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CUT & SAVE!



by Julie Ann Sweet-Buntin The Kenmore Community kicked off the first day of May with a thank-you dinner for the teachers and staff of Kenmore High School. Nancy Laria, former KHS ISS supervisor wanted to put together an event that showed the staff how appreciated they are in the community, and for one evening enjoy time with their co-workers in a casual and fun atmosphere at the Hibernian Club in Akron. "Many of the teachers and staff don't know where they will be next year" said Laria, "the people in this building are like family". Many staff have spent their entire career at Kenmore High School and with the merger of Garfield High School with Kenmore they face quite a bit of uncertainty as to their jobs in the upcoming school year. The event sponsors were the Kenmore Athletic Booster Club,

Auto Central, Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, and retired teacher & dedicated community volunteer Jan Williams. These sponsors provided a great dinner, prizes for all, and an opportunity to share stories of their times at Kenmore High School. Past KHS graduates Matt Lance (Class of 2000) and Tony Klein (Class of 1996) spoke about their fond memories of the teachers and staff of Kenmore High School.

The entire Kenmore Community thanks these dedicated teachers and staff of Kenmore High School for making a difference in so many young lives. We wish them all the best as their careers take them to new places and adventures.



Co-Chairs of the event Julie Ann Sweet-Buntin (left), Jan Williams, and Nancy Laria (right)



Alumni Matt Lance (left) and KHS Principal **Doug Farris (right) Share Their Memories**

Open Streets Akron - Connecting Neighborhoods, Connecting People! by Brittany Schmoekel, Manager, City of Akron Recreation Bureau

Open Streets Akron is planned for three communities this year, on Sunday June 25th from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. Open Streets closes the streets to cars...and opens them to people. You can bike, walk, jog or skate! Explore your community and its history in a safe, fun and healthy way. It is a free event to all our residents. We will connect the neighborhoods of Kenmore, Summit Lake, and Firestone Park with a 4.3 mile route that will include Kenmore Boulevard, the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail, Wilbeth Road, and South Firestone Boulevard. There will be free bike rentals, food, games, entertainment, a disc golf tournament, community booths and much more! A free Akron trolley will run all day between the three Community Centers. Come out and experience Akron in a new way.

If you are interested in participating please contact the Kenmore Community Center at 330-375-2812 or www.akronohio.gov/cms/recreation.

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Three New Businesses on Kenmore Boulevard

Kenmore Boulevard has three new businesses in our community!

Betty Mae's Beauty & Barber Shop has opened at 915 Kenmore Boulevard. They are a full service beauty salon & barber shop, and are open Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 6:00 am to 2:00 pm, closed Sundays. Owner/Stylist Jacquelyn Griffith says mention this article on your first visit and get \$5.00 off.

New Beginnings Boutique and Thrift, located at 932 Kenmore Boulevard, is a thrift shop with a special purpose - all profits go to the goal of raising enough money to open and sustain transitional/sober living houses. Their mission (and their passion) is to help people find sobriety in recovery. They are open Monday thru Saturday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, closed Sunday, and sell gently used clothing, housewares, electronics, etc. Donations are accepted.

Classic Countertops, which offers traditional quality & service in all their products, is located at 1519 Kenmore Boulevard. They are a full-service provider of granite, laminate, solid surface, and quartz countertops, and owner Bill Blackert has 27 years experience providing all your countertop needs. *Classic Countertops* is open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday, and open weekends by appointment only.

Please take the time to welcome these new businesses to the Boulevard, and remember to support all our businesses in the Kenmore/ Ward 9 community!



Bill Blackert of Classic Countertops, 1519 Kenmore Boulevard

Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt

This year's Annual Kenmore Craft & Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday April 8th at the Kenmore Community Center. The Children's Craft Party included refreshments, craft projects, a clown, many prizes, balloons, and special guests - The Easter Bunny & Easter Ducky, who spent most of their time taking pictures with the excited children. It was a beautiful day for the Easter Egg Hunt itself, held by the student parking lot at Kenmore High School.

Special thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Kenmore for the punch & cookies given out to everyone who attended, to Kenmore Komics & Games for donating comic books & many Easter Gift Baskets for the prize drawings, to Jan Williams for extra Easter Gift Baskets, to the Kenmore

Historical Society for the balloons, and to the Kenmore Seniors Club for stuffing candy in the over 3500 eggs supplied by the Kenmore Community Council & A-Z Insurance.

And finally, bravo to Alice Incorvia & her staff at the Kenmore Community Center, for all of their hard work getting the center ready, hosting the crafts event, and cleaning up after the party - they did an excellent job! Thanks also to the adult supervisors and youth volunteers from First Glance Student Center.



Winners at the Easter Egg Hunt





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Amazingly GRACE'D Akron Salon to Employ Impoverished Teen and Young Moms

by Nick Nussen

Nails, eyebrow threading, hair, and a whole lotta grace! For Karen Lile, a retired small business owner, it's a recipe for empowering young, underprivileged women to build a better future for themselves and their children.

Lile, who provides job skills training to teen and young moms, purchased Zoe Ann's Salon at 975 Kenmore Boulevard in December of 2016. The new name is GRACE'D Salon. Its name is synonymous with its mission: GRACE'D both given and received. (Those beauticians who worked at the former Zoe Ann's Salon will still be located at GRACE'D, offering excellent service to their customers).

"God shows grace to us," Lile said, "and the least we can do is show these young women that Jesus loves them no matter their background or current life circumstances."

