

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

Well, I had my chance, but I just couldn’t say anything bad about our new parking on Kenmore Boulevard.

I am not talking about the meeting at the **Kenmore Community Center** two weeks ago. The room was packed with a lot of angry business owners & residents, and rudeness abounded on both sides of the table. Lots of questions dodged & unanswered, and very few people went home satisfied that night.

No, I’m talking about a meeting I “stumbled” into last Thursday. It was at the **Summit Lake Community Center**, and I thought it was going to be about the proposed walking lane around Summit Lake (lucky me, they want to change the street parking in front of both my business AND my home!).

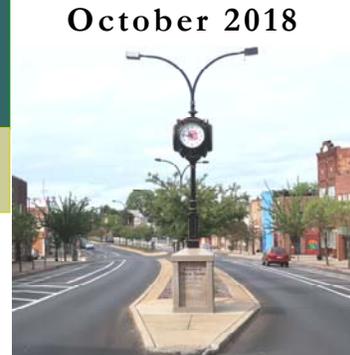
So at this meeting between the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** and many newspaper reporters, it was announced that **Akron Civic Commons** & the **Knight Foundation** each donated \$20K to improve the linkages of the TowPath Trail to Kenmore Boulevard, and therefore finish connecting the bike lane in our business district to the TowPath Trail. This was always one (of many) of my complaints about the bike path, and to hear the **KNA** talk about this donation with such enthusiasm, well, it was hard not to be affected, an many thoughts went through my head about the pros & cons of this situation.

So when I was asked to comment about the new bike lanes & parking situation on Kenmore Boulevard in front of all these reporters, I couldn’t say all the negative thoughts I’ve had over the past month. Instead I spoke about the “cautious optimism” we had for this situation, and the patience we will strive to hold as we wait for next Spring & Summer to arrive and show us all the new bikers & customers we are told to expect after everything is ready. A lot of reputations are “riding” on this being true.

And can we be patient & optimistic? I would like to remind us all about how a decade ago Kenmore Boulevard was torn up for repaving, and all the sidewalks & trees replaced. For a long time we lost a lot more parking spaces than we have lost now, and our customers had to walk across wooden planks at times to get into our businesses. We survived this, and Kenmore Boulevard was very much better after those hassles. We can do it again I am sure!

Thanks for listening!

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So Fresh Used Auto Sales - What You Missed!

For those who did not come to the September 20th "Meet & Greet" event at **So Fresh Used Auto Sales** for Kenmore Chamber of Commerce members and businesses in the Kenmore/Ward 9 area, you missed quite a meeting! Refreshments included barbeque ribs, barbeque & Swedish meatballs, home baked rolls, fresh fruit & vegetable skewers, wine coolers & homemade lemonade. Everyone who attended said it was the best meal ever served at a KCOC "Meet & Greet".

Owner Jacqueline Harris introduced her family and spoke about all the services offered at **So Fresh Used Auto Sales**, including selling used cars and new & used tires, U-Haul truck rentals, a catering service, light mechanical repairs, Weezie Cakes sales, and the East Avenue Flea Market held the last Sunday of each month. If you have any questions about these services, please call them at 330-784-4175.

Then we had Akron SCORE tell us about all the ways that this non-profit organization can help small business owners with their business.

So as not to miss our next "Meet & Greet" event, please mark your calendars for the Thursday October 18th Kenmore Chamber "Meet & Greet" at **New Beginnings**, 932 Kenmore Boulevard. Join us again for refreshments, drinks, and fun conversation with your fellow business members. Many door prizes will also be given away.

This networking event will be from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, and no RSVP is necessary. We hope to see you there at this fun evening event!



(left to right) KCOC President John Buntin Jr, prize winner Tim Chapin of *Your Safe and Healthy Home*, *So Fresh Used Auto Sales* owner Jacqueline Harris, and Past President David Culbertson of *David E. Culbertson, Attorney at Law*



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - October 2008

- ⊕ Scott Smith, President
- ⊕ This month's guest speakers at the KBOT luncheon were Police officer Jim Conley and Fireman John Gordon.

15 Years Ago - October 2003

- ⊕ Scott Smith, President
- ⊕ New acting KBOT treasurer Jim Lowe and new acting KBOT secretary John Buntin Jr are introduced at this month's lunch meeting at The Hibernian Club.

20 Years Ago - October 1998

- ⊕ James Lawson, President
- ⊕ No information available.

25 Years Ago - October 1993

- ⊕ Ed Abdula, President
- ⊕ The KBOT will sponsor the annual Kenmore Halloween Parade.

30 Years Ago - October 1988

- ⊕ Lee McCutchan, President
- ⊕ A vote is made to do a revision of the KBOT constitution (all other ABOTC Boards are doing the same also).

35 Years Ago - October 1983

- ⊕ Jasper McCutchan, President
- ⊕ Kenmore member Ralph Creed won the JJ Buchholzer Award & member Rollin Reiter won the Joyce DeWitt Kinser Award, both presented by the ABOTC.