

Kennedy Heights News

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Kennedy Heights Community Council



Dine With Your Neighbors

Saturday 9/24

Bargain Tickets

Single: \$15 Couple: \$25

The annual **Progressive Dinner** is one of the most popular events in Kennedy Heights. And this year it's one of the best bargains in town.

- Appetizers & wine at the Geier Apts.
- Sit-down dinner (to die for!) at one of many host homes
- Reconvene for Dessert, auction, (bring your check book!), presentation of the landscape awards, and great neighbor mingling.

If you've never tried it, now's the time. The price is competitive with Golden Corral--but the varied menus, hosts, and fellow diners are invariably Five Star.

The auction is spirited--some terrific bargains to be had, with the proceeds supporting KHCC.

Don't wait for a knock on the door (it may not come!).

R.S.V.P.

Three ways to make your reservations:

- Return the reservation form (on the back page) in the handy response envelope
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Election Results

KHCC Board of Trustees 7/05--7/06

President	Ernest Barbeau
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V.P. Community Plan....	Jennifer Hackman
Secretary	George West
Treasurer	Kevin Holt
At Large	
Van Foster	Jason Modest
Kathy Tyler	Joshua Swain

2005 Landscape Winners

- ◆ Emily Gordon...3738 Congreve
- ◆ Teye Maddy...6437 Pace
- ◆ Tiffany Rush...5830 Valley View
- ◆ Russell & Denise Smith...6449 Welton
- ◆ Boo & Stuart Candis...6446 Welton

Honorable Mention

- Kyle Horton & Heather Waldron
3708 Aikenside
- Bill & Caroyne Jones...6134 Kennedy
- Tamar Canaan & Onalda Martinez
6434 Crestview
- Martin Wagner, Judge Rogers Park
Ally Nurre Wyatt
- Daniel Barnes Pace
- Michelle Dragga Red Bank

As always, the competition was stiff. Joyce Hibbard and the judges made the rounds of almost 2 dozen nominees in the first weekend of July. Each judge had a numerical scoring sheet, and the winner scores were computed strictly by the math book.

Look for photos on the KH Web and, of course, Joyce will have a full slide show at the Progressive Dinner.

KHCC Meets

8/15/05 7:30 pm
KH Presbyterian Church
**Presentation of the
KH Business Complex
Feasibility Study**

Adopt-A-Spot

Adopt-A-Spot, a program of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, called, has a foothold in Kennedy Heights.

This program was mentioned at the April Litter Magic clean-up and five Kennedy Heights neighbors are now involved.

Adopt -A-Spot is a clean-up/ beautification program that encourages residents to work on improving their neighborhoods by adopting litter "hot spots," planting flowers, and removing graffiti.

You are limited only by your imagination. Each Adopt-A-Spot program participant receives public recognition in the form of an attractive sign installed by the City's Public Services Department within the adopted area.

The sign has the individual's name on it. That way, neighbors will know whose hard work went into making the neighborhood more attractive.

Many thanks go to these great volunteers, Clyde Otis (sign on Doon), Calvin Hood (sign on Woodford by tennis court) and David and Ally Nurre (sign on Wyatt). Signs will be posted soon for Joe Hall (Dante) and Kathy Tyler (Zinsle).

Want to Adopt-A-Spot?

Joanie Weidner, Litter Magic Coordinator, at 631-0051. joanie@kennedyheights.org



Doon resident Clyde Otis at his Adopted Spot.

Presidential Column

Ernest Barbeau (Kinoll Ave), President KHCC

I am honored to serve as the President of our Community Council, and it is a responsibility that I take very seriously.

Fifteen years ago, my wife and I deliberately chose to live in Kennedy Heights, a community whose rich forms of diversity we highly value. Our community's diversity can continue to enrich our lives, but only if **you** and many other neighbors actively and creatively participate.

At the present time, we probably have around 50 residents who are actively involved with various task groups affiliated with the Community Council. Here are some examples:

- ◆ Recreation
- ◆ Progressive Dinner
- ◆ Citizens on Patrol
- ◆ CPOP and the Bumps-on-the-Kennedy-Bridge Project
- ◆ Litter Magic
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Beautification
- ◆ Newsletter and Web Page
- ◆ Commercial and Office Development (especially along the Montgomery Business Corridor)
- ◆ Sap Run.

All of these groups and activities are based on dreams and hopes...and residents as volunteers.

I invite **you** to contact us, to look us over. **You** can visit us at a meeting of the Community Council (we meet every third Tuesday at 7:30p.m. at the KH Presbyterian Church), call or visit our office (531-4041, 6463 Montgomery) and talk with Donna Faulk our Neighborhood Support Worker, drop me an e-mail (ernie@kennedyheights.org), contact any member of the Board, or visit our website (kennedyheights.org).

I hope the above contacts will lead **you** to seriously consider being involved with us as a volunteer, if only for one hour a month. We will cherish your time and praise your commitment.

