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CUT & SAVE!

Reimagining the Former Site of Young's Restaurant & Nesmith Lake

by Sherry Carnahan

The vacant site of the former Young's Restaurant came alive with a "Fall Pop-Up! Food Trucks & the Future of Young's" Event on Saturday, October 17th. River Guardians Ohio, a local non-profit dedicated to protecting Ohio's waterways, sponsored the event in partnership with the City of Akron and Ward 9 Councilperson Tina Boyes and in collaboration with a small resident group.

For those not familiar with the history of the site, it dates back to around 1850, when Young's began as a tavern and grocery store before expanding into a hotel and restaurant overlooking Nesmith Lake. Early patrons arrived by canal boat, connecting Young's to the area's canal-era transportation history. The restaurant closed in 2004, and the building was demolished in 2010.



"Over the years, residents have watched this site that held so many fond memories fall to ruin. Holding an event to gather the community and the city together to share ideas that will one day bring back the vitality of this site was a great opportunity" said James Carnahan, Founder and Director of River Guardians Ohio.

The windy, 40 plus degree day included local food truck favorites, music with DJ Mike EzEly, family activities, Kenmore Historical Society's 'Big Red' truck , cardinal and photos and history of Young's plus Project Acorn was on hand signing Akron residents up for free trees. While everyone was enjoying the festivities, City of Akron representatives were on site to collect residents' ideas on what they would love to see happen to this site, what they'd rather not see and what would make it a place they'd want to spend time at.

With nearby access to the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, the site offers a convenient stop for walkers and cyclists and a welcoming gateway from Kenmore to the Portage Lakes area. Nesmith Lake's scenic waterfront provides a setting to explore potential opportunities for fishing, kayaking, canoeing, and community gatherings.



Resident Feedback Table

"This is just the beginning", said Ward 9 Councilwoman Tina Boyes." I look forward to continuing the conversation between residents and the city's planning and economic development departments as we consider the feedback and explore ways to turn vision into action."



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Rubber City Realty Moves to New Location

Rubber City Realty, which specializes in selling homes in the Kenmore and Barberton area, is moving to a new location in Kenmore. Having spent over 60 years on Kenmore Boulevard, owner Helen Turchin has decided it is time to downsize. Helen will still be working with her son Dennis McGlone and daughter Kathy McGlone, all licensed Real Estate Agents.

Rubber City Realty is a member of the Akron Area Board of Realtors (AABOR) and Multiple Listing Service (MLS), which will put their houses on the internet to receive more exposure. Together Helen, Dennis, and Kathy plan to continue serving the Kenmore & Barberton community. As a small family business, they will offer personalized service to their customers, so if you plan to buy or sell a home please arrange an appointment by calling them at 330-745-9034 or you can contact them via email at rubbercityrealty@att.net.



Helen Turchin of Rubber City Realty

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The **Gilded Batch Bakery** is a cottage bakery that began April 2026 in Kenmore. They specialize in quarter pound brown butter, jumbo cookies. Partners Linette Porterfield and Eddie Cohen have been participating in several festivals and pop-ups throughout Summit County this summer, including Kenmore First Friday events, and have decided the time is right to sell their quality home-made from scratch cookies online at www.gildedbatchbakery.com.

"I simply feel joy when I see someone try a sample of the cookies at the table" says Eddie, "Sometimes we just give them out because we live by the motto 'generosity of spirit', which is a small way to pay it forward." Linette says "I've enjoyed getting to know the people and the stories they tell as they stop and enjoy the cookies they sample. I honestly didn't expect to enjoy the interactions so much but things happen for a reason."

Retail prices for their cookies range from $5.50 to $6.50 when ordering online, but are slightly less when purchased at many of the festivals & events they attend. For more information about the **Gilded Batch Bakery**, please visit www.gildedbatchbakery.com, and please use promo code "NOV15" for 15% off your first order.

Better Kenmore News

by Eleni Manousogiannakis, Better Kenmore CDC Executive Director

BOO on The BLVD Brings Nearly 1,200 to Kenmore
Candy buckets in hand, costumes around every corner, and nearly 1,200 people filling Kenmore Boulevard - BOO on The BLVD brought Halloween to life in a big way this year! More volunteers than ever lined the street to hand out candy, including government officials, local business owners, community organizations, and neighborhood residents. Two pop-up performances added a theatrical twist, with Rubber City Theatre performing a number from The Addams Family Musical and Firestone CLC bringing a number from Little Shop of Horrors. A stilt walker made its debut, and a donated balloon feature added even more fun for families.



