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# Light the BLVD Returns December 1st

by Corey Jenkins, Better Kenmore CDC

On Friday, December 1st from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, Better Kenmore CDC and the Kenmore Boulevard businesses will host the fourth-annual Light the BLVD event, featuring dozens of freshly decorated storefronts, live music, a fully lit median and holiday activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Light The BLVD musical favorites and "the world's greatest Christmas band" Missile Toe will return to The Rialto Theatre for an evening of free holiday fun. Additionally, the Kenmore Christmas Carol Choir and Summit Academy Akron-Secondary High School Steel Drum Army will perform at the Kenmore Branch Library, and area musicians will perform in select businesses.

And don't miss Santa Claus when he stops by the McCutchan Courtyard (next to Kenmore Komics) to pose for pictures and visit with families!



"Light The BLVD began in 2020 as a way to spread some cheer to residents during the COVID-19 pandemic and has grown into an annual tradition where the Kenmore community can come together, support our businesses, and get in the spirit of the season" said Josh Gippin, Executive Director of Better Kenmore CDC.

The storefront and median decorations will remain on display through the holiday season. The decorator of the most loved window will be awarded a cash prize courtesy of Great Streets Akron.

For a full list of Light the BLVD happenings and events, visit betterkenmore.org/light-the-blvd.

# **Small Business Saturday is November 25th**



Saturday, November 25th, is **Small Business Saturday** – a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities. Created by American Express in 2010, it falls between Black Friday and Cyber Monday after the Thanksgiving holiday, during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year. It encourages holiday shoppers to buy in local stores and from small business owners. Please join the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce in supporting our local small businesses in the Kenmore Community by not only shopping with them on Saturday November 25th, but also throughout the year, so that we can continue to show our support for our community businesses during these unique times!

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## **Regina's Pizza Keeps Changing for the Better!**

by Robert Catalano, Owner of Regina's Pizza

Over the decades, Regina's Pizza has been evolving, and we couldn't have done this without you, our loyal customers, and our dedicated staff. In 2009, we relocated our original location (founded by best friends Louie Bamonte and Steve Catalano) from 1267 West Waterloo Road to 2160 East Avenue (across from Acme), and you followed.

Then in March of 2020, Covid changed the world. This is when we pivoted again and installed our new contactless pick-up window for your convenience, and you adapted to our new way of doing business.

In August 2022, we made another decision to switch from traditional deep frying to air frying (the health benefits of air frying are lower fat and caloric intake, and a safer cleaner way of cooking fried food).

We are excited to announce that in August of 2023 we are introducing our new drive thru window. You can pick up your dinner when you're on the run! You can also still dine in as parking will be in the rear of the parking lot, or if you want the whole restaurant, then just give us a call to book your private party!

Thank you for your continuous support, and we look forward to serving you soon!



Regina's Pizza New Drive-Thru Window at 2160 East Avenue

## Kenmore Youth Football "2024 Night at the Races"

by Rick Laney, Kenmore Youth Football Director

Get ready Kenmore Community and mark your calendar, because Kenmore Youth Football will soon present the "2024 Night at The Races!"

Get ready to have a great time and at the same time support our little Cardinals. Follow us on Facebook for upcoming ticket sale information, and be on the lookout for flyers soon to be posted in the area. More information will be forthcoming, but for now, please remember it's March 9th, 2024, at the VFW Hall located at 690 West Waterloo Road.

Its always a good time, and as always THANK YOU for supporting "Our Kids"!

Starting a new business in the Kenmore/Ward 9 area? We want to do an article about you (and it's FREE!). Please contact John at 330-745-5530 for more information.



# **Financially Empowering Kenmore Residents**

### by Antoinette Dudley

The **Financial Empowerment Center** opened its doors in Kenmore in June 2018 and has been assisting residents with gaining financial freedom. When it comes to repairing and establishing their credit, developing a debt paydown strategy to start paying down their debt through settlements, consolidations, and refinancing their loans, to mention a few, we have been a local resource for clients. Additionally, we assist residents in developing a savings plan and introducing them to safe and affordable banking options. The **Financial Empowerment Center** provides these resources at no cost to Summit and Medina County residents.

