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## Light Up the Boulevard with Missile Toe, Santa & KNA

by Tina Boyes

Holiday events on the Boulevard may look a bit different this year, but the show must go on for Kenmore families. On Friday, November 27th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, the City of Akron and Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance will host a Light Up the Boulevard event featuring live music, light displays, food and beverage samples, and socially distanced visits with Santa in the Kenmore Boulevard Historic District.

For those who enjoy holiday decorating, KNA is also teaming up with the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce to help you Adopt a Storefront. We'll match you up with a Boulevard small business and you can use our supplies or yours to decorate until your heart is content. Each designer will receive recognition during the lighting event and the designers of the best decorated storefront will earn a catered meal (up to \$200 value). Individuals, families and businesses are encouraged to apply.

To adopt a participate, contact 330-714-9621 or [betterkenmore@gmail.com](mailto:betterkenmore@gmail.com). For more information on Boulevard events, register for our e-news at [betterkenmore.org/news](http://betterkenmore.org/news). Or, please follow us at [facebook.com/betterkenmore](https://facebook.com/betterkenmore).



**Holiday Events Offer Safe  
Outdoor Fun During Pandemic**

## Small Business Saturday is November 28th



Saturday, November 28th, is **Small Business Saturday** – a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities. Created by American Express in 2010, it falls between Black Friday and Cyber Monday after the Thanksgiving holiday, during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year. It encourages holiday shoppers to buy in local stores and from small business owners. Please join the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce in supporting our local small businesses in the Kenmore Community by not only shopping with them on Saturday November 28th, but also throughout the year, so that we can continue to show our support for our community businesses during these unique times!

## New Boulevard Eatery Offers Asian Food With Soul

by KNA staff

**ThaiSoul Fusion Grill** brings an exciting fusion of traditional Thai and soul food to 992 Kenmore Boulevard. Since relocating in mid-September from Romig Road, the restaurant has been offering a diverse menu that includes hibachi-style dishes to burgers and wings. “What makes us unique is the quality of our ingredients”, said owner Chef Tawon Burton, who operates **ThaiSoul Fusion** with his wife, Patricia. “People constantly tell us they feel like they should be dining in and drinking wine because of the quality of our carry out” Patricia added. The Burtons say they’re happy to be in family-friendly Kenmore, and Tawon brings with him a special fondness of the Boulevard. He attended Kenmore High School and spent a large portion of his childhood here. “I love that we get a lot of kids at the carry-out window after school hours, and I wish that we could do more outreach” Tawon said. That outreach includes a Junior Chef program, where school-aged children learn how to shop for ingredients and prepare meals. The couple has taught the courses in the past and said they hope to continue them in Kenmore.

**ThaiSoul Fusion Grill** is available for carry out Tuesday thru Saturday from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm by calling 330-937-8846. They will resume dine-in service when pandemic restrictions are lifted, adding outdoor seating during the warmer months.

For more information, please check out their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/theofficialThaiSoul330](http://www.facebook.com/theofficialThaiSoul330).



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## Regina's Pizza Celebrates 50 Years

If you are a long-time resident living in Kenmore, you probably know the story of best friends Louie Bamonte and Steve Catalano, who together in 1970 went into the pizza business and started **Regina's Pizza** on Mogadore Road. A second location soon followed at 1267 West Waterloo Road, and it was here that they decided they were meant to be, and so they closed the Mogadore Road restaurant. In 2009 **Regina's Pizza** relocated to 2160 East Avenue (across from Acme), so that they could provide a dining area for their customers where Louie and Steve's delicious recipes still prevailed.

What isn't as well known is the generosity of **Regina's Pizza**, thanks to Steve Catalano's son Robert. The **Kenmore Chamber of Commerce**, of which **Regina's Pizza** is a member, wishes to personally thank Robert Catalano & Regina's Pizza for all they have done for the Kenmore Community. Over the years they have donated many free pizzas for not only the Kenmore Holiday Celebration, but to many a community organization who asked for help during their fundraising drives. **Regina's Pizza** did \$1 pizza slice days for many of the Kenmore Community Days Festivals. And Robert even held a free seminar on advertising (he is the Master of Ads in our opinion) for Kenmore business owners. It is this generosity many groups in the Kenmore Community wish to acknowledge by saying "Thank You Robert!"

**Regina's Pizza** is closed Monday, opens at 11:00 am Tuesday thru Saturday, and opens at 12:00 noon on Sunday. They have a new take-out window for your use when ordering food from them. For more information please visit them at 2160 East Avenue, call 330-753-7797, or visit their web site at [www.reginaspizza.com](http://www.reginaspizza.com) for a full menu and much more!



