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Showcase Meats Moving to New Location in Kenmore

Showcase Meats is moving to a larger location in Kenmore!

Founded in 1971 by Allen & Fay Perry at 1971 16th Street SW, Showcase Meats quickly became known as "The Best Meat Market in Town", due to the knowledge and skill of Allen as a Master Butcher. They also gained a reputation for their "Famous Fried Chicken" after they created a perfect recipe and cooking method for chicken. When daughters Robin and Renee joined the business, they helped to continue Showcase Meats popularity with promotions on billboards, the store website, social media, and advertising in local newspapers and coupon books. All this great food and hard work has paid off so well that Showcase Meats now needs to expand, as there is just not enough space outside for parking or inside to expand and grow.

This is why they are moving to a new location (just three minutes from their current building) in Kenmore, to 2355 Manchester Road, across the street from the former Akron Baptist Temple. Showcase Meats will still offer their fresh cut meats and great carry-out food, and their deli & fresh bakery products. "We are looking forward to seeing our customers at our new location" says Robin, "where we will offer many new services, such as an expanded catering line, corporate lunches, and stocking many new grocery items."



With a larger kitchen at 2355 Manchester Road, Showcase Meats will be able to offer more food and catering services for special events and parties. They will also have expanded hours and will be open 9:00 am to 9:00 pm seven days a week. Please check out their ad with coupons in this newspaper on Page 10, and visit them during their Grand Opening in early June, where there will be many fantastic discounts, giveaways, and free samples!

Pfeiffer Elementary School Centennial Celebration!



Pfeiffer Elementary School

2019 marks the 100th year of operation for Pfieffer Elementary School, and they would like to celebrate this Centennial with a party for all those in Akron whose lives have been touched by their time at Pfieffer! The walls of Pfeiffer Elementary School hold many memories for those who have been fortunate enough to attend such a special place! All are invited to attend this Centennial Celebration on Friday May 17th, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and Principal Hranko and the staff at Pfeiffer wish to thank those businesses and individuals who donated food, party items, gift cards and other materials for this grand celebration!

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Staff of GRACE'D Salon to Move to New Location

GRACE'D Salon, located at 975 Kenmore Boulevard, will be closing soon as it transitions into a coffee shop, but the staff wishes to let all their loyal customers know that most will still be available to offer their services to their customers. "I am grateful for all the years I have spent working in Kenmore" says Zoe Ann Boring, former owner of Zoe Ann's Beauty Salon (as it was originally called for almost fifty years). "I hope to see all my friends and loyal customers at Concetta's".



Zoe Ann Boring at GRACE'D Salon

Concetta's Creative Cuts is located at 3515 Manchester Road (just a little ways South of Kenmore), and will welcome not only Zoe Ann but also other members of GRACE'D Salon including Nancy McKee, Pat Nettle and Christy Sprouse. There will be plenty of parking at the new location, and of course plenty of familiar faces to serve you.

Past Memories: Building a New Future for the Kenmore Freeze

by Kim Doyle

The little big Custard Stand was boarded up with a sign "Thanks see you in the spring" as usual, but it was too early to close and the following spring never came. Something didn't set right and the local neighborhood seemed deflated as another historical landmark of Kenmore appeared to fade away.

It's clear that the Kenmore Freeze closing affected the entire community. That's when JoAnne Doyle and her two daughters, Shawna and Sheila pondered the idea "what if". They knew there would be obstacles to overcome and they started immediately to lay the groundwork, count the cost, and take the leap of faith. Thanks to their immediate family and church family at Shoreline Community Church, much help, support and encouragement was given.

JoAnne, eager to serve the entire community and loyal customers, spoke with Dianne Bray at great length to assure a customer and community centric approach would be her Mission. There will be some changes to the menu next year, but Roll-Back pricing will be our way to give back in advance.

As of today's date, many changes have already taken place within the building. We have been busy updating and remodeling the property. The Doyle's will continue many of the past traditions of legendary custard stands such as sponsoring local sports teams and supporting community programs along with other organizations.

Due to the remodeling and many things that have come up unexpectedly, the plan now is to open by June 1st and have a Grand Opening soon thereafter. Be sure to keep an eye out for opening day information and many other updates.

We are all excited and look forward to see all the smiles and hear all the laughter this community has! Thank you!



