



Kennedy Heights News



April 2008

Kennedy Heights Community Council



KHCC Offers Summer Arts Scholarships

KHCC is sponsoring four scholarships for the Let Yourself Blossom Arts Camp.

- KH residents age 10-13; &
- Committed to our community, interested in art, and have financial need.

For a scholarship application, contact the Arts Center (see below).

Enroll Now for Summer Arts Camp Ages 10-13

- 4-week, concentrated arts experience in photography, writing, visual arts, video, dance, & music.
- Registration forms available at local elementary schools and at the Arts Center.

Ages 5-9

Three one-week camps focusing on visual arts, theatre and story telling will take place in July.

Tuition Bargain: \$50

www.kennedyarts.org
631-4278
info@kennedyarts.org

Bob Kamp...Good Neighbor Volunteer of the Year

Bob Kamp (Wyatt) was one of three people honored at the citywide Neighborhood Summit with the Good Neighbor Volunteer Award. Bob's involvement with the Kennedy Heights Community Council includes serving on the Board of Directors as Treasurer for 15 years. Every year he has gone door to door asking for donations and selling tickets to community events.



If you are new to the community, it probably wasn't long before he knocked on your door to welcome you KH. He and his wife, Mary, have also chaired numerous events and made certain that everything ran smoothly.

Bob has also served on the boards of KH Montessori and The Caring Place.

Once again, hats off to our Good Neighbor, Bob Kamp!



Annual Sap Brunch Sans Runners

Mark your calendar

**Sat. 4/19 10:30 KH Presbyterian
KHCC Community Breakfast**

Spring's when the sap runs. You'll have to look hard to find a sap tap on a KH maple.

But the refined sap will flow freely at the April 19 Sap Brunch.

A time to shake off the winter blahs, catch up on neighborhood news (and even gossip), sing some songs...and chow down on a fabulous pancake (etc.) brunch.

While you're free to talk or run before and after, there's no organized walk/bike run this year.

**Adults: \$10 Kids: \$5
531-4041**



Great American Clean-up Litter Magic Big Day of Service

4/26/08 8:30-11:30

Join other communities across the United States for this annual event.

Choose Green or Clean

Sign up on the **green team** and work in Kennedy Park preparing the gardens for spring plantings. You'll work under the direction of Kate Kern and Michelle Dragga....**Bring** gloves and garden tools.

OR

Sign up on **clean team** and help pick up litter along Kennedy Heights' major corridors. You'll work under the direction of Joanie and Jeffry Weidner.

- Free Litter Magic shirt for all new volunteers
 - Pizza party back at the church at 11:30 am.
 - Door Prizes!
- Start & end at KH Presbyterian
joanie@kennedyheights.org

KHCC Needs You!

KHCC will hold elections in October for new Board positions to begin in January, 2009.

Anticipating those elections we would greatly appreciate any volunteers, nominations, or recommendations any of our community members have for Board positions.

Suggestions, or questions
Kevin Holt 396-6320
kevin@kennedyheights.org

Duke Moratorium Ends

During this winter most Duke customers were protected against shut off by a state moratorium.

But

Spring's here. And Duke is again serious about shutting folks off.

- ➔ If you're already on PIPP, make sure your PIPP payments are up-to-date.
- ➔ If you're behind & need payment arrangements...call Duke **before** it's too late.

KHCC Next Meets

Tues. April 15 7:30 pm
KH Presbyterian Church
Special Focus Session
Help set
City Hall's budget priorities

WWW.KENNEDYHEIGHTS.ORG



Logo Reflections from a KH Ex-Pat



The yin/yang logo first appeared on the Kennedy Heights Community Newsletter when I began publishing it in 1973, following John Queen and others. In those days before computers, we laid out a paste-up dummy with typewritten text, and I decided to dress it up with a new logo and pressed-type headlines.

The yin/yang symbol was on something else that crossed my desk, and it seemed a simple symbol of how blacks and whites come together in K.H. to create a single community, so it became part of the logo. It just happened that the pressed-type letters were the right size to fit inside the symbol, so a K and an H were added. It stuck, and was soon used in stationery and elsewhere.

I like the thinking process people are now going through as they try more deliberately to develop an updated symbol. My idea would be to frame a simple picture of a residential neighborhood inside a circle with the yin/yang curve running through it. It would make sense to spell out Kennedy Heights for name recognition, possibly as arcs above and below the circle.

