



Kennedy Heights News



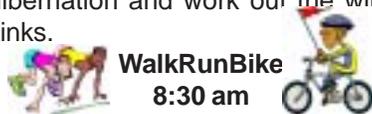
April, 2007

Kennedy Heights Community Council



Saturday May 19

The SapRunBikeWalk (& Eat) is an annual spring happening. That's when KHers & friends emerge from hibernation and work out the winter kinks.



WalkRunBike
8:30 am

Sappers can run or bike the 5k course or walk the 1k course. As an added bonus, there's a fabulous breakfast awaiting everyone at the finish line.

The maximalmini marathon starts and ends at the Presbyterian Church on Kennedy Avenue.

Awards for the top three men/women/children in each category.

The WalkBikeRun (& Eat) doubles as one of KHCC's main fund raisers and an opportunity for residents to gather and socialize.

(& Eat)
9:30

Sad Physical Fact
Great Social Fact

Many folks traditionally skip the sweaty part and show up for breakfast!

It's a great way to shake cabin fever, meet / re-meet your neighbors...and catch up on community happenings (gossip?)

Sap Walk-Bike-Run & Eat Tickets

Adults: \$15 Kids: \$7.50

Ask About Family Deal
sap@kennedyheights.org
531-5477

Leave a message for home delivery of tickets

Join the Sap Run Staff !!

The Sap Run is a wonderful event to attend...but we also need a few folks volunteers behind the scenes to make it successful! We need help with the following:

- Selling tickets on your street
- Work (2) the registration desk
- Timers (2) with stopwatches
- Guides (4) posted along the route
- Kitchen help (7) on Friday (5/18) evening (4-7:00) to dress tables & prepare some of the breakfast dishes
- Kitchen help (7) on 5/19 (7:30 - 11:30) to cook/serve/ clean-up
- Bakers (6) for homemade Danish or coffee cake

Volunteer Now!

Call Natalie Boyer at 731-5477.

We would LOVE to have your help!

New to KH?

Whether you own or rent...we're delighted to have you.

This is your best chance to get a feel for the community and confirm that you made the right move!!

What's for Breakfast?

(Typical Menu)

■ Scrumptious Strada

Introduced several years ago by Mary Kamp. An egg casserole. 3-4 varieties to accommodate diverse preferences.

- Sausage
- Bacon
- Pancakes & Waffles
- Hot biscuits
- Coffee cake / pastries
- Cereal
- Fresh Fruit
- Milk / Coffee / Tea

Refills on all as long as it lasts!



KHCC

Constitutional Amendments

The Kennedy Heights Community Council is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation. The corporation operates under the rules of its own constitution or "bylaws." When constitutional amendments are proposed, they must be presented at two monthly meetings in a row.

A set of amendments was presented at the March meeting and will be on the agenda for a membership vote on April 17.

The proposed amendments will change KHCC's election process.

For many years (if not from the very beginning), elections have been held at the June meeting, with the new board taking office in July, just in time for summer vacations.

The amendments, if adopted, will move elections from June to November, with Board terms running from January through December.

2007 would be a transition year. With no election in June, the amendments extend the terms of the present Board members through December.

All KH residents are eligible to vote on the proposed amendments. Amending the constitution requires approval of two-thirds of the residents present at the general meeting.

KHCC Meets

Tues. April 17 7:30 pm
KH Presbyterian Church

- Boy Scouts
- Freedom Center
- Constitutional Amendments

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Scouting Returns to KH

On My Honor, I will do my best.....

We would like to offer an exciting opportunity for the youth of our community by starting a Cub Scout and Boy Scout program. The Scouting program challenges young men to make ethical and moral choices, learn important life skills and how to grow from a boy to a man through fun and exciting outdoor activities.

We are seeking volunteers to help! Any adult interested in working with young men is encouraged to attend the community council meeting on Tuesday, April 17th at KH Presbyterian at 7:30 pm.

Representatives from the Dan Beard Council will share what Scouting can do for our youth and how you can become involved.

*Mark Phair
Dan Beard Council
Boy Scouts of America
Questions?*

961-2336 ex. 213.

ballet tech Fund-Raiser

You are cordially invited to
The Love the Arts Spectacular!
Spectacular!

"a grand evening full of the
unexpected"

April 28, Banker's Club
7:00p.m. until...

dinner, dancing, balloon pop, live
auction, live music.

