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A Merry Night on The BLVD: Kenmore Celebrates the Season Together

by Eleni Manousogiannakis, Better Kenmore Executive Director

Kenmore's holiday spirit was on full display during Better Kenmore CDC's Light The BLVD. The evening kicked off with the Miller South Band and Summit Academy Schools Steel Drum Band at the Kenmore Branch Library, bringing festive flair to the start of the night. After the return of a tree lighting ceremony in the Buzzbin Courtyard, the Garfield CLC Madrigals led community caroling, blending nostalgia with fresh energy. Santa was popular with folks young and old. Over 20 storefront windows were decorated by businesses and volunteers. A National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation Movie Trivia, hosted by Brad Savage of The Summit FM and photographer Shane Wynn, at The Rialto Theatre brought laughs, friendly competition, and plenty of festive outfits. The Masonic Lodge hosted a craft show of handmade goods and unique holiday finds.

Events like Light The BLVD remind us that the magic of the holidays isn't just in the lights or decorations — it's in the people who show up, sing together, laugh together, and make memories side by side.

Thank you to everyone who came out, participated, performed, volunteered, and helped make this season in Kenmore truly merry and bright.



Kenmore's Annual Easter Event is March 28th

The Annual Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 28th 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. There will also be 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 10:00 am for the craft events. At around 11:00 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 for the Easter Egg Event. All refreshments and eggs will be donated by the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce. Additional sponsors include the Kenmore Community Center, Just A Dad From Akron, Prentice Funeral Home, and Schlup-Pucak & Wilson Funeral Home. So mark your calendars and please plan to bring your children to this year's Annual Kenmore Craft & Easter Egg Event on Saturday March 28th!



Feeding Kenmore for 55 Years

by Robin Blaurock, Owner, Showcase Meats

In 1971, Allen Perry opened the doors of **Showcase Meats** with a simple mission: provide fresh, quality meat and serve his community with integrity. A master butcher by trade, Allen had been cutting meat since age 11 and went on to manage meat departments for some of the region's largest grocery chains before opening his own shop. Alongside his wife, Fay Perry, **Showcase Meats** began as a traditional neighborhood butcher shop rooted in craftsmanship, relationships, and trust.

Over the years, that small butcher shop grew into what **Showcase Meats** is known for today: its signature pressure-cooked fried chicken, in-house bakery, catering, pizza and a wide range of prepared foods, appetizers, subs, and family meals. Still family-run and community-focused, **Showcase Meats** became more than a store, it became a Kenmore tradition.

Nearly 30 years ago, sisters Renee and Robin joined the family business and helped shape its growth. In 2019, they led the move from 16th Street to Manchester Road, a step that allowed the business to better serve longtime customers, welcome new neighbors, and position **Showcase Meats** for the future, while staying proudly rooted in Kenmore.

Today, Renee and Robin are the owners and leaders of **Showcase Meats**, carrying forward their family's foundation while bringing their own vision and leadership to the next chapter. Still family-owned. Still hands-on. Still built on the same recipes and values with a strong focus on growth.

With exciting development happening nearby, including Amazon opening across the street, 2026 is shaping up to be a milestone year for both **Showcase Meats** and Kenmore. Grateful for the generations of customers who have supported them, Renee and Robin remain committed to honoring the past while continuing to grow, evolve, and invest in the community for decades to come. Please visit **Showcase Meats** at 2355 Manchester Road, call them at 330-753-4219, or visit their web site at www.showcasemeat.com.



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Justice on Wheels in Kenmore

by Bethany McKenney, Summit County Council District 7

Thanks to Judge Katarina Cook, the Ohio Justice Bus will be rolling into Kenmore at the Kenmore Community Center (880 Kenmore Boulevard) and helping families on Friday, April 10th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Summit County Councilwoman Bethany McKenney will be hosting this event, a free legal clinic led by Administrative Judge Katarina Cook of the Summit County Domestic Relations Court. The clinic will help people with Family Law issues like divorce, parenting time issues, child custody and protection orders/personal safety.

From the outside, what looks like a blue van emblazoned with the words, "Ohio Justice Bus", has been retrofitted into two mobile legal offices. The Kenmore Community Center will also serve as a place for people to meet with volunteer attorneys and the judge. Administrative Judge Cook is driven to bring the courthouse right where it is needed, "the legal process can take time but when you can meet with an attorney for free, file your paperwork correctly and see a judge all in the same day – that's providing access".

