

# Kennedy Heights News

February, 2005

Kennedy Heights Community Council



## City Ordered to Issue Building Permit for Beverage Cave

Common Pleas Judge Ethna Cooper ruled that the City of Cincinnati had violated its own procedures last September when it refused to grant SKYY Properties a permit to build the Beverage Cave at the corner of Kennedy & Montgomery.

SKYY first applied for a permit in Sept., 2003. Judge Cooper ruled last August that the City had the right to deny that application because the property was protected by an "Interim Development Control" (IDC).

When that IDC expired on 9/24/04, the City tried to block SKYY's new application by enacting a new IDC. SKYY was actually at the permit desk at the same time City Council was voting on the new IDC.

Judge Cooper found that City Council moved too fast on the new IDC and that City officials improperly stalled SKYY's new application and then denied it minutes after Council passed the new IDC.

The City has asked the Judge to "stay" her order while the City appeals. As of press time the Judge had not ruled on the City's request.

## Liquor Permit Hearing Delayed

SKYY Properties asked the Ohio Liquor Commission to delay its appeals hearing that had been set for Jan. 26.

The new date will probably be in mid-March had not be scheduled at press time.

KHCC's aim: At least 100 residents in Columbus for the hearing.

**Book a seat on the Cave Bus:**  
**StopTheCave@kennedyheights.org**  
**531-4041**

## Great Town Meeting!

Over 50 residents attended the January Town Meeting, defying dismal a weather forecast (the threatened ice storm never came).

Guided by Byron White of XU's Community Building Institute, residents explored ways to "Mend a Community of Choice," a great community that's a bit frayed around the edges.

Participants quickly compiled two lists:

### What is great about Kennedy Heights?

- Committed residents
- Diversity
- Montgomery Road
- Spirit of collaboration
- Affordable market-rate housing
- Community council leadership
- Parks
- Churches
- Location
- High owner-occupied housing rate
- Focus on children and safety

### Where do we have challenges?

- ➔ Blight on Montgomery Road
- ➔ Drugs
  - ⊖ Dealers
  - ⊖ Users
- ➔ Inadequate educational opportunities
- ➔ Perception of being unsafe
- ➔ Beverage Cave threat
- ➔ Lack of recreational facilities

The balance of the day was spent looking at community issues from different perspectives, producing an impressive catalogue of community resources that can be used to mend the frayed edges.

### Next Steps

Over the next couple of months a smaller group will work with the results of the Town Meeting to sharpen the focus and define strategies to address specific problems.

All residents will be asked to join in Town Meeting II to set priorities and commit to strategies for change.

**Extensive report on the Town Meeting is posted on the KH website.**

## City Cuts Caring Place

One of City Council's last minute budget balancing cuts hit at the heart of Kennedy heights.

In December the City of Cincinnati trimmed its budget by cutting all support for **The Caring Place**.

The Caring Place serves residents of KH, Pleasant Ridge, Silverton, & Golf Manor.

The Caring Place is more than a food pantry. Like other pantries it also recycles clothing and furniture. In addition it helps needy families cope with financial crises by paying for utilities, rent, mortgage, medicine, and even gas to get to work. And its JOY program has worked with KH students.

### Families Served in 2004

Food: 1,976  
Utilities: 88  
Rent / Mortgage: 64  
Total Children: 2,024

The Caring Place board includes 8 local churches: KH Presbyterian, Fellowship of Jesus Christ, First Baptist of KH, Nativity, PR Presbyterian, St. Peter's United Church of Christ, and All Saints Episcopal.

City Council's December surprise has Caring Place director Carol Chamberlain scrambling for private donations from the community.

She welcomes donations of any amount. Cash donation are better than food, because Carol stocks the Caring larder at bargain basement prices.

**The Caring Place**  
**6312 Kennedy Ave.**  
**841-1499**

### KHCC Meets

2/15/05 7:30 pm  
KH Presbyterian Church

### Agenda Includes

- By Law Amendments
- Free Snacks**
- Childcare Provided**

## Did You Know...?

The opening of the Cincinnati, Lebanon and Northern Railroad in 1882 sparked the growth of Kennedy Heights.

