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Summit Lake Clean-Up Coming Soon!

by Julie Ann Sweet-Buntin

Keep Akron Beautiful will be hosting Clean Up Akron Month this April, as part of The Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup. Just like in the past, residents can sign up for supplies through Keep Akron Beautiful to do their own clean up in their neighborhood, park, green space, school campus, or business area. Keep Akron Beautiful will also be hosting a community cleanup at Summit Lake on Saturday April 13th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. We will begin at the Summit Lake Community Center at 380 West Croiser Street in Akron and hope to cover the entirety of Summit Lake, including the areas under the Kenmore Boulevard Bridge and the areas along Manchester Road. Registration will begin on March 1st. City of Akron Sanitation crews will be on hand to help collect the garbage along the lake route. Last year's clean-up netted nearly 7 tons of trash and over 100 tires!



Volunteers Help in Cleanup

Keep America Beautiful established the Great American Cleanup as its national effort for involving American citizens in environmental stewardship from March through May. With an anticipated amount of 4 million volunteers helping, the Great American Cleanup will return hundreds of millions in measurable benefits across more than 20,000 participating communities. Keep Akron Beautiful, the local affiliate of the national nonprofit, strives to empower individuals in our community through volunteer participation by collecting litter and creating a more livable community during Clean Up Akron Month, now in its 40th year.

For more information on the cleanup or to volunteer please contact Keep Akron Beautiful at 330-375-2116 or on their website at www.keepakronbeautiful.org/clean-up-akron-month. We hope to see our past volunteers as well as many new faces!

Kenmore's Annual Easter Event is March 23rd

The Annual Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 23rd this year. Beginning at the Kenmore Community Center (880 Kenmore Boulevard) with the Children's Craft Party, there will be refreshments, craft projects, and prizes (donated by Kenmore Komics). And special guest appearances by the Easter Bunny and the Easter Ducky, who will spend most of their time taking pictures with the excited children.

Doors at the Community Center will open at 9:30 am for the craft events. At around 10:45 am there will be prize drawings to be won by several lucky children, then the children, adults, volunteers, and the Easter Bunny & the Easter Ducky will "stroll" to where the eggs are placed. All refreshments and eggs will be donated by the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce.

After the Easter Egg Hunt, all are invited to the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene (2025 12th Street SW) for their Annual Easter Event, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm. Mark your calendars and please plan to bring your children to this year's Annual Kenmore Craft & Easter Egg Hunt, and then to the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene's Easter Carnival, all on Saturday March 23rd!



The Easter Bunny & the Easter Ducky Will Soon Be Here!



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Thank You Ward 9!

by Mike Freeman

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who entrusted me with the responsibility of serving our community. Your support, feedback, and collaboration have been invaluable throughout this journey. Together, we have faced challenges and celebrated many successes. I have always believed that the Ninth Ward does not run on autopilot; rather, we succeed when each of us has our hands on the wheel, guiding our community towards a brighter future.

As I reflect on the incredible journey of the past 22 years serving as your Akron Councilman, I am filled with deep gratitude and appreciation. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent my home community and work towards building a better future together.

I look forward, with great anticipation, to the community building work that will occur under our new councilperson, Tina Boyes. The 9th ward is in good hands!

Thank you and may God bless!



Mike Freeman with an Appreciation Plaque from the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

Annual “Light The BLVD” Event Brought Holiday Cheer to Kenmore

by Corey Jenkins, on behalf of Better Kenmore CDC

The 2023 holiday season officially kicked off in Kenmore on Friday December 1st, as the lights began to glow while residents and visitors gathered in The BLVD Historic District for the fourth annual “Light The BLVD” event.

Now a holiday tradition, “Light The BLVD” began as a way to engage the Kenmore community and spread some cheer during the depths of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2023 edition of the event drew record crowds, and included over 30 decorated storefront windows, visits with Santa in the McCutchan Courtyard, and live music from the Kenmore Christmas Carol Choir, Summit Academy Akron-Secondary High School Steel Drum Army, “the world’s greatest Christmas band” Missile Toe, the Miller South band, and a screening of a Christmas Special from Akron-band Glenn Lazear.