Community resources will also be available. The Summit County Domestic Relations Court partners with agencies like Child Support Enforcement, Community Legal Aid, Victim Assistance Program, and Asian Services In Action in order to most effectively help our community.

If you would like to attend the clinic, walk-ins are available but pre-registration is recommended by contacting Paul Henry at phenry@drcourt.org or 330-643-7845.



The Ohio Justice Bus with Judge Katarina Cook and Councilwoman Bethany McKenney

2025 McCutchan Award

In 1997, the Kenmore Board of Trade (now the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce) created an award to honor Lee & Jasper McCutchan, who together did so very much for our community, and give this award to a Kenmore Chamber member who "...has done many things for the Kenmore Community and asked for nothing in return".

For 2025 this award was presented by Kenmore Councilperson Tina Boyes (the 2019 recipient) to Julie Ann Sweet of Kenmore Komics. Julie Ann is very involved in the Kenmore Community, having volunteered at the Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt for almost 20 years, and for almost as long she has been one of the main coordinators, with Keep Akron Beautiful, of the Summit Lake Clean-Up every spring. It was an honor and a privilege to present to Julie Ann this award at the Kenmore Chamber Holiday Party on Thursday December 11th at The Rialto Theatre. Thank you Julie Ann for all you do!



Julie Ann Sweet (left) with Kenmore Councilperson Tina Boyes


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Councilperson's Corner

From snowstorms to sub-zero temperatures, 2026 certainly got off to an icy start. I want to begin by thanking our hardworking City of Akron employees who worked 12-hour shifts through the very end of January to keep our roads safe and passable. Their dedication is commendable.

On January 27th, I had the opportunity to visit the city's Snow and Ice Control Center on Triplett Boulevard, and I walked away incredibly impressed. From a wall of large screens, city crews monitor weather forecasts, track 311 service requests, follow plow truck locations, and watch live camera views from across Akron. I was able to see, in real time, exactly where trucks were operating throughout Ward 9. The level of coordination and technology behind the scenes is remarkable and shows how seriously the city takes winter safety.

I also want to share an important reminder about how snow removal priorities work. The city's standard is to begin plowing residential streets once snowfall reaches five inches or more. During particularly heavy or continuous snow events—like we experienced in late January—crews must first focus on keeping Primary and Secondary routes open and safe. This sometimes means residential streets are cleared later. While waiting can be frustrating, this process helps ensure emergency vehicles and school transportation can travel safely throughout the city.

If your street becomes difficult to navigate, please continue to report concerns through Akron 311 at www.akronoh.citysourcesd.com or by calling 330-375-2311. These service requests help crews respond more efficiently and track neighborhood needs.

Once again, thank you to our incredible Snow and Ice crews for their tireless work keeping our community safe!

Tina Boyes, Ward 9 Councilperson, City of Akron, 330-283-7582

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 3rd.



**Akron City Ward 9
 Councilperson
 Tina Boyes**

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Pfeiffer/Miller South Groundbreaking

March 19th | 11:00 am to 12:00 noon
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Ward 9 Cleanup Day

April 25th | 8:30 to 11:30 am
 I'm partnering with Keep Akron Beautiful during Clean Up Akron Month to organize what we hope will be the largest Ward 9 cleanup ever. Volunteers will meet at Prentiss Park before heading out across the neighborhood, from Summit Lake to Castle Homes. For updates and locations, follow me at facebook.com/TinaBrodeBoyes.



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by Daralee Ghinder

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For the past two years, Study Tables have given an open invitation to Akron Promise scholarship students, all of whom graduated from Garfield Community Learning Center (CLC), and Kenmore-Garfield CLC. Akron Promise is preparing to launch an expanded version of this semester's Study Tables, to include support for all Akron Public Schools graduates.

Study Tables provide a place for students to come together to establish a community experiencing the same trials and triumphs of college life. It's an opportunity to discuss classes, recommend favorite instructors, or just vent. Students can seek help for housing, transportation, and academics, among other challenges. They can find out what's working and what's not. Most importantly, they can discover that whatever their issue – they're not alone. Discussions are always better with food and when all participants are treated to a snack and a beverage, funded by Akron Promise.

