

Kennedy Heights News

December, 2003

Kennedy Heights Community Council



Mark Your Calendar...Be There!!

(Read On For Specifics of Each)

12/13 KH Holiday Celebration.....5-7:00 p.m.

12/13 Arts Center Open House

12/15: IDC Zoning Hearing....11:00 a.m.

Yule Celebration 'all Come!

Chances are no one can remember the last time KH neighbors gathered to light a community holiday tree, sing along, sip cocoa, nibble snacks, & have a jolly good time.

In fact, this may well be the first of its kind. But Recreation Chair Karen Thomas promises it won't be the last! So, this is your chance to be present at the launching of a grand new Tradition:

**The First Annual
KH Holiday Celebration !
Saturday 12/13
5-7:00 p.m.
Front of
Geier Apartments
(corner of Kennedy & Montgomery)**

Light Up the KH Holiday Tree

- * In front of the Geier Apartments.
- * KH church kids & Geier residents have already started making decorations
- * Bring your own decorations to add to the tree.

Hot Drinks & Snacks

- * Free (of course!)
- * Served in the Geier lobby
- * Cocoa, coffee, cider, etc.

- * Cookies & snacks

Seasonal Music

- * Shroder Paideia Choir
- * KH Singalong (We all!)

Don't Be Bashful!!

Come on...join the festivities...bring your friends & family...and stroll across the street to the KH Arts Center's open house.

They've Made It Possible

Generous Business Donors

Meier's; Target; BP; Speedway; Frank's

Recreation Committee

Karen Thomas; Marcella McNeal; Hilda Coaston; Kimberly Tidwell; Melissa Smith

Inside

- ✓ Beverage Cave Liquor Hearing
- ✓ Zoning Hearing
- ✓ Highlights of Nov. KHCC Meeting
- ✓ 28 KH Homes for Sale
- ✓ Free After School Art Classes

Arts Center Proud New Owner

November 23 the KH Arts Center made a great leap forward. It became the owner of the old Kennedy mansion on Montgomery on Montgomery Road (formerly the High then Douglas Funeral Homes).

The purchase was made possible only by the support of a long list of local residents (and KHCC) who donated money and pledged CD's at the bank to guarantee the mortgage...and a \$50,000 grant from the City of Cincinnati.



Within days of the property closing, the Arts Center received another \$15,000 donation from a man who read about it in the paper.

Open House 12/13

The Arts Center will hold Open House on December 13--before and after the KH Holiday Celebration across the street at Geier Apartments.

3-5 pm 7-9 pm



Buyers with Seller

Liz Douglas (center) former owner of the Douglas Funeral Home with KH Arts Center Board members Richard Cooke, Jim Zarnowiecki, Mary Ray & Kathy Spoon.

Thanks Deferred

We'll add to the November "Thanks" list in January. Thanks & apologies to you who caught our omissions...and patience to you whom we've yet to list,

No December Council Meeting
Council Next Meets 1/20/04

No December Meeting

KHCC will not meet in December
But We
Hope to See You
At least Twice
12/13 at the Holiday Celebration
12/16 at the IDC Hearing

KHCC Meeting Highlights: 11/18/03

(The official and more extensive minutes are posted on our website and will be available at the January meeting)

Actions Taken

Withdraw from Coalition of Neighborhoods

Council voted 17 to 7 to endorse the Executive Committee's recommendation that KHCC withdraw from Coalition of Neighborhoods. Prior to the vote, Ernie Barbeau, who has served the past three months as our delegate to the Coalition, briefly outlined the arguments for disassociating. Coalition President Debbie Green Boone and Executive director Morris Williams spoke on behalf of the CN and against withdrawal.

Announcements

KHCC Wins Top Awards from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful

- ◆ Joanie Weidner won \$500 for KHCC for the Litter Magic program.
- ◆ KHCC won \$500 for the 23 large projects sponsored by the Beautification Committee in 2003

New KHCC Contract Workers

- ◆ **Donna Faulk** will be working with the volunteerism project. The goal is a Networker on every street.
- ◆ **Jamie Donaldson** will be working with the Youth and on various youth programs.

Discount SAT Review

Meredith Loveland Brown, a teacher at Seven Hills School, announced Princeton Review's offering at KHPC of a SAT course at a reduced cost to persons who belong to churches that participate with The Caring Place.

Recreation

- ◆ Parents Getaway the Friday after Thanksgiving at Woodford Rec Center
- ◆ Holiday celebration 12/13 at the Geier Apartments (see front page)
- ◆ Still need volunteers for sports activities; have equipment and funds for training.
- ◆ Standish Ave block donated \$153 to Recreation.
- ◆ Missy Alexander has volunteered to coordinate Ken Sil sports programs.

CODC (Commercial and Office Development)

- ◆ Attendance needed at two hearings related to the IDC on 12/5 and 12/16 (see next page)
- ◆ The CODC is presenting "Business Districts by Design," a workshop on development. 12/02 at the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church 7 PM to 8 PM.

Education

Ce Holm and others continue to explore with Board of Education the possibilities of building Kennedy Heights Silverton School at the corner of Kennedy & Montgomery (ex-Furniture Fair).

