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CUT & SAVE!

Summit Lake Clean-Up Coming Soon!

by Julie Ann Sweet-Buntin

In April (exact date yet to be determined), volunteers from all over the Akron area will join together to participate in a large-scale cleanup at Summit Lake. Last year over 260 volunteers helped collect 5.71 tons of litter. With the focus of "Re-imagine Civic Commons" our effort to help make the area litter free will invite even more people to come and visit, ride the towpath on the floating bridge over Summit Lake, and create a family friendly experience. We hope to focus on the North end of the lake (Margaret Park area) over to the Summit Lake ball fields. With enough volunteers we can increase this area for litter removal.

We will once again have support from the City of Akron with their sanitation crew working "overtime" to gather the collected trash. 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 lake, identifying zones which were highly littered and in need of a higher volume of volunteers. Keep Akron Beautiful will once again 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. Volunteers will also have the ability to get into the water with our 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.

For more information on the clean-up or to volunteer please contact Keep Akron Beautiful at 330-375-2116 or on their website at <http://www.KeepAkronBeautiful.org/clean-up-akron-month>. We hope to see our past volunteers as well as many new faces!!

Kenmore's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is March 24th

The Annual Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 24th this year. Beginning at the Kenmore Community Center with the Children's Craft Party, there will be refreshments (supplied as always by the Kiwanis Club of Kenmore), craft projects, a clown, prizes, and balloons (donated by the Kenmore Historical Society). And special guest appearances by the Easter Bunny & the Easter Ducky, who will spend most of their time taking pictures with the excited children.

Doors at the Community Center will open at 9:30 am for the crafts and entertainment events. At around 10:45 am there will be prize drawings to be won by several lucky children, then the children, adults, volunteers, and the Easter Bunny & the Easter Ducky would "stroll" with their balloons to where the eggs donated by the Kenmore Community Council Inc will be placed.

After the Easter Egg Hunt, all are invited to the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene (2025 12th Street SW) for their Fifth Annual Easter Carnival. This event, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm, will feature a FREE lunch, games, prizes, crafts, cotton candy, and drawings for Easter Baskets! Mark your calendars and please plan to bring your children to this year's Annual Kenmore Craft & Easter Egg Hunt, and then to the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene's Easter Carnival, all on March 24th!



Beneficial Building Services Celebrates “35th Anniversary” of Serving the Greater Akron Area

by Greg Lawson

Long-time Kenmore staple, **Beneficial Building Services Inc.**, is proud to celebrate 35 years of serving the greater Akron area with professional contract cleaning services. Since 1983, **Beneficial Building Services** has been partnering with area businesses to provide clean and safe business environments that reflect the professionalism of each respective organization.

Greg Lawson, President of **Beneficial Building Services**, stated that he’s hopeful for another positive 35 years. “My dad started the company, and it means a lot to me to be a second-generation Lawson running a successful business in Kenmore,” Lawson said. “It would be great to see us continue on for another 35 years. We love Kenmore and being located here has been a huge part of our success.”

Lawson also highlighted the positive network that the **Kenmore Chamber of Commerce** has provided Beneficial, linking Beneficial to the community as well as other businesses. “It’s great to see the Kenmore Chamber working with the local community,” Lawson said. “I think we’re all fighting for Kenmore to succeed in the long-run. We had some really cool events this past year. Better Block was amazing. I’m hopeful that we can keep the positivity in the community going.”

Beneficial Building Services is located in Kenmore at 1830 13th Street SW. Specializing in commercial office cleaning, carpet cleaning, and floor refinishing, **Beneficial Building Services Inc** currently employs nearly 60 people from the surrounding community.

For more information about **Beneficial Building Services**, please visit their website at www.beneficialbuildingservices.com or give them a call at 330-848-2556.

JC Garage Moves to New Location

JC Garage has moved again, to 2366 27th Street SW. Originally started in a 2-car residential garage, owner Eric Meloy recently re-opened his auto repair shop at 648 Kenmore Boulevard, but found this location still lacking in supplying the best service for his customers. So when the 2-bay garage at 2366 27th Street became available, he immediately moved to this spot with its better access & room for repairing both foreign & domestic vehicles.

JC Garage is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Tuesday hours are 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm, as Eric helps out at the morning food pantry at The Sanctuary in Cuyahoga Falls. They are closed Sundays.

For more information or to make an appointment for all types of auto repair, please stop in at 2366 27th Street SW or call **JC Garage** at 330-745-2211.



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New Boulevard Music Venue Aims to Spark Economic Revitalization

by Tina Boyes

On Sunday, January 14th, nearly 100 people grooved to the sounds of local musicians Zach, Raymond Flanagan, Angie Haze and A-Minus at opening night of Kenmore Boulevard's newest live music venue, **Live Music Now!**

Located at 952 Kenmore Boulevard in the former Mug Zs, **Live Music Now!** is an effort of the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** to re-imagine that physical space as a community gathering place that elevates the Boulevard's business district and celebrates one of Kenmore's most valuable and organic assets: its musical entrepreneurs.

