

Kennedy Heights News

April, 2005

Kennedy Heights Community Council



KH Sap
Walk...Bike...Run
April 30
Start at

KH Presbyterian Church

Barcelona has its annual running bulls...but KH has its running saps!

The **Sap Run** is one of KHCC's two annual fun & fund-raising events.

Start your Saturday morning with a brisk trip thru the neighborhood.

You don't have to be a sap or even a runner. There's something for everyone's speed. That's why the full title is the **Sap Run-Walk-Bike**.

Walkers...bikers...& runners. All ages, shapes & sizes. With, of course, awards going to the fleetest (and, who knows, maybe even the slowest!)

The "race" starts at 8:30...and while the hardy are huffing & puffing thru KH, the kitchen crew will be putting the finishing touches on a fantastic breakfast!

Morning exercise doesn't appeal to you? Hit the snooze bar & join your more energetic neighbors for breakfast.

Breakfast is served at 9:30--and guaranteed to please.

All for the price of a single ticket !

Tickets

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13 & up: \$15

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Great American Clean-Up

April 23 8:30-11:30

Join your neighbors for a morning of Litter patrol!

The "Great American Clean-Up is a campaign to clean-up, green-up and fix-up local communities. This marks the 20th anniversary of the national event.

Most Cincinnati neighborhoods will be participating in the GAC-U, but only KH has **Litter Magic**, which consistently walks away with cash prizes for the City's best anti-litter campaign.

In addition to policing the 'hood for a few hours Saturday morning, Litter Magic chair Joanie Weidner invites you to join the ongoing Litter Patrol and adopt you very own litter zone.

- **Meet** in parking lot of KH Presbyterian (on Kennedy Ave.) at 8:30.
- Gloves, litter grabbers, & bags provided
- **T-shirts** for new volunteers
- **Free pizza** at 11:30

Questions?

Joanie Weidner 631-0051

Rummage Sale 4/30

- KH Presbyterian Church
- 9:00-2:00
- Clothes, jewelry, furniture, appliances, toys...& lots of other treasures.

Good stuff at great prices!!!

What a deal...pick up litter...and buy rummage..all on the same morning at the same place!!!

Report Drug Dealing
Sgt. Ibold : 979-4420

CPS Recommends Silverton Site

For almost two years KHCC has been urging the School Board to use its empty lot at the NE corner of Kennedy & Montgomery to replace Silverton School.

As requested by KHCC, the School Board instructed its administrators to prepare a report that compares the merits of rebuilding on the present Silverton site and building at the KH site.

The Administration has completed its study and gave KHCC officers a preview of its recommendation to be given to the Board on April 1. The recommendation: Rebuild Silverton School where it now stands.

The Administration's architect prefers the present Silverton site because it is not directly on busy Montgomery Rd. and the lot is about 1.4 acres larger. The Silverton LSDMC also prefers keeping the school where it is.

The Board may decide the issue as soon as mid-April.

KHCC will ask the Board to look at other factors that favor the KH site (including the adjacent, 8-acre park).

At the same time, our Development Committee will be meeting with CPS to explore alternative uses for that lot, which CPS originally bought to build Pleasant Ridge School.

Noel Morgan, President
KHCC

Beverage Cave Update

Still no date for the hearing on SKYY Property's appeal on liquor permit denial.

KHCC Meets

4/18/05 7:30 pm
KH Presbyterian Church

Agenda Includes

- By Law Amendments

Free Snacks

Childcare Provided

Kennedy Heights Community Council

Highlights of KHCC General Meeting on 3/15/05

Attendance: 22

Full text of Minutes is on KH Website
www.kennedyheights.org

Due to the low attendance , it was agreed to defer action on the proposed constitutional amendments until the April meeting.

Grant Request Approved

Council adopted (18-0) the Board's recommendations that the following items be included in proposal for funding by the Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United (CNBDU. Total of \$9,000.

- The Caring Place (JOY Program)
- Large Tent (to be used for Winterfest & other events)
- Bridge Bumps on Kennedy Ave. (CPOP)
- Summerfest & Winterfest
- Sap Run T-Shirts
- Banners/ Entry Signs

Announcements / Reports

- No date yet for the Beverage Cave liquor permit appeal hearing in Columbus.
- Joanie Weidner encouraged residents to participate in the *Great American Clean-Up* of April 23, 8:30-11:30 [For more details see article on p. 1]
- Officer Engleman noted significant trash problems on Northdale and Tyne.
- Karen Thomas, chair of the Recreation Committee, noted that baseball sign-up for young teenagers will occur in a couple of weeks. The Committee continues to explore the possibility of a *Summerfest*.
- Karen Williams (both a resident and staff of the Pleasant Ridge/ Kennedy Heights *Recreation Center*) noted that summer camp registration for 13-15 year olds will soon be announced.
- Karen also noted that the Kennedy Heights Senior Citizens Club meets at the Pleasant Ridge Center every Thursday 10:00-1:00 p.m. She suggested Council explore ways to involve those residents in our activities. Recreation Center staff would be willing to transport them to our meetings.

