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CUT & SAVE!

KNA Launches Drive-In Concerts by Charlee Harris

Kenmore First Fridays are back - socially distant and family friendly - featuring live music, food and fun from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Kenmore Boulevard South Alley parking lots. The first of these drive-in concerts held on Friday July 3rd drew more than 75 people and featured the musical styling's of Jim Ballard, Marc Lee Shannon, Zach, and Nate Vaill & Gina Wilson of "A Band Called Ashes". Concertgoers enjoyed the show from rolled-down car windows and lawn chairs.

First Friday Drive-In Concerts will run through October 2nd and will feature a variety of local talent,

including American Idol alum Madeline Finn and Appalachian-folk artists Hey Mavis. Boulevard eatery Lil Bit Cafe will provide carhop food service to parking spots, and Pierre's Brooklyn Pizza & Deli will be open for take-out. Kenmore First Friday Drive-In Concerts are made possible by Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, and local sponsors who are committed to bringing safe, family-friendly fun back



Fans Attending the July 3rd First Friday Concert



Nate Vaill & Gina Wilson of "A Band Named Ashes"

Kenmore First Friday Drive-In Concerts are made possible by Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, and local sponsors who are committed to bringing safe, family-friendly fun back to Kenmore Boulevard. Vehicles will be parked 6 feet apart and face masks will be recommended for concertgoers as they move about the lots. Attendees and residents can tune into the show via their car or home stereo at 98.7 FM. For a schedule or more information, please visit us at facebook.com/BetterKenmore/events.

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!

South Akron Awning Celebrates 50 Years on Kenmore Boulevard

South Akron Awning celebrated another milestone in the Kenmore Community. Already one of the oldest companies still in business in Kenmore (established in 1913 by Raymond H. Garman), they now mark the 50th Anniversary at their current location at 763 Kenmore Boulevard.

Original owner Ray Garman passed the company to Doy Minear, whose daughter Ranell Minear now runs the company. In 1984, Ranell opened Celebrations Unlimited at 910 Kenmore Boulevard, and these two businesses complement each other with the services they offer. South Akron Awning specializes in residential & commercial awnings, rentals of tents for all occasions, has a professional awning cleaning service, can make custom-made fabric products such as outdoor swing or air conditioning covers, and provides with Celebrations Unlimited rentals of tables, chairs, linens, china, flatware, and of course tents for all occasions.

The company motto is "The Standard of Quality Since 1913". South Akron Awning is open Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday by appointment only, closed Sunday. For more information please call 330-848-7611 or visit their web site at www.southakronawning.com.



South Akron Awning is Located at 763 Kenmore Boulevard

State Farm Insurance Makes Donation

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce (publisher of the Kenmore Connection) wishes to thank the Todd W. Young Insurance Agency and State Farm Insurance for their generous donation to the publishing of this issue of the Kenmore Connection. The current pandemic has made it hard for many advertisers to find funds for their ads, and the donation made by State Farm Insurance has made it possible to publish 1000 copies (instead of the usual 10,000 copies) of our community newspaper. Todd W. Young Insurance Agency Thank you Todd & State Farm!



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Submit information to: John Buntin Jr at Kenmore Komics & Games 1020 Kenmore Boulevard Telephone: 330-745-5530 e-mail: john@kenmore-komics.com

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

Carnegie Pantry 986 Carnegie Avenue

Kenmore Branch Library 2200 14th Street SW

Lukity's Country Inn 2697 Manchester Road

> **Regina's Pizza** 2160 East Avenue

Showcase Meats 2355 Manchester Road

Subway - Kenmore 1033 Kenmore Boulevard

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Community means everything.



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That's why I'm proud to be here to help life go right[™]– and to support Kenmore Connection. If there's anything you need, call me.



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Councilman's Corner

Reimagining Public Safety

Akron City Council is convening a Special Committee on Reimagining Public Safety. Each member of City Council will participate in the work of the committee through four working groups. Over the next several months, these four working groups will be conducting research, learning alongside members of the Akron Police Department, and conduct community engagement. Each working group will contribute to a report of concrete recommendations to be released on Monday, December 7th, 2020. City Council will then work towards implementing these actions in collaboration with Mayor Horrigan, Police Chief Ball, the Akron Police Department, and all members of our Akron community.