Lile requires her prospective employees to be mentored and to take job skills training classes through Jump On Board For Success (JOBS), a non-profit she started in 2014. The JOBS program instructs young women in life skills, including parenting, budgeting, filling out job applications, and proper work attire and conduct

"My philosophy is to give a hand up, not a handout," she added, stressing that her goal is for the young women to eventually become self-sufficient and free from government assistance.

Lile, who has a history of micro economic development with her late husband John, said her "desire is to help those who are marginalized, to help them break the cycle of generational poverty." Breaking that cycle, Lile added, begins with offering these young women an opportunity to change the trajectory of their future.

It begins with offering them hope - it begins, she said, with grace.



Jessica Weaver of GRACE'D Salon

Kenmore Community Center Events by Alice Incorvia

The Akron Big Band and Ice Cream Social will take place on Tuesday June 13th at the Kenmore Community Center, 880 Kenmore Boulevard, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. It will be held outside in the shared garden with Kenmore Place, and is free to all!

The Kenmore Community Center is also offering fun and affordable camps and programs for children ages 4-12. Children may participate in the Kitchen Camp, Garden Camp, Clay & Ceramics Camp, Art Camp, Kid's Yoga & Summer Slide Reading Program, and Safety Day. Most camps include a camp t-shirt and field trip on the City Trolley.

Please call 330-375-2812 or stop by the Community Center for more information or to register.



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Kenmore Branch Library Community News

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.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Thursdays at 1:00 pm

June 8th - REALM OF THE REPTILE Marissa Dubina will be bringing all of her favorite reptile friends for your viewing pleasure.

June 15th - ZOOTOPIA (PG) Come watch a movie on our big screen and enjoy popcorn.

June 22nd - MR. PUPPET SHOW Come and see Mr. Puppet and his friends in a zany show!

June 29th - JUNGLE BOB Learn about some amazing animals with Jungle Bob!

July 6th - SECRET LIFE OF PETS (PG) Come watch a movie on our big screen and enjoy popcorn.

July 13th - AKRON ZOO Come cool off from the afternoon sun and see the animals brought by the Akron Zoo.

July 20th - SOGBETY DIAMANDE This show features traditional West African drumming on djembe drums.

July 27th - RICK SMITH, JR Join us for a dazzling show of magic and card throwing!

PAWS FOR READING

Saturdays at 12:30 pm June 17th, July 15th, August 19th Children of all ages can practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. This is a great way for children to build their reading fluency and read-aloud confidence. Children who are not yet reading are welcome to come. The doggie's human pal will read to the child.

TEEN PROGRAMS

For grades 6 to 12 Tuesdays at 2:00 pm

June 13th - WILD ROCK ART Come in and creatively paint a rock with which to decorate your room.

June 27th - MYSTERY MAKE IT AND TAKE IT SUMMER TREAT

Pop in to create a yummy treat to eat or take with you. The mystery yummy will be revealed that day.

July 11th - FABULOUS FLIP FLOP ART Bring your own flip flops to decorate for the summer.

July 25th - EGG DROP-A-THON!

To participate in this program, you must be on time. We will be working in teams to engineer a contraption to keep a raw egg from breaking when being dropped from the roof of the library. Prizes will be given for the best contraptions. Eggs will be provided.



Adult Scarf Program

Wii U GAMING DAYS Thursdays at 4:00 pm June 1st to July 27th

Test your gaming skills with friends. Games will be announced weekly. Check our white board and digital sign for information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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BOOK CLUB TO GO

Pick up new selections on the second Monday of each month. No meetings, no deadlines, just good books! Discussion questions, read-alike lists and author information is included with each book. June 12 NO MAN'S LAND by David Baldacci July 10 NIGHT SCHOOL by Lee Child August 14 THE CHEMIST by Stephenie Meyer

ZENTANGLE FUN

Saturday, June 24th at 1:00 pm Join Carol Bailey Floyd to learn the fun and stressrelieving art of Zentangle. Kit will be provided. Space is limited, so please register at 330-745-6126.

KENMORE CRAFT CLUB

Please call 330-745-6126 to register.

DOODLE ME A SUN CATCHER Monday, June 12th at 6:00 pm

Create sun catchers with jar lids and personalized doodling.

ZENTANGLE ROCK ART

Monday, July 10th at 6:00 pm

Use what you learned if you attended the Zentangle Fun workshop! All you'll need is a sharpie and a rock to create your very own Zentangle art. Supplies will be provided.

MARVELOUS MEMORY WIRE Saturday, July 22nd at 1:00 pm

Join Judy Fitzgerald to create a beautiful memory wire bracelet. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited, so call 330-745-6126 to register.



Monday-Thursday: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm



Friday: 12:00 to 6:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm **Closed Sunday**

Feel free to contact the library for more information: 330-745-6126

American Legion Post #449 News

by Scott Swearingen

On Saturday April 15th, the American Legion Post #449 marched from 1090 Kenmore Boulevard to the Wadsworth American Legion Post. This march was to bring awareness to PTSD (posttraumatic stress disorder) amongst our soldiers and veterans. Members from the Legion, the Salem Ohio VFW, and other persons from our community joined as we marched 11 miles. This was lead by Commander Scott Swearingen, 1st Vice John Life, and Marty Wills, a man who walked 1060 miles last year for the same cause.

American Legion Post #449, located at 1090 Kenmore Boulevard, will be holding a flea market Saturday May 27th. Vendors are welcome. Please call Scott for information at 330-396-0197.