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Banking Isn't Easy

by Nicole Chavers, Bank On Rubber City Manager, United Way of Summit County

Despite the countless financial products available today, people face many barriers to banking, including accessibility issues, limited branch hours, mistrust, excessive fees and lack of information. Overall, in Summit County, 23% of the population is unbanked or underbanked – meaning they don't have a bank account or rely on costly financial services like check cashers or high fee pay cards.

At the Akron Financial Empowerment Center in Kenmore, 12% of our financial coaching clients do not have a checking or savings account. This means they must pay for services that are typically free with a mainstream bank – such as paying bills or depositing money. On average, this comes out to an additional \$40,000 paid in fees over the course of a lifetime.

That's why our financial empowerment work includes helping clients in Kenmore and other Summit County communities overcome the barriers to banking. We are working to ensure local residents have banking options that aren't just accessible, but safe and affordable as well. Through the banks and credit unions we partner with, such as Chase Bank (Chase Secure Account), KeyBank (Key Hassle-Free Account), S & T Bank (Easy Banking) and U S Bank (Safe Debit), local residents have access to checking accounts with low or no monthly fee and no possibility of overdrafts. These Bank On certified checking accounts can be opened online or at any branch location and are available to individuals even if they have been denied an account in the past due to overdrawn accounts or other Chex Systems issues.

While having a bank account is not the solution to all financial troubles, education, tools to manage funds and safe checking products are an important building block toward financial empowerment. The team at the Financial Empowerment Center will continue to advocate to banks for safe products and build out resources for clients to be better informed when making financial choices.

For more information on how to become a Bank On partner or for assistance connecting with an affordable bank account, please contact Nicole Chavers at 330-685-9430 or email bankon@uwsummit.org.



Highland Park Block Watch News

by Greg Burke

The Highland Park Block Watch continues to be among the largest and most active block watches here in Akron. Our April meeting featured Jason Segedy, the Planning Director for the City of Akron. Jason is a favorite of ours and we always look forward to his annual visit. Our May 1st meeting featured our annual town hall style "Meeting with the Mayor" with Mayor Dan Horrigan. On June 5th we will welcome Keller Williams Chervenic Realty's Candy Kelly. Candy has been a very successful Realtor in both Florida and Ohio so bring your real estate questions with you on June 5th.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm at Sam Salem CLC, 1222 West Waterloo Road. Our monthly meetings feature APD, city officials, and literally a Who's Who of speakers from all walks of life. For more information please contact Greg Burke, Captain at 330-730-2612 cell/text or at gburke0054@gmail.com.



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Councilman's Corner

Residential Reminders

Spring is here. We are all coming out of our houses and noticing the corners of our neighborhoods that need attention, including our own homes. Please find below a few reminders for being a good neighbor.

GRASS - make sure to mow regularly. Grass is not permitted to grow beyond 8 inches in height.

VEHICLE REPAIR - an auto repair business is not permitted in residential neighborhoods.

TRASH PICKUP - If you use the City's trash pick up service, receptacles are not to be placed on the street before 4:30 pm the day before pickup. Receptacles should be removed by 6:00 pm on the days of pickup.

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Help keep sustain and improve your neighborhood and have a great Spring!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Councilman.

Councilman Mike Freeman 330-283-7582 ward9@akronohio.gov

Ward 9 Councilman's Meetings

Councilman Freeman holds a public meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at the Kenmore Community Center, starting at 7:00 pm. Please join him at 880 Kenmore Boulevard to discuss your community and your city! The next meeting is Tuesday June 4th.



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Children's Librarian:

Becky Byrne

Children's Programs

Afternoon movie:

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Family Games:

6/12/19 and 7/10/19 @ 1:00

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Teen Librarian:

Amy Conrad

Teen Programs

Egg drop challenge:

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Grades 6-12 create a contraption to protect your egg from breaking when a local fireman drops your egg from the top of a tower truck!

Dancing in the sun:

<u>6/25/19 @ 1:00</u>

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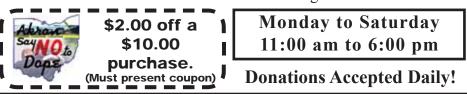
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Fun for All at the 20th Annual Kenmore Craft & Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Annual Kenmore Craft & Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday April 13th at the **Kenmore Community Center**. The Children's Craft Party included refreshments, craft projects, a clown, many prizes, balloons, and special guests - The Easter Bunny & the Easter Ducky, who spent most of there time taking pictures with the excited children. It was a beautiful day for the Easter Egg Hunt itself, held by the student parking lot at Kenmore High School.

