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CUT & SAVE!

19th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration Coming Soon!

The 19th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration will be Saturday December 2nd, starting at 11:00 am. This community event will include an appearance by Santa, children's craft projects at many locations, the Children's Treasure Hunt, Adult Raffle for free prizes (donated by area businesses), food events (such as The Church on the Boulevard's pancake breakfast starting at 8:00 am), business open houses & special sales, Library open house, holiday costumed characters passing out candy, a juggler, clowns, and three free trolleys providing transportation all along Kenmore Boulevard from 6th Street to Shadyside Park and to the Nazarene Church & Immaculate Conception.



The days events will continue at 6:00 pm with all prize drawings, holiday music, and the tree lighting ceremony (sponsored by the Kenmore Community Council Inc) at Shadyside Park. The evening events will then culminate with the Children's Party with Santa Claus at Park United Methodist Church at 7:15 pm.

Many of the businesses on Kenmore Boulevard will be hosting sales & open houses. And also during the event the four church anchor sites (Park United Methodist Church, Immaculate Conception, Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene, and The Church on the Boulevard), will have special holiday events throughout the day!

This event is made possible through the volunteer efforts of Kenmore businesses, schools, churches, residents, and service organizations under the coordination of the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce Events Committee. Event sponsors are the Kenmore Kiwanis, Kenmore Community Council Inc, Kenmore Community Center, and the sponsors and youth volunteers from the First Glance Student Center. This event is funded in part by donations, and an Akron City and Akron Community Foundation Neighborhood Partnership Grant. Watch for flyers and posters for further information.

Small Business Saturday is November 25th

Saturday, November 25th, is **Small Business Saturday** – a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities. Created by American Express in 2010, it falls between Black Friday and Cyber Monday after the Thanksgiving holiday, during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year. It encourages holiday shoppers to buy in local stores and from small business owners. Please join the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce in supporting our local small businesses in the Kenmore Community by shopping with them on Saturday November 25th, and throughout the year!



Two New Businesses on Carnegie Avenue

Two new businesses have started at 666 Carnegie Avenue, *Madd Mike's Pizza & Deli*, and *Taxes Done Right*.

In addition to pizza, *Madd Mike's Pizza & Deli* has all your favorites, including seven different sub sandwiches, Gyros, chicken tenders & jojos, and garden, potato, macaroni & coleslaw salads. Beverages & desserts are also available. Everything is made fresh daily, with the vegetables cut when ready to place on your pizza or sub. Owner Mike Naser has been making pizzas for almost twenty years, and he and his crew guarantee you will like what they make or they will give you your money back.

Madd Mike's Pizza & Deli is open Monday thru Saturday 10:00 am to 10:00 pm, and open Sunday 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm. They can cater your next event, and free delivery is also available. For more information or to place an order, please call 330-794-5423 or visit their FaceBook page at MaddMikesPizzaandDeli. Ask about their daily specials!

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So Fresh Used Auto Sales Moves to Kenmore

So Fresh Used Auto Sales was originally located on the East side of Akron, and needed to find a new home. While searching Summit County for a new location, co-owners Jacqueline & Charlie Harris came across 2290 East Avenue, the former location of ABC MotorCredit, and decided this was the spot to relocate to.

So Fresh Used Auto Sales is a family owned business, and Jacqueline & Charlie Harris oversee three generations of family operating the business. They pride themselves on selling reasonably priced pre-owned vehicles. "For a "fresh" experience when purchasing a used vehicle, please stop on by and check us out" says Jacqueline. They also sell new & used tires, and can do minor repairs on vehicles brought to them.

So Fresh Used Auto Sales is open Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, closed Sunday. For more information, please call 330-784-4175, or visit them on FaceBook or Craigslist.

Starting a new business in the Kenmore/Ward 9 area? We want to do an article about you (and it's FREE!). Please contact John at 330-745-5530 for more information.



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12th Annual Summit County Stand Down

by Debbie Jeffers

The 12th Annual “Laura Dunlop Summit County Stand Down for Veterans” was held Tuesday September 12th at the Firestone VFW Post #3383 on Waterloo Road. Ellen Leidy headed the event, and many volunteers helped make this happen. Around 300 veterans were accommodated with Chaplains, medical care, winter coats, boots, blankets, personal items, clothes, and a hair cut. A Big Thank You to all the volunteers, the American Legion Post #449 for the chicken noodle soup, VFW Post #3383, ROTC, and anyone who gave donations or volunteered to make this event successful!



Quintin Geary & Robert Burgess hand out boots to the veterans.



Debbie Jeffers gives Ronald Rosch a Haircut

Nazareth Housing Offers Lead Paint Removal

by Nanci Self

Kenmore residents can take advantage of a special grant funded program and receive free work on our homes. The program may be able to replace windows, siding and other parts of the home that contain hazardous lead paint, if the home was built before 1978.

This free program is a partnership between Nazareth Housing Development Corporation and the City of Akron. The program is designed to make your home safe from hazardous lead paint. Nazareth Housing has improved many homes in Kenmore after being founded, in part, by Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Children under the age of 6 are most at risk of developmental problems and often experience future health problems from lead paint exposure. A child under 6 must visit or live in the home. Tenants may also qualify for this program.

You must have current homeowner's insurance and be current on your mortgage and property taxes or in a pre-payment plan. Landlords get a 3 to 1 match on the dollars they put into the home.

To see if your home qualifies, call Nazareth Housing soon, as clients should be enrolled by Summer 2018. Phone 330-374-1526 or email projects@nazarethhousing.org.



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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.