Students can find Study Tables at Stark State College, the University of Akron, and Kent State University. The location and weekly meeting time moves every semester, to try to accommodate as many schedules as possible. All Study Tables are led by a student attending that college, who has firsthand knowledge of their specific campus. Akron Promise has partnered with the University of Akron's ExL Center to employ one of their interns as the Study Table Coordinator at UA.



Study Tables Helps College Students With Extra Support

If you are a college student, or know one, and you're interested in finding out more about the Study Tables at your campus, please reach out to Tom Ghinder at tom@akronpromise.org. Tom can connect college students with the appropriate Study Tables Coordinators. Current Akron Promise scholars can check their email for dates and locations.

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Kenmore Community Center Decorates Entrance in 50's Style!

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

Staff at Kenmore Community Center had a ton of fun creating a 50's environment in their main entrance for the holidays. The space was decked out with a 50's decorated Christmas tree, complete with a poodle skirt, sodas, mini juke boxes, records and glasses. A juke box, tables & chairs decorated another area with 45 records adorning the wall above and a black & white tile floor below. A glass case displayed Christmas albums and 50's outfits. We hope the display made your holidays a little brighter.



Kids Enjoy Day of Camp Over the Holiday Break

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

Local children enjoyed a fun-filled day of camp (Chill-Out Winter Camp) on December 30th, 2025 at Kenmore Community Center. Homemade muffins and orange juice were served for breakfast before diving into a snowflake suncatcher craft. Winter-related fun & games were enjoyed before creating their own taco bowls. After lunch campers were entertained by a winter movie with popcorn & hot cocoa all in the comfort of their pjs. Stay tuned for our one day Spring camp as well as registration for our 8 weeks of summer camps opening on April 1st at akron.recdesk.com.



Kenmore Community Center Provided Christmas Blessings!

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

During the month of December, community center staff distributed 26 blessing bags to anyone in need. Community Center participants and staff collected & donated personal hygiene products, water bottles, snacks, socks, gloves & hats throughout the year while the center's Wednesday afternoon program, Crochet for a Cause, knitted scarves & hats for the bags. The center's Coloring Club created beautiful coloring pages and children from Pfeiffer Elementary School made handcrafted Christmas cards to go in the bags as well.



River Guardian's Ohio - Protecting Our Waterways for Future Generations

by Sherry Carnahan

Over the past 10+ years, Kenmore resident James Carnahan, also known as “Opa”, has participated in a variety of annual cleanups around Summit Lake and the adjoining towpath. As much as he loved the cleanups and seeing how awesome the waterways looked afterwards, he was discouraged to notice that after the first rainfall all the trash returned. For years he kept searching for ways to prevent the trash from getting so heavy in the first place, but no answers came. That was until, July 6th, 2023 when the universe was about to show him how.

Early that morning, on his way to his favorite fishing hole located on the Tuscarawas River at the Wolf Creek Trailhead in Barberton, he discovered and reported on a 1000-gallon oil spill. As he stepped into the water, oil began to cover his fishing rod and him. As he stood in the oil covered water, he looked around to find geese, ducks, muskrat and other wildlife, covered in the oil or dead. He was devastated. For eleven weeks, every day, he watched, monitored and reported on the cleanup through his Facebook Page, OpaRuns.

As he watched the crew clean up the oil, an idea started to form. Crews stopped the oil from continuing to spread with the use of floating barriers called a ‘containment boom’. “Why couldn’t that be done with trash?” Opa thought. He researched and found commercial “trash booms” too expensive. That’s when he got an idea, to create a breakaway trash boom at a much lower cost.