More than 249 households have visited the FEC for financial counseling, and as a result, 437 have achieved a positive financial result; \$657,543 in debt was paid off, and over \$445,000 more was saved by households.



Financial Empowerment Center at 1060 Kenmore Boulevard



**Client success story** 

### Why did you come to the Financial Empowerment Center?

I came to the financial empowerment center seeking knowledge on how to better take care of my finances. I was working a part-time job and needed help balancing my budget so that I could survive.

### What financial achievements have you made since coming to the FEC?

I was able to improve my credit, stabilize my budget, and get a loan that allowed me to go to school. After graduating from school, I was able to land my first corporate job, which doubled my salary.

Why and how has the FEC made a difference in your financial future and overall life? What has working with a financial counselor done to help you, your family, etc.? What would you say to a friend or family member who was curious about how the FEC could help them?

The FEC has connected me to someone that I trust. Having monthly meetings with a financial counselor forced me to be held accountable. This led to a lot of stress being taken out of my life because I know my finances are in order. I would tell my friends that having a financial counselor is like having a doctor for your money.

Do you plan to continue working with your financial counselor to achieve specific goals? What goals? How can the FEC help you achieve these goals?

Currently, my focus is on having enough money to take care of myself and my family. I will continue to work with the FEC to make that goal a reality.



Financial Counseling Appointment with our Financial Counselor, Phillip Gibson

## CHIP Cleans-Up Guinther Park by Claude DeBord

On Saturday June 10th, CHIP (Castle Homes Improvement Partnership) held a cleanup at Guinther Park. We had the Keep Akron Beautiful trailer there full of tools and we were able to get a lot done. We were able to cut up large fallen branches, remove weeds, pick up trash, and blow off the parking lot and asphalt pathways.

Our group was able to create six large piles of garbage that the City of Akron hauled away a few days later. Now if we can just get the City to officially designate Guinther Park a "Park" and not a school we could get funds to put playground equipment back into our park. (It was last used as a elementary school back in 1998).

If you would like to join CHIP please call or text 330-730-7163. We could use more good, civic minded folks.



## Castle Homes Receives New Welcome Sign by Claude DeBord

On Wednesday June 7th the City of Akron completed work on their new "Welcome to Castle Homes" sign. This beautiful sign welcomes folks into our neighborhood and has got over 6000 likes and compliments since it was completed. Thank you to all the CHIP (Castle Homes Improvement Partnership) volunteers who have helped mow, weed, and put down mulch around our new community's sign.

If you would like to help with work around Castle Homes please call or text 330-730-7163. We would like to have more volunteers help to improve our community.





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Srina Tea House and Café 975 Kenmore Boulevard

**Subway - Kenmore** 1033 Kenmore Boulevard

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# **Councilman's Corner**

### **City Council Considering Waterway Setback Ordinance**

On August 3rd, the City of Akron released a draft riparian setback ordinance for public comment. In early October, the proposed legislation came before City Council. The setbacks are designed to increase protections for the areas of land along river and stream banks. Protecting riparian areas and reducing the impacts of runoff serves to protect property from erosion and flooding, filters water pollutants from our waterways, and maintains the biological integrity of both the aquatic and land habitat for wildlife.

The prosed setbacks (buffers) on all of Akron's waterways are measured from the ordinary high-water mark of each stream (the point on the bank of each river where the water's highest mark rests). Buffers vary from 30 to 300 feet from either side of the stream depending on its drainage area.

There are three different buffers-

**Preserved Buffer**: The preserved buffer is the closest to the waterway, covering thirty feet on either side of the waterway from the high-water mark. This is the most heavily protected zone and permitted uses in this zone are those that leave the soil and vegetation undisturbed except for existing uses. Mowing, clearing, excavation, etc. would not be permitted in this zone unless they were already occurring before the ordinance is passed.

**Managed Buffer:** This buffer zone extends up to one hundred feet from the high-water mark on either side of a waterway. In this area, allowable uses include wildlife sanctuaries and passive park lands. There is limited tree harvesting permitted and natural vegetation should be preserved.

