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This Year's Summit Lake Clean-Up is April 18th

by Julie Ann Sweet-Buntin

On April 18th, the Kenmore Community will host it's 5th annual Summit Lake clean-up in partnership with Keep Akron Beautiful. Since 2016, we have collected over 20 tons of trash from the lakeshore with over 1000 volunteers giving their time to make the lake cleaner and the environment healthier. We will again have the support of Keep Akron Beautiful and their trailers of tools to assist with the clean-up. Volunteers can walk the lakeshore with litter grabbers to bag the trash around the lake. We also will have volunteers go into the water with their waders to toss trash up to be bagged for pickup. Keep Akron Beautiful will supply all the tools to get the jobs done from garbage bags to gloves to litter grabbers and waders/lake skimmers. The City of Akron sanitation crews will be working "overtime" picking up the collected trash the volunteers leave on the shore.

This area has become a focus for redevelopment through the City of Akron and the Re-Imagine Civic Commons project. These efforts to reduce the litter will bring even more people to come and walk the loop around the lake, or ride their bikes on the towpath trail with the floating bridge over Summit Lake.

We hope to focus on the north end of the lake in the Margaret Park area to create a clean, safe area for people on the Summit Lake loop trail as well as the south end where the trash seems to collect around the bridge area.

The clean-up will begin at 9:00 am and go no later than noon. We will meet at the Summit Lake Community Center at 8:30 am. For more information on the clean-up or to volunteer please contact Keep Akron Beautiful at 330-375-2116, or visit their website at www.keepakronbeautiful.org/clean-up-akron-month/. Registration opens on March 1st. Keep Akron Beautiful is celebrating 39 years keeping our community clean, green and beautiful!

Kenmore's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is April 4th

The Annual Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 4th 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 a special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny, who will spend most of his 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 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 Seventh 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 April 4th!



Easter Will Soon be Here!

Lil' Bit Café Serves Up Late-day Eats

by Bryce Chekan & Tina Boyes

Kenmore Boulevard is home to a new sit-down and carry-out restaurant for hungry lunch and dinner-goers. Since its official opening February 3rd, Lil' Bit Cafe has been serving up a variety of delicacies, from unique sandwiches to salads and more at the corner of Kenmore Boulevard and 15th Street.

No matter what your taste, Lil' Bit's menu is sure to satisfy. Signature dishes include the Phillbilly Cheesesteak, Falafel Waffle, and Grilled Portabella Sammy. They're all the creation of Chef Micah Townsend, a 24-year kitchen veteran, lifelong Kenmore resident, and inventor of your favorite pop culture-themed sandwiches at a well-known Akron deli and bar.

"Kenmore is home, and one thing the Boulevard has lacked for a while has been a place to sit down and grab dinner," Townsend said. "I love cooking and I wanted to put my passion back into my neighborhood."

But Townsend isn't the only Kenmore-friendly face behind the counter. Lil' Bit is a collaboration between Townsend, Boulevard property owner Todd Ederer, and Kenmore-native pastry chef Jennifer Herrick, who also serves as the lead instructor for the JOBS culinary training program.

"We call the place Lil' Bit Cafe not only because the building is a bit small, our menu is a lil' bit of this and a lil' bit of that," Townsend explained. He expects the menu to grow over time to become a one-of-a-kind operation in the Akron area.

Another unique aspect of the café is Herrick's JOBS trainees are a part of Lil' Bit's day to day operations. The JOBS Program offers young mothers culinary skills, time and money management, and one-on-one mentorship. Now, Lil' Bit Cafe provides them with hands-on training in food service operations, which sets JOBS trainees apart.

In 2018, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance was awarded a \$150,000 Caresource Foundation Grant to fund the culinary training program and to provide employment subsidies that encourage local restaurants to hire JOBS trainees.

