

# Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

June 2024

## “BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

Is it any surprise that the weather does not cooperate with the KCOC Newsletter?

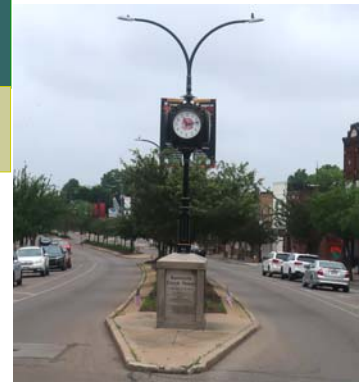
You may or may not have noticed, but every month a new photo of the Kenmore Clock Tower (on page 1) and the Kenmore Gazebo (on page 2) is placed in this newsletter. Each month I take a photo the day the newsletter is printed. All last week there were quite a few blue sky sunny days, but of course today the weather gave me the coldest and most overcast day it could deliver. Maybe July will be better.

And speaking of July, the **City of Akron** has given the Kenmore Shadyside Park four concerts in July this year (compared to only one last year), so we have multiple choices for when the **Kenmore Chamber** will have it’s “Annual Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet” during one of these concerts. Look for the chosen date in next month’s newsletter. For the June “Meet & Greet” see the flip side of this paper.

And speaking of newsletters (how many times can I segue from paragraph to paragraph?), my beautiful wife & I went out to dinner the other night to Kenmore Chamber member **Lanning’s Restaurant** at 826 North Cleveland-Massillion Road. As usual, the food and service were spectacular (which is why year after year **Lanning’s** takes first place in many of the Akron Beacon Journal’s Best of ... categories), but I was pleasantly surprised when General Manager Bethany Martin (whom I never met) recognized me as President of the KCOC, and even more surprised when she mentioned how much she enjoys reading my President’s Messages. I am both honored and humbled that someone of such excellent business acumen finds something useful in the ramblings I make every month. No pressure, right?

Thank you for listening, and please be safe!

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## June “Meet & Greet” at Kenmore Branch Library!

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce’s June “Meet & Greet” event will be held at the **Kenmore Branch Library**, 969 Kenmore Boulevard, on Thursday June 20th!



This evening networking meeting will be hosted by Branch Manager Wendy Zarara of the **Kenmore Branch Library**, and will include a tour, refreshments, drinks, and fun conversation with your fellow business members. The 2023 McCutchen Award will be presented, and many \$25 Gift Certificate door prizes from Kenmore Chamber members will also be given away. It is from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, and no RSVP is necessary. We hope to see you there!

## Reduce Your Business's Energy Costs & Create a Sustainability Plan

Please remember to check out the flyer sent with this newsletter, detailing the benefits of participating in a Members-Only Cost-Saving Educational Webinar on Wednesday June 19th, including information about updates on one of the largest incentive programs yet offered to Kenmore Chamber members, and additional funding opportunities for your energy upgrades.

## New Kenmore Boulevard Signs Have Arrived!

It has been awhile since Kenmore Boulevard had it’s welcome signs. The earlier versions were both damaged by motor vehicles, but now, thanks to Kenmore Chamber member **Better Kenmore** (formerly the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance**), we now have two beautiful new signs to welcome visitors to the Kenmore Historic Business District!



On the far left is one of the Previous Kenmore Boulevard Signs. Center & right are the new East & West Signs on Kenmore Boulevard.



## KBOT FLASHBACK



### 10 Years Ago - June 2014

- ⊕ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⊕ The City of Akron provides a matching grant for the Kenmore Clock Tower Project, and a spot for it is picked at 15th Street.

### 15 Years Ago - June 2009

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ Luncheon guest speakers were from Pre-Paid Legal Services.

### 20 Years Ago - June 2004

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The lunch discussion was about The City of Akron’s Capital Investment plans for Kenmore, and the Akron Initiative Program with \$1,00,000 worth of business loans available.

### 25 Years Ago - June 1999

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

### 30 Years Ago - June 1994

- ⊕ **Daniel Little**, President
- ⊕ Speaker was Karen Bovard, of the Summit County Emergency Management Agency.

### 35 Years Ago - June 1989

- ⊕ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- ⊕ Final plans discussed for Veteran’s Day Celebration at the library, with the new flagpole coming from those left over from Cascade Plaza.

### 40 Years Ago - June 1984

- ⊕ **Dennis Bloomer**, President
- ⊕ Akron City Council President Don Plusquellic discussed the work that would soon start on the Inner Belt Highway, with a lot of trees being taken out now at the Bowery end by Kenmore.