Each year, window decorators have the opportunity to win a prize for best decorated window. This year, the winner was Tom Evans, owner of Magic City Sports Cards (1018 Kenmore Boulevard). Great Streets Akron, a City of Akron initiative aimed at improving 13 of the city’s Neighborhood Business Districts, declared Tom’s window the winner with input from additional community partners and awarded him a cash prize.

While the next “Light The BLVD” is nearly a year away, the annual Kenmore First Friday summer event series will return to Kenmore Boulevard Friday June 7th, at 6:00 pm with Oddmall’s “Great Grassman Gathering” market, an expanded Kids Zone featuring more activities, and live music.

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program Helps Local Residents

by Malinda Sampsell

With the 2023 tax filing season quickly approaching, United Way of Summit & Medina would like to remind residents that they may be eligible to have their federal and state income taxes prepared and filed for free through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

This free tax preparation program is available to individuals and families with household incomes of up to \$64,000 annually. Taxes are prepared by IRS-certified volunteers who help clients claim their maximum possible refund. This year's tax filing season is January 29th thru April 15th. VITA appointments are now available. To schedule an appointment, dial 2-1-1 or visit uwsummitmedina.org/vita.

If your household makes less than \$79,000, you are eligible to Self-File. Please email vita@uwsummitmedina.org to receive access to the no-cost tax software. Tax experts are ready to assist with tax questions if you are using the supplied software.

Some important changes individuals will see this year include:

- * An increase in the Earned Income Credit that can mean as much as nearly \$7,430 for a working family.
- * Eligibility for the Retirement Savers Tax Credit has been increased to \$73,000 for a married couple filing jointly or \$36,500 for a single filer.
- * Increases in the Child Tax Credit have lapsed; filers with children 16 years old and younger can still claim the credit for a maximum of \$2,000 per child.

VITA advances United Way of Summit & Medina's Bold Goals for 2028 by helping families and individuals build financial stability. Since it launched in 2018, United Way's VITA program has helped local residents claim more than \$16 million in federal and state tax refunds. As of last year, volunteers have completed nearly 9,000 returns, with more than 1,000 additional returns expected in 2024. And because the average cost of commercial tax preparation services is more than \$200, residents have saved more than \$2.2 million by using the VITA program.

"Our VITA service has a huge impact on the lives of local residents. The



Financial Empowerment Center Offers Financial Counseling

average tax refund for a VITA client is more than the average monthly cost of rent in our community. It's enough to help struggling residents catch up on bills, build their savings and start working their way to financial empowerment," said Jim Mullen, president and CEO of United Way of Summit & Medina.

For residents who want guidance on how to best utilize their tax refunds, United Way of Summit & Medina also provides free one-on-one financial counseling. Offered through the Financial Empowerment Center, created through a partnership with the City of Akron, financial counseling helps residents build a sustainable budget, save, reduce debt and raise their credit scores. This service is free and available to residents of Summit and Medina counties. Simply visit uwsummitmedina.org/fec or dial 2-1-1 to set up an appointment.

Lights Out On the BLVD: Solar Eclipse Watch Party

by Elisha West, Better Kenmore Community Liaison

Grab your lawn chair and gather with us on Kenmore Boulevard April 8th, 2024 to watch the Solar Eclipse!

Join the **Kenmore Branch Library** and **Better Kenmore Community Development Corporation** as the "lights" go out on the Boulevard. In the path of totality, you can watch as the sun is completely darkened in the sky at around 3:00 pm. Free eclipse glasses are available at the library on a first-come first-serve basis (available to the first 500 people).