According to Ederer, these incentives combined with the local demand for sit-down restaurants are what ultimately convinced this developer to try his hand in the restaurant business. A 2019 Retail Revitalization Strategy by KM Date Community Planning uncovered demand for up to five additional food-related businesses on Kenmore Boulevard, including a coffee shop and a fast-casual restaurant like Lil' Bit Cafe. The lack of Boulevard options meant that residents and their food dollars that could be spent within the district were leaving the neighborhood along with the jobs.

"Through this study we see opportunity on The Boulevard," Ederer said. "We are optimistic Lil' Bit Cafe will help keep people, jobs, and dollars circulating within the community."

"Lil' Bit Cafe is open at 992 Kenmore Boulevard Monday thru Saturday, 11:00 am to 9:00 pm with expanded hours starting in the spring. For more info, catering, and to-go orders, please call 234-718-2233.



The Interior of Lil' Bit Cafe



Chef Micah Townsend and JOBS graduates prepare for Lil' Bit Cafe's grand opening



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New Location for Hall of Fame Barbershop

The Hall of Fame Barbershop has moved, to 930 Kenmore Boulevard. Owner Scott DeJournett was originally farther down Kenmore Boulevard. "I wanted to be in the Historic District of Kenmore" said Scotty, "So we moved next to New Beginnings Boutique and Thrift at 13th Street and Kenmore Boulevard."

The Hall of Fame Barbershop is open Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Saturday 8:00 am to 5:30 pm, and is closed Sundays. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. First time customers should mention this article and receive \$5 off their first hair-cut at Hall of Fame Barbershop! Please call 330-598-8059 for more information, or stop in to hear Scottie say "Who's Up Next!"



Barbers Scott DeJournett & Paul Beverly at Hall of Fame Barbershop

Nikki's Styling Salon Remodeled

Nikki's Styling Salon, located at 2411 East Avenue since 1979, has recently experienced a total remodeling of the business, both inside and out. It is amazing how new & vivid the salon now looks, complete with new windows to allow more natural light into the building.

Nikki's still offers hair-cuts, color & perms, waxing, eyelash extensions, manicures and nails, acrylics & jell polish. They are open Wednesday thru Saturday (hours vary) and appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome if they are not busy. Please call 330-848-1133 for more information or to make an appointment.



The Newly Remodeled Space at Nikki's Styling Salon



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Councilman's Corner

Stay Informed on City Council Activities

I would encourage everyone to visit the Akron City Council website at www.akroncity council.org. Listed below are a few of the links found on the site.

1. A new online portal enables you to view the agenda for upcoming meetings. In addition, the site makes it possible to view past legislation via our Public Viewer Access.

2. New Rules passed for 2020 requires that anyone wishing to speak during public comments at Council meetings fill out and submit a Public Comment Request Form. This form can be downloaded from the Council site or a physical copy can be obtained at the Council office.

3. Our web site contains a link which enables you to view our meetings live via YouTube. Past meetings are also available for viewing.

4. Submissions to Akron's 3-1-1 system can be made by clicking on the 3-1-1 link to report an issue in your neighborhood. These concerns are automatically recorded and sent to the appropriate department(s).

Thank you for allowing me to serve the residents of Ward 9.

Councilman Mike Freeman 330-375-2256 330-283-7582

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 March 3rd.



Councilman Freeman at the January 7th Ward 9 Councilman's Meeting

Highland Park Block Watch News

by Greg Burke

The Highland Park Block Watch meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at Sam Salem CLC, 1222 West Waterloo Road. We feature great guest speakers, city officials, community leaders, programs to make your life easier and much more. On February 5th we welcomed the owners of the Lil' Bit Café, soon to become Kenmore's newest eatery. Annually we welcome Mayor Horrigan as he hosts his Town Hall meeting and much more is planned. We welcome everyone to attend our monthly meetings so feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at 330-730-2612 cell/text or gburke0054@gmail.com.





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Library Hours: **Monday-Thursday:** 10 am-8pm Friday: 12-6pm Saturday: 10am-5pm Sunday: Closed

Follow us on Instagram @KenmoreBranch for daily updates on new movies, books and more!

