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# A Good Look at the Community

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**Boulevard Businesses Get Scrappy During Stay-at-Home Order** 

by Tina Boyes, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance

Are you looking for a fun way to contribute and engage in Kenmore's revival? Even COVID-19 can't shut down Kenmore Boulevard's fighting spirit. The key to our survival? Creativity. Here are some of the ways businesses have adapted to serve their customers throughout Ohio's Stay at Home Order.

The Dragon's Mantle owner Carrie Acree used her daily store check-ins to offer virtual product tours on her FaceBook page, plus online ordering by phone, email and website. "Our biggest concern is our customers' safety," she said, adding that when Ohio reopens retail, they will continue to offer curbside pickup. Other stores like Kenmore Komics & Games and The Guitar Department are doing the same, while The Rialto Theatre is selling discounted gift certificates to "stay alive" at www.therialto.com/tickets.

Newly opened Lil' Bit Café ramped up curbside pickup and delivery options, offering payment over the phone and no-contact food drop-offs. The Kenmore Eastern Sports Bar is offering food and beer takeout 5:00 to 9:00 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Pierre's Brooklyn Pizza & Deli is open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday for takeout.

Off the Boulevard, places like Showcase Meats and Reeves Cake Shop continued to take orders, making sure their customers stayed six feet apart as they picked up their orders. Regina's Pizza closed for two weeks while installing a takeout window on the side of their building, then reopened to allow customers to get their food without entering the building.

With public gatherings on hold, KNA sponsored a virtual First Friday event on Friday, May 1st featuring live music from The Guitar Department and The Rialto Theatre, demos by Lay's Guitar Shop, Lil Bit Café, Kenmore Komics & Games, and the Kenmore Branch Library, plus stories of local rubber workers and their families. For updates on First Fridays and Boulevard business specials, follow KNA at facebook.com/betterkenmore. And, most importantly, support our Kenmore businesses!

# **Project Shine Postponed**

The Project Shine Work Week has been postponed. Our goal is to make Christ known to residents of Akron, our participants and their leaders through basic home improvement. Stay tuned for upcoming news on how we hope to serve the community in 2020!

Visit our Facebook or projectshineakron.org for updates!



Carry Out at Lil'Bit Cafe

# A Note About Our Advertisers

Because of the Corvid-19 pandemic, the staff at the Kenmore Connection could not seek advertisers for this issue, and therefore most ads presented are from the previous issue. Please call any advertiser and check to see if their ad is still accurate, and if they are open for business. Thank you for supporting Kenmore!

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# **Tips from the Akron Financial Empowerment Center** Dealing with the impact of COVID-19 on Personal Finances

by Don George, Financial Empowerment Coach, United Way of Summit County

At the Akron Financial Empowerment Center, we are always focused on working to helping clients achieve financial stability and long-term success. Since the start of the stay-at-home order, we continued to work with clients via telephone and video conference. As the economy reopens, we will continue to offer services to our clients through safe and convenient methods.

We are living in a very strange time, aren't we? The pandemic has impacted our community in many ways. Some have lost all or part of their income. Many have experienced abrupt changes in childcare and education arrangements. Some have had major health and financial crisis. Others have experienced only minor changes in their normal routine. A few now have a lifetime supply of toilet paper. Whatever your situation, The Financial Empowerment Center – created through a partnership between United Way and the City of Akron – continues to offer information and resources to assist you in this crisis.

As the economy begins to reopen, what lessons can we learn? How can we move forward financially? Lesson #1: In the face of an emergency, we need to use our resources to fund our four financial walls before anything else. The Four Financial Walls are: keeping a roof over your head, putting food on the table, having sufficient clothing, and maintaining basic transportation needs. Lesson #2: Having emergency funds makes dealing with an unexpected loss of income or expense much easier. Lesson #3: Many things we have come to expect are luxuries – including sports, entertainment, and restaurant dining. Lesson #4: When funds are short, we must prioritize and plan our spending.