Also enjoy live music from Clyde Hensley at 11:00 am, space-themed crafts from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, light refreshments, and NASA livestreams of the eclipse from other areas of the country. Visit local businesses and restaurants before and after the cosmic event. In the case of cloud coverage or rain, there will be livestream options to view the eclipse at **The Rialto Theatre** and the **Kenmore Branch Library**.

For more information about how to safely view the eclipse go to <https://co.summitoh.net/pages/2024-Solar-Eclipse.html>.

Cowbell 7K Offers Northeast Ohio Runners a Raucous Running Experience

by Tina Brode Boyes

Akron's got a fever, and the only prescription is more cowbell!

On Saturday June 8th, Akron Promise will host the fourth in its 11-race City Series, the Cowbell 7K, which will highlight the newly constructed Summit Lake Trail as well as Akron's Music Row on historic Kenmore Boulevard, where guitar shops and recording studios are plentiful.

Formerly known as the Rock Me on the Water 7K, the Cowbell 7K is unique not only in its distance but in its combination of natural and urban experiences. The race will kick off at 8:00 am at the historic Rialto Theatre to the sound of guitars and cow bells. It will continue east on Kenmore Boulevard to the south end of Summit Lake, Summit County's only glacier lake, where runners will connect to the Towpath via the new \$2.5 million Summit Lake Trail. A bridge will take them across the water past Summit Metro Parks' new Summit Lake Nature Center and Summit Lake Park. Runners will cross the Ohio & Erie Canal via a second bridge and head west, then south along the north side of the lake through a picturesque neighborhood. Runners will experience a slight uphill roll on Kenmore Boulevard which will level out, then head slightly downhill to finish to a bevy of Christopher Walken wannabes cheering them on with more cowbells than the Blue Oyster Cult can shake a drumstick at.

The finishers' medal will include a literal cowbell: complete with ringer and all. Runners who finish five of the Akron Promise City Series races will receive a specially designed medal by an Akron Artist.

According to the race's organizer, Nick Korora, a 1996 graduate of Kenmore High School, the origins of the cowbell theme are all local. Ellen Benn, known to Kenmore residents as "Grandma Benn," was known as Kenmore High School's biggest cheerleader. For over 60 years, she was a fixture at Kenmore High School sporting events, ringing her signature cowbell for the likes of the country's longest-serving Mayor Don Plusquellic and former New York Jets players Dave and Don Buckley. For more on Grandma Benn, see the Kenmore Historical Society's article in this paper on Page 13.

Although Benn died in 2006, Korora sees the race as an opportunity to keep her spirit alive. "Spectators are a huge part of this race, just as Grandma Ben was a huge part of our childhoods," Korora explained. "We offer a variety of race packages, so whether you want to be an athlete, Grandma Benn or Christopher Walken for the day, there's an opportunity for everyone to participate and have fun."

Proceeds from the race will provide resources, mentorship and post-secondary scholarships to Akron Public School students in Kenmore and surrounding communities.

For details about the Cowbell 7K, to register or to volunteer, visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/76942/cowbell-7k>. Discounted registration is available until April 1st, 2024.

About the Akron Promise City Series: Started in 2022, the Akron Promise "City Series" aims to promote health, exploration of our city, growth and support the various participant organizations throughout Akron. Please consider participating (in person, virtually, or as a volunteer) in as many as you can. Medals will be awarded to people who participate in at least five of the events.

About Akron Promise: Akron Promise was founded in 2016 by Tom and Daralee Ghinder. Akron Promise facilitates success in our city, our schools and our families to make Akron the community of choice to live, work, and educate our children. We do this by helping students and families access appropriate educational supports, resources, and opportunities. To donate to Akron Promise or to learn more about the organization, visit www.akronpromise.org.



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Councilperson's Corner

Happy 2024, Ward 9! I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve you as your new councilperson. For those who don't know me, I am a fifth generation resident of Kenmore. My father and grandfather owned Brode Dry Cleaners on Kenmore Boulevard and I grew up on East Avenue, graduated from Kenmore High School, and moved back to the community to be part of making it a better place to live for people of all backgrounds.