Want to become a friend of the library? Stop in and find out how you can join in giving back to your community!

Have a library card? Download our Akron Library Mobile app and utilize our digital media for free!

Want to try out your green thumb? Come in and utilize our seed sharing program where we provide seeds for vegetables, flowers and fruits to help your garden sprout this spring!

Need help with school? Check out our student resources online which offers live homework help,SAT/ACT practices test and more

To learn about the remainder of our programs you can visit us or check out our website!

Kenmore **Branch Library**

Book Discussion: Bookworm Bunch

Wednesdays, March 04, April 1, and May 13, 2020, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Welcoming New Americans in Summit County Tuesday, March 17 2020, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

In Summit County we have immigrants from all over the world - Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and more. Learn about where they come from, why they are here, and our area's unique cultural diversity.

Oh Wonderful You!

Wednesday, March 18 2020, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Celebrate your greatness with body tracing affirmation. Make a paper outline of your body and decorate it with messages about wonderful you! This fun activity encourages a positive self-image.

Oreo Madness

Wednesday, March 25 2020, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

We are taking Oreos to a new level. Make a chocolate covered Oreo and Oreo cream dip! Open to grades K-12.

Summit Academy Akron-Secondary School Steel Drum Army - and Caribbean Party! Saturday, March 28 2020, 11:30am - 1:30pm

This talented ensemble will leave you clapping and smiling! This concert will showcase the skills of students with a wide variety of physical and learning disabilities. Refreshments provided.

Tie Dye T-Shirts

Saturday, March 28 2020, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Create your own tie-dye t-shirt while you listen to the music of steel drums. Bring your own white t-shirt to dye. Shirts provided for those who do not have one; while supplies last

Rubber Worker Stories and Statue Project - Presentation and **Recording Sessions**

Saturday, April 04 2020, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Learn more about the Rubber Worker stories & statue project. Attendees will be able to record their own stories for the visitor's kiosk and archives in Akron.

Teen Program: Toy Taxidermy and Other Crazy Stuff

Tuesday, April 28 2020, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Work with friends to re-purpose toys and stuffed animals in new and creative ways.

Earth Day

Wednesday, April 22 2020, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Let's celebrate our beautiful Earth with crafts and activities from recycled materials.

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Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, April 25 2020, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Join us for our Spring Book Sale! Browse a selection of used books, CDs, and DVDs.

Nintendo Switch Gaming

Thursdays, 4:00pm - 6:00pm Test your gaming skills with friends! Open to grades 5 and up.

Amelia Bloomer and the Women's Rights Movement

Tuesday, May 05 2020, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Amelia Jenks Bloomer, a staunch advocate for women's rights, was a suffragist better known for her promotion of "dress reform." This cultural shift paved the way for new rights, including the vote!

Basic/Intermediate Computer Class Series

Various dates in April and May Free hands-on computer classes. Registration is required and available three weeks prior to the start of the first class.

Meet the Authors -

Local Authors Exhibition

Saturday, May 09 2020, 11:00am - 4:00pm

Meet some of your favorite local authors, illustrators, and storytellers! Learn how they got their start, what they love about their work, and where they find their inspiration.

How Does That Work? How Is That Made?

Tuesday, May 12 2020, 4:00pm - 5:00pm We will be exploring how different products are made and work through YouTube videos online. Snacks provided.

Easy as Cake

Wednesday, May 13 2020, 4:00pm - 5:00pm Have you ever eaten cake on a stick? We will measure, mix, and bake cake pops! To top it off, we will dip them in chocolate.

Teen Program: Escape Room - The Lost Mummy

Tuesday, May 19 2020, 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Hang out with your friends and figure out how to escape the room of the mummy's tomb. Bragging rights for all who solve the mystery!

Story Time

Tuesdays, 12:00pm - 12:30pm Preschool kids will enjoy stories, songs, and crafts with Miss Becky.