If you are in need of basics – shelter, food, clothing, medicine or transportation – please reach out. Call 211 or visit the searchable database at 211summit.org. 211 provides information on needed resources and services throughout Summit County. You can also text your zip code to 898-211 for referrals to food pantries, utility assistance programs, and more.

Now, here are a few suggestions for moving forward financially. 1) Use a budget to plan your spending according to priorities, and use the plan to make sure your money behaves according to those priorities. 2) Be brutally honest with yourself about spending on needs vs. wants. Don't convince yourself that your want is really a need. Review spending habits to find ways to spend less. 3) Aim to live on less than you make, so that you can set aside some money for savings. Save, first and foremost, for emergencies. If you wait until the end of the cycle to see what's left for savings, you will find a reason to spend it. 4) If there's not enough to make the minimum payment on your financial obligations, contact the provider(s) you cannot afford to pay and ask for assistance. 5) Don't add to your debt by using credit card and loans. 6) Look for ways to increase income. Despite the crisis, some businesses are still hiring.

There will certainly be more ups and downs, but hang on. This, too, will pass. And remember, there are many people ready to assist you. If you'd like to speak with a financial coach, call 211 or visit uwsummit.org/FEC to schedule a free appointment. The financial empowerment team is here to help you through whatever lies ahead.



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# **Submissions Deadline for Articles** and Advertisements in the next Kenmore Connection is July 24th, 2020

# Delivery will be the week of August 15th, 2020

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> **Bob's Hamburg** 1351 East Avenue

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# **Councilman's Corner**

### Special Meetings of Council Scheduled via Videoconference

In accordance with Sub HB 197 and Resolution 95-2020, Akron City Council will hold Special Meetings via video conference until further notice. There will be no physical access for members of the public or press. Real-time access to the meeting will be provided through a live stream of the videoconference on YouTube which can be accessed through our website. Members of the public wishing to submit public comment to Council may do so by submitting their comments to email address: publiccomment@akronohio.gov.

In-person Customer Service is temporarily suspended due to the State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These temporary measures are intended to enhance the City's safety protocols in effort to protect the health of employees and the public.

For the unforseen future, all monthly ward meetings are suspended. Let's all work together at keeping one another healthy and being the best neighbor possible

If you are in need of assistance please call our office at 330-375-2256 or my phone at 330-283-7582. Messages can also be left at ward9@akronohio.gov.

Thanks and stay safe!

Councilman Mike Freeman

# 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. Until further notice, the Ward 9 Councilman's Meetings are cancelled until such a time as it is considered safe to hold a public meeting!

# Kenmore Chamber Launches New Web Site

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce (formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade), has redesigned it's web site.

For the residents of the Kenmore / Ward 9 area, you can find back issues of the Kenmore Connection at www.kenmorechamber.com/publications/kenmore-connections.

For our local business owners, churches, and community organizations, there is a listing of many of the important benefits you can take advantage of as members of the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce.

These include Anthem Group Health Insurance, Heartland Credit Card & Payroll programs, Community Energy Advisors gas & electric savings programs, FedEx PartnerShip shipping program, SLN Connect Digital Marketing Services, and Paramount Preferred Solutions Workers' Compensation Group Ratings Program. All these can be found at www.kenmorechamber.com/benefits.

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce invites all businesses and community organizations to talk to KCOC New Members Chairperson John Buntin Jr at 330-745-5530 or john@kenmore-komics.com. There are many ways that you can benefit as a member of the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce (including discounts on advertising in the Kenmore Connection), so please call for further information.



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# Kenmore Branch Library

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Send an email at

#### https://www.akronlibrary.org/ about/contact/send-an-email

To learn about the remainder of our programs you can check out our website: akronlibrary.org.

# VIRTUAL GREETINGS FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER OF THE KENMORE LIBRARY!

This time is a challenge for all of us. We can't see our friends and family, we can't go out to eat, we can't browse our favorite shops, and we can't go to the library!