The concept grew out of a conversation with the building's owner, local developer Todd Ederer, who was looking for a way to frame his space to potential tenants while also giving back to the community. Together, Ederer and the KNA are using the venture to spark economic development throughout the Boulevard District.

For two months, volunteers from **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** worked together to clean and renovate the building. In turn, the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** volunteers sell craft beer from **Mucky Duck Brewery** and wine from **Nauti Vine Winery** to support the organization's ongoing revitalization work.

Live Music Now! patrons are suggested a sliding-scale donation at the door, with all the money they donate going directly to the artists performing that night. The goal is to create a culture of generosity toward artists in an effort to change Kenmore's image in the broader community and prove it a viable place for artists to invest their time and talent.

Live Music Now! is a partnership between **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** and four other entities: Kenmore resident, singer-songwriter and producer Jim Ballard; recording artist, sound engineer and Boulevard studio owner M. Thomas Kinkade; Open Tone Music, a nonprofit composed of jazz musicians who offer weekly music lessons at Kenmore's **Compass Christian Church**; and **Big Love Network**, a neighborhood improvement organization which, with the help of KenMore Kreative and the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance**, recently relocated their offices to Kenmore.

All musical partners program their own night each month in order to offer diverse, high-quality entertainment that draws the community and visitors back to Kenmore Boulevard. Performances take place every first and third Thursday and Friday. Doors open at 6:30 pm with music beginning at 7:00 pm. For more information about **Live Music Now!**, or for a full list of performances, visit [Facebook.com/KenmoreLiveMusicNow](https://www.facebook.com/KenmoreLiveMusicNow).



Upcoming Events at Live Music Now!, 952 Kenmore Boulevard

February 15th - Jim Gill & Friends

February 16th - Run Thomas Run

March 1st - Jazz Night with The Open Tone All-Stars

March 2nd - HR3 Beats, Drums & Music with Zach

March 14th - The Summit presents Ray Goren with Thomas Kinkade

March 15th - Marc Lee Shannon

March 16th - Clyde Hensley & Mike Baker



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Welcome to Kenmore Branch Library!

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CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Tuesdays at 11:00 am - May 1st, May 9th, May 15th
Preschool kids age 2-5 years will enjoy stories, rhymes, music, crafts and a variety of other activities. Caregivers must remain throughout the program.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

For Grades K – 5
All programs at 4:00 pm
and limited to the first 15 arrivals.

MAGICAL SCIENCE

Wednesdays, March 7th, April 4, and May 2nd
We will turn science upside down with spectacular hands-on experiments and fun activities.

SPRING FLING

Monday, March 19th
Welcome in Spring by planting some flowers and vegetables to take home.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!

Monday, April 16th
Explore Earth Day with astonishing experiments and discover how trash and chemicals affect our planet.

MUM'S THE WORD

Monday, May 7th
Show Mom you're thinking of her this Mother's Day with beautiful cards and crafts that she will love.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

All programs are on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

LIBRARY LEGO LEAGUE

March 14th, April 18th and May 9th
Feeling creative? Stop in and build a masterpiece with other Lego lovers! All ages welcome; caretaker assistance is appreciated for younger designers. Legos and other building materials are provided.

FAMILY MOVIE

March 21st, April 11th, May 16th and May 30th
Relax with a movie, popcorn and drinks. Bring the whole family and enjoy a night at the library.

GAME NIGHT

March 28th and May 23rd
There's something for everyone at Family Game Night! We have board games, card games and toys for the tots. Games will be provided but you can bring in any of your family's favorites as well.

PAWS FOR READING

Saturdays at 12:30, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th
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TEEN AFTER SCHOOL GAME CLUB

Tuesdays at 3:30 pm on March 6th & 20th, April 3rd & 7th, May 8th & May 22nd
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TEEN TUESDAY PROGRAMS

For grades 6 to 12

TEEN CHOP STICK OLYMPICS

March 13th at 4:00 pm
Have fun unwinding from school and play zany games with chop sticks. Never used chopsticks? Come find out how!

OPEN ART

March 27th at 4:00 pm
Would you like to be creative and have an opportunity to show it? This is your chance!

CANDY SUSHI MAKING

April 10th at 4:00 pm
We will be learning how to make candy mimic Sushi through creative techniques. The first 15 students at the door will be accepted into the program.

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.
March 12th A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS by Khaled Hosseini
April 9th A MADNESS SO DISCREET by Mindy McGinnis

PYSANKY EGGS

Saturday, March 3rd at 1:00 pm
Join Denise DiGeronimo to learn to make beautifully designed Ukrainian decorated eggs. Space is limited, so please call 330-745-6126 to register.

KENMORE CRAFT CLUB

Mondays at 6:00 pm - March 12th and May 21st
Join us to make simple but lovely creations.

