

Kennedy Heights News

May, 2004

Kennedy Heights Community Council



Pastries & Perennials

by Jeffrey DeY

Last year's Perennials & Pastries was a big success!. We definitely noticed the plants you picked up last year blooming in your yards!! So, we're going to do it again this year.

May 18, starting at 6:30 p.m., right before the KHCC meeting)

Leave No Plant Behind!

If you're dividing perennials from your garden, want to add new perennials or are starting a garden from scratch, this is your event!

Bring perennials to share from your garden, such as hostas, daylilies, lilies of the valley, cannas, black-eyed Susans and mums.

Helpful Labels

- Plant name
- Flower color
- When it blooms
- Height
- Sun/shade/watering soil preferences



Tips

If you divide the plants several days before the meeting, keep them out of direct sun and water as necessary.

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

Pastries

Pastries (sweet snacks!) will be provided for everyone-even if all you do is watch the spectacle of gardeners going gaga over green stuff.

Questions?
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Ken Sil At Bat!

by Karen Thomas, Recreation Chair



Ken-Sil has four baseball teams! Hats off to Missy Alexander for her hard work organizing and to the people who have given their valuable time to coach.

The coaches are

Brian Frazier - Ken-Sil Bulldogs
Wayne Sloan - Ken-Sil Sluggers
Melinda Durstock - Ken-Sil Dominators
Will Beaver - Ken-Sil Dominators

Barry Larkin?

Barry Larkin is Ken-Sil's most famous alum. And anyone who coached or played with Barry is invited to the Recreation Committee's next meeting Monday, May 24, 2004 at Pleasant Ridge Center at 6:30.

A representative from the Cincinnati Reds will be there to help us make sure that include Ken-Sil is included in the celebration of Barry Larkin's retirement on October 2, 2004

Karen Thomas 891-9295
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KHCC Needs You!

The annual KHCC election will be at the June 15 meeting. The nominating committee is scheduled to present its slate at the May meeting. However, nominations can also be made from the floor at both the May & June meetings.

The constitution has been amended to expand the governing board by adding four at-large members.

Ready to serve? Want to suggest other likely candidates? Pass those names on to the nominating committee

531-4041 (message phone)
nominations@kennedyheights.org

Missing Sign

KH has had a "Gateway" sign where all the main streets enter the community. We now have one fewer. The sign at the bottom of Kennedy Ave. has disappeared. If you know its whereabouts, please call 531-4041.

Helping A Neighbor

by Bruce Long, Housing Chair

The KHCC Housing Committee is seeking volunteers to help with a neighbor threatened with City code enforcement. The elderly resident's home is in urgent need of landscaping maintenance, and the house is in serious need of a paint job.

The Caring Place is providing some funds for materials. Now we need volunteers to help get the work done. Some jobs include: lawn mowing, brush, shrub and tree trimming, yard waste and trash removal, scraping and painting (first and second stories, mostly on ladders), demolition and removal of a deteriorated garage.

Bruce Long
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Report Drug Dealing
Sgt. Ibold : 979-4420

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KHCC Meets

May 18 7:30 pm
KH Presbyterian Church
Swap Perennials
Board Nominations
Child care Provided

Report Crimes to
Officer Engleman: 979-4468

Minutes of KHCC General Meeting April 20

(This is a summary of highlights; complete minutes are posted at www.kennedyheights.org) Sheral Foster, Secretary

Constitution Amended

On the second reading, proposed amendments to the KHCC constitution passed by unanimous vote.

- Restructure the Executive Committee as a Board of Trustees
- Expand the number of board members from five to nine, all to be elected by KHCC.
- Change the title of Vice-President to Vice-President for Administration

Finances (Bob Kamp, Treasurer)

- Funds available: \$17,544 (includes 1,000 in CD for KHAC)
- March income: \$4,119
- March expenses \$1,264.
- Invest in Neighborhoods proposal for \$12,000 has been submitted.

Announcements

- Flyers with details for the Litter Magic Great American Clean-up on April 24 were available from Joanie Weidner.
- Jeff Dey encouraged all to participate in Perennials & Pastries (see p. 1)
- George Foster baseball camp, child ballet classes, free meeting space, summer swim lessons and various other activities planned for the Pleasant Ridge community center this summer. (Tom Reese, Recreation Dept.)
- The KH Art Center still needs the community's continued support.