A reminder that City Council will continue to meet online when our general sessions resume in September. Live sessions can be viewed every Monday evening at 7:00 pm on YouTube. If you have a comment that you wish to have read during the public speaking portion of these meetings, call 330-375-2256 for directions on how to accomplish this.

Finally, HUGE thanks to the team at the Amazon fulfillment center on Romig Road. Recently, dozens of these Amazon team leaders met at Prentiss Park for a day of volunteerism. The park saw tons of new mulch spread in addition to other sundry improvements. Thank you, Amazon team!

Stay safe and thank you for allowing me to serve the ninth ward.

Councilman Mike Freeman Ward9@akronohio.gov 330-283-7582 or 330-375-2256

Ward 9 Councilman's Meetings

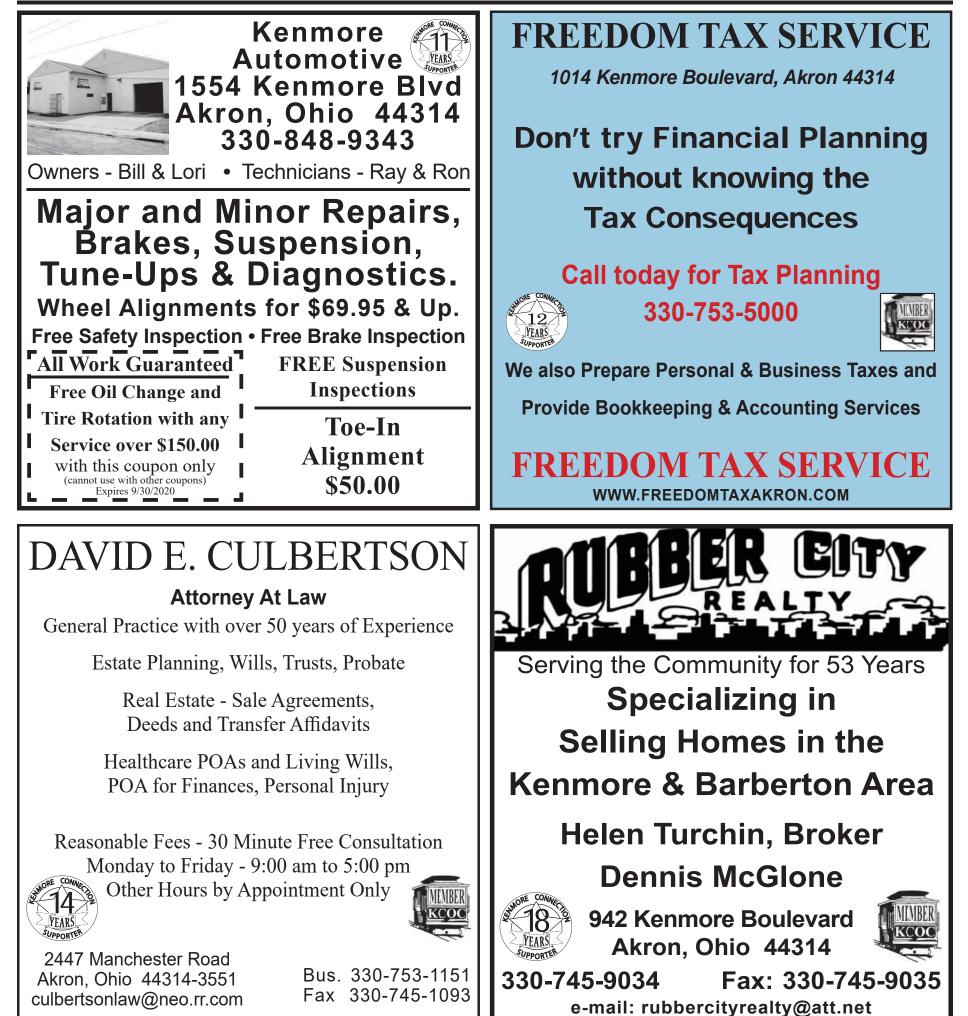
Councilman Freeman holds a public meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at the Kenmore Community Center, starting at 7:00 pm. Until further notice, the Ward 9 Councilman's Meetings are cancelled until such a time as it is considered safe to hold a public meeting!





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Schlup Pucak Funeral Home *The Home of Sincerity in Service since 1942*

Some people think that choosing a modest memorial means sacrificing service. Our commitment to excellent service allows us to say that no matter what kind of a memorial you have in mind, we'll provide you with the best service available, no exceptions.