I was the founding executive director of the Better Kenmore CDC (formerly Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance) and served on its board with some generous and passionate folks to reawaken our community spirit through neighborhood cleanups, blight remediation and Kenmore First Friday events. I have worked hard to bring vibrancy back to our neighborhood and I look forward to working with you all to continue moving Kenmore forward.

During my first ward meeting on January 2nd, I was able to glean important information from constituents, including the need for earlier meeting times so that more people can attend. We will continue to meet at the Kenmore Community Center (880 Kenmore Boulevard) on the first Tuesday of the month, but we will now start at 6:30 pm with a potluck. I will provide the pizza and drinks, and anyone who is able can bring a dish to share. I invite you all to attend.

One of my goals is to build stronger resident engagement by activating neighbors and bringing city resources to things like community meetings and cleanups. As a first step, we discussed using a portion of ward meetings for attendees to gather at tables by sections of the neighborhood so they can get to know one another and discuss common issues and goals. I'm excited to see where these discussions lead and the relationships they produce.

Ward 9
Councilperson's Meetings
 Councilperson Boyes holds a public meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at the Kenmore Community Center, starting at 6:30 pm. Please join her at 880 Kenmore Boulevard to discuss your community and your city!
The next meeting is Tuesday March 5th.

I invite you all to follow my Facebook page @TinaBrodeBoyes and be sure to register for my monthly newsletter.

For those wishing to reach out directly, my phone number is 330-283-7582 and my email address is ward9@akronohio.gov.

Tina Brode Boyes, Ward 9 Councilperson





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Sam Salem Eagles Are Soaring Into 2024!

by The Sam Salem PBIS Climate Committee

Sam Salem CLC has been extremely busy in 2023 and is ready to take the new year on. But first, let's recap and tell you what we have been up to so far.

In November, we had our third annual Turkey Trot. The weather didn't cooperate that day, so we had it in the gym and hallways for the very first time. All scholars, preschool through fifth grade had a blast and designed their own official race bib. First place winners were awarded Turkey Trot medals. One of our scholars has won first place every year for three years in a row!



Mrs. Butcher's 2nd grade class

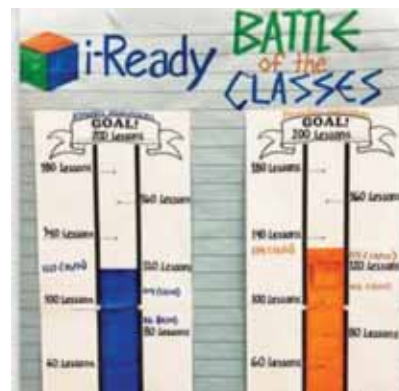


3 time winner Jemar Waters

In December, our K-5 students made a total of 270 cards for patients at Akron Children's Hospital. Our Art Teacher and Building Teacher of the Year Pam McElhaney, and our School Counselor Rashawn McCraney, partnered together to help students create them during their Art periods. Mr. McCraney delivered them



in time for the holidays for patients to enjoy. This act of kindness also taught our scholars empathy and the art of giving back.



This month, we started our i-Ready Challenge called Battle of the Classes. Each classroom, in each grade level challenges each other to see who can have the most iReady Reading lessons passed between February 5th and March 22nd. It is shared in the cafeteria so all students can see their progress each week. Our iReady lessons build and strengthen reading skills so our students can be successful readers. The winning classroom will receive a pizza party.

In April 2024, we are looking forward to our 7th Annual Eggstravanagza. Scholars will hunt for a dozen eggs to fill their egg carton, but they have to work for it! Grade specific questions are written on the outside of each plastic egg. Students must answer the questions with a parent or staff member first, before opening their eggs and seeing what goodies are inside.

In May 2024, we will honor our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Pam McElhaney, at the Akron Public Schools Recognition Dinner. She makes our school a warm, welcoming place with creativity oozing from every wall, bulletin board, and display.

Congratulations Pam! This honor is well deserved.