**Tim Smith is the first to use the Regina's Pizza new Take-Out Window**

## New Tea Shop on Kenmore Boulevard

There is a new business on Kenmore Boulevard, one which may help during the current health pandemic. The **ManiKitchen Tea Shop** held its Grand Opening on September 9th, and is now ready to supply you with Blended, Herbs and Loose Tea products at 978 Kenmore Boulevard. Numerous studies have shown that tea boosts the immunization system, reduces the risk of heart disease, and can fight off inflammation.

"My Achi Amma (Grandma) had a deep knowledge of Ayurvedic and Hela Osu indigenous Ceylon/Sri Lankan healing medicine" says owner Jeewaka Costa. "She used many herbal remedies, traditional ingredients, and natural resources to heal many people. My Ammee (Mom) told me that this glass of secret medicine (Herbal Tea) gives you brain power, cools your body, cures allergic symptoms, energizes your life, boosts immunity, and protects against bacteria, viruses and any other infections".

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You can give your loved ones a ManiKitchen Gift Certificate and/or Gift Bags and Tea Wares, especially during this holiday season, and the options of free delivery and shipping are also available. The **ManiKitchen Tea Shop** is open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday to Friday, and 11:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, closed Sunday. They are on Facebook, Instagram, and Google. You can also visit their web site at [www.manikitchen.com](http://www.manikitchen.com), or please call 330-310 9464 or 330-376 7360.

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### 50th Anniversary Special!

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[www.ReginasPizza.com](http://www.ReginasPizza.com)



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 of either, they may also  
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# Councilman's Corner

Leaf pickup comes late in the season this year for Ward 9. December 5th is the date to mark on your calendar. Please remember the following.

Rake leaves into the street the day before your scheduled pick up day only. This is important since leaves which are placed ahead of time are more apt to find their way to the sewer and thus cause bigger problems in the future.

Rake leaves into the street no more than two feet from the curb or edge of street.

Remove all vehicles off the street when crews are working in your area. **PLEASE NOTE** - parked vehicles left on the street, while crews are working, are subject to be towed/fined.

Please be mindful of the following-

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**DO NOT** allow children to play in leaves on or near the street.

**DO NOT** bag leaves unless you have called 311 to arrange for one of your (3) three Sanitation bulk pickups.

**DO NOT** park on leaves.

For more information on Akron's leaf removal program, please call 3-1-1.

Finally, if you have not yet had an opportunity to drive Romig Road, the former site of Rolling Acres Mall and new site for the Amazon Fulfillment Center, I would encourage you to do so. New roads, new illumination and landscaping have revived this site and we look forward to continued growth in this area.

Stay safe and thank you for allowing me to serve as your local legislator.

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

### Children's Virtual Book Review

**Monday, November 16 2020, 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Tune in to get a review of award-winning and popular juvenile fiction. Get some ideas for your next read! Register to receive a Zoom link.

### Explore Cuyahoga Valley National Park

**Tuesday, November 17 2020, 6:00pm - 7:00 pm**

The events of 2020 have driven people to parks in record numbers. As leaves fall, continue to enjoy the great outdoors. Join a ranger to explore your national park! Register to receive a Zoom link.

### Akron Trivia! Virtual Program

**Monday, November 30 2020, 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

Join Branch Manager Wendy for a fun session of Akron trivia. Prizes will be awarded, including gift cards. Be sure to register so we can email you the Zoom link!

### Take It Make It Craft

**Monday, November 23 2020, All day**

Come in to the library and grab a craft to take home! While supplies last.

### The Making of "Its A Wonderful Life"

**Tuesday, December 15 2020, 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

Learn the story behind the making of the 1946 Christmas classic from the first idea, to movie production, to box-office disappointment, to eventual holiday favorite. Register to receive a Zoom link.

### Intermediate/Teen Book Folding Holiday Tree

**Tuesday, December 15 2020, 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Are you looking for something fun to make? Join us online, in Zoom, to learn how to fold an old book into a holiday tree! Grades 5-12. Books for folding provided at Kenmore Library upon request.

### Youngsters Yoga

**Wednesday, December 16 2020, 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Chill out with easy yoga poses and learn some simple ways to wind down.

### Virtual Teen Trivia Night

**Tuesday, December 29 2020, 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Join us on line in Zoom and test your knowledge in trivia. You could win a prize. at the library! This is for grades 7-12.