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Visit our website at schluppucakfh.com, call us at 330-745-3131, or come see us at 788 Kenmore Boulevard.

When Pre-Planning please mention you saw this ad in the Kenmore Connection for 10% off Merchandise.

Don E. Pucak, Owner Charles L. Wilson George Tilden



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KenMore Kreative Memories....

by Lauren Presutti

Here we are at the end of July and usually this time of year, KenMore Kreative Youth Theater is busy finalizing the details of the annual summer play. These amazing students would spend their summer working hard learning lines, creating/building sets, writing biographies, hanging flyers and making new friends.

This summer, sadly we had to skip our summer play. So we thought it would be fun to share some pictures of our last 3 years. Be sure to check out our current contest with cash prizes...Pandemic Pastimes. Details can be found in the flyer on the last page of this issue of the Kenmore Connection, at Kenmorekreative.org, or on our facebook page. Paper copies can be picked up at Lil Bit Cafe. See you all soon!





For the first time since the Mid 50's Kenmore Youth Football will not be having a season.

We were always proceeding cautiously, but the virus is still increasing in numbers and we do not believe the risk is worth the reward. Safety and health of our KYF family is number one.

Many of us have never stopped planning for the 2020 season since the end of the 2019 season. We work all year round to make the next season happen. However, we will have to wait until next year to hear the "TWEET...TWEET" from our cheerleaders, we will have to wait until next year to hear the cracking of the shoulder pads, and we will have to wait until next year to have a hot dog, an ICEE or Nachos from the concession stand.

This is an extremely heart-breaking decision to make. We waited to the last minute in hopes things would change. We know you are all disappointed, so are we.

As usual we very much appreciate the community business's and individuals support.

We hope to see all of you in 2021 season. We will be back!

Please be safe and healthy, and please continue to follow our Kenmore Youth Football Facebook page for future messages. Our email is kyfkenmoreohio@gmail.com.