But as you will see on this page, a large number of library resources are still available to you! And I assure you there are wonderful things to come within the walls of the library. In this year that I have proudly served as Branch Manager, relationships are being strengthened throughout Kenmore that will benefit the community and library for years to come. I work with the Better Akron Fellows, which is sponsored by the Knight Foundation and Heart to Heart. The library is represented by a membership in the Kenmore Chamber and the Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance. And we have ties to the local Writers' Group and Kenmore Historical Society. Through these affiliations, we build those connections that will strengthen the ways the library can serve the larger community, and which will improve the quality of service and programming available to all patrons.

Ultimately, I see our library as a neighborhood cornerstone, a cultural center, and a venue for the exchange of ideas and resources. We plan, when able, to bring music into the library. Although dates are fluid, and circumstances changing daily, some things we have in the works for Kenmore Branch Library include: a health fair; history and culture programs; Meet the Authors: Local Authors Exhibition (in partnership with the Writers' Group); art classes; computer classes; programs from community partners such as the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Summit Metro Parks; meditation; programs in affiliation with local business; and at least 2 live music concerts!

But until we can meet again, stay safe, stay healthy, practice social distancing, and PLEASE take advantage of the myriad resources Akron-Summit County Public Library continues to offer!

Wendy Zarara, Branch Manager

# WI-FI ACCESS AT BRANCH LIBRARIES

Our buildings are temporarily closed but our Wi-Fi signal has been extended beyond our walls. No library card is needed. Practice social distancing or remain in your car.

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# **Akron Promise Highlights and Moving Forward**

by Daralee Ghinder

Once again this school year, Akron Promise had a successful ACT Score Improvement Boot Camp with 20 Kenmore-Garfield High School juniors. Without Lara Wilson from High Point College Coaching, this program would not be possible. Congratulations to all of the students who gave up their lunch hours to take advantage of this resource.

A few weeks before the quarantine, Akron Promise was able to take KGHS 9th grade Student Success Team (SST) members on an enrichment field trip. They learned about customer service at Sweet Mary's Bakery, toured the Maker Space at the Main Library, and learned about entrepreneurship from Charlie Murphy at Stray Dog Cafe.

SST students then took the DASH bus to the University of Akron, where Akron Promise intern, Margaret Tulay, was waiting with several UA students. The SST 9th graders were very engaged and asked a lot of questions. Ms. Tulay did an excellent job of choosing UA students who's majors, and extra-curricular activities, matched the KGHS students' areas of interest. Students learned about college life, especially how it is different from high school. There was a lot of conversation over Chipotle, followed by a bit of bowling. The KGHS Student Success Team is student-led and piloted this year. Thanks to grants from United Way Bold Goal #2, Akron Community Foundation's Beyond the Table Grant, and the City of Akron Neighborhood Partnership Program, Akron Promise will hire a part-time administrator to not only reach more students and expand the program, but also coordinate with other KGHS campus initiatives. The intent is to provide real-world information, experiences and holistic support to all KGHS students.

In keeping with the commitment made a year ago, Akron Promise intends to send ten 2020 KGHS graduates to Stark State College on full tuition and book scholarships. It is more important than ever for our community to support these students as they make their way through new challenges in post-secondary education.

Akron Promise will continue their efforts to shape a community involved culture of education which includes providing tuition free paths to post secondary degrees and certificates for all students in Akron. If you'd like to get involved or have any questions, please contact Tom Ghinder, Akron Promise Founder, at 330-329-4855 or tghinder@gmail.com.



Kenmore-Garfield High School Students on a Field Trip

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!



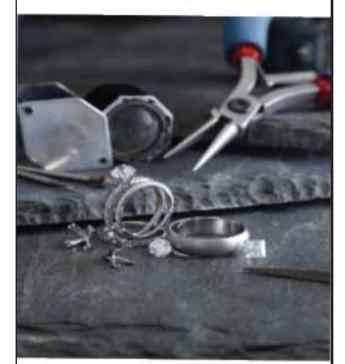
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# Kenmore Kiwanis News



by Pat Cardarelli

Who we are: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world ONE CHILD and ONE COMMUNITY at a time. Locally, we are Kenmore Kiwanis and part of the International organization.