## Ward 9 Councilman's Meetings

Councilman Freeman holds a public meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at the Kenmore Community Center, starting at 7:00 pm. Please join him at 880 Kenmore Boulevard to discuss your community and your city! The next meeting is Tuesday December 5th.

Limited Development Buffer: This zone extends up to three hundred feet from the high-water mark on either side of a waterway. Allowable uses in this zone include certain accessory buildings in addition to principal buildings with green building practices. Sustainable design should be used to the greatest extent possible.

Existing practices and structures within the proposed buffers are allowed to continue as nonconforming, but legal, as long as maintained. For example, if a home, shed, or other structure is already built within the proposed buffer zone, they will be allowed to remain. Additionally, if someone is already mowing the property within a proposed buffer, they will be allowed to keep doing so as long as they continue to maintain it.

Thank you Ward 9 for allowing me to serve!

Councilman Mike Freeman Ward9@akronohio.gov 330-283-7582



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## Kenmore Community Center - Best Kept Secret in Town!

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

At least once a week someone new comes into Kenmore Community Center. They are greeted, shown around, presented with all the programs, classes, activities and field trips offered. Invariably what we hear is "I had NO idea all this was offered here". Yes, apparently, the Kenmore Community Center must be the best kept secret in town.

Besides daily older adult activities such as exercise, bingo, cards, line dancing, Euchre, movie Fridays, coloring & crochet clubs, Kenmore Senior Club, billiards and Salvation Army meals Monday to Friday, Kenmore Community Center has so much more to offer.

More recently the community center has begun offering a monthly book club (in partnership with Kenmore Branch Library), a Mind Challenge Trivia competition team, guitar lessons for adults & youth, and monthly field trips.

Kenmore Community Center continues to offer evening and Saturday art & craft classes, yoga & Zumba at very affordable prices. The community center is also available to rent on the weekends for bridal & baby showers, birthday parties, banquets and even funeral repasses. We have even hosted a couple weddings!





The community center is host to monthly Ward 9 meetings, the Akron Big Band, community meetings & events (such as the annual Kenmore Easter event) and coming in November, Soccer Shots youth soccer skills clinics.

And speaking of the Akron Big Band, on Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 pm, Kenmore Community Center will kick off the holidays with a free concert to the community featuring holiday favorites played by the Akron Big Band. Hickory Ridge will provide cookies and warm beverages as well. All are welcome.

Let's not keep all these great things such a secret!











# **Kenmore Historical Society News**

by Sean Blake, President Kenmore Historical Society

Hey Kenmore! I was out of town last month, so I have a guest writer for this column. Just a reminder that our next meeting is November 27th at 6:30 pm at the Kenmore Library. -Sean

I recently attended a Kenmore Historical Society meeting where their topic of the month was Etta Mae Smith. Well, having been a long-time student of hers I felt compelled to attend. Ms. Williams shared several articles about Etta Mae that had been previously printed in the former Kenmore newspaper, the Kenmore Pride. They told about Etta Mae's start as a dancer, teacher, her family, and her love of the Kenmore Community.

It brought many memories to mind of my years at the "Studio", and being a small part of Etta Mae's career. I danced with her daughters, I babysat her son, I was a member of one of her many competition groups. I loved it there. It was family. Literally, almost everyone there was related to someone. I danced with my cousins, my brother, my neighbors, who danced with their neighbors and cousins and it was all because of Etta Mae and her love to teach us to dance. To not be afraid to get up on stage in front of a full auditorium and smile and dance and just enjoy yourself. She had us dance at the Mardi Gras at our local church, Rolling Acres Mall, Chapel Hill Mall, the Kenmore Community Festival, Canton Civic Center, Akron Civic Center, and march in parades. If there was an opportunity for Etta Mae to share her love of dance to the Community she signed us up. We all will say we hated it. But the truth is we all just loved dancing and we would do anything for Etta Mae. If we didn't she just might nail our thumbs to the wall (which was often threatened but never happened).

