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#### Kenmore's BLVD Block Party: A Day of Music, Art, and Community Celebration

by Eleni Manousogiannakis, Better Kenmore Executive Director

Kenmore Boulevard came alive on Saturday, June 7th, as the neighborhood hosted its first ever BLVD Block Party. From 8:00 am to 9:00 pm, the stretch between 13th and 16th Streets was transformed into a vibrant hub of activity, showcasing the community's spirit and creativity.

The day kicked off with the Kenmore Cowbell 7K Race, followed by a lively parade at 10:00 am. The range of groups walking in the parade was just right for our community to enjoy after having missed it for so long. Families then enjoyed a pancake breakfast at the Masonic Lodge, while the Kenmore Branch Library offered a petting zoo and kids' crafts to the sounds of the Rubber City Yukes. For the more adventurous, canoe rides on Summit Lake were available, providing a unique way to experience the area.

Art enthusiasts explored The BLVD Collective pop-up art gallery, featuring works by Kenmore residents that were mentored by local artist Althea Jones. Framed art from Miller South School for the Visual & Performing Arts students adorned usually empty windows and Firestone High School students displayed their creativity while listening to a flautist. The Kids Zone kept younger attendees entertained, as a big inflatable usually does, and the Beer Garden offered a place for adults to relax and socialize. Additionally, the Big Love Living Room at the Kenmore Branch Library provided a quiet space for nursing mothers and those seeking a moment of calm.

Music was at the heart of the celebration, with performances throughout the day. The lineup included youth acts from Lange Music Studio, followed by children's musician Mr. Jeff. Later in the afternoon, local bands Talk Less and The DollyHoppers took the stage, culminating in evening sets by Rachel Brown and The Beatnik Playboys, and Umojah Nation, offering a diverse musical experience for all ages.

The BLVD Block Party highlighted Kenmore's ongoing transformation into a vibrant arts and cultural district. With its blend of music, art, food, and community spirit, the event underscored the neighborhood's commitment to fostering a welcoming and creative environment for all. It was nice to see Kenmore Boulevard busy during the day and more of the community able to enjoy the event. Some even shopped at businesses for the first time after just learning about them that day. This is the heart of why we do what we do.

The summer season finishes on Friday, September 5th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for the final Kenmore First Friday. For more information and ways to get involved, visit www.betterkenmore.org/events. Keep an eye and ear out for Boo on The BLVD in October and Light The BLVD in December!



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In March of 2020, **Regina's Pizza** installed their new pick-up window for your convenience. And then in August 2022, **Regina's** made the 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). Finally in August of 2023 **Regina's** introduced their new drive thru window. This allowed their customers to pick up their dinner when on the run. But you can still dine-in with parking in the rear of the recently repaved parking lot, or if you want the whole restaurant, then just give them a call to book your private party!

Regina's Pizza is closed Monday & Tuesday, opens at 11:00 am Wednesday thru Saturday, and opens at 12:00 noon on Sunday. Their take-out window is always ready for your use when ordering food from them, and they welcome sit-down customers with free video games for the kids. For more information please visit them at 2160 East Avenue, call 330-753-7797, or visit their web site at www.reginaspizza.com for a full menu and much more.

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by Bethany McKenney, Summit County Council District 7

Bethany McKenney and Brandon Ford, our Summit County Council representatives for Kenmore, will be hosting two helpful clinics, the Homeowner Tax Discount Clinic and the Veteran ID Clinic, at the Kenmore Community Center (880 Kenmore Boulevard) on Thursday, September 4th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

McKenney began organizing Homeowner Tax Discount Clinics after seeing how many people were not receiving tax discounts even though they were eligible, such discounts like the Homestead Exemption, the 2.5% Homeowner Occupancy Credit, and the Parcel Combine Discount. "My heart goes out to homeowners and seniors because of the recent rise in our property taxes due to the spike in property values. The last thing I want to see is people being taxed out of their homes!"

The clinic is designed to identify who may benefit, explain what is required, and assist with filling out the proper form to receive these property tax discounts. Representatives from the Summit County Fiscal Office will be present to answer questions. They will also provide Veteran IDs.

The popular Veteran ID Clinic helps eligible veterans by issuing or renewing a veteran ID card, made standard in Ohio in 2016. "Providing this service in Kenmore allows veterans to avoid navigating the construction, parking and Ohio Building in downtown Akron" Ford said. "And we are grateful to the Fiscal Office for their help". Veterans must bring a valid DD214 and two forms of valid identification, one of which must have a photo.