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1st Annual Pfeiffer Toy Drive

By Shanana Painter

“Our first annual toy drive was a huge success thanks to the local businesses that hosted drop off locations and our community givers. Some givers preferred to adopt an individual student and/or family for Christmas. Together we were able to provide Christmas for 92 children in the Kenmore community.

Thank you to Akron Rubber Development, Crossfit 330, Finny's on the Towpath, Just a dad from Akron, Tansations, everyone that gave (gifts, gift cards and wrapping paper), and our volunteers that worked organizing, packing and delivering gifts to our kids. “

Attendance Matters!

By Tina McIntyre

This year, we have taken the time to acknowledge families at our quarterly awards ceremony. We value the support of our families as we strive to achieve excellence in our scholars. Their partnership is what helps to make their attendance a success.

It was an awesome event to celebrate our parents at our Awards Assembly. Each parent that encouraged and ensured that their student came to school everyday on time received a certificate of excellence. Without them our students would not have perfect attendance. Kudos to our families!



Toy Drive Volunteers photographed from left to right: Shanana Painter, Vlcki Lamson, and Lauren Schneider.

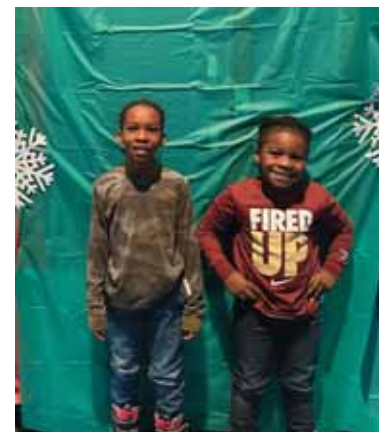


Ashton Saddler photographed with The Grinch for the PBIS activity 'Photos with the Grinch.'



Students enjoying the school dance. Photographed from left to right: Aubrey Shallenberger, Alexa Hilbert, Loriana Dotson, and Piper Blue.

Brothers getting to spend time together at the school dance. Photographed from left to right: Azariah Campbell & Shaiah Campbell-Williams.



A Message About PBIS!

By Emmalyn Mishler

“PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. The PBIS events are a reward earned by students for following the school rules. At Pfeiffer our expectations are to be safe, be respectful, be responsible, and be kind. When we follow these rules we are given Pirate Tickets by adults in the building. Each month we have the opportunity to cash in these tickets to participate in an event at school. Each event costs about 40 tickets. Each month you can shop at the PBIS store as well and items cost about 10-20 tickets.

This year, I have participated in three PBIS events at Pfeiffer so far this year. The events that I participated in this year were Pumpkin Painting, shopping at the PBIS store, and the winter dance. There were several other events that I had the opportunity to participate in but chose to save my tickets. I am saving my tickets for the two upcoming PBIS events. The upcoming events are Extra Gym time and Nail Salon. “



Photo 1: (Left to Right) Valerie Grubaugh, Christopher Shallenberger, Carden Bolinger-Clay, Darice Clay & Alexis Desure. Photo 2: (Left to Right) Crystal Swainder, Johnny Lopane standing in for Tabitha Lopane & Myoshi McTyeire.

Pfeiffer Elementary School

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Kenmore Historical Society News

by Sean Blake, President Kenmore Historical Society

Kenmore's Cowbell Ringer

If you attended a Kenmore football game at George Brode Field in the 1970's, you probably saw a woman standing in the bleachers near the 50 yard line ringing a cowbell and loudly cheering for her favorite team. That was Ma Benn, who later became Grandma Benn.

Her support of Kenmore wasn't limited to the football field. You could find her wandering through the halls of the high school talking to everyone she met. She was known to drop into a study hall and toss candy to the students. She attended lots of pep assemblies and led cheers with one of her many cowbells. One time she arrived at one of those assemblies as a passenger on a motorcycle. Her 80th birthday was celebrated in the Kenmore High School gym.