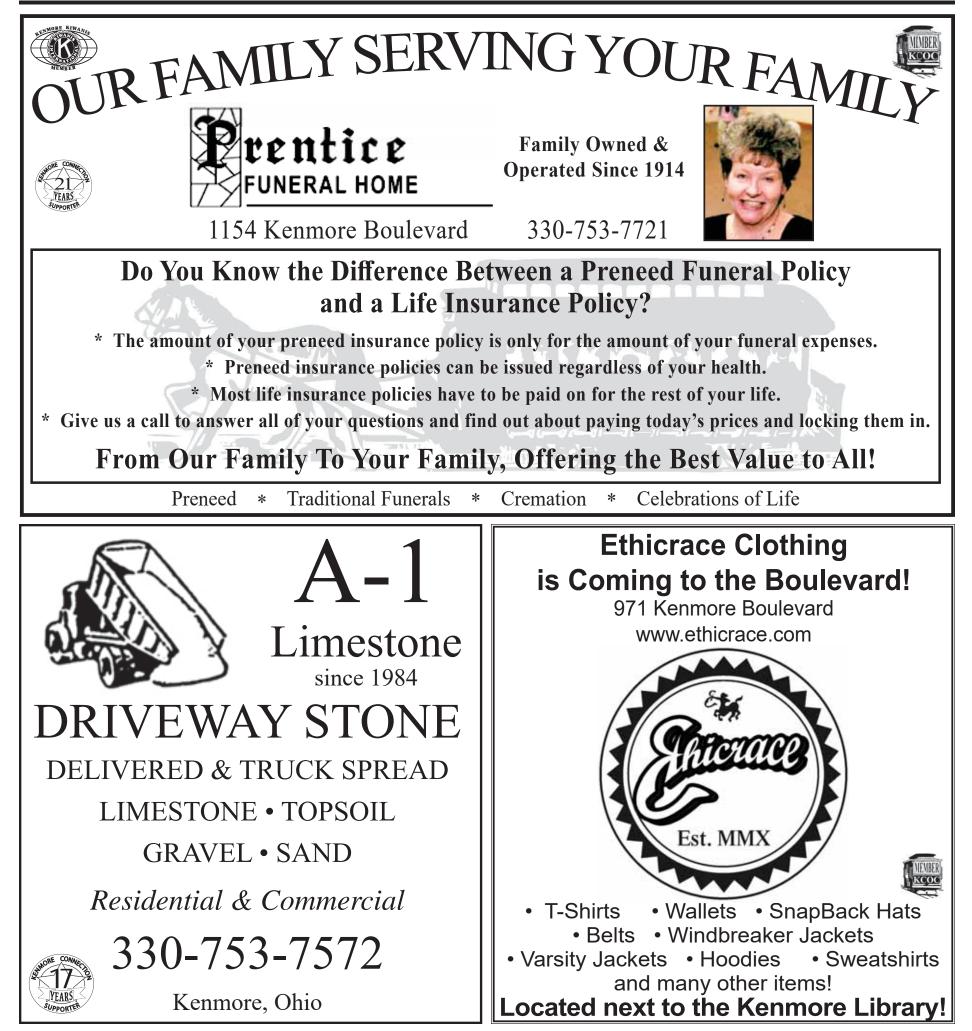


As usual GO CARDS!!





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Summer Camps 2020 at Kenmore Community Center

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

Amidst a global pandemic, summer camps for kids went on at the Kenmore Community Center as well as at the other community centers across the City of Akron. Of course, health and safety precautions were followed. Camps were limited to just 9 children per week, temperatures were taken daily, and masks were worn by staff and lots of hand washing was done by all!

Despite the uncertain times during these camps, one thing was certain—the children that went to these camps had a ton of fun! They received quality instruction for great projects, participated in fun games, went on educational scavenger hunts & activities, and did so much more! And since the camps were not permitted to go on field trips this year due to Covid-19, the campers at the Kenmore Community Center participated in many community service projects such as a Unity banner that will be hung at EJ Thomas Hall, 2 trash can wraps were painted for Kenmore Boulevard, Happiness Rocks were painted & hid for the seniors at Kenmore Place to find, and coloring sheets were created to be shared with shut-in seniors all over Akron. Breakfast, lunch and a camp t-shirt were also included in every camp.



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Kenmore Kiwanis News



by Pat Cardarelli

What is Kiwanis? Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Kenmore Kiwanis concentrates on our Kenmore community.

So what have we been doing lately? Unfortunately, not a lot with everything shut down. We've been meeting at Chestnut Ridge Park the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of month (weather permitting) at 6:00 pm. Bring a chair and your supper (if you want) AND your mask. Come join us to find out who we are!

But our members have been busy! Our present President Kim P had a "drive-by" wedding shower. It was fun and well-planned (including about 50 photos of Kim and Matt wound around a tree!), and well attended where some people staying awhile and others just drove up, got a fun-filled bag and dropped off a present. Then on July 11th Kim and Matt got married! A small, family-only ceremony in church, followed by pictures along Kenmore Boulevard and at Chestnut Ridge Park. The reception was at Live Music Now, again mainly with family and close friends. Congratulations Matt and Kim Zeiner!

Barb J finally got mobile after breaking her heel. She was laid up for four months. Welcome back Barb! Lori P has been hosting gatherings in her parking lot at the funeral home. Brent W sold his house, bought a new one, but stayed in Wadsworth. Richard C had a BIG birthday. He celebrated with a "drive by" (or stop and chat) party in his driveway!

Our group was going to have a Trash and Treasure Sale in September, but because of social distancing we decided to cancel that activity. Watch for it in 2021!

We are hoping to have our annual "Mixed Nuts" fundraiser sale, but it is up in the air right now because the Akron Peanut Shoppe is closed due to Covid-19 (darn virus!). We are checking with an alternate source, keep your fingers crossed and look for more info in September or October. Sale dates would be end of October thru the beginning of December.

As usual, we can always use new members! You can become a member right now thru October 31st for FREE! Let us know if you are interested.

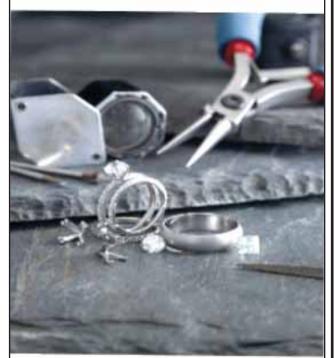
Stay safe, wash your hands, practice social distancing, and wear a mask, all so we can conquer Covid-19! For more information on Kiwanis, please call Dick or Pat Cardarelli at 330-745-5674.