Personally, I began lessons when I was very young starting with tap and then adding acrobat with my brother, modern jazz, ballet and baton. I was not a very good twirler so that didn't last very long. When I had children, I signed my daughter up for lessons and then my granddaughters. My youngest Granddaughter now takes lessons at Studio West Performing Arts Center, which is owned by Etta Mae's son, Mark. Talk about full circle. But I fell in love with tap and putting on my "noisy shoes" and going to my "happy place" on Kenmore Boulevard was my favorite thing to do. It still is.

A very dear friend and fellow dancer, Gina Wilson, is now the proud owner/operator of The Center: Dance & Yoga Studio. Gina and her fellow teachers offer various classes for all ages and I try to stop in at one of her "Drop in Classes" as often as I can. So, from a very young little girl to this aged-bodied lady; I am very proud to have been a student of Etta Mae Smith. I hope you can stop in at The Center and begin your love of dance. Always remember to stand tall, shoulders back, point your toes and smile. - Joyce Laney

### (The following was written by Jan Williams, secretary for the Kenmore Historical Society)

Etta Mae (Young) Smith grew up dancing in Kenmore, and by the age of ten, she was already an assistant teacher. She attended Immaculate Conception and graduated from Kenmore High School in 1947. While in high school she spent summers in New York City dancing. After graduating, she toured working in clubs in the northeastern US. She met her husband Bill while they were both in a show in Canton. They performed singing and dancing together. After opening dance studios, she sent many award-winning dancers to competitions.

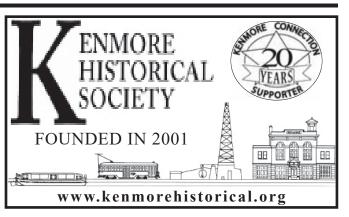
Etta Mae had three children - two daughters Mickey and Kim and one son named Mark. Immediately after graduating from Kenmore, each daughter left for New York City and became Rockettes who performed at Radio City Music Hall. Her son played football for Kenmore and was All State in Ohio. Later he too began a career in dance. He taught at Miller South Performing Arts School. All three children ended up managing dance studios.

For her 40th anniversary of teaching dance, Etta Mae received many congratulatory letters and autographed photos of famous performers including Liza Minnelli, Donald O'Connor, Gene Kelly, Shirley MacLaine, Bob Hope, and Mikhail Baryshnikov. Gregory Hines sent her a bouquet of flowers.

She had many reasons to be honored, but the most memorable was her desire to help children develop their talents. She once said, "Everyone can dance, just some are better than others."

The Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for The Center: Dance & Yoga Studio at 1015 Kenmore Boulevard (former home of Etta Mae Smith Studio of Dance)





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Pfeiffer students chosen to represent their class at the Character Strong Breakfast: Richard Austin on the left and Kylie Adams on the riaht



**Pfeiffer Student Council** Leaders President - Amani Bell Vice President - A'Monica **Brown-Higgins** 4th Grade Leader - Emilia Clark

Pictured: Amani Bell (Far Left), Emilia Clark (Middle Left), Miss Schneider, School Counselor (Middle Right), A'Monica Brown-Higgins (Far Right)



September





October

November

**Pfeiffer Elementary School** 2081 9th St. SW Akron, OH 44314 330-761-1510



### Pfeiffer Elementary is Open With Two New Captains on Board!

### Mrs. McIntyre, Pfeiffer Elementary Principal

As Principal of Pfeiffer Elementary, it is my pleasure to welcome new and returning families to the 2023-2024 school year! I have worked in the Akron Public Schools for 20+ years. I strive to challenge each student to grow in his or her academic abilities and to portray an Elementary Scholar. I will continue to place a strong emphasis on social emotional learning while focusing on building a school community.