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Project Rise, Kenmore-Garfield offer Harvest Dinner to Families

by Mark Williamson, Director of Marketing Communications, APS

On November 19th, Project Rise hosted its 12th Annual Harvest Dinner for families experiencing homelessness, for the third year at Kenmore-Garfield High School. The evening offered 115 attendees arts and literacy activities and parent-child activities hosted by the Akron-Summit County Public Library, Buckeye Credit Union, and Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, as well as giveaways and entertainment.

Also, the University of Akron ZIPS ON THE RISE volunteers helped with face painting and a photo booth activity, and Project Rise staff brought Kodak instant printers and small photo albums to create keepsake photos.



The dinner was prepared by the school's Family Career & Community Leaders of America student group. Students in the program are shown (to the bottom left) serving families. According to organizers, the students fundraised for and prepared 12 turkeys, stuffing, macaroni & cheese, and corn pudding & gravy. The culinary program students provided mashed potatoes, and several teachers donated desserts.

Children also received new socks collected by Rimer and Sam Salem Community Learning Centers' students, books from Children and Books, coloring books, knitted hats and scarves from Knitting Knights, and tote bags & pillowcases.

Project Rise is a federally funded program through the Ohio Department of Education and a collaborative effort by Akron Public Schools, local shelters, and the Akron Community, and provides supplemental educational services to children and youth experiencing homelessness. Officials added that during this school year, Project Rise identified and has served about 2,080 students.

For more information, contact Rachel Breece at 330-761-2969 or rbreece@apslearns.org.

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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The 21st Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration!

The 21st Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration was a big success on Saturday December 7th! All up & down Kenmore Boulevard, from The Church on the Boulevard at 6th Street, to the Kenmore Community Center, then to the Kenmore Branch Library, and then up 16th Street to Immaculate Conception Church, back down to Santa's Sleigh at the McCutchan Courtyard, and then all the way down to Park United Methodist Church, there were children's crafts, business sales & open houses, and costume characters (who passed out candy donated by the Kiwanis Club of Kenmore), plus "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 Punch Contest, the Teen Raffle Punch Contest, and the Children's Treasure Hunt. After the tree lighting ceremony, the evening ended with the annual Children's Party with Santa at Park United Methodist Church, 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 City Council Neighborhood Partnership Grant & the City of Akron for their financial support of this annual event. And please visit those businesses listed on the bottom of this page and thank them for either donaing cash or prizes, having a sale or open house, and/or offering free refreshments on this fun-filled day!



Santa Reads at the Library



Some of Santa's Helpers



Kenmore Historical Society



Magic at the Library



New Beginnings Greets Visitors



Refreshments on Boulevard



The Line to See Santa



Santa in the New Courtyard







Craft Show at Masonic Temple A-Z Insurance Open House Peanuts Play at Rialto Theatre



Taking the Trolley

A Special thanks to all these Fine Groups & Businesses who Contributed to the Kenmore Holiday Celebration!

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Steve's Barbershop Stone's Kenmore Mattress The Church on the Boulevard The Dragon's Mantle The Guitar Department The Rialto Theatre

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Children Enjoy Arctic Adventure Camp over Christmas Break

by Alice Incorvia, Supervisor, Kenmore Community Center

On January 3rd, 12 local children ages 6-12 years old enjoyed a fun day filled with crafts, games, and snow-related activities. They made waterless snow globes, baked penguin chow, made "snow" dough and enjoyed fresh-popped popcorn while watching "Happy Feet". The camp included lunch and treat bags. A great time was had by all!



Crafts & Games at the Kenmore Community Center

Kenmore Ministerial Association's Thanksgiving Community Dinner

by Alice Incorvia, Supervisor, Kenmore Community Center

On Tuesday, November 26th, 2019, the Kenmore Community enjoyed a free home-cooked Thanksgiving meal sponsored by the Kenmore Ministerial Association at the Kenmore Community Center, where a record-breaking 701 meals were served. This free annual event brings hundreds of people from the area and has become an event that everyone looks forward to, not just for the delicious food, but also to come together in true community spirit. With months of planning, volunteers young and young-at-heart made this annual event an effortless one that folks will always remember.