- A builder seeks Council's support for a zoning variance to build two homes on Tyne, with total frontage of 75 feet. Residents did not support the variance request.
 - Officer Engleman and Lt. Williams responded to a variety of concerns, such as the value of having a police sub-station, block parties, car break-ins , abandoned cars, trash, and reports of prostitution on Montgomery.
 - Noel read a letter from an elderly Kirkup resident who expressed concerns about her safety, and of drug/suspicious activities. Kennedy resident and Board member Nece Basset described shootings and other concerns happening in the early morning hours.
 - The Family Dollar chain wants to establish a store in East Walnut Hills. We have been approached to provide information as to what has been our experience. Several residents noted that the trash problems with our store are minimal. We do not know of other difficulties or issues.
 - Home Depot volunteers will paint our recently opened office, at 6443 Kennedy Ave.
 - Ce Holm gave an extensive and enthusiastic report on KHCC's campaign to get a neighborhood elementary school at Kennedy & Montgomery
- 500 residents signed petitions 180 wrote letters to the Board of Education.
- Very positive responses to the petition and letters from neighborhood churches..
 - Presentation scheduled before City Council's Intergovernmental Committee.
- Amy Krings, chair of the *Coordinator Search Committee*, reported that the Committee has developed a Scope of Service, interviewed two applicants, and encourages additional persons to apply for part time contract with KHCC.

- CPOP Team is concerned that City crime statistics show unusually high number of reports of domestic and family violence in KH. And one incident resulted in the recent murder on Northdale. The Team is hosting a Saturday meeting to discuss what our neighborhood might be able to do to prevent and to assist persons involved in those kinds of situations.
- Discussion about the renewal of the liquor permit for Wilson's Grocery. Council voted at the January meeting to oppose the renewal. Some residents strongly oppose the permit, and others believe that we do not have all of the necessary facts.

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**Lots Happening at
Kennedy Woodford Rec Center**

Karen Williams, Cincinnati Recreation Commission

There's a good chance you don't even know about the Rec Center. It's attached to Woodford School and is a "satellite" of the Community Center in Pleasant Ridge. Check us out!

Beginning Jewelry Making Class

Basic beading and some wire work. Projects may include: Necklace, Bracelet, Earrings, Birthday Necklace, and Family Necklace. Some tools available for use in class.

- Beginning April 12th 12:30 – 2:00 PM
- \$30.00 plus membership.

**KH Double Dutch/Step Team
Girls and Boys, ages 10-14,**

Great activity to get young people moving!

- Every Thursday from 5-6:30 pm
- Application and \$8.00 membership

**Summer Camp for Teens
Ages 13-15**

Supervised summer activities, swimming, crafts, picnics, Playstation, Basketball, Tutoring, weekly trips).

- 12 weeks, 7am-6pm,
- \$750; \$9 pool token & \$8.00 membership
- Filling up quickly !!

KH Seniors Club

Kennedy Heights Seniors meet weekly the Pleasant Ridge Center.

Active, lively group, card playing, bingo, weekly activities, trips.

➤ Thursday's 10:00 – 1:00 pm.

Contact: *Ethelyn Sharpe* 271-4190.

Rides for Seniors

KW Recreation Center will provide transportation to the Kennedy Heights Council meetings for seniors who can get to the Pleasant Ridge Center.

➤ Sign Up sheet available at the Pleasant Ridge Center for transportation to the April 19th KHCC meeting.

➤ We will pick up at 7:00 pm and return to the PR Recreation center after the meeting. No Charge for this service. Van leaves promptly at 7:15 pm.

Questions About Recreation Activities
at Woodford or Ridge Centers?

Karen Williams

631-5625 or 477-6678 cell

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**A Taste of the Caring Place
Dinner Bargain!**

The Caring Place is our local food pantry--and provides numerous other important services as well.

It's housed in the basement of KH Presbyterian. But it's a joint project of numerous local churches.

- May 7 5:00 p.m.
- All Saints Episcopal Church on Grand vista (in Pleasant Ridge)
- Children: \$2.50 Adults: \$5
- Family Maximum: \$20

**Liquor Permit Hearing
April 19 11:00
City Hall**

As requested by KHCC, the Police Dept. has filed an objection to renewal of the liquor permit for Wilson's Market at 3800 Zinsle.

The permit has been unused for several years. It is up for an annual renewal.

Anyone may speak at the public hearing, which is to help City council decide whether it should file an objection with the Ohio Liquor Commission.

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Community Calendar

Fan Mail

(Email to the KHCC Website)

Good morning! Please add me to your mailing list.

I am going to be relocating to Cincinnati sometime within the next 2-3 months, and I am trying to be very careful as I make my choice of where to live (having lived in Cincy from April '98 to May '99...)

I liked what I saw of your website, your newsletter, and your neighborhood, which has always gotten an under-served bad reputation in some quarters.

I remember reading in Cincinnati Magazine a couple years back about Kennedy Heights, which had made their list of 'nice places to live', and in particular Mr. Swain's glowing praise of Kennedy Heights...I was somewhat 'hooked'!

I look forward to getting more information on Kennedy Heights, and maybe living there in the near future...have a wonderful day! :-)

- 4/17** Liquor Permit Hearing
- 4/18** KHCC Meets
- 4/23** Litter Magic Clean-Up
- 4/23** Rummage Sale
- 4/26** CPOP & Landlord Training
- 4/30** KHCC Sap Run
- 5/2** Development Committee Meets
- 5/7** Taste of Caring Place
- 5/7** Pleasant Ridge Stroll
- 5/15** KH Arts Show
- 6/18** Juneteenth Festival

Landlord Training

April 26 8:00 pm
6443 Kennedy (KHCC Office)

Cincinnati police officer with tips for landlords on how to:

- Improve tenant screening
- Improve property management
- Keep your good tenants longer

Sponsored by the KH CPOP team & Cincinnati Police.

Questions?

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CPOP@kennedyheights.org

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Amendments Sill on Agenda

Extensive amendments to the KHCC constitution were tabled at the March meeting because of low turnout. The amendments are back on the agenda for April.

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