



Kennedy Heights News



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Kennedy Heights Community Council

KHCC Trustee Board 2008

Elected 11/27/07

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Community Dates

- 1/8 KHCC Board Meets
- 1/15 KHCC Meets
- 1/21 ML King, Jr. Holiday
- 1/28 Magnet Enroll Sibs
- 2/11 Magnet School Enroll
- 2/16 Neighborhood Summit
- 2/19 KHCC Meets

KHCC Roots...Part I

Jim Cebula has been KHCC's unofficial resident (Davenant) historian for many years, and he's become more official with the publication of *Creating a Multi-Racial Neighborhood in Post World War II Cincinnati*. At the risk of eyestrain & trivializing an important work, we've extracted a few morsels.

1914: KH was the last independent village annexed to Cincinnati

1950: 3% of KH's 4,800 residents were African American; ten years later the percentage had increased to 18%. The new residents were primarily middle class, buying single family homes. By 1970 the neighborhood was 52% African American, and 75% in 1980.

At the end of the 1950's, housing-related incidents roused community activism in KH, integrating its growing black population into established white neighborhoods.

1959: A home bombing on Standish avenue (apparently related to a dispute between numbers racketeers) led to the formation of an interracial civic association to "keep people in the rackets from moving into our community."

Alarmed by the increase in large apartment buildings, residents successfully petitioned City Hall to rezone some 80 vacant lots to permit only single family homes.

Jim Cebula is a professor of history at Raymond Walters.

Planning for the Woodford

Community Learning Center 1/28

Woodford School is scheduled to be demolished and rebuilt.

Plans for the new school include a "community learning center." And just what that will mean and be is the project at hand.

The Woodford Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC) has been meeting with interested KH residents to dream and plan about possible "partners" for the learning center. The goal is to design a center that will serve not only the students but KH residents of all ages and interests.

The meetings are open to all residents. Whether you're simply curious, deeply interested, or intrigued by the challenge of helping mold the center-to-be, this is your chance to be in at the beginning.

Next meeting...1/28...7:00 pm
Woodford School Library

Winterfest Rocked!

Over 500 folks celebrated Winterfest 2007 on the lawn of the Kennedy Heights Arts Center and the Pleasant Ridge Community Center...& Ol' Man Winter did his bit, with cold and snow arriving just in time.

The Community Center was filled with Crafts, Music, Games, Santa Himself and all sorts of activity after the Tree Lighting at 6 pm at the Center. Melissa Smith, who retires this year after 15 years of directing the Center, had organized a fantastic array of music, arts, crafts, vendors and food for the Community.

The horse-drawn sleighs (wheeled) ferried celebrants between the Community Center and the KH Arts Center and ballet tech.

Music was provided by the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Choir in the Community Tent, the Nutcracker at ballet tech, jazz and dancing by CODE, our local 60's band.

Thanks to Eric Bertlesen and his crew for another great Winterfest.

Neighborhood Summit

2/16 Cintas Center (XU)

Panels & Workshops

- Crime and Safety ■ Environment
- Community Development

Free Lunch!

Register: investinneighborhoods.com

Join the KHCC
eNews Network

Info-loaded website

www.kennedyheights.org

Community news by email

news@kennedyheights.org



KHCC Next Meets

Tues. January 15 7:30 pm

KH Presbyterian Church

- KH Montessori Center
- 2008 Goals
- Budget
- Year-end Reports
- Foreclosures
- KHCC logo & yardsigns
- Citizen of the Year Nominations

To be Continued Next Month

Dynamic Community Calendar Inside!

- ✓ The back of this cover is designed for hanging in your family room or kitchen.
- ✓ Check for accurate dates or print out another copy of the month you need
- ✓ Even dates are listed as available and updated. Extra Calendar covers & printed updates are available at the KH Arts Center.
- ✓ January thru April are here to get you started.
- ✓ Calendar will be updated at www.kennedyheights.org for the remaining months and corrections for publication on your home computer
- ✓ Send event dates, corrections, & suggestions to info@kennedyarts.org

Thanks to
**Jim Zarnowiecki & the
 KH Arts Center**
 for the calendar

Raising your Child with Special Needs or Disabilities

Cincinnati Public Schools is holding a series of free workshop on Thursday evenings for parents of children with special needs or disabilities.

1/10: **Effects** on you, your family and your child

1/31: **Parent for Success:** Tips & Methods; hands-on practice

2/7: **Creative Coping**

2/21: **Reinforce the Positive:** Proven ways to improve your child's behavior

3/13: **Self-Esteem:** Raising your child to be confident & independent

Meet other parents, learn from parent training professionals
 6-8 pm

CPS Education Center
 2651 Burnet Avenue
 Register: 363-0178

Fearing Foreclosure? Don't Just Surrender!

Not Yet in Court?

- ✓ Communicate with the "bank"
- ✓ Explain your situation
- ✓ Ask for the "loss mitigation" section
- ✓ Call 211 for referral to one of Cincinnati's 4 mortgage counseling agencies to help you deal with the bank.
- ✓ Limited "rescue" grants are available to help get homeowners avoid foreclosure.

Have Court Papers?

- Get legal help immediately.
- ✓ Legal Aid: 241-9400
 - ✓ Lawyer Referral: 381-8213

If you don't file an "Answer" within 28 days you lose by default.

KHers in the News

- ◆ Lamont Taylor was appointed to the 5-member Board of of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority.
- ◆ Carrie Scott-Taylor sang with "Team Lachey," which won the NBC "Battle of the Choirs." was featured on NBC taking her daughter, Endiah, 8, to Children's Hospital for monthly sickle-cell anemia treatments

KHURC Re-Forming

The KHCC Board has named an interim board for the Urban Redevelopment Corporation (KHURC).

Dr. Dana Bateman	Mike Harmon
Jody Barkley	Noel Morgan
Clete Benken	Mary Ray
Charles Clingman	John Smith
Gus Grady	John Williams

KHURC will be guided by the *Urban Design Plan*, approved by the City this fall. The plan is posted on www.kennedyheights.org

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KH Arts Center Winter Classes Start in Mid-January

KH Seniors Meet
 Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. the KH Seniors group meets at the Community Center on Ridge Avenue. Lots of things to keep you interested & involved.

Links to the magnet school details are at www.kennedyheights.org
363-6400

Woodford Paideia
 Woodford Paideia on Red Bank Rd. in KH is the nearest magnet with preschool.
 About 100 KH students now attend Woodford. Because it is a "magnet" you must apply like students from other communities.
For Woodford information:

How to Apply
 → In-person at the school
 → First-come basis
 → Snoozers = Losers!
 → Forms on-line
www.cps-k12.org
 363-0123

Learn About Your Choices
 1/23 4-7 pm
 Magnet School Showcase at the CPS office, 2651 Burnet

Enroll in Magnets Now for Next Fall

Early 1/28-2/8
 Siblings of current students now at Schiel
 Third-graders now at Schiel
 All (for KHers)
 All citywide magnets of I-75
 All citywide magnets

In-Area & Citywide Magnets 2/11

KHCC Meets 7:30 Tuesday 1/15/08



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