Thanksgiving at the Kenmore Community Center

Friends of Chestnut Ridge Park

by Tabitha Mishler, Executive Director

My name is Tabitha Mishler and I have been a resident of Kenmore for 25 years. My husband and I established our home here 12 years ago and we have two children. As parents, having safe, fun, and clean parks is very important to us. This has led us to participate in various activities in the community and most recently assuming roles as Executive Director and Director of Facilities with The Friends of Chestnut Ridge Park. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!



New FoCRP Director Tabitha Mishler (right) & Family

KNA Invites Residents to Get Involved by Tina Boyes, Executive Director, KNA

Are you looking for a fun way to contribute and engage in Kenmore's revival? Join us Thursday, February 27th and every fourth Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Kenmore Branch Library for the first of our monthly committee meetings. Check out one or more of our four committees to see where you can make the most difference. Committees include Design & Beautification (physically improving the Boulevard), Economic Vitality (business attraction and support), Organization (fundraising, volunteers and PR), and Promotions & Events (marketing the Boulevard and planning events like Kenmore First Fridays).

All are welcome and no RSVP is required. For more information, visit www.betterkenmore.org. Or please contact Tina Boyes, KNA Executive Director, at betterkenmore@gmail.com or 330-714-9621.



KNA seeks volunteers to help improve the Boulevard

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Kenmore Kiwanis News



by Pat Cardarelli

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

Happy New Year! Will this be the year YOU join Kiwanis? We are a very active community-based service club. We enjoy serving the youth of Kenmore! At present we are a very small club which needs new members to help accomplish our goals in the Kenmore community. We know that there are reasons why you say you can't join - work two jobs, too busy, work nights, or not interested (how do you know if you don't know what we are about?), etc.

Kenmore is becoming a much more active, vibrant place to be. Wouldn't you like to be a part of Kenmore's resurgence? Being active in the Kiwanis organization is one way to do it.

Interested? Please come to the Kenmore Community Center at 880 Kenmore Boulevard on Thursday March 5th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm to find out more about Kenmore Kiwanis - who we are; what we do, how YOU can become a member. Light refreshments will be served.

One of the best (I think) things we do is our Book Distributions at our 3 Kenmore Elementary schools. We do them twice a year, Fall and Spring. Every child gets to pick a book to take home with them! We have various fundraisers so we can do things like the Book Distributions. These include Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets, and helping with community activities like the Halloween hand-outs and costume contest and the handouts during the Kenmore Holiday Celebration.

A few of our Fundraisers include selling popcorn & pop at our Wednesday Summer concerts, selling pop at Kenmore's First Friday events, mixed nut sales in the Fall from The Peanut Shop, and many others. If you see us at any of these events, come over and say "Hi". Better yet, become a member so you can experience the fun times we have. Concert dates for this year at Shadyside Park are June 10th, 17th and 24th, and July 1st.

We hope to see you at the Kenmore Community Center on March 5th. Come out and see who we are, Everyone is welcome! Any questions, please contact Dick or Pat Cardarelli at 330-745-5674.

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 Blvd Best Use of Space **Kenmore Comunity Center** - 880 Kenmore Blvd Most Festive **Magic City Sports Cards** - 1018 Kenmore Blvd Most Traditional **New Beginnings** - 932 Kenmore Blvd

Congratulations to ALL !!!



Best Use of Space Award went to the Kenmore Community Center

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Kenmore Historical Society News

by Jan Williams, President of KHS

Historical Society Celebrated an Anniversary

Akron's City Series Championship Football games used to be held on Thanksgiving Day at the Rubber Bowl. After losing several championship games in the 1960's, Kenmore surprised a crowd of over 17,000 with a victory in 1969. Garfield was expected to win that game easily, but our Cardinals were well-coached and well-prepared. The final score was 21 to 12.