We moved to Upper Michigan ("the U.P.") a decade ago when I retired from P&G, and I'm still publishing - this time a quarterly history magazine of 24-32 pages for the Keweenaw County Historical Society.

Bobbie and I continue to see K.H. as one of the nation's great success stories in purposeful urban living, and we marvel at the energy generated year after year by so many people in pursuit of neighborhood fulfillment. Good luck with the logo update and all the exciting things we read and hear about there.

*Paul Freshwater
Formerly of Dogwood Lane*

KH Passes School Levy

Excerpts from two recent letters from KHCC President Ernest Barbeau to the Cincinnati School Board

Kennedy Heights Community Council is proud to be identified in your recent Resolution as one of the organizations that supported the school levy. We are struck by the fact that we may be the only community council, out of fifty-two, that supported the levy.

Each of KH's six precincts passed the levy, with a combined margin of 56%, up from the slimmer November tally of 51%. Precinct E went from an approval vote of 46.6% in November to 59% in March, and Precinct P went from 59% in November to 63% in March! These results clearly indicate that our stable integrated neighborhood and our Community Council strongly believes in public education.

The levy failed in Amberly Village (44%) and Silverton (47%), despite the Board's decision to build new schools and community learning centers at their preferred location.

By contrast CPS has steadfastly resisted KHCC's consistent, strenuous, and well-reasoned pleas to build the community's new school on the Board's property at Kennedy & Montgomery.

KHCC continues to seek greater access to our neighborhood magnet school-community learning center, be it in terms of attendance or access to a broad range of quality programs and services for youth, families, seniors, and other adults. We also continue to expect active involvement in determining the redevelopment of CPS's surplus properties (Shroder and Kennedy/Montgomery) in our neighborhood. We welcome the development of a partnership between CPS, our Council, our Redevelopment Corporation, the City of Cincinnati, and other parties.

The school board's present plans call for rebuilding Woodford to teach 450 students. In a separate letter, president Barbeau joined the Woodford :SDMC in asking the School Board to replace Woodford with a new school that would have a 650-student capacity.

*Ernest Barbeau, PhD
President, KHCC*

What Does Kennedy Heights Mean to You?

What makes KH unique?

If KH were a person, what words would you use to describe him/her?

What does the KH symbol say to you?



Does it represent the community? Why or why not?

What connotations does the logo have?

Positive Negative Neutral

Rate the logo from 0 to 10 for communicating

Diversity __ Unity __

Inclusion __ Natural Beauty __

Arts-Friendly __ Vibrant __

Business-Friendly __ Stability __

Name & Address _____

Call me with the date & time of the next logo meeting.

Help KHCC design a new logo that reflects your image of the community. Clip & return your completed to the KHCC office or Take the Logo Survey on-line www.kennedyheights.org

KHURC Seeking Priorities

The interim board of the Urban Revopement Corp. (KHURC) has begun meeting monthly and defining its mission & priorities.

John Williams is serving as vice chair & leading review of the board's regulations. Jody Barkle & Valerie Butler are chairing the committee for nominations for the permanent board.



Think Color, Texture, Design & Maintenance

This 2007 Landscape Award Winner had it all!

Stefanie and Guy Adams
6345 Iris Ave.

The Adams enjoy landscaping and it shows! Their spectacular shade garden was designed under the canopy of a towering 75 foot beautiful old oak tree.

Their landscape was filled with shade-loving hostas, coleus, hydrangeas and multiple varieties of ferns. One of their gorgeous prized yellow hostas was over 30 inches wide!

The street-visible landscaping was set off with a refreshing water fountain that sat right outside their screened porch. A striking stone topiary filled with cascading ivy and fern sat at the end of their driveway overlooking a large and attractive terraced back yard.

Your Turn Next?

Spring's here. Time focus on the 2008 landscape awards. This is the last of our featured winners from 2007.

See photos of Stefanie and Guy and their gardens and our other 2007 landscape winners at www.kennedyheights.org

Judy Barbeau
Landscape Awards Committee

Metallic Club 10:00 am

- 4/18 Hound of the Baskervilles (PR)
- 4/25 Reflections on Iraq Service (KH)
- 5/02 German Cincinnati (PR)
- 5/16 Crosley Brothers & Empire (KH)
- (PR) PRidge Presbyterian
- (KH) KH Presbyterian

Phony Call Lures Robbery & Shooting Victim

March 27 a deliveryman responded to a call for take-out. It was a fake order, and the address turned out to be a vacant building on Northdale.