A Kenmore Kiwanis Club Meeting at Chestnut Ridge Park



Repairs completed in store in less than a week



We do watch repair and install batteries



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Kenmore Historical Society News

by Jan Williams, President of KHS

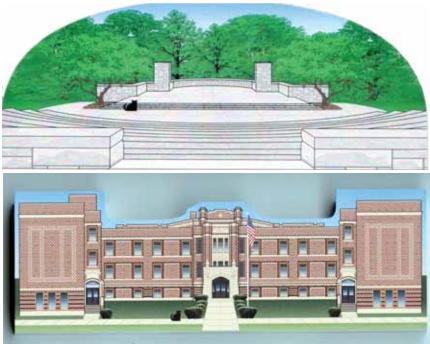
The year 2020 has become quite a challenge, socially and financially. We have had to adapt to many changes in our lifestyles. Our community organizations and businesses have been impacted by the need to avoid close contact.

The Kenmore Historical Society had to cancel several meetings, including the upcoming August meeting.

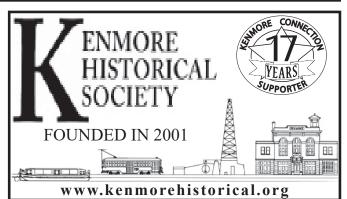
Our purpose is to promote an interest in Kenmore history. Hopefully, while you've been "shut in," you've had some time to think about ways to encourage an appreciation of our heritage.

Many residents of this community have lived here for many years and consider themselves "Forever a Cardinal." I grew up in Ellet, and after graduating in 1963, I attended Akron University. Upon graduation in 1967, I was hired to teach English at Kenmore, I knew very little about the community - I didn't even know where the Boulevard was. I eventually married a Kenmore graduate and moved into Kenmore in July of 1970. I have spent 50 years supporting this community and am proud to call myself a Cardinal.

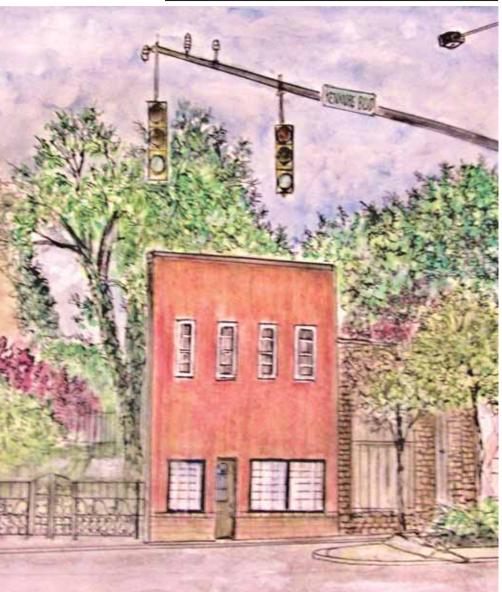
Thanks to John & Julie Ann Buntin, the Kenmore Historical Society is working to help renovate the McCutchan Building at 1028 Kenmore Boulevard into our future museum. We plan to eventually display the memorabilia we've been collecting for over twenty years and open a Gift Shop. Please consider a donation to help make this happen!



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.



Want to help the Kenmore Historical Society make their museum here in Kenmore a reality? Please consider sending a tax-deductible donation to Kenmore Historical Society P.O. Box 3707 Akron, Ohio 44314



We thank Don Jeffrey for his watercolor painting of our Future Kenmore Historical Society Museum.

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Kenmore Church Directory

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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 Hours of Service may change due to COVID-19 See FaceBook for Worship Times 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. "Feed the Need" financial contributions accepted for distribution to local food ministries.

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

Goss Memorial Church

2247 11th Street SW 330-745-5038 www.gosschurch.org

Pastor Kevin Burkholder

Hours of Service Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am (also available online on the Goss Memorial Facebook page) Please see the website for up-to-date service information for Sunday Evening and Wednesday Programming

Hope United Methodist Church

2650 Cory Avenue 330-753-2303 officehumc@gmail.com

Pastor John M. Tsironis

Hours of Service Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am

Kenmore Community

Church the 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 Worship 10:00 am

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

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 for Adults (RCIA) Mondays 7:00 pm (September thru May)

Community Services Offered Food Pantry at Maher Hall -Thursday afternoons 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm requires referral from InfoLine (330-376-4850). Kenmore A.A. Big Book Study at Hitch Hall -Thursdays 8:00 pm & Saturdays 8:00 pm. Kenmore Free Store -2128 16th Street - enter back door off 17th and Battles Ave Tuesdays 4:30 to 7:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am to Noon (partnership with Park United Methodist Church). 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 (partnership with Kenmore Ministerial Association).