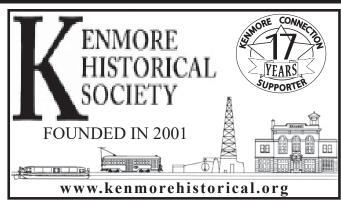
The Historical Society invited coaches, players, and other alumni to attend our November 2019 meeting to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that victory. All who attended seemed to enjoy connecting and sharing memories. We also watched a film with highlights from that game prepared by Terry Modory, a 1975 Kenmore graduate. Terry has several videos about the game available on YouTube.

Mike Peticca, a 1970 Kenmore High School grad, prepared an interesting factual account that included quotes from many of the players. Anyone who would like a copy, can send a request to P.O. Box 3707, Akron, Ohio 44314. You can also use the Contact Box at the top of the home page on our website at www.kenmorehistorical.org.

One of the purposes of the Kenmore Historical Society is to promote an interest in Kenmore's history. Topics to be discussed at future meetings will include the McCutcheon Building, Chestnut Ridge Park, the Brode family, and our salt mines. Please consider suggesting other topics of interest.

We are having a membership drive to encourage community participation. Our annual dues are \$20 for an individual or \$25 for a family. For anyone over 60, the dues are \$10 for an individual or \$15 for a husband and wife. We also offer student memberships for \$10 and life memberships for \$100.

Our meetings are held at 6:30 pm at the branch library on Kenmore Boulevard on the last Monday of most months. Our next meeting is on Monday, February 24th.



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Eric Schoch scores final touchdown. Kenmore wins 21 to 12.



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Allenside Presbyterian Church

410 Rexford Street 330-753-6405 Find us on FaceBook @ allenside presbyterian church

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.

Becoming A Light Ministries

1316 Kentucky Avenue 330-289-8830 gregorywharris@yahoo.com

Pastor Gregory W. Harris

Hours of Service Tuesday Bible Study 7:00 pm Sunday Service 11:00 am

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 Christian Chapel

2306 18th Street SW 330-488-7855 pastordwaynecummings@gmail.com

Pastor Dwayne Cummings

Hours of Service Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Worship 11:00 am Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm Last Sunday of the month is Singing Sunday 6:00 pm

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 Wednesday Family Night 6:30 pm to 8:00 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

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 Kenmore Free Store (at 2128 16th Street - enter back door off 17th and Battles Ave- partnership with Park United Methodist Church) Tuesdays 4:30 to 7:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am to Noon. Kenmore Community Meal - Free meal served the last Tuesday of the month from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in Waldeisen Hall (partnership with Park United Methodist Church). 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 kenmore--enmorenaz.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.kwachurch.org

Pastor Rob Hill

Hours of Service Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am

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

Community Services Offered Food Pantry / Grief Recovery Classes

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 Monday Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study 1:00 pm Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 am Saturday A.A. 10:30 am (south door entrance)

Community Services Offered **Project Learn GED Site Bridges Out of Poverty Getting Ahead Classes** Contact Gaile Young at 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 Chapel in Kenmore 943 Kenmore Boulevard (enter through back alley) 330-221-2781 www.kenmore.thechapel.life

Lead Campus Pastor: Ben White

Hours of Service Sunday Morning Gathering 10:30 am

Community Services Offered Free lunch after Sunday morning gathering every fourth Sunday of the month. We have missional communities and partners that regularly help the neighborhood of Kenmore and Greater Akron, see www.kenmore.thechapel.life/mc for more info.

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 below for a list of Community Services.