Her husband was also a supporter of our community, serving as president of the South Akron Kiwanis Little League and president of the Kenmore All-Sports Booster Club. Their sons were star athletes.


The Kenmore Historical Society opens and closes our meetings with one of her bells donated to us by her son Dave. We meet the last Monday of the month from February through November at the Kenmore library at 6:30 pm. We don't meet in May because of the holiday. Our February meeting is canceled so our first meeting of the year will be March 25th and the guest speaker will be Mac Love from Art X Love. Our April 29th meeting will feature local author Don Ake.

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Allenside Community Meetings are Continuing!

by Carolyn Duvall, Elder, Allenside Presbyterian Church



The speaker at our Community Meeting on January 16th was Julie Carneal, CEO of Open M, who made a delightful and inspirational presentation on what their organization offers to the Kenmore community and beyond.



Despite the cold, we were very pleased to have so many community members come to hear how Open M has been such a blessing to all of us and what they have to offer to those in need of food, medical attention, dental care, and a pharmacy, as well as employment services.

Allenside Presbyterian has been aware of this organization for many years and helps to support their mission in the form of making hats (by our Mad Hatters) and lap blankets, offering gifts of small teddy bears, dolls and Hot Wheel cars as Christmas gifts, and additionally continuing our program of monetary donations to Feed the Need.

Their website clearly states their mission. They provide pathways out of poverty for all by feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, and strengthening the community.

OPEN M is a Christian non-profit organization that serves more than 50,000 individuals annually with food, health and employment services - all intended to create pathways out of poverty. Located in the Summit Lake neighborhood of Akron, OPEN M leverages a community alliance of churches, businesses and more than 2,000 volunteers to offer programs to those in need residing in the Greater Akron and Summit County area.

Should someone you know be in need of any of these services, please have them contact OPEN M at their website <https://www.openm.org/> or give them a call at 330-434-0110.

Allenside was delighted at the participation of so many at our January 16th meeting, and appreciative to have representatives of South Street Mission in attendance as well as our dedicated police officer, Jeff Smith. We all enjoyed our delicious light meal prepared by our illustrious cook, Barb Graham, and her wonderful volunteers. Some of the comments on the meal of ham and bean soup with cornbread, salad and cookies were described as "Amazing!" That's what they are! Many people were able to avail themselves of the extra soup by having take-out leftovers. (Lucky people ... and I wasn't one of them).

Upcoming Meetings are at 6:00 pm at the Allenside Presbyterian Church, 410 Rexford Street
February 20th - "211 Service" in Akron
March 19th - Speaker to be determined
April 16th - Speaker to be determined

Do you have a reunion,
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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 July, 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@fbcock.com
www.fbcock.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)

Mid-Week Ministries (ages 4-12th grade)

Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Hope Church

2650 Cory Avenue
330-753-2303

officehume@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
Reverend 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

Hours of Service

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Children & Youth Services
6:00 to 7:00 pm

Wednesday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm

Office Hours - Monday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Tues-
day & 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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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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwVBXqHG0mI9IDm31qSLlr)).

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@gmail.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 Community Church

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

Pastor: Ben White

Hours of Service

Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 9:30 am
Worship Gathering at 943 Kenmore Boulevard
10:30 am.
Can park at the Library or on Kenmore Boulevard
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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:

Sunday, February 25th 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm
Sunday, March 24th 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm
Sunday, April 28th 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm
Sunday, May 26th 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm
(Outdoor cookout across the street at Buzzbin)
Sunday, June 23rd 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm
(Outdoor cookout across the street at Buzzbin)

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.

Streetlight Community Church Offers Free Lunches!

by Pastor Ben White, Streetlight Community Church

At Streetlight Community Church we get to do a lot of great and fun things in the Kenmore Neighborhood! One of the things we love to do the most is provide free lunches to the people that are part of our community and any guests that join us. We love this so much, that we've got all these opportunities to come and eat a great meal on our calendar this year.

