

Kennedy Heights News

September, 2004

Kennedy Heights Community Council



Progressive Dinner September 18

We're relying on oral history, told by graying heads, but the official version is that the KH Progressive Dinner is in its 21st year. That's enough to be a tradition in anybody's book.

The formula's stayed pretty much the same over the decades, though the recipes have been richly varied. The main aim: Provide an opportunity to meet & mingle with the neighbors, new & old. Secondary aim: Raise money!

5:30-6:00

Appetizers @ Geier Apartments

In the early years appetizers were outside, hosted by the residents of streets in the street--Davenant was one of the first. For the past several years we've moved inside, and our hosts have been the residents of Geier Apartments behind Cornerstone Church.

7:00

Main Courses @ All Over KH

Host families open up their homes, kitchens, and dinner tables to serve great meals to 8-10 guests. You're almost guaranteed to make at least one new neighbor. And you're absolutely sure of having a fantastic feast.

Progressive Dinner Tickets Host Volunteers

Bob Kamp: 631-3740

9:00

Desserts & Auction @ Arts Center

Diners leave the dishes behind and reconvene for dessert and the "silent auction." Invariably the first greetings begin with "We just had the greatest meal!"

Hosted this year by the KH Arts Center. Desserts concocted by a couple dozen KH confectionery wizards.

There will be great buys (indeed, some "steals") at the auction. Make your bids early and check the bidsheets often--because bidding stops at the gong!

Missed the main meal? No problem. You're welcome to join in the bidding, tour the Arts Center, and see Joyce Hibbard's annual slide presentation of the KH Landscape winners.

Auction Forecast: Better Than Ever

Donations so far include a Hot-air balloon ride, massage from the Jade Center, Cordials from Jim Beam, Mary Kamp's fabulous Craft parties, Gift certificates to gyms, Swahili lessons, area restaurants, a fabulous overnight dinner theatre package, and much, much more! No gift item is too small or too silly!

Want to make a donation (or suggest a donor)?
Nancy Allgauer (396-6320) or Jody Barkley (731-0169).
auction@kennedyheights.org

CPOP Targets Drugs on Kennedy

Over the summer a dozen or so concerned KH residents have been meeting with police and the CPOP staff to devise a plan for making KH a safer and better place to live. CPOP (Community Problem Oriented Policing) provides a process for identifying, targeting, and solving problems.

The CPOP team had no problem identifying the heart of the problem: drugs and thugs on Kennedy Avenue. They've narrowed their focus to Kennedy between Northdale and Woodford and are now working on creative responses. These include contacting and working closely with landlords to alert them to suspicious behaviors, encourage better tenant screening, and reduce the likelihood that their apartments will be used as safe houses for drug dealers and prostitutes.

CPOP meetings are now monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in the office building at the corner of Kennedy & Montgomery. Join 'em!

CPOP@kennedyheights.org 531-4041

Beverage Cave Status

Since June, 2003, KHCC and residents have been opposing plans by a Madeira dentist to build a drive thru beer/wine store at the corner of Kennedy & Montgomery.

Liquor Permit Denial Appealed

SKYY Properties appealed the Liquor Board's decision denying a permit for the Beverage Cave. The state has not yet scheduled a hearing on the appeal, which will be held in Columbus

City Sued

SKYY Properties also sued the City of Cincinnati for refusing to issue a permit to build the Beverage Cave after imposing an "Interim Development Control" (IDC) on the Montgomery Road corridor.

Common Pleas Judge Russell heard oral arguments on part of the suit on 8/26. If the judge decides in SKYY's favor, the IDC could be ruled illegal. If the City wins, the City may be free to adopt new zoning restrictions as proposed by KHCC's Comprehensive Plan and Urban Design Overlay Guideline

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KHCC Meets Tuesday

September 18 7:30 pm
KH Presbyterian Church

Child Care Provided

Minutes of KHCC General Meeting 6/15/04

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

Announcements

- CPOP/SARA – 12 residents attended SARA training. CPOP representative Anika Simpson announced the first KH CPOP meeting for 6/22/04.
- KH Arts Center – Grand Opening on 6/19; volunteers needed to help with greeting, registration etc. Call 631 4ART to register for children's classes.
- Councilman Pepper spoke briefly of the Safe/Clean Streets Grant and the City's efforts to fight crime. The councilman was asked to investigate and report on the boundary lines between KH & Pleasant Ridge.
- KHCC president Noel Morgan & Van Foster met with representatives from City Hall to discuss the \$29,000 feasibility study which KH is scheduled to receive soon. The status of the \$1.8 million is not known at this time.
- KHCC needs a liaison for with management of Hill Top apartments. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Bruce Long, Housing chair, asked once again for volunteers to assist with painting, etc, to help residents in the neighborhood. Sign up sheets were available at the meeting.

Attendance: 29 Residents

Planning for Montgomery Road Corridor

KHCC Business & Office Development Committee

Feasibility Study Underway

In August KHCC finally received a promised City grant of \$30,000 to study the feasibility of commercial development along Montgomery Road.

KHCC has contracted with city planning consultants *Kinzelman Kline Gossman* to conduct the study. The final product should be complete by October, and preliminary design proposals have been ambitious and impressive.

Some of their work will be displayed during the Desserts & Auction at the Arts Center on 9/18.

Election

The president turned the meeting over to the nominating committee of Ce Holm and Sheral Foster. Nominations from the floor were accepted for the following:

Paul Makine: VP Community Planning
Nancy Algauer: Member at large.