### Sound, Stillness, and Silence Meditation: Holiday Edition - With Local Musician and Yogi Zach

**Tuesday, December 1 2020, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

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Jeffrey has made a career out of serving people in the accounting, tax and insurance fields. Helping others find the right Medicare insurance solution is the most rewarding.

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# Innis Middle School News

by David Kurzen, Innes Middle School Principal

Innes CLC has made a concentrated effort to get involved in the Kenmore and Garfield communities. We have done our best to do this during this time of remote learning. Check out a few things that we have been doing over the past few months:

### Doughnut Deliveries (Pictured: Laroi Ford)

We celebrated students that are going above and beyond with their online classes through giving out donuts. Students were able to pick them up at Innes CLC or Glover CLC and we made a few home deliveries.



### Blessings in a Backpack Fundraiser

Staff designed and sold Innes masks in order to raise money to donate to Blessings in a Backpack. The staff raised \$671.00! Blessings in the Backpack will provide weekend meals for many of our Innes students.



### Daily Meal Pick-Up Monday through Friday

The Cafeteria staff and Mr. Wolfe (Innes and Rimer's Technology Support Specialist) are available for lunch pick up and chromebook support 10:00 am to 12:00 noon Monday through Friday every week.



### Drive Through Open House September 1st to 3rd

Staff from all grade levels came together from September 1st, 2nd and 3rd in order to greet the students back to Innes CLC. They were able to meet their students face to face from their families cars. Each student received a backpack full of school supplies as well as packets of helpful information.



### Habitat for Humanity Staff Build on August 28th & September 4th

The Innes staff came together with Habitat for Humanity to help build houses across the street from the school on East Avenue. Some of these houses are/will be homes to Kenmore-Garfield Cluster students.



### Father's Walk (drive through) on October 20th

Innes staff came together to pass out donuts, juice, and school supplies (provided by First Energy) to our students and their fathers and father figures.



Please keep up with all the exciting things happening at Innes CLC through social media:

- \* Twitter: @innesCLC
- \* Instagram: innes\_jaguars
- \* Facebook: Innes Community Learning Center

# Trunk or Treat On Kenmore Boulevard

by Charles Wilson

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, Halloween this year had a real challenge in finding ways to safely pass out candy to children. One such way was to hold a “Trunk or Treat” event, where vehicles were spaced in a large parking lot and the owners safely handed out treats to the children who paraded past the open trunks.

One “Trunk or Treat” was held at the Schlup Pucak Funeral Home parking lot between 8th & 9th Streets on Kenmore Boulevard. From 1:00 to 4:00 pm 400-500 area children were treated to candy from about 30 decorated cars. The Funeral Home partnered with Just A Dad From Akron for this event. They also had help from Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, 4 Bros and A Sis Lemonade Stand, First Glance Student Center, The Chapel in Kenmore, Power Photography, and Eric Cooper.



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Don E. Pucak, Owner

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# Kenmore Community Center Reopening

by KNA staff

After being closed (except for children’s summer camps), since mid-March due to Covid-19, Kenmore Community Center was finally able to reopen for limited programming on September 21st, 2020. The center opened for safe, socially-distanced programming that included video exercising, billiards, bingo, coloring club, floor & chair yoga, popcorn & movie day, and various community organizations. Mobile Meals began as a grab ‘n go service outside on August 1st and will finally be able to serve meals inside beginning November 5th. All participants must call ahead to assure that no more than 10 people are signed up for any one program at a time, temperatures are checked at the door and of course, mask wearing is a must.

For more information, please call the center at 330-375-2812.