We would normally be meeting twice a month, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:00 pm at Thano's Restaurant on Fifth Street in Barberton. We have not met since March and we miss our fellow members (and our waitress, Jen!)! Sadly, this is the norm right now with organizations.

At this time of year we would be going to our three Elementary Schools in Kenmore to distribute books to the children. I think it bothers all of us that we can't do that! We enjoy watching (and talking to) the kids as they pick out their books. They are always happy and grateful.

This is also the time of year for our elections. Kim P. has been doing a great job as President for two years. She is turning over the reins to Barb J. The rest of the officers will stay the same (Brent W. as Treasurer and Pat C. as secretary). We do not (as of today) have a Vice President.

It looks like there will not be any concerts on Wednesdays at Shadyside Park. That's too bad, we'll miss the people and the music. And YOU will miss our popcorn!

So stay safe. Stay healthy. Wear your mask and practice "social distancing".

And as always, if you'd like to join a great group of people helping the Kenmore community, please join the Kenmore Kiwanis! We'd love to have you!

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



The Officers & Directors of the Kenmore Kiwanis Club



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George Tilden



# Kenmore Historical Society News

by Jan Williams, President of KHS

THE REST OF THE STORY......You have probably heard the story that Akron took our new fire engine and gave us old one when we were annexed in 1929.

Did you know that on January 15th, 1927 Kenmore's fire engine was demolished on its way to an alarm on Springfield Road (now Waterloo Road) when it crashed head-on with an Akron-bound Barberton streetcar near Stop 98? Another streetcar heading toward Barberton started to turn onto the loop forcing the speeding fire truck to swerve to pass it and it collided with the Akron-bound streetcar. Fire Chief Fred Kelley was injured and his four firemen bruised when thrown to the road upon impact. Following the accident Barberton loaned Kenmore a fire truck and offered any apparatus they might need.

After the annexation Kenmore residents were upset that an older pumper ended up in Kenmore and their newly rebuilt pumper went elsewhere. Kenmore's pumper was a 1921 model that was rebuilt after the 1927 accident. The real concern was the pumping capacity of the pumper. It was a "Junior Pumper" capable of only pumping 400gpm. Its small size could only pump one 2 1/2 inch hose line or two 1 1/2 inch hose lines, a significant deficiency in case of a large fire. Akron pumpers ranged from 600gpm to1000gpm, much larger pumping capacities. Due to the small pumping capacity the Kenmore engine was never used in regular service in Akron either.

The Kenmore engine was incorporated into the Akron Fire Department apparatus fleet of reserve/spare apparatus as part of the annexation agreement. At sometime it was assigned to a group of volunteer firemen who had established a small volunteer fire department on West Market Street. It was formed by residents of a development known as Fairlawn Heights. The fire engine was stored in a small frame building in the Fairlawn Supply Company on West Market Street just west of the AC&Y railroad crossing. The area was annexed to Akron on April 11th, 1932 and the volunteer fire department became part of the Akron Fire Department.

On February 4th, 1934 a fire destroyed the volunteer's fire station and the fire engine stored inside. The Akron Beacon Journal story of the fire confirmed that the fire engine destroyed was the old Kenmore fire engine.

Source: Information for this article was received from Paul L. Nelson, Historian at the Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center.

### NO KENMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING IN MAY OR JUNE

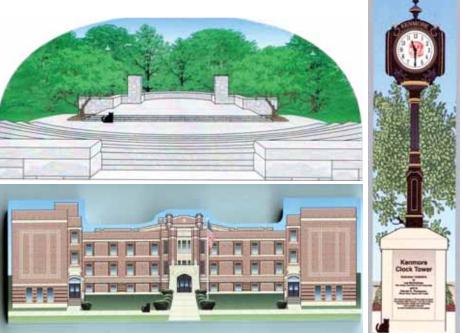
We hope Covid-19 goes away and we will be able to have a meeting in July. Watch Facebook or our website (www.Kenmorehistorical.org) for updates.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped begin work on the inside of our future museum! We really appreciated your help and all that was accomplished.

