



Kennedy Heights News



May 2007

Kennedy Heights Community Council



Sap Run Last Minute Reminder

- Saturday May 19
- KH Presbyterian Church
- Run/Walk/Bike...& Eat
- 8:30 On Your Mark & Go!
- 9:30 Breakfast & Fellowship
- Tickets: \$15 (adult) \$7.50 (tots)
- Don't have a ticket?...Pay at the door
- Not up for the exercise? Just eat & meet!
- Benefits: You & KHCC

KH Plans Nights Out

"Nights Out" began in 2006 as a project of the KH CPOP team. These are informal neighborhood cookouts.

Everyone is invited to come "pot luck" for an old-fashioned picnic.

Spend some time with the neighbors, chat with local police officers, Catch up on the gossip. And just have a good, relaxing evening.

If you are able, bring something small to share—hot dogs, buns, chips, desserts, or any picnic items.

This year's first Night Out was on May 12 at Kennedy & Montgomery. The schedule for the rest of the summer:

6/23 Woodford / Lang Park, at the corner of Kennedy and Woodford

7/21 KH Presbyterian Church's parking lot at the corner of Kennedy and Zinsle

8/16 Zinsle Tot Lot, corner of Zinsle and Red Bank Road

Mark your calendar and join in!

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No June Elections

Traditionally KHCC has held its annual elections in June.

That ended with constitutional amendments adopted at the April KHCC meeting.

Terms of the current officers and board members have been extended through December, with their replacements to be elected at the November general meeting and taking officer in January.

Concert Honors Emergency Response Folks

5/31 7:30

KH Arts Center

Pleasant Ridge, KH, Silverton and the surrounding communities of Amberley Village and Columbia Township sponsor an evening to honor the men and women who care for and protect our community

- Amberley fire and rescue department
- Cincinnati fire department
- Deer Park- Silverton fire department

6:00 fire fighters and emergency personnel are guests of the community at the Kennedy heights arts center

7:30 concert and memorial ceremony

The Sycamore Community Band

Pete Metzger

musical director and conductor

KHCC Meets

Tues. May 25 7:30 pm

KH Presbyterian Church

- Community Asset for the Neighborhood: Citizens Planning Committee for a PR/KH/Silverton Arts District,
- Extension of Cincinnati Collaborative Agreement
- Vacant/abandoned housing units in KH
- Boy Scout troop in KH

KH Woman Wins Pig

Writing the day after the Flying Pig, we couldn't reach her for comment.

But this is front page stuff!

Leah Peelman (Wyatt Ave.) brought home the pink by winning the women's division of the Flying Pig Marathon. This was her first marathon. Her time for 21.5 miles: 2:55:53...crossing the finish line almost 8 minutes ahead of the next woman.

What greater inspiration for runners, bikers, & walkers now in training for the KH Sap Run on May 19.

Congratulations, Leah!!!

Citizens Planning for the Arts in PR-KH-SIL

For several months a group of residents from KH, P Ridge, & Silverton have been meeting at the KH Arts Center with the goal of promoting the arts in the three communities.

They're still in the "talking stage," but plans have begun identifying specific objectives.

- Promote cultural exchange and collaboration via the arts
- Promote arts patronage (particularly of elementary and jr. high age children)
- Support art-related programming and businesses through:

- ◆ Relocation/Homesteading help;
 - ◆ Training; and
 - ◆ Resource attainment
- Interested?

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Duke Alert

Despite the relatively mild winter, chances are some who read the *KH News* have fallen behind on your gas & electric bills.

Although there's no law to prevent Duke from shutting you off in the winter, in reality there are not many shutoffs in the winter time. But once the weather turns warm, the company really means it when says "pay...or else."