I am looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. I recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. I know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that I will do my very best to carry out my responsibilities. I want to build a community where parents, teachers, and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. #strongertogether@Pfeiffer

### Ms. Marsh, Pfeiffer Elementary Interim Dean of Students

Hello my name is Katie Marsh and I'm the new Interim Dean of Students at Pfeiffer Elementary. I'm beyond excited to start my new role this year and getting to know not only all of my students, but families and stakeholders as well. This is my 20th year in education and 17th year working for Akron Public Schools. I know I'm joining a strong school community that wants the best for our students. Currently I'm in charge of the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions Supports) team here at Pfeiffer and love watching the students participate in activities and carrying out our 3 traits. Being Responsible, Respectful and Safe. It is my goal to enhance these characteristics through the collective knowledge and creativity of our students not only in school but in the community as well. I know I am joining a strong school culture synonymous with excellence, dedication, and collaboration of families. I can't wait to see what great things we do at Pfeiffer Elementary School this school year.

### Character Strong

This year, Pfeiffer is hosting a celebratory monthly breakfast for students and their families. Each month, one student from each class will be chosen to be honored at the breakfast for displaying the character trait of the month. Students' pictures are displayed in the hallway all month long with a special note from their teacher stating why that student was chosen.

Character Strong is a research-based social and emotional learning curriculum. Character Strong is discussed each morning over the announcements and during Pfeiffer's monthly school counseling lessons. Each month our students focus on a different Character Strong trait.

### A Message About Character Strong by Richard Austin

"I think the breakfast was great! I got to come have breakfast with my family. My dad, my grandma, and my papa came with me. We also facetimed my mom during the breakfast. It was nice being there with them and having them see how well I am doing. I got to see many other students that were chosen from other grades for being respectful. Overall, It was nice having breakfast with my family. "

Richard was chosen by Ms. Perkins for being a very Respectful young man. He is always kind and friendly to his classmates. He is always willing to go that extra mile to help other.

## Allenside Community Meetings are Continuing!

by Frances Fischer, Pastor of Allenside

Presbyterian Church

Monday, December 4th, is the date for the next Allenside Community Meeting. Please note that this is not our usual "third Tuesday" date – we had to reschedule the meeting due to Thanksgiving and Christmas activities.

The location is the Allenside Presbyterian Church, 410 Rexford Street, and the meeting starts at 6:00 pm for a light meal; 6:30 pm for the meeting, plus questions and answers and closing at 7:30 pm.

Our guest speaker will be Tina Boyes, our new Kenmore Akron City Council representative who has replaced our former councilman, Mike Freeman. I'm sure she'll have many answers to your burning questions regarding our community and what she can bring to our community.

If you've not attended in the past, you've missed some very interesting and unknown activities that are happening in the Kenmore/Allenside community.

At our last meeting we were delighted to have a presentation from our 311 Phone System representative at the City of Akron. Our delightful speaker was Carla Brown, who not only works for the 311 System but spent many years with the 911 System as well. She explained many of the things 311 can offer City of Akron customers. For the fastest response to concerns about everything from potholes to tree trimming to snow or ice removal, you may call 311 from your cell or landline within the City of Akron, or you may send an email to the following link: https://311. akronohio.gov/csrsite/csr/eula/.

Carla also touched on what is handled by the 211 Phone System. We learned that the 211 Phone System helps people throughout our community find local resources when they don't know where to turn for help, or again via email at https://www.211summit.org/.

Future Meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 16th and Tuesday, February 20th

We look forward to your attendance and any questions you may have. Also, we are interested in what topics you would find of interest to our area. You may submit your inquiries and ideas to our church at allensidepresbyterian@gmail.com.

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## **Christmas Eve Musical Candlelight Celebration at the Allenside Church!**

by Frances Fischer, Pastor of Allenside Presbyterian Church

At 10:00 pm on Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24th, the Allenside Presbyterian Church will have a special musical candlelight celebration of Christmas.

In addition to singing our favorite traditional Christmas Carols, we will have some of our favorite soloists sharing their talents with us.

Olivia Roberts, a senior at Capital University in Columbus, will return for her 7th Christmas Eve with us. Fiona Coughlin, a freshman at Baldwin Wallace University, who is in her 4th year singing for our worship services, will share her vocal talents with us. And Alicia Hote (who began singing at our worship services this year) and Annabelle Thorne (who has sung at multiple special concerts at our church) will add their beautiful voices to our celebration.