Halloween Candy



Halloween Fun

Celebrating a Beautiful Kenmore
Earlier this year, residents and volunteers helped make Kenmore a little more beautiful through our Keep Kenmore Beautiful program. In September, we brought together the top 15 finalists, volunteers, and their guests for an awards reception to announce this year's winner. Tansy Recycling created the centerpieces and shared information about plastics and recycling, while the winner received a custom piece from Akron Glass Works.



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Councilperson's Corner

Fall is such a beautiful time in our neighborhood. This year was particularly colorful. But with the falling leaves comes a busy season for our Public Service Department, and some recent changes are worth noting.

Leaf pickup begins November 9th. Ward 9 is third on the list. However, instead of publishing specific collection dates for each ward, signs will be posted approximately 48 hours before crews are expected to begin working in an area. This will keep the city's two 10-hour shifts moving efficiently throughout the city.

Residents do not need to wait for signs to begin raking. However, starting this year, please place leaves **on the devil strip rather than in the street**. This will help keep roadways clear, prevent storm drain blockages, and allow crews to work more safely and effectively. As always, please keep branches and other yard debris out of leaf piles and avoid parking vehicles on or next to them.

You can also follow along with the city's leaf collection progress map at **www.akronohio.gov/Leaves**.

If your leaves are missed, or if you prefer to have them collected sooner, place them in bags, put them on the curb and contact 311 in your MyAkron311 app, at 330-375-2311 or at akronoh.citysourced.com to request a special bulk pickup.

Addressing Akron's Water Main Break Problem

Akron is facing a significant challenge with aging water infrastructure. We recorded 403 water main breaks in 2025, and we're already on track to pass 500 this year. Breaks can cause service interruptions, road closures, property damage, and unexpected disruptions for residents. The city is working to replace aging water mains, making long-term investment to improve reliability and reduce emergency repairs.

To help fund these improvements, drinking water usage charges will increase by 54 cents per HCF of usage and the infrastructure charge will rise by $3 per month. For a typical household using 4 HCF of drinking water, the estimated monthly bill will increase from approximately $25 to $30. The first increase is expected to appear on February bills for January usage.

I recognize that rising utility costs put pressure on family budgets, mine included. At the same time, addressing these water main breaks proactively and preventing repeated road patches is critical to Akron's safety and its future.

Thank you for staying informed and helping keep Ward 9 a clean, safe, and welcoming place to live. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

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 December 1st.



Akron City Ward 9 Councilperson Tina Boyes

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Honoring Our Veterans and Connecting Them with Valuable Resources

by Bethany McKenney, Summit County Council District 7

As we celebrated Veterans Day this month, I want to take a moment to recognize and thank the men and women who have served our country. I was especially honored to present a commendation to a local World War II veteran who recently celebrated his 100th birthday (see photo to right). His service and dedication are a reminder of the sacrifices made by generations of veterans to protect our freedoms.

I also want to remind veterans and their families that Summit County offers a number of valuable resources through the Veterans Service Commission of Summit County (VSC). The VSC is a county-funded agency dedicated to assisting veterans, their spouses, dependents and surviving family members. Its mission is to help veterans access the benefits and services they have earned through their military service. The VSC provides a wide range of services, including free assistance with applying for VA benefits, disability compensation, survivor benefits, pensions, education assistance, burial benefits and VA medical coverage. Its staff can also help veterans obtain military records, gather supporting documentation and navigate the often complicated VA claims process. In addition, the VSC offers emergency financial assistance for eligible households experiencing hardship, transportation to VA medical facilities, counseling referrals, food assistance for eligible housebound veterans, school clothing assistance for eligible children, and financial education and budgeting resources.

Another important reminder for veterans concerns the Homestead Exemption. Eligible disabled veterans should be aware that this exemption is not automatically applied; they must submit an application to receive the benefit. Veterans should also make sure they have the appropriate identification and documentation when seeking services or applying for benefits. The VSC can help answer questions and direct veterans to the appropriate resources. Its staff can also provide information about recognizing and avoiding potential benefits-related fraud. I encourage all veterans and eligible family members to contact or visit the Summit County Veterans Service Commission to discuss the services and benefits that may be available to them. Assistance is free, and veterans do not have to navigate the process alone.