2004-2005 Board of Trustees

- ◆ President: Noel Morgan
- ◆ Vice President: Charles Clingman
- ◆ VP Community Planning: Paul Makine
- ◆ Secretary: Ernie Barbeau
- ◆ Treasurer: Robert Kamp

Members at Large

- ◆ Niecy Bassett,
- ◆ Van Foster
- ◆ Josh Swain
- ◆ Nancy Algauer

Police Report

- 797 calls for service between January & April time period.
- Officer Miller encouraged residents to attend the CPOP meetings and advised that we look for ways other than arrest to curtail the drug problem in the community. Discussions with the residents included topics about 3-4 am as prime time for drug activity and prostitution.
- 6/29 sentencing for KH drug dealer Gary Hedges. A six-year State sentence is proposed. **[Note: He was, in fact, sentenced to 6 years in prison for possession of drugs and firearms]**

UDOG

Valerie Butler has produced an impressive **Urban Design Overlay Guideline**, recommending pedestrian-friendly zoning for the Montgomery Rd. corridor.

The KHCC Board approved the UDOG in a special session on 8/31 and forwarded it to the City Planning Commission.

City Council put development between Tyne & Coleridge "on hold" last September. That order is set to expire on 9/24/04 unless new zoning is approved.

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Wings Over Ohio Valley

9/11-12

The 2004 Cincinnati Lunken Air Show will celebrate its First Annual Community Fair presenting spectacular air show acts, historic planes and family oriented ground activities.

9/11 & 9/12
10:00 to 6:00

Breast Cancer Survivor?

Researchers in the Department of Environmental Health at the U.C. College of Medicine have established a breast cancer registry for Greater Cincinnati. It contains the names of people who have had breast cancer and information about their medical history, residence history, occupation, etc.

If you are a person who have or have had breast cancer, you're invited to participate. That means signing a consent form and providing information on the a four-page questionnaire.

Information is confidential and reported only as group statistics.

The aim is to get a better understanding of breast cancer, plan for community health education, health services, and public health policies regarding breast cancer.

(513) 558-0854

Helping Hands

Last spring Bruce Long (Rogers Park Pl.) volunteered to chair the long inactive Housing Committee.

One of his first ambitious projects: Helping an elderly Kennedy Ave. resident avoid City prosecution for housing code violations.

Bruce put out the call for volunteers to cut brush, scrape, paint, hammer, etc. Though only a few answered the call, there has been progress.

People Working Cooperatively chopped huge piles of brush. And residents have scraped paint, tightened boards, and cleaned up.

More remains to be done. Bruce can tell you what, where, & when.

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KH Arts Center News

After a breathtaking summer with kids' classes & great media coverage, the Arts Center is kicking off a full Schedule of Children and Adult Arts Programs from September through October.

Classes include

- after-school classes for kids,
- Saturday classes for kids and families
- Cartooning, Drawing, Sculpting, Holiday Gift-Making, Landscaping, and much more!

Register by calling 631-4278 or just stop in the Arts Center Shop on Saturdays from 10-4 for a brochure.

New Exhibition

Our Next Exhibition, "We Are Family" celebrates the diverse social fabric of families. We kick it off at the KHCC Progressive Dessert & Auction on Saturday, September 18th.

Kathy Spoon, KH Arts Center
kathy@kennedyheights.org

**Report Crimes to
Officer Engleman: 979-4468**

**Report Drug Dealing
Sgt. Ibold : 979-4420**

Barry Larkin Day

Barry Larkin is not just a Cincinnati native...he honed his baseball skills in the Ken Sil league.

Although it appears he has put his retirement plans on hold, the KH Recreation Committee is still working with the Reds to fill the cheering section on October 2 for his last home game of the season.

With at least 25 KH residents, tickets will be only \$4 (bleacher seats).

Karen Thomas 531-4041
recreation@kennedyheights.org

Arts Center Seeks Director

If you have the passion, we have the position.

- 6-12 month commitment renewable quarterly.
- 15 – 20 hours / week.
- Organization and administration skills and commitment to the Arts Center's community mission
- Reimbursement? \$0 This is volunteer!
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Kathy Spoon, President
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BackYard Picnic

The Park Board promised to supply 200 hot dogs & fixin's for the picnic it sponsored in Drake Park on July 27.

We don't know for sure how many folks attended--but a good measure is that the hot dogs were gone well before everyone had eaten!

Fortunately, families brought their own picnic baskets.

KHCC provided music for all & the Park Board's entertainers had a stilted clown and a naturalist with fascinating creatures. At least one adult persuaded the mounted police officer to let her saddle up & caner around the park!

All in all, it was great!

Thanks to Karen Thomas Recreation) and Michelle Dragga (Drake Park Liaison) for the arrangements...and to Lydia Morgan for lining up the musicians.

Community Calendar

- 9/11-12 Lunken Air Show
- 9/14 KHCC Board Meets
- 9/18 Progressive Dinner
- 9/21 KHCC General meeting
- 9/28 CPOP Meets
- 10/4 Last day for voter registration
- 10/2 Barry Larkin Day

New Beautification Chair

Joyce Hibbard (Kennedy Ave.) is the new chair of the KHCC Beautification Committee

Joyce offered to take on the responsibility after seeing that important work was not getting done.

She is now working with landscaper Charles Johnson (Woodford Road), and their first major target for improvement will be at the Kennedy Rd. entrance to Kennedy Park.

For many years Joyce has been in charge of the annual landscape awards, and her slide show of winners will be featured during the Dessert & Auction on 9/18.

Web Reminder

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