

Kennedy Heights News

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Kennedy Heights Community Council



We'll miss you, Officer Engleman!

The City Manager and Police Chief Streicher surprised City Council and community residents alike by announcing that the City is eliminating neighborhood officers.

The City Managers' memo explains that since "every Cincinnati Police Officer has been trained in problem solving and community interaction" there is no longer a need to designate just one cop to work with the neighborhood. In short: We'll now be able to call ALL officers our "neighborhood officer."

Assistant Chief Janke presented the change at the 2/4 Neighborhood Summit. He said that under the new system three officers will be designated for neighborhood contacts and predicted that residents will ultimately conclude that the change has been for the better.

Residents from several neighborhoods got applause at the Neighborhood Summit with critical and skeptical comments and question. They did not like the handling of the sudden change and feared that making every officer a "neighborhood officer" is a step backwards.

While some neighborhoods have reportedly been dissatisfied with the performance of their neighborhood officers, not so KH.

We'll miss you, Officer Engleman.

A copy of the City Manager's memo and links to news articles are posted at: www.kennedyheights.org

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KHCC Meets

Tues 2/21/06 7:30 pm
KH Presbyterian Church

www.kennedyheights.org

Beverage Cave Hearing Postponed Again

Remember the Beverage Cave? The drive-thru pony keg that wants to locate at the corner of Kennedy & Montgomery?

It's been two years since dozens of KH residents testified at the Liquor Board hearing in City Hall. The community that battle, but the Cave appealed.

We almost had the appeals hearing in Columbus on January 31. You didn't read about it in the *KH News* (print edition) because the notice came out after the *news* went to print.

With a scant 3 weeks to rev up, Richard Cooke again stepped forward to rally the troops and schedule buses for a day in Columbus.

However, the hearing was again postponed...but it served as a wake-up call.

Everyone who testified at the original hearing will again be subpoenaed to testify in Columbus...and it could be with as little as 3 weeks' notice. That makes it all the more important to register your email address at

www.kennedyheights.org

You'll also find on the website a 19-page summary of everyone's testimony at the 2004 hearing. Check it out.

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heART of ART KH Arts Center Exhibition

The Kennedy Heights Arts Center is delighted to announce the opening of its next exhibition entitled heART of ART based on the theme of love and passion in the work of the artist.

The exhibition is open to the public from February 11 through March 25 on Saturdays (10-4 pm) and is free of charge.

The exhibition showcases the exquisite work of photographer Tony Arrasmith and painter Damian Hoskins, each featured in a one-person show on the second floor.

We are also providing many young budding artists under the age of 16 with the opportunity to display their work in the Silverton Gallery on the first floor. On display are pieces from student artists at Woodford, Shroder, Pleasant Ridge, and Nativity..

At the Kennedy Guild shop, work from over 40 resident artists is on display and available for purchase.



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Reactions to Police Change

The announced change in Neighborhood Policing prompted a flurry of emails to-from-and among various community leaders across the city.

This message from Mt. Washington to City Council got right to the point:

"The Neighborhood Officers connect with the people in their neighborhoods in a way that can not be copied or done with some other arrangement. PLEASE keep the Neighborhood Officers!!!"

Undoubtedly all Council members responded in some fashion. Here's part of Councilmember Bortz's response to the Mt. Washington plea.

"You can expect to have increased access to your police department. There will be a Lieutenant and Sergeant on every shift acting as the primary liaison between the community and the police department.

They will oversee the integration of CPOP into all police operations.

The message is that the police department is available 24/7 to work closely with residents to solve the crime problems in their communities. As you know, crime doesn't stop when your neighborhood officer is on vacation or has time off.

Like you, we will be watching the implementation of this change closely. I do not want to jump the gun and undercut what the Chief believes will be a very positive step for police community work. I am supportive of the Chief's decision and respect his expertise. I would like to give it a chance.

I see no reason why grassroots leaders like yourself and your neighbors can not continue to successfully work with Capt. Raabe and his officers. If the officers do not respond positively to the change or are less responsive to your needs, I would like to know immediately.

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Memorial

Our special friend and neighbor, Joe Hall, recently passed away. He

was a Litter Magic volunteer from the start. We could count on Joe and his best buddy, Clyde Otis, to be there at each clean-up.

Joe will be remembered for his big smile, sense of humor, and good heart. He will be greatly missed.

Joanie & Jeffry Weidner

Condolences

You may have read or seen media accounts of the violent death of Cincinnati entertainer Blair Shannon. Blair was the brother of Carolyn Glingman (Red Bank Rd.).