VSC Executive Director Larry Moore and County Councilwoman Bethany McKenney presenting honors to World War II Veteran Joe Lenze on his 100th birthday

The Veterans Service Commission of Summit County can be reached at 330-643-2830 or online at www.vscsummitoh.us. To make these resources more accessible, a representative from the VSC will also be available during my upcoming community office hours at the Kenmore Community Center on Tuesday, December 1st, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Veterans and family members are encouraged to stop by, ask questions and learn more about the assistance available to them. Our veterans have given so much in service to our country. Connecting them with the benefits, resources and support they have earned is one small way we can show our appreciation and ensure they receive the care and assistance they deserve.

Orientation to Ohio Means Jobs of Summit County

by Paul Magnus, Outreach/Intake Specialist, OhioMeansJobs of Summit

Kenmore residents seeking employment or training opportunities are invited to attend an orientation at the Summit County Ohio Means Jobs Center located at 1040 East Tallmadge Avenue in Akron. Sessions are held from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Tuesday or Thursday. It is recommended attendees arrive by 9:45 am to ensure they have enough time to check in. Please bring along a valid photo ID and Social Security Card or Birth Certificate.

Questions on Ohio Means Jobs may be directed to 330-633-1050.

Akron Promise Speaker Series at Garfield CLC

by Daralee Ghinder

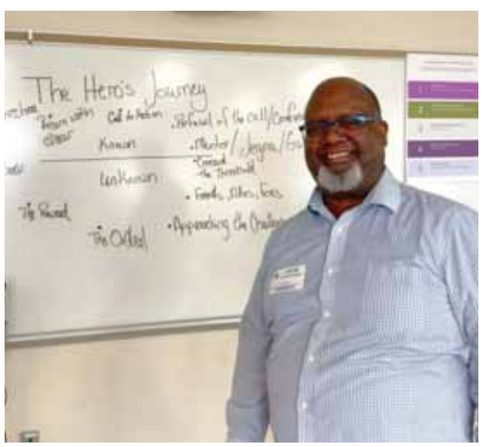
How do you get students interested in their school work? How do you help them realize everything they learn is a building block to the next thing they'll learn? How do you help students understand why they need to be in school in the first place? Akron Promise is trying to address these questions and inspire Kenmore students at Garfield CLC to keep learning, keep studying, and learn how to find good opportunities. The Akron Promise Speaker Series is one way Akron Promise is doing that.

The speakers are brought in to tell their story, and how their education played a part is where they are today. The series is available to all grades. Students self-select to attend during their lunch period. The program is in its second year and average attendance has been around 20 students per session. The students hear a presentation, can always ask questions, and they all get to meet the speaker. The hope is to tie their current high school journey to real world outcomes.

There have been a variety of speakers so far, telling stories of how they overcame various kinds of obstacles and adversity. These community members have landed in careers that include the medical field, law, professional organizations, entrepreneurship and more. Speakers have included Ricky Allen, Erica Glover, Shay Woods, Dr. Lathardus Goggins II, Mialon Morris, and Henry Johnson, Jr. Each of the speakers offers a diverse perspective, with the hope that students will see a glimmer of themselves somewhere along the way, and see new possibilities for their future.

Akron Promise is extremely proud to have two interns, Noria Nuru and Kayla Suansing, coordinating this program. While they're gaining event planning and networking experience, they're also paying it forward, hoping to help and inspire others. Upcoming speakers include these interns, who have just graduated from college. They'll discuss their experiences while in college, studying abroad, goal setting, communications, and what it's like to be fresh out of college. An additional intern, a psychology major, will be talking about stress management. Akron Promise has been very lucky in obtaining high quality interns from the University of Akron's ExL Center.

Perhaps you have a story you'd like to share with the Garfield students. How your journey has carried you to today might motivate a student to keep reaching for their goals. If you're interested in sharing your own path, please contact tom@akronpromise.org.



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Rimer CLC Celebrates Community Fathers Walk
By Jammie Bryant, Rimer CLC Family Liaison

On Thursday, September 17, 2026, Rimer Community Learning Center welcomed families, guardians, and trusted mentors for its annual Community Fathers Walk! This special event brought the Rimer community together to celebrate the importance of family involvement, positive role models, and student success.

