

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

July 2024

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

Congratulations to Paul Mara, our 2023 McCutchan Award recipient!

At our June “Meet & Greet” at the **Kenmore Branch Library**, Paul was finally able to receive his award, having been ill during a previous “Meet & Greet” when we had hoped to give it to him. Paul is an employee of **Kenmore Komics** (my business), and for over twenty years has helped with many Kenmore Chamber events, especially the Kenmore Holiday Celebrations the Chamber sponsored before COVID.

In addition, Paul has helped many an elderly Kenmore resident with lawn and maintenance issues, often at no expense to these people, including Kenmore Chamber member **Letter Perfect Embroidery & Screen Printing** owner Karen Freeman’s mom. Karen presented the 27th Annual McCutchan Award to Paul after a very emotional speech. Thanks again Paul for all you do for our community!

Thank you for listening, and please be safe!

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McCutchan Ward Winner Paul Mara and Karen Freeman



Kenmore Branch Library Manager Wendy Zarara Speaks at the June “Meet & Greet”

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KCOC Ice Cream Social at Shadyside Park

This year's KCOC "Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet" will be Wednesday July 17th at Shadyside Park. The Chamber will supply free ice cream to all in attendance listening to the band **45RPM**, and will have free pizza for Chamber members. We will meet starting at 6:30 pm, with the band starting at 7:00 pm. Shadyside Park is located at 1229 Kenmore Boulevard.



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.

Here are a few upcoming seminars in the Northern Ohio area—

- July 9th - Podcasting for Small Business
- July 9th - Global Commerce: The Art of Trade Logistics Episode 2
- July 10th - LENDER TRAINING: New Lender Orientation
- July 11th - Credit Repair
- July 12th - Introduction to Selling to the Federal Government
- July 16th - Cost Optimization Strategies
- July 17th - Doing Business With the State of Ohio
- July 17th - Marketing Techniques For Your Business (In-Person)
- July 17th - Survey of SBA Programs and Services for Entrepreneurs
- July 18th - Giving It Your All on Google
- July 25th - Accessing Capital to Start or Grow Your Business
- July 31st - Financing for the People! SBA Microloans and You

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.



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - July 2014

- Ⓜ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- Ⓜ The Clock Tower Committee is still working on location approval from the City of Akron.

15 Years Ago - July 2009

- Ⓜ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- Ⓜ David Culbertson is voted in to join the KBOT Board of Directors as a replacement for Etta Mae Smith.

20 Years Ago - July 2004

- Ⓜ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- Ⓜ Roger Ormsby is acting President while Scott Smith serves overseas with his National Guard unit.

25 Years Ago - July 1999

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

30 Years Ago - July 1994

- Ⓜ **Daniel Little**, President
- Ⓜ July was a busy month for KBOT Directors, as they worked on forming Block Watches, promoted the Drug Awareness Program, and passed out flyers for the "Friday Night at the Movies" event to promote activities for the area youth.

35 Years Ago - July 1989

- Ⓜ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- Ⓜ No information available.

40 Years Ago - July 1984

- Ⓜ **Dennis Bloomer**, President
- Ⓜ Due to a shortage of blood, the Kenmore Board of Trade asked all businesses to visit the Blood Mobile at Sherwood Park Baptist Church.