Special thanks to the **Kiwanis Club of Kenmore** who supplied the punch & donuts given out to everyone who attended, **Kenmore Komics & Games** for donating comic books, coloring books & many Easter Gift Baskets for the prize drawings, the **Kenmore Historical Society** for the balloons, and to the **Kenmore Seniors Club** for stuffing candy in the over 3000 eggs supplied by the **Kenmore Community Council**.

And finally, bravo to Alice Incorvia and the staff at the **Kenmore Community Center**, for all of their hard work getting the center ready, hosting the crafts event, and cleaning up after the party - they did an excellent job! Thanks also to the adult supervisors and youth volunteers who helped make this a fun event for all the children who participated.



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KCC Announces Fund Drive for the Swords Memorial Gazebo at Shadyside Park

by Dave Hoppe

The Kenmore Community Council is announcing a campaign to raise funds which will be used to maintain and improve the Cletus Swords Memorial Gazebo at Shadyside Park.

The Swords Memorial Gazebo was completed in June 1996. Construction was funded by residents and businesses here in Kenmore. The Gazebo is an iconic landmark in our neighborhood and has been enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. It is the home of the City of Akron/Kenmore summer concert series, Kenmore holiday celebrations and other major community events.

The Gazebo has given us many pleasant memories over the years. Now our Gazebo is calling out to us for a little TLC and for some major renovations.

A new roof was recently installed. Future planned Gazebo improvements include electrical system upgrades, enhanced landscaping, new railings and benches, renewed flooring and an electronic community message board.

Funds will be raised from contributions, the sale of memorial plaques, Gazebo T-shirts and cups. Consider renting the Gazebo for your next event such as a graduation celebration, wedding, anniversary party, retirement party, family reunion and the like. Rentals for such events start at \$25.00 for residents and \$50.00 for non-residents (outside of 44314). There is a \$25.00 security deposit which will be refunded if there are no damages and if the Gazebo is cleaned up after your event. Memorial plaques are being sold at \$25.00 for residents and \$50.00 for businesses. Memorial plaques are mounted on the interior ceiling of the Gazebo and can be personalized to recognize a donor, to provide a permanent tribute to someone near and dear, to memorialize a beloved pet, and other such life events. Own a Kenmore based business? Consider making a donation for major renovation items: benches, flooring, railings, and the electronic community message board or for landscaping improvements. Your business will be recognized with a special marker or plaque that will inform residents and visitors of your generous gift.

The Kenmore Community Council is a 501(c)3 organization and is recognized as a non-profit charitable group by the IRS. Contributions and memorials are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

For more information on Plaques and Rental Contracts please call Jo Ann Smith at 330-745-0738. If you wish to make a contribution for renovations: checks can be made out and mailed to Kenmore Community Council Inc, P.O. Box 3954, Akron OH 44314.

Summit Lake Clean-Up

by Julie Ann Sweet-Buntin

On April 20th, 2019, volunteers from all over the Akron area joined together to participate in a large-scale cleanup at Summit Lake. Over 250 volunteers helped collect 3.31 tons of litter, as well as 18 tires, in just 3 hours. We had great support from the City of Akron with their sanitation crew working "overtime" to gather the collected trash, and with Keep Akron Beautiful trailers and sign up support. We covered the entire lake, with volunteers working in their assigned zones and making sure each area was litter free.

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

Keep Akron Beautiful was able to be on site with their community improvement trailers to help man the volunteers with the tools they needed to get the job done: gloves, rakes, litter grabbers and GLAD trash bags, as well as recycling bags.

Safety was one of the top concerns during the planning process of the cleanup. The Akron Police Department was on site to assist with the disposal of portable meth labs, needles and other hazardous materials found during the cleanup. City Sanitation supported the cleanup efforts Saturday morning as well, and with the help of their Packard truck, the 3.31 tons of litter collected by volunteers was able to be quickly disposed of. An extra big thank you to the crew for their hard work. Volunteers were also provided breakfast and lunch for their hard work!