Parents, guardians, and mentors were invited to walk their children to school, showing students that they have a strong support system cheering them on every step of the way. The morning was filled with smiles, encouragement, and a wonderful sense of community as families arrived at school together.

Following the walk, families were welcomed with coffee and donuts as a small token of appreciation for their participation and continued support of Rimer CLC.

An important part of the event was the opportunity for families to sign an Attendance Pledge, reinforcing the importance of students attending school every day and arriving on time. The pledge highlighted the vital role families play in developing positive attendance habits and helping children build a strong foundation for academic success.

The Community Fathers Walk served as a meaningful reminder that **student success is a team effort between families, schools, and the community.** By showing up, walking together, and committing to regular school attendance, Rimer families demonstrated their dedication to helping every student succeed.

Thank you to all the families, guardians, and mentors who participated and helped make this special morning a success! Together, we are building a stronger Rimer community, one step at a time!

Thank you to the Holy Trinity Church for providing coffee and donuts!



Pictured : Families, Guardians, and Mentors Come Together to Support Student Success

2026 Summer Camps at Kenmore Community Center Full of Fun & Sun

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

Summer at the Kenmore Community Center is always full of fun, sun, smiles & lots of adventures! This summer was no exception with 8 weeks of fabulous camps ranging in themes from Art, Golf, Games, Cooking, Fairy, Adventure, Career & Water for children ages 5-15. Camps were very reasonably priced & included breakfast, lunch, all supplies, camp t-shirt, fabulous field trips, tons of fun & great memories. Praise Chapel Assembly of God provided popsicles, snacks & bottles of water for the field trips. Registration for summer camps next year begins April 1st, 2027.

The Kenmore Community Center will again be offering a kids winter camp (Aloha to Fun) on Tuesday, December 29th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for children ages 6-12. Registration can be found at akron.recdesk.com.
















Tiki Time Luau at Kenmore Community Center

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

The Kenmore Community Center hosted an end-of-the summer Luau on Saturday, September 26th for around 70 adults. Each participant was greeted with a Hawaiian lei and a friendly aloha greeting. The afternoon was filled with sweet sounds of live steel drum music, delicious food & desserts, dancing, photo opportunities, 23 raffle items, a 50/50 drawing, yummy frozen drinks, and a whole lot of fun. Aloha until our next event


















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Mrs. Latchic



As the construction of the new Pfeiffer / Miller South building continues, it's a perfect opportunity to highlight Mrs. Latchic. In her 15th year of teaching at Pfeiffer, nobody is looking forward to finishing their career in a brand new building more than her. In fact, she actually attended Pfeiffer in her elementary years! She looks forward to bringing the same passion and expertise to her kindergarten classrooms in the new building as she has for 14 years in the old!

Student Council 2026-27



We are excited to announce our Student Council candidates for the 2026-27 school year. The 5th grade candidates for President and Vice President are: Faith Wilder, Leyah Stokes, Lucas Talbert, Victor Malone, Leah Glass and Noriah Taylor. Fourth grade representatives will be Jax Coffield, Jaclynn Lavigne, Cole Kallai, and Elijah Frase.

Kenmore Community Lends a Helping Hand
By Matthew Brooks, School Counselor

October usually brings the changing of leaves and colder temperatures, but this month has been unseasonably warm! That doesn't mean we shouldn't be planning for those frigid winter days, though, and with the help of Operation Warm, Pfeiffer students have taken the first step towards being prepared!

Under the watchful coordination of our Family Liaison, Mrs. Painter, the volunteers at Operation Warm delivered winter coats for every Pfeiffer student last week. Every scholar, from Kindergarten through fifth grade, took their turn "shopping" for their coats in the library. With a cozy, fluffy lining in multiple colors and sizes, these coats fill a need for many students in the Pfeiffer neighborhood, and the students were grateful!

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9:30 am - FREE

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Wednesdays at 5:15 pm
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Kenmore Historical Society News

by Sean Blake, President Kenmore Historical Society

Happy Thanksgiving Kenmore!

As usual, we've been very busy at the Kenmore Historical Society. In addition to our monthly meetings, we've been also helping with some local events. We recently attended the Fall Pop-Up Event at the former Young's Restaurant site. Young's Restaurant was one of the oldest establishments in Summit County, opening around 1850 and closing in 2004. Unfortunately, attempts to save it were unsuccessful and it was demolished in 2010. It's exciting to see the city explore future possibilities for the site, and we look forward to working with them to make sure history is preserved.