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Tuesdays at 11:00 am - December 5th thru January 30th
Preschool kids age 2-5 years will enjoy stories, rhymes, music, crafts and a variety of other activities. Caregivers must remain throughout the program.

LIBRARY LEGO LEAGUE

Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm
December 13th, January 10th and February 7th
Feeling creative? Stop in to build a masterpiece with other Lego lovers! All ages welcome; caregiver assistance is appreciated for younger designers. Legos and other building materials are provided.

FAMILY MOVIES

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm
December 12th, January 16th and February 20th
Relax with a movie, popcorn and drinks! Bring the whole family and enjoy a night out.

FAMILY GAME NIGHTS

Mondays at 6:00 pm
December 18th, January 22nd and February 19th
There's something for everyone at Family Game Night! We have board games, card games and toys for the tots! Or, feel free to bring in any of your family's favorites.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 20th at 4:00 pm
Join us for fantastic Make-It-and-Take-It surprises and holiday snacks.

COUNTDOWN TO NOON YEAR'S EVE

Saturday December 30th at 11:00 am
It's a celebration that you won't sleep through! Crafts, balloons, songs and dancing will make this a Noon Year's Eve to remember.

FAMILY STORY TIME

Saturdays at 11:00 am
December 9th, January 13th and February 10th
Kids of all ages, with their caregiver, are welcome to join us for stories, songs, crafts, snacks and more!

PLAY-DOH CONTEST

Tuesday, January 2nd at 4:00 pm
Design anything Play-Doh. Winner receives a prize! Play-Doh will be provided.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Join us for a Holiday Celebration. Marissa Dubina from Realm of the Reptile will perform and Zap Entertainment will present a Holiday Show and balloon tying. Get a temporary holiday tattoo and some candy. There will be fun to be had by all!

TEEN PROGRAMS

For grades 6 to 12

CHESS CLUB

Mondays at 3:30 pm, December 4th and 11th, January 8th, 22nd and 29th, February 5th and 26th
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Thursdays at 4:00 pm, December 4th and 11th, January 8th, 22nd and 29th, February 5th and 22nd
Come hang out with your friends and test your gaming skills!

TV (An Advisory Board)

Wednesday, January 31st at 4:00 pm
At our quarterly meeting, we will brainstorm and talk about ideas for future programs while creating a snack on which to nosh!

TEEN TUESDAY PROGRAMS

For grades 6 to 12

PAINT FANTASTIC: PART 1

December 5th at 4:00 pm
We will be working on the completion of the new Teen sign for our Teen area and there will be other creative painting ideas to explore!

PAINT FANTASTIC: PART 2

December 19th at 4:00 pm
Bring your friends and come and create a fun work of art using paints and other mediums!

PAPER QUILLING (Beginning)

January 9th at 4:00 pm
Are you looking for something interesting to learn? Come learn the art of paper quilling. Learn to make beautiful images using bright paper curls!

ADULT PROGRAMS

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 are included with each book.
December 11th:
A CHRISTMAS MEMORY by Truman Capote
January 8th:
MURDER ON ORIENT EXPRESS by Agatha Christie
February 12th:
SLEEPING BEAUTIES by Stephen and Owen King

KENMORE CRAFT CLUB

Mondays at 6:00 pm
Join us to make simple but lovely creations.
December 11: Jewelled Christmas Cards
January 8th: Mini Easel Paintings
February 12th: Glass Bead Candle Holders

MACRAME BRACELETS

Saturday, December 16th at 1:00 pm
Join Cynthia Taylor to make a beautiful macramé bracelet for yourself or to give to someone special as a gift for the holidays.
Space is limited, so please call 330-745-6126 to register.

HENNA TATTOOS

Saturday, January 20th at 1:00 pm
Come learn about the art of henna tattooing from Luna Hart and receive a tattoo of your choice!
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Saturday, February 17th at 1:00 pm
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for more information: 330-745-6126

KenMore Kreative...Bringing the Arts to Kenmore

by Lauren Presutti

KenMore Kreative Youth Theater wrapped up our debut production, *Alice and Wonderland*, in August with 3 sold out performances. We had an amazing cast and crew and the production was AWESOME...so AWESOME we have joined together with *The Rialto Theater* to showcase *A Charlie Brown Christmas* in December. Auditions were held and rehearsals have started each Saturday of October and November. Performances will be held at the Rialto beginning December 2nd during the Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration with multiple performances to follow on Saturday December 9th, December 16th, and December 23rd. *A Charlie Brown Christmas* is also available to perform off site, for additional information on this opportunity or for information on purchasing tickets, please contact *The Rialto Theater* at www.therialtotheatre.com or call 234-525-1959.

KenMore Kreative will be painting a banner to drop at Lock 3 during the Countdown to First Night. If art is your thing, we want you to join us to paint our banner. We will be meeting Saturday December 9th and December 16th 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm at *Park United Methodist Church*, 2308 24th Street SW. For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact Lauren Presutti at Lauren.presutti@gmail.com.

And finally, KenMore Kreative is excited to be working with *Innes CLC* assisting with their Talent Show and Drama Club! Watch for more details on these exciting events.



KenMore Kreative



The Cast of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" in Rehearsal

Kenmore Youth Football

by Rick G Laney

As we complete the 2017 Kenmore Youth Football season I would like to take a moment to thank all the volunteers who have put in hundreds of hours to make this program what it is. We do have some changes in the future, but be assured we are strong and moving forward towards the 2018 season. Also mark your calendar for the Night at the Races fund raiser on March 3rd, 2018. More information to follow.

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Financial Empowerment Center Coming to the 9th Ward.

