

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

I am not in a good mood today, and a “well-timed” letter from the city did not help.

The letter mentions the upcoming plans for the resurfacing of Kenmore Boulevard, and the plans for a “road diet” which will reduce the number of travel lanes to one each direction, then have a parking lane, and finally include a buffered bike lane. Since all this had happened mostly last week you can see why I have the sarcastic “well-timed” comment above.

I knew all this was coming, having been to many meetings put on by the **City of Akron** and the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance**, who asked our opinions and tried to prepare us for this event. The repaving of the Boulevard was fast & smooth (not counting a two-day stop for rainy weather), but the rest???

This morning I watched as about seven parking spaces around my business were white-painted into three parking spaces around my business. I was told I would lose one or two, not four! I am not the only business on Kenmore Boulevard who is unhappy with how many spaces we have all lost. Quite a few people gave me (the President of the **Kenmore Chamber of Commerce**) quite an earful about what has been done to our business district. The best comment was “We went to one lane to slow down traffic for people to see our businesses, and then took away almost half of the street parking spaces where we hoped they would conveniently stop to visit us.” I totally can see their point.

Change is never easy, and nothing is ever permanent, so I will try to find the patience to see if some of these problems can be worked out, and if this overall is a change for the better. I remind my fellow business owners up & down Kenmore Boulevard to wait & see if the new positives outweigh the negatives. They make black paint too, if this is not the case.

Thanks for listening!

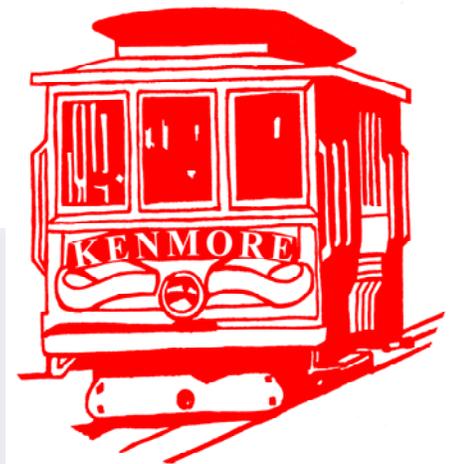
John Buntin Jr, President
john@kenmore-komics.com



WELCOME
TO OUR NEW
KCOC MEMBER:

GAR Foundation
Lisa Yates
277 East Mill Street
Akron, Ohio 44308-1735
330-576-2916
fax 330-520-1819
www.garfoundation.org

Like us on
Facebook



Education | Protection | Savings

Chamber Members can now save
on their utility costs for their
home & business!

ENROLL NOW!

chamberenergy@ceateam.com | 330-280-2082 | ceateam.com/chamber

This Newsletter sponsored by:

Anthem 

KCOC Members go to:
chambersaver.com/noacc
for a free quote!

Next “Meet & Greet” at So Fresh Used Auto Sales

Please join us on Thursday September 20th for a “Meet & Greet” event for Kenmore Chamber of Commerce members and businesses in the Kenmore/Ward 9 area! This evening networking meeting will be at **So Fresh Used Auto Sales**, 2290 East Avenue, and will include 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!

And please mark your calendars for the October 18th Kenmore Chamber “Meet & Greet” at **New Beginnings!**

Last “Busk Until Dusk” on Kenmore Boulevard

Kenmore Boulevard will see it’s last “Busk Until Dusk” event for this year on Friday September 7th, all sponsored by KCOC member the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance**. It will be from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, with live music, craft tables, and a food wagon, between 13th & 14th Streets on Kenmore Boulevard. See you there!

Anthem Suggests “100 Ways to Cut 100 Calories”

You probably noticed a couple of pages attached to this month’s newsletter. The insurance provider to about two-thirds of our members, Anthem BlueCross BlueShield, is dedicated to preventative medicine as well as the “after-the-fact” type, and therefore has listed 100 ways to help cut calories and lead you to a healthier lifestyle.

Some of these are pretty good, so please take the time to read the list. The only thing you have to lose is a few pounds!



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - September 2008

- ⊕ **Scott Smith**, President
- ⊕ This month’s lunch meeting was at the Mudd Run Golf Course, with guest speaker Christopher Burnham from the Port Authority.

15 Years Ago - September 2003

- ⊕ **Scott Smith**, President
- ⊕ This month’s lunch meeting was at the Hibernian Club, with guest speaker Summit County Councilman Tim Crawford.

20 Years Ago - September 1998

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

25 Years Ago - September 1993

- ⊕ **Ed Abdula**, President
- ⊕ This month’s Hibernian Club lunch meeting had guest speaker Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer.

30 Years Ago - September 1988

- ⊕ **Lee McCutchan**, President
- ⊕ No lunch meeting this month, instead all KBOT members invited to an Open House at the McCutchen Courtyard.

35 Years Ago - September 1983

- ⊕ **Jasper McCutchan**, President
- ⊕ Rolling Acres Mall donates \$250 to the Akron Boards of Trade Council for their “Only Losers Play” anti-shoplifting campaign.