GETTING STARTED IN FAMILY HISTORY

Monday, April 9th at 6:00 pm
Join us for an introduction to genealogy for new family historians. This class includes an overview of genealogical sources available at the library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research.

COMPUTER CLASSES

All classes are limited to the first 15 people.

Tuesday, March 27th at 6 pm Basic Computer Skills
Wednesday, March 28th at 6 pm Windows 10
Thursday, March 29th at 6 pm File Management
Saturday, March 31st at 10:30 am Typing

BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Financial Empowerment Center Comes to Kenmore

by Angela Lowery, Manager, Financial Empowerment Center

Akron's first **Financial Empowerment Center** is opening in the Kenmore neighborhood. The Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) is a partnership between the City of Akron and the **United Way of Summit County** and supports United Way's Bold Goal 3 – to financially empower 11,000 individuals by 2025.

From January 29th to April 17th, the **Financial Empowerment Center**, located at 1060 Kenmore Boulevard, will host free tax preparation services through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. More than 80 United Way-trained and IRS-certified volunteers will help working families prepare tax returns and claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. For many households nationwide, tax refunds are the single largest income supplement they receive in a year.

Those interested in scheduling a one-on-one tax prep appointment at the **Financial Empowerment Center** should call 2-1-1. United Way will also accommodate drop-in appointments during Super Tax Saturdays on March 10th, March 24th, and April 7th, which will include family-friendly activities and community resources.

In addition to hosting the VITA program, the **Financial Empowerment Center** will also offer free, one-on-one financial counseling to help individuals and families reduce debt, build assets and achieve their personal and financial goals. Through this initiative, the City of Akron and United Way are working together to improve the economic health of our community by promoting financial stability. For more information about the **Financial Empowerment Center**, visit uwsummit.org/fec.

Akron Promise Needs You!

by Tom Ghinder

You can change lives. You can help break the poverty cycle. You are wanted and needed by students at Kenmore-Garfield High School!

In mid-November, Tom and Daralee Ghinder, founders of Akron Promise, set up a table outside the KGHS cafeteria. They had one simple sign that read, "After high school... got plans?" Students were asked about their plans after they left KGHS and if they'd like to sign up to have a mentor to coach them to their goals. Fifty-six students signed up and twenty-five have returned the required permission slips. The number was a pleasant surprise and more mentors are needed right away.

No experience is necessary! Akron Promise will provide mentors with all the needed resources. United Way's iC.A.R.E. mentoring program is providing mentor background checks, fingerprinting, and a one-hour training session. The time commitment is flexible, anywhere from one to three hours per month. Students will be matched with mentors, based on their backgrounds, interests and job choices. Mentors will meet with their students at a mutually convenient time, in or out of school.

Akron Promise is working to shape a community-involved culture of education in Akron. We're working to give students and families access appropriate supports, resources and opportunities. For more information, or to sign up, please call Tom Ghinder at 330-329-4855, email at tghinder@gmail.com, or go to <http://bit.ly/AkronPromiseKGSA>.



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The City administration has presented to Akron City Council the 2018 Capital Investment and Community Development budget (CICD). This \$330,000,000 represents investments which will be made in economic development, streets, parks, water, sewer, housing and community services.

Of the \$330,000,000, 33% of the funds are from local sources, 54% state funds and the remaining balance is both federal and private dollars. As in recent years, over 50% of the budget is dedicated to Akron's sewer project.

Of interest to Ward 9 residents would be the following improvements: Kenmore Community Center Roof, Mud Run pump station improvements, park improvements at Chestnut Ridge Park, Kenmore Boulevard/28th Street water connection, and increased residential resurfacing.

It is important to note that both the capital and operating budgets represent the promise to residents that the recently passed quarter percent income tax increased has been committed to POLICE, FIRE and STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the 9th Ward.

Councilman Mike Freeman

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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 March 6th.



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The 19th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration!

The 19th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration was a big success on Saturday December 2nd! All up & down Kenmore Boulevard, from *The Church on the Boulevard* at 6th Street, to the *Kenmore Community Center*, over to the *Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene*, back down to the *Kenmore Branch Library*, and then up to *Immaculate Conception Church*, past Santa's Sleigh at the *McCutchan Courtyard*, and all the way down to *Park United Methodist Church*, there were children's crafts, business sales & open houses, and costume characters (sponsored by the *Kiwanis Club of Kenmore*), "*The Holiday Dwelf*", & *Santa Claus* himself to entertain everyone. A big crowd waited at *Shadyside Park* that Saturday evening for the prizes of the Adult Raffle, the Children's Treasure Hunt, and the Teen Puzzle Hunt. After the tree lighting ceremony, the evening ended with the annual *Children's Party with Santa* at *Park United Methodist Church*, both sponsored by the *Kenmore Community Council Inc*.