Post #449 March to Wadsworth

"Summer Treasures" Craft Show

by Holly Sweetern

The Kenmore Masonic Lodge, located at 1009 Kenmore Boulevard, will be having their 1st Annual "Summer Treasures" Craft & Vendor Show on Saturday June 3rd. This craft show is open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and will feature many vendors selling everything from jewelry to candles. Admission is free to the public.

This show is still accepting vendors, and vendor costs are \$35. All vendors must supply their own tables. Breakfast and lunch will be available at the show, with proceeds from food sales going to Special Olympics. There will be door prize raffles, and a 50/50 raffle.

For more information please email Barb or Holly at kissesofcinnamon@yahoo.com, or call 330-414-3540.



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Councilman's Corner

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Do you have a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter that is interested in a chance to serve others and to be of benefit to the community? The Akron Police Department in now hiring Officers. If you or someone you know would be interested please call 330-375-2727 for details.

And speaking of the Akron Police Department, each month they will honor children in our community who distinguish themselves by their exemplary behavior. We need your help. If you know a child whose accomplishment, attitude, or outstanding effort makes them a positive role model for their peers, please call 330-375-2412 for a nomination form. Those selected will receive recognition from Akron's "Do the Right Thing" program.

WATCH AKRON CITY COUNCIL ON YOUR COMPUTER

Have you ever wanted to come to a City Council meeting or sit in on a particular committee meeting? You can now do so from your computer or web enabled device. Akron City Council's Monday afternoon committee meetings, as well as regular Monday evening meetings, are being recorded and posted to the City Council website within two days. Very soon, all meetings will be streamed live. The portal through which the live meetings will be aired has yet to be determined. For now, visit www.akroncitycouncil. org to watch these recorded meetings.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Ninth Ward.

Councilman Mike Freeman

"Jake's Reach" Meeting

There will be a community meeting on opiate addiction sponsored by "Jake's Reach" at the Kenmore Community Center, 880 Kenmore Boulevard, on Wednesday May 24th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. In attendance will be representatives from Akron Police, Akron Fire, Summit County ADM, and Project DAWN. All will be available for a Q & A following the speakers. Please call 330-255-9376 or 330-990-0065 for more information.

Ward 9 Councilman's Meetings

Councilman Freeman holds a public meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at the Kenmore Community Center, starting at 7:00 pm. Please join him at 880 Kenmore Boulevard to discuss your community and your city! The next meeting is Tuesday June 6th.

Green spaces? Bike lanes? A coffee shop?

Join Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance for a community brainstorming session and share your most creative ideas for revitalizing Kenmore Boulevard.

> When: Thursday, May 25 Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Where: The Rialto Theatre 1000 Kenmore Boulevard Akron, OH 44314

For more information, contact: knacares@gmail.com



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Summit Lake Community Clean-Up

by Julie Ann Sweet-Buntin

On April 22nd, volunteers from all over the Akron area joined together to participate in a large-scale cleanup at Summit Lake. Over 260 volunteers helped collect 5.71 tons of litter, as well as 18 tires and 12 concrete construction blocks in just 3 hours. Families, groups of friends, neighbors and community groups like Mr. Dunbar's honors class from The University of Akron's William's Honors College, along with the Summit Corp kids, joined the cleanup effort on Saturday. We had great support from the City of Akron with their sanitation crew working "overtime" to gather the collected trash, through Keep Akron Beautiful trailers and sign up support, and the Ohio Erie Canal Coalition. We covered the entire lake, with volunteers working in their assigned zones and making sure each area was litter free.

The cleanup is one of the largest projects that takes place during Keep Akron Beautiful Clean Up Akron Month. With the help of Ohio Erie Canal Way Coalition, Keep Akron Beautiful, and many Kenmore residents, a plan was created to effectively distribute volunteers around the entirety of the lake, identifying zones which were highly littered and in need of a higher volume of volunteers.

Keep Akron Beautiful was able to be on site with their two community improvement trailers to man the volunteers with the tools they would need to get the job done: gloves, rakes, litter grabbers and Glad trash bags, as well as recycling bags. Thanks to a grant funding from the Ohio EPA, volunteers also had waders, large water skimming rakes, and floating trashcans to collect the trash and to ensure the safety of volunteers as they embarked to collect litter from the lake.

Safety was one of the top concerns during the planning process of the clean-up. The Akron Police Department were on site to assist with the disposal of portable meth labs, needles and other hazardous materials found during the cleanup. City Sanitation supported the clean-up efforts Saturday morning as well, and with the help of their Packard truck, the 5.71 tons of litter collected by volunteers was able to be quickly disposed of. An extra big "Thank You" to Anton, Larry and Kent for their hard work loading railroad ties, 9 foot branches and all the concrete blocks that were pulled from the water. (See photo at right)

Volunteers were provided breakfast and lunch thanks to the generous support of the following local sponsors: Jubilee Donuts, Little Caesars, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, and the Kenmore Kiwanis Club.



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Akron U Students Hard at Work

Keep America Beautiful Inc, established the Great American Clean-Up as its national effort for involving American citizens in environmental stewardship from March through May. An anticipated amount of 4 million volunteers the Great American Clean-Up will return more than \$175 million in measurable benefits across more than 20,000 participating communities. Keep Akron Beautiful, the local affiliate of the national nonprofit, strives to empower individuals in our community through volunteer participation by collecting litter and creating a more livable community during Clean-Up Akron Month, now in its 36th year.



Akron's Best Help with the Lake Clean-Up



Kenmore Community Center Adult Activities 880 Kenmore Boulevard 330-375-2812 Please call the Center for questions and reservations!

