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Are You Ready for Kenmore's Annual Easter Egg Hunt?

The Annual Kenmore Craft & Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 28th this year. Beginning at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center with the Children's Craft Party, there will be refreshments (supplied as always by the Kiwanis Club of Kenmore), craft projects, magicians, a clown, prizes, and balloons (donated by the Kenmore Historical Society). And special guest appearances by the Easter Bunny & the Easter Ducky, who will spend most of their time taking pictures with the excited children.

Doors at the Community Center will open at 9:30 am for the crafts and entertainment events. At around 10:45 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 would "stroll" with their balloons to where the eggs donated by the Kenmore Community Council Inc will be placed.

After the Easter Egg Hunt, all are invited to the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene (2025 12th Street SW) for their Annual Easter Carnival. This event, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm, will feature lunch, games, and many prizes. Please call 330-745-7720 for more details.

Mark your calendars and please plan to bring your children to this year's Annual Kenmore Craft & Easter Egg Hunt on, and then to the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene's Easter Carnival on March 28th!



Visit the Easter Bunny at the Annual Kenmore Craft & Easter Egg Hunt

Community Groups Plan Summit Lake Clean-Up Project

It all started with the "My Neighborhood Our Akron" meeting at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center (see article page 10). At this meeting various community groups discussed projects they hoped to see happen in Kenmore. And one of those projects which got the most positive response was a clean-up of our lakes & the Towpath Trail.

On January 31st, the Summit Lake Clean-Up Project Kickoff Meeting was held at the Kenmore Branch Library. The steering committee of Nolan James, Hillary Stewart, and Julie Ann Sweet led those who attended through discussions on setting goals, finding volunteers, and picking dates and areas to work in. April 25th, Keep Akron Beautiful's official clean-up day, was picked for working on the Summit Lake Clean-Up (other groups will be cleaning the Towpath Trail and Nesmith Lake on this day also). Lunch and most clean-up equipment will be provided, and if enough volunteers show up other areas of the Kenmore/Ward 9 area may also be cleaned.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Nolan James at 330-485-9399 or njamesjr@gmail.com. If you are interested in participating or have ideas to share with the group, please come to the next meeting at the Summit Lake Community Center (380 West Crosier Street) on Saturday February 21st at 10:00 am.

Prentice Funeral Home

100 Years of Service to Kenmore and Akron

by Lori Prentice

The **Prentice Funeral Home** was established in Kenmore in 1914 when Elmer E. Prentice moved here from Garrettsville. He and his son, Elmer H. Prentice, operated the business from Kenmore (then it's own city) and also at another location at Coburn Street in South Akron. During those early years an ambulance service was also run out of the building in Kenmore. They were dedicated to service and caring that the communities came to depend upon.



1950s View of Prentice Funeral Home

The Prentice family has served the Kenmore Community since 1914 by joining service groups, sponsoring youth and adult sports teams, volunteering in the community, and supporting the local schools. In 2013 Tom and Lori moved back to Kenmore to be closer to the community they serve.

In July of 2014, Tom was diagnosed with cancer and passed away two weeks later. Lori, along with Matt Conley as funeral director and manager, continues to run the business and take care of families in the same caring, compassionate way that Prentice Funeral Home has always done.



Prentice Funeral Home Today

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In the 1970's, Nat's son Tom joined the firm. In 1992, Tom purchased the business and he and his wife Lori operated the funeral home from the Kenmore location. Their belief of a "Celebration of a Life Well Lived" is a guideline for the operation of the business today.



The 1970s

For early June of 2015, **Prentice Funeral Home** is planning a 100 year celebration with a Family Fun Day, which will include a bounce house, dunk tank, children's games, food and much more. There will be more information in the next issue of the Kenmore Connection.

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The Shirt Factory Has Moved

The Shirt Factory, formerly located at 883 Kenmore Boulevard, has moved to a new location - 2977 Barber Road (1/4 mile North of I-76 Exit #15). Kathy & Ron Scheetz have been the co-owners of **The Shirt Factory** since 1984, and spent most of January moving to their new location and setting up their new store. You can still get the best in screen printing, heat sealed lettering, embroidery, or novelty transfers, and **The Shirt Factory** can do custom t-shirts for businesses, schools, organizations, sports teams, family reunions, and anything else you can think of!

The Shirt Factory is open Monday thru Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Saturday by appointment. Closed Sundays. Kathy & Ron will soon have on their web site all the favorite designs popular in the Kenmore Community. For more information, please call 330-753-1112 or visit their web site at www.akronshirtfactory.com.



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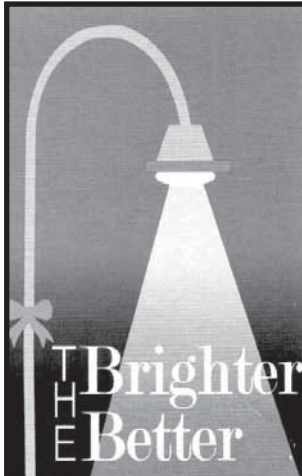
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Welcome to Kenmore Branch Library!