River Guardians James “Opa” Carnahan (left) and Dave Stoler



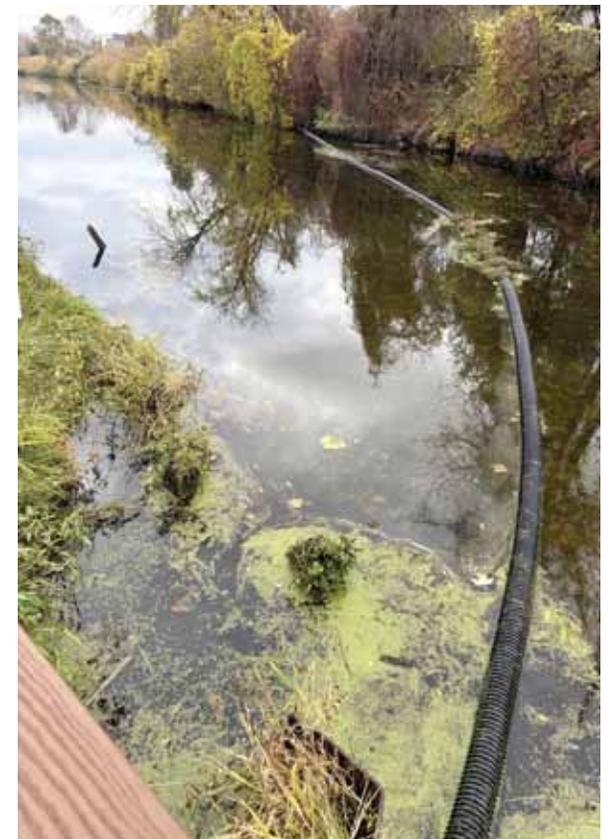
In 2025, with ten breakaway trash booms installed in area waterways, over 10,000 pounds of trash was collected. Each boom’s location is tracked, monitored and scooped up by volunteers. The trash bags are then picked up by different entities that RGO has developed relationships with such as Summit Metroparks and the City of Akron.

This past year during the Annual Cleanups reports from a variety of entities that conduct those annual trash cleanups have reported that they have collected less trash, sometimes less than half from a previous year, confirming that the trash booms are working.

Today, along with mitigating trash, RGO works on special projects that help reclaim and restore local watersheds and public speaking engagements, with a large focus on educating our youth. “Education is a key component to stopping the trash” says Opa.

If you would like to learn more about River Guardians Ohio and all the work they are doing please visit their website and blog at <https://riverguardiansohio.com>.

That winter, Opa and Kenmore graduate Dave Stoler worked on creating and testing River Guardians Ohio’s first prototype of a breakaway trash boom. It was approved by ODNR and the first booms were deployment in the spring of 2024 at Mud Run Creek and Summit Lake with great success. During that first month River Guardians Ohio (RGO) volunteers collected and bagged over 1,000 pounds of trash in just one month. Opa’s vision of mitigating the trash from getting into the waterways all year round was born.



A Before (left) and After (right) Look at Summit Lake, Demonstrating How Successful a Breakaway Trash Boom Works



Food Distribution Information for Rimer CLC
By Jammie Bryant, Rimer CLC Family Liaison

Akron Public Schools has partnered with the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank to offer monthly food distribution for our families.

Food Distribution will occur on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 3:00–4:00 PM.

Upcoming Dates:

- February 17
- March 17
- April 21
- May 19

Registration is required and must be completed with your Family Liaison.

Pickup Location:
 Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank
 350 Opportunity Parkway
 Akron, OH 44307

We look forward to supporting our families!



Pictured: Kylon Solomon-Elston

Rimer CLC Student Leaders for the 2025-2026 School Year



Pictured Left to Right: Cashton Nunn (Student Council President) , Camille Cook (Student Council Vice President) , Ka'mya Collins, Cali Graves, & Victoria Ramirez (Student Ambassadors)



Pictured Left to Right (5th Grade Student Council Team Members): Aria Asiedu, Kyndall Eggleton, Kylon Solomon-Elston, Jazzalyn Reid, Arionna Williams, & Gabriella Wilson



Pictured Left to Right (4th Grade Student Ambassadors) Row 1: A'mauri Brown, Jaxon Brown, Aniyah Grier, Simon Gurung, A'layah Lowery
 Row 2: Phyllip Riffle, Selena Thompson, Makayla Tipton, Franco Vasquez



Rimer CLC 5th Grader Served as NFL Cleveland Brown Kickoff Kid
By Lauren Schneider, Rimer CLC School Counselor

Kylon Solomon-Elston, Rimer Community Learning Center fifth grader, was selected to represent Akron Public Schools (APS) as the Cleveland Browns Kick-Off Kid during the Browns vs. Pittsburgh Steelers game on Sunday, December 28th, at Huntington Bank Field in Cleveland. Kylon earned this prestigious honor in recognition of his perfect attendance throughout the school year, reflecting his strong commitment to learning. He shared that his favorite parts of coming to school are seeing his friends, learning new things, and spending time with staff who support him. Kylon also serves on Rimer's Student Council Team, where he helps to make a positive impact in our school environment daily.