We have many more dreams and hopes...just look at our Community Plan! But, these dreams and hopes will not become reality unless we have more residents actively and creatively participating with the Community Council. We have a new Board and they are energized and focused to provide leadership. But, they alone



cannot produce the kind of neighborhood that we prefer.

So, we need **you** as much as you need us to ensure that our neighborhood continues to be a neighborhood of choice and not of last resort. (Of course, a resident can generate our preferred neighborhood in other ways than being active with the Council. For instance, the quality of our neighborhood's life can be improved if each one of us improves the appearance of our property...or **you** encourage or help your neighbor to do the same.)

Feasibility Study Unveiled

Want a peek at the future of KH...the future that could be ?

Make sure you attend the KHCC's general meeting on 8/17.

The consulting firm of Kinzelman Kline Gossman (KKG) has completed its study of the feasibility of a business complex in the area around the corner of Kennedy and Montgomery.

The study was funded by a \$30,000 grant from the City of Cincinnati and is a comprehensive and critical evaluation of the prospects for development in that corridor.

KKG will present its results at the August 15 meeting. The final report will also be published on the KHCC website.

This has been a project of KHCC's Office & Business Development committee, which is eager to move on the next step, using the study to attract developers.

The Committee has also been looking at the prospects for improving and redeveloping Northdale Place, a dead end street with more than 15 apartment buildings. Several of the buildings are vacant or nearly vacant, and the street has been plagued by criminal activity.

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Congratulations, Asst. Chief Cureton !

As District 2 Commander, Capt. Michael Cureton has been very supportive of Kennedy Heights. He's a member of the KH Baptist Church and of the Board of the KH Arts Center.

In June, Capt. Cureton was promoted to Lt. Col. and Assistant Chief of Police.

Highlights of the Meeting. Full Minutes are at www.kennedyheights.org

■ Bob Kamp, in his last meeting as KHCC's long-time Treasurer, reported that cash available is \$13,050, year to date income is \$29,668 and expenses are \$33,310. Bob has been involved as a key KHCC fund-raiser for the past 20 years. He cautioned that Council must be careful to stay within the budget.

■ Annual election (see front page for the results). Candidates who were not elected were urged to continue their involvement with KHCC.

■ Presentation by Rape Crisis and Abuse Center of Hamilton County; Two staff persons provided an overview of spousal/domestic abuse, and many questions/observations were discussed. District Two Capt. Michael Cureton discussed the role of police officers in spousal or domestic abuse situation.

■ Ben Pipken (CPOP Team) reviewed the second round of installing cement bumps on the walls of the Kennedy Bridge.

- More than 25 residents participated
- Involvement of police officers
- Approximately 1,000 egg-shaped multi-colored bumps have been glued
- Positive graffiti chalked on the walls messages on the bridge ("Real Men Don't Use Drugs").
- Informational cards given to passing motorists ("Why Bumps, and What Can You Do To Help").

■ Residents expressed frustration with drug activity, not only at the bridge but at other locations. Capt. Cureton encouraged residents to persist in our commitment to maintain control over the welfare of our neighborhood.

■ Capt. Cureton noted that the Citizens on Patrol may now call upon a District's Lieutenant to participate in their patrol. This will enable one of the District's key officials to have a more personal understanding of neighborhood concerns.

■ Kathy Tyler noted difficulties with the tot lot at the corner of Zinsle and Coleridge. She asked if it would be possible for the Recreation Commission to limit access to the tot lot to children or children with parents, to improve the lot's lighting, and declare the immediate area a drug-free zone. Melissa Smith of the Commission noted that she would take those concerns to the Commission.

■ Ce Holm introduced Dr. Cindi Menefield, the new Principal of Woodford School. Dr. Menefield expressed appreciation for the welcome to our neighborhood.

■ Joanie Weidner distributed two documents about the upcoming Summer Clean-Up event on July 16.

■ Joyce Hibbard of the Beautification Committee reminded residents to submit candidates to be awarded the neighborhood landscape award.

■ Kathy Spoon reported on upcoming activities at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center.

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To the Community
from Bob Kamp

After 20 years as Treasurer for the Community Council I have hung up my calculator and ledger sheets. It has been a pleasure and privilege to have served you as Treasurer and Chief Fund-raiser.

I hope that the community will support the new Treasurer, Kevin Holt, and the Council with your contributions.

My wife, Mary and I are remaining and still living in Kennedy Heights. Let's all pull together and work at keeping Kennedy Heights an especially desirable place to live in.

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Progressive R.S.V.P.

- Reserve ____ seat(s) at the dinner table
- Check enclosed (made to KHCC) for \$_____
- Will pay at the door
- We have an item to donate for the auction
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Community Calendar

- 8/16** KHCC Meets
- 8/29** CPOP Meets (KH Office)
- 9/17** Walk the 'Hood
- 9/20** KHCC Meets
- 9/24** Progressive Dinner

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KHCC Office Hours

- ◆ KHCC's new office is 6463 Kennedy
- ◆ Office hours: Tues. & Thurs., 9-2
531-4041

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