**Chair Yoga**



**Seniorcise**



**Coloring Club**



**Bingo**



**Mobile Meals**

# 2020: A Year of Quiet Progress on the Boulevard

by Tina Boyes

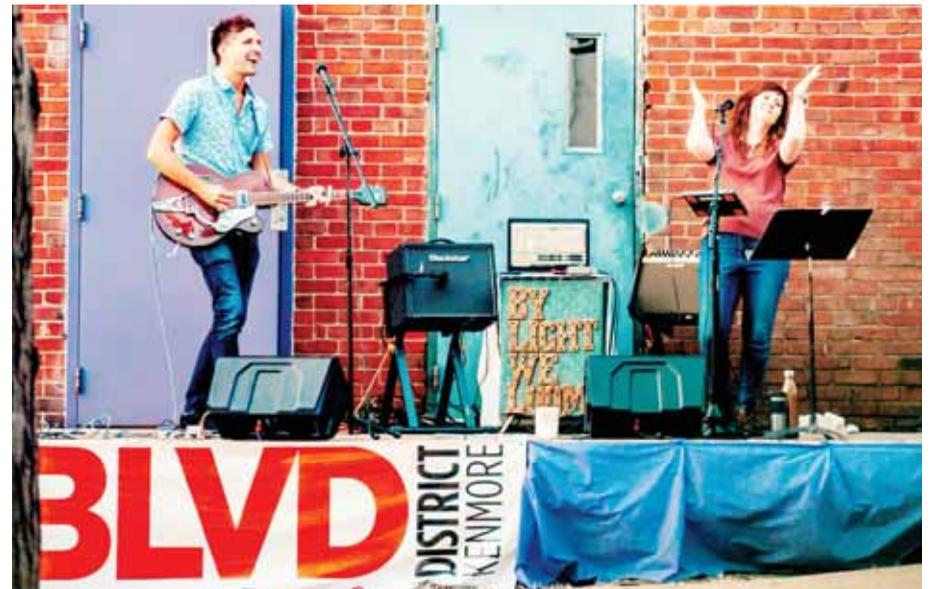
A global pandemic, event cancellations and lockdowns didn't stop the volunteers of Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance from revitalizing the Kenmore Boulevard Historic District in 2020.

Our Design Committee completed its first façade renovation at 975 Kenmore Boulevard. Through the City of Akron's Great Streets grant program and with support from the Knight Foundation, we removed the building's vinyl siding, restored the brick, and installed an energy-efficient glass storefront similar to that of the 1923 original. Interior renovations continue as our Economic Vitality Committee works to finalize a long-term tenant to occupy the space in early 2021.



**Renovations at 975 Kenmore Boulevard**

While our Promotion & Events Committee was eager to build on the energy of last year's Kenmore First Friday events, COVID-19 forced us to adapt. In May and June, we hosted Virtual First Fridays. Starting in July, we partnered with The Dragon's Mantle, the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, and a variety of generous sponsors to host socially distant drive-in concerts in the Kenmore Boulevard South Alley parking lots. They featured carhop service from local food businesses and musical acts like Jim Ballard, Zach, and American Idol veteran Madeline Finn. In all, we drew more than 350 people to the district at a time when outdoor live music events were scarce in Summit County.



**“By Light We Loom” Plays at a Drive-In Concert  
(Photo by Kristi Watson/Power Photography)**

Despite the pandemic's impact on small businesses, the number of occupied commercial buildings in the district grew by 16 percent this year. The following five business located to the district and continue to operate as of November 1st: Advanced Machine at 911 Kenmore Boulevard, BrighStart Early Preschool at 1069 Kenmore Boulevard, Hall of Fame Barbershop at 930 Kenmore Boulevard, ManiKitchen Tea Shop at 978 Kenmore Boulevard, and ThaiSoul Fusion Grill at 992 Kenmore Boulevard.



**Dancing to the Music During the Drive-In Concert  
(Photo by Kristi Watson/Power Photography)**

We would like to thank our generous donors and funders for helping us continue our work during these unprecedented times, as well as our dedicated volunteers, without whom none of our success would have been possible. Keep up to date on all the latest Boulevard news and events by registering for our e-news at [betterkenmore.org/news](http://betterkenmore.org/news). Or, follow us at [facebook.com/betterkenmore](https://facebook.com/betterkenmore).

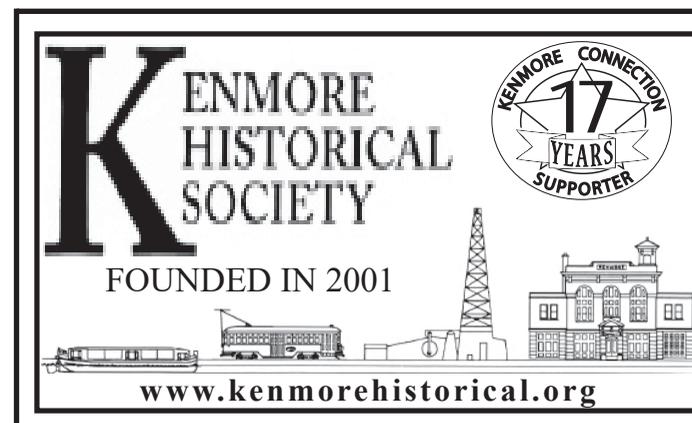
# Kenmore Boulevard Trash Containers Receive Colorful New Wraps

by Charlee Harris

Kenmore Boulevard received six new trash can wraps in connection with a City Of Akron Recreation Department beautification incentive to revamp old trash cans in the city’s recreation centers and parks.