Everyone is welcome to join us at 10:00 pm on Christmas Eve at the Allenside Church at 410 Rexford Street, Akron 44314.



Fiona Coughlin & Olivia Roberts (left), Alicia Hotes, and Annabelle Thorne (right)

Do you have a reunion, fundraiser, or event to promote in Kenmore? Please contact John at 330-745-5530 for information on how to get your event in the next issue!

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### **Allenside Presbyterian Church**

410 Rexford Street 330-753-6405

Find us on FaceBook @ allenside presbyterian church

**Pastor Francie Fischer** 

Hours of Service Every Sunday 10:30 am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Allenside Church Building 2nd & 4th Sundays: Firestone Park Presbyterian Building, 275 S. Firestone Boulevard All services broadcast via Zoom. See Facebook for Zoom Link and Worship Times/Locations Church Office Open on Request – Please Call or E-mail

Community Services Offered Community Meetings – 6:00 pm, 3rd Tuesday of the Month (excluding August and December) in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. "Mad Hatters" Knitting Group meets at the church Wednesdays 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Join us to knit hats and make blankets for those in need. Donations of yarn and fleece gratefully accepted.

### **Community Christian Chapel**

2306 18th Street SW 330-488-7855 pastordwaynecummings@gmail.com

Pastor Dwayne Cummings

Hours of Service Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am Bible Studies on FaceBook Live Sunday at 6:00 pm and Wednesday at 7:00 pm

> Community Services Offered Spanish Speaking Service Provided

### First Baptist Church of Kenmore

2330 East Avenue 330-745-3619 church@fbcok.com www.fbcok.com

**Pastor Joe Grimaldi** 

Hours of Service Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am Sunday Afternoon Service 1:30 pm Wednesday Evening Service 7:00 pm

Community Services Offered Free Bus Transportation on Sunday

### Goss Memorial Church 2247 11th Street SW 330-745-5038

www.gosschurch.org

Pastor Casey Hughes Youth Leaders: Isaac Craddock, Aaron & Jen Hurd, and Derek & Bre Boyes

Hours of Service Sunday School 9:15 am Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am (also available online on the Goss Memorial Facebook page) Hope Church 2650 Cory Avenue

330-753-2303 officehumc@gmail.com

Pastor John M. Tsironis

Hours of Service Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am Monday Christian Service Brigade 6:30 pm Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 10:30 am

## Immaculate Conception

of Mary Parish 2101 17th Street SW 330-753-8429 ickenmore@yahoo.com www.ickenmore.org

Melissa N. Keegan, Parish Life Coordinator Reverand Michael B. Smith, Pastor Emeritus

Hours of Service Holy Eucharist - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) Saturdays 9:00 to 10:00 am. Anointing of The Sick on last Wednesday of each month 5:30 pm Mass. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Mondays 7:00 pm (September thru May).

Community Services Offered Food Pantry (at Maher Hall) Thursday afternoons 12 noon to 2 pm requires referral from InfoLine (330-376-4850). Kenmore A.A. (at Hitch Hall) Mondays 8:00 pm. Kenmore A.A. Big Book Study (at Hitch Hall) Thursdays 8:00 pm. Kenmore A.A. Saturday Nite (at Hitch Hall) Saturdays 8:00 pm. Kenmore Community Meal - Free take-out meal available the last Tuesday of the month beginning at 4:30 until we run out. Pick-up in front of 2126 16th Street SW (partnership with Park United Methodist Church). Kenmore Free Store at 2128 16th Street, enter back door off 17th and Battles Avenue (partnership with Park United Methodist Church) Tuesdays 4:00-7:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:30 am to Noon. Bingo (at Waldeisen Hall) Wednesdays, doors open at 9:30 am, games start at 11:00 am. For questions please call 330-753-8429 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays. Participating member of Kenmore Ministerial Association

### Kenmore Community Church the of Nazarene

2025 12th Street SW 330-745-7720 kenmorenazarene@gmail.com www.kenmorenaz.org Facebook - Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Chris Shallenberger, Senior Pastor Pastor Gary L Kinney, Associate Pastor

Hours of Service Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am Wednesday Evening Children & Youth Services 6:00 to 7:00 pm Wednesday Afternoon Adult Bible Study 2:00 pm

Office Hours - Monday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Wednesday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, Friday and Saturday closed, Sunday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. If no one is available please leave a message.