Summit County Councilperson Bethany McKenney (left)

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by Carrie Acree

The Dragon Bazaar has one final date for 2025! Every month this summer the Dragon Bazaar has brought an eclectic mix of Artisans from across Northeast Ohio to the Kenmore area. You never know what unique hand-crafted items you may find at the Bazaar, including walking sticks, brooms, boxes, spell jars, fairy catchers, divination systems, wall hangings & décor, journals, leather goods, chainmail, stained glass, incense, jewelry, oil blends & body lotions, 3D printed items, air plants, succulent plants, candles and much more.

This event is totally free to attend. Stop by from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday September 13th for this year's final event. Rain or Shine. Parking is available in the lot and on side streets by The Dragon's Mantle, 2433 Manchester Road. For more information please call 330-687-5654 or e-mail dragonsmantlecs@gmail.com.





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# Councilperson's Corner

If you're anything like me, you were shocked this May to learn that our promised Pfeiffer/Miller South building at the now-vacant Kenmore High School site was in jeopardy due to ballooning construction costs. After much advocacy and organizing, I'm happy to report that the Akron Public Schools Board has once again voted "yes" to move forward with the project. Thank you to the many residents, alumni and community organizations who attended meetings and wrote emails to make this possible.

#### 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 September 2nd.

Currently, APS facilities personnel are working to reduce project costs while the city's finance department calculates how much of the \$18 million in LFI funding for CLCs is available. While I support responsible cost-cutting to make the project viable, I am adamantly opposed to shrinking the originally planned 1,000-seat auditorium. Here's why:

Miller South currently has a 900-plus-seat auditorium and regularly sells out performances. In addition, a new1,000-seat venue will fill a critical gap in Akron's performance spaces and could attract national acts to Kenmore, driving economic activity throughout our neighborhood and further establishing Kenmore Boulevard as Akron's Music Row. If the city approves up to \$18 million in LFI funding for this project, it deserves a strong return on its investment—and this auditorium is just that.

The Joint Board of Review, which includes both city and school board officials, expects to receive revised cost estimates and LFI funding calculations in late August. They will then meet to review—and hopefully approve—an updated agreement between the district and the city, which will ultimately go to city council and the school board for final approval.

In the meantime, I will continue working with the mayor, his administration and my council colleagues to solidify their support. Please join me by emailing the JBOR members and asking them to ensure we get our 1,000-seat auditorium and a CLC that proudly includes "Kenmore" in its name. Email addresses are available at www.betterkenmore.org/kenmore-needs-your-help-again.

Finally, don't miss my September 2nd ward meeting for an exciting update on the Akron Baptist Temple site. Have a safe and happy rest of your summer, and thank you for allowing me to serve!

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by Daralee Ghinder

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It took a whole team to design this medal, which was brought to life by Akron artist, Lizzi Aronhalt. You might recognize icons, representing each of the neighborhoods participating in the race series. See if you can find the "Rock Candy" icon for University Park.

So why does an organization, focused on scholarships and student support, sponsor a 5k (and 7k) race series? Akron Promise is in favor of any organization that chooses to lift up the youth in Akron. Each of the races benefits a group or organization that does just that. For example, the Kenmore Cowbell 7k Race raises scholarship funds for Garfield CLC graduates, of which 49 scholarships were awarded to Garfield Community Learning Center graduates on May 23rd, during the Garfield CLC Senior Awards Assembly.

The races themselves encourage good health, promote youth opportunity, support community organizations, and allow participants to explore different neighborhoods in Akron. This is what "community" is all about. The race series is the Community Outreach arm of Akron Promise.

The hope is for more people getting outside, more youth finding a healthy way to fill their time, and to encourage a feeling of community. Whether it's for the medal, the mission, or you just like to run, the next race is the RoadRokr Race on August 16th. There are 10 races remaining in the series, so lace up your shoes and earn yourself a blimp!

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The first day of school for Kindergarten students is Monday, August 25th.



By: Lauren Schneider, Pfeiffer Elementary School Counselor

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# Save Pfeiffer By Emilia Cark, Student Council President

Have you ever wondered why you should keep Pfeiffer open? This essay will help you realize why you should keep Pfeiffer open. This essay will include information about why I love Pfeiffer so much. This essay will also give 3 reasons. I love Pfeiffer so much.