Police Report

Detailed discussion of the serious drug problems in KH especially in the Northdale and Kennedy areas. Two Northdale landlords and a Northdale tenant described open drug dealing on their street.

The community needs to unite to address these issues and recharge the Safety committee.

For drug problems, remember to call **Sgt. Ibold at 979-4420**. If you call District 2 (979-4400) to report problems, mention Sgt. Ibold or Officer Engleman's name.

"No loitering signs" and the use of cameras were also discussed to discourage undesirable activities.

Web Reminder

Frequent News Updates at www.kennedyheights.org

Fire Report

Captain Long's report included response to 4 fires for March. He provided "vials of life" which are used to store personal medical information in the refrigerator where the emergency response team will check for them when responding.

Nominating Committee

Gloria Ford (Northdale) volunteered to serve on the Nomination committee.

Education

Ce Holm reported that there might still be a possibility of a school for Silverton and KH on the Kennedy and Montgomery property.

Housing

Bruce Long, committee chair asked for volunteers to assist with painting a resident's home (see article on p. 1)

We need to remember that about half of KH residents reside in apartments. George Kalomeres reminded us that landlords have responsibilities to the community as property owners.

Hilda Coaster suggested that we solicit assistance from residents that have been active with the council in the past and well as the community churches.

Recreation (Karen Thomas)

- If you would like to help with kids T-Ball, contact Karen at 351-9991.
- Plans are already underway for Everybody's Back Yard Picnic July 29 from 5 PM to 8:30 PM. The City provides food and drinks and there will be local talent, contests and more.

Recreation Committee meets the last Monday of each month

Thanks for Making KH A Bit Cleaner

KH & Litter Magic joined the Great American Cleanup on April 24. Thanks to everyone who walked the streets & picked the litter.



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Zoning Variance Hearing

May 13 the City will hear a request for a zoning variance by Cecil Solomon, 363 Solar Vista. He has requested a "variance from the strict application of the Zoning Code as applied to the prohibition of front yard parking." on his property.

Hearing: 5/26/04 10:00 a.m.

More information: Jim Lawson, 352-3273

Walk Along With Us

The Neighborhood Business District Walk is a program initiated by Councilmember Laketa Cole to give City Council and staff a first hand look at issues facing Cincinnati's communities. Our walk is scheduled for Thursday, May 13th, at 2:00 p.m., starting at the KH Arts Center.



Development Dynamo!

Without a doubt KHCC's most dynamic committee this year has been Commercial and Office Development. Chaired by Van Foster, the committee's main focus has been on how best to develop the "blighted" stretch of Montgomery Rd. between the former Mr. Kelly's and Kennedy Avenue. Last spring the committee put together a grant proposal that impressed City Hall and resulted in KHCC's inclusion in the 2004 City budget, with about \$1.8 million earmarked to be available to KHCC for neighborhood revitalization. Although KHCC has not yet seen development funds, we continue to receive assurances that it is one the way.

Montgomery Road Corridor Market Study:

Before making any development decisions, the committee wants to make sure KHCC heads the right direction. Several companies competed for a contract to conduct a "market study" of the corridor. After intensive interviews with the two finalists, the committee chose Kinzelman, Kline, & Grossman. This firm is already doing a similar study for Silverton. The study will be funded by money from the City grant.

Urban District Overlay (Zoning)

Valerie Butler is an attorney who grew up in KH and has recently returned. She's become the committee's zoning expert. Although Cincinnati has just established a new zoning code, the City has essentially frozen development in the Montgomery corridor until next September to give the community and City a chance to determine the appropriate zoning. It is now zoned "commercial/community/automobile," which, e.g. apparently allows drive-through businesses. The committee favors a change to "commercial/community mixed."



The committee's vision of the corridor's potential

Advertisement

CDC? Assuming that the City grant funds materialize, should KHCC itself get into the development business directly or, instead, set up a separate "community development corporation"? The community research team, headed by Jennifer Hackman, is working on recommendations.

Infrastructure: Kennedy Connector?