On Halloween, we were down on the Boulevard for the Trunk or Treat at BOO on the BLVD. It's always fun to see the community come together for this event. Speaking of events, make sure to catch us in the Downtown Akron Christmas parade on Friday November 27th at 6:00 pm. It's also not too late to make our last meeting of 2026. It will be Monday November 30th at 6:00 pm at the Kenmore Library. Julie Carneal from Open M will be our guest speaker. Our schedule for 2027 is posted to the right.

We are always looking for new members (of all ages!). It's easier than ever to become a member now. Just click on the "Join Us" tab on our website, kenmorehistorical.org. You can also buy collectibles, yearbooks, or donate to our Lawndale Schoolhouse campaign on our website. Speaking of the Schoolhouse, we are still progressing along on it, we appreciate all of your help as we work on getting the roof replaced. Look for a fundraiser to be held next year.

2027 will be a special year for us also, as we will be 25 years old! On October 24th, 2001 a group of civic minded citizens met at the urging of Councilperson John Conti to discuss forming a Historical Society. On November 27th, 2001 articles of incorporation for the society were filed with the Ohio Secretary of State. The four names on the articles of incorporation are Jon Died, Wayne Hurd, Tim Bersnak, and Ronald Smith. We will make 2027 a great year in honor of our 25th Anniversary, so be on the lookout for upcoming events!

Happy Holidays Kenmore!

KENMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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www.kenmorehistorical.org

Kenmore Historical Society 2027 Schedule

January - No Meeting, February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May - No Meeting, June 28th, July 26th, August 30th, September 27th, October 25th, November 29th, December - No Meeting



Historical Society at Young's Restaurant Fall Pop-Up

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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 Meetings and Free Dinners are suspended over the winter months.
They will return again the third Tuesday in March.
At that time, dinner will be at 6:00 pm and speaker at 6:30 pm, 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.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Cleveland

2124 16th Street SW
Akron, OH 44314

Community Services Offered
Food Pantry (at Maher Hall), enter off of 17th Street & Battles Avenue.
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 5:00 pm.
Meals are distributed in front of Waldeisen Hall, 2124 16th Street SW, in partnership with Park United Methodist Church.
*****
Kenmore Free Store at 2128 16th Street SW, 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.
Donations may be dropped off in front of 2128 16th Street SW during store hours ONLY.

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

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) runs September thru April.
Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

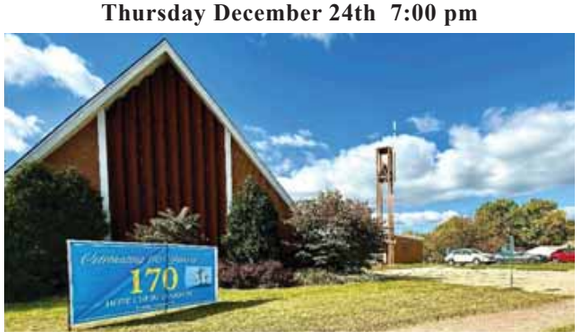
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Pastor John M. Tsironis

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
Wednesday Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm

Community Services Offered
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Thursday December 24th 7:00 pm



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
Tuesday Corporate Prayer 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Koinonia Apostolic Faith Church

814 Carnegie Avenue
330-808-9247
www.Koinonia5111@yaho+o.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 - Testimonies Outside the Walls via Facebook.com.
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.

Movement Church

3680 Manchester Road
234-738-2372
lifechange@movement church.com

Pastor Jeff Shapiro

Hours of Service
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am
Small Groups (varies)
Sundays also Stream on FaceBook and Link at Movementchurch.com

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New Life Pentecostals of Akron

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



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Redeemed Christian Church of God

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

Pastor Dr. Scott Campbell

Hours of Service
Sunday Praise & Worship 11:00 am
View Our Sunday and Wednesday Messages at:
https://www.youtube.com/@shorelineccakron

Community Services Offered
Food Pantry Giveaway Fridays 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Streetlight Comunity Church

Streetlight Community Church
943 Kenmore Boulevard
(First Glance Building - Entrance at Rear)
www.streetlightcc.org

Pastors: Kemp & Stacy Boyd

Hours of Service
Sunday Coffee & Conversation 9:30 to 10:30 am.
Worship Service 10:30 am to 12:00 noon.
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Students Grades 6-12 1st & 3rd Sunday.