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



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Holiday Celebration Decorating Awards

One of the events that occurred during the Kenmore Holiday Celebration was the Christmas Lights Business Decorating Awards. All the businesses who participated were asked to decorate their store-fronts in the spirit of the holidays, and with the help of a residents committee appointed by Councilman Mike Freeman, four were chosen to win in various categories. The winners were---

Best Lighting - **Freedom Tax Service** - 1014 Kenmore Boulevard

Best Use of Space - **GRACE'D Salon** - 975 Kenmore Boulevard

Most Festive - **Pierre's Brooklyn Pizza** - 964 Kenmore Boulevard

Most Traditional - **Magic City Sports Cards** - 1018 Kenmore Boulevard

Special mention should be made of **New Beginnings Boutique & Thrift Shop** (932 Kenmore Boulevard) who somehow did not win an award but had one of the nicest displays on Kenmore Boulevard.

Congratulations to ALL!!!



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Jan Williams Wins McCutchan Award

by Julie Ann Sweet-Buntin

Long time Kenmore resident and dedicated community volunteer Jan Williams won this year's McCutchan Award. The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce presents this award yearly (since 1997) in honor of Lee & Jasper McCutchan, who's dedication & contribution to the Kenmore Community will always be remembered. The McCutchan Award was awarded to Jan during the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce "Christmas Meet & Greet" at **The Rialto Theatre** on December 21st, 2017.

Jan exemplifies the attitude of service that is the spirit of the McCutchan Award. She is retired from teaching at Kenmore High School after more than 30 years of service but has not retired from being involved in our community. You will see her at nearly every home sporting event cheering on our youth. She is a member of many organizations including a founding member of the Kenmore Historical Society, Vice President of the Kenmore Athletic Booster Club, and a member of the Kenmore Kiwanis. She also volunteers for many community clean-ups and is part of the planning committee for the Summit Lake Clean-Up (see related article on PAGE 1). Every day Jan shows all of us the importance of giving back to our community and doing whatever you can to make our community better. She also mentors our football players and makes sure our community is represented through the Re-Imagine Civic Commons project. We are lucky to have you KENMORE PROUD!!



Jan Williams (right) with her Award, with Kenmore Chamber of Commerce President John Buntin Jr (left) and Award Presenter Julie Ann Sweet-Buntin

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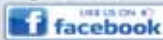


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Kenmore Kiwanis News

by Pat Cardarelli

Kenmore Kiwanis has a new member! Welcome Barb!! We also have a prospective member coming to our next meeting. Remember..anyone is welcome to come to our lunch or dinner meeting to find out what Kiwanis is about and how we help our community.

So, what is Kiwanis? It is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. It is a mosaic of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to uplift our communities and serve children around the world.

We do fundraisers like our recent mixed nut sales; Christmas caroling, or selling pop & popcorn at our Wednesday summer concerts at Shadyside Park. Where do these funds go? Food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas; book distribution at our Elementary schools; the annual Kenmore Halloween Parade; working with other Kenmore organizations in things like the Kenmore Holiday Celebration; Akron Open Streets; etc.

Would YOU like to help us help our Kenmore community? Call and/or come to one of our meetings..

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 pm or 4th Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am.

We meet in the back room at Thano's Family Restaurant at 71 Fifth Street in Barberton.

For more information please call Dick or Pat Cardarelli at 330-745-5674.



Our Favorite Elf - Richard C. (left photo) and Our Favorite Costumed Character - The Christmas Mouse

“Hop Into Spring” Craft & Vendor Show

by Barb Elliott

The Kenmore Masonic Lodge, located at 1009 Kenmore Boulevard, will be having their Fourth Annual “Hop Into Spring” Craft & Vendor Show on Saturday March 10th. This craft show is open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and will feature over 30 vendors selling everything from handmade 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 also be an Easter Basket Raffle, door prize raffles, and a 50/50 raffle. For more information please call 330-414-3540.

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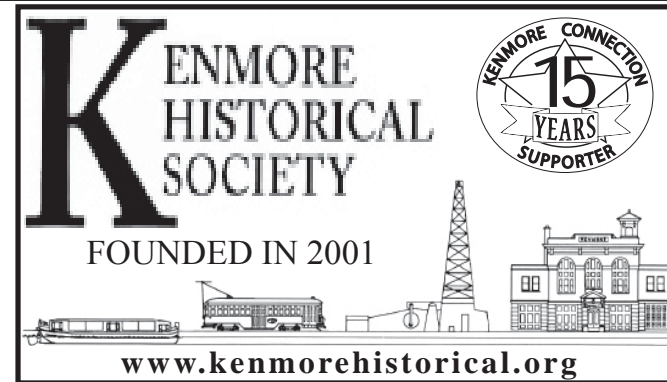


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Kenmore Historical Society News

by Lillian Jolly



Have you noticed all the changes on Kenmore Boulevard? It is encouraging to see the spruced-up store fronts, new businesses and activity happening. Things are looking up!