Alice Incorvia, the supervisor at the Kenmore Community Center, led in organizing the design of the new wraps, using her background in the arts. Alice, along with community center staff, children from the summer camps and Kenmore native Debbie Blake, worked to create the trash container wraps over the summer.

The striking new trash wraps can be found all along Kenmore Boulevard starting at the Kenmore Community Center and ending at the Shadyside Park.



# Hip Hop Night is Every Thursday in Kenmore

by Pastor Ben White



One fun and creative way that The Chapel in Kenmore partners with the First Glance Youth Center is through a weekly time called “Hip Hop Night”. During Hip Hop Night, students and volunteer leaders get together, create hip hop beats, write lyrics, make free-style rap beats and rhymes in the moment, record original music, and more. Music is a great way to express frustrations, hurts, joy, laughter, and all the things of life. Right now The Chapel in Kenmore does Hip Hop Night every Thursday Night from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Interested in learning more? Please email Pastor Ben White at [ben.white@thechapel.life](mailto:ben.white@thechapel.life).



# Five Ways Kenmore Residents Can Make Tax Time Less Stressful

by Angela Lowery, Director, Financial Empowerment, United Way of Summit & Medina

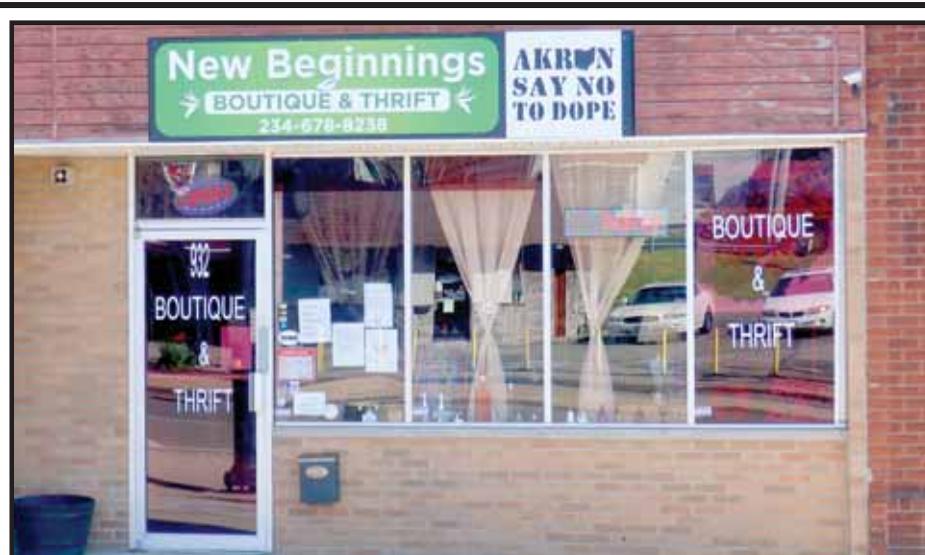
It's hard to believe that it is almost tax time! At the Financial Empowerment Center, we are busy planning for a safe and effective tax season given the new realities of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2018, the Financial Empowerment Center, located at 1060 Kenmore Boulevard, has hosted the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, a free tax preparation service for households with an income under \$60,000. We have helped over 300 Kenmore residents save money by filing their taxes for free.

Beyond preparing your taxes, we strive to make tax time less stressful. Below are our top 5 tips for Kenmore residents in preparing for tax season:

- 1) Open a bank account to get your refund faster through direct deposit. We partner with local banks and credit union to offer simple, overdraft free, second chance checking accounts. For more information, visit [www.uwsummit.org/BankOn](http://www.uwsummit.org/BankOn).
- 2) Talk to a financial coach. Financial coaches can help you create a plan to maximize your refund or evaluate different payment options if you expect to owe. Financial coaching is free and conducted by phone.
- 3) Sign up to volunteer as a tax preparer or greeter at our site in Kenmore. We will provide free virtual trainings so you can obtain IRS tax law certification. Email [vita@uwsummit.org](mailto:vita@uwsummit.org) if you are interested in learning more.
- 4) Plan to get your taxes done at the same time as everyone in your household to ensure all household credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit are maximized. Only 80% of qualified individuals claim this credit. That means 20% of people are missing out on extra money. The credit is for working individuals and families earning less than \$55,000.
- 5) Avoid the temptation of "Quick Cash" or "Instant Refunds" through refund anticipation loans. Our VITA site will have appointments available starting in January, so save money and wait.

