

Kennedy Heights News

February, 2004

Kennedy Heights Community Council



January 30 was one of the coldest days of the year outside... but inside City Hall over 125 KH residents turned the heat up full blast on the Beverage Cave.

This was a liquor permit hearing like Cincinnati has never seen. Standing room only in the hearing room, with dozens more standing and sitting in the hallway. Finally the hearing was moved into the more spacious Council chambers.

Witnesses & Fellowship

Residents came alone and in car pools. Cornerstone Baptist Church brought a bus load.

Witness after witness told the state hearing officer their personal observations and concerns about the Cave's potential effect on litter, crime, the community plan, and overall quality of life.

One of the more memorable characterizations came from a Cornerstone member, who expressed concern about the young guys who "fellowship" in the parking lot and in the church shadows.

Cincinnati Police Officers Neville and Byers testified both about the existing crime problems in the community and about the kinds of problems that typically follow beer-wine pony kegs.

One of the more absurd moments was the Beverage Cave's accusation that KHCC had tricked the Beverage Cave owners by luring them into buying the property to get them to demolish an eyesore building—and then stabbing them in the back by opposing their license.

However, KHCC witnesses testified that we had informed the owners Jacksons weeks before they bought the property of the community's overwhelming opposition and that the residents would strenuously oppose a liquor permit.

Going Strong at 2:30 !

Testimony started at 10:00 and was still going strong when the City attorney (our side) finally called it a day—"is there anyone who has not yet spoken who **really, really** wants to testify and has something different to add?"

What Next?

The State hearing officer has returned to Columbus and will make a recommendation to the Director of Liquor Control based on the evidence presented in Cincinnati. The Director may take as long as 90 days to announce her decision.

The loser (either the City or the Cave) has an automatic right to appeal and have another hearing in Columbus. If you testified in Cincinnati, you could be asked to repeat your testimony at the Columbus hearing.

Special Cave Thanks

Richard Cooke: Coordinated StopTheCave
Melanie Reising: City Prosecutor
Cincinnati Police
Cornerstone Baptist Church: Fantastic turnout!
Attorney Al Gerhardtstein

Lots of Others

We want to acknowledge everyone who attended the hearing in the March News. If you're unsure whether you're on our list, please call the KH office or send an email to StopTheCave@kennedyheights.org

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KHCC 2004 Budget Projection Income

Balance Forward	\$13,500
Door to Door Canvas	\$7,000
Progressive Dinner	\$4,500
NSP Grant	\$10,800
Sap Run	\$4,000
Advertising	\$2,500

Expenses

<i>Kennedy News</i>	\$13,750
Community Services	\$3,500
Contracted Services	\$4,000
Administration	\$3,275
Fund Raising	\$3,200
Restricted	\$4,825

KHCC Meets

2/17/04 7:30 pm
KH Presbyterian Church

Agenda Includes

- Citizens Committee on Youth
- Pro Seniors

Childcare Provided

More KHCC Thanks !

In November we listed many folks who had made a donation to KHCC in 2003. As acknowledged then, we missed quite a few. So, we'll keep adding to the list 'til we get it right! . If we've still missed you, let us know.

Mrs. Brooks	Jean & Bill Goings
Mrs. Forte	Foster Pearson
Mr. Childress	Mrs. Weaver
Wm. Obermeyer	Richard Weious
Mr. Brown	Paula Jarrett
Mr. Mason	Myrtle Hall
Mr. Williams	Chris Todd
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Stefanie & Todd	Diane Sparks
Stommel	Mr. C. Wilson
Tony & Dana	Christina Miller
Arrasmith	Sundance Thompson
Ann & Bill Hamilton	Mr. & Mrs. Obermeyer

Probation Check Yields Doon Drug Bust

At the end of January, two probation officers checking on Gary Wayne Hedges (Doon Ave.) who was on probation on a prior charge, noticed a knife and drug paraphernalia in his home.

Police searched the home and found about 60 pounds of marijuana (worth about \$80,000), seven guns, a sword and a knife. Some accounts reported hundreds of pounds of marijuana.

Vice Captain Humphries said, "This removes significant amount of drugs out of the Kennedy Heights area, we hope we've made a good impact in the community, a positive impact."

Mr. Hedges faces charges for drug possession, trafficking and weapons.

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Volunteer Opportunities

It can be a lot of work for big pay...just not of the green variety!

Every committee and task can use more hands & energy. But there are also some very specific slots that we need to fill.

Beautification Chair

Beautification has been one of our most active committees, with a substantial budget for various projects throughout the neighborhood. Stefanie & Todd Stommel have had to step down, and we need a replacement.

Youth & Senior Services

We set up two new committees to help develop programs for both ends of the age scale..now we need you to take the reins & make them work!

Call Mimi
531-9218

Kennedy Heights News Editor

Somewhere in KH is an enterprising and talented soul who's convinced you can make this a better newsletter. The position is open for the right person....all it takes is a bit of desktop publishing know-how and a willingness to devote a few (!) hours each month putting it together.

Call Noel
631-7289

Warming Cars Tempt Joy Riders!