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

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

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Park United Methodist Church Shoreline Community 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

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. 790 Carnegie Avenue 330-753-9241 office@shorelinechurchakron.com www.shorelinechurchakron.com

Dr. Scott Campbell

Hours of Service Sunday Praise & Worship 11:00 am Sunday Live Stream message begins at 11:25 am Wednesday Live Stream Bible Study 7:00 pm View Live Stream Messages at: www.shorelinechurchakron.com OR

https://shoreline-community-church.freeonlinechurch.com/live OR

Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/Shoreline-Live-Stream-106792170959587/

Community Services Offered Drive Thru Food Pantry Service every Friday Check-in is 10:00 to 10:15 am to receive food.



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

In person worship with masks & social distancing Sundays at 10:30am at 943 Kenmore Boulevard (entrance through the back alley). Online worship available the same day & time at https://kenmore.thechapel.life/watch-now/

Community Services Offered 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.

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

"Praise and Worship" every Sunday Morning at 10:00 am Interpreted for the Deaf, Nursery available, Streamed live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KenmoreChurch Blvd and presented on YouTube later Sunday. "Celebrate Recovery" every Friday at 6:30 pm "Narcotics Anonymous" Monday to Friday at 12 noon, every Tuesday at 7:00 pm, every Friday at 9:30 pm, every Saturday at 2:00 pm, every Sunday at 7:30 pm.

Outreach Food Pantry

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

Monday Mornings 10:00 am to 12:00 noon August 17th, September 7th & 21st, October 5th & 19th, November 2nd & 16th

Outreach Food Pantry

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

Monday Evenings 5:30 to 7:30 pm August 24th, September 14th & 28th, October 12th & 26th, November 9th & 23rd

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Project Shine Update

Like all of us, Project Shine's plans to serve Kenmore this year were disrupted by COVID-19. Because of so much unknown earlier this year, we decided to cancel our regular week of gathering young people and churches together to serve the residents of Kenmore and greater Akron.

But COVID didn't stop us from serving. By God's grace we were able to gather funds to provide a home care basket to each of the three dozen residents who applied to have work done by Project Shine in 2020. These baskets were assembled and delivered during the week of June 22-26 which would have been our annual project week.

One resident was particularly encouraged: "I wanted to thank the organization for the care package and gift certificate for my family. I greatly appreciate everything you have done. Going through financial difficulties, as well as some health issues, I really appreciate everything you've done! It's organizations like yours that make a difference in people's lives. Thank you again and God Bless!"

We don't know what the future holds for projects like ours, but we intend to stay present and serve the needs of Kenmore and greater Akron as best we can and as God allows. Look for an update in November Kenmore Connection!

When shopping in Kenmore, please thank our advertisers for supporting the Kenmore Connection!



Home Care Gift Baskets from Project Shine



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Kenmore Free Store News

"Grace, freely received, grace freely given"

Yep! Face masks are required!

Hi everyone, we have re-opened! Please know that we will be OPEN when the virus level in Summit County is at a level 1 or 2 but CLOSED whenever the virus reaches a level 3 or 4. Please come to shop on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm or on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. We have seen a number of our regular shoppers these past few weeks that we have been open. It is so great to see our friends again.

We are planning on having a school supply give-away during Tuesday August 25th. Whether you are home-schooling or going to the school building to learn, these supplies will be given to all school age children, while the supply lasts. This is the same date as the community dinner.

We do have some restrictions to keep you, the shopper, and the volunteers safe. Masks are required and a limit of 5 shoppers in the store for a 20 minute time limit. This time limit is 15 minutes of shopping and 5 minutes to checkout. It is surprising what you shop for in 15 minutes!

Donations are accepted only during open hours and need to be placed in the RED cart at the 16th Street, SW entrance. These donations are quarantined for 72 hours before they are sorted by the volunteers.



Stay safe and healthy! We ask God's blessings and protection on each of you. Thank you.

Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director The Kenmore Free Store 2101 17th Street, SW, Akron kenmorefreestore@yahoo.com and you can 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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