Now is the time to start preparing. Our VITA site will offer a variety of appointment options ranging from completely virtual to in-person. You can begin scheduling appointments on January 11th by calling 2-1-1 or making an appointment online at [www.uwsummit.org/vita](http://www.uwsummit.org/vita).



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## Kenmore Kiwanis News

by Pat Cardarelli



We tried very hard to continue our service to the Kenmore community, but after 95 years (as of August 2020) Kenmore Kiwanis has disbanded. This was done with great sadness from all our members. Five of our ten members have 20+ years of service in Kiwanis!

We will miss taking books to Kenmore elementary schools, making popcorn at the Wednesday evening Shadyside Park concerts, running the annual Kenmore Halloween parade, sponsoring the costumed characters for the Kenmore Holiday Celebration, interacting with other organizations, and many other projects. Most of all we will miss the people of Kenmore!

Our final meeting was held on Tuesday October 27th. It was our last Past Presidents Dinner. We recognized Kim P. as the immediate Past President, and Barb J. as the incoming President. Barb had certainly taken up the reins the last couple of months, keeping us centered on regular meetings which were conducted at outside venues.

Special thanks to Brent W. and Barb J. for guiding us thru the disbanding process. Everything went smoothly, including closing out the club online (done by Pat C.).

The final distribution of funds went to several Kenmore organizations, one last time to help the children of Kenmore.

So, thank you Kenmore for supporting us all these years!



## Kenmore Youth Football

by Rick G. Laney



As most of you are aware, we decided not to proceed with our 2020 Kenmore Youth Football season due to the virus situation. As a nation we are still working through it. We absolutely intend to move forward with our 2021 football season. Our organization has made a tentative decision to proceed with our annual Night at The Races fundraiser, details will be coming out later. The safety and health of our KYF Family is priority so these are very tentative plans.

We greatly appreciated the support we received from the community during our previous Night at The Races. Please patronize these supporters: 1st Class Nails, Advance Auto Parts, Akron Family Dental, Akron Fossils and Science Center, Akron Rubber Ducks, Akron Zoo, Auto Central, The Basement – Waterloo Road & Sagamore Hills, Bob's Hamburger, Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Cavaliers, Cleveland In a Box, COSI, The Dragon's Mantle, Kenmore Freeze, King Sportsman, Lil'1 Bit Café, Little Caesar's Pizza, Lukity's Country Inn, Mac's Cabana #9, MJ's Pub and Grill, Pegasus Lounge, Primo's Deli, Pro Football Hall of Fame, Regina's Pizza, Reeves Cake Shop, Rocco's Pizza, Showcase Meats, Tansations, and The Pipe Rack..

For information on sign-ups and future events please follow Kenmore Youth Football on Facebook, email us at [kfkenmoreohio@gmail.com](mailto:kfkenmoreohio@gmail.com), or text us at 330-777-9450.

Thank You! And Go Cards!!





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# Kenmore Historical Society News

by Jan Williams, President of KHS

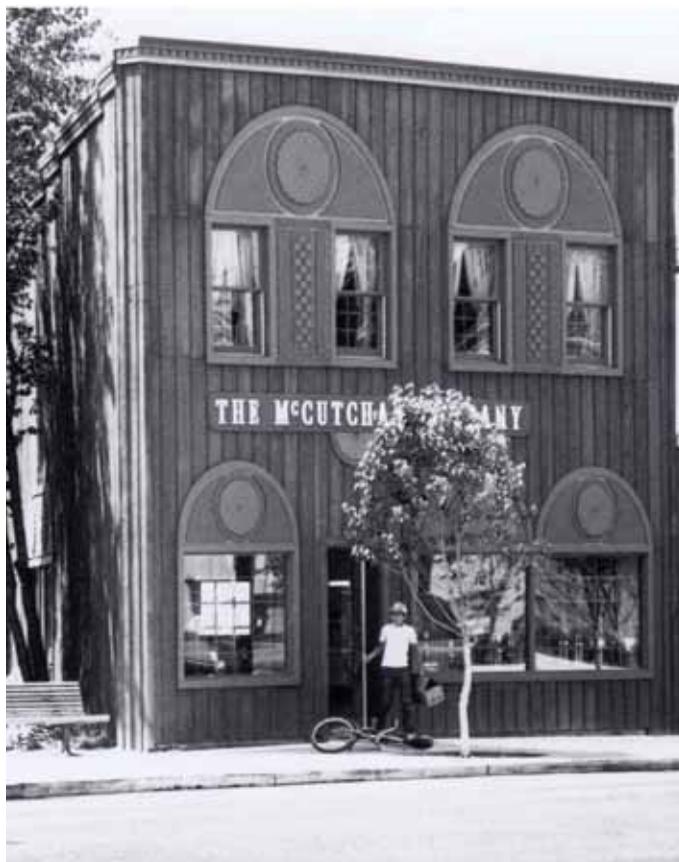
Since the Kenmore Historical Society was founded in 2001, we have been continuing to try to promote an interest in our communities history. We have been collecting and storing a variety of information and memorabilia that people have donated.

