

# Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

February 2026

## “BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I AM RETIRED (finally)!!!

I think I can finally say I am retired from my hobby store - **Kenmore Komics & Games**. On February 4th I closed both my checking accounts at **US Bank**, after waiting for the last of my checks to clear. The previous week I received my confirmation letters from the State of Ohio that my Sales Tax, Employee State Tax, and Ohio Jobs & Family Services accounts were all officially closed. When I did my 4th quarter Employee Federal Tax form, I indicated on that form that my business has closed. I notified the City of Akron also when I did my 4th Quarter Akron City Employee Tax payment. All my distributors are paid to date and informed I will no longer be ordering product from them. And I had my “Surprise Retirement Party” a couple of weeks ago at **The Rialto Theatre**. My beautiful wife Julie Ann did a great job of keeping me in the dark before I got there, and our Councilperson Tina Boyes even got Akron Mayor Shamas Malik to give me a Proclamation (see photo to right).

Now the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce will have much more of my attention. Please let me know what I can do for you!

Thank you for listening!

John Buntin Jr, KCOC President  
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## 2026 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC26)

The nation's largest free occupational safety conference will be held March 11th to the 13th at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. **OSC26** brings together more than 8,500 professionals committed to creating safer, healthier workplaces.

Attendees have access to 150+ educational sessions across multiple tracks, keynote presentations, hands-on workshops, and one of the region's largest safety expos with more than 300 exhibitors. Registration is free and open to all.

Learn more at [www.OhioSafetyCongress.com](http://www.OhioSafetyCongress.com).

## 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 which may be of interest to you—

**February 13th** - Introduction to Selling to the Federal Government

**March 5th** - Small Business - Orientation

**March 13th** - Introduction to Selling to the Federal Government

**March 25th** - Basic Overview of SBA Programs and Services

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 - February 2016

- ⌚ **John Buntin Jr**, President
- ⌚ No meetings scheduled this month.

### 15 Years Ago - February 2011

- ⌚ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⌚ Bad winter weather cancelled the February Lunch Meeting.

### 20 Years Ago - February 2006

- ⌚ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⌚ The KBOT donated three new bicycles to Innes Middle School for their Rewards Program.

### 25 Years Ago - February 2001

- ⌚ **Jeff Scott**, President
- ⌚ The Annual KBOT Banquet and Installation of Officers was held at the Casa Mimi Restaurant on February 12th.

### 30 Years Ago - February 1996

- ⌚ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⌚ Officer's Installation Banquet planned for Friday February 23rd at the Hibernians Club.

### 35 Years Ago - February 1991

- ⌚ **Judith Rosenberg**, President
- ⌚ Ladies Night Banquet (with Officer's Installation) planned for March 23rd at the Hilton Inn West.

### 40 Years Ago - February 1986

- ⌚ **Warren Ferrell**, President
- ⌚ Plans for the 9th Annual Olde Tyme Kenmore Festival discussed, with 5K & 10K runs, parade with "The Celebration of Reading" theme, and chalk drawings on the sidewalks of participating businesses.