Kenmore first started in the area around Kenmore Boulevard and Manchester Road, near Halo (photo to left - On Kenmore Boulevard looking east toward Manchester Road). As the population grew they moved west on the boulevard (photo below - Looking from 6th Street hill toward Kenmore Boulevard & 7th Street).



As business grew along the boulevard you could find anything you needed. There were grocery stores, drug stores, service stations, restaurants, clothing stores, hardware stores, theaters, doctors, dentists, florists, banks and on and on. One of the oldest buildings, built in 1904, is now Pierre's Brooklyn Pizza & Deli on the corner of 14th Street & Kenmore Boulevard (photo to left - ca 1912-14).



The photo below is the Kenmore business section, ca. 1914. It is looking east from Kenmore Boulevard near 17th Street. The Akron Realty Company paid for all the improvements made. The property owners were not taxed for them.

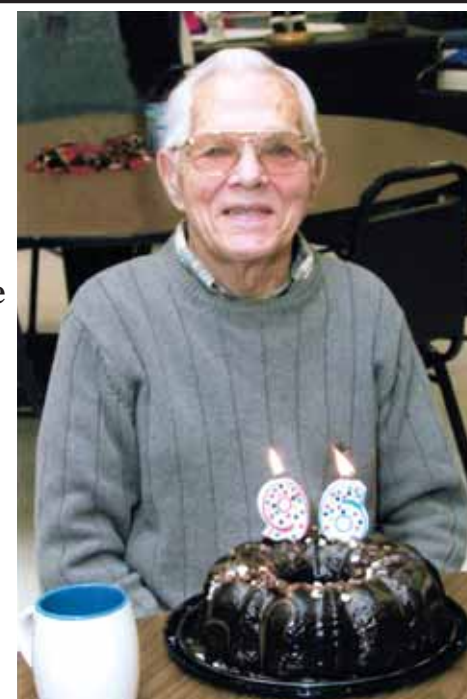


The Akron Realty Company started the new Kenmore Allotment, designed for residents, in 1901. The center part of Kenmore was allotted to business and to be confined to that section. There were 1,000 lots in the town. The Northern Ohio Traction double track electric line down the center of the boulevard was believed to be a strong feature in favor of Kenmore as a residence section to attract people from Akron and Barberton. Kenmore became a village in 1908 and a city in 1922 before annexing to Akron in 1928.

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How to Make Your Home Healthier

by Tim Chapin

We all want to be healthy. A lot of people, probably worldwide but for sure in America, make New Year's resolutions about healthier habits like dieting, exercise and weight loss. When it comes to our homes they are usually the most expensive investment we will ever make, and we spend half of our lives paying for them, improving them, and maintaining them. Between this issue of Kenmore Connections and the next, many of us will attend the Akron and/or Cleveland Home and Garden shows.

But what about the intersection of our homes and our health? Ever think about that? Well the good news is that your home can be an integral part of living a healthy life. And there are easy, and inexpensive (even free) things you can do to make sure you are protecting yourself and your family!

There are 3 things that are particularly relevant during the Winter, and during this issue's quarter: 1) National Radon Action Month is January every year, 2) Attached Garages can be particularly hazardous in the Winter, and 3) the last week of April is Air Quality Awareness week.

National Radon Action Month

January was National Radon Action Month

Radon is the number two cause of lung cancer in the USA, right behind cigarette smoking. It causes approximately 20,000 deaths per year in the USA. Summit County, on average across many tests, is expected to have readings above 4 pCi/L, that is the action level, and that means you should remediate it. You can see this on the EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/radon/find-information-about-local-radon-zones-and-state-contact-information#radonmap> Here in Ohio we have a great FREE resource available to us. Action in Radon starts with AWARENESS, and awareness starts with testing. You can get a free test through the Ohio Department of Health at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ODHPR.../.../radlic/radout/radonedu.aspx>. A really great Healthy Home Resolution to make this year is to become aware, get tested, and act on the results.

Attached Garage Hazards

Attached garages, especially during a Winter like this can be one of life's greatest conveniences... but they also can pose a threat to our health and safety. The good news is the solution is very easy! Probably the first thing you think of when I write "Attached Garage Hazards" is Carbon monoxide (CO)...and that is the biggest threat. A university study found that in incidences where carbon monoxide alarms were activated, the fire departments traced the source of CO to the attached garage. Never running your car in the garage can help, but it isn't a complete solution. In addition to CO, your gas tank gives off gas and benzene (carcinogen) continuously. What else do you store in your attached garage? Gas cans, paint, pesticides, fertilizer, cleaning products? They all evaporate chemicals into the garage air, and the garage air is drawn into the house by the Stack Effect (as hot air rises it draws replacement air from the easiest and worst places). Two things will protect your family from the hazards of your attached garage: 1) Get good digital CO detectors and have at least one in the room(s) adjoining the garage. The digital CO detector gives you added protection because it shows exposure long before any alarm will be activated. 2) Install an exhaust fan in the garage exhausting to the outdoors. At least 70 cfm. This has been part of the Energy Star Indoor AirPlus guidelines for new homes for several years, but is an easy add on to existing homes. Run it continuously and protect your family year round!