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!



The Original Kenmore Fire Engine Demolished and Rebuilt in 1927



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

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# **Kenmore Church Directory**

For corrections, changes, or new additions please call John at 330-745-5530 or john@kenmore-komics.com

# 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

### 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)

St. Vincent A.A. (at Hitch Hall) Mondays 8:00 pm 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 Nazarene

2025 12th Street SW 330-745-7720 kenmorenazarene@gmail.com www.kenmorenaz.org Facebook - Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene

> Reverend Terry W. Passmore, Senior Pastor Pastor Gary L Kinney, Associate Pastor

Hours of Service Sunday Morning Coffee & Donuts 9:00 am Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am (Nursery & Children Church Available) Wednesday Evening Services for Adults, Children, Middle School and Teens 6:30 pm

Community Services Offered Please call the church office for an appointment for our food pantry

### 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

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# **Kenmore Church Directory**

For corrections, changes, or new additions please call John at 330-745-5530 or john@kenmore-komics.com

### Koinonia Apostolic Faith Church Redeemed Christian Church of God

814 Carnegie Avenue 330-745-5242

www.Koinonia5111@yahoo.com

Pastor Gary L. Foreman

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

Community Services Offered Food Pantry / Grief Recovery Classes

#### New Life Pentecostals of Akron

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

#### **Pastor Scott Johnson**

Hours of Service Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am Wednesday Life Bible Study 7:00 pm

Community Services Offered Personal home Bible Studies upon request

#### **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

### 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 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 Drive Thru Food Pantry Service every Friday between 8:00 am and 11:00 am

### 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 Like & Follow us on our Facebook Page "The Chapel in Kenmore" to get updates through this unique season.

Community Services Offered In partnership with First Glance, we're regularly delivering food to people in need, text or call 330-221-2781 if you want to donate resources or time, or if you or someone you know is in need.

### 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.

During the COVID-19 experience, social events are postponed, and social distancing and sanitizing requirements are in effect for all remaining events.

"Praise and Worship" every Sunday Morning at 10:00 am (Interpreted for the Deaf) Streamed live on Facebook (link above) and presented on YouTube later Sunday. "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

# **Outreach Food Pantry**

(Social distancing and sanitizing requirements in effect during COVID-19 experience.)

Monday Mornings 10:00 am to 12:00 noon May 18th, June 8th & 22nd, July 6th & 20th, August 3rd & 17th

# **Outreach Food Pantry**

(Social distancing and sanitizing requirements in effect during COVID-19 experience.)

Monday Evenings 5:30 to 7:30 pm May 25th, June 15th & 29th, July 13th & 27th, August 10th & 24th

### **Kenmore Connection**

# JOBS Program by Karen Freeman, JOBS Program Director

There is a bit of a buzz on The Boulevard about the JOBS Program! What is it? Who runs it? How is it funded? What do they do? How can I become part of it? How is it connected to the Lil' Bit Café?

JOBS is Jump On Board for Success. It's a non-profit program for moms looking to gain and maintain employment. We help with mentoring, teaching, resource-finding, classes, employment opportunities, and currently with culinary classes.

We meet once a week at Park Church on The Boulevard (in non-Pandemic days, of course). We offer weekly meetings for participants and their mentors to get together and hash out the issues of being a mom and holding down a job. During this time we offer childcare and transportation as well.

And, during most of the year we offer weekly Culinary Classes taught by Chef Jennifer Herrick of the Lil' Bit Café. Three different times during the year these classes are taught to six participants. These moms have the opportunity to obtain their ServSafe licensing and are eligible to be employed with businesses coming alongside of us in this venture. We currently have participants learning the business at Lil' Bit Café on the Boulevard. As more participants graduate our program, we can move into more food establishments.

Participants are asked to meet with their mentors, participate in the book classes, visit with the Financial Empowerment Center on Kenmore Boulevard to begin budgeting and financial management, and keep social media presentable to future employers.