It's cold outside. And you don't want to shiver on the drive to work.

Tempted to dash out, start the car, & let it warm up while you finish your coffee?

- In January at least two local residents went back out to find their cars weren't only warm...they were gone!
- Neighborhood Officer Engleman's word to the wise: Don't tempt young joyriders to turn your warming car into a hot ride!

Kennedy News Content Deadlines Suggestions

News, Topical Suggestions

The Newsletter is generally written in the last weekend of each month, going to press on the following Monday.

Submission preference: ASAP

Dropdead deadline: Noon of the last Saturday of the month

Editorial Discretion: Space is limited to the four corners of four pages, so some items are inevitably omitted.

Send to

Noel Morgan
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Ads

Deadline: Next to last weekend of the month.

Rates are printed on the back page.

Circulation: Approximately 3,000 households in Kennedy Heights; also published on the KH website

kathy@kennedyheights.org

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where your home is !

December 4 the KH Arts Center moved into the former KH Mayor's Mansion on Montgomery Rd.

An army of volunteers is now preparing the building for **you!**

The Arts Center will host classes for children & adults, a gift shop, a co-op art gallery, gardens, & meeting space. We'll also hold workshops to create public art.

Unfortunately, the building needs a lot of work. Before we can open the doors to **you**, we need to make extensive repairs on ceilings, upgrade the electricity, and take down trees.

You can help with a contribution
Checks Payable to

- \$25 KH Arts Center
- \$10 6546 Montgomery Rd.
- \$___ Cincinnati, OH 45213

The KH Arts Center is a not-for-profit corporation. All proceeds benefit the KHAC.

Arts Center Classes



The KH Arts Center has already begun holding after school classes at Woodford School & the KH Presbyterian Church.

Handy City Facts

Sewer backs up in the basement

MSD: 352-4900

Large items for trash pick up

Sanitation: 357-2678

Your Regular trash can include:

- Furniture, mattresses (up to 3)
- Carpet, tied in 4' x 2' rolls
- Wood, 10 lbs, 4' long bundles

Highlights of January 20 Council Meeting

(Official minutes are posted on our website and will be available at the February meeting)

2004 Budget Projection

Income: \$42,300

Expenses: \$41,300

The budget is printed on p. 1 and will be voted at the February meeting

NSP Grant Proposal (approved unanimously)

Newsletter :\$4000

Beautification :\$4000

Telephone:\$1,000

Fund Raising Expenses:\$1,000

Police Report:

- Stereo systems from Hondas and Toyotas are popular with thieves.
- Drug activity in the following areas: 3656 block of Northdale; Red Wood Carry Out; Hedge & Odin; Solar Vista; Ravenwood & Tyne; Parking lot in apartments at 3648 Woodford.

Development Developments

The City has approved \$1.8 million grant to KHCC for housing, building facades, street-scaping, mixed-use building etc. There was a round of applause for the CODC committee. The City will also fund a market study for the Montgomery Road corridor, and Request for Proposals will be mailed soon.

Education

A KHCC delegation met with Silverton City Council to present KHCC proposal to rebuild Silverton School on the ex-Furniture Fair property to serve both communities.

Recreation

Our Community Center (aka Pleasant Ridge Community Center) is one of two in Cincinnati to be selected for a new program for people over 50 through a special grant received at the PR Recreation Center.

Office for KHCC: George Kalomeres is now providing space for minimal rent. Thanks, George!

Other

The Pastor of the Rhema Word Church wants to buy the school board property at Kennedy and Montgomery.

Beverage Cave Plans

Much of the meeting was spent in preparation for the Beverage Cave liquor hearing. *See p. 1 for the spectacular results!*

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Arts Center "Hiring"

- Fundraising Coordinator: Unpaid Volunteer.
- Volunteer Coordinator: Unpaid Volunteer
- Gift Shop Manager: Sales Commission

Call 631-ART

KH C.O.P. Receives Police Award

Kennedy Heights has one of the City's most active "Citizens on Patrol" units.

Cincinnati Police have awarded a "Unit Citation" for fielding over five patrols per month during 2003.

Congratulations!

Visit Our Website Often

www.kennedyheights.org

When you log onto the internet, don't forget to check in with the KHCC website. You'll find **lots** of great stuff!

Be sure to let us know what you don't see that you'd like to see!

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- Wild Bird's Nest

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Community Calendar

- 2/17 KHCC General Mtg.
Arts Center gardening lectures
3/13, 3/20, 3/27
- 3/1 Development Committee
- 3/10 KHCC Executive Committee
- 3/17 KHCC General Mtg.

Activating Seniors

- Over 50?
- Looking for new ways to get the old blood stirring a bit quicker?
- PR Community Center has unique classes--you'll exercise the brain while learning new ways to activate the body.
- Recreation staffer Melissa Smith promises: "It's fun!!"

731-7894

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KHCC Message Line

- ☎ When you call us...you'll get a recording.
- ☎ Leave a message & you should get a call back within 2 days.
- ☎ If that doesn't work, call Noel Morgan at 631-7289.

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