Akron-Summit County Public Library - Kenmore Branch offers many great programs for all ages! Mark your calendars for all our great upcoming programs.

Library Hours:
 Monday–Thursday: 10 am to 8:30 pm
 Friday: 10 am to 6 pm
 Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm
 Closed Sunday



PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

DROP IN PLAY DAYS

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st

Drop in and join the fun! Children ages 1-6 and their families can stop by for open play in the library meeting room. No formal program is presented, just a chance for the little ones to come to the library and enjoy our collection of toys and to make new friends.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

April 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Join us for stories, music, movement and fun! Each session will be followed by a play time or a fun activity. For ages 2-6 with a favorite adult. Register at 330-745-6126 to join the fun.



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SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm

March 10th – MINI CANVAS

Paint a mini one of a kind masterpiece to decorate your room.

April 14th – TREASURE BOXES

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April 28th – NATURE CRAFTS

Create a cool craft inspired by nature.

May 5th – CINCO DE MAYO

Celebrate this fun Mexican holiday with snacks, crafts and fun!

FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES

HAWAIIAN MOVIE FEST

Saturday, March 21st at 1:00 pm

Watch the movie LILO AND STITCH on our big screen. Make Hawaiian leis, taste some tropical snacks, and make a volcano erupt! Enjoy messy stories and create messy art.

SPRING BREAK FUN

Tuesday, April 7th at 1:00 pm

THE GREAT OUTDOORS – Drop in for a make and take inspired by the great outdoors.

Wednesday, April 8th at 1:00 pm

OPEN ART STUDIO – Get creative with the library's collection of art supplies.

Thursday, April 9th at 1:00 pm

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TEEN SPOT – Tuesday, March 31st at 4:00 pm

Hang out, munch on snacks, play games or create a craft.

SILENT LIBRARY – Tuesday, April 21st at 3:30 pm

Come and watch people doing some really wacky and hilarious activities, and try not to laugh!



ADULT PROGRAMS

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February 9th – THE MUSEUM OF EXTRAORDINARY THINGS by Alice Hoffman

March 9th – STATION ELEVEN by Emily St. John Mandel

April 13th – UNBROKEN: A WWII STORY OF SURVIVAL, RESILIENCE, AND REDEMPTION by Laura Hillenbrand

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Saturday, March 14th at 1:00 pm

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Kenmore is a Destination

by Steven Motich

The Facts:

Kenmore is a destination. It's a place to spend time and relax, enjoy good food and entertainment. It's a place to connect with friends and make new ones.

I can already tell that most of you are nodding your head in disagreement and I understand why. For most of our lives most people have told us that Kenmore is essentially a wasteland with nothing to do and no reason to go there. They've said that most people just "end up" there and are only there because they have no way out.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Instead of listing all of the great places here, let's say this: We have the best chicken and jojo's, delicious New York and deep dish pizza, great ice cream shops, a classy martini and jazz bar, a great rock venue, the area's top comic book store and hobby shop -- the list could go on.

Kenmore is home to a thriving and diverse set of businesses!

What that really means:

Now that we've set aside the idea that "there's nothing to do here", let's talk about what local business does for the community.

When you make the decision to spend your time and money locally, more of your money stays here in Kenmore and goes to support our local parks, libraries, restaurants and all the things that make our community a great place to be a part of.

And when you invite your friends and family to come along with you, they get to see the side of Kenmore that they didn't know existed, which shows more people what's available to do here.

The Challenge: Bring Someone Here for an Evening

To put my money where my mouth is I challenged myself to plan an entire date night with my wife and another couple, completely in Kenmore. It would have to include dinner, entertainment, and night cap of sorts.

For dinner, we started at Rocco's Pizza and shared a pizza. The great thing about Rocco's is that it also doubles as a place for entertainment. They have big screen TV's set up with Nintendo Wii's for people to use. After dinner we spent the next two hours competing in Wii games. Afterwards we made our way down East Avenue to Easten Cali for a generous helping of ice cream.

It was a great evening with friends and all our money was spent in Kenmore.

And now the challenge is to you. Take a look around the community you live in and be a part of it. Eat its great food, go to its clubs and bars, relax in its parks, and spend time with friends at all of them. Plan your own Kenmore date night and make it a great one.

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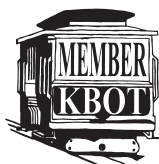
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Councilman Mike Freeman

A Showcase of Community Pride and Involvement

I believe that every attendee of the January Ward 9 meeting went away with their eyes opened and very proud. Over a dozen of our community organizations and outreach programs were put on display in a meeting brought together by Akron's "My Neighborhood, Our Akron" initiative.

The mission of MNOA is to empower residents to actively participate in the improvement of their neighborhoods and parks through education and collaboration with sundry organizations and groups. As a list of Ward 9 groups was being compiled, it became obvious that Ward 9 is teeming with hope and help.