Sunday, February 11th 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm, Breakfast for Lunch
 Sunday, February 18th 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm, Breakfast for Lunch
 Sunday, February 25th 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm, Special Themed Neighborhood Lunch
 Sunday, March 10th 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm, Breakfast for Lunch
 Sunday, March 17th 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm, Breakfast for Lunch
 Sunday, March 24th 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm, Special Themed Neighborhood Lunch
 Sunday, April 14th 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm, Breakfast for Lunch
 Sunday, April 21st 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm, Breakfast for Lunch
 Sunday, April 28th 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm, Special Themed Neighborhood Lunch

We'd love to have you join us and eat some great food with us at 943 Kenmore Boulevard. We meet in the First Glance's Rec Room space. And we'd love to have you come and join us for our Church gathering at 10:30 am before. You don't have to believe to belong, everyone is welcome!



**Free Lunches at
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Summit County Councilwoman Bethany McKenney Hosts Winter Office Hours

Summit County Councilwoman Bethany McKenney will be hosting office hours at Finney's on the Towpath on Tuesday February 27th, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. It is located at 2759 Manchester Road on the edge of Kenmore.

Councilwoman McKenney has office hours in different locations in her district in order to help citizens and to promote awareness of our small businesses. For more information please contact Bethany at bmckenney@summitoh.net.

Christmas Caroling at the Kenmore Community Center

by Cathy Schwall, Park United Methodist Outreach

The combined voices of 8 Kenmore Ministerial Association members and 4 Boy Scouts provided beautiful music at the Kenmore Community Center to kick off the Christmas season. We only had 13 guests, but they all seemed to enjoy the singing. Hot Cocoa and Cookies were provided for all. Left over cookies were given to Alice Incorvia (the Kenmore Community Center Supervisor) for Senior events that week, Pastor Roger Bryant for distribution at The Church On the Boulevard meals, and the Kenmore Free Store for the sack lunches.



Kenmore Free Store News

by Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director, Kenmore Free Store

Update on the Kenmore Free Store break in

Most people in the Kenmore area are aware that the Kenmore Free Store was broken into and robbed in late October and early November.

The Bible says in Genesis 50:20 (NIV) “you intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of lives.” The break in was intended to harm the store, but God has used this situation to bless the Free Store. When the public found out about the break in and the loss of items, we began to get donations and support just when we needed them. A number of people called to offer to help with donations and monies to replace the broken windows and doors. Our shoppers were as upset as we were that someone would take something that we would have freely given them.

If you haven't been to the Kenmore Free Store, we offer clothing, shoes, toys, kitchen items, household items, and furniture to ALL without cost or obligation. If you are new, please come during open hours, register, and shop for what you may need.

We are open on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. Shoppers enter at our 17th Street SW entrance. If you are bringing donations, please place them in the RED cart on the 16th Street SW side of the store (across from the old Kenmore High School) during open hours. We are located on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.



Perhaps you would like to help others. If you do, we have room for more volunteers. The entire store is run by volunteers. Some of the volunteers receive the donated items and place them where they can be sorted and cleaned. Some volunteers inspect the donations, hang clothing, take items to the store for the shoppers, or assist with checking shoppers out. Some other volunteers make the lunches, some clean the toys and check the games. If you would like to volunteer, come to the store during open hours and we will get you started helping others.

Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director, phone: 330-606-2878
2101 17th Street SW, Akron, Ohio 44314

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March 23rd



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- 9:30 EASTER PARTY - Craft Activity, Comics, Coloring Books, Punch & Donuts, all at the Kenmore Community Center!
- 10:45 All Prize Drawings Given Away!
- 11:00 Bunny Hop to the Easter Egg Hunt!
- 12:00-1:30 Another Easter Event at Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene!

Young Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsors and organizers of this special family event are:

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, Kenmore Komics, and the Kenmore Community Center.

Registration for Summer Camps at Kenmore Community Center for children ages 6-15 begin April 1st at akron.recdesk.com.




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