9th Ward Councilman's Meeting First Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm

Men's Breakfast Fridays 8:00 am Continental Breakfast - \$3.00

Game Day

2nd Monday of each Month Play cards, board games or whatever you are interested in. This program is free and we have light refreshments. Add lunch to your day for \$4 every other month.

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.

Adult Make it & Take it Art & Craft Class

4th Tuesday of the month 6:00 to 8:00 pm, \$10 Call the center for more information. Preregistration required.

Tai Chi Fridays 10:30 am - FREE!

Euchre

4th Monday of each Month 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm Bring a snack to share. Add lunch to your day for \$4 every other month.

Kenmore Senior Club

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

Billiard's Table

Available for playing. Please call the center for hours.

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

Tuesdays 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm Only a penny a card! Bring a snack to share if you wish. Everyone welcome!

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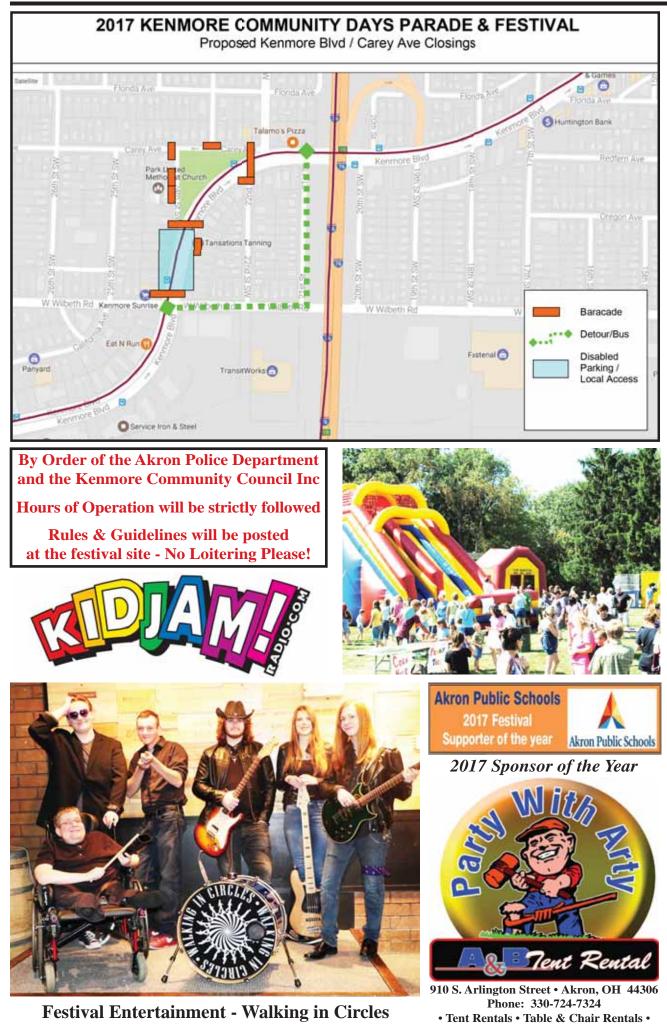






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In conjunction with Community Days, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance will hold a community brainstorming session for Better Block Kenmore, an event to take place on Kenmore Boulevard September 1st-2nd. For two days, Better Block Kenmore will temporarily transform our roads, commercial spaces and public gathering places based on resident feedback to generate new ideas for making Kenmore a more healthy and vibrant community. Residents are encouraged to bring their most creative ideas May 25th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm to The Rialto Theatre, 1000 Kenmore Boulevard. For more information about Better Block Kenmore, visit www.facebook.com/AkronBetterBlock.

Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance was formed in 2016 to enhance our community by reaching out to all residents, engaging them to effect cultural, artistic, recreational and business revitalization. KNA also partners with a variety of community groups, including Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, Kenmore Community Council, Kenmore Kiwanis, Kenmore Historical Society, First Glance, and others.





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Kenmore Kiwanis News

by Kim Pettit

Kenmore Kiwanis is an organization dedicated to Kenmore children and improving the Kenmore community.

We are excited to announce a new meeting location for group. All of our meetings will be at Thano's Family Restaurant at 71 5th Street in Barberton. This new meeting location will give us the opportunity to have speakers and presentations. On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, we will enjoy dinner followed by a guest speaker on a variety of topics. Meetings are at 6:00 pm and we would love to have you join us. Check out our Kenmore Kiwanis Facebook page for more information on monthly speakers. We also meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month for a lunch meeting.

In February, two of our members entered the Norton Kiwanis Chili Cook-off. Lots of people were on hand to sample and vote for their favorite chili. We are proud to announce that Richard Cardarelli tied for 1st Place for People's Choice and Matt Zeiner won 2nd Place for the Mild Chili category.

In the month of April, we participated in the Kenmore Easter Celebration. Kenmore Kiwanis provided the punch and cookies for the Easter Craft Party at the Kenmore Community Center. We also helped with the Summit Lake Clean-Up on April 22nd. Members of our group served lunch to the clean-up volunteers. Special thanks to Lynda Burns for making sloppy joes for the clean-up crew!



Richard Cardarelli (left) & Matt Zeiner

Kenmore Kiwanis always stays busy with events, fundraisers and community gatherings. Upcoming events include our popcorn sales at the summer concerts at Shadyside Park, helping with the Chestnut Ridge Clean-Up, and more. Mark your calendars for our "Trash and Treasure Sale" on Saturday, September 16th!