This recognition, made possible through collaboration with the Cleveland Browns Foundation, underscores the strong connection between regular school attendance and long-term academic achievement. Research shows students who consistently attend school are significantly more likely to read at grade level and graduate on time. On Sunday, December 28th, Kylon received on-field credentials, tickets, and special recognition. He took the field alongside Browns staff and mascot, Chomps, to retrieve the kicking tee at the start of the second half—an unforgettable moment featured on the stadium scoreboard!

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Perfect Attendance at Sam Salem

by Jennifer M. Torrence, Principal Sam Salem CLC

This December, Sam Salem had something truly special to celebrate — more than 80 students achieved perfect attendance for the entire month!

During a busy season filled with holidays, family events, and winter weather, these students showed incredible dedication by arriving at school on time and ready to learn every single day. Their commitment reflects not only their personal responsibility, but also the strong support from families and staff who prioritize education and consistency.

Perfect attendance is more than just being present — it means choosing to learn, grow, and participate in every opportunity the school day offers. When students show up consistently, they build strong habits that lead to academic success, confidence, and a positive school culture.

We are extremely proud of each of these students and grateful for the families and teachers who encourage them daily. Their effort truly makes a difference, and we look forward to celebrating even more attendance success in the months ahead.



Sam Salem Students With Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to all of our December attendance champions!

Kenmore Community Center Adult Activities

880 Kenmore Boulevard

330-375-2812

Please call the Center for questions and reservations!

**9th Ward
Councilperson's Meeting**
First Tuesday of the Month
6:30 pm

Salvation Army Meals
Mondays thru Fridays
11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Meditative Coloring
Wednesdays 12:30 pm
FREE Coloring,
Coffee & Conversation.
Materials provided.

One Mile Walk
Mondays thru Fridays
Starting at 9:00 am

Balloflex
Tuesdays at 4:00 pm and
Fridays at 10:35 am
Fitness pass required.

Mind Challenge
Trivia for the new majority
2nd Monday of the month
at 1:00 pm

Chair Yoga
Mondays at 9:30 am
Fridays at 9:30 am
Fitness pass required.

Floor Yoga
Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00 pm
1st & 3rd Saturdays
10:00 am
Fitness pass required.

Video Exercise
Mondays thru Thursdays
9:30 am

Zumba
Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
Fitness pass required.

Crochet Club
Wednesdays at 12:30 pm

Book Club
3rd Monday of the month at
1:00 pm

Penny Bingo
Tuesdays at 12:30 pm
Only a penny a card!
Bring a snack to share.
Everyone welcome!

Card Playing
Monday and Thursday
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Euchre
(Tournament Style)**
Wednesdays at 12:30 pm

Billiard's Table
Call 330-753-4771
to Reserve a Table

Popcorn & Movie
Fridays at 12:30 pm
50 cents per bag of popcorn.

Kenmore Historical Society News

by Sean Blake, President Kenmore Historical Society

Hey Kenmore!

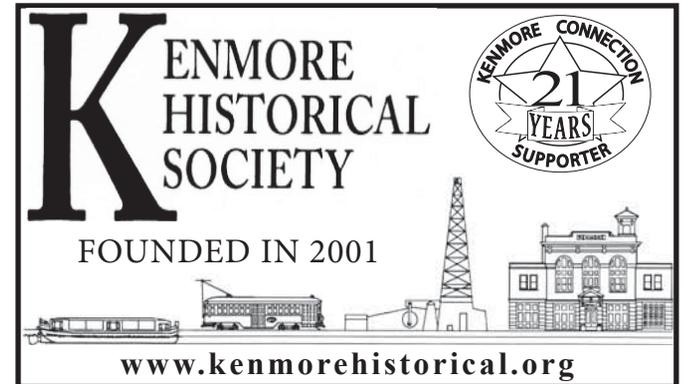
I hope you are staying warm during this crazy winter! I have some quick updates from the Historical Society to share. Our meetings are the last Monday of every month with the exception of January, May, and December. We meet at the Kenmore Library (969 Kenmore Boulevard). Our meetings start at 6:00 pm. Our meeting days for 2026 are as follows:

February 23rd
March 30th
April 27th

June 29th
July 27th
August 31st

September 28th
October 26th
November 30th

Please mark your calendars for Saturday June 6th, 2026. The Kenmore Parade will be returning as part of the Blvd Block Party. If you know someone who is interested in participating, please let them know about it now! Registration will open soon on betterkenmore.org. Also please look for us in the Downtown Akron St. Patrick's Day parade this year. That parade is on Saturday, March 14th, 2026 at noon. As always visit our website to renew/pay your dues, shop for collectibles, and find photos and memories from Kenmore's past. Also check our Facebook group for updates including guest speakers at our meetings!



