Kennedy Heights Community Council

KH + PR + 12/3 = Winterfest 2004



he farmer's almanac says winter starts on December 21. But in Kennedy Heights, we're speeding things up a bit. We're kicking the chilly season off on December 3. And what a kickoff it will be! Last year a small group of residents caroled, decorated our first tree at the Geier Apartments, sipped cocoa, and got their first glimpse of the possibilities of the new Arts Center. From those humble beginnings we now have Winterfest 2004, dramatically spanning the borders and linking the residents, schools, and institutions of Kennedy Heights & Pleasant Ridge.

Highlights (and more is yet to come!)

2 miles of candles!

Luminaries will line both sides of Montgomery Rd. from Coleridge to Ridge and down to Woodford. That will be almost 2,500 candles. Montgomery Road businesses have been encouraged to stay open throughout the evening.

Stroll....or Ride in Old Style!

5:30-8:00 Horse-drawn carriages will travel from the Arts Center in KH to the Recreation Center in Pleasant Ridge. Kids & adults all welcome. Each buggy will hold 22 passengers. Ride free, compliments of KHCC and Nativity School.

Light Trees & Party in Both Communities

6:00 Tree lighting at PR Recreation Center

6:00-8:00 Children's party at the Recreation Center. This is an annual party, hosted by the Recreation Commission.

8:00 Tree lighting at the Arts Center. A new, 20 ft. tree is being planted in the Arts Center lawn. Both the PR and KH trees will be decorated with ornaments created by art students at Shroder, Woodford, Nativity, & PR schools. Local choirs will lead the singing.

Close Out the Evening With the Arts!

8:30-10:30 Geany Blessing Quintent inside the Arts Center (appropriate refreshments, of course).

Collaborative Collaboration

ike most things, Winterfest began with a few dreamers saying "wouldn't it be great if..." And fortunately the dreamers have also been doers!

One of the novel objectives is to plan an event that pulls together the residents of KH & PR--thus the luminaries and carriage rides along our mutual corridor, art from students in the communities' schools, and events & trees at both ends.

Organizations helping with the planning, financing, and execution of Winterfest 2004 include:

- Kennedy Heights Community Council
- Pleasant Ridge Community Council
- Kennedy Heights Arts Center
- Improve Pleasant Ridge
- Kindervelt of Children's Hospital
- Nativity School & Church
- Cincinnati Recreation Commission

Donors & Sponsors Welcome

Winterfest KHAC 6546 Montgomery Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45213

PWC Prepare Affair Needs You!

Nov. 13

Provide winter preparation and clean up for low-income elderly and disabled homeowners.

- Rake leaves Gather yard debris
- Clean gutters Install storms
- Store lawn furniture
- Install CO detectors

Meet at Caring Place (in KH Presbyterian) Call Now to Register 841-1499

People Working Cooperatively

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KH Made a Difference!

10/23, 25 volunteers picked up 55 bags of trash. New neighbors & Schroder studentsjoined our annual fall clean-up.

Join us in the spring for the next clean-up. Thanks for all your help!

Joanie Weidner Litter Magic Coordinator

KHCC Meets Tuesday

November 16 7:30 pm KH Presbyterian Church First look at Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Winterfest 2004 will be free to all residents. but the bills do have to be paid! Donations to:

Art classes of Shroder, Woodford, Nativity, and Pleasant Ridge This list is undoubtedly incomplete and will be revised in the January KH News!

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Minutes of KHCC General Meeting 10/19/04

(This is a summary of highlights; complete minutes are posted at www.kennedyheights.org) Ernie Barbeau, Secretary Attendance: Approximately 42

Motions Adopted

The membership approved without opposition four items that had been adopted by the Board at its September 14 meeting.

- **25 Cities Initiative:** KHCC accepts the invitation to be one of three neighborhoods Cincinnati participating in an innovative program to attack drug-related problems in the community, coordinating prevention, treatment, and enforcement. This is described more fully in a separate KH News article. The Board is exploring the idea of having a Safety Forum some time over the next few months. The vote followed presentation by and discussion with CPOP, Talbert House, and the Police.
- Ernie Barbeau reviewed a one-page proposal that outlined a four-phase collaborative initiative between Xavier University's CBI and the Community Council. The \$9,700 project will be funded by the United Way of Greater Cincinnati. It will be implemented during the first nine months of '05.
- Title Search: The Board will contract with a title firm to prepare a report on the Montgomery Rd. that used to be "Mr. Kelly's" nightclub. This will identify all of the liens against the property and give a better picture of what obstacles are faced by potential buyers.
- Ken-Sil Basketball: \$250 for league fees
- Winterfest: \$800 budget for the December 3 festivities. More details on p. 1 of the *News*.

Woodford Drop-In

The Woodford recreation center is open after school (4-6), Mon-Fri, with lots of activities for folks from 6-17!