The United Way and the City of Akron have teamed up to create the Financial Empowerment Center in the Ninth Ward. It is estimated that over 42,000 people in Akron are considered to be "working poor." With that in mind, the center will be an invaluable asset to families in our community who have a constant struggle in their personal finances.

The Financial Empowerment Center will make some of the following services available to our community:

- free, one-on-one financial counseling,
- individualized help to deal with complex issues and barriers that keep families from financial stability,
- high quality services from professionally trained financial counselors,
- education on banking, credit and lending services.

Please join us at the January ward meeting as we will hear more about the Financial Empowerment Center. We will gather at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018 at the Kenmore Community Center, 880 Kenmore Boulevard. Please arrive early as seating will be on a first come basis.

Thank you for allowing me to serve our community.

Councilman Mike Freeman

**Do you have a reunion, fundraiser,
or event to promote in Kenmore?
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on how to get your event in the next issue!**

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 December 5th.

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JOBS (Jump on Board for Success) is Up and Running with Some New Ventures!

by Karen Freeman



Cupcakes made by JOBS Moms were sold at the Better Block Event

JOBS (Jump on Board for Success) is an employment mentoring program for Moms of various ages. Mentors work with the moms encouraging them to finish their education if needed, apply for employment, become excellent employees, and attain the jobs which will enable them to be self-sustaining. Various training modules are continually offered and incentives given for completion towards their goals.

JOBS is co-directed by Karen Lile, a long time business owner (Award Fundraising) and Karen Freeman, former Director of the Teen Moms Program at First Glance. Mentors volunteer their time to assist these moms in all areas of being a working/learning mom - transportation issues, childcare concerns, educational needs, budgeting, giving back to the community, time management, and proper presence in social media.

Most recently, the moms who have completed the culinary segments of training set up a Cupcake Bakery at Kenmore’s Better Block. Three hundred cupcakes sold out in less than three hours! Needless to say, you will be seeing these cupcakes in the community again very soon. Interested applicants or mentors may contact JOBS at jumponboardforsuccess@gmail.com.

Kenmore Community Center Card Party

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor



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On a beautiful Saturday afternoon, October 21st, Kenmore Community Center, Kenmore Senior Club and the Kenmore Seniorcise group came together to hold its annual card party. This years theme was “A Taste of Italy”. The community center was filled with the sights, sounds and smells of Italy. Café lights swooped from the ceiling while photos of Italian towns & landscapes showed on a continuous feed on the big screen. Little vignettes of photos, postcards, and other Italian mementos graced the windowsills. Wine bottles turned into lamps were centerpieces won by lucky recipients at each table. Italian music drifted through the air during the afternoon while card players enjoyed games all the while sipping on non-alcoholic sangria. Homemade spaghetti sauce, pasta, Italian bread dipped in herb-infused olive oil and salad were enjoyed by 136 people from all over Akron and surrounding areas. Spumoni & pizzelles were served for a yummy treat. Staff and the many volunteers dressed to serve in black pants & white shirts. Card players purchased raffle tickets for the 50/50 raffle, 2 money “pizzas” and a chance to win one of 58 raffle baskets. Donations for the baskets were generously supplied by local businesses and individuals. A great time was had by all who attended. Many, many thanks to all who helped make this one of the best card parties to date!



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Better Block Brings a New Song to Kenmore Boulevard

by Tina Boyes

“The night Kenmore Boulevard came back to life.”

That’s how lifelong Kenmore resident and Mr. Pink guitarist Dan Brewer referred to September 1st, the first night of Kenmore Better Block. The event’s goal: help residents and the community at large to re-imagine what Kenmore Boulevard could be with active storefronts, family-friendly food, and entertainment.

The two-day event held over Labor Day weekend was organized by the Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance and brought thousands of people to Kenmore Boulevard. Among the pop-up retailers were Custom Audio Mutation, owned by Kenmore resident Curran Murphy, Buckeye Clothing Company, the brainchild of Kenmore resident Caleb Aronhalt, and Calhoun Recordshop, fronted by local DJ Forrest Webb.



Fran and John Thoricht use washable paint to create temporary extended sidewalk areas for people to congregate.

Webb, who once operated a record store in New York City, sold current, vintage and rare vinyl records from his pop-up location at 1008 Kenmore Boulevard. “I never expected to sell this many records in Kenmore,” Webb said. “It was a good weekend.”

Mainstay Kenmore Boulevard businesses like Kenmore Comics & Games had their strongest sales in memory. Owner John Buntin extended his comic book displays to the sidewalk using birch plywood shelving cut and built by Kenmore Better Block volunteers.

In all, more than 60 community volunteers made the event possible. They did everything from landscape the boulevard median, paint stencils in extended sidewalk areas, and cut and assemble CNC-routed plywood furniture referred to as Wikiblock designs. Having relocated from Kenmore to Highland Square in 2016, John and Fran Thoricht volunteered to stencil the street and collect feedback at the event. The couple has since purchased a house and moved back to Kenmore.

Jacob and Alicia Ley volunteered to build Wikiblock furniture along with their 6- & 9-year-old sons and other members of their Kenmore Chapel Neighborhood Missional Community.

“I loved building the furniture with other people in our community and felt excited and proud when I saw people using it to eat and talk during Better Block,” said 9-year-old Isaiah Ley. “I wish it was still out to use.” One of the highlights of the event was the appearance of buskers, or street performers, who played acoustic music outside the Eastern Sports Bar and Kenmore Flash Wireless. Acts included Kenmore/Summit Lake resident Cory Grinder and former Kenmore resident Jonathon James Smith.



