Police Officers & designed to prepare beginners to join their neighborhood Patrol with confidence.
  - Next course begins Thursday evening 22 May 2003.
  - To register: Call David Muldrow (531-5774)



Be a C.O.P.  
on Wheels

KHCC President Josh Swain is the only member of KH C.O.P. trained & qualified to patrol on 2 wheels.

He's looking for adventurous souls to join him!

## Write Well & Win \$\$!

Margaret Peyton, Education Chair  
KHCC's Education Committee is again sponsoring an essay competition for high school seniors.

- ☆ Topic: *The Value of Living in an Integrated Community*
- ☆ Deadline: June 1, 2003
- ☆ Length: Up to 500 words
- ☆ Eligibility: KH resident, graduating senior (2003)

### Scholarship Prizes

1st: \$300 2nd: \$200 3rd: \$100  
Submit to: KHCC Office.

## Parents' Night Out: 5/30

The KH Presbyterian youth group is sponsoring a **Parents' Night Out** at the Church on May 30th, 6:30-9:30.

Drop your kids off & go to a movie or just treat yourself to some quiet time

- \$5 for 1 child
- \$7.50 for 2 or more

Don't forget to pick them up at 9:30!

## Park Improvements

Kennedy Heights is blessed with two great parks. And they'll soon be even greater, thanks to Kate Kern, Lisa Pickering, & Michelle Dragga, who represent KHCC on the Advisory Councils for Daniel Drake & Kennedy Heights Parks.

Here's what the Park Board has in the works.

### Kennedy Heights Park

- Repaving the service drive/walk from the parking lot off of Kennedy Avenue up to the shelter building.
- Adding a walkway from the shelter toward the school, and then turning down the hill to meet the existing walk, forming a new loop.

### Drake Park

- Installing a new sidewalk from Red Bank into the park, leading to the playground.
- Expanding the service drive/walk up to the shelter.

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## KH Park Day Camp July 7-11

Mark your kids' calendar!

- Ages 3.5 to 13
- KH Park
- Run by Park Board
- Register: 321-6070

## April Council Meeting Highlights

April 18 KHCC 7:30-9:30

49 Residents Attended

### New KHCC Officer

**C**ouncil voted to amend the constitution to create a fifth officer, Vice President for Community Planning.

### Ratified Executive Committee Actions

- Creation of five new committees as recommended by the community plan.
  - Commercial and Office Development
  - Senior Citizens • Youth
  - Neighborhood Network / Welcome to the Neighborhood • Housing
- Contract with Kathy Spoon for Fund Raising and Volunteerism, two of the four positions funded by the NSP grant.
- Submit grant to Invest in Neighborhoods for \$1,000 to provide baseball equipment for Ken Sil.

### Announcements

- KHCC president, Josh Swain, has appointed **Van Foster** to chair the Commercial & Office Development Committee.



### Kids' Story Times

10:30 a.m.

Babies: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays

Toddlers: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

Preschool: Wednesdays

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- Our Comprehensive Plan is now on record with the City of Cincinnati.
- KHCC Executive Committee has appointed a **nominating committee**, comprised of Ernie Barbeau, Kathy Spoon and Van Foster. The Committee will present a slate of nominees for 2004 at the May KHCC meeting. Election will be at the June meeting..
- The Recreation Commission will dedicate **June Alexander Park** on June 8.
- Community Coordinator **Kay Briggs** continues to work with Amber Acres residents on their storm water concerns.
- Treasurer's report: Expenses Paid: \$3,542. Income: \$3,240; Balance: \$12,478.

**These are the bare bones! Read the full text of all KHCC Minutes On-Line at [www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org)**  
Minutes will also be available at the May meeting.

### Programs at P. Ridge Library

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> Friday Coffee & Books

10:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month:

#### Book Club

*Blessings*, by Anna Quindlen  
May 20, 7:00 p.m.



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You don't have to be a computer whiz to use our website.

All you need is internet access & enough know-how to type in our address.

WebMistress Liz Hamilton continues to add new stuff, and she's always open to your suggestions.



## Landscapers: On Your Mark...!

You could be a winner in the 16<sup>th</sup> annual KH Landscape Contest.

Have you or a neighbor improved landscaping so that all who walk or ride by can enjoy the beauty?

The competition's fierce but friendly...and self-nominations are accepted

Judging: First weekend in July



**Photos of 2002 Winners are on-line**  
[www.kennedyheights.org](http://www.kennedyheights.org)

Send nominations to **Joyce Hibbard**  
c/o KHCC, 6566 Montgomery Road, by June 28.

I nominate

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

for the 2003 KH Landscape Award.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Welcome New Neighbors!

You've probably noticed more and more people are finding KH a great place to live!



One of our goals is to welcome new neighbors and introduce them to the neighborhood. You can help!

- We're assembling baskets of neighborhood information and coupons from area businesses to get our new residents off to a great start! That's apartment residents as well as home owners!
- If you enjoy crafts (like assembling goody baskets) or can help us put together coupons and area information, let us know! If you know of a new neighbor, please send us their names and addresses (which will be kept confidential). **Contact: Kathy 631-5575**  
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## Community Calendar

- ✓ 5/17: Green-Up Day (Drake Pk)
- ✓ 5/18: Park Advisory Council (2:00; Drake Park)
- ✓ 5/20: Perennials & Pastries
- ✓ 5/20: KHCC Meets
- ✓ 5/30: Parents' Night out
- ✓ 6/1: Essay Deadline
- ✓ 6/8: June Alexander Park

## GreenUp

### KH Park



About a dozen residents and Pack 92 of Den 3 Cub Scouts spent May 2, digging & planting in KH Park. There's still more to be done, but Lisa Pickering & Katie Kern say they made a great start.

### Drake Park

If you forgot or just couldn't quite get going in time to GreenUp KH Park, don't despair. Act II will be in Drake Park on Saturday, May 17. 9:00 to 1:00

Wear your gloves & work clothes  
All equipment is provided

## Art Competition

KHCC is sponsoring two competitions for art that will be used to raise funds for the Kennedy Heights Art Center.

### Photo Contest:

*Catch the Beauty in Kennedy Heights.*  
Winning photos will be used for a 2004 KH Calendar.

### T-Shirt Design Contest

Theme:  
*Kennedy Heights-----Living the Dream*  
All Entries due June 30 to Mimi Gingold,  
5815 Wyatt Ave.  
Cincinnati, oh 45213.

## Kennedy Heights Community Council

President ..... Joshua Swain  
Vice – President ..... Noel Morgan  
Treasurer ..... Robert Kamp  
Secretary ..... Sheral Foster

### Committees

Beautification ..... Mimi Gingold  
Recreation ..... Carl Schmidt  
Health, Env.. & Safety ..... Joshua Swain  
Education: ..... Margaret Peyton  
Park Advisory Councils

Kennedy: Katie Kern; Lisa Pickering  
Daniel Drake: Michelle Dragga

Planning ..... Ernest Barbeau  
Litter Magic: ..... Joanie Weidner  
Landscape Awards ..... Joyce Hibbard  
Neighborhood Networkers. .... Kathy Spoon  
Citizens On Patrol: ..... David Muldrow  
Commercial Development ..... Van Foster

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