Community Services Offered Please call the church office for an appointment for our food pantry

### King's Way Alliance Church

2500 Kingsport Way 330-848-1403 www.kwachurch.org

**Pastor Eric Francisco** 

Hours of Service Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

## Koinonia Apostolic Faith Church

814 Carnegie Avenue 330-745-5242 www.Koinonia5111@yahoo.com

Pastor Gary L. Foreman

Hours of Service Sunday School 9:30 am to 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service 11:30 am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm Thursday Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Email koinonia5111@yahoo.com for the Zoom Link

> Community Services Offered Food Pantry Grief Recovery Classes

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## **Kenmore Church Directory**

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### **New Life Pentecostals**

### of Akron

859 Witner Avenue 330-208-5441 pastorsmj@gmail.com www.newlifeofakron.com

**Pastor Scott Johnson** 

Hours of Service Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am Wednesday Life Bible Study 7:00 pm Follow us on Facebook for livestreaming @ New Life POA

Community Services Offered Personal home Bible Studies upon request

### Park United Methodist Church

2308 24th Street SW 330-745-3714 parkchurch@sbcglobal.net www.akronparkumc.org

### Pastor Dave Haydu

Hours of Service Sunday Traditional Worship 9:00 am Children's Church 9:00 am Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study 1:00 pm Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 am

Community Services Offered JOBS (Jump On Board for Success) Program Cub Scout/Boy Scouts

Check out our weekly service on line via Facebook (Akron Park United Methodist Church) and/or YouTube (akron park um church).

### Praise Chapel Assembly of God

1204 McIntosh Avenue 330-745-4107 www.netministry.com

#### **Pastor Robert Shank**

Hours of Service Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

### **Redeemed Christian Church of God**

966 Kenmore Boulevard 330-776-5196 jesushouseakron@ymail.com www.jesushouseakron.org

Pastor Enoch A. Adeboye (General Overseer) Pastor Yisa Sunmonu (Parish Pastor)

Hours of Service

Sunday Workers Prayer Meeting 10:00 am to 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am to 11:00 am Sunday Service 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Thursday Bible Study 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (virtual). Monthly Holy Ghost Service 9:00 pm to 12:00, last Friday of every month (ON HOLD). Saturday House Fellowship 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (virtual).

Community Services Offered Non perishable food items are accepted for food baskets that are distributed to needy families and schools during the holidays.

### **Shoreline Community Church**

790 Carnegie Avenue 330-753-9241 office@shorelinechurchakron.com www.shorelinechurchakron.com

### Dr. Scott Campbell

Hours of Service Sunday Praise & Worship 11:00 am Sunday Live Stream message begins at 11:25 am Wednesday Live Stream Bible Study 7:00 pm View Live Stream Messages at: www.shorelinechurchakron.com OR

https://www.shorelinechurchakron.com/Watch-Live

Community Services Offered Drive Thru Food Pantry Service every Friday Check-in is 10:00 to 10:15 am to receive food.

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### **Streetlight Comunity Church**

943 Kenmore Boulevard 330-221-2781 https://streetlight.life/ https://www.facebook.com/streetlightcc https://www.instagram.com/streetlightcc/ https://www.youtube.com/chan nel/UCwVBXqHG0mI9IDm31qSLlr

**Pastor: Ben White** 

#### Hours of Service

In person worship with donuts and coffee, 10:00 am pre-prayer and worship, 10:30 am gathering at 943 Kenmore Boulevard. Can park at the Library or on Kenmore Boulevard and enter through Kenmore alley, or follow the sign and enter through the entrance on Kenmore Boulevard. Visit our Facebook, Instagram and Youtube to see our video content!