Admission ticket: \$4 annual Rec Center membership.

Announcements

Arts Center: Richard Cooke distributed information of how residents might contact legislative and state officials about funding for KH Arts Center.

Police Report: Kennedy Ave. residents raised ongoing concern about drug-related activities on the street; suggestion that we ask the School board to chain off the parking lot on its vacant property at the corner of Kennedy & Montgomery. These issues are the focus of our CPOP team--and will also be part of the discussion on the new Drug Initiative.

Prepare Affair: Housing chair Bruce Long urged residents to volunteer to help less-abled neighbors on November 13 in "Prepare Affair," sponsored by People Working Cooperatively (PWC). Carol Chamberlain of The Caring Place is the community's point person. Bruce also noted that KH residents have received extensive help from PWC.

Litter Magic: Jeff Weidner invited all residents to participate to join the 10/23 clean-up. This marks the fifth anniversary of Litter Magic.

Recreation: Karen Williams is assistant director of the Ridge and KH Recreation Centers. She reported on activities available at Woodford Center and introduced Jim Garges, Director of CRC.

Politics: The rest of the evening was devoted to political candidates and levy proponents/opponents: Fanon Rucker for County Prosecutor, Steve Brinker for County Recorder, Eve Bolton for County Commissioner, and advocates for Issues 3, 4, 32, & 44.

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KHCC Continues to Evolve

KHCC's constitutional review committee continues to fine tune the constitution.

Last spring we expanded the governing board from 5 to 9 members. The committee's second round of proposals will include term limits. Some proposals will spark debate, others are just housekeeping.

To be unveiled at the November meeting for approval in January or February.

Ken-Sil Sharks Undefeated 4 Straight Years!

KenSil's 8 and 9 year old girls' soccer team finished 2004 season undefeated.!

After-School Camp at

Woodford Rec Center

he City Recreaction Commission is starting an after school "camp" at the Woodford Center (attached to Woodford School). Over 100 are already enrolled in the cap at the PR Rec Center.

- Ages 6-12
- begins November 11/19/04
- 3:30-6:00 PM, M-F
- Quarterly fee: \$200.00 per child, 10% discount for siblings.

The after school camp will include

- ♦ homework help
 ♦ art classes
- ♦games ♦pool ♦ping pong
- ◆ play station 2 ◆ Friday movies
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Drug Czar Targets KH

The official title is the Office of National Drug Control Policy or "ONDCP." However, you probably know it as the office of the "Drug Czar."

The Czar has chosen KH as one of only three Cincinnati neighborhoods in which it will launch a coordinated and many-faced attack on drug dealers, abusers, and the problems that come with them.

After a pitch by the police, Talbert house, & CPOP, and the Coalition for a Drug Free Cincinnati, KHCC has accepted the invitation to work with the Czar and numerous other agencies. The promise is that we will work together to develop strategies that involve prevention, treatment, and enforcement.

The first step will likely be a forum or town meeting in early winter with aims of hearing residents' perceptions & concerns—and helping those residents become part of the solution.

It all sounds great--but it's too early to say exactly what the program will look like. Much of that will depend on the folks who receive (& perhaps read!) the KH News.

Stay tuned!!!

Wonderful Wednesday

Every Wednesday KH Presbyterian hosts "Wonderful Wednesday", with an open invitation to all KH residents.

Dinner 5-5:45

Adult: \$5 Kid: \$2.50 Family: \$12.50 Weekly Activities

Dance Choir Bible Study

Special interest Classes

(topics change)
Care-giving: 11/10 11/17
Organ Donation Dealing with Death
631-1114

See you at Winterfest! 12/3 5:30--10:30 Free for All!!

Web Reminder

Frequent News Updates at www.kennedyheights.org

Arts Center Challenge

arol and Paul Davis (36 years in KH) have challenged KH neighbors to match their \$1,000 gift to the Kennedy Heights Arts Center by 11/30. Matchers' reward: dinner at the Davis House and recognition at the Arts Center.

The Davises believe the Arts Center is the most exciting development since the creation of the Community Council with great opportunity for our children, our adults, and our community. To make a match--and a difference--call Carol or Paul Davis (731-5071) or Kathy Spoon (631-5575).

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Community Calendar

11/9	KHCC Board Meets
11/13	PWC Prepare Affair
11/16	KHCC Meets
11/19	Woodford DayCamp Starts
11/25	Thanksgiving!
12/3	Winterfest in KH & PR

Web Poll

Got a computer? Hooked up to the internet?

Here's the pitch:

- Go to www.kennedyheights.org
- Look at what's available....& what's not.....and tell us how to make it better & more useful.
- Subscribe to "KHCC Alert" by leaving your email address (anonymous & shared with no one else!).
- Monthly visits now exceed 1,000-and in one month we topped 2,000!
- If all our computer-connected readers give us a click & a look, the traffic count can give us a better sense of the site's potential.

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