

Kennedy Heights News

November & December 2005

Kennedy Heights Community Council



Winterfest Friday 12/2 5:30-10:00

This is our second Winterfest celebration and it shows every indication of being as successful if not more so than our first event thanks to the hard work of our very creative organizing committee and the generous donations of local businesses and supporters.

Richard Cooke, Winterfest Chair

Woodford Needs Tutors

Reading is the key to children's success in school.

Would you like to help a child master this important skill?

- KHCC is looking for tutors interested in giving a couple of hours a week at Woodford school starting in January.
- You will work closely with the child's teacher and be trained to use the *Voyager* reading program.

Interested?

Call 531-4041 & leave your name and telephone number for Ce Holm...or email ce@kennedyheights.org.

Developer Outbid for Shroder

In October KHCC backed a developer's bid to buy the Shroder School property with the aim of building homes.

At press time all that's known is that the preferred developer was outbid.

Watch the website and KH eNews for more details as they become known.

6-8 pm PR Recreation Center (Ridge Ave.)

- Tree-lighting and children's choir
Under direction of Joe Beiting, Nativity School
- Children's holiday party with Santa with free refreshments & games

8-11 pm KH Arts Center (Montgomery Rd)

- Tree-lighting 8:00
- Reception, Guild Artists' Holiday Exhibition, Choirs and live music.

Nativity C.O.D.E. Band

Free Carriage Rides! 6-11 pm

- Back by popular demand: Three horse-drawn carriage will carry revelers along the lumenaria route 6-11:00

Queen O'Rourke

- Channel 9 anchorwoman Tanya O'Rourke will serve as Winterfest Queen.



Winterfest will again feature free carriage rides throughout the evening

Dejas Vue Again?

Due to editorial maladies, the November issue of *Kennedy Heights News* has arrived just in time for December.

But yet much of what's printed here is "old news" to some 130 residents. That's because they subscribe to the electronic version. You're invited--urged--to join their ranks.

Have a computer that's connected to the internet?

Take a few minutes to log onto the KHCC website and sign up for *Kennedy Heights eNews*.

- Receive timely community news instead of waiting for the monthly edition to drop through your mail slot.
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- Photos in living color..& more of them.
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**KHCC
Will Not Meet in December
Enjoy the Holidays!**

**Report Drug Dealing
Sgt. Ibold : 979-4420**

KH Projects (&Folks) Reap Praise & Awards



More Bumps...Fewer Rumps

Kennedy Heights CPOP, formed last spring, easily identified drug dealing along Kennedy Avenue as its first target. One of the team's observations was that drug dealers appeared to be using the bridge Kennedy & Woodford as an open air market. Dealers plied their wares while sitting atop the concrete bridge railing--and stored (hid) them under bridge.

Fencing off the bridge embankment addressed the storage issue--but the bridge itself still remained a comfortable marketplace. So the team looked for a way to make the bridge less comfortable...so CPOP chair Ben Pipkin invented "bridge bumps."

Bridge bumps are concrete cones and formed in Ben's garage from plastic Easter eggs and super-glued (by the 100's) by KH residents to the bridge. Predictably the first batch were knocked off..and persistently residents glued more on.

Result: The bumps (& CPOP & KH) won!

Ben and the KH CPOP team were featured at the first annual CPOP Awards banquet--including \$300 to go toward COP's next project. The *Cincinnati Enquirer* also featured the Bumps Project in a front page article in mid-November.



KHCC Vice President Nece Bassett glues replacement bumps onto the bridge



Litter Magic Wins...Again!

KH Litter Magic won first place in the **Keep Cincinnati Beautiful** yearly awards.

Litter Magic, thanks to the leadership of Joanie Weidner and many KH volunteers, wins this event every year! Joanie is confident the \$500 check will cover Litter Magic's expenses for 2006.

National Recognition

Joanie learned in October that Litter Magic had also won a national award from **Keep America Beautiful**.

She will fly to Washington in early December to receive the second place in national competition for litter control programs.



Joanie (4th from left) & Litter Magic volunteers (date unknown)

Neighbor to Neighbor

Neighbor to Neighbor meets Monday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m., at the Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church.

April Martin will show and discuss the second half of her film, "The Color of Justice." The first half was seen by a large and enthusiastic audience at the June meeting.

For more information, call **Ruth Snouffer, 891-1373**.

Memorials

Frank Franklin, "The Walking Man"

Standish Ave. resident Frank Franklin, was known to many as *The Walking Man*. For many years he served as a crossing guard for many years at the corner of Kennedy and Montgomery Road in Kennedy Heights.

He waved to everyone and offered the "Peace" sign. He was my grandfather and a father-figure to many. He was a pillar of our community and will be greatly missed by everyone.

Cachonne Brown, Grand Daughter

Chess in the Park

Kathy Tyler KHCC Board Member & Woodford Parent

On October 22, eleven young chess enthusiasts braved the brisk day to match wits on the boards.

The board battles continued for two hours, topped off by a match between Cincinnati Asst. Police Chief and Evan Lusk of Walnut Hills. Asst. Chief Cureton won, but Evan him a run for his money!