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



Volunteers Help Cleanup Summit Lake

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

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

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

Game Day Every Monday 12 to 3:00 pm Play cards, board games or whatever you are interested in. This program is free to all. Bring a snack or drink to share!

Adult Make it & Take it Art & Craft Class

4th Tuesday of the month 6:00 to 8:00 pm, \$10 Call the center for more information. Preregistration required. Mobile Meals Monday thru Friday Call 330-753-4771 between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon two (2) days in advance for meal reservation.

Penny Bingo Tuesdays 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm Only a penny a card! Bring a snack to share if you wish. Everyone welcome! Kenmore Senior Club Meetings the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm Entertainment, travel, and current events.

Billiard's Table

Available for playing. Please call the center for hours.

Chair Yoga Wednesdays at 10:00 am 50 cents per class.

Popcorn & Movie Fridays at 12:00 noon 50 cents per bag of popcorn.

Summer Camps Start Soon!

See Page 22 for Details

Teen Tuesdays

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Kenmore Kiwanis News



by Pat Cardarelli

Watch out - here comes summer! Wednesday night concerts at Shadyside Park are 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We will be there with the best popcorn in town and pop/water to wash it down. We will also be helping out with all the activities on Kenmore Boulevard and at Chestnut Ridge Park. We completed our Free Book Distribution in May at Kenmore's three elementary schools. We can always use a helping hand or two. Come join us!

But....what is a Kiwanian? What do we do? How can you become a member?

A Kiwanian is a member of Kiwanis. We are the Kenmore Kiwanis. We are a small club (hint - we need more members) in Ohio District 16, which is a small part of Kiwanis International. Yes, Kiwanis is a world-wide organization whose main focus is on children and our community.

What does Kenmore Kiwanis do? We help out wherever we can in our community, with book distributions at our elementary schools, donuts & punch at the Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt, volunteering at the Free Store, giving donations when and where we can (ie: Boy Scout camp), helping with community clean-ups, and Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

We do many fundraisers to pay for these activities. Events like the popcorn & pop at Shadyside Park, pop sales at Busk Until Dusk, asking businesses and individuals to sponsor a class at the elementary schools so we can purchase the books for distribution, and our annual yard sale, to name a few.

How can you become a member? You can contact a current member or you can come to one of our dinner meetings. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:00 pm at Thano's Restaurant on 5th Street in Barberton. We have a short meeting and interesting speakers.

Come join us and help out your community and meet some new friends! Please contact Dick or Pat Cardarelli at 330-745-5674 for more information.



Kenmore Wrestling Club to Hold Poker Run Fundraiser

The Kenmore Wrestling Club will have a Poker Run & Community Dinner on Sunday June 2nd. It will be at the King Sportsman Tavern, located at 1402 West Waterloo Road, from 12 noon to 8 pm.

Registration begins at 10:30 am, with the first bike out at noon, and the last bike due in at 5:00 pm. Cost is \$15 per rider (cars welcome), \$10 per passenger and \$10 per ghost rider. Best poker hand wins a cash prize.

After the poker run, there will be a Community Dinner & Raffle open to all, starting at 5:00 pm and running until 8:00 pm at the Kings Sportsman Tavern, Cost per dinner is \$5 per person. All families and non-riders are welcome! The will be a 50/50 drawing, custom raffle baskets, and a chance to win a Honda Shadow VLX Custom Bobber. You can finish the evening with a DJ, dancing and fun!

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Kenmore Historical Society News

by Lillian Jolly

In 1901 when the Akron Realty Company began selling lots in Kenmore they came up with a unique way to bring in the buyers. They decided ten houses would be given away by the company as prizes in a Homing pigeon contest. They advertised their opening sale in almost every city in Ohio and some in Pennsylvania.

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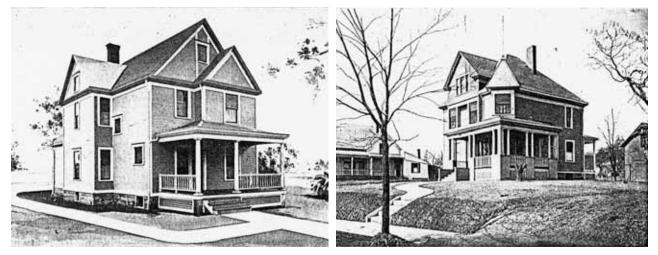
Each purchaser of a lot can buy a Homing pigeon. The purchasers who first pay for one hundred lots, in full, will form Class A. The first contest will take place when one hundred lots are paid for. The owner of the winning pigeon will have the first choice of the ten houses. The second hundred will be Class B, and the owner of the winner will have second choice and so on until the ten homes worth \$30,000 have been disposed of. No winning pigeon to enter a second race. No officer or director of the Akron Realty Company will be allowed to enter a pigeon in any contest.