Air Quality Awareness Week (last week of April)

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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

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@fbcoak.com
www.fbcoak.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

Reverend Barry C. Pegues, Pastor
O. D. Leonard, Pastor Emeritas

Hours of Service

Sunday School 9:15 am

Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

7:00 pm to 8:00 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

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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

Good Friday Service: Friday, March 30th, 6:30 pm
Easter SonRise Service: Sunday, April 16th, 8:00 am,
followed by a no-cost Breakfast and then
followed by Easter Worship Service, 10:00 am

Outreach Food Pantry

Monday Mornings 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
February 19th, March 5th & 19th,
April 2nd & 16th, May 7th & 21st

Outreach Food Pantry

Monday Evenings 5:30 to 7:30 pm
February 26th, March 12th & 26th,
April 9th & 23rd, May 14th & 28th

Rimer CLC Enjoys Programs from the Illusion Factory

by Jenifer Sotak



Illusion Factory Performs

Rimer Community Learning Center's students had the opportunity to view two different performances by the Illusion Factory. One of the performances, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was presented in the evening in December. All students and parents were invited to attend. Another performance was "The Emperor's New Clothes", which emphasized the importance of honesty. This event was held during the day at school and all students and staff attended the performance. The children truly enjoyed the performances, part of which were paid for by a grant.

Sam Salem Eagles Give Back to Community

by School Climate Committee

Sam Salem Community Learning Center has been busy for the past few months! In October, students participated in "Soctober". The event was headed by Ed Savoy, fifth grade teacher. Over the course of four weeks, fifth grade students encouraged the student body to donate new pairs of socks to those less fortunate. Through morning announcements and collection updates, the entire student body was kept up to date of the process. At the end of October, a total of 947 pairs of socks were donated. Mrs. Blackburn's first grade class collected the most with 178 pairs! Thanks to the generosity of our students, many Akron community members will have toasty toes during these cold months to come!

During the month of November, the Eagles were generous again, donating food items to Good Neighbors. Thanks to our Student Council and school counselor Allene Slawter, our school collected 482 food items. Student Council collected, counted, sorted, and loaded boxes for the Good Neighbor vans. Student Council also made posters to display throughout the school and created morning announcements promoting the food drive.

Members of the Sam Salem CLC Student Council also volunteered their time in November at the Kenmore Community Center Dinner. Family members transported their student council members to the event,

where eager members helped young children with crafts. Supervisors of the event were appreciative of the Student Council members willingness to help with dedication to doing a good job.



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Park United Methodist Church Update on the West Africa Clinic in Zimbabwe

by Mary Ann Gesaman, Mission Chair Park Church

The walls, the roof, the plumbing, the electric, the door and window frames have been completed. Is it amazing what God can do!! The plastering of the interior walls has started. We need to fund the windows and the doors.

Onias and Diana Mabgwe have just returned from Gweru, Zimbabwe where this clinic is located. If you remember, this clinic is a vision of the Mabgwe's who grew up in Zimbabwe and are familiar with the lack of medical care available to the people in this area for Africa. The nearest clinic, at present, is more than 30 miles away. The clinic we are building is more like a small hospital. It will provide medical care and health education for over 200,000 people in this area of Africa. The cost to build this clinic is estimated at \$100,000 which Park Church is working on raising.

Our next fund raiser is Dining to Donate at Applebee's at Chapel Hill (508 Howe Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls) on March 15th, please see the flyer on Page 24 for the times. A flyer is needed to be presented at Applebee's so that the West Side Clinic will receive 15% of your check when you dine at the Applebee's at Chapel Hill only.

We are still accepting donations. Please send any donations to: Park Church, 2308 24th Street, SW, Akron, Ohio 44314 marked for the West Side Clinic. We are grateful for any donation and for your support in the building project.



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.

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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.



Spring Will Bloom at Park Church

by Lauren Presutt

Kenmore Cafe is open the last Tuesday of each month. This community dinner is open to all, bring a friend or two, make a friend or two. These hot, home made dinners are served the last Tuesday of each month from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Plan to join us each month!

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

Interested in Piano Lessons? Karen currently has openings for students of all ages, youth to seniors. The Annual Spring Piano Recital will be in April at Park Church. Parents and students are encouraged to contact the church office for additional information for this event or for piano lessons with Karen.

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

Park Little Shepherd Preschool has immediate openings for ALL students' ages 3-4 years of age. A new semester has just begun in January! For questions or registration information or to enroll your student, please call the Park Church Office at 330-745-3714.

KenMore Kreative Moves Forward

by Lauren Presutti

Did you catch our production of “A Charlie Brown Christmas” over the month of December? KenMore Kreative joined forces with The Rialto Theater to bring “A Charlie Brown Christmas” to the community of Kenmore EACH Saturday in December. The play was fun for the students to perform, and at less than 30 minutes long was perfect for young children to experience with their families.

