

Progress Continues Toward  
Woodford-Kennedy Heights Community Learning Center

Planning with the Woodford LSDMC and the Community Engagement Effort of CPS has been concentrated in two areas: identifying an *Interim Part time Coordinator* for the Center and *Developing Programs*.

**Now Hiring**

**Part Time Interim Coordinator**

- Requires planning, program development skills and community involvement.
- Funded from February to June 2009
- Ten hours per week, based in the KHCC office.

Resumes will be accepted through the last week of January

Mail Resume to:

Education Committee  
KHCC

6463 Kennedy Ave, Cinti. OH 45213.

**Developing Programs**

The Community Resource Center has received grassroots funding for Arts Programming, Services to Youth and Planning from three funding sources

- KH Arts Center
- Cincinnati Police Dept.
- KHCC

The Interim Coordinator will have responsibilities in these areas from late January to June 2009.

Pilot programs during 2009 will evolve with interest, funding and additional space as the Woodford Academic Community moves into temporary quarters in Shroder waiting for the completion of the new Kennedy Heights-Woodford School.

**Re-Cycling Pays Off in KH**

Kennedy Heights and ten other communities received \$100 for re-cycling efforts this fall. Price Hill and Northside walked away with the big prize, \$1000 from Mayor Mallory and Rumpke\_ but KH did its part to increase city participation in the re-cycling effort. Green bins are still available in the Council Office...call and leave a message for free delivery to your door! 531-4041.

KHCC Meets

1/20/09 7:30

KH Presbyterian Church

**Ambitious, Unique, & Exciting**

This is an ambitious and exciting moment for the Kennedy Heights Community. The energy, funding and impetus for the Community Resource Center design are unique to Kennedy Heights.

This is an opportunity to plan education, youth and senior services, arts programming and environmental education in the Center of our Community with 24-7 service linked to the Woodford Paideia Academic Team.

It is a unique community model for Cincinnati.

Collaboration with **Mt. St. Joseph College** and **Childrens' Home** has already begun and they will be important long term service partners in the Community Resource Center!

This unique and aggressive action has been possible because of the dedication of many, including:

- Woodford LSDMC
- Community Engagement Coordinator of the Cincinnati Public Schools
- Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center
- KH Arts Center
- KH Community Council.

Watch for Progress Reports at [kennedyheights.org](http://kennedyheights.org).

Volunteers welcome! leave a message or email

531-4041

[education@kennedyheights.org](mailto:education@kennedyheights.org)

Jim Zarnowiecki

KHCC Education Committee

**Neighborhood Summit**

1/24 8:15 am--2:00 pm

Cintas Center on the Xavier University campus.

Three hours of sessions about how neighborhoods are addressing issues in their own communities and issues of importance to all of us in the City and Hamilton County will give grassroots leaders information and ideas to help them grow their communities.



**Kennedy Heights**

January, 2009

**At the KH Arts Center**

*Prelude 2009: The Human Spirit Revealed*

Opening Reception  
Saturday, 1/17 6 – 8 pm  
Thru 2/14

Curator Barbara Gamboa has assembled emerging artists with explorations in painting, fiber, mixed media installation, ceramic sculpture and printmaking, representing social, political and organic themes.

This must-see show is the cornerstone of an innovative, new gallery season at KHAC. A public reception to celebrate the opening of the exhibit will be held at the Arts Center beginning at 6 pm on Saturday, January 17. For more information, contact Ellen Muse-Lindeman, (513) 631-4278.

**Art Classes**

**Winter Session**

1/20--3/16

Looking for a creative outlet this winter? The KH Arts Center has classes for ages three thru teens & adults. Winter classes include sculpture, watercolor, fiber arts, photography, printmaking, acting, puppet theatre and more. Our instructors earn rave reviews.

Register early to ensure your place in each class! Scholarships are available. For a full list of classes, fees and registration information, call 631-4278.

**KH Date Book**

- 1/18 ..... Jazz Jam
- 1/20 ..... KHCC Meets
- 1/23 ..... Metallic Club
- 1/24 ..... Neighborhood Summit
- 2/17 ..... KHCC Meets

January 14, 2009

## Notice & Call for Proposals

**To:** All Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Business District Property Owners & Business Tenants

**From:** Kennedy Heights Urban Redevelopment Corporation

**RE: 2009 Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program Funding**

### Notification of Eligibility

We are pleased to announce that on October 27<sup>th</sup> of 2008 the Kennedy Heights Urban Redevelopment Corporation received confirmation of the award of up to \$100,000 toward the development of the proposed ***Kennedy Heights Business District Gateway West Gateway Improvement Initiative***. A copy of that letter and the July 23, 2008 grant application are attached to this announcement.