Mr. Sam Hibbs had Homing pigeon lofts in Kenmore full of birds ready to enter the flying contests arranged by the Akron Realty Company. All the birds in the contests would be young and know no other home than Kenmore.

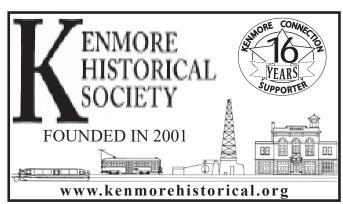
Many people came for the first contest on June 8th, 1901. The pigeons were taken almost to Barberton and released. The first one to return to Kenmore and enter the lofts had the number 805 attached to one of its legs. It was the property of T. H. Smith, Treasurer of Stark County. He had purchased ten lots on his first visit here.

Another pigeon was on its way ahead of the winning bird, but stopped at the door of the loft to eat a kernel of corn. The winner flew past him and into the loft first. Unfortunately, a kernel of corn cost an unknown party \$3,000.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR The Kenmore Historical Society does not meet in May. Our next meeting will be June 24th at 6:30 pm at the Kenmore Library



Two of Ten Houses Given Away, Worth \$3,000.00 Each



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



Kenmore High School Class of 1949 70th Reunion at the The Galaxy Restaurant in Wadsworth

Date: Thrusday, May 23rd Time: 1:00 P.M.

Contact: Betty D. Molnar at 330-645-6921

or

Peggy K Bandy at 330-848-4035

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The Secret History of the House at 915 Kenmore Boulevard

an Addendum by Thomas Padgett

(The November 2015 issue of the Kenmore Connection featured a twopage article called "The Secret History of the House at 915 Kenmore Boulevard", written by Keith Pettit (see www.kenmoreboardoftrade. org/images/docs/connections/KEN_CON_65.pdf). With the passing of Keith Pettit, his friend Thomas Padgett wanted the community to see this article about the rest of the history of 915 Kenmore Boulevard.)

The original article was researched by the late Keith Pettit (b: 4-27-1951 d: 3-3-2019). He began the article, and I had the privilege of editing his efforts and adding more details. True to his humble nature he deliberately omitted any mention of himself in the fascinating history of the house, but that needs to corrected, even if it is tragically too late for Keith.

What was not mentioned in the original article was the evolution of the Empire Service Station that Willis continued to operate directly adjacent to the house. The station provided a broad range of automotive maintenance services such as oil changes, brake replacement, and engine tune-ups. The shop also had two gas pumps and made old-fashion "service with a smile" the Pettit standard.

Keith was the grandson of the above-mentioned Willis G. Pettit and the son of Willis R and Dorthy E Pettit. Willis R was a decorated bomber pilot in the Pacific theater during World War 2. Following the war's end, Willis returned home and assumed the role of assisting his father in operating the family business of keeping the cars of Kenmore running smoothly. While still in grade school, Keith demonstrated a mechanical aptitude far beyond his tender years and ensured that the third generation of Pettit's would keep the house in their possession and continue to build the auto business now known as Pettit's Automotive Electric Marathon.

When his father passed away in 2000, Keith assumed the mantle of ownership of the station and continued to serve his loyal customers. Possessed with an old-school, laid back, unassuming manner, Keith treated many of his customers as his friends. A little known fact was that after graduating from Kenmore High School in 1969, Keith had enrolled at Akron University to study accounting. In spite of his academic success, he left college before obtaining his degree. He turned down the possibility of a lucrative career as a Certified Public Accountant out of loyalty to his parents and the legacy of the business.