A sampling of the organizations that were present included:

- Highland Park Block Watch-coordinating efforts with the APD for a safer community.
- Kenmore Football Program-renewed and charged up with new leadership.
- Kenmore Connection-a quarterly newspaper focused on the positive happenings in the Ward.
- Kenmore Events Committee-providing holiday events to the Ward and beyond.
- First Glance Teen Moms-providing teen mothers with life skills and future hope.
- Kenmore Board of Trade-encouraging established and new businesses with networking opportunities.
- Project Shine-offering home fix-up assistance across the Ward.
- Kenmore High School-a new dynamic principal who has invited our community to visit KHS and see the new attitude of success.
- Kenmore Community Council-Sponsor of the "Kenmore Community Days Festival".
- Kenmore Ministerial Association-an integration of our community of faith with multiple outreaches throughout the year.
- First Glance Student Center- a safe haven for students to interact with quality leaders.

Obviously, the descriptions above are a weak attempt to define all that these organizations do. Also, please know that there were groups that were not able to be with us that evening but are serving in a host of ways.

The challenge to all of us is, "how are we giving back?" The opportunities for you to be a part are numerous. Consider how you might involve yourself in striving to serve, sustain and support our Ward and City.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the people of Ward 9! - Councilman Mike Freeman



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The 16th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration!

The 16th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration was a big success on Saturday December 6th! All up & down Kenmore Boulevard, from *The Church on the Boulevard* at 6th Street, to the *Kenmore Senior/Community Center*, over to the *Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene*, back down to the *Kenmore Branch Library*, and then up to *Immaculate Conception Preschool*, past Santa's Sleigh at the *McCutchan Courtyard*, and all the way down to *Park United Methodist Church*, there were children's crafts, business sales & open houses, and costume characters (sponsored by the *Kiwanis Club of Kenmore*), the *Salvino Magic Show*, "*The Holiday Dwarf*", & *Santa Claus* himself to entertain everyone. A big crowd waited at *Shadyside Park* that Saturday evening for the prizes of the Adult Raffle, the Children's Treasure Hunt, and the Teen Puzzle Hunt, to be given out after being entertained by *Brass Ensemble of Kenmore High School*, who played many holiday tunes. After the tree lighting ceremony, the evening ended with the annual *Children's Party with Santa* at *Park United Methodist Church*, both sponsored by the *Kenmore Community Council Inc*.

The *Kenmore Board of Trade Events Committee* coordinated this event, and wishes to thank those groups mentioned above, plus the *First Glance Student Center*, who supplied most of the volunteers. Special thanks to all our volunteers who contributed time & effort to make this day a big success, and to the *Akron Neighborhood Partnership Foundation* & the *City of Akron* for their financial support of this annual event. And please thank those businesses listed on the bottom of this page, who donated cash or prizes, had sales & open houses, and/or offered free refreshments on this fun-filled day.



KHS Students Clean-Up Before Event



Reptile Show at the Kenmore Library



Craft Show at the Masonic Temple



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10th Graders at Kenmore Learn About Career Education

by Doug Faris, Assistant Principal, Kenmore High School

Students in the 10th grade at Kenmore High School have been busy during the month of January exploring many of the Career Education options available not only at the school but also across the district.

Their first opportunity came during the early part of the month when they took part in the district-wide career education exchange day. The students chose which school and program they wanted to visit and spent half a day there learning about the various aspects of the program and how they could benefit long term from a career in the field. Many of our students came back eager and excited as they started realizing the opportunities across the district.

In an attempt to build on this excitement, the career education teaching staff met with Regina Anderson, dean of students at Kenmore, and developed a plan to allow each of the 10th grade students to see all six of the wonderful programs offered here at the school. They selected January 15th as a day to have the first ever “Kenmore Career Education Expo”.

Mrs. Anderson designed a program that would bring all the sophomores together in the auditorium to discuss the “Four Choices / Four Years” concept again with a special emphasis on career education. The students were then placed in six groups and paired up with senior students who acted as tour guides. Our career education faculty created 10-minute presentations, and the students rotated through to visit each room.

Eventually, the students returned to the auditorium to discuss what they had learned, and each had the opportunity to sign up for a period on January 29th where they could visit the actual career education classroom of their choice at Kenmore.

Mrs. Anderson loves the program and said, “This is an opportunity for our talented career education staff to showcase what our students could learn and experience at our school. Obviously, there are fantastic programs across the district but the career education staff and I felt it was our job is to promote the programs here as well. We feel this experience has been a huge success.” The administrators at Kenmore say they realize this could not have been possible without the support of the entire staff and certainly not without the talented career education staff. They are: Mrs. Andrea Dreslinski, Commercial Arts; Mrs. Julie Garcia, Marketing; Chef Clayton Cundiff, Culinary Arts; Mr. Lee Thompson, Machine Trades; Mr. Jason Halverson, Information Technology; and Mr. Michael McGill, Building Trades.