Tickets: \$75.00

KH Ministers at Bd. of Ed

On March 26, several KH ministers took time to tell the Board of Education about the need to have a neighborhood school in KH.

Metallic Club Meets at 10:00 KH & PR Presbyterian Churches

4/20 American Politics...What Next?!

Dr. Norman Thomas PR

4/27 Canadian Rockies

Barb Farber KH

Residents in the News

Bob Herring (Glen Edge)

The Spring issue of Xavier University's magazine, *Xavier*, features an article about Bob Herring, principal of Nativity School. Nativity was a *Blue Ribbon School* in 2005, and Bob has been dubbed identified one of the nation's best principals, by both the U.S. Dept. of Education and the National Catholic Education Association,

Rick Record (Robison)

On March 17 the *Enquirer* published Rick Record's "Your Voice" column, "Transportation Needs Broader Look." The *Enquirer* described Rick as "a transportation and infrastructure consultant, and consultant for the initial phase of work for the Eastern Corridor multi-modal transportation project."

CPOP Summit Invitation

Dear Friends,

I am writing to strongly encourage you to attend the 2nd Annual CPOP Summit to be held on April 21st at Crossroads Community Church.

The Summit will include numerous interactive sessions. Some of the topics:

- Crime Prevention & Safety 101
- Role of Youth in Reducing Violence
- Community Safe Zones
- Ceasefire Cincinnati: The Campaign to Stop the Shooting

Register by email or phone:
twilson@gcul.org or 559 - 5450.

I truly hope to see you there.

*Amy Krings Barnes
CPOP Partnering Center*

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KH Arts Guild Show

Grand Opening Reception

Saturday, April 14, 6-8pm

Enjoy refreshments, live music & art
Exhibition runs April 7 - June 2, 2007

- Four solo shows feature Husband and Wife collaborations:
- Karen Feinberg's original pen & ink and watercolor paintings
- Bill Feinberg's Sculpture
- Mari and Rick Stein's dichronic pendants and pins
- Rick's mixed media creations and leaded glass
- Ceramic Artist Jane Black Goepper's plaques, bowls, cups and tiles

Y'All Come !!!

If you've never been, it's time to visit the KH Arts Center. One of our community's real treasures.

If you've haven't been for awhile, it's time to get reacquainted. And be amazed at how far it has come.

*Looking, listening, & snacking
are all free*

KHCC Has Inclusive Borders!

Live on Orchard, Robison, Edgeview, or Glen Edge? Those are KH boundary streets.

Both sides are in Cincinnati. But some maps (and real estate agents) may tell you that the south side is in Pleasant Ridge. And some even put both sides in Pleasant Ridge.

But regardless of which side of the street you live on, you're a full-fledged, voting member of the Kennedy Heights Community Council. The KHCC constitution has always embraced residents of both sides of border streets inside Cincinnati--as well as Columbia Township residents on Hill & Dale, Dogwood, Kenoak, Lucille, & Menardi.

And that's why the *Kennedy Heights News* shows up in your mailbox every month.

Tune Your Computer to KHCC

- Lots of Neighborhood Info
 - Sign up for eNews Updates
- www.kennedyheights.org

Happenings at the Library (Ridge Branch)

- Do you have a photo of the Robison house that once sat on the corner of Montgomery & Robison Roads? Lisa Pickering wants a copy for the 50th anniversary of the Robison Garden Club. Please contact the library.
- Tuesday, 4/17 6:30 Raising good kids in a toxic world, with psychologist Marjorie Isaacs.
- Saturday, 4/21 10-3:00 *Spring fling* open house
gardening tips & plant swap (10:30); ballet tech (12:30); spring arts & crafts (2:00). Treats, drawings, appearance by *Rufus the Reading Dog*.
- Tuesday, 4/24 6:30 p.m. Attic treasures. Bring something you have found or that you treasure to share. Co-sponsored by the KH Arts Center.

Foreclosures in KH

Ohio now leads the nation in foreclosures. And KH homeowners have unfortunately contributed to that scary statistic.

According to a study of court data by Working in Neighborhoods, 1,533 Cincinnati homes were sold at sheriff's auctions in 2006.

45 of those homes were in Kennedy Heights. Only 11 neighborhoods had higher numbers.