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

Easter Events

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 10th, 6:30 pm Easter SonRise Service: Sunday, April 12th, 8 am, Followed by no-cost Breakfast,

Followed by Easter Worship Service, 10:00 am

Outreach Food Pantry

Monday Mornings 10:00 am to 12:00 noon February 17th, March 2nd & 16th, April 6th & 20th, May 4th & 18th

Outreach Food Pantry Monday Evenings 5:30 to 7:30 pm

February 24th, March 9th & 23rd, April 13th & 27th, May 11th & 25th

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The Chapel in Kenmore Christmas Eve Party was a Blast!

by Pastor Ben White, Pastor of the Chapel in Kenmore

Our Christmas Eve gathering was both meaningful and fun at The Chapel in Kenmore on Tuesday, December 24th in 2019! Our gathering space is at the Rec Room of First Glance, which used to be a bar. Our band feels like a bar band because of the guitars and drums, and on this night we got the chance to play a lot of rock Christmas carols, and talk about the hope we have. A lot of friends from the neighborhood and visitors from out of town joined us. We also dressed in ridiculous Christmas clothes, and even had a guy dress in a Santa suit and play bass with us. Children were included in our time so we did a short 5 minute message.

We are a community that genuinely invites all people to take a look at a lifelong relationship with God. We'd love to have you join us sometime on a Sunday at 10:30 am! Go to www.kenmore.thechapel.life to learn more, and take a minute to look up and like our FaceBook page.



A Band Plays at The Chapel in Kenmore on Christmas Eve

Firestone Memorial Post 449 News

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Hello Neighbors!

Firestone Memorial Post 449, located at 1090 Kenmore Boulevard, has been on the Boulevard since 1937, proudly helping our military men and women, as well as the surrounding community.

Last year, we assisted with the Gunther Park cleanup. We followed up that community project with a New Year's Eve Raffle to raise money for park benches and playground equipment.

This February, we are hosting a fundraiser at the Medina Ice Festival. Proceeds will help send four young men to Buckeye Boys State, a program providing hands-on learning in the operation of Ohio's government. We would be happy to send more.

To learn more about the Firestone Memorial Post 449, please call 330-745-0245. We are always looking for new members to help keep this 86 year old tradition a vital part of the Kenmore-Akron Community.

God Bless America!

Thank You Mr. Burkholder!

byRebecca Cacioppo, Principal, Rimer CLC

Mr. Burkholder, who has been volunteering at Rimer CLC once a week for the past few years, came to speak with our 5th graders about his trip to Greece. The timing of his trip was perfect for us because the students have been studying and writing reports on different countries around the world. They were also learning about immigrants and how the history has shaped what America is today.



Mr Burkholder (right) and 5th Grade Rimer CLC Class



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THE CHAPEL IN **KENMORE** 10:30AM ON SUNDAYS

943 KENMORE BLVD. (FIRST GLANCE) ENTER THROUGH **BACK ALLEY**

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10th Year anniversary OF JESUS HOUSE AKRON

Theme: ABBA, FATHER Dates: MAY 8-10, 2020 (Fri-Sun) Guest Minister: PASTOR LEKE SANUSI Special Assistant To The General Overseer (SATGO), Regional Pastor

(Europe Mainland 2) and Pastor, RCCG Victory House, London, UK

Call 330-776-5196 or 234-678-0373 for further information.



Kenmore Free Store News

by Mary Ann Gesaman, Director, Kenmore Free Store

"Grace, freely received, grace freely given"

Hello everyone, we are so blessed!

We took a survey of our customers this past month. We are happy to report that what shoppers liked about the store were numerous. Here is a summary of their answers:

- * It's convenient, it's clean, it's safe.
- * The volunteers are nice, helpful, friendly, polite.
- The store is a blessing to our family, it provides many things that we would not be able to purchase.

* One shopper summed up the majority of the comments like this-"Every person I have encountered has been incredibly kind and so helpful and polite. All have positive attitudes. The Free Store helps out with items that I have been without. The Store offers clothing and underwear, plus items that change up my walls and home. I can return and give back things that I no longer need, but are in good shape. I have never been to a place like this, I'm glad I heard of it and I would like to thank you all."

These are some of the things that shoppers would like to see improved:

- * More pre-teen clothing.
- Tell shoppers—Do not take more than you need.
- More sheets and underwear.
- More room—bigger store.
- Open later. * More men's clothing.



Is there something in the things to improve that you could help us with? Maybe clean out your children's closets and donate gently used items that they no longer need, or clean that linen closet.