On behalf of Mrs. Anderson and the Kenmore Career Education staff, I would like to invite any community member into our school who specializes in one of the above mentioned career fields to visit the aligned classroom and speak with our students about your experience. We also invite you to visit our school during the lunch periods on any Thursday, which is our College, Career, and Military Day, to set up a table in the main hall to share information with our students.

Please contact me at 330-848-4141 to set up either opportunity.



Kenmore Cardinals Study for ACT

by Mark Williamson

The Kenmore Cardinals Varsity Basketball Team has more than a playbook to study. They have their ACT books issued by Assistant Principal Doug Faris to Coach Brian Dawson to use with the players.

These seven players (of the 11 on the team) have a 3.0 GPA or above (1st grading period) and no single player on varsity has below a 2.4 GPA. Coach Dawson is very proud of this achievement. So are we!



Seniors

Stephon Mosley (left) & Terez Smith (right)



Sophomore & Juniors (left to right)

Tommy Woods (10th grade), Andrew Stovall (11th), Erik Palmer (11th), Deneris Hopkins (11th), Deonta Collins (11th)

Leadership Soars at Sam Salem CLC

by Anna M. Panning, Dean of Students

Are leaders born or made? Well, we may not have a decision on that question but in an effort to foster student leadership, Sam Salem CLC, home of the Soaring Eagles, elected its first student council in December. Mrs. Forshee-Candido, principal at Sam Salem, was interested in forming a student council so students would have a leadership role and a voice within the school community. Ten fifth grade students campaigned for room representative positions. Students were required to write and present a speech, and also make campaign posters. Six students were elected as representatives: Sarah Fogle, Collin George, Arryanna Hill, Zyhann Mims, Annabella Newberry, and Paige Perryman. The council assisted the school with a Positive Behavior Support Fair by working with staff to convey the message of appropriate behavior in various areas of the school. Student council also helped with a photo booth during the Cuddle Up With a Good Book parent event at Sam Salem. The six representatives are already busy investigating their next project – organizing a penny drive for charity.



Council Representatives (l to r front):

Sarah Fogle, Annabella Newberry, Arryanna Hill

(l to r back): Zyann Mims, Paige Perryman, Collin George

Masonic Temple Breakfast & Craft Shows

The Kenmore Masonic Lodge, located at 1009 Kenmore Boulevard, will be having their next two monthly fundraising pancake breakfasts on Saturday March 7th and Saturday April 11th. Both start at 7:00 am and will run until 11:00 am. The cost of each breakfast is \$5.00, and all proceeds go to Special Olympics.

After each breakfast there will be a craft show. The “Hop Into Spring Craft Show” will be on March 7th, and the “April Showers Craft Show” will be held on April 11th. Each craft show will have about 20 different vendors, and will run from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch and raffle drawings will be available at each.

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Kenmore High School Madrigals

by Barbara Bellamy

On Friday January 23rd, the Kenmore High School Madrigals attended an Honors Choral Festival at the University of Akron. There were seven schools represented, and some large choirs of 75-100 students. Each school was asked to select one student to sing a classical solo for the entire group (some 300 people), and receive on-the-spot vocal coaching from the Akron University faculty. I selected Daniel Huggins. He sang his solo, in Italian, and was chosen to present it again at the closing concert! He really did Kenmore proud, and on his 18th birthday! Afterwards, the vocal music faculty approached him and asked him to PLEASE audition next month for a vocal music scholarship. He told them he is planning to major in mechanical engineering, and they said he could still be awarded a music scholarship, as long as he sings in the choir while he is there.

On Saturday January 24th, 23 students attended the District 6 Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event at Firestone High School. The Madrigals and a group of girls from the Intermediate Choir sang group numbers, and there were 15 soloists. Please congratulate the following students when you see them - 3rd highest rating (Good): Courtney Bullard, Richauna Porter; 2nd highest rating (Excellent): Doug Conway, Precious Boykin, Kyares Townsend, Carolean Starcher, Kevane Bowens, Jessica Ikey, Crystal Lundstrum; Highest rating (Superior): Matt Koher, Franshawn Walters, Brandon Ferguson, Daniel Huggins, Casey McCormick, Zoe Bagal, the Madrigal Singers.

All the students dressed professionally, and behaved respectfully for the entire day. I was very proud of their singing, their appearance, and their behavior. Again, Kenmore was well represented by these musician-scholars.

Thanks again for all your support of the music program here at KHS.

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Kenmore Kiwanis News

by Pat Cardarelli



After a very busy Fall we are resting up for a busy Spring and Summer.

Last Fall we had our two food basket distributions (Thanksgiving and Christmas), gave coats, hats & gloves to children in the Kenmore cluster, and we sponsored three of the costume characters for the Kenmore Holiday Celebration.

Our Fall fundraiser for the last couple of years has been the sale of mixed nuts provided by the Peanut Shop in downtown Akron. This year was very successful and the money will go back to helping the Kenmore Community in many ways.