Two children enjoy the sounds of street performer Jonathon James Smith. (Photo courtesy of Eartha L. Goodwin Photography)

Other performances included Rachel Brown and the Beatnik Playboys, who were joined by Kenmore resident Jim Ballard on the Jilly’s Music Room stage performing the song he wrote and produced specifically for Kenmore Better Block, “Bones of the Boulevard.” National touring act The Living Deads, who record their albums at Studio 1008, attracted a large crowd of fans to the event on Friday night, many of whom enjoyed their performance from an adjacent beer garden.

Residents Ryan Boyes and Matt Zeiner led an all-volunteer effort to build the 500-square-foot beer garden in the vacant space between Kenmore Comics & Games and the former McCutcheon Building. It was constructed entirely of plywood and pallets, flanked in front by iron gates and enhanced by lights strung across the two adjacent buildings.

Jason Segedy, director of planning and urban development for the city of Akron, attended the event and was impressed with the creative reactivation of that space.

“The most exciting thing about the Kenmore Better Block was the way that it drew people out onto the boulevard,” Segedy said. “At the Beer Garden, I had the opportunity to meet a lot of new people - many of whom were from the neighborhood, and many of whom were from outside of Kenmore, and had not been to Kenmore Boulevard for some time. This is exactly the type of thing that the City of Akron is interested in catalyzing in the business district,” he said.

Food trucks lined the north block of Kenmore Boulevard between 15th and 16th Streets including Flamingo Jack’s and King Bubba’s II Barbeque, which sold smoked meat dishes prepared atop the repurposed rear end of a classic car. Three other food and beverage vendors were represented at the Alto Coffee Company pop-up at 998 Kenmore Boulevard - Pav’s Frozen Custard, Summit Croissants (owned by Kenmore resident Sally Ohle), and Akron Coffee Roasters.

The coffee shop was the creation of Kenmore residents Jeremy and Helaina DePace, who said they have dreamed of starting a coffee shop on Kenmore Boulevard for years. “We knew this was the perfect way to introduce our idea to the community. The response from everyone was overwhelmingly positive,” Jeremy said. “We’ll be working on the details for a permanent location for Alto Coffee Company in the near future.”

While the DePaces have always had a heart for Kenmore, Stray Dog Carts owner Charly Murphy was not as familiar with the neighborhood’s assets. He said the Better Block experience changed his perception of the community. “Kenmore Better Block was wonderful,” he said. “Actually, it affected my view of Kenmore in a very positive way.”

Jamie Fuller, a longtime Kenmore resident now living in Green, attended the event Friday night with her husband and children. She said it literally brought her to tears. “When we got out of our van and saw all that was happening, my first thought was, ‘Life!’” she said. “I saw it in people’s faces, heard it in the music filling the air, and smelled it in the food trucks and coffee shop. A community that has been depressed had life breathed into it by people with a mission to love and not settle for the status quo. It filled my heart with joy and hope for the future of Kenmore.”



Photographer Dan Rowland, one half of the Camera Obscura pop-up, captured this stunning long-exposure photograph of Kenmore Boulevard during the Friday night of Kenmore Better Block.

A number of key sponsors made the event possible, including the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, which funded the materials and planning work of Team Better Block. Other sponsors included Evolve Creative Group, 427 Design, City of Akron and the Cargill Salt Fund, Jilly’s Music Room, Keep Akron Beautiful, Lowes, Summit County Public Health, Francesca Thoricht, the Hoppe Family, an anonymous fund of Akron Community Foundation, Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, the Summit County Land Bank, and a variety of individual and small business sponsors. Team Better Block helped to create the temporary street plans for the ground volunteers to execute. Its founder Jason Roberts pioneered the Better Block concept in his Dallas, Texas neighborhood of Oak Cliff in 2010. Since then, the concept has helped more than 100 neighborhoods reshape and reactivate their built environment. The Kenmore Better Block was the third such event in Akron.

“Kenmore Better Block was one of the most ambitious projects we’ve ever collaborated on with a community. It exceeded my expectations, largely because of the heart that the community put into it,” Roberts said. “So many areas are missing a soul. This effort was just trying to create space for the soul hidden inside the buildings to manifest onto the street. It was so rewarding to walk up and down the block and hear people say things like, ‘This is how it used to be,’ and ‘We can’t stop now.’”

Thanks to the success of the Better Block event, the Knight Foundation announced a two-year, \$240,000 grant to help Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance further execute on branding, place-making, beautification and economic development aspects of Better Block. Jeff Vujevich, the Alliance’s president, said the group will first hire an executive director to lead the organization full time, in addition to putting on more pop-up style events and continuing to beautify Kenmore Boulevard. “In any conversation I’ve had with the city, Kenmore is the neighborhood that consistently comes up in conversation,” he said. “We are in a great position, and this funding will help us execute and keep the momentum going.”



Mayor Dan Horrigan (center) is pictured with Knight Foundation program officer Kyle Kutuchief (left) and Councilman Mike Freeman (right) prior to striking the first guitar chord of Kenmore Better Block.

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Kenmore Kiwanis News

by Pat Cardarelli

Kenmore Kiwanis....92 years of serving the Kenmore community! Kiwanis new slogan is "Live it! Love it! Share it!" We'd love to share it with new members.

On Tuesday October 10th we inducted our new officers for 2017/18. They are: Lori Prentice, President; Kim Pettit, President Elect; Patricia Cardarelli, Secretary; and Brent Wood, Treasurer. Jim Bennet, the current Lt. Governor of Kiwanis Division 16, conducted the induction ceremony. Thanks, Jim!