Several nearby communities have been fortunate enough to have the support to fund a location to display their collections. Thanks to the support of Julie Ann & John Buntin, Kenmore hopefully has found a site for their memorabilia.

Julie Ann and John have purchased the former McCutchan Building on Kenmore Boulevard and have made improvements to the exterior of the building and the adjacent garden. Several members of the Kenmore Historical Society, with the help of members of our community, have been working on the interior. The Buntins have offered to let us use their building to display our wares and open a small gift shop for Kenmore-related items. We are very appreciative of their generosity and are excited to continue this project.

We could use your financial support. The limitations imposed on any present social gatherings make it difficult to organize any activities to raise funds. We, therefore, must rely at this time on donations to continue our efforts. One campaign involves basing a donation on the number of years that you have lived in Kenmore. For example, I moved here in 1970, so I'm donating \$50. First Glance, our Kenmore youth organization, raised money a few years ago based on graduation years. Hopefully, we can also have a successful building-fund drive.

Anyone with construction skills and the time to help would be greatly appreciated. For more information please contract Jan Williams, KHS President at [samjanw@aol.com](mailto:samjanw@aol.com).



**The McCutchan Company operated a heating and air conditioning business from 1975 to 2002**



**After almost two decades of vacancy, the building fell into disrepair**



**This is the newly remodeled building, soon to be the Kenmore Historical Society Museum**

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

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pastordwaynecummings@gmail.com)

Pastor Dwayne Cummings

Hours of Service

Currently we are only meeting  
Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM  
due to COVID-19

## Compass Christian Church

1900 East Avenue  
330-753-3121  
[kenmoreoffice@att.net](mailto:kenmoreoffice@att.net)  
[www.charleshahlen.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@compasskenmore.com)

## Goss Memorial Church

2247 11th Street SW  
330-745-5038  
[www.gosschurch.org](http://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  
[officehume@gmail.com](mailto:officehume@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](mailto:kenmorenazarene@gmail.com)  
[www.kenmorenaz.org](http://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

Wednesday Evening Children & Youth Services 6:00 to 7:00  
pm

Parent/Guardian must come with their children to register them)  
Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study 6:00 to 7:00 pm

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](mailto:ickenmore@yahoo.com)  
[www.ickenmore.org](http://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](http://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

[pastorsmj@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsmj@gmail.com)  
[www.newlifeofakron.com](http://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

2308 24th Street SW  
330-745-3714  
[parkchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:parkchurch@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.akronparkumc.org](http://www.akronparkumc.org)

Pastor Dave Haydu

Hours of Service

Sunday Traditional Worship 9:00 am  
Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study 1:00 pm  
Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 am  
Masks required. Social distancing in place.

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](http://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](mailto:jesushouseakron@ymail.com)  
[www.rccgjh-akron.org](http://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](mailto:office@shorelinechurchakron.com)  
[www.shorelinechurchakron.com](http://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](http://www.shorelinechurchakron.com)

OR

<https://shoreline-community-church.freeonlinechurch.com/live>

OR

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<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](http://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](http://www.thechurchontheboulevard.co)  
[www.facebook.com/kenmorechurchblvd](https://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/KenmoreChurchBlvd](http://www.facebook.com/KenmoreChurchBlvd)  
and presented on YouTube later Sunday.  
“Celebrate Recovery” every Friday at 6:30 pm  
“Alcoholics Anonymous” 7 days a week at 7:00 am  
“Narcotics Anonymous” Sunday at 3:00 pm,  
Monday-Friday at 12 noon; Tuesday at 7:00 pm,  
Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Friday at 9:30 pm,  
Saturday at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

## Outreach Food Pantry

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

Monday Mornings 10:00 am to 12:00 noon  
November 16th, December 7th & 21st,  
January 4th & 18th, February 1st & 15th

## Outreach Food Pantry

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

Monday Evenings 5:30 to 7:30 pm  
November 23rd, December 14th & 28th,  
January 11th & 25th, February 8th & 22nd

# Project Shine Update

by Kevin Burkholder

Like everyone else in the world, Project Shine as an organization sits at a bit of a crossroads. This past year certainly didn't turn out like we hoped or planned, and the coming year seems like it will contain plenty of unknown itself.