Lewis Kennedy was one of the first real estate developers in the area northeast of downtown Cincinnati. In 1885 Kennedy developed a 22 acre tract of land south of the Montgomery Pike and west of the newly proposed Kennedy Avenue. He organized the Kennedy Heights Loan and Building Association and laid out streets named after noted English writers William Davenant, Charles Dickens, Robert Congreve and Thomas Wyatt.

by Dr. Jim Cebula (Davenant)  
KH Historian Laureate

&

UC Prof. of American History

## Transition on Montgomery

■ The sign on the lot says the former "Mr. Kelly's" has been sold. The buyer has not yet been identified. Any new business there must comply with new (CC-P) zoning, which does not permit, a used car lot or drive thru businesses..

■ Nu Vue has changed hands. The new owner is "Superior Products."

■ Several months ago a west side car dealer announced to Community Council that he was buying the C-Tech building at the corner of Tyne & Montgomery. His "Ril Deal" sign was up for only a short time. The lot remains unused.

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## KHCC General Meeting

1/22/905

### Summary of Minutes

The January meeting was sandwiched between sessions of the Town Meeting. The following items were approved by unanimous voice vote.

- 2005 budget (only minor changes from budget printed in *January KH News*). Income includes several grants. Expenses include hiring neighborhood coordinator and renting KHCC office space.
- NSP Proposal (\$7,000 grant proposal to Invest in Neighborhoods for newsletter, phone service, fund raising, beautification, and audit)
- Ask the school board for a cost-benefit analysis that compares the Kennedy Hts. & Silverton sites for reconstruction of Silverton School.
- Grant proposal to Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United. Items to be funded included CPOP projects aimed at interfering with drug trade.
- Oppose renewal of liquor permit for Wilson's Grocery on Zinsle.

### Other Issues Raised

- School board's consolidation of Eastwood and Woodford without community consultation.
- Litter Magic / Great American Clean-up scheduled for 4/23; volunteers needed>

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## GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP

April 23, 2005  
8:30 am – 11:30 am

Meet at the Kennedy Heights  
Presbyterian Church  
6312 Kennedy Avenue

8:45 – 11:30 am  
Rid the streets of litter

11:30 am -12:00 pm  
Celebration and bag count back at  
the church  
VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION  
FOR THE LITTER PATROL  
ZONES PROGRAM

## FREE PIZZA and GIVE-AWAYS!

Latex gloves and litter pick-up  
gadgets provided  
FREE t-shirt to new volunteers

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631-0051

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#### Earned Income Credit from the IRS

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- Wait a month.
- If the landlord hasn't done repairs, you can put your rent into **escrow** with the Hamilton Co. Municipal Court (Rm. 115).

➔ You cannot escrow if you are behind on the rent.

**For Detailed Escrow Instructions**  
[www.lascinti.org](http://www.lascinti.org) (select "Housing").

### Shopping for a Nursery School?

The Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Nursery School will host an open "informational" night on 2/16.

This is a chance to learn about one of Cincinnati's finest preschool programs, tour the classrooms, & meet the faculty

The preschool is managed – and partially funded – by the PR Presbyterian Church as an outreach program to the community. The Director, Megan Sprigg, has a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Development and has created a rewarding educational program to help prepare children for kindergarten.

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### AFS Seeks Host Homes

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Students will arrive in mid-August '05 and stay through most of June '06.

Interested? Curious?

[www.afs.org](http://www.afs.org)  
Mimi Gingold  
[mimiging@aol.com](mailto:mimiging@aol.com) 513-531-9218

### New to KH? New to KHCC?

Give your normal routine a break.

Join your neighbors at the Community Council meeting on Tuesday, 1/15 (almost always the third Tuesday).

It's an exercise in real, grass roots democracy. & unlike folks in elsewhere you don't have to brave bullets & bombers. ...just show up at 7:30 at the KH Presbyterian Church .



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♡ Saturday February 12th ♡

5:30 - 8 p.m.

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**Community Calendar**

- 2/12** The heART of Art
- 2/14** Valentine's Day !!
- 2/15** KHCC Meets
- 2/16** Nursery School open house (PR Presbyterian)
- 2/25** KH News Deadline
- 3/??** Beverage Cave Appeal Hearing in Columbus
- 3/4** Entry deadline for KH Arts Show
- 4/23** Litter Magic Clean-Up
- 4/30** KHCC Sap Run
- 5/7** Pleasant Ridge Stroll
- 5/15** KH Arts Show (at Arts Center)

**KHCC Seeks Community Coordinator**

- Coordinate implementation of the community plan.
- Recruit & coordinate volunteers
- Support Neighborhood Networkers.
- Fund raising
- Case work to assist residents
- Part-time, hourly contract; no benefits

**For more details**  
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