The proposed ***Kennedy Heights Business District West Gateway Improvement Initiative*** is intended to involve a combination of façade and landscape enhancements and other potential “community building” investments. This project would be one of several implementation projects which the community has identified toward the purpose of re-positioning the Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Business District from a failing commercial corridor to a thriving center of neighborhood-serving business, arts, and cultural activity. The master plan for this redevelopment is the neighborhood’s recently-adopted Urban Design Plan and Urban Design Overlay District.

### Funding Criteria:

The Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP) was created to assist in implementing projects that stabilize, maintain and improve the recognized neighborhood business districts (NBD’s) within Cincinnati’s various neighborhoods. Only properties within our Kennedy Heights NBD along Montgomery Road (between the Tyne and Coleridge Avenue) are eligible for funding assistance through this program. All funding is subject to City Council authorization and the completion of a competitive review and application process which will be directed by the City of Cincinnati and locally administered by the Kennedy Heights Urban Redevelopment Corporation (KHURC) in cooperation with Kennedy Heights Community Council (KHCC). Eligible projects must demonstrate that they will provide a tangible benefit to the NBD and lead to the retention and/or creation of jobs. Funding is allocated in proportion to the number of jobs which are either retained or created. All eligible projects must be able to be completed within twelve months of the availability of City funding or by December 31, 2009.

### Bike Advocacy Group

Pleasant Ridge and KH Community Councils are seeking residents interested in joining a ***Bike Advocacy Group***. Discussions to date have focused around determining whether there is potential for developing a more pedestrian-oriented, bike-friendly environment along our local streets and potentially along the Montgomery Road corridor.

Interested?

Eric Riggs 361-2100 ext. 106

Eric.Riggs@lls.org

### Applications to Date

Leading up to the development of the original grant application, Kennedy Heights Community Council and KHURC solicited for proposals from individuals, businesses, and organizations interested in developing detailed proposals for the improvement of their respective properties. Notifications of the grant opportunity were contained with the neighborhood newsletter and were advertised during the regular meetings of the Kennedy Heights Community Council and Board of Trustee meetings. Prior to the June 13, 2008 application and continuing through the completion of a revised application on July 23, 2008, representatives of KHURC, KHCC and KHCC’s Arts and Economic Development Committee received responses from 4 property owners and one business operator. Each respondent provided detailed proposals according to the criteria noted within the NBDIP grant application form provided by the City of Cincinnati.

Total requested funding exceeded the \$100,000 maximum amount provided under the 2009 program.

### Call for Proposals

As a result of the limitations in funding, KHURC is seeking updated proposals from eligible respondents. All updated proposals will be reviewed by KHURC and the City of Cincinnati to ensure compliance with the goals noted herein and as established by the City of Cincinnati. Preference for the distribution of available funds will be given to prior respondents, however any eligible business or property owner may apply since not all prior respondents may qualify in 2009 and this program may be extended from year to year.

### Deadlines & Contact Information

Please contact Clete Benken c/o Kennedy Heights Urban Redevelopment Corporation prior to February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to confirm if you are interested in applying for funding in 2009. He can be reached by phone at (513) 313-8710 or by e-mail c/o clete@kennedyheights.org.

Interested parties may also contact Katrina Gragston, Community Development Officer at the City of Cincinnati. Katrina can be reached at Katrina@cincinnati-oh.gov or by phone at (513) 352-6250.

### KHCC Budgets Approved

11/17 KHCC Meeting

At the 11/17/08 general meeting, KHCC residents approved 3 budgets by unanimous vote. All had been approved a& recommended by the Board of Trustees

- 2009 KHCC budget: \$26,200
- Neighborhood Business Districts United: \$9,000
- Neighborhood Support Program: \$6,000

Details of the NBDIP grant eligibility criteria are available from the City of Cincinnati Department of Community Development. Application forms may be downloaded on the web @ <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cdap/pages/-3488/>

### Thanks & Farewell...

**F**or the past three and half years I have had the honor to be the President of your Community Council. It has been a learning experience with surprises and challenges, and accomplishments and disappointments.