We had a very successful Trash and Treasure Sale in September. We may be having one in the spring, watch for more information in the next Kenmore Connection.

Our annual Halloween Parade/Party was on Thursday October 26th. The weather was chilly, but no rain! We had approximately 140 kids in costume! Many parents dressed up also. The winners were Dewanna R. and Sophia W. Congratulations!!

Mixed Nut Sales Yes, our annual Mixed Nuts sales are coming up starting in November. They are from Akron's own Peanut Shoppe and are wrapped for easy gift giving. Price per 1 pound box is only \$8.00... same as last year. Contact any Kiwanian or stop at Grace'd Beauty Shop, 975 Kenmore Boulevard (formerly Zoe Ann's Salon).

Kenmore Kiwanis helps in our community, mainly with children's issues, but also involved in community events like the Kenmore Holiday Celebration, Better Block, our Annual Halloween Parade, Wednesday concerts at Shadyside Park, and much more!

BUT...we need members to help with all our events, fundraisers, and community activities. Would YOU like to help your community? Feel free to come to one of our meetings to see what we are about. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm and the 4th Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am, at Thano's Restaurant, 5th Street in Barberton.

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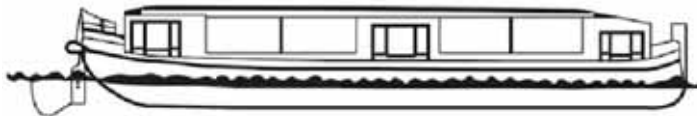
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Kenmore Historical Society News

by Lillian Jolly

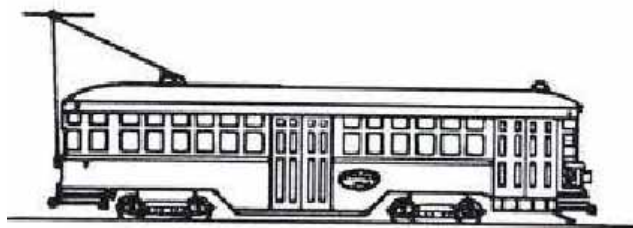
The Kenmore Historical Society was founded in 2001. Our logo, designed by member Ken Dague, shows important symbols from Kenmore's past.

The first is a canal boat.



The canal system was routed through our area because of its location near key rivers. The water from Summit Lake was used to fill the canal. If you were traveling far or shipping goods, the canal boat on the Ohio & Erie Canal was the main transportation.

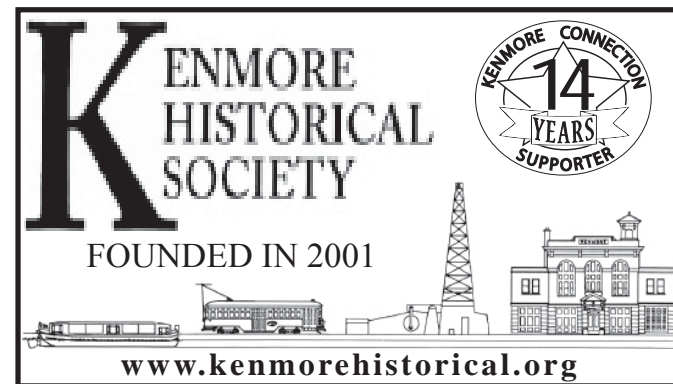
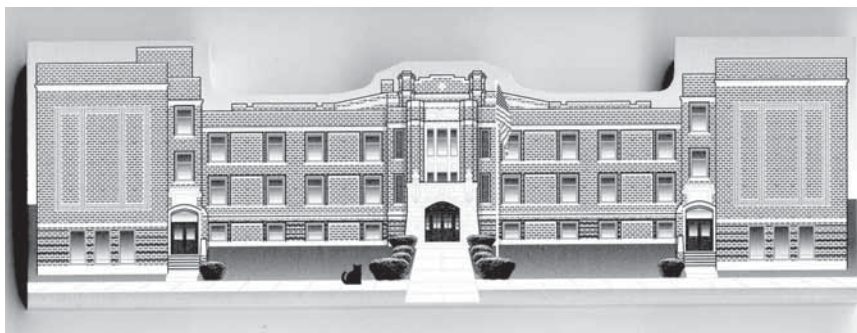
In June of 1900, Mr. M. C. Heminger was hired as Secretary-Manager of the Akron Realty Company (developer of the Kenmore Allotment). He moved his family from Clinton, Ohio, to the new allotment of Kenmore. Their household furnishings arrived by canal boat and were taken by a wagon and four horses to their new home at Ohio Avenue (now 12th Street) and Kenmore Boulevard. They were the first family to move in and live on Kenmore Boulevard. Heminger School was named after him.



The next item in our logo is a streetcar (also called a trolley).

Streetcars ran on a double track down the middle of Kenmore Boulevard connecting Akron and Barberton. Many people rode them to and from work or shopping in downtown Akron. The Northern Ohio Traction & Light Company had 300 miles of track.

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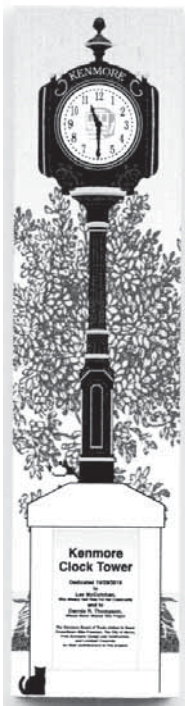


The last item in our logo is our old City Hall.

Kenmore was incorporated as a village in 1908. City Hall was built in 1916 on the northeast corner of Kenmore Boulevard and Illinois Avenue (now 14th Street). Our present library is there now.