Coming up there will be book distributions to the elementary schools and participation in the Kenmore Easter Egg Hunt. We are also signed up to help on April 25th for the Clean-Up Akron Day. On this day we will be cleaning the Summit Lake/Towpath area. Hopefully there will be a second clean-up time for Shadyside Park. Then comes the popular Wednesday evening concerts at Shadyside Park...we will be there!

Our club, like so any others, is struggling to get new members. We need people willing to help in the Kenmore area. Our primary focus is helping children - in the Fall & Winter we do book distributions, coats, etc., we participate in community events like at Christmas and Easter, we sponsor the Kenmore Annual Halloween Parade in late October, plus we provide popcorn and pop at the Summer concerts.



**Kiwanis Member (and Owner of Zoe Ann's Beauty Salon)
Zoe Ann Boring helps with Clean-Up on Summit Lake**

We are busy all year, but we need people to do all these things.

If you love the Kenmore Community and want to help keep it vibrant and alive, please contact Dick or Pat Cardarelli to find out about joining the Kenmore Kiwanis. Please phone us at 330-745-5674. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am at FaRays Restaurant. Lunch is followed by a brief meeting. We hope to see YOU there!!

Spring Will Bloom at Park Church

by Lauren Presutti

Our Annual Back to Basics Workshop will be held on Saturday March 21st from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Stop in and learn how to save money by returning to the basics - making your own laundry detergent and cleaning supplies, simple meal recipes to make your dollars stretch each month, and many other fun and simple ways to get by each month without spending a lot of money.

Park Church is a Host site for Smart Choice Foods! Smart Choice is a high quality low cost food program for everyone, no preregistration application or income qualification necessary. Each month you order food based on the current menus available. Payment options include cash or money order. Smart Choice is for EVERYONE. Any questions or to see a copy of the current menu please call Frances at the church at 330-745-3714, Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Interested in Piano Lessons? Karen currently has openings for students of all ages, youth to seniors. The Annual Spring Piano Recital will be on Saturday May 2nd at 4:00 pm. Parents and students are encouraged to contact the church office for additional information for this event or for piano lessons with Karen.

Healing Care Group will start a new class on Wednesday March 11th from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm and will meet weekly for 14 weeks. The purpose of this program is to provide a safe place to heal from deep wounds, false beliefs, damaged emotions and dysfunctional behaviors in a confidential, small group setting. Please contact Frances for additional information for this group.

The GED Program is ongoing at Park Church. NOW is the time to complete your GED and work towards advancing your education. Please contact Project Learn at 330-434-9461, and ask to take your GED classes at Park Church.

Park Little Shepherd Preschool has immediate openings for ALL students' ages 3-4 years of age. A new semester has just begun in January! For questions or registration information or to enroll your student, please call the Park Church Office.

Kenmore Community Council Inc News

by Thomas Abbott

2014 Kenmore Children’s Christmas Party & Tree Lighting!

The Kenmore Community Council Inc would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in the Kenmore Children’s Tree Lighting & Christmas Party on Saturday December 6th, and who helped to make the evening a grand success! Thank you to Mrs. Georgia Weatherholt and her volunteers, and to Tim Poole, Ron Leonard, Duane Smith, Bob Weatherholt, Nick Weatherholt, and to Dick Cardarelli, for their time and talent in decorating Shadyside Park. And thank you to the Kenmore Kiwanis for their assistance. And a special Thank You to the Kenmore Band Boosters, the Kenmore High School Brass Ensemble, and The Church on the Boulevard for their assistance with the music at the Gazebo.



Punch & Donuts at the 2014 Children’s Christmas Party

Kenmore Community Council Inc Updated Website!

Check out www.kenmorecommunitycouncil.org for the latest updates on what’s happening in Kenmore, and updated information on the Kenmore Community Council Inc. Please feel free to contact our webmaster Tim Poole at t.poole@kenmorecommunitycouncil.org.

24th Annual Kenmore Community Days Festival 2015!

Planning is underway for the 2015 Kenmore Community Days Festival – Memorial Day Weekend – Thursday May 21st thru Memorial Day Monday May 25th, at Prentiss Park. This year’s Parade down Kenmore Boulevard is scheduled for Saturday May 23rd at 11:00 am. Our Fireworks Spectacular is scheduled for Sunday May 24th at 9:45 pm at Prentiss Park. Bates Amusement Inc will again be providing only the finest in Amusement Rides, Food and Games, along with our quality entertainment.

2015 & 2016 Double Kenmore Community Days Festival Anniversary Celebrations!

This year will mark the 50th anniversary of Bates Amusement Inc, our amusement ride provider. and 2016 will mark the 25th anniversary celebration of the Kenmore Community Days Festival. We will begin celebrating both anniversaries this year. Many special attractions will be offered, including a chance to win an all expense paid trip to Disney! Please visit Bates Amusement Inc website at www.batesamusement.com for more information, and learn the history of the company that serves the Kenmore Community Council Inc and the City of Akron. All of the anniversary specials will be showcased in the Kenmore Connection Festival Section in May or consult our website at kenmorecommunitycouncil.org.