Community Services Offered We partner with various allies in our city who are highly active in the neighborhood and beyond, see https://streetlight.life/allies/ to learn more. Free Community Lunches at 943 Kenmore Boulevard: Sunday, Dec. 10th 12-2pm (Christmas Themed!) Sunday, January 28th 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm Sunday, February 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm

### The Church on the Boulevard 754 Kenmore Boulevard

330-745-8634 www.thechurchontheboulevard.co www.facebook.com/kenmorechurchblvd

The Church on the Boulevard is a Christian church with a heart for the city of Akron and the neighborhood of Kenmore. Our vision is to be a Biblical community where the Gospel of Jesus Christ transforms lives, renews the city and impacts the world.

Senior Pastor: Ron Mohlmaster II

Hours of Service Sunday Morning Service 10:00 am

Community Services Offered Outreach Food Pantries 1st & 3rd Mondays at 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Grab-and-Go Carryout Dinners 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 5:00 to 6:30 pm. "Celebrate Recovery" Meetings Vary. "Alcoholics Anonymous" and "Narcotics Anonymous" meetings can be found online. "New Generation Youth" and "Kids In Action" both meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:45 to 8:00 pm.

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## Free Great Lunches Every Fourth Sunday of the Month!

by Pastor Ben White, Streetlight Community Church

The people that make up Streetlight Community Church love being a neighborhood Church in Kenmore! One of the aspects we love the most is being able to put together great neighborhood lunches. From the months of October through April we have those lunches on every fourth Sunday of the month from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm, after our 10:30 am Church gathering. We have specially themed meals, a great sound system pumping good music, TV's, pool tables, video games, a basketball pop-a-shot arcade, and more. So spread the word and plan on joining us on:

- \* Sunday November 26th
- \* Sunday January 28th
- \* Sunday February 25th
- \* Sunday March 24th
- \* Sunday April 28th

You'll notice from the list above that we are not having a lunch on Sunday December 24th. Instead we will be having a special Christmas Eve Gathering that morning at 10:30 am and would love to have you join us!



The Streetlight Community Church is located at 943 Kenmore Boulevard, and for any additional information please call us at 330-221-2781.

Hope to see you soon!



Free Lunch at Streetlight Community Church

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Please consider joining the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce and take advantage of the many benefit programs we offer to our members!

For more information, please contact John Buntin Jr at 330-304-9598

# **Birthday Blessings for Mary Shaub and PROJECT RISE**

by Marie Slovisky

Mary Shaub, the secretary at Rimer CLC, is used to giving out information and smiles but recently she decided to give out so much more. For Mary's 60th birthday she requested that instead of giving her a gift, her friends should purchase a \$10 gift card to a fast food restaurant. Mary's goal was to donate 60 gift cards to a program close to her heart. Her friends rallied together to help her donate not 60 but 75 local fast food gift cards worth \$10 each to PROJECT RISE.

PROJECT RISE is collaboration among Akron Public Schools, local shelters, and the community. They empower students and families to improve the quality of their lives through educational, cultural and community support services and resources. Having worked with the program for 1 1/2 years, Mary knew that there are over 1800 students experiencing housing challenges each year. She also understands how much a gift card can mean to the students in need.

Thank you Mary for your example of "Taking Action" to be kind and generous. Happy 60th Birthday! You show RIMER PRIDE!

If you or someone you know is experiencing inadequate housing, please call PROJECT RISE at 330-761-2969.



A Table Full of Gift Cards for PROJECT RISE!



### **Kenmore Connection**

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The Annual Kenmore Ministerial Association Community Thanksgiving Dinner

When: Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 Where: Goss Memorial Church – 2247 11<sup>th</sup> Street Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM / Drive thru or Dine In

Face Painting & Crafts will be available for the children.

## **KENMORE BRANCH**

## See what's happening at Kenmore Branch Library this winter!





For more information about the Kenmore Branch, including meeting room reservations and the Friends of Kenmore Branch Library, check out our website: **akronlibrary.org/locations/kenmore** 



Irsday 10 am – 8 pm Friday 12 – 6 pm Urday 10 am – 5 pm Sunday Closed

Kenmore Ministerial Association – Christmas Caroling Join us for Caroling Down the Boulevard.

Friday - December 1st / be ready to sing! Meeting in front of the Community Center at 6:30 PM



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