Men clothes are always needed, shirts, sweaters, pants, jeans, shoes. Bring them to the BLUE bin to the left of the Store entrance or drop them off at the upstairs donation door when we are open.

Hours for the Free Store are:

Tuesdays—4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturdays-9:30 am to 12:00 noon (We will be closed Easter Saturday, April 11th)

If you wish to volunteer at the Free Store, just come when we are open and we will find a place for you to help us.

See you at the Free Store, and have a blessed Easter!

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!

PROJECT SHINE - 2020 RESIDENT APPLICATION



The work week for Project Shine 2020 is June 2020. During this week, our volunteer teenagers and adults will come together for a week of service, fellowship and learning about Jesus Christ.

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

Name:		
Address:		
Phone #:		
Best time to be reached:		
Please check one or m	<u>nore of t</u>	<u>he following projects:</u>
Exterior House Painting		Interior Painting
Exterior Garage Painting		Yard Work / Cleanup / Trimming etc
Porch / Deck - Paint / Stain		Other
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1	on regard	ling Project Shine, please visit our s via projectshineakron@gmail.com.

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Kenmore Youth Football Hosts "Night at the Races"

by Rick G. Laney, Kenmore Youth Football Director 🞻

Kenmore Youth Football will be hosting our annual "Night at The Races" on March 14th at the VFW on West Waterloo Road. This is a fun 21 and over event that is our major fundraiser to help support our football program. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets for dinner and own your horse are \$20 each, or for dinner only tickets are \$10 each. Price of ticket includes beer, food and soft drinks all night. There will also be 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Come have a great time while supporting this community program. For more information contact us at kyfkenmoreohio@gmail.com, text us at 330-777-9450 or follow us on Facebook.

Card Tournament to Support Local Youth

On Saturday, February 15th, the Kenmore Youth Wrestling Club will be holding a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament to raise money for the organization's 2020-21 season. Cash tables are \$50 to buy in, \$40 re-buy and \$10 add-ons. There will be prizes and food. Please BYOB. The event will take place at the Rive Room Players Club, 2301 Manchester Road in Kenmore. Doors open at 5:30 pm, play starts at 6:30 pm. Only 40 spots are available, so pre-registration is strongly encouraged by calling 330-592-5148. In-person registrations if available will be cash only. For more information, please contact Ryan at 330-714-9620.

Boy Scout Troop 210 to Hold Fundraiser

by Richard Cox, Committee Chair for Boy Scout Troop 210

On February 29th, Boy Scout Troop 210 will be hosting their 3rd Annual Silent Auction with dinner catered by Chipotle, at the Park United Methodist Church, 2308 24th Street SW. They are looking for donations of a basket or items for their silent auction. They also have a sponsorship program with the following levels:



\$75 – Name of sponsor listed in program.

\$125 – Name of sponsor listed in program and on the sponsorship wall. \$175 – Name of sponsor listed in program, on the sponsorship wall, mention of sponsor on our Facebook page, and announced every 30 minutes during the auction.

Your contributions would go towards fees for camp outs, upkeep and/or replacement of their equipment and trailer, repairing/replacing tents needed for various camp outs, and many other expenses that help these young men go on scouting adventures.

Please contact Melissa Sloan at 330-937-5666 or mas44240@yahoo.com or James Scheck at 330-687-7222 or syrolaf@gmail.com to arrange pickup of items or if there are any questions. Boy Scout Troop 210 is a tax free organization and all donations can be claimed on your taxes. They will provide you with a receipt for any donation that you may make.



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Feb 15 Noon - 4 pm Rialto Theatre, 1000 Kenmore Blvd.

Mimosas, Makeovers and More!

Featured vendors include:

- Maskcara (full makeup line)
- Paparazzi Jewelry
- Color Street nail designs
- Neora Skin Care

- ScentsyLocal crafters
- Food, music and hourly raffles. Proceeds benefit Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance.



It is funded by donations, and by an Akron City Council Neighborhood Partnership Grant from the City of Akron.



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