Chuck Dragga (a civil engineer) has been collecting information about the proposed "Kennedy Connector." This would be a "super connector" to make it easier for traffic to move from the foot of Kennedy across I-71 to the new stores in Oakley (Same's, Meier, etc.). The 5-lane road would connect with Kennedy at Duck Creek and stretch across I-71 to connect with Ibsen and interstate ramp at Ridge.

Community Image – Kimberly Tidwell has taken over from Jeffrey Weidner as team leader of this team that focuses on improving KH's image and will be preparing a proposal for Safe & Clean Neighborhoods grant for trees in pots along Montgomery Road.

Committee Roster

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Missy Alexander | Jennifer Hackman |
| Jody Barkley | George Kalomeres |
| Valerie Butler | Mary Ray |
| Dana Bateman | Josh Swain |
| Richard Cooke | Kimberly Tidwell |
| Chuck Dragga | Jeffrey Weidner |
| Van Foster | |
| B.J. Gardner | |

School Locations Still Uncertain

by Noel Morgan, President KHCC

KHCC continues to send a persistent message to the Cincinnati School Board: Unite the KH elementary students into a single attendance zone and build a neighborhood school on the board's land at the corner of Kennedy & Montgomery. That was the thrust of motions adopted in March, 2003 and again in February and March, 2004. The most recent motion (adopted unanimously) had three parts:

- Join all Silverton and KH children into a single Attendance Area.
- Build a neighborhood school at Kennedy & Montgomery
- Renovate Woodford School and keep it as a racially balanced Magnet School for students throughout Quadrant 3.

Although the Board's present plans do not now include a school at that corner, KHCC delegations have continued to meet with members of the school board and school administration. Over the past year, we have met at least once with every board member.

Last month board member Melanie Bates met with about a dozen of us at the KH Arts Center, and a couple of weeks later we met with board member Rick Williams. Both gave us some reasons to believe that we might yet see a school on the corner that Mr. Williams described as the "most logical and best school site in the City."

April 26 Duane Holm and I spoke at the school board meeting. We stressed that our first priority is to reunite our students into a single attendance area and used a map to show how students are now divided among Silverton, Pleasant Ridge, and John Parker.

Residents who've attended various meetings with the board & administration include: Charles Clingman (VP, Education Chair), Mimi Gingold (VP for Development), Ce & Duane Holm, Charles Bronson, Ernie Barbeau, Van Foster, Jim Cebula, Jean Goings, Richard Cooke, Kathy Spoon.

Thanks to parents who responded to the school survey in the April News. We'll be in touch with more school news. To be added to that list, call 531-4041.

Around in '29?

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The Library is collecting memories as far back as you can go!

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Competitive Landscapes !

You could be a winner in the 17th 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 !

Rules: Must be visible from the street; have not won a landscape award before.

Judging: First weekend in July.

Photos of '02 & '03 Winners are on-line

www.kennedyheights.org

I nominate

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

for the 2003 KH Landscape Award.

Your Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Send nominations to **Joyce Hibbard**
 c/o KHCC, P.O. Box 36448
 Cincinnati, OH 45236, by June 28.
 email to:
landscape@kennedyheights.org

Community Calendar

- 5/13: NBD Walk
- 5/18: Council Meets
- 5/27: SARA/CPOP Training
- 5/24: Recreation Committee
- 6/8: KHCC Exec. Committee
- 6/15: KHCC Election

SARA Training for CPOP

KHCC, The Community Police Partnering Center, and Cincinnati Police will co-sponsor a free training for residents, businesses, and churches of Kennedy Heights. The objective is to teach the "SARA" community problem solving process and how to start a "CPOP" team.

CPOP (Community Problem Oriented Policing) brings residents together with police, businesses, churches, and other stakeholders to identify and resolve safety-related problems.

Citizens and neighborhood officers trained in the "SARA" problem solving method work together to **Scan** safety problems, **analyze** them, **respond**, and then **assess** the solutions.

5/27

KH Presbyterian Church
 Thursday, May 27th 6 -9:00 pm.
 RSVP or for more information:
 Amy Krings 559 – 5450
cpopamy@hotmail.com.

George Foster Baseball Camp

- Free in June
- Ages 8-12; 13-18
- Sign-up Details: 731-7894



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Valley View Avenue Yard Sale Multiple Families

- Saturday, May 22 8 am to 1 pm
- Rain Date: May 23
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