Options to avoid shut-off include

- Agree to pay the back bill in installments. As a general rule, Duke will not agree to more than 6 monthly payments (an Ohio rule), plus, of course, your current bill.
- Sign up for PIPP (Percentage of Income Plan). Over the summer you'll have to pay 10% of your income for gas plus your actual electric bill. Between November and you'll pay no more than 15% of your income for gas and electric.
- Community Action will also have "summer crisis" funds to help families with high cooling bills in the summer.
- If you were already on PIPP and fell behind on winter payments, Duke will require you to make up the missed payments.
- Eligibility is based on income: Family of four must be under \$35,000 annual income.
- Call Community Action, for an appointment (569-1850).

211 Oops!

At least one diligent reader was misled by a typo on the April *KH News*.

The number to call for mortgage counseling referrals is 211 **not** 221.

211 is the central "information & referral" line for the United Way.

Tune Your Computer to KHCC

- Lots of Neighborhood Info
- Sign up for eNews Updates

www.kennedyheights.org

Scouting for Scout Leaders

Thanks to interest and volunteers at Woodford School, Cub Scouting has returned to Kennedy Heights.

Now the next challenge is to reorganize a troop for the older boys.

That will require at least two adults interested in working with the Daniel Beard Council to get things moving.

531-4041
ernie@kennedyheights.org

Need a Neighborhood Cop? 378-0575

Call any time of any day. It is staffed by a Sergeant with the clout to see that your concerns are heard and acted upon. If the Sergeant does not answer the phone (he or she may be driving, in an emergency, etc.) leave a message on the voice mail and the Sgt, will promptly return your call.

Be ready with specific information. Names, descriptions, license plate numbers, time of day, day of week, location of problem are all very helpful.

Handy Numbers

- ☎ **911**: Emergency (no change)
- ☎ **765-1212**: Police Communications in a non emergency situation where Police presence would be helpful.
- ☎ **378-0575**: Report neighborhood problems.
- ☎ **979-4400**: Contact any District 2 Officer.

Ben Pipkin
Kennedy Heights CPOP

Now Hiring

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open registration for
summer schoolage program

Caring Place Needs Caring Vols

How's your calendar for Tuesdays &/or Thursdays?

How about sharing a few hours with the Caring Place?

- Housed in the KH Presbyterian Church, the Caring Place serves needy residents in KH and neighboring communities.
- It provides free food, counseling, and rental & utility assistance.
- The staff is looking for some extra hands to unpack, sort, and do various other simple, but rewarding tasks.
- Whether you're looking to give or receive (or both!), the Caring Place is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

631-1114

3 in One ?

Where else can you get next month's news today?!

Barring some extraordinary news needs, this edition of the *KHNews* is doing triple duty.

After the June meeting, KHCC traditionally recesses its general meetings for the summer, though the Board will continue to meet and work.

The next edition will likely arrive in mid-August.

And that's a season's full of reasons to "subscribe" to *KH eNews*. The *eNews* will be published throughout the summer, and timely community information will also be posted at www.kennedyheights.org.

eNews subscriptions are free.

Simply send an email to
enews@kennedyheights.org.

Metallic Club Meets at 10:00 KH & PR Presbyterian Churches

5/18 Samuel Hannaford: Master Architect!
Jane Messingschlager KH
4/27 City Development PR

From the Presidential Desk

KH's Healthy Housing Market

Cincinnati is a rental city. Fewer than 40% of its homes are owner-occupied. Kennedy Heights, by contrast, is an owner neighborhood, where 60% of families own their homes.

On April 20 the *Cincinnati Enquirer* published an extensive article about the region's housing market. The article included a chart with information on 184 neighborhoods and communities in southwest Ohio. It compared the number of sales and average prices in 2005 and 2006.

More than half of 63 neighborhoods where more than 100 houses were sold last year, the average sales price dropped from 2005 to 2006.. In about two-thirds of the neighborhoods, the number of house sales also dropped.

Kennedy Heights bucked that trend.

- 2006 average selling price: \$104,000....Up 3% from 2005
- 2006 sales: 81Up 31% from 2005

Conclusion: One more indicator that folks continue to recognize that KH is a great place to own and raise a family.