In an age of increasing impersonal service and questionable business practices of many in the auto repair field, Keith was a true beacon of integrity. Throughout the next several decades of the 1960s, 70s, and 80s, the facility continued to prosper. The Pettit reputation for integrity and mechanical know-how spread quickly, and the residents of Kenmore showed their appreciation by continuing to turn to the shop for their automotive needs. As time passed the auto repair industry became increasingly complex. The days of backyard mechanics and mom & pop corner stations were replaced by expensive computer technology, massive machinery, and stringent governmental regulations. As a result of these trends, Pettit's Automotive resembled an anachronism, a throwback to an earlier time. In the new era full service, two pump gas stations were replaced by self-service multiple pump convenience stores. Consumers paid by credit cards at the pump, and dealerships were required for all but the simplest repair jobs...often at a prohibitive price. That fact alone endeared many to Pettits. Keith believed in keeping his prices reasonable, at times even at his expense.

Yet Keith steadfastly soldiered on . His was one of the last gas stations in Akron, maybe THE LAST, that offered full service. He would pump fuel for his customers, clean the windshield, and check the oil. These services were deeply appreciated by the elderly and handicapped people who relied on him. Also, the shop often served as an impromptu town hall, where a few of his friends would stop just to talk. In fact, one friend mentioned that it was similar to a scene from The Andy Griffith Show town of Mayberry.

Technology and failing health had diminished Keith's ability to perform many of the services that he previously offered. In spite of this, Keith maintained the station and provided advice concerning where the repairs he could no longer complete could be done honestly and efficiently. Oil changes at Pettits Electrical were not merely oil changes. Keith added several extra services, often at no cost, to ensure that his customer's vehicles were safe and trouble-free when they left the shop.

Keith's love of dogs was one of his trademarks. His "girls" Lindy, Cindy, and Lucy were his children. No expense or inconvenience was too much for Keith when it came to the girls. He also had an extra box of dog biscuits to make the customer's dogs look forward to seeing "Uncle Keith."

Keith was indeed "one-of-a-kind" for service, friendship, kindness, workmanship, and honesty. As an armchair historian, Keith took great pride in the legacy of his business...and this showed in his research for the saga of the house. With his passing, this may mark the end of an era. He will be sadly missed by his countless friends, but his memory will live on.



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Kenmore Church Directory

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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 10:45 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@ymail.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@fbcok.com www.fbcok.com

Pastor Joe Grimaldi

Hours of Service Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am Sunday Afternoon Service 1:45 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 John M. Tsironis

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

House of Joy Worship Center

886 West Wilbeth Road 330-475-3578

Reverend Barry C. Pegues, Pastor

Hours of Service Sunday Morning Service 10:45 am Thursday Bible Study 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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) Thursday afternoons 12 noon to 2 pm-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 Children 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm) Wednesday Evening Youth Group 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm) Wednesday Evening Middle School Class 6:30 pm Wednesday Evening Adults 6:30 pm

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King's Way Alliance Church 2500 Kingsport Way

330-848-1403 www.rollingacrescmachurch.org

Pastor Rob Hill

Hours of Service Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Koinonia Apostolic Faith Church 814 Carnegie Avenue

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 Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

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 7:00 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 6:30 pm Project Learn GED Site Little Shepherd Preschool Contact Tiffany Simonson @ 330-745-8950 Bridges Out of Poverty Getting Ahead Classes Contact Ken Price @ 330-745-3714 Vacation Bible School - June 25th to 27th (Tuesday through Thursday) from 6:00 to 8:30 pm Free Dinner served at 6:00 pm - Ages 3 to entering 6th grade

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.

"Praise and Worship" every Sunday Morning at 10:00 am (Interpreted for the Deaf; Children's Church and Nursery available) "Small Groups" for All Ages, every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

"Celebrate Recovery" every Friday at 7:00 pm "Narcotics Anonymous" Monday to Friday at 12 noon, every Tuesday at 7:00 pm, and Saturday at 2:00 pm

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

Vacation Bible School Events

V.B.S. Block Party and Community Dinner Wednesday June 19th, 5:00 to 8:00 pm: Food, Fun and Pre-register children for V.B.S. V.B.S. June 24th to 28th – Dinner each evening at 5:00 pm; V.B.S. 6:00 to 8:30 pm for Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade in the Fall Special Bible Study Class for Adults

each evening at 6:00 pm

Outreach Food Pantry

Monday Mornings 10:00 am to 12:00 noon May 20th, June 3rd & 17th & 24th, July 1st & 15th & 29th, August 5th & 19th