Kenmore Community Enjoys Holiday Concert

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

Over 50 people enjoyed the smooth, swing holiday sounds of the Akron Big Band on December 2nd, 2025 - officially kicking off the Christmas holidays. Cookies and snacks were provided by Hickory Ridge Nursing and Rehab and the community center provided warm beverages such as coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and water. The event sent everyone home with all the good holiday vibes!



Kenmore Ministerial Association Community Thanksgiving Dinner was a Hit!

by Cathy Schwall

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Kenmore Ministerial Association was held on November 25th 2025 at Goss Church. A delicious meal of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll and butter was prepared by Guy's Party Center. The Church on the Boulevard provided pie for dessert. We offered both sit-down dining and carry out options and 700 meals were enjoyed by our Kenmore residents. Members from Goss Memorial Church, Immaculate Conception, The Church on the Boulevard, East Liberty Church of the Nazarene, Grace Church, Park United Methodist Church, Allenside Presbyterian Church, Better Kenmore, and Prentice Funeral Home helped purchase, pick up, pack, hand out and serve this holiday feast.



We added something new this year. After a wonderful Thanksgiving meal, guests were invited to walk across the parking lot to the Kenmore Community Center to kick off the Christmas season. Alice Incorvia at the Kenmore Community Center reported, "Our portion of the event included cookies and cocoa, face painting, crafts for the kids, music by the Jam Session, and of course pictures with Santa. The evening was a great success here at the center."



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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 Tom Showalter

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
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

Community Services Offered

Food Pantry (at Maher Hall)

Thursday afternoons 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

Appointment needed - Please call 330-848-2803

Tuesday or Wednesday between 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon.

Kenmore Community Meal - Free take-out meal
on the last Tuesday of the month, January through
October, from 4:30 pm until we run out.

Meals are distributed in front of Waldeisen Hall
on 16th Street SW at Immaculate Conception,
in partnership with Park United Methodist Church.

Kenmore Free Store at 2128 16th Street,
enter back door off 17th and Battles Avenue,

Tuesdays 4:00 to 7:00 pm,

and Saturdays 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon, in
partnership with Park United Methodist Church,
please call 330-745-3714 for questions.

For any other questions please call 330-753-8429 or
330-745-3714 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

Pastor David Yoder

Hours of Service

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

Koinonia Apostolic Faith Church

814 Carnegie Avenue
330-808-9247

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.

Back To School Book Bag Giveaway

August 15th, 2026 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

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New Life Pentecostals of Akron

859 Witner Avenue
330-208-5441
pastorsmj@gmail.com

Pastor Scott Johnson
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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).



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).

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/@shorelineeccakron>

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

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.

Streetlight Community Church

Streetlight Community Church
943 Kenmore Boulevard

<https://streetlight.life/>

<https://www.facebook.com/streetlightcc>

<https://www.instagram.com/streetlightcc>

Pastor: Kemp Boyd

Hours of Service

Sunday Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship Gatherings

at 943 Kenmore Boulevard,
First Glance's building, 10:30 am.

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.

Pastor Robert Hale

Hours of Service

Sunday Morning Service 10:00 am

Wednesday "Kids in Action" at 6:45 pm

Wednesday Bible Study Discipleship 7:00 pm

Community Services Offered

Outreach Food Pantries

1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Community Supper 5:00 to 6:30 pm
and "New Generation Youth" at 6:45 pm
are both on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday
of each month.

Various Meetings (A.A., N.A., and other groups)
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Please call for dates & times.

A detailed calendar will be posted at a later date.

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or new additions please
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King's Way Church Welcomes New Pastor

by Pastor David Yoder, King's Way Church

My wife Natanya and I are very grateful to be part of Kings Way Church (2500 Kingsport Way) in the Kenmore community. I'll share a little about that. I did pulpit supply for about two years while the fellowship was looking for a pastor. During that time the Spirit began to draw our hearts together. Following six months of dialogue with the leadership at Kings Way, my wife and I sensed God leading us to this church.

We have six children ranging in age from twenty-two to fourteen. Three are out of high school, three are still in school. We have lived in Ohio for over seven years, I actually grew up in Ohio so it is a return for me.