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in serving your community and helping the youth of Kenmore, all while having some fun and being part of a great group... come and join us at Thano's Family Restaurant! Or you can contact Pat or Dick Cardarelli at 330-745-5674.



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Kenmore Historical Society News

We hosted our last basketball game as Kenmore High School on February 24th. Former staff and alumni were invited to attend. The Madrigals lead us in our Alma Mater and the National Anthem. The ROTC cadets presented the Colors, and Dave Benn led the crowd in a cheer in honor of his mother, Grandma Benn, with a gold letter K and one of her bells.

Three long-time supporters of Kenmore's athletic programs were honored. First was Harriet Butcher who has been an announcer at our games since 1985. She started teaching Phys Ed at Kenmore in 1963 and was an award-winning coach of cheerleaders and gymnastics.

Kay Cottle was also recognized. Kay worked as a security guard at Kenmore in the 1970's and later worked selling tickets at our games. You bought football tickets from her at our Cliff Battles ticket booth at our stadium and at Akron U's stadium. She also sold tickets to games in our gym for so long that the ticket booth now bares her name. Our gymnasium is named in honor of her husband Roy.

The third person honored was Jim Falanga. He was a counselor at KHS from 1988-2002. He began announcing at our football games at George Brode Field in 2014 and our basketball games in 1995.

The Kenmore Historical Society was active in organizing the ceremony at this game. We continue to promote an interest in supporting our community. We participate yearly in the events at the Kenmore Holiday Celebration and Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt. We will be active at this year's Kenmore Community Days Festival at Shadyside Park May 27th to May 29th and the Akron Open Streets event June 25th. We collect and preserve Kenmore memorabilia. Our next meeting is August 28th at the Kenmore Boulevard Library at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

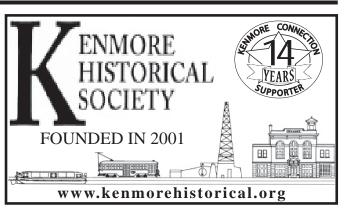
Once a Cardinal, always a Cardinal. We hope you will spread the word to "Believe in Kenmore."



Kenmore High School's Last Basketball Game on February 24th

Kenmore High School Choir by Barbara Bellamy

The Kenmore High School Choir will hold their FINAL SPRING CONCERT on Tuesday May 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Kenmore High School Auditorium. The concert is free, and we hope to have a large, supportive audience. Choir alumni are welcome to join us on the stage for the final singing of "My Friends" and the "Kenmore High School Alma Mater".

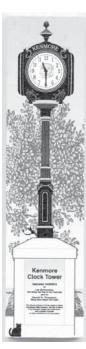




Kay Cottle (left) & Harriet Butcher

All of the Kenmore Historical Society's Miniature Wooden Blocks of Historical Buildings (including their two newest blocks) can be purchased at Kenmore Komics & Games, 1020 Kenmore Boulevard.





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Meet and Greet: Friday, September 15, 2017 7:00PM Old 97 Café 1503 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, OH 44314 **Cash Bar & Dining Menu Available**

Photo Op: Saturday, September 16, 2017 3:00PM **Kenmore High School** Join us for group class pictures outside of the school

Main Event: September 16, 2017 4:00PM **FOP Lodge** 2610 Ley Dr. (Off of Waterloo Rd), Akron, OH 44319

Appetizers and cash bar followed by a dinner buffet at 6:00. A DJ will set the stage for grooving to our favorite tunes from our Glory Years! Horseshoes, fishing, cornhole, and other games will add to the fun! NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED ON SITE

Prepaid cost for everything is only \$35 per person. There will be NO ADMITTANCE without your PREPAID RESERVATION! NO EXCEPTIONS! Money must be received no later than AUGUST 25th

Class of 1972 Make check payable to: Mary Sobleskie Mail to: Class of 72 Reunion PO Box 26412 Akron, OH 44319



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Kenmore Free Store Moves

by Mary Ann Gesaman, Manager, Kenmore Free Store

We have moved!!! Just about 500 feet, but into a new space within Immaculate Conception Catholic Church – what used to house the old preschool is now the Free Store. Our address is still 2101 17th Street SW. God has blessed us with a much larger store so that we can display more merchandise for you to see and use.

Beginning in July we are going to begin a FOCUSED clothing drive every quarter. The drive will be for items that are always in need at the store. You can be a part of this drive by collecting the needed items and dropping them off at the Free Store when we are open (Tuesdays 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm or Saturday 9:30 am to12:00 noon) or dropping them into the bright, blue collection bin in the Free Store parking lot.

July—school uniforms and children's shoes.
October—coats, especially children's and young adults.
January—men's clothing (you know men wear their clothing out, whereas women change theirs).
April—blue jeans for all shapes and sizes.

The Free Store is always in need of household items such as toasters, dishes, pots & pans, utensils, towels, sheets & blankets.