In the early years city hall housed our government, police station, jail, fire department, Board of Election, Family Service Society, Kenmore Water Works, Kenmore A Charities, Kenmore S & L Co., a barber shop and a jeweler.

After Kenmore was annexed to Akron in 1929 the old city hall became the Kenmore district community and welfare center. The old council chamber became a branch library. Some of us can also remember the City Health Department, well-baby clinic, First National Bank, Dr. Woods, florist, shoe shiner, barber, beauty shop, and the Kenmore Senior Citizens Center being in the building when we grew up. City Hall was demolished in 1974.



First Glance News - "Leaving a Legacy"

by Corey Easterday

Leaving a legacy is an important idea that means something different to everyone, but to a group of former Kenmore High School alumni, it means investing their time and money back into the community they came from. "We owe so much (to Kenmore), this is where we got our start" said Jim Creed, 1967 graduate of KHS. Jim, alongside a group of close friends & fellow graduates, recently started the "Leave Your Year" campaign - designed to encourage KHS alumni to donate their graduating year in a dollar amount (i.e. 1967 - \$67) to First Glance Student Center in Kenmore as part of the non-profit's continued work in the community.

First Glance has been on Kenmore Boulevard for over 17 years, empowering the youth of Kenmore and surrounding communities through almost a dozen different programs. With memories of playing sports at KHS, parades down Kenmore Boulevard, and an overall "family atmosphere", Duane Rector, also a 1967 graduate of KHS & advocate for "Leave Your Year", describes the campaign as giving "everyone a chance to do something good for the community." One of the core values of First Glance is "Becoming Family" and the volunteers work hard to foster that atmosphere, based on a strong belief in the power of positive relationships.

The specific goal of "Leave Your Year" in addition to raising awareness is to raise \$100k for First Glance and the campaign has already seen incredibly positive momentum. "It's a debt that we owe to Kenmore" said Creed. "Leave Your Year is a rallying point for those of us that have benefited from what Kenmore gave us and it can bring us all together again." The respective ideas of leaving a legacy and rallying people together have been accomplished so far, as is evidenced by 3 different generations of one local family that have each given toward the campaign.

Why was First Glance chosen as the vehicle for KHS alumni who want to leave a legacy in Kenmore? According to Dan Auker, a 1967 graduate of KHS, "Kenmore has gone through some rough times. First Glance is making a tremendous effort to bring the Kenmore spirit back, to bring the community back to the closeness and concern it had when we grew up." Auker credits his experiences in the Kenmore community as playing a pivotal role in his life. "Growing up in Kenmore when we did shaped us and helped us to reach whatever level of success we did. We feel a need to give back, even some of us that don't live in Kenmore anymore."

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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

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

Faith Ministries Outreach Center

922 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 to 12:15 pm Sunday - Free hot meal,
clothes & bread following the morning worship service

First Baptist Church of Kenmore

2330 East Avenue
330-745-3619

church@fbckok.com

www.fbckok.com

Pastor Joe Grimaldi

Hours of Service

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am

Sunday Afternoon Service 1:45 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

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

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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King's Way 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 Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

Koinonia Apostolic Faith Church

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

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

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

Free Monthly Community Meal
(last Tuesday of every month) 5:00 to 7:00 pm
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

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.

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 Sunday Morning @ 10:00 am is "Praise and Worship" (Interpreted for the Deaf; Children's Church and Nursery available)
Every Tuesday @ 7:00 pm is "Narcotics Anonymous" Night (also Monday thru Friday @ 12:00 noon & Saturday @ 2:00 pm)
Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm is "Small Groups" Night for All Ages
Every Friday @ 7:00 pm is "Celebrate Recovery" Night

CoB Family and Community Dinner

Every Wednesday, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Holiday Events

Santa's Workshop for Children - Saturdays

December 2nd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

December 9th & 16th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Outreach Food Pantry

Monday Mornings 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

November 20th, December 4th & 18th,
January 8th & 22nd, February 5th & 19th

Outreach Food Pantry

Monday Evenings 5:30 to 7:30 pm

November 27th, December 11th & Friday 29th,
January 15th & 29th, February 12th & 26th

Zippy Visits Sam Salem CLC!

by Sam Salem CLC Climate Committee

“Zippy the Kangaroo” of the University of Akron Zips hopped on over to Sam Salem Community Learning Center to promote college awareness! Zippy traveled to each classroom, visiting with students, taking photos, embracing alumni, and sporting blue and gold. Sam Salem CLC promotes college awareness over a month long period in various ways. Staff wear their alumni gear along with decorating their classroom door. Fun facts about several colleges and universities are shared with students and read daily over morning announcements. Each week during the month, students have the opportunity to wear the colors/gear of a particular college or university. Zippy’s visit was a great way to culminate this month long school wide activity!



5th grade teacher Laura Morrison (Akron U alumni) high-fiving Zippy (left photo) & Zippy with Students (right photo)

Sam Salem CLC Builds a Library

by Stephanie Andrews

As the Kenmore year came to a close, National Honors Society wanted to embark on their yearly service project to make a difference. It would, after all, be the last service project of Kenmore High School. So, NHS decided to run a book drive, collecting any K-age 13 books that needed a home. KHS was overwhelmed with love from the community and staff members. We received an absorbent amount of books. What to do with them?

In connection with the Construction Vocational program at Kenmore, Senior Camron Bowden built, from scratch, a “Little Free Library.” These libraries are free-standing and open to the public to borrow books and donate books. The Kenmore Little Free Library is now in place and stocked with books at Sam Salem Elementary school. We hope this Little Free Library will serve as a lasting memory of the great Kenmore High School.