As we follow the Spirit's leading, Kings Way Church does sense God doing something in Kenmore. We're not exactly sure what our contribution will be...yet. What we do know is that Jesus is directing our church to pray, teach prayer, and usher the presence of God into our church through prayer.

I look forward to meeting many of the Kenmore leaders very soon.



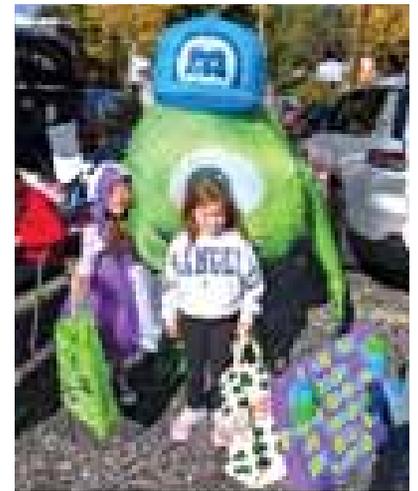
Pastor David Yoder and His Wife Natanya

The Church on the Boulevard and Kenmore Partner for Impactful 2025 Final Quarter

by Rev Robert Hale, The Church on the Boulevard

In the last quarter of 2025, The Church on the Boulevard and Kenmore partners joyfully served the community, sharing hope and kindness. Grateful for this blessing, we celebrate the impact made through God's grace and strong partnerships during this special season of love and service.

October was filled with vibrant community events, including Better Kenmore's "Boo on the Boulevard" and JADFA's trunk-or-treat, bringing safe, festive fun to families and strengthening our community ties. Our monthly 2nd and 4th week dinners and 1st and 3rd week food pantry continued supporting those in need with meals.



In November, we partnered with the Kenmore Ministerial Association for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and hosted our own Thanksgiving meal, serving over 125 people. These gatherings celebrated the power of food and fellowship, providing warmth, compassion, and a welcoming space where no one needed to face the holiday alone.

December was a month of hope and giving. We packed and delivered gift bags filled with toys to children in local low-income housing. Seeing their joy was a heartwarming highlight. On Christmas Day, we served a home-cooked dinner and gave every guest a gift, reminding them they are loved and remembered. This event truly captured the spirit of Christmas - selfless giving and spreading light to those in need.

We share these moments not to boast, but to celebrate serving people with God's love alongside amazing partners in Kenmore. The last quarter of 2025 showed us how small acts of kindness create lasting change. As we enter the new year, we remain committed to being a beacon of love and hope. Thank you for joining us on this journey - we look forward to growing together.



Kenmore Free Store News

by Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director, Kenmore Free Store

Hello Kenmore Connection People,

YES, WE ARE STILL HERE AND WE ARE OPEN!!



We do close any day that the Akron Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions.

I am writing this in the middle of the snow storm! Thankful that we still have electricity, heat and praying for NO ice storms.

We have been busy at the Free Store this past year. **We have added 1670 new households this past year.** We have be able to help many families with 92,201 items checked out—some of these were new items donated by our ministry partners. We have helped many families with 20,322 sack lunches, and 1,859 hygiene bags.

We received a grant from the AKRON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION in the amount of \$3000 to purchase needed under donated items for the store. **We are so very grateful for this grant.**

We are thankful and grateful for every person who comes through our doors. 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 financially 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 clean and in gently used and in working shape. **This time of year warmer weather clothing, coats, boots, blankets are all much needed items.**

We can use volunteers who could help us sort clothing and items donated to the store. We have students who complete their community service hours at store. Do you belong to a club that could use a community activity or need to get out of your house to see some other people? If yes, please be a volunteer! To begin volunteering, just come to our store during open hours and we will gladly get you started serving.

God's blessings to each of you!



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

The Free Store is a partnership of Park United Methodist Church and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Kenmore Free Store Supported by Students

by Amber Hejl, Director of Marketing & Communications,
Our Lady of the Elms School

The junior class at Our Lady of the Elms School recently put their faith into action by sorting clothing donations for The Kenmore Free Store at Immaculate Conception Parish. Through this experience, students lived out the Dominican pillar of Service and discovered the joy of helping others with compassion and purpose



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10:00 EASTER PARTY - Craft Activity, Coloring Books, Punch & Donuts, Entertainment, all at the Kenmore Community Center!
11:00 All Prize Drawings Given Away!
11:15 Bunny Hop to the Easter Egg Event!

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