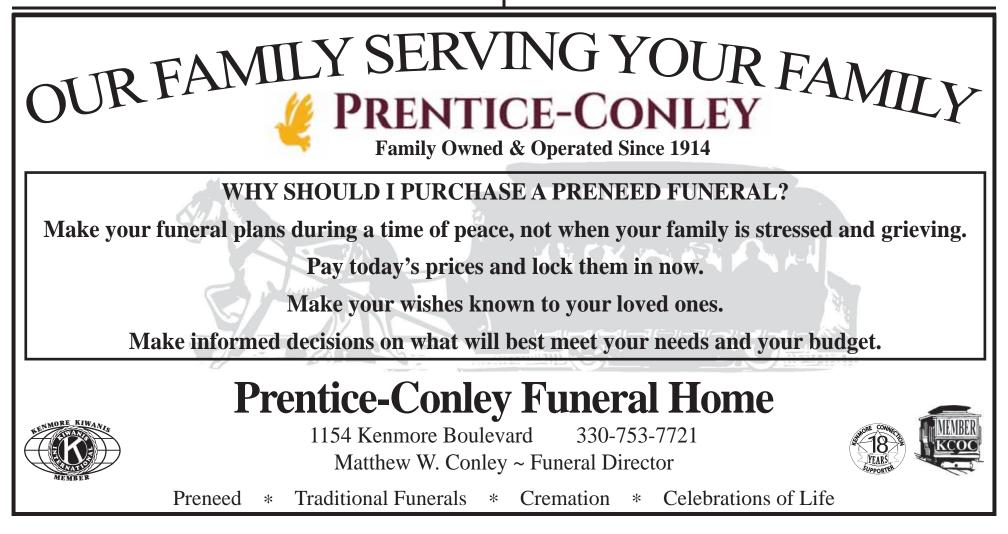
Any donation to the Free Store is tax-deductible.



The Free Store's New Entrance (left) and the Collection Bin for After Hour Donations (right)

Fishing Derby by Bill Choate

The Annual Portage Lakes Fishing Derby will be Saturday August 5th this year. It is open to children 15 and under, and is located at 912 Portage Lakes Drive. This is a free event to the public. Food and drinks will be provided, and registration will start at 9:30 am with the fishing 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Prizes will be awarded after the event. For any questions or additional information please either email Bill Choate at duckbill383@yahoo.com or call him at 330-608-7147.



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Allenside Presbyterian Church

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

Pastor Frances Fischer

Hours of Service Sunday School for Adults & Children 10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:15 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 330-818-6615 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.

Compass Christian Church

1900 East Avenue 330-753-3121 kenmoreoffice@att.net www.charleshahlen.com

Lead Minister Charles L. Hahlen

Hours of Service Compass Sunday Morning and Kid Zones 10:00 am

Community Services Offered Open Tone Music Academy Saturday Mornings 9:00 am to 12:00 noon Contact Chris Anderson @ chris@opentonemusic.org Meeting site for ASPIES (Autism Support Group) Meetings 1st Thursday each Month 7:00 to 9:00 pm Meetings 3rd Tuesday each Month 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Community Prayer Line - Call or Text at 330-299-5339 or email at prayer@compasskenmore.com

Cross Community Church

Meets at Pastor John's Home (call for directions) 330-310-2127 pastorbloch@hotmail.com

Pastor John Bloch

Hours of Service Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm 922 Kenmore Boulevard 330-351-9133 fmocchurch@ymail.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, clothes & bread following the morning worship service

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 1:30 pm Wednesday Evening Service 7:00 pm

Community Services Offered Free Bus Transportation on Sunday

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 (call to verify) Wednesday Programs (all ages, school year only) 6:30 pm

Hope United Methodist Church

2650 Cory Avenue 330-753-2303 officehumc@gmail.com

Pastor David McGrath

Hours of Service Sunday School 9:15 am Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am

Faith Ministries Outreach Center
922 Kenmore BoulevardHouse 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 Holy Eucharist Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) Saturdays 9:00 to 10:00 am Anointing of The Sick on last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm Mass Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Mondays 7:00 pm September to May (Site shared with St. Augustine Parish, Barberton)

Community Services Offered

Food Pantry (at Maher Hall) Monday and Thursday afternoons requires referral from InfoLine (330-376-4850). Kenmore A.A. Big Book Study (at Hitch Hall) Thursdays 8:00 pm Kenmore A.A. Saturday Nite (at Hitch Hall) Saturdays 8:00 pm Hosting Kenmore Free Store (at 2128 16th Street -use west parking lot entrance) Tuesdays 4:30 to 7:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am to Noon. Bingo (at Waldeisen Hall) Wednesdays, beginning at 11:00 am Participating Member, Kenmore Ministerial Association.

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 Coffee & Donuts 9:00 am Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am (Nursery & Children Church Available) Wednesday Evening Youth Group 6:30 pm (doors open 6:15 pm) Wednesday Evening Children 6:30 pm (doors open 6:15 pm) Wednesday Evening Adults 6:30 pm Wednesday Evening Young Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm

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Koinonia Apostolic Faith Church Praise Chapel Assembly of God

814 Carnegie Avenue 330-745-5242 www.Koinonia5111@yahoo.com

Pastor Gary L. Foreman

Hours of Service Sunday School 9:30 am to 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service 11:30 am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm Wednesday Intercessory Prayer 6:00 pm

New Life Fellowship Church

859 Witner Avenue 330-208-5441 pastor@newlifeofakron.com www.newlifeofakron.com

Pastor Scott Johnson

Hours of Service Sunday Worship and Kingdom Kids 10:30 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

Park United Methodist Church

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

Reverend Pamela Buzalka

Hours of Service Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday Traditional Worship 10:30 am Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study 1:00 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 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 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

Redeemed Christian Church of God

966 Kenmore Boulevard 330-776-5196 jesushouseakron@ymail.com www.rccgjh-akron.org

Pastor Enoch A. Adeboye (General Overseer) Pastor Yisa Sunmonu (Parish Pastor)

Hours of Service Sunday Workers' Prayer Meeting 9:30 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 Monthly Holy Ghost Service 9:00 pm to 12:00 midnight (Every 1st Friday of the month) Saturday House Fellowship 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

(held at different locations)

Community Services Offered Non perishable food items are accepted for food baskets that are distributed to needy families and schools during the holidays.

