

Click V at KH Arts Center

The theme of this year's juried exhibition *Back to Basics* focuses on images of technology, old and new.

Click V ("Click 5") also features a solo show by acclaimed photojournalist Gordon Baer and collaborator Michael Bolan titled *Dead Tech: A National Plight*. This is a visual journey about the demise of Cincinnati Milacron.

Once an industry giant known worldwide for high-precision metal cutting, Milacron's now abandoned 140-acre habitat tells the personal story of generations of workers left behind.

The gallery is open (& free) to the public Saturdays from 10 to 4 and weekdays 9 to 5.



KH Date Book

- 10/16 Candidates' Night In
- 10/17 *New Kid* at ballet tech
- 10/17 Nativity Golf Outing
- 10/20 KHCC Meets
- 11/3 Election
- 11/17 KHCC Meets & Elects

Election Reminders

- Some polling places have changed. Pay attention to any postcards you get from the Board of Elections.
- You can confirm your polling place on the Board's website: www.hamilton-co.org 632-7000
- Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Board of Elections by 7:30 pm on Election Day & all information on the envelopes filled out correctly.

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Progressive Thanks & Kudos!

Oddly enough it's rather hard to write new & exciting praises for an annual event that concluded its 26th year with scarcely a hitch...as always. Folks were well fed...as always...Neighbors discovered & rediscovered each other...as always...a great time was had by all...as always.

That about says it for the 2009 Progressive Dinner. Fabulous...as always.

And...as always...the real heroes and heroines of the evening were the Progressive Hosts, who opened their homes and dinner tables to the community.

With apologies (as always) for misspelled names & inadvertent omissions. Thanks to:

- B.J. Gardner
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KHCC Votes 11/17

The Kennedy Heights Community Council is a non-profit corporation. All adult residents of KH are automatically eligible to vote and be elected to the Board of Trustees. This includes residents on both sides of Robison and Orchard, who enjoy dual citizenship with P. Ridge.

The 5 officers serve one-year terms. The 4 at-large trustees have staggered, 2-year terms. All current trustees are listed on the back page.

The nominating committee presents its slate at the October 20 meeting, with the election at the November 17 meeting.

Nominations can be made from the floor on October 17. Don't be bashful. Toss your hat in the ring and do your bit to help keep Kennedy Heights one of the city's most live-in-able communities!



Lee DeRhodes Honored by Cincinnati Horticultural Society

Over the last five years, Lee DeRhodes (Iris Ave.) has transformed 2.5 acres at the KH Arts Center into a gardener's paradise—and it's on constant display for the public to enjoy. All of Lee's work at the KHAC is entirely volunteer.

This past summer, the KHCC Landscape Awards Committee nominated Lee for a Cincinnati Horticultural Society Gardener's Recognition Award.

In July, *Society* judges visited his garden at the Arts Center, and October 3 presented him with a special **Community Spirit Award**.

Lee is a long-time resident of Kennedy Heights and resides on Iris Avenue with his wife Diana. Over the last twenty-one years, he has been a four-time recipient of a Kennedy Heights Landscape Award **and** the first member of the KH Landscape Hall of Fame.

Lee says that he finds gardening to be therapeutic and enjoys growing big plants in the large space—like giant sunflowers and a variety of tall grasses just to name a few. Lee's contribution to horticulture is an inspiration to everyone. Stop by and enjoy the magnificent view at the KHAC before the first frost arrives!

KHCC Landscape Awards Committee
 Judy Barbeau, Chair
 Vicki Bishop, Michele Dragga,
 Carolyn Thompson



Meet the Candidates

Friday 10/16 6:30-8:30 pm

Where: ballet tech Cincinnati 6543 Montgomery Rd.

Who's Invited: Mayoral Candidates, Council Candidates, School Board Candidates, Levy Proponents & Opponents, and **You!**

What: Meet and Greet, Q & A

This is a great opportunity to hear from the candidates, learn about the levies, and for them to meet our neighborhood!

Don't go to the polls unprepared!