Police Report

Captain Cureton and Sergeant Ibold

- ◆ Arrest warrant issued for the Red Bank resident cited for 16 junk cars on his property.
- ◆ Thefts from autos are a number one crime problem in our area. Lock cars, mark your valuables and do not leave valuables visible in your car.

Unique Entertainment!

Area resident **Diane Germaine**, dance choreographer, together with representatives from the Diane Germaine Dancers presented excerpts from "**Such a Landscape**" and "**Fallout**". Capt. Cureton applauded: "I've been to every community council in the City, and I've never seen anything like this!"

Provident Bank

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KH Homes For Sale

(Multiple Listing)

11/26/03

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You Can Help Stop The Cave!

- SKYY Properties now owns the vacant lot on the southwest corner of Kennedy & Montgomery
- SKYY Properties is owned by a Madeira dentist, Dr. Jackson, and his son, Buddy, a Kentucky resident.
- The Jacksons plan to build a drive-thru they call **The Beverage Cave** and have applied for an Ohio license to sell beer & wine.
- KHCC advised the owners before they bought the property that our residents were strongly opposed to having that kind of business in the heart of KH. Over 1,000 residents and businesses sent letters and signed petitions urging City Council to oppose the license application.
- Cincinnati City Council has formally objected to the liquor license.
- The Ohio Liquor Control Division will hold a public hearing in Cincinnati. The hearing was scheduled for Dec. 19. Just as we went to print it was postponed. It now looks as if it will be sometime in January. Everything could hinge on what happens at that hearing.

Be Seen...Be Heard...Be Many!!

The public hearing is a community's only chance to object to a liquor permit. The Liquor Board's decision must be based on law and facts. However, those facts will have the greatest impact when they are presented and repeated by scores of residents.

Be Effective

Testimony at a Liquor Control hearing should focus on the legal grounds for denying a liquor permit. It is not enough to say "we don't want it" or "it doesn't fit our community plan." When you testify you should refer to one or more of the legal grounds for blocking a permit.

Grounds for Denying Permit

Ohio law allows the State to deny a permit if

■ the neighborhood is already **saturated** with places that sell liquor. *There is no specific definition of how many it takes to be saturated. If you think we have plenty now, then point out where they are and explain why one more would be too many.*

or

■ the new business would have a bad impact on the **"public decency, sobriety, peace or good order"** of the community. *Explain your observations about who is attracted to liquor carryouts; how putting a beer-wine drive through at Kennedy & Montgomery would affect litter, noise, crime, public conduct, etc.*

or

■ operation of the liquor establishment would have a bad effect on or interfere with the operation of nearby **churches, playgrounds, or schools**. *What impact on the congregation of Cornerstone? On the other nearby churches? On kids & others using the June Alexander Recreation Area? On residents of Geier Apartments?*

Hearing Attendance Goal

125 KH

Residents & Business Owners

City's Role in a Liquor Hearing

The City of Cincinnati and Cornerstone Baptist Church will be the only two "parties" in the Beverage Cave hearing. The church because it is within 500 feet of the Cave and the City because...it is the City.

Community Council, local businesses, and residents can all testify at the hearing as witnesses for one of the two parties.

Cincinnati police & vice officers will testify about neighborhood crime statistics, crime problems near that corner and on down Kennedy...and how drug dealers find them convenient spots to hang out & set up their own drive up shops on nearby corners.

Watch for Notice of Liquor Hearing Date

We should have that date in time for the January newsletter...but if not, we'll look for other ways to let you know...easiest way to stay tuned:

www.kennedyheights.org

Montgomery Corridor IDC Hearing 12/16 11:00 City Hall

In September City Council put a temporary "hold" on all development on Montgomery Rd. between Coleridge and Tyne. That's known by the acronym "IDC." The IDC expires in mid-December.

Anyone wanting to build in an IDC is looked at more carefully and will have a harder time getting a building permit. The purpose is to give the City and community time to determine what zoning would be appropriate for that area.

City Planning staff has recommended a 6-month extension. The extension will probably be opposed by the Beverage Cave, which is eager to start building and has already applied for a building permit.

KHCC needs a strong attendance at the hearing to support the Planning staff and members of our Business and Office Development Committee, who will make the case for extending the IDC.

Report Crimes to Officer Engleman: 979-4468

News Flash!

On Friday, December 5, the City Planning Commission DENIED the Beverage Cave's application to build the Cave as long as the IDC is in place.

About 30 KHers attended the Planning Commission meeting, sporting "I Love KH" buttons, and giving obvious support to Van Foster, who pled our case.

After School Arts Class (Free!)

Their new (but old) building needs a lot of work before it can be used for art classes. But the KH Arts Center has already started after-school art classes at the Recreation Center in Woodford School. The class is full, but a new class (20 students) will start in January.

To sign up your child, call
Jim Zarnoweicki
631-6116

Community Calendar

- 12/12: Luminaria in P. Ridge
- 12/13: KH Holiday Celebration
- 12/13: Arts Center Open House
- 12/16: IDC Hearing at City Hall
- 1/13: KHCC Exec Committee
- 1/20: KHCC General Meeting

Visit Our Website Often

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The KHCC website logged over 1,200 visits in November. You'll find lots of good stuff there...and we're always ready to resopnd to your request for more.



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