For an update this November, we'll stick to a Thanksgiving theme. Despite really hard times and an unimaginable year, we can always give thanks. As for thankfulness from Project Shine's perspective, how about 19 summers of serving residents in Kenmore? By God's grace and for His glory, we have worked on dozens of properties in the Kenmore and greater Akron area. We've seen the unlikeliest people come together to serve and bless others. We've seen lives change. We've seen people's impressions of teenagers change. And for all of this, we're incredibly thankful.

Stay tuned in the next Kenmore Connection for an update on our summer plans for 2021. Until then, we humbly ask that you would join us in prayer as we seek the best ways to fulfill our mission: Making Christ known to residents of Akron, our participants and their leaders through basic home improvement.



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# Kenmore Free Store News

“Grace, freely received, grace freely given”

Hi everyone!

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. This is for the protection of our shoppers and volunteers.

Please come to shop on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and/or Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

We have been so very blessed this year and we are thankful for:

- \* God’s grace freely given, freely received
- \* Our shoppers
- \* Our volunteers
- \* Our community supporters
- \* Donations given to the store



Donations are accepted 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.

We are requesting gently used toys and children’s coats for this season. We are unable to collect stuff animals at this time. Thank you for whatever you are able to donate.



Stay safe and healthy! We ask God’s blessings and protection on each of you. We are truly blessed by each of you. Happy Thanksgiving and have a Blessed Christmas.

Thank you.

Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director  
 The Kenmore Free Store  
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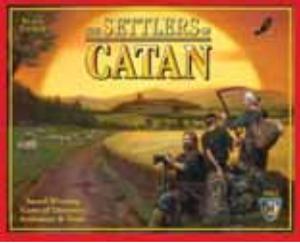
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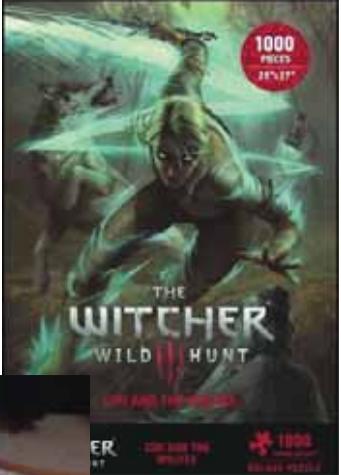
**Do you have a reunion, fundraiser, or event to promote in Kenmore? Please contact John at 330-745-5530 for information on how to get your event in the next issue!**

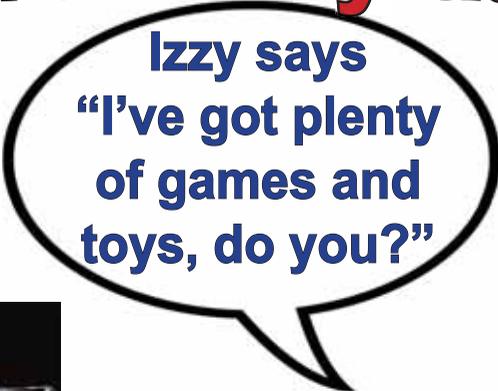


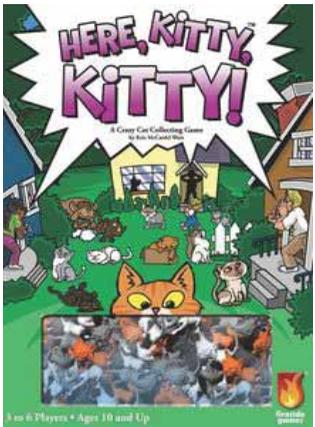
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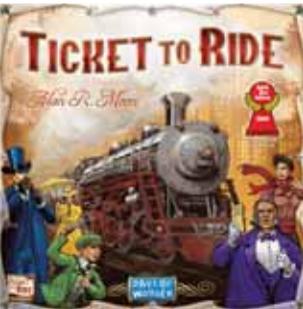







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