The first reason why I love Pfeiffer so much is because Mrs. Mcintyre, our principal, and Ms. Marsh, our dean, rewards us at Pfeiffer with parties when we earn it. The second reason why I love Pfeiffer so much is because I want my little sisters to have the same experiences I did here at Pfeiffer. The third reason why I love Pfeiffer so much is because I have special connections with some of the teachers here at Pfeiffer.

I hope you learned why I love Pfeiffer so much. Thank you for reading my essay. But you also promised to rebuild Pfeiffer and I need you to keep your promise.

#### Pfeiffer Pirates Student Leaders for the 2025- 2026 School Year











4th Grade Student Ambassadors (Photographed from Left to Right): Kylie Adams, Azariah Campbell, Jaydan Heckaman, Sophie McAtee, Nayalee Mims. Not photographed is Faith Wilder















5th Grade Student Ambassadors (Photographed from Left to Right): Row 1 Piper Blue, Kyler Curry, Mia Meyers, Emmalyn Mishler, Charli-Renae Higgins. Row 2 Alexa Hilbert & Josiah Patterson

# **Kenmore Community Center Spring Tea Party**

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

On Saturday, May 3rd, 44 lovely ladies were treated to a Spring Tea Party by Kenmore Community Center and Foundations Health. Savory sandwiches, delicious scones, pastries, sweet treats and chocolate covered strawberries were served on vintage pieces of china while hot teas were poured from tea pots adorned in delicate flowers and gold leaf trim. Raffle prizes, Spring crafts, a photo corner and a fancy hat contest were also a big hit at the event. A wonderful time was had by all who attended the Party.



























#### Akron Pops Orchestra Comes to Kenmore Community Center

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

The Akron Pops Orchestra delighted a full house at Kenmore Community Center on May 19th with an evening of Broadway hits, Dixieland, Jazz, lively marches and beloved favorites. Guests enjoyed a dessert reception, music trivia, interactive instrument demonstrations and plenty of opportunities to join in the fun - making for a truly memorable night out! This event was made possible by a generous grant from ArtsForward.















# Kenmore Community Center Hosts Akron Big Band

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

Members of the Kenmore community and followers of the Akron Big Band enjoyed a free concert at the Kenmore Community Center on May 27th to help kick off the summer. The band played fabulous traditional swing melodies while audience members enjoyed ice cream and cookies provided by Brian Gladysz Insurance and Foundations Health. This concert has become a fun annual tradition.

















# Charles L. Wilson Elected President of The Ohio Funeral Directors Association

by Charles L. Wilson,

Schlup-Pucak & Wilson Funeral Home Owner/Director

What do kids dream of becoming when they grow up? Some look to become professional athletes, a doctor, lawyer or a politician. Not me though. When I was younger and going through high school I dreamed about becoming a Funeral Director. I didn't pursue this dream until 2002 when I enrolled to become a student at the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science. Becoming a Funeral Director became a reality in 2007 when I officially became a Licensed Funeral Director in the State of Ohio. After working at a Funeral Home in West Akron for several years I decided to join Don Pucak in my hometown of Kenmore at the Schlup-Pucak Funeral Home which is now Schlup-Pucak & Wilson Funeral Home.

In 2015 I decided I wanted to become more involved with the Ohio Funeral Directors Association, so I became the District #8 President which includes Funeral Homes in Summit, Medina and Portage County. I enjoyed that role, but I wanted to become even more involved so in 2020 I became the Northeast Regional Director which covered eleven counties in Northeast Ohio. Being in those two positions I had the opportunity to meet some wonderful colleagues and provide them with the Continuing Education hours needed to maintain their license. However, I didn't stop there. From 2023-2024 I was elected to become the Secretary/Treasurer for the association. From 2024 to April 2025, I held the position of President Elect. On April 29, 2025 I was installed as the President of The Ohio Funeral Directors Association which is a one-year term. Overseeing over nine hundred Funeral Homes and twenty-five hundred Funeral Directors/Embalmers is a position I never thought I would be in. Without the support of my family, friends and Don Pucak this would not be possible. Being President involves a lot of traveling, especially to Columbus once a month for meetings, out of state for conventions and conferences, a yearly trip out of the country for a week of continuing education opportunities and the yearly trip to Washington, DC to meet with members of congress and the senate to discuss issues that would impact the funeral industry.

