

# Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

May 2024

## “BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

It was a great day to help with the Summit Lake Clean-Up on April 13th!

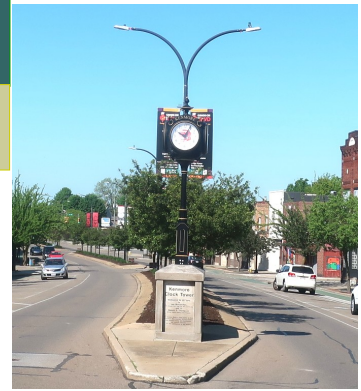
The weather was crisp but sunny, and almost 150 volunteers spread out over both sides of the lake to pick up 3 tons of trash and 52 tires.

The photo to the right shows me handing up a tire I spend a few minutes digging out of the lake bottom. I personally pulled out 6 tires, more bottles & cans than I could count, and a bicycle (so does that make it 8 tires total for me?)

I asked you all last month to call **Keep Akron Beautiful** at 330-375-2116 and ask about other opportunities to help. I hope many of you did, or found other ways to volunteer.

Thank you for listening, and please be safe!

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## Kenmore First Fridays Start June 7th

This year starts the seventh season of Kenmore First Friday events on Kenmore Boulevard, and you can participate. If you want to set up a booth and promote your business to the residents of Akron, please contact the **Better Kenmore CDC** at [jgippin@betterkenmore.org](mailto:jgippin@betterkenmore.org) or [www.betterkenmore.org](http://www.betterkenmore.org).



First Friday on Kenmore Blvd

## Upcoming SBA Training Events

The **Small Business Administration** can offer more than just funding for your business. They often hold seminars covering many subjects with helpful information for all business owners to use.

As an example, here are a few upcoming seminars in the Northern Ohio area—

- May 10th - Introduction to Selling to the Federal Government
- May 21st - ODOT DBE & APEX Information Seminar
- May 21st - Building your AAPI Business in Ohio (IN PERSON)
- May 21st - ODOT DBE & APEX Information Seminar (In Person)
- May 22st - Survey of SBA Programs and Services for Entrepreneurs
- May 30st - Starting Or Growing a Veteran-Owned Small Business

To learn more about these events, go to <https://www.sba.gov/events> and you will be at their “Find Upcoming Events” page. In the **Keyword Search** box, type in the event you are interested in, in the **Filter by District Office** box, chose Cleveland, and in the **Date Range** box, chose Next 30 days. Then click on Search Events, and your choices will appear, with date and time, and cost if any for the event.

## Ohio Restaurant & Hospitality Alliance Special Webinar

Join the **Ohio Restaurant & Hospitality Alliance** for a special webinar called “The Future of the Tipped Wage”. A possible constitutional amendment in November 2024 would raise the minimum wage for tipped and non-tipped employees, and would eliminate the tipped wage for restaurant servers and tipped workers. Learn how the potential elimination of the tipped wage could impact your business.

This free webinar will be held on Thursday May 23rd, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, via Zoom. To register for this Zoom link, please go to <https://noaccoh.chambermaster.com/events>, and choose the May 23rd event on this page.



## KBOT FLASHBACK



### 10 Years Ago - May 2014

- Ⓜ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- Ⓜ The size and position of the base for the Clock Tower is planned.

### 15 Years Ago - May 2009

- Ⓜ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- Ⓜ Luncheon Guest Speaker was Father Mike Smith, who gave a fascinating speech about the history of flags.

### 20 Years Ago - May 2004

- Ⓜ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- Ⓜ A group lunch meeting was held between the Kenmore Board, East Akron Board, and South Akron Board of Trades.

### 25 Years Ago - May 1999

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

### 30 Years Ago - May 1994

- Ⓜ **Daniel Little**, President
- Ⓜ Treasurer Connie Paconovsky reported that the YOUTH JOB PROGRAM was going well.

### 35 Years Ago - May 1989

- Ⓜ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- Ⓜ The first week of May designated “Drug Awareness Week”, and saw many of the school student’s original posters placed in store fronts, and with large signs at both ends of the boulevard stating “Drugs Are A Trap, Not A Trip”.

### 40 Years Ago - May 1984

- Ⓜ **Dennis Bloomer**, President
- Ⓜ All the end-of-school activities were discussed by the board, and it was agreed that giving the students “good times” before summer recess begins will cut vandalism to school property.