I was impressed with the abilities of these young men. Lt. Col. Cureton was wonderful. I am so thankful for the effort that he gave in keeping his word to the youth. He left a wedding and came to play. The kids loved playing him.

At the Winter Games Lt. Col Cureton will play George Tyler and the winner from the playoff match between the young man who unseated "King" Ryan and John Allen Lusk,.

We are also thankful to Mr. Garges and the crews of CRC for the beauty of the park."

To see the youth interacting with the police was so encouraging to me. It's a start to building great relationships for these groups."

Chess in the Park was co-sponsored by the Woodford Paideia Chess Club, In God's Hands, and KH CPOP.



Clyde "Jimmy" Vinegar

Standish Ave. resident and Cincinnati civil rights leader Clyde William "Jimmy" Vinegar Mr. Vinegar died Oct. 22 from complications of lung cancer.

"Jimmy" was a local leader of CORE and knew Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. personally and brought him to Cincinnati a few times to speak.

KHCC Asks Cities for Street Cameras

At the November Council meeting, KHCC residents voted to ask the City for money to install video cameras near crime "hot spots." The cameras have been recommended by both the KH CPOP team and the Police.

- Council would use the city grant buy 5 cameras to target specific "Hot Spots"
- "Hot spots" determined by crime statistics (most likely along Kennedy from Woodford to Montgomery and near the Zinsle Tot Lot)
- Cameras record continuously
- Monitored by police and trained volunteers
- City grant (\$25,000) will pay for all equipment **but no** maintenance
- Maintenance costs are about \$100 monthly per camera
- KHCC's challenge will be to raise funds to cover maintenance



Short Term Goal

Reduce the sale of drugs in our community. In addition to the cameras, we plan to provide residents with information about drug treatment options and to work with neighborhood groups and schools on drug use prevention.

Long Term Goal

Assure that Kennedy Heights is one of the safest, most diverse and inclusive, and clean neighborhoods in the City.

Opinions Vary...What's Yours?

You can learn more and express your opinion about using surveillance cameras on the KHCC website. A sample of comments:

- *At first glance it sounds good, BUT it has the potential for unplanned consequences. There IS the Loss of Privacy and Invasiveness. 'Big Brother is watching'....right out of Orwell... It is too bad we all lose because of the bad guys. Maybe after time we could use a few dummy cameras to cut down on expense. no one would know which are real.*
- *Some people will object to cameras , citing invasion of privacy. That is a feeble excuse. The cameras will cover public sidewalks and streets. There is no right to privacy on a public street.*
- *Residents should know that: a) it's working in other communities b) we can move the cameras as the sellers move so cameras can be used for lots of places in the future c) cameras are ancillary and can be used with other strategies. This should be seen as another strategy to retake the neighborhood*

Take the Camera Survey

at

www.kennedyheights.org

Excel Staffing Coming to KH

Excel Staffing Services will be coming to Kennedy Heights in December 05. Excel has been in business since 1998. It's now located in Evanston. The main office is out of Columbus Ohio, with several locations throughout the U.S.

Excel provides temporary staffing for jobs ranging from secretarial to labor positions. They also help with ex offenders.

The new office will be at 6660 Montgomery Rd. the corner of Montgomery and Coleridge.

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Why the YinYang for KHCC?



A curious resident asked recently about how KHCC came to adopt the "yinyang" as its logo.

Resident historian, Jim Cebula (Davenant) attributed it to Charles Bronson (Aikenside). And here's how Charles recalls it:

KHCC was founded in the mid '60's in the midst of--& very much a part of--the Civil rights movement. "Block busters" were threatening neighborhood stability, and KHCC's founding parents were determined to maintain KH as balanced, intentionally integrated community.

Charles, a student of oriental philosophy, saw the black/white "yinyang" as a way to sum up the purpose & mission of KHCC.

& so it has been & remained

Both Jim & Charles are past presidents of KHCC

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Support KHCC With Your \$\$

If KHCC were public radio, this would be one of those promos that tells you that KHCC is made possible by **residents like you.**

Unlike many other community councils, KHCC has no membership dues--and every adult resident is automatically a full-fledged member.

This year's budget has been blessed with grants from Invest in Neighborhoods, Neighborhood Business Districts United, Safe & Clean Streets, and the Cincinnati Department of Development. However, most of those funds have been earmarked for specific projects and do not cover all of the organization's expenses.

The two annual fund raisers, Sap Run and Progressive Dinner, were very successful--but still left a gap to be filled by direct contributions from *Residents Like You.*

Community Calendar

12/2 Winterfest
1/2 Development Committee
1/17 KHCC Meets

Some of KHCC's Good Works

- For the first time in recent memory, KHCC has an operational office with part-time coordinator...and monthly expenses.
- Support for Ken-Sil sports teams
- Summerfest & Winterfest
- Beautification projects throughout the community..and this year most noticeably along Woodford Road.
- Long-term planning for development on the Montgomery Rd. corridor
- Monthly (or almost) newsletter.
- Website & eNews

The Pitch

Beat the Taxman by making your tax-deductible check payable to "KHCC" and mailing or delivering to 6463 Kennedy Ave.

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