Being President of this wonderful association is truly an honor, and I'm pleased to follow in the footsteps of Bill Schlup OFDA President in 1970 and Don Pucak OFDA President in 1993. Being a Funeral Director is not for everyone. It takes a special person to be in this industry, and I know several of them right here in the Kenmore Community. I love being a part of Kenmore and I would like to thank those of you that have shown your support and have trusted the Schlup-Pucak & Wilson Funeral Home with your loved one. Blessings to vou all.



Charles L. Wilson







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10:00 am
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#### Video Exercise

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# **Kenmore Running Club Invites Runners**

by Sean Blake

Come join the Kenmore Running Club on Thursday nights! The KRC is open to everyone, regardless of age, pace, or where you live. They usually meet Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the Summit Lake Nature Center (411 Ira Avenue). One lap around Summit Lake is 2.3 miles.

Some nights the KRC does change the location of their run, so check out their Facebook group page to verify the location of that week.



# **Kenmore Historical Society News**

by Sean Blake, President Kenmore Historical Society

Hey Kenmore,

We're having a busy summer over here at the Historical Society. On June 7th, as part of the Blvd Block Party and Cowbell 7K festivities, we hosted a parade through downtown Kenmore. We had about 30 units in the parade and it was a huge success. I want to thank everyone who came down to Kenmore Boulevard to watch that day. We are already talking about having another parade next year, so if you've ever had the urge to design a float - start thinking about it now! If we do have one we will announce it by the end of this year.

Speaking of parades, we participated in the Downtown Akron Bicentennial parade on July 5th. In honor of Akron's bicentennial we broke out the old cardinal costume from Kenmore High School for that parade. I want to give a huge thanks to everyone who walked with us, and cheered us on in that parade. Speaking of downtown Akron, if you happen to end up down there, check out the Akron History Center on South Main Street next to the Civic Theatre. I was able to check it out after the parade and it was amazing. There are a couple shout outs to Kenmore in the displays there but I won't spoil those for you.

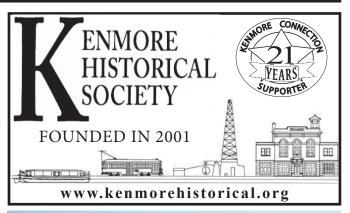
The guest speaker at our June meeting was Akron's Assistant Service Director, Jeff Bronowski. He spoke about the history of Akron (and Kenmore's) water systems. I was proud of everyone who came and packed the room. As of the date of writing this article, I do not have a speaker confirmed for our August 25th meeting, but stay tuned for updates on Facebook. Our September 29th meeting will have Jon Miller from the University of Akron Press speaking about the newly released book for Akron's Bicentennial "Akron at 200". He will also bring copies with him for sale at a discounted price of \$35. As always we meet at 6:30 pm in the Kenmore Library's meeting room.

We have also formed a committee to look into the old Lawndale one room schoolhouse. The purpose of the committee is to research the viability and practicality of acquiring the building, and if acquiring the building seems viable, fundraising for and then performing renovations on it. The committee would also then be setting up a plan for future programming, maintenance, and sustainability of the building. We meet once a month on a Monday night at 6:30 pm at the Kenmore Library. These meetings are not the same nights as our regular meetings. If you are interested in learning more, or serving on the committee, please reach out to us. We have a contact form on our website kenmorehistorical.org.

I want to thank local artist Don Jeffrey for his donation of his Kenmore High School sketch. We have copies of this for sale as well as ones of Lawndale and Smith Elementary Schools. We still have collectibles for sale also, and for a limited time we have jars of crushed up bricks from Kenmore High School for sale. Look for us at one of the First Friday events. Our display is still going strong at the Better Kenmore CDC building. Come check it out, we are honoring the history of Kenmore Sports.

See you soon Kenmore!

Do you have a reunion, fundraiser, or event to promote in Kenmore? Please contact John at 330-304-9598 or via e-mail at john@kenmore-komics.com for information on how to get your event in the next issue!









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## Kenmore Church Directory

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#### Allenside Presbyterian Church

410 Rexford Street 330-753-6405

Find us on FaceBook @ allenside presbyterian church

Pastor Lisa Zimmerman

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 Meeting and Free Dinner - 6:00 pm, 3rd Tuesday of the month throughout the year in the basement 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.