Also in December we worked with the students at Pfeiffer Elementary and Sam Salem Elementary to complete our banner painting for the Countdown to First Night at Lock 3. The banner was drawn by Beth Balint, a local student attending STEM High School, and painted by the 5th grade classes at Pfeiffer Elementary. On December 28th, we all met down at Lock 3 to watch them drop our banner and enjoy some fun skating and playing polar putt-putt. If you have not made it down to see our banner, you still have a few days left.

KenMore Kreative hosted the debut of the Innes Talent Show on February 8th at Compass Christian Church. This exciting event showcased all the students at Innes Middle School who had been rehearsing for several weeks. The talent show included singing, dancing, and comedians.

So what is next for KenMore Kreative? We will have a General Membership meeting, open to the public on February 13th at 6:00 pm at the Kenmore Branch Library. We would love to have you join us and share with us as we continue our journey to bring the arts to the families in Kenmore. Watch for our upcoming Writers’ Workshop, Theater Workshops, film editing and so much more coming throughout 2018. If you haven’t done so, you can “like” our FaceBook page, Kenmorekreative, and of course if you have any questions, comments or concerns for us, please email us at kenmorekreative@gmail.com.



The Cast of “A Charlie Brown Christmas”

Kenmore Youth Baseball

by Bob Crum

Kenmore Youth Baseball and Softball League had over 170 participants for the 2017 Season playing on 14 different teams. Although the season had a lot of bumps, we managed to keep the lights on and every Friday and Saturday night there was a game being played at Prentiss Park!

There were plenty of other games at Prentiss Park going on during the week and during the day on Saturdays as well. Our Coach Pitch and T-Ball teams kept the Angeletti fields busy every day with 50 plus games between the two fields. We had our older boys wearing out the infield at Nesmith Lake field also.

KYBSL stayed busy this past Spring and Summer as we participated in the Stark Summit Baseball League, Rubber City Baseball League, Rubber City Softball League, and Hot Stove Baseball League. We didn’t have anyone bring home the gold this year, but we did enjoy silver and bronze finishers.

At the end of June, we did the first ever t-ball game under the lights at Prentiss Park. The 5 and 6 year old boys and girls that played in the game had the time of their young baseball careers. We plan to do it again during the 2018 Season as well as adding more fun games for the baseball and softball players in our league.

The organization of baseball requires a lot of volunteer assistance as games are spread out across multiple fields in multiple communities playing in multiple leagues. KYBSL lost two long time Board Members and Kenmore Alumni at the end of the season, Tim and Heather Smith. We wish them well as they move on in their endeavors and their help with the league will be missed. We are excited to have 6 new Board Members going into the 2018 Season however.

As a completely volunteer organization, we can use as much help as we can get. KYBSL is always looking for board members, coaches, umpires, and parents to keep our program a successful one. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact me or any Board Member.

We are already in the planning stages for next season. Registrations start in January! The City of Akron has improved the infields at Prentiss Park with new crushed brick and we can’t wait to break them in. As open enrollment in the schools complicates community based sports, just know that the Kenmore Youth Baseball and Softball League welcomes all players in the area. We’ll leave the lights on for you!

We hope to see all our 2017 players and all the new participants for the 2018 Season at sign ups this January.

2018 Kenmore Youth Baseball & Softball League Board Members

President – Bob Crum

Community Events – Samantha Headrick

Vice President – Ryan Tackett

Uniform Manager – Rachel Jones

Secretary – Joyce Frame

Umpire in Chief – Anthony Meeks

Treasurer – Ron Frame

Junior Commissioner – Bobby Rowe

Ways & Means – Kevin Gerber

Instructional Commissioner – Anthony McQuaide

Ways & Means – Jon Steed

Kenmore Scout News

by Melissa Sloan

I cannot count the times that I have been out with my son after a Scout meeting and in our uniforms that I have heard “Oh I didn’t know Boy Scouts were still around.” We are very much still around and looking to grow.

Cub Scouts - Our Cub Scout Pack meets at Park United Methodist Church on Mondays for Webelos (grades 4 & 5) at 7:00 pm, on Thursdays for Lions (kindergarten) and Tigers (grade 1) at 6:00 pm, and also on Thursdays for Wolves (grade 2) and Bears (grade 3) at 7:00 pm.

Boy Scouts - The Boy Scout Troop is also still around and doing great things for our community and becoming great leaders. Boy Scouts is for boys grades 6 thru 12, up to age 18. We meet on Mondays at 7:00 pm at Park United Methodist Church.

Troop 210 will have a Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction on February 24th, with doors open at 4:00 pm and dinner at 5:00 pm. It will be at the Park United Methodist Church Social Hall (2308 24th Street SW). Cost is \$8.00 each for ages over 13, \$5.00 each for ages 3 to 13, and free for children under 3. Baskets will include Cavs, Indians & Browns items, a YMCA Basket, and much more!!!