From my perspective the most significant accomplishment for our neighborhood is the reestablishment of our Redevelopment Corporation whose goal is to create a dynamic business corridor and increase and expand the quality of our housing stock.

Other accomplishments are the allocation of \$30,000 by the City for design and installation of a neighborhood gateway and signs, and \$100,000 for upgrading our Business Corridor...this is the first time that we have received that level of City funding.

This has been possible only because we have neighbors as volunteers who gave us the kind of talent, time, and skills needed to create viable and dynamic proposals. At the same time, we deliberately worked very diligently in cultivating relationships with members of City Council and key City administrators.

I thank you for giving me the honor of serving as your President. My new role with the Council is to serve as your Immediate Past President and as Chair of our Redevelopment Corporation's Board of Directors.

*Ernie Barbeau, Immediate Past President, KHCC*

I could list many more accomplishments and future challenges, but I want to end by emphasizing that the well-being of our neighborhood is not in the hands of the President, or even the Community Council.

It is in **your** hands.

Without question, many elements about the quality of **your** life in Kennedy Heights is dependent on **your** willingness to be involved in joining hands with other neighbors to shape that quality. **You** need the Council, and the Council needs **you**.

How can **you** serve? Just a few examples:

- join a committee (such as Citizens on Patrol, Youth, Beautification, Recreation, Education)
- help organize neighborhood events and activities (such as the Litter Patrol and Progressive Dinner),
- attend monthly meetings of the Council, and identify and recruit neighbors to serve as volunteers for one or more hours per month.
- stand for election to the Board of Trustees

### Help Beautify Your Community

Volunteers are needed for numerous Beautification and Environmental Projects. Here are a few that the Beautification Committee has identified...we'll print more next month.

- **Spring Plant Swap** at the March Council Meeting
- **Art in the Garden** in cooperation with the Arts Center
- Inventory and Refurbish the **Gas Lamps** spread throughout the Community
- Planting and Watering **Gateway Planters**
- A Community **Bike-Walking Path**
- Monthly Cleanup and **Litter Magic**
- Helping in **Kennedy Park and Drake Park**
- Identify other key community hot spots for **Intense Beautification**

#### OneHourPerWeek

If half the community worked one hour a week we would have a national treasure right here in the east corner of Cincinnati.

Do your part!!!! Volunteer to make our neighborhood as beautiful as it is great!

Call & leave a message or email  
531-3040

beautification@kennedyheights.org  
*Carolyn Thompson & Jim Zarnowiecki*  
Co-chairs

### Watch for New KH Signs

The City of Cincinnati is still working on developing new community boundary and gateway signs. These signs are slated to replace the older wooden boundary signs which have been damaged and lost. Stay tuned to the community website and newsletter for updates and a peek at what we hope to see installed by summer.

### Kennedy & Montgomery Developments

Kennedy Heights Urban Redevelopment Corporation (KHURC) is continuing to work toward the possibility of redeveloping the former Furniture Fair and Kroger Store at the Kennedy and Montgomery Intersection.

The City Department of Community Development is helping and we are working with several potential partners to try to put the necessary pieces in place.

We would welcome the assistance of anyone with time, talent or ideas to share. Contact Ernie Barbeau (KHURC President) by (ernie@kennedyheights.org) if you are interested.

### Local Arrests

*As reported in the Enquirer 1/3/09*

Cincinnati Police say they have arrested seven juveniles and an adult who run in what's known as the "Goon Squad" gang and/or the "Coleridge Boys" They face a multitude of charges for crimes police said they committed over the past five months in Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge.

Police on Friday did not release the name of the adult.

The eight, police said, have been charged with felonies. Of those, there are 17 charges for burglary, nine robbery charges, six charges for breaking and entering and one arson charge.

### Hats Off to District 2!

By walking through the neighborhood on our patrols we're able to observe hot spots, collect license plate numbers, and even get information from neighbors about trouble spots in the community. It's very gratifying to know that our efforts really are helping to keep the neighborhood a safer place.

Let's resolve to increase our membership in KH Citizens on Patrol so that we can have more than one patrol per month. Please encourage friends and neighbors to take the training classes and join.

Let's keep Kennedy Heights a great place to live.

*Thank you District 2 for all your hard work in our neighborhood!*

*Michelle Dragga*  
*KHCC Citizens on Patrol*