How some other communities fared:
Madisonville: 77 Pl. Ridge: 16
Bond Hill: 64 Paddock Hills: 2
Roselawn: 31 Oakley: 4
East Price Hill: 181 Westwood: 136
Over the Rhine: 15 Clifton: 7

Facing or Fearing Foreclosure?

Don't Wait Until It's Too late

Call for Free
Advice, Guidance, & Assistance
Call 221

- Referral to counseling services
 - Limited Mortgage Rescue Funds
- Hamilton County Homeowner
Preservation Group**

In Search of Win-Win-Win City Schools & Community

Excerpts from a 3/21 presentation by KHCC President Ernest Barbeau to the Joint Committee of City Council and Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS)

Over the next few years, CPS's Master Facilities Plan will lead CPS to dispose of surplus and unwanted properties in many neighborhoods. For some neighborhoods, CPS decisions can pose either a significant opportunity or a challenge for neighborhood revitalization. What CPS does with these properties has important implications and opportunities for three stakeholders—CPS, the City, and the neighborhoods.

Only the Park Board owns more property in KH than CPS. CPS owns about 25 acres in KH: Shroder and Woodford Schools and the site of the former Kennedy School at Kennedy & Montgomery.

By selling properties, CPS can gain needed short-term revenue, and on a long-term basis expand its revenue base thru property taxes. If the new use attracts more families to our neighborhoods, CPS could serve more students.

For the City, redevelopment of these properties presents an opportunity to increase its revenue **and** population base.

Based on our discussions with potential developers, we realize that a development compatible with a neighborhood's vision can only occur **if** there is a healthy mix of private and public funding.

We strongly recommend that this Committee take the lead in exploring ways in which CPS and the City can develop partnering relationships between CPS and City Council and neighborhoods, such as community councils. One area that needs extensive exploration is the question of public funding that can result in a win-win situation for each of the three stakeholders.

An immediate result of Ernie's comments: a mid-April tour of KH (and the three school properties) for several members of City Council.

72 vacant houses in KH ?!!

When the topic of vacant houses came up at the March CPOP meeting, no one had a good idea as to how many there might be.

The official count from the City Building Department was under 5. But the City only lists buildings that it has ordered vacant due to unsafe or unsanitary conditions. There are more than 1,700 of those eyesores citywide.

So Ben Pipkin and others decided to count them--the old fashioned way. They walked and drove most of the KH streets. And noted houses that looked vacant. Some obvious (boarded windows), others only noted after talking with neighbors.

Not a good sign. And one that KHCC will definitely have to address.

Call for Mural Artists

The City of Cincinnati and *Artworks* will pick 6 communities for a summer Mural program. The grant will pay for young artists to turn one wall in the business district into a work of art.

KHCC would love to be selected and we want you to help with the project! Contact Jennifer Hackman
Together, we will:

- Fill out the application
- Help locate a building and get approval from the owner
- Coordinate with artists and youth to design and create the mural

What a meaningful and important way for Youth to participate in our community! Help us turn blight into bright!

The deadline is April 20, so run to your computer or phone to sign up!

jennifer@kennedyheights.org
531-4041 (leave a message)



Litter Magic celebrates

8 years

of service to

Kennedy Heights!!

Join the

GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP

April 21, 2007

8:30 – Noon

Meet at KH Presbyterian Church
6312 Kennedy Avenue

Rid Our Streets of Litter !!
Celebration and
bag count at the church

Free Pizza !!

*Gloves and litter gadgets provided
FREE T-shirt to new volunteers*

Community Calendar

- 4/14 Arts Center Guild Show
- 4/21 Litter Magic
- 4/17 KHCC Meets
- 4/21 Litter Magic
- 4/21 CPOP Summit
- 4/28 Rummage Sale (KH Presby)
- 5/19 Sap Bike/Walk/Run (&Eat)

KH News Since 10/65

John Queen (Kirkup) was the first editor of the *Kennedy Heights Newsletter*. And he recently shared his copy of the first edition in October, 1965.

Agenda of the 10/19/65 KHCC Meeting included:

- Music by the Kennedy Kleffs
- Panel discussion by League of Women Voters on "The Voter's Dilemma".

That first edition concluded aptly:

The space below is empty because there was no news to fill it. Committee Chairmen, please let me hear from you.

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Rummage Sale

4/28 9-2:00

Recycling of the first order
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