The Kenmore Community Days Festival is conducted by the Kenmore Community Council Inc and is co-sponsored by 9th Ward Councilman Mike Freeman and The City of Akron, and the County of Summit, Executive Russ Pry. For all festival information, please visit our website. Tom Abbott can be reached at 330-745-8999 or 330-388-7531. Tim Poole can be reached at 330-687-8672. Get Excited for a Spectacular two year celebration!

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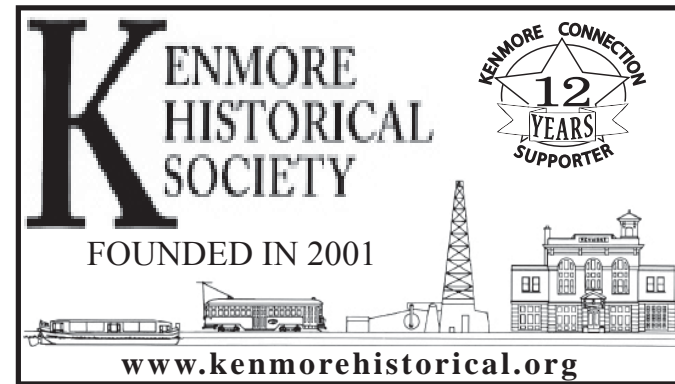
Kenmore Historical Society News

by Lillian Jolly

The Kenmore Historical Society will again be meeting four times this year. We will meet at the Kenmore Library at 6:30 pm on March 2nd, May 16th, August 31st and November 30th. We invite you to join us March 2nd as we remember Summit Beach and other early parks on Summit Lake.



All of the Kenmore Historical Society's Miniature Wooden Blocks of Historical Buildings, as well as copies of the Kenmore Historical Society's "History of Kenmore" DVD, can be purchased at Kenmore Komiks & Games, 1020 Kenmore Boulevard.



Our new Rimer School woodblock miniature is now available at Kenmore Komiks & Games (1020 Kenmore Boulevard). The W. F. Rimer School, constructed in 1928, was named in honor of William F. Rimer, who was principal of Kenmore High School at the time. The original building was torn down in 2008. The new school, named William F. Rimer Community Learning Center, was built on the same property, and was dedicated on September 10th, 2009.

Another Successful Year for the Annual DeBord Halloween Festival

by Claude DeBord

The 19th Annual DeBord's Halloween Festival was held on Saturday October 11th, 2014 and was a huge success. This was the first year the event was held at Hardesty Park in Akron, after a long run in Kenmore.

I want to thank the City of Akron Neighborhood Partnership Program and every one who helped with this years event: Michelle Allison, Doug West, David and Rebecca Miller, Apryl DeBord, Kevin Zolcus, Kevin Price, Michelle DeMoss, CJ and Skyler DeBord, Ray Pandelli, Ryan Haidet, Claude and Joanne DeBord, Bob and James Moorehead, Thomas Jenney, Paul and Rhiannon Johnson, and our good buddy Raul The Birdman who passed away on January 12th, he will be deeply missed!

Even though the event is not in Kenmore trust me when I say it is very much a Kenmore event. I printed 20,000 flyers in 2014 and a very large percentage of them were distributed to good old Kenmore! I walked 30 local streets handing out flyers, gave every single kid at Kenmore High School one, and placed many at our local businesses such as Kenmore Komiks & Games, the Kenmore Branch Library, Carnegie Pantry, and Lukity's Restaurant, just to name a few. Easten Cali was once again a sponsor and has become a Kenmore place to visit (winter included).



Claude DeBord (left), Michelle Allison, and Akron Mayor Don Plusquelic at Hardesty Park

The next festival will be held on Saturday October 10th, 2015 and will be our 20th Anniversary Event! Once again it will be held at Hardesty Park on West Market Street in Akron, and plans for something special to celebrate our 20th year are well underway. If your club, company, band or any other performer would like to be a part of this event please give me a call at 330-203-6726. If you would like to be a sponsor, or want to volunteer at this event, please contact me ASAP as planning has already begun. Also please check us out on Facebook (Debord Halloween Festival) and our website at www.debordhalloweenfestival.com.

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Upward Sports Program at Kenmore Nazarene Church

by Harley Weidlich



The Upward Sports Program at the Kenmore Community Church of The Nazarene is currently finishing up their 6th Annual Upward Basketball Camp. This is the first Camp that we have put on partnered with Hope United Methodist Church, and we are very excited to have them on-board and have big things planned for this program!

So I just want to thank all the coaches, kitchen help, devotions leaders and all the other helpers that make these amazing camps possible!

If you missed our Basketball camp no worries please find the registration info for are upcoming Upward Spring Soccer Camp.