NHS Advisor Mrs. Stephanie Andrews (left), students Darius Wood (junior), Camron Bowden (senior), and Kayleigh Heavilin (junior).

Kenmore Imagineer Project

by Angela Miller

The “Pitter Patter of an Arts Renaissance” recently noted in The Devil Strip Magazine burst into full boulevard-view during this summer’s Open Streets, Kenmore Better Block and Busk Until Dusk events. The drizzle became a down-pour with the addition of a children’s theater production and visual arts at Panyard Steel Drums and 1008 Kenmore Boulevard, as well as the interactive piece residents contributed to during Better Block.

That mural, funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, is part of artist and designer Mac Love’s @PLAY Akron project. Love seeks to catalyze the expression of each neighborhood’s unique identity by engaging residents in the creative process. His latest project, the Kenmore Imagineer coloring book, is available at the library and other participating locations. Each page contains a photograph of a building Love and other community members believe has potential to be a future mural site. A blank space in each allows residents to design their own mural concept. Artists will have a chance to win prizes and will be featured in a public art exhibit in 2018.

The mural initiative is part of Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance’s efforts to bring life and vitality back to the Kenmore Boulevard business district. Locations were chosen based on visibility, blight and gateway vantage points. The newly formed Alliance seeks to be a bridge between property owners, artists and funders to turn neglected spaces into safe, vibrant community places.

To get a copy of the Kenmore Imagineer, or submit your finished product, visit the Kenmore Branch Library. The book is also available online in the form of downloadable as image files at www.artxlove.com and can be submitted by email to contact@artxlove.com.

Season of Festivities at Park Church

by Lauren Presutt

Park Church is excited to be one of the Trolley Stops at the Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration on December 2nd. Be sure to stop down and see us for some fun crafts for the kids, some FREE HOT soup plus so much more! See you then!

Park Church is a New Host site for King Foods! This food program provides quality foods at affordable prices. King Foods requires no pre-registration application, no income qualification, it is for EVERYONE. For additional information please contact Frances in the Church office.

Tired of just getting by? Our current Getting Ahead Class will be starting a new class in the New Year! This is a FREE class and open to individuals interested in learning how to get ahead each month and not just get by financially. Spots are limited so call NOW with any questions about the class or how to get your spot reserved in this class.

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 will begin in January! For questions or registration information or to enroll your student, please call the Park Church Office. Don't forget to ask about our NEW full day option or our Big Kid Days when school is out!

Our Annual Winter Piano Recital will be on December 10th at 2:00 pm. Parents and students are encouraged to contact the church office for additional information for this event or for piano lessons with Karen.

Park Church is honored to participate in the Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner which is being served from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Kenmore Community Center on Tuesday November 21st. We look forward to seeing you there.

PROJECT SHINE - 2018 RESIDENT APPLICATION



The work week for Project Shine 2018 is June 17th through the 22nd. During this week, our volunteer teenagers and adults will come together for a week of service, fellowship and learning about Jesus Christ.

If you own your home and are interested in receiving assistance through Project Shine, please fill out this application and return it to the address below as soon as possible. All work will be done on a first come, first serve, as needed basis. *Please keep in mind that submitting this form does not guarantee that you will be selected for this project.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Best time to be reached: _____

Please check one or more of the following projects:

- Exterior House Painting
- Interior Painting
- Exterior Garage Painting
- Yard Work / Cleanup / Trimming etc
- Porch / Deck - Paint / Stain
- Other _____

Please mail applications to: Project Shine, PO Box 3895, Akron, OH 44314

For questions or further information regarding Project Shine, please visit our website www.projectshineakron.org or email us via projectshineakron@gmail.com.

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Tuesday - **Pork Chops** \$7.99
 Thursday - **Two Meat Buffet** \$10.00
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 Friday - **Fried Flounder** (all you can eat) \$8.99
 Saturday - **8oz Rib Strip** \$11.99
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Tuesday - **Open Mike**
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For more information contact **Charlie Shook** at 330-697-6971

Rolling Acres Alliance Church is now King's Way Alliance Church!

by Judy Spires

It has been a busy year for us here at 2500 Kingsport Way in Kenmore. Last September we celebrated 100 years of ministry in the Kenmore community. Throughout the year, we have seen a lot of traffic on our campus, with some new faces making Rolling Acres their home, and some old faces returning to us. Perhaps the biggest change we implemented was the vote to change our name. The Church, which began as Lawndale Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, became Rolling Acres Alliance Church back in 1974 when the mall took off. Since then, the mall has gone under and The Woods Apartments were built, removing our visibility and the foot traffic. We are anticipating at least another 100 years of ministry in Kenmore, with an emphasis on the King! Please join us this Sunday at 9:30 am for Sunday School, 10:45 am for worship, and 6:00 pm for our evening service.

For more information, check us out at www.raaccma.org.

Kenmore Free Store News

by Mary Ann Gesaman, Manager, Kenmore Free Store

If you have not been to our new store, now is a great time to come and explore what we have to offer. Everything is free. There are generous monthly limits on items. Our store is located in the old Immaculate Conception Preschool at 2101 17th Street SW.

In the past issues of the Kenmore Connection, we stated that we would 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 to 12:00 noon) or dropping them into the bright, blue collection bin in the Free Store parking lot.

*** **January** - men's clothing (you know men wear their clothing out, whereas women change theirs) J

*** **We need of boy's and men's blue jeans** - all sizes.

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

Any donation to the Free Store is tax-deductible.