#### 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 6:00 pm

Community Services Offered

Free Bus Transportation on Sunday

#### **Goss Memorial Church**

2247 11th Street SW 330-745-5038 www.gosschurch.org

Pastor: Currently interim pastor Youth Leaders: 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

2650 Cory Avenue 330-753-2303 officehopechurchakron@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 10:00 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

Hours of Service
Holy Eucharist:
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass at 10:00 am
Sacrament of Confession:

St. Augustine, Barberton - Saturdays at 3:00 pm and Mondays at 6:00 pm. St. Francis de Sales, Coventry - Saturdays from 9:00 to 9:45 am and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:15 pm. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Mondays 7:00 pm (September thru May).

Community Services Offered
Food Pantry (at Maher Hall)
Thursday afternoons 12 noon to 2 pm
Appointment needed - Call 330-848-2803
Tuesday or Wednesday between 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon.
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.

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# **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

Hours of Service

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Wednesday Evening Children & Youth Services
6:00 to 7:00 pm
Office Hours - By Appointment Only.

#### King's Way Church

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

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
God is Good Testimony Tuesdays 7:00 pm via Facebook
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm
Thursday Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm via Zoom
Email koinonia5111@yahoo.com for the Zoom Link

Community Services Offered

Food Pantry 3rd Tuesday of the month via appointment only - Call Prayer Line at 330-999-2398 Grief Recovery Classes

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#### New Life Pentecostals of Akron Redeemed Christian Church of God

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 9:00 am

Community Services Offered

**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

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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).

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 **View Live Stream Messages at:** https://www.youtube.com/@shorelineccakron

Dr. Scott Campbell

Hours of Service

Sunday Praise & Worship 11:00 am Sunday Live Stream message begins at 11:35 am Wednesday Live Stream Bible Study 7:00 pm View Live Stream Messages at: www.shorelinechurchakron.com

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.

#### **Streetlight Comunity Church**

**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 Gatherings inside October to April at 943 Kenmore Boulevard, First Glance's building, 10:30 am. Just follow the Streetlight signs. 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.

#### The Church on the Boulevard

754 Kenmore Boulevard 330-745-8634 www.thechurchontheboulevard.wordpress.com 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.

> Hours of Service Sunday Morning Service 10:00 am

Community Services Offered Serving Christmas Dinner, December 25th, 1:00 to 6:00 pm. **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 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 6:45 to 8:00 pm.

## 2025 Kenmore Cowbell Ring of Honor Recipients

by Nick Korora, Race Director Kenmore Cowbell

The Kenmore Cowbell Ring of Honor Award was established in 2024 to promote positivity in the Kenmore community. There are many individuals involved with Kenmore who are doing amazing things and deserve recognition. Every year 7 people involved in the Kenmore community are picked by last year's recipients, and are recognized after the Kenmore Cowbell 7K Race. They get to ring Grandma Benn's cowbell and are presented their Ring of Honor by the person who nominated them. Here are those who were honored for 2025:

Jim Ballard: A Kenmore resident for nearly 50 years, Jim Ballard founded the race we now call the Kenmore Cowbell 7k. He has run 25 marathons, including Boston and every Akron Marathon Series event since 2015. An acclaimed musician who's played with everyone from Paul Simon to Gordon Lightfoot, Jim wrote and recorded the song "I'm Gonna Run" in memory of those impacted by the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. In addition to mentoring countless young athletes, Jim has nurtured budding musicians with guitar lessons in his Kenmore studio, served on the Kenmore Community Council, and is leading the charge to revitalize Kenmore Boulevard through the arts with the Better Kenmore Community Development Corporation. (Nominated by Tina Boyes)

Jim Benn: Jim was a member of the 1970 and 1971 Kenmore Turkey Day Championship teams led by Coach Fortner. His aggressive approach as a linebacker and tackle on Garfield's Larry Poole led to an unexpected early exit for the star running back. If you ever need to paint a picture of what Turkey Day was all about, just ask Jim Benn. Jim still lives in Kenmore and loves spending time with his grandkids and talking about the glory days of Kenmore. (Nominated by Dave Benn)