Any questions please contact Melissa Sloan at 330-937-5666 or Jim Scheck at 330-687-7222.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Boy Scout Troop 210

by Richard Cox, Committee Chair of Troop 210

Kenmore Boy Scout Troop 210 will be hosting a spaghetti dinner/silent auction on Saturday February 24th. As a troop, they are looking to raise money to help financially challenged young men and their families, to participate in and gain valuable life skills from Scouting. They are looking for donations of a basket or items for silent auction and/or food for the dinner.

The skills that these young men carry forward from Scouting are invaluable in helping to prepare them for the challenges that they will face in the future. Scouting builds self-confidence and self-esteem in every boy that participates and gives them valuable life skills to build upon for the rest of their lives. Your contributions would go towards fees for camp-outs, upkeep and/or replacement of our equipment trailer, repairing/replacing tents needed for various campouts, and many other expenses that help these young men go on scouting adventures. The resources that you donate also go towards the cost of helping these young men participate in various character building activities such as: summer camp at Camp Manatoc, hiking and fishing campouts, bike/hike trail activities and many other activities to help them climb the lofty ranks up to Eagle Scout.

Thank you in advance for your contribution. Please contact Melissa Sloan at 330-937-5666 or mas44240@yahoo.com to arrange pick up of items or if there are any questions about attending the spaghetti dinner on Saturday February 24th.

Kenmore Youth Football Plans “A Night at the Races”

by Rick G Laney

As we approach the 2018 season of Kenmore Youth Football we are excited to announce that we have joined the OGYFA (Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association).

We will be having our annual Night at the Races fundraiser March 3rd at the VFW Hall on Waterloo Road. This is a 21 and over event. Tickets are \$20 for a horse that you name, dinner and drinks or \$10 for dinner and drinks only. Betting tables are open to anyone who has a ticket. Of course, you can bring your favorite snacks to share. There will be door prizes, 50/50 raffles, betting wheel, music and lots of fun. For tickets please contact Rick Laney at 330-777-9450, Joyce Laney 330-208-6269, or email KYF at kyfkenmoreohio@gmail.com. Follow KYF on Facebook at Kenmore Youth Football and you will find us on the web under Kenmore Youth Football on a leaguelineup page.

Mark your calendars! We will be having football and cheerleading sign-ups May 5th, May 12th, June 2nd and June 9th at Prentice Park KYF football field from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Ages are 7 (6 are being considered) to 12. Seventh graders will be considered by the league’s weight limitations.

We are always looking for volunteers for the Kenmore Youth Football Program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Rick Laney at 330-777-9450, email kyfkenmoreohio@gmail.com, or inbox on Facebook Kenmore Youth Football. Every little bit is appreciated.





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- 9:30 EASTER PARTY - Craft Activity, Clown & Magicians, Punch & Donuts, at the Kenmore Senior / Community Center
- 10:45 All Prize Drawings Given Away!
- 11:00 Bunny Hop to the Easter Egg Hunt!
- 12:00-2:00 Easter Carnival at Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene

Young Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsors and organizers of this special family event are:
Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, Kenmore Community Council Inc, Kenmore Community Center, Kiwanis Club of Kenmore, First Glance Student Center, and the Kenmore Historical Society. It is funded by donations, and by an Akron Neighborhood Partnership Grant from the City of Akron and the Akron Community Foundation.

Immaculate Conception of Mary Parish

2100 16th Street, SW

The Season of Lent and Easter Sunday

Ash Wednesday, 14 February

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Distribution of Ashes

Anointing of the Sick, 21 February & 28 March

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist

All Churches in the Diocese of Cleveland: Day of Penance, 28 February

Confessions 5:00 to 8:00 pm (no 5:30 pm Mass)

Communal Penance Service at St. Augustine Church, Barberton

Monday 12 March, Confessions 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Holy Thursday, 29 March

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration

Good Friday, 30 March

7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy of The Lord's Passion (no Mass or Stations)

Holy Saturday, 31 March

12:00 Noon, Blessing of Easter Food

8:00 pm Solemn Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday, 1 April

8:30 and 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday Vigil at 5:30

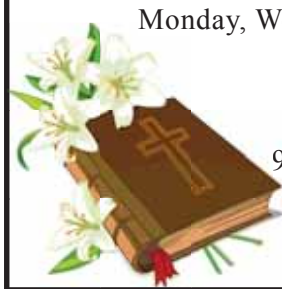

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6:30 pm Fridays of Lent

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Kenmore/Garfield High School Free Soup & Salad Luncheon
Wednesday, February 21st Starts at 12:00 noon
\$1 for desserts to support the culinary arts program

Kenmore Community Center Craft Show
Saturday, April 14th
10:00 am to 2:00 pm - Free admission
To rent a table for \$10, call the Community Center at 330-375-2812