See you October 16 at Candidates' Night In

Got KH News to Share? Deadline: 10/26/09

news@kennedyheights.org

KHCC Meets

October 20 7:30

KH Presbyterian Church
 Board Nominations

www.kennedyheights.org

Council Next Meets on Tuesday 10/20/09

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Vote on or Before 11/3/09

Cincinnati City Council Candidates & Their Home Zips Mayor

Tom Chandler 27
Mark Mallory 14
Brad Wenstrup 26

Council

Vote for up to 9

Jeff Berding 08
Chris Bortz 02
Anitra Brockman 11
Laketa Cole 37
Tony Fischer 27
Kevin Flynn 23
Leslie Ghiz 29
Greg Harris 38
Nicholas Hollan 11
Chris Monzel 32
Amy Murray 08
Roxanne Qualls 02
Laure Quinlivan 26
Cecil Thomas 17
LaMarque Ward 24
Bernadette Watson 29
Charlie Winburn 39
Wendell Young 29
George Zamary 08

Board of Education Vote for Up to 4

Cear J. Baggett 39
John Banner 20
Melanie Bates 29
Jason Haap 39
Joyce E. Hooks 29
Catherine Ingram 19
Christopher McDowell .. 08
Eileen Cooper Reed 17
Lisa Schare 12
Mary Welsh Schlueter ... 08
Curtis A. Wells 29
Vanessa White 29

Sign up for KH eNews

If you have email, you don't have to wait for the paper edition of this newsletter.

Take a moment to sign up for eNews.

Rick Boyer is doing a great job of writing the email edition, which includes "breaking" news as well as internet links.

- ✓ Subscribing is painless & free: Go to www.kennedyheights.org
- ✓ Put your email address in the box at the bottom of the page.
- ✓ Check your email for news from Rick!

Ballot Issues

1. Veterans' Benefits: Authorize up to \$200 million of bonds to compensate veterans of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq conflicts

2. Livestock Standards: create livestock care standards board to set standards for animal care and well-being that endeavor to maintain food safety, encourage locally grown and raised food, and protect Ohio farms and families.

3. Casino: Authorize 4 casinos. One each in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo. 51% of tax divided among the 88 counties; 34% among all public school districts.; 5% among all host cities. (Cincinnati casino would be near the downtown Greyhound station)

Hamilton County

4. Provide **family health and hospitalization services** and treatment programs including Talbert House. New property tax.

5. Fund community **mental retardation & development disabilities** programs. Property tax renewal & increase.



Playhouse in Our 'Hood!

Between now and next April, the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park will celebrate its 50th anniversary and join with **District A** to present 5 Playhouse performances in 5 great public spaces throughout Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge. The First will be *New Kid*.

New Kid 10/17

8:30 pm ballet tech

Under age 14: free Over 14: \$5

New Kid is a very funny play with a profound message you'll be exploring long after the evening ends. Don't miss this chance to see live theater from Playhouse in the Park with your family and friends for less than the cost of a movie - in your own neighborhood!

6. Maintenance & capital improvements at **Museum Center**. Property tax renewal & reduction

7. Provide operating expenses & capital improvements for the **Public Library** of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. New property tax

Cincinnati Charter Amendments

8. Water Works District

"Yes" vote will **prohibit** the city from transferring or selling assets of the water works or sewer district without getting approval from a majority of Cincinnati voters in an election.

9. Passenger rail transportation

"Yes" vote will prohibit city council from spending any money for passenger rail transportation without first getting the approval of a majority of Cincinnati voters in an election

Disclaimer

These are the KH News editor's summaries of the official summaries! Read the ballot or sample ballot language before voting!

Be a District A Playhouse Patron

Your contribution of \$100 to **District A** entitles you to

- Season Pass (4 adults) for all five Playhouse performances
- Tax deduction
- Chance to get 'behind the scenes' for a performance of your choice.

Send your contribution to **District A**, 6463 Kennedy Ave., Cincinnati OH, 45213. Check payable to **District A**. Include full name, email & street address & phone.

A Cultural Center at Kennedy & Montgomery?

Ernie Barbeau, President KH Development Corporation

The four-acre property at Kennedy and Montgomery is the focal point of our neighborhood. For the past six years it has been a matter of intense discussion, concern, and planning by the Kennedy Heights community.

