

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

It has now been a year since I first spoke about Covid-19 in this newsletter.

Back then we had no idea how it spread, so we tried many ways to be safe, some of which seem pretty silly today now that we know more. I would take a bottle of diluted bleach and spray and wipe both sides of any paper currency I was paid (that idea lasted for about two months). When eating breakfast, I would use a fork to eat my cut apples or oranges instead of using my fingers, because the fingers touched the daily newspaper I read and we weren't sure how safe that was either. My wife did wipe down any food purchased at the grocery store for most of last spring. Now that all seems like overkill today.

The plastic sneeze guard went up quick, but when everybody was required to wear a mask it seemed the need to stop a sneeze or spouted water particles from your mouth wasn't as necessary, but I still have the plastic up dividing my customers and myself. It was suggested to place an air purifier at the front of my store, to draw any bad particles away from my work area. I still plug it in every day, but again I am not sure if it is necessary to do that.

The two things I still do, that I believe where practical just as much then as I believe they are now, is to require the use of a mask by all who visit, and to wipe down the door handle & credit card machine many times during the day. The mask is so necessary, in my view, to stop the spread of the virus that I am sure it will still be quite awhile before I stop this usage in my hobby store. When the majority of people are vaccinated, and the daily reported cases are extremely low, then I will consider stopping the use of masks around me. Some people see little effect when sick, others become “long-haulers” who months later still suffer the after-effects of getting sick. This is just something not worth risking, both for myself and for my wife.

Life has always been full of risks. When you are driving and you turn in front of another vehicle, just how close does the vehicle have to be before you choose NOT to turn? Will the answer be different when you are by yourself, versus when others are in the car with you?

Thank you for listening, and please be safe!



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First Fridays Return to Kenmore Boulevard!

With America on pace to have most people vaccinated by June, the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** has decided that it is time to bring back the outdoor version of First Fridays to Kenmore Boulevard. There will be regular performers from 13th to 17th Street providing music during these three hour events, and special contests & events are also planned for children. The first one will be Friday June 4th, 6 to 9 pm.

Kenmore Chamber members can participate with several different levels of sponsorship, or can set up on the Boulevard to promote their business directly. The fine people at the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** would be happy to assist you in any way during these First Friday events (which include June, July, August & September). They can be reached at knacares@gmail.com or 330-714-9621.



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - April 2011

- ⊕ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⊕ The discussion at the Directors Meeting was about the big sewer flood on Kenmore Boulevard, in which many businesses had their basements flooded.

15 Years Ago - April 2006

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The search for a new Luncheon Meeting place begins, with this month's at Fay Rays Restaurant.

20 Years Ago - April 2001

- ⊕ **Jeff Scott**, President
- ⊕ The 2nd Annual Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt, sponsored by the KBOT, is planned for April 14th (no event again this year).

25 Years Ago - April 1996

- ⊕ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⊕ Jim Lawson starts a committee to create a new brochure to give to prospective members.

30 Years Ago - April 1991

- ⊕ **Judith Rosenberg**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

35 Years Ago - April 1986

- ⊕ **Warren Ferrell**, President
- ⊕ The Board's plans for the 9th Annual Olde Tyme Kenmore Festival continue, with Rep. John Seiberling to be the Grand Marshall.

40 Years Ago - April 1981

- ⊕ **Don Jackson**, President
- ⊕ The Board's Traffic Flow & Control Committee recommends fixing school crossings by Smith & Lawndale Elementary Schools.

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