Sign ups will be held at both the Kenmore Community Church of The Nazarene and Hope United Methodist Church on April 12th, 19th, and 26th, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

Camp Dates are May 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Registration fee for this year's Soccer Camp will be \$60 dollars per child. Grades pre-K through 6th grade welcome! Discounts available for any child who has a parent in any branch of the US Armed Forces and for households with three or more children registering.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Harley Weidlich at 330-608-6570 or knazupwardsports@yahoo.com, or visit our web site at www.kenmorenaz.org.

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Chair Exercise
Mondays 10:00 to 10:45 am
Join us for this healthy and uplifting workout.
This free exercise class is done from a chair and is open to adults of all abilities.

**Soup Lunch with the
Kenmore High School
Student Culinary Program**
1st Wednesday of March,
April, and May at 12:00 pm
Join the KHS Culinary Students as they bring their talents to the center for soup and salad. The meal is free and dessert is just \$1. It is a great opportunity to talk to the students and learn what inspires them in the program and their instructor Chef Clayton Cundiff.

Low Impact Aerobics
Monday thru Thursday
9:00 am to 10:00 am
Video Exercise

Mobile Meals
Monday thru Friday
Call 330-753-4771 between
9:00 am and 12:00 noon
two (2) days in advance
for meal reservation

Kenmore Senior Club
Meetings the 2nd & 4th
Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm
Entertainment, travel,
and current events.

Open Studio Class
Tuesdays - All Welcome!!
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
The center offers instruction on glass, ceramics, jewelry making, metal art and more.

Penny Bingo Club
Tuesdays
12:00 noon to 3:00 pm
Only a penny a card!!
50/50, food and more!
Everyone welcome

Kenmore Church Directory

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Allenside Presbyterian Church

410 Rexford Street
330-753-6405
www.allenside.org

Pastor Pete Macaulay

Hours of Service

Sunday School for Adults & Children 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am
Church Office Open Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Community Services Offered

Yarn donations accepted for lap blankets
& Afghans for the VFW and other
needy organizations.

Non perishable food items accepted for
food baskets that are distributed to
needy families during the holidays.

Calvary Open Bible Church

2261 9th Street SW
330-607-3399

email: calvaryobcakron@yahoo.com

Find us on Facebook at Calvary Open Bible Akron

Pastor Kirk LaVigne

Hours of Service

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study - Lower Level 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Community Services Offered

Food Pantry distribution is the last Sunday of each month.
Registration begins at 10:00 am and registration closes at 11:00 am.

Cross Community Church

Meets at Pastor John's Home

(call for directions)

330-310-2127

pastorbloch@hotmail.com

Pastor John Bloch

Hours of Service

Sunday Church Planner's Meetings 10:30 am

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Faith Ministries Outreach Center

932 Kenmore Boulevard
330-351-9133

fmocchurch@gmail.com

www.fmocchurch.org

Pastor Jeff Smith

Hours of Service

Sunday Contemporary Worship 10:00 am

Community Services Offered

11:30 am Sunday - Free hot meal and bread
following the morning worship service.

Free clothes and bread - Please call for next distribution date

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 Evening Service 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Service 7:00 pm

Goss Memorial Church

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

Pastor Kevin Burkholder

Hours of Service

Sunday School 9:15 am

Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am

Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm

Wednesday Programs (all ages) 6:30 pm

Hope United Methodist Church

2650 Cory Avenue
330-753-2303

officehumc@gmail.com

Pastor David McGrath

Hours of Service

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Service 11:00 am

Wednesday Word of Empowerment

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

House of Joy Church for All People

886 West Wilbeth Road
330-475-3578

Senior Pastor O. D. Leonard

First Lady Mother Helen Leonard

Pastor Jeff Ortiz

Minister Donald Lykes

Hours of Service

Sunday School 9:15 am

Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am

Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm

Wednesday Programs (all ages) 6:30 pm

Community Services Offered

Free Monthly Breakfast Every Fourth Saturday 9:30 am

Immaculate Conception of Mary Parish

2101 17th Street SW
330-753-8429
ickenmore@yahoo.com
www.ickenmore.org

Reverend Michael B. Smith

Hours of Service

Holy Eucharist - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Anointing of the Sick - Last Wednesday of Each Month 5:30 pm

Community Services Offered

Food Pantry Monday and Thursday afternoons -
referral from InfoLine required (330-376-4850)

Kenmore A.A. Big Book Study - 8:00 pm Thursday at Hitch Hall

Kenmore Saturday Nite A.A. - 8:00 pm at Hitch Hall

Immaculate Conception Pre-School & Child Care

Hosting Kenmore Free Store - 9:00 am to Noon Saturday at Maher Hall

Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene

2025 12th Street SW
330-745-7720

kenmorenazarene@att.net

www.kenmorenaz.org

Reverend Terry W. Passmore, Senior Pastor

Hours of Service

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

(Nursery & Children's Church Available)

Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm

Wednesday Evening Family Enrichment-Youth Group 6:30 pm

Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm

New Life Fellowship Church

859 Wither Avenue
330-208-5441

pastor@newlifeofakron.com

www.newlifeofakron.com

Pastor Scott Johnson

Hours of Service

Sunday Worship and Kingdom Kids 10:00 am

Wednesday Life Bible Study 7:00 pm

Community Services Offered

Personal Bible Studies upon request

New Life Missionary Baptist Church

2123 17th Street
330-745-1245

Pastor Lovie Moore

Hours of Service

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Community Services Offered

Food give-away the 3rd Thursday of the Month

Hot Meals the 4th Tuesday of the Month

Men's Ministry the 1st Thursday of the Month 5:00 pm

Girl Talk Women's Ministry 3rd Saturday of the Month 1:00 pm

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Park United Methodist Church

2308 24th Street SW
330-745-3714
parkchurch@sbcglobal.net
www.akronparkumc.org

Reverend Linda Somerville, Pastor

Hours of Service

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Traditional Worship 10:30 am

Tuesday Bible Studies - Afternoon 1:00 pm / Evening 6:30 pm

Saturday A.A. 10:30 am (south door entrance)

Community Services Offered

Project Learn GED Site

Park Little Shepherd Preschool Contact Lori Bailey @ 330-745-8950

Bridges Out of Poverty "Getting Ahead..." Classes

Contact Ken Price @ 330-745-3714

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 to 12:00 noon

Thursday Night Bible Study 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm

Rolling Acres Alliance Church

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

Pastor Rob Hill

Hours of Service

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday Awanas 6:00 pm

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

Shoreline Community Church

790 Carnegie Avenue
330-753-9241
office@shorelinechurchakron.com
www.shorelinechurchakron.com

Dr. Scott Campbell

Hours of Service

Sunday Bible Classes 10:00 am

Sunday Praise & Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm

Community Services Offered

Food Pantry - Those people in need of canned food items may check in at the Church at 10:00 am every Friday morning.

After a 10 minute Gospel Presentation the food items are distributed. People may get food up to 6 times a year.

Canned & boxed food items may be donated on

Monday & Friday mornings from 8:30 to noon

The Church on the Boulevard

754 Kenmore Boulevard
330-745-8634
www.thechurchontheboulevard.co
www.thechurchontheboulevard.fhcaleb.com
www.facebook.com/kenmorechurchblvd

Senior Pastor: Ron Mohlmaster

Hours of Service

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

Community Services Offered

See our Calendar on this page for a list of Community Services and exact times & dates.

The Church on the Boulevard Calendar of Events

All events are at no cost at 754 Kenmore Boulevard!

All events, activities & services are interpreted for the deaf.

Please call 330-745-8634 for more information.

Every Tuesday @ 7:00 pm is "Narcotics Anonymous" Night

Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm is "Small Groups" Night for All Ages

Every Friday @ 6:30 pm is "Celebrate Recovery" Night

Every Saturday @ 2:00 pm is "Narcotics Anonymous"

Every Sunday Morning @ 10:00 am is "Praise and Worship"

(Interpreted for the Deaf; Children's Church and Nursery available)

Easter Events

Holy Week Service - Wednesday April 1st at 7:00 pm

Easter SonRise Service - Sunday April 5th at 8:00 am,

Followed by no-cost Breakfast, and then followed by Easter Worship Service at 10:00 am

Outreach Food Pantry

10:00 am to 12:00 noon, Mondays

February 16th, March 2nd & 16th,

April 6th & 20th, May 4th & 18th

Community Dinner

5:30 pm to 6:45 pm, Wednesdays

February 25th, March 11th & 25th,

April 15th & 29th, May 13th & 27th



First Glance is a Warm Haven for Teens and Young Adults

by Melinda Nawn



Members of the Man Up Club

Although it is bitter cold outside, there is a warm haven inside the doors of First Glance Student Center. First Glance serves youth in middle school through young adults with a variety of programs each week. On Thursday nights, Rec Night draws over a hundred Junior and High school students weekly. The youth have a safe place to hang out, eat, and play games while building relationships with the adult leaders and volunteers.

But there is much more going on at First Glance, including multiple programs for girls and guys to foster healthy relationships and build friendships! On Tuesday night, there are several programs to engage the students. Ladies' Night Out is the girls only group that meets weekly to share in a meal, craft, and discuss issues that are relevant to the girls. Man Up, as it sounds, is just for the young guys and meets weekly to mentor and encourage the guys to be men of character. They share a meal, have timely conversations, and are always engaged in some manly activities.



All-Student Christmas Party

If you would like to see how First Glance supports the Kenmore community, you are invited to the Spring OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, April 19th at 12 Noon. A light lunch will be served and a short presentation will be followed by tours of the center.

First Glance is located at 943 Kenmore Boulevard or please visit us at www.firstglance.org.



Graduation at First Glance

Save The Date!!!

2015 Silent Auction



Friday, April 10th
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Tickets: Individual \$20 / Table of 8 \$140

Location: Life Impact Center
Arlington Memorial Baptist Church
2330 E. Market St. Akron, OH 44312

For more info or to order tickets online go to
www.projectshineakron.org or call 330.388.1482



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