How is it funded? It's funded through private donations and a generous grant from the CareSource Foundation. The grant serves as incentive for moms to become trained and gain employment and for Kenmore businesses to hire these participants. It's basically a "win-win" for everyone.

Interested? Moms can apply online to be in the general programming and receive a mentor or specifically to the culinary aspect of the program at www.surveymonkey. com/r/JOBSapply.

If you'd like to be a part of this project financially, checks can be made to JOBS and mailed to JOBS c/o Park United Methodist Church, 2408 24th Street SW, Akron, OH 44314.

Think you'd like to be a mentor? We'd love to have you! Contact Karen Freeman, Director, at jumponboardforsuccess@gmail.com or 330-396-0699.





### **Kenmore Connection**

# **Kenmore Free Store News**

"Grace, freely received, grace freely given"

Hello everyone! How are all our Free Store friends, neighbors and shoppers? We are praying for your safety and health.

We miss you all and hope that we will be able to open soon. Please watch your Kenmore Free Store Facebook page for details. As you know from watching the news, when we do open, things will be different. We will give you more details as we are closer to opening. Please know that we will open and we will be there for you.

Thank you!

Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director The Kenmore Free Store 2101 17th Street, SW, Akron kenmorefreestore@yahoo.com Connect with us on Facebook

The Free Store is a partnership of Park United Methodist Church and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church







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Why Join The American Legion?

Do You Remember?

Do you remember when your unit was under fire? You were scared. You didn't know if you would ever get home again, see your family, see your loved ones. The only thing you could count on in the instant was your buddy, you knew he was counting on you too.

Perhaps you were one of the lucky ones who never saw combat. Do you remember the tediousness of garrison life? Do you remember the inevitable hurry up and wait? Do you remember the inane makework projects you were ordered to do? Your buddy was always along there by your side, making the wise-crack, helping you make it through each day, maybe even covering you on occasion.

Your buddy still needs you!!!

Maybe your buddy is in one of the VA hospitals; his war wounds and/or time have taken a toll on his body. Maybe he or she is a young veteran, just discharged from service in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Vietnam, and is having trouble finding a civilian job. Maybe your buddy is just an ordinary gal or gal, like yourself, wanting to share stories or comradeship with someone who has a similar situation.

The American Legion is the place for you to help your buddy and for your buddy to help you. Founded in 1918, it is the largest veteran's organization in the United States with over 3 million members. We bare veterans just like you. We care about America, our fellow veterans, our families and our children. As an member of our post we continue to our God, our country and our community. Your post needs you now. Our post participates in community activities, such as parades, memorials, and dedications.

We have a funeral honor guard detail ready, willing and able at the family's request. Our funeral detail is available for all veterans. We are also available other veterans organizations with memorials.

We support local students in Boys and Girls state, sponsor scholarships to better educate our children.

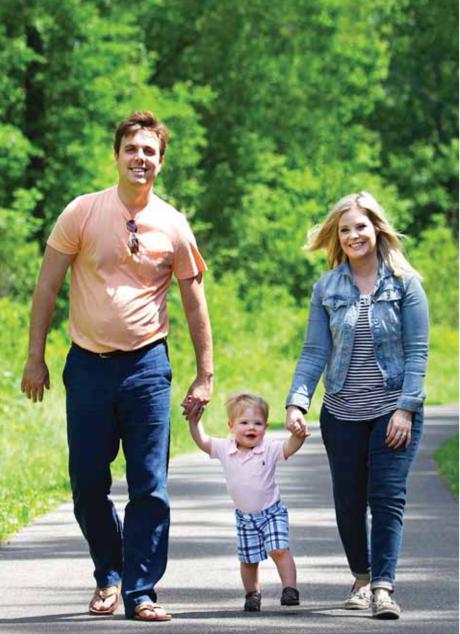
Throughout the year our post family does fundraising, a variety of community outreach, as well as host events for our members and their families.

Want to be a part of something great while helping others and having fun, considering becoming part of our post family by joining as a legionnaire, son of a legionnaire, a legion rider, or an auxiliary member at your local American Legion Post 449



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