Rolling Acres Alliance Church

2500 Kingsport Way 330-848-1403 www.rollingacrescmachurch.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 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.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.

Senior Pastor: Ron Mohlmaster II

Hours of Service Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

Community Services Offered See our Calendar listed below 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 (also Monday thru Friday @ 12:00 noon & Saturday at 2:00 pm) Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm is "Small Groups" Night for All Ages Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm is "Celebrate Recovery" Night Every Friday @ 7:00 pm is "Celebrate Recovery" Night Every Sunday Morning @ 10:00 am is "Praise and Worship" (Interpreted for the Deaf; Children's Church and Nursery available)

CoB Family and Community Dinner Every Wednesday, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm *****

Summer Lunch Program for Children ages 1-18 Monday through Friday at 12:00 Noon beginning June 12 *****

Kenmore Community Days Events No-cost Community Breakfast, Saturday May 27, 8 am - 10 am See our Vacation Bible School-themed entry in the Parade, 11:00 am Saturday. ***** Vacation Bible School Events

V.B.S Block Party and Community Dinner Wednesday June 14th, 5:00 to 8:00 pm Food, Fun and Pre-register children for V.B.S.

V.B.S. June 19th to 23rd – Dinner each evening at 5:00 pm V.B.S 6:00 to 8:30 pm for Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade in the Fall.

Special Bible Study Class for Adults each evening at 6:00 pm

Outreach Food Pantry

Monday Mornings 10:00 am to 12:00 noon May 15th, June 5th & 19th, July 3rd & 17th, August 7th & 21st

Outreach Food Pantry

Monday Evenings 5:30 to 7:30 pm May 22nd, June 12th & 26th, July 10th & 24th, August 14th & 28th

Good News at Park Church this Summer by Lauren Presutt

The Kenmore Free Store will celebrate two years serving the Kenmore Community on May 3rd. While continuing to look for a permanent space, the Free Store has moved into a bigger space right next door to its old space at Immaculate Conception Church (2101 17th Street SW). The Free Store is currently accepting donations of gently used clothing, household goods and small appliances (NO FURNITURE please at this time). Donations may be made on Saturdays via the 16th Street entrance of Immaculate Conception Church from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, or placed in the donation bin outside the church off the 17th street entrance, at any time. Shopping hours are Saturdays 9:30 am to 12:00 pm and Tuesdays 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Have you visited the Kenmore Café? The Kenmore Café is open the LAST TUESDAY of each month at Park United Methodist Church and serves a FREE dinner to all in attendance. Doors open at 5:00 pm and we serve till 7:00 pm. We would love to see you, your family, and your neighbors join us.

Vacation Bible School will start on Monday June 19th and run through Thursday June 22nd from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. FREE Dinner is served each night to all children attending starting at 6:00 pm. Vacation Bible School is open to ALL children ages Pre-K through 5th grade. Registration will begin SOON!

Our Annual Ten Cent Sale is July 29th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. EVERYTHING sells for 10 cents, from clothes, toys and shoes, to furniture, knick knacks and dishes. Donations for the event accepted prior to the event.

Lots of reasons to visit Park Church this summer. We hope to see you....any questions or concerns about any of these events, please call Frances at 330-745-3714.



Rolling Acres Church Easter Event by Judy Spires

On Saturday April 15th Rolling Acres Church had an Easter Egg Hunt with a visit from the Easter Bunny. Easter Sunday Morning we began with a Sunrise Service followed by an Easter Breakfast.



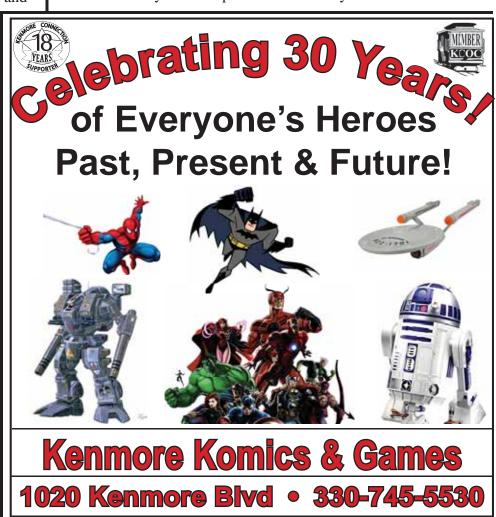
Children Having Fun at the Rolling Acres Church Easter Event

Upward Sports Program at Kenmore Nazarene Church by Harley Weidlich

Upward Sports at the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene and Hope United Methodist Church is in full affect with our annual Spring Soccer Camp taking place now through the end of May. A "Thank You" to all who dedicate their time and talents for this amazing program. We're celebrating six years of providing Christian based Upward Sports Camps in the Kenmore Community.

I would like to invite everyone to come out to our annual yard sale being held at the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene. This huge annual yard sale will be held Memorial day weekend May 27th, 28th, and 29th, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, at 2025 12th Street SW. Electronics, tools, toys, clothing, there is just too much too list! Our annual yard sale is getting bigger and bigger every year. All proceeds go towards funding our next mission trip to Nicaragua in July 2018. Donations are excepted if you would like to donate something for this good cause. Please stop out and support this amazing ministry!

Questions or concerns or information on our upcoming camps or our annual yard sale please call Harley at 330-608-6570.



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Immaculate Conception News

by Melissa Keegan

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is proud to announce that Robert Dale McWilliams, son of Sharon Berube and the late Walter McWilliams, graduate of Kenmore High School and John Carroll University, will graduate from St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology on May 11th with a Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Arts in Theology degree.