Robert Catalano: Robert is one of the most generous people I know in Kenmore. As owner of Regina's Pizza, he has donated hundreds of free pizza's to more Kenmore community groups than I can name. He is always willing to help, and I still remember the seminar he gave to local businesses about how to better advertise to the community. Robert represents the positive business spirit our community needs, and for that we thank him! (Nominated by John Buntin Jr)



**Tommy Jones:** It is a great honor for me to give a Cowbell ring to Tommy Jones. Tommy and I both have similar starts to running. We both started running together at the same time and the first edition of the race - the Rock Me On The Water 7K - was our first race. As we kept seeing each other at more and more of the Akron Promise series races we became closer. Our councilperson Tina helped start the Kenmore Running Club last year and Tommy has been a huge help in getting it up and running (no pun intended), so much so that we have made him President of the club. One of the most unique things of life is that we are each living out our own little story. Every one of us has our challenges, losses, and victories. I'm not going to tell Tommy's story for him but I can say that this man has been through a ton of challenges, losses, and victories. One thing that has kept him going has been his hard work and perseverance, and those are two traits that I know people from Kenmore have a lot of. These traits are going to continue to push him farther in life and help him overcome future challenges. Therefore, I felt that Tommy was the best person to represent what Kenmore values are and I know Grandma Benn would be proud of him. Keep running Tommy! (Nominated by Sean Blake)

**Kirk Lambert:** I had the honor of presenting my dad, Kirk Lambert with the "Ring of Honor" award at the Kenmore Cowbell event. A moment I will never forget. I chose him because for as long as I can remember, he's gone above and beyond to provide for our family, help anyone in need, and give all the glory to God along the way. He's never asked for recognition, never done it for the credit, he just shows up, every day, with a heart to serve. My dad is the best person I know on this planet and he's the reason I strive to be the father and community leader I am today. Choosing him was easy... without him, I wouldn't be who I am today. (**Nominated by Kenny Lambert**)

John Osolin: John, who is seventy, is truly a Kenmore treasure. He has lived here for the last 58 years. He played center on the great Kenmore football teams of the early 70's that drew record crowds to the Rubberbowl. He's been married to his high school sweetheart June for 51 years. He coached Kenmore Little League teams and recreation basketball for many years and sponsored many teams. His dogged determination helped create the Angeletti baseball fields on South Hawkins, which led to the largest participation level in Kenmore youth baseball history. Later in life he went to work for the City of Akron driving snow plows during blizzards, so first responders could respond. As a grandparent he has taken on the role of Santa and nailed it with his authentic whiskers, rosy cheeks, and that twinkle in his eye. Thank you John! (Nominated by Tim Powell)

Elisha West: I was very grateful for a chance to recognize Elisha West for her service to our community. She is active with Better Kenmore, working to improve our neighborhood. One of her tasks is beautifying the Boulevard with pots of plants outside several businesses and caring for the strip along the center of the Boulevard. Thanks, Elisha! (Nominated by Jan Williams)



#### **Kenmore Free Store News**

by Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director, KFS



Hello Kenmore Connection People,

How has your summer been going? Staying cool in this very hot weather?

We have been busy at the Free Store these past three months. We have added 138 households this past 3 months. We have be able to help many families with 17,189 items of clothing, 1105 pairs of shoes, 1433 toy items, and many other household and kitchen items.

We have helped many families with 4866 sack lunches, 395 hygiene bags and 316 containers of laundry soap.

We see God moving among our ministry partners, the families we serve, and those who donate to the store. We are so very grateful for each person who comes to our Free Store. Maybe you come to get clothing or toys you need, or maybe you are one of the ministry partners, or are you one of the many people who donate to our store. If you are, know that you are a blessing to so very many people.

As you can see, we are busy each time we are open --- Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. We would like you to consider donating to our store any item you are no longer using - it should be working and in good shape. This time of year we look for school clothing and fall & warmer weather clothing. We are in need of kitchen items all the time - pots, pans, coffee pots, toasters, bowls, utensils, etc.

We can use new ministry partners (volunteers) who could help us sort clothing and items donated to the store. We have several students who complete their community service hours at store. Consider volunteering if you need hours and if you are a student bring your parent along with you. This is something that you could do together. Do you belong to a club that could use a community activity? To begin volunteering, just come to our store during open hours and we will gladly get you started serving.

Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director, phone: 330-606-2878 2101 17th Street SW, Akron, Ohio 44314 Hours: Tuesdays 4:00 to 7:00 pm, Saturdays 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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