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

Community Services Offered
Thursdays - Overcomer Life Recovery Group, open to all, at 5:30 pm.
*****
Various community meetings, including A.A., N.A., and other groups are offered.
Please call the church for meeting dates and times.
*****
Wednesday November 25th 5:00 to 7:00 pm
COB Thanksgiving Community Family Meal.
*****
Friday December 25th 1:00 to 5:00 pm
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The 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 9:00 am - Coffee, Sweets & Social Hour
Adult Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Church Service 10:45 am
Sunday Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm
Wednesday Youth K-12 Social Hour/Basketball 6:30 pm
Wednesday Dinner 5:00 pm
Wednesday Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm
Wednesday Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm
Office open by appointment only, please call 234-788-9771

Pfeiffer & Miller South CLC on Track for August 2028 Opening

The Pfeiffer & Miller South new K-8 building (picturesd left) — which will house Pfeiffer Elementary (PreK–5) and Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts (grades 4–8) — is targeted to open in August 2028. Pictured right is the current view of the site.





Kenmore Cowbells Welcomes 7 New Members to the Ring of Honor

by Nick Korora, Race Director, Kenmore Cowbell

The third annual Kenmore Cowbell Race, held on Saturday June 6th, was bigger and better than ever before, but another great part of the race is the fact that seven members related to the Kenmore community had been nominated to the Kenmore Cowbell Ring of Honor. The only criteria to be in the Ring of Honor is that you're doing something extraordinary for the Kenmore community. Here are this years' new Ring of Honor members.

Peggy Seiler: Owner of Eat N Run on Kenmore Boulevard, Peggy prepares outstanding breakfast and other tasty meals. She provides a small town diner experience that every community needs. Be sure to stop and to Eat N Run and congratulate Peggy. Peggy was nominated by Rob Catalino.

Matt Coleman: A 2003 graduate of Kenmore High School, Matt has contributed to the resurgence of Kenmore by donating to many causes related to Kenmore. He also helped with many construction projects in Kenmore. Matt was nominated by Jim Benn and presented by Jon Martin.

Seth Vail: Seth transformed a vacant building into the amazing Rialto Theater. The Rialto is an incredible venue to attend and has helped music flourish on the Boulevard. Seth host many events for the Kenmore community. Be sure to go to The Rialto Theater and congratulate Seth on his ring of honor. Seth was nominated by Jim Ballard.

Debbie Blake: Every community needs a Debbie Blake. Debbie is an amazing volunteer that helps so many people, groups & events. Debbie makes every event on the Boulevard better whenever someone in the Kenmore community needs help. They can always count on Debbie. Debbie was nominated by Elisha West.

Randy Blake: Randy is extremely involved in the Kenmore community and a huge part of the success of The Rialto Theater. Whenever there is an event in Kenmore, Randy is always there lending a helping hand and supporting the community. Randy was nominated by Tommy Jones.

Kristi Lambert: Kristi is a huge part in the recovery of the Kenmore community. Her passion to help others in need provides a huge Spark that Kenmore needed. She is the creative director and co-founder of The Jadfa House which has helped so many people find a positive path in life. Kristi was nominated by Kirk Lambert.

Gary Morton: Garry is a huge supporter and volunteer for the Kenmore community. From helping with Little League baseball to working at the Kenmore Community Center, Gary has helped the community acquire funding and the proper equipment and supplies so many events and activities can happen. Garry was nominated by John Oslin.

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@kenmorechamber.com for information on how to get your event in the next issue!

Kenmore Free Store News

by Cathy Schwall, Kenmore Free Store Manager

Rhea Lana Consignment Shops offered the Kenmore Free Store LOTS of nice children's clothing after their week long sale. Thank you Rhea Lana! After collecting donated costumes all year, the Free Store had a pop up Halloween Costume Shop on October 17th. It was a huge success!

A Christmas Blowout will be held at the Free Store on Saturday November 21st from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. We will have Christmas clothing, dishes, linens, trees, lights, ornaments and decor galore and so much more! Enter on the 16th Street side of the building.

Special thanks to Park United Methodist, Cornerstone, Kingsway, Streetlight and Mogadore United Methodist churches for making thousands of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. We really couldn't provide the sack lunches without your help.

The Kenmore Free Store will be closed Saturday, November 28th for Thanksgiving weekend and December 26th and 29th for Christmas week.

Kenmore Free Store
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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