Outreach Food Pantry Monday Evenings 5:30 to 7:30 pm May 27th, June 10th, July 8th & 22nd, August 12th & 26th

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Akron Promise Helps Students With ACT

by Daralee Ghinder

Akron Promise has been busy at Kenmore-Garfield High School this year. ACT score improvement sessions were held with two groups of students. Students were invited to participate in the sessions based on their previous standardized test results, GPA and attendance. Ten sessions were held during the students' lunch periods. These sessions were led by professional ACT/SAT tutor, Lara Wilson. The results are not yet in, but students were better prepared to take the ACT, equipped with test-taking tools and confidence.

ACT help was also provided to the KGHS football team during Wednesday afternoon "Study Tables." Study Tables are held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, under the direction of Coach Kemp Boyd. The team is not only getting help in all academic areas, but they are also learning life and leadership skills. Each Wednesday, the students, who don't have homework to finish, work together with a leader on various academic skills. Previous classes have reviewed techniques for taking standardized tests (especially the ACT), taken practice tests and reviewed reasons and logic for the right and wrong answers, and learned the ten critical math formulas required to do well on the ACT. These sessions also include time for the students to talk about any issues they are having with their classes and they discuss ways to overcome obstacles.

On May 18th, Akron Promise is holding its second annual scholarship fundraiser. There is a golf outing and lunch at Mayfair Country Club in Green. Non-golfers are invited to attend the lunch. Links are available to donate to the scholarship fund or purchase tickets to the fundraiser at www.akronpromise.org. All proceeds go to the Kenmore-Garfield Stark State Scholarship Fund.

"For many Akron students, a major barrier to post-secondary education is money. For the second year in a row, Akron Promise will remove that barrier for up to ten Kenmore-Garfield High School students" shared Tom Ghinder, Founder of Akron Promise, Inc. "We believe all students deserve a chance at a post-secondary certificate or degree, leading to a satisfying career and quality of life. In addition, Akron Promise is trying to shape the culture of education in Akron to help ensure that all students have access to appropriate supports, resources and opportunities".

For questions or additional information about Akron Promise, you can check out the website at www.akronpromise.org. You can also contact Tom Ghinder at 330-329-4855 or tghinder@gmail.com.

Friends of Chestnut Ridge Park by Angela Miller, Executive Director

Friends of Chestnut Ridge Park has been moving steadily along with improvements. The electricity is in, seasonal port-a-potties will be delivered soon as well as in-ground grills and bike racks. The new playground will be built on May 18th and construction of the walking path should begin soon. We also have an exciting event season ahead. Come join us!

June 4th - 10:00 to 11:00 am Ages 12-18

An Introduction to Shakespeare University of Akron, Dr. Alan Ambrisco A fun workshop to learn about Elizabethan culture and language.

June 29th - 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Shakespeare In the Park Cellist, Gina Wilson Midsummer Night's Dream Scenes, Rubber City Theater Festivities and crafts.

July 26th - 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Akron Outdoor Movie Night Karate Kid Bring the family early for a picnic! Movie themed crafts, martial arts demonstration. Kiwanis Popcorn and drink concessions.

August 6th - 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Councilman's 18 Annual Community Picnic Bring a dish to share, free hot dogs and entertainment!

September 14th - 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Many Voices, One Akron An evening of story-telling and performances from all over Akron.



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Kenmore Youth Football News

by Rick G Laney, KYF Director

Mark your calendars! We will be having football and cheerleading sign-ups for 2019 on June 1st and June 8th at Prentice Park KYF football field, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The registration is a little different this year. We have gone to a school grade level for the 2019 school year based. So, a birth certificate is no longer required. Football players school grade are from 1st to 6th grade. Cheer are from 1st to 8th grade. We will again have the 7on7 team which is for 1st and 2nd graders. The documents required are the child's end of year report card indicating which grade the child will be in for the 2019 school year, and a small picture.

Accepted payment will be cash or debit/credit card at time of registration.

Follow us on Facebook or find us on the web as Kenmore Youth Football at LeagueLineup.com for updates and announcements.

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 Rick at kyfkenmoreohio@gmail.com, or inbox on Facebook Kenmore Youth Football.

Remember - "It's for the Kids!".