On April 24, we gave City Councilmember Chris Monzel an eye-opening tour of Kennedy Heights. Our focus was on properties (totaling 26 acres) owned by the School Board, two of which are slated for development in the next few years, when CPS abandons the old Shroder building and rebuilds Woodford.

We stressed with Mr. Monzel the need for a partnership between the City and CPS to deal with disposition of CPS properties, because those properties present the City with a unique opportunity for expanding its population and tax base. Without question, the City needs to provide financial incentives for developers, to create a win-win situation for the City, for CPS, and for our neighborhood.

Ernie Barbeau, President, KHCC

No Doggone Messes

It's springtime and that means more dogs and their people are walking along our sidewalks and parks.

Children can pick up eye infections if they come into contact with your dog's mess, and both children and adults can track doggy doo-doo inside. Yuck! Doggy doo-doo is unsightly, smelly and messy and people can accidentally step in it.

So be a good neighbor! Carry bags with you and clean up after your dog in our parks and treelawns!

And don't forget: you can actually be arrested for violating Cincinnati's pooperscooper law.

*Jennifer Hackman
KHCC VP for Development*

Juneteenth's 20th Anniversary

20 years ago in Daniel Drake Park.

That was the birth of Cincinnati's annual celebration of the end of American slavery.

The Festival began as a committee of KHCC. After a few years it moved from Drake to Eden Park, but its roots and prime movers have remained in Kennedy Heights, and this year KHCC has again included the Juneteenth Festival in its community budget.

Juneteenth Slavery to Freedom Tour Thursday, June 7

Guided bus tour of several historical sites in northern Kentucky, including the Walton homestead of Margaret Garner with a unique presentation by a descendant of slaves who worked that farm. In Maysville tourers will visit Phillip's Folly and the Maysville Underground Railroad Museum.

- Leaves from & returns to KH Presbyterian
- Tickets: \$50. Includes lunch & all entrance fees

631-7289 juneteenth@fuse.net

Juneteenth Festival June 16 Eden Park

- Family-oriented
- Diabetes fitness walk at 10:00
- Festival begins at noon
- Two stages of great music all afternoon
- Organized activities for children
- Veteran's pavilion: Collecting oral history from African American veterans of all wars. Come & share your story.
- Health screening
- College recruiters
- History exhibits & historical actors
- Lots more!!!
- Free (except food or other purchases)
- No alcohol

June Festival Concert June 17 Eden Park 2-6:00

- Partnership with May Festival
- Father's Day Concert
- Inspirational performances by choirs, classical musicians, liturgical dancers, and more
- Free

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Landscape Nomination



Deadline: June 26

Rules: Nominate yourself or a neighbor; beauty must be street-visible.

Judging: First weekend of July

Photos of recent Winners are on-line
www.kennedyheights.org

Community Calendar

- 5/15 KHCC Meets
- 5/19 Sap Bike/Walk/Run (& Eat)
- 5/31 Arts Center Concert
- 6/7 Juneteenth Tour
- 6/16-17 Juneteenth Festival
- 6/19 KHCC Meets
- 6/23 KH Night Out Lang Park
- 6/26 Landscape Nominations Due
- 7/21 KH Night Out KH Presby Ch.
- 8/18 KH Night Out Zinsle Tot Lot
- 7/7 Ridge Day (PR Festival
- 7/21 Arts Center Festival

Send nominations by June 26 to
KHCC 6463 Kennedy Ave.
I nominate

(Name) _____

(Address) _____
for the 2006 KH Landscape Award.

Your Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ email _____

Editorial Culpa

The April *KH News* arrived too late to remind you of the KHCC meeting and the Litter Magic cleanup. We had logistical mailing snafus.

This month, with luck, you've received the *KH News* with just a day or two to spare before the May meeting, due to editorial time conflicts.

All the more reason to sign up today for *KH eNews*, which will reliably get you timely news and link you to things we don't even cover in the print edition.

All it takes is sending your email address to enews@kennedyheights.org.

Noel Morgan, Editor

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