Until the 1970's the lot was occupied by Kennedy School, which was replaced by Kroger and most recently Furniture Fair. Several years ago Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) paid almost \$2 million to buy property back, intending to use it for rebuilding Pleasant Ridge School. But then CPS changed its mind and re-wrote its plans in order to rebuild PR School on its old site...and ever since the building has sat vacant, used as a warehouse for CPS.



Two years ago, KHCC provided leadership to reestablish our nonprofit redevelopment corporation, KH Development Corporation. KHDC's function is to implement the Council's vision for our neighborhood, especially as it relates to housing and economic development.

Thirteen of the fourteen KHDC Board are KH residents. We do not yet have staff, and are working as an all-volunteer organization.

For the past two years KHDC has devoted hundreds of hours to reviewing and refining some 15 redevelopment ideas for the 4-acre lot and building at Kennedy & Montgomery. Out of that bundle of 15 ideas, one idea has become a solid plan to get control of the property and convert the building to become the KH Cultural Center.

KHDC has recruited three potential anchors & partners for the Cultural Center—Cincinnati Art Museum (an outreach educational center and storage facility), KH Arts Center (artist studios), and KH Montessori Center (pre-school program).

KHDC and the three anchors have endorsed a memorandum of understanding to work toward the purchase and development of the property. In turn, KHDC has submitted an application to the City for \$395,000 to be used for physical improvement of the building. KHDC has also had numerous meetings with conferred with each member of City Council and with various City officials.

The next five months will be crucial in bringing to reality our plan to secure redevelopment of the community's focal point. We are confident that conversion of the building site from a warehouse to a cultural center would be an enormous long-term asset for our neighborhood and dramatically change the perception that others have about our neighborhood.

HAMP Helps Homeowners

The Home Affordable Mortgage Program (HAMP) began with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, but it is now the standard loan modification program for man of the nation's large lenders (including Wells Fargo, Bank of America, U.S. Bank, & Fifth Third).

If you are struggling with or behind on mortgage payments, you may qualify for a HAMP modification that lowers your payments to match 31% of your **gross** monthly income (with no regard for family size or other expenses). If you're behind on the mortgage, your missed payments will be added to the end of the loan, and your interest rate could drop (for 5 years) to as low as 2%.

HAMP is not a perfect solution, but if it fits your situation it can be the difference between keeping & losing your home.

Interested? Call your lender. Ask about HAMP. And if the person on the other end doesn't know what you're talking about, call **211** and ask for referral to a local mortgage counselor.

Brrrrr Aid

Got a shutoff notice from Duke? Services already off?

Here's what it takes to stay on—or get back on after October 19:

■ \$175 + \$36 reconnect fee (if already off)

■ Agree to payment plan for arrearage.

◆ 1/6 Plan: Pay regular bill plus 1/6 of the arrears

◆ PIPP: Pay Duke 15% of your household income if it's less than your actual winter bill.

■ Apply for Home Energy Assistance (HEAP) & free weatherization

No Income Restrictions

The winter re-connection provisions are for all customers, regardless of income or the amount that you owe.

Don't have \$175?

After November 1, low income households can get \$175 "Emergency HEAP" from Community Action, which also handles enrollment for PIPP and HEAP in a "one stop shop" operation. Call for an appointment: **569-1850**
"Low income" example: 4-person household below \$3,675 monthly income

PIPP

PIPP is the "Percentage of Income Payment Plan."

PIPP is almost 30 years old, and was the nation's first income-based solution to helping low income families manage heating bills.

PIPP customers pay Duke no more than 15% of their household income in the winter and the greater of that percentage or their regular bill in the summer.

Eligibility for PIPP is lower than HEAP. Family of 4: \$2,756 monthly income.

Low Income Weatherization 569-1840

"Weatherization" can include numerous things to make your home more energy efficient. These include:

- Insulation Weather-stripping
- Personalized Energy Management Plans

■ Safety Inspection, tune-up/repair, and even installation of heating units

Landlords can also qualify for Weatherization of apartments with low-income tenants.