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by Jenifer Sotak, Grade 3 Teacher, Rimer Community Learning Center

Rimer engaged in many exciting experiences since spring has sprung. Our Rimer Families enjoyed an evening filled with Dr. Suess activities on Reading Night! One of the students' favorite activities was entering the land of Cat and the Hat. Another beloved activity was based upon the story, Bartholomew and the Oobleck. Families were delighted as they made gooey slime. Our next spring encounter was observing the life cycle of chickens. Our third grade students embarked on the adventure of observing eggs in incubators, to watching eggs hatch, to attending to their needs as the chicks grew. It just wouldn't be spring without an egg hunt. Our kindergarteners squealed with glee as they gathered up the eggs from the playground. Along with spring, our school planned activities brought many smiles to the halls of Rimer.



Kenmore Free Store News

by Mary Ann Gesaman, Director, Kenmore Free Store

Can you believe it? FIVE YEARS!

Praise The Lord!

We are beginning our 5th year at the Free Store in May - we opened in May of 2014.

Did you know:

* We began with 43 volunteers who gave 970 hours.

* In our first year, we registered 394 families who shopped for 10,384 items.

At the end of 2018:

* We have 29 faithful volunteers who provide on an average of 185 hours/month. These hours are accumulated by the sorting team which accepts donations and sorts and cleans household items and hangs clothing. Another team of volunteers place the items in the store, and check the shoppers in and out.

* The majority of our shoppers are between the ages of 26-55 years of age and live in the 44314 zip code.

* We have 2192 registered families with 5135 members within those families.

* We added 101 new families in 2018.

* Our families shopped for 41,300 items.

God has been so very faithful:

* He has provided the funds to assist with the utilities at ICC building and needed supplies for the store each year.

* He has provided with more donations than we ever thought possible - clothing (for all shapes and sizes), shoes, household items, linens, books, DVD's, CD's, toys.

* He has provided volunteers who give tirelessly. Volunteers are from high schools, colleges, area churches, area self-help agencies and church youth groups.

* He has provided grants from organizations to assist with the purchase of underwear, socks and school supplies.

* He has provided funds to begin a community garden last year with plans for increasing the number of gardens in 2019.

God is so good!



Do you have a reunion, fundraiser, or event to promote in Kenmore? Please contact John at 330-745-5530 for information on how to get your event in the next issue!

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Koinonia Apostolic Faith Church Presents Adventures In Fishing

June 1st, 2019 9:00 am to 12:00 noon Hands On Classes Youth 8 to 12 years old Come and learn about fishing Call 330-808-9247 to register

All participants earn a free Rod and Reel!

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Portage Lakes Fishing Derby

by William J. Choate

The Annual Portage Lakes Fishing Derby will be Saturday August 9th this year. It is open to children 15 and under, and is located at 912 Portage Lakes Drive. This is a free event to the public. Food and drinks will be provided, and registration will start at 8:30 am with the fishing starting at 10:30 am. You can bring your own fishing equipment, but if you do not have your own it will be provided. Bait will also be provided for free. Prizes are awarded to the top three in each of the age groups after the event. For any questions or additional information please either email Bill Choate at mr.bubba@sbcglobal.net or call him at 330-608-7147.

PROJECT SHINE - 2019 RESIDENT APPLICATION

The work week for Project Shine 2019 is June 17th through the 21st. 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 (residents can also apply online at projectshineakron.org). 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**
- Π
- Porch / Deck - Paint / Stain
- Yard Work / Cleanup / Trimming etc 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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6-9:00 PM on KENMORE BLVD.

New fun 1st Friday of every month!

6/7 Red & Black Rally

Show your K-Town spirit! ft. music by Kenmore acts like Mr. Pink

7/5 Rock 'n Roll BBQ

Come hungry, rock happy! ft. music by PorchRokr-featured bands

8/2 Arts, Jazz + Blues

Get messy! Be creative! ft. Rubber City Jazz & Blues Festival artists

9/6 Back-to-School Superheroes

Dress as your fave, there's a world to save! ft. Floco Torres + other heroic emcees

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May 1 ~ June 30



Hike **five** or more trails to earn a **lanyard** and **pin**. **GET FORMS ONLINE AND AT ACME FRESH MARKET STORES.** Spree rewards are FREE for Summit County residents.

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