According to the police report, he was met there by two men who robbed him of \$50 and then shot him in the stomach. The wound was not fatal.

A 20-year-old Zinsle resident was arrested on April 1 and charged with aggravated (armed) robbery. He is being held on \$350,000 bond.



Kennedy Heights Community Council Highlights of March Council Meeting

Stable Integrated Communities

Brandon Weirs and Jonathan Williams of the Cincinnati Association discussed the key findings of their recent study, *Stable Integrated Communities of Hamilton County* (KH is one of 14 communities in the study).

Soap Box Derby

Doug Newberry (Iris), President of the Cincinnati Soap Box Derby made a pitch for KHCC's sponsorship of an entry in the 2008 Derby and brought an actual Derby car with him! Sponsorship includes the \$680 car kit, wheels, shipping, and entry fee. Mayor Mallory is offering \$5,000 grant to any Council that sponsors a winner, but the KHCC Board has concluded that we do not have the funds in our budget.

Want to raise funds and participate in the Derby's half-day workshop on April 20 at the BMW Store on Stewart Road? Call Doug at 885-1373.

Capital Priorities

Each year the City asks Community Council's to submit priority requests for capital improvements. KHCC's last request resulted in repaving Drake Park. This year's request will be for repaving Northdale Place (along with gutters & sidewalks) and assisting KHCC and the Redevelopment Corporation with obtaining loan to purchase property for development.

Police Report

Officer Engleman reviewed neighborhood crime statistics for February and heard concerns about the need to repair Northdale Place.

Developers Consider

Woodford Planning Continues

- In March a couple dozen residents toured two new schools to get first hand view of their community learning centers.
- Next tour: The new Bond Hill School where they made space for 3 more classrooms by trimming only 14 sq. ft. from all classrooms. 4/28 at 4:30 pm.
- Next meeting of the planning group (to join, just show up) will be in early May.

Info: Leave message at 531-4041

K&M Property

Three potential developers have recently visited the Kennedy-Montgomery site owned by the School Board. One developer withdrew, the second concluded the site is too far from I-75, and the third prospect still has the property on its list of potential sites.

Arts Camp Scholarships

KHCC will provide four, \$50 scholarships for the KH Art Center's Summer Art Program for Children. The scholarships will be awarded to young KH residents, based on need.

Leaders Needed

Treasurer & Nominations Chair Kevin Holt reminded residents of the need to identify prospects for consideration by the Nominating Committee to serve on the Board as officers and as members-at-large.

Announcements

- Michele Dragga has resigned as Interim Chair of the Beautification Committee.
- There is a continuing need to identify two adults to serve as volunteer leaders and as the preliminary step in reestablishing a Boy Scout troop in our neighborhood.

City Budget Priorities at April 15 Meeting

Citizens for Civic Renewal (CCR) co-sponsoring "Enhancing Community Engagement" for the '09-'10 City Budget.

Based on CCR's intent of selecting thirteen neighborhoods to participate in the initiative, This will be a 30-minute facilitated group process of residents who discuss their perspective of what should be the priorities of the City's budget.

That process will occur at the KHCC's April 15 meeting.



Got News to Share?

- Community events
- Awards
- Concerns
- Achievements

All the News that Fits We Print
Deadline: April 30
news@kennedyheights.org
631-7289

Spring Art Show

A burst of creativity from over 50 Guild artists! Kennedy Guild artists in all media open their Spring Show with a party for the public on Saturday, April 12 from 6-8 pm. It's free!

Enjoy art, refreshments and live harp music by Lin Grieser.

Bring your friends and hang out with art lovers from all around the area.

If you just can't squeeze another event into that Saturday evening, come visit the KHAC on Saturdays 10-4 or during the week by appointment. Show runs April 12 – May 10.

Rummage Sale
Saturday 4/12 9-2
KH Presbyterian on Kennedy Ave.
Bargains galore!
 ■ Clothes ■ Shoes ■ Books
 ■ Knickknacks & gadgets
 ■ Etc.

Council Next Meets on
Tuesday 4/15/08

Community Calendar

4/12 KHPC Rummage Sale
4/15 KHCC Meets
4/19 Sap Brunch
4/26 Litter Magic Clean-up
4/28 Bond Hill School Tour
9/20 Progressive Dinner

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