Blair's funeral service at Christ Emmanuel was a testimony to the many lives that Blair touched with his music and humor--and to his close family ties.



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Litter Magic, our community clean-up program, is calling all neighbors to **Adopt-A-Spot** (street) to clean on a regular basis.

This is a great project for families, churches, or a group of neighbors.

For your efforts you will receive a beautiful sign from the City of Cincinnati announcing your commitment to our neighborhood.

All that is asked of you is a regular litter patrol in your designed area, no less than once a month.

Fill out the Adopt-A-Spot form and submit it directly to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. You can find the form on our Kennedy Heights website at www.kennedyheights.org under the "Beautification" link.

There is a yearly celebration held by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful where all Adopt-A-Spot volunteers are recognized. Thanks for your help!

Joanie Weidner
Litter Magic Coordinator

News About KH Schools

Woodford Tutors

"I liked it so much, I didn't want to leave"

That's the testimonial of one of the 17 residents who answered principal Menefield's request for tutors to work with Woodford students.

The tutors work with small groups of students to improve basic reading skills--and help prepare them for standardized tests.

Karen McCreary	Martha McDermott
Mary O'Dwyer	Mary F. Shea
Nece Bassett	Joyce Hibbard
Tom Schutte	Mimi Ogletree
Emily Gordon	Bob Johnson
Betsy Wones	Dorothy Jones
Rodsha Belser	Angela Davis
Jeanette Bronson	Lydia Morgan
Ce Holm	Sylvia Cobb
Mary Reed	

There's always room for more!

To volunteer--or just get more information--leave a message for Ce Holm at 531-4041..or email

education@kennedyheights.org

\$\$ Voucher Slots Available \$\$

As reported last month, if your child now attends John Parker School, he or she can transfer to a private school next fall...and the State of Ohio will cover the tuition up to \$4,250.

63 KH children now attend Parker.

The same deal is available for students scheduled to start kindergarten at Parker next fall.

Academic Emergency

That's because John Parker is on the statewide list of schools that are in "academic emergency."

The State calls this a "scholarship." Because the grant is not based on merit, the better term is probably "voucher."

Would Cover Nativity Tuition

Nativity is a Catholic school in Pleasant Ridge. KHCC has confirmed with the principal that Nativity not only has vacancies, but the voucher would cover the full tuition.

Although vouchers can be used at any private school, almost all the schools listed in a recent *Enquirer* article were religious. Schools such as Seven Hills don't appear to be interested (though you could certainly ask!).

First Come, First Serve

The State has funds for 14,000 vouchers. They will be distributed statewide, first come-first served.

- First: Apply and be accepted at the non-public school.
- Then apply for the voucher/scholarship.

More Information

www.kennedyheights.org

or

531-4041

(Ask for Voucher fact sheet)

Shroder Reunion

1956--2006

- April 15
- Hartwell Contry Club
- 8pm--1 am
- Dinner
- Semi-Formal
- Red, Black, or Gold
- \$25 per person
- Buy at Shroder: Mondays (5-7 pm);

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PR Montessori Kindergarten Registration

You might have noticed...Pleasant Ridge School has disappeared ! The new Montessori School is expected to open in late 2007 or early 2008. That will be the neighborhood school for part of Kennedy Heights (generally west of Kennedy Ave.).

If your preschooler is in the PR School attendance area, he or she can attend the temporary Montessori school in the PR Baptist Church.

Montessori kindergarten and 1st-2nd grades will also begin at the start of the 2006 school year at the temporary site of the Pleasant Ridge School in Madisonville.

For registration informtion:
GotMontessori@hotmail.com.

KH Kids by the Numbers

Where KH Students Now Attend K-8

- ◆ Public: 397
- ◆ Charter: 87
- ◆ Private / Parochial: 70

Cinti Public Schools pays almost \$ 1/2 Million to send 87 KH students to charter schools.



KHCC Has a new supply of high quality, tailor-made T-Shirts.

Outfit your family in community style!

Small-Large: \$10.00

2 XL: \$12.00

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Community Calendar

2/11 heART of ART Exhibit starts
2/15 Great deals on Valentines!
2/21 KHCC Meets

Camera Response

KHCC has applied for but not yet received a grant for crime-watching cameras to be installed at "hot spots."

Here's a sampling of opinion registered at the KHCC website (30 people).

Should we do it?

- No problem 76%
- Some Reservations but try it: 20%
- Needs more study:3%

Would You Contribute for Maintenance?

\$100....25% \$50....8%
\$25....17% \$10...46%



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