The Free Store's Clothing Section

New Bishop Visits

Immaculate Conception Church

by Melissa Keegan

Bishop Nelson J. Perez, recently installed as the 11th Bishop of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, was welcomed by the 28 Catholic Churches of North and South Summit County on Tuesday, October 24th, with a Mass and reception at Holy Family Parish in Stow. The Cleveland Diocese is comprised of 8 counties, including Summit, and the bishop has been visiting them all in an effort to personally introduce himself. The staff and leadership councils of Immaculate Conception Parish were on hand for this important event.



**Bishop Nelson J. Perez (left) & Fr. Michael B. Smith,
Pastor of Immaculate Conception**

Kenmore Masonic Lodge Craft Show

The Kenmore Masonic Lodge is hosting its 6th Annual Christmas Craft/Vendor Show on Saturday December 2nd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Vendors will offer everything from jewelry to candles, there will be raffles all day, and children will have a chance to win special prizes just for attending. Lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. This event will be your one-stop Christmas shopping opportunity! The Lodge is still looking for vendors. If you are interested, please call Holly or Cindy at 234-525-4927.

Kenmore Community Council Inc Community News News

by Thomas Abbot

Shadyside Park Christmas Tree Lighting & Swords Memorial Gazebo Decorating

The Kenmore Community Council Inc will host the Kenmore Annual Holiday Tree & Memorial Gazebo Decorating Ceremony on Saturday evening, December 2nd. This will culminate our day's activities for the Kenmore Holiday Celebration. The evening Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony & Swords Memorial Gazebo Decorating Showcase will begin at 6:00 pm at the gazebo, with a new and exciting Entertainment attraction for this year, followed by the Holiday Gazebo & Tree Lighting Ceremony, at 6:30 pm. This will be followed by the Adult Raffle Prize drawings.

The evening festivities will then move to Park United Methodist Church (directly across from the gazebo) at approximately 7:15 pm. The Kenmore Community Council Inc would like to sincerely thank Mr. John Buntin, coordinator of the Kenmore Events Committee, for securing funding for our Tree Lighting Entertainment, and to Mrs. Tina Boyes, of the Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, for coordinating the Tree Lighting Entertainment.

The Shadyside Park Christmas Tree will be decorated by the Kenmore Kiwanis & KNA. For the decorating of the Christmas Tree, come prepared for a new and exciting addition to the Tree Lighting Ceremony! The Kenmore Community Council Inc extends our sincere appreciation to the Kenmore Kiwanis, the Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, and the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce Kenmore Events Committee for their support. Together "We Make Great & Exciting things Happen!"

Kenmore Community Council Inc Christmas Children's & Community Santa Christmas Party – Park Church

The Annual Kenmore Community & Children's Santa Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at the Park United Methodist Church basement. Santa Claus will arrive at the Shadyside Park Gazebo and join in the Gazebo Activities, and then will lead a parade over to the Park Church front entrance, and will proceed downstairs to the Park Church community basement (please use the Church front entrance for admission). This spectacular event is sponsored by the Kenmore Community Council Inc and in cooperation and support with Park United Methodist Church. Light refreshments will be served. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult and/or a Guardian.

The Cletus H. Swords Memorial Gazebo – Holiday Decorating Showcase

The Kenmore Community Council Inc has begun the planning process for the decorating of the Gazebo. Proposed new for 2017 will be a new holiday display, made possible by the Kenmore Community Council Inc, Councilman Mike Freeman, and the City of Akron. If all goes as planned, the display will be showcased during this year's Holiday Lighting Ceremony. This will take place at approximately 6:30 pm.

Cletus H. Swords Memorial Gazebo – Capital Construction & Renovation Campaign

The KCC is proud to announce to our Kenmore Community that the roof replacement – Phase One has been completed. This includes complete tear-off with new plywood and brand new shingles. This is a beautiful addition to our memorial gazebo. The KCC expresses our most sincere appreciation to Mr. Len Alls Sr. of Len Alls Construction & Renovation Company. Mr. Alls was the general contractor chosen. Mr. Alls lives one block from the gazebo and wished to share the gifts and talents of himself and his crew.

We also express our most sincere appreciation to Mrs. Debra Blake, who worked to coordinate phase one, along with her family, and Jo Ann & Duane Smith for seeing to it that this phase was completed. The final phase is proposed to include a Cletus H. Swords Memorial Gazebo Community Sign, and complete new landscaping.

The KCC will soon announce financial donation opportunities to support this comprehensive project. For more information please contact KCC at 330-745-8999.

Decorate Kenmore For Christmas – 2017 Holiday Home & Business Decorating Contest

The KCC will conduct a Holiday Kenmore Spirit Contest! To participate / nominate a home or business, please send the below information to: Kenmore Community Council Inc, P.O. Box 3954, Akron, Ohio 44314. Or call the KCC office at 330-745-8999. Judging will begin after December 8th, 2017.

Name of Nominee :

Address of Display :

Nearest Cross Street to Nominated Address :

Your Name :

Your Phone Number :

Your Email :

Kenmore Community Days Festival – 2018

The Kenmore Community Council Inc is excited to announce that the 2018 Kenmore Community Days Festival is proposed to include a brand new exciting location, that will enable us to offer a spectacular family & community festival, in a safe & controlled environment. We will also be working with a new spectacular amusement company, offering only the finest in amusement rides. We will announce complete information in the next issue of the Kenmore Connection.

The Kenmore Community Council Inc is always looking for new members and Kenmore Community organizations, who wish to share their time, gifts, and talents. Please call the KCC Office at 330-745-8999.

Photos of 2017 Annual Kenmore Halloween Parade & Costume Contest



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