Ordained a deacon in October of 2016, he will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood for the Diocese of Cleveland by Bishop Daniel Thomas on Friday, May 19th at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. His first assignment as a priest will be at St. Joseph Parish in Strongsville Ohio. We, his family of faith, are so very proud of him!

Father's Day Event Planned at First Baptist Church of Kenmore

by Pastor Joe Grimaldi

The First Baptist Church of Kenmore will have a special Father's Day event on Sunday June 18th. Anyone who attends the 11:00 am morning service is invited to our Annual "Beast Feast", which will be a free lunch buffet with a variety of different smoked meats.

The First Baptist Church of Kenmore is located at 2330 East Avenue. You can call Pastor Joe Grimaldi at 330-745-3619 or email him at church@ fbcok.com for more information, or visit their web site at www.fbcok.com.

Rimer Family Math Night

by Jenifer Sotak, Grade 3 Teacher, Rimer CLC

Rimer CLC hosted a Family Math Night titled "Math Madness" that focused on Time, Measurement and Money. The families and teachers enjoyed working together on the activities that centered on these math concepts. After the games, everyone feasted on pizza, salad, fruit and dessert. Everyone had a great time!



Albert & Jibreel Scales worked with Dad to determine elapsed time.

First Annual Sam Salem CLC "Eggstravaganza" by Sam Salem School Climate Committee

With the sun shining, not a cloud in the sky, and a school yard full of plastic eggs, Sam Salem Community Learning Center had their first ever spring egg hunt called "Eggstravaganza" on Wednesday afternoon April 12. The egg hunt was organized by second grade teacher, Callie Butcher and Family Liaison, Amelia Brunt. Art teacher, Pam McElhaney helped all students in grades Pre-K to 5 decorate the outside of their egg cartons. Staff, students, and parents all donated plastic eggs, goodies, and egg cartons to make this event possible.



The school yard was roped off in grade level sections. Almost 4,500 eggs were stuffed with goodies, trinkets, and candies by Sam Salem CLC PTA and volunteers. Volunteers also wrote grade specific questions on the outside of every single egg. For example, Kindergartners had to identify sight words, first graders had to answer addition equations, second graders had to identify subtraction problems, third graders had to identify multiplication problems, fourth graders had to identify prefixes and suffixes, and fifth graders had to solve division problems. Volunteers laid out the eggs in the appropriate grade level sections just before 1:30 pm. Each student found a dozen eggs to place in their egg carton, then found a volunteer. Students stated their answers to a volunteer, answering all 12 questions written on the outside of each one of their eggs. Students then got to open their eggs to find surprises inside! It was an amazing, fun filled day integrating fun and education right before Spring Break. It's definitely a tradition that will continue at Sam Salem CLC!

Kenmore Youth Football Sign-Ups by Jerry Cottrell

Sign-Ups for this year's Kenmore Youth Football will be on Saturday June 10th & Saturday June 24th at Prentiss Park from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. It is open to boys ages 7 thru 12 years old and girls ages 5 thru 13 vears old.

For further information please contact Jerry Cottrell at jcottrell707@icloud.com.

First Glance SkatePark

by Corey Easterday

Exciting things are happening with the SkatePark at First Glance Student Center on Kenmore Boulevard! The SkatePark at First Glance is a space in Kenmore specifically designed for skateboarders & skateboarding enthusiasts. It boasts a fun and exciting course for beginner, intermediate and expert skaters alike to test out and improve their skills all while connecting in community with others who share the same affinity for all things skateboarding.

This spring the SkatePark underwent a redesign & renovation process meant to "update the park's functional design & aesthetic as well as empower those who come to skate to take ownership of the park and it's overall growth" according to SkatePark Coordinator Jeremy DePace. Up until this spring the park hadn't undergone a change like this in roughly 4 years. Practically, this means that the SkatePark will be parting ways with a longstanding halfpipe and will be adding a new hip ramp in addition to updating existing structures.

The skaters who make up the park's community played a key role in the original design & building of the park when it first opened in 2013, and the same is true of this most recent update as well. It all points back to DePace's vision of the SkatePark as a way to empower students in the community in addition to making it a place that helps the skateboarding community in Kenmore grow & thrive. Part of the way this vision is achieved is by leaning on the strengths and ideas of the skateboarders who use the park as well as a dedicated group of volunteers. The park has a core team of students who take the opportunity to help teach other skateboarders tricks, give skating tips, and create an overall positive environment at the park. "We want to use the redesign as an opportunity to revitalize the atmosphere at the SkatePark and enhance the different aspects of community that take place here," said DePace.

Those wanting to come skateboard at the redesigned park can find the hours posted on the park's Facebook page (facebook.com/firstglanceskatepark). The park is also in need of volunteers to work directly with students & skaters alike. "New changes mean new opportunities and we welcome anyone interested in helping us create a positive environment for the great local skateboarding community" said DePace. All are encouraged to come check out the redesigned space and to be a part of the incredible community at the SkatePark!





Shoreline Vacation Bible School

The Shoreline Vacation Bible School begins Sunday July 16th and runs through Wednesday July 19th at the Shoreline Community Church, 790 Carnegie Avenue, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. It is for ages 3 to 11 years.

Please register online beginning June 16th at www. shorelinechurchakron.com/VBS-Pre-Registration.htm or at the Shoreline Community Church Friday Food Pantry Services at 10:00 am. For any additional information please call 330-753-9241.



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