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First Fridays Return to Kenmore Boulevard

by Tina Boyes, Executive Director, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance

Every first Friday of the month from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, the Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance will welcome hundreds of residents young and old to Kenmore Boulevard for a night of food trucks, children's activities, vendors and some of the region's best talent in rock, Americana, hip-hop, jazz and blues.

The June 4th Kenmore First Friday lineup includes King Locust, Floco Torres, and American Idol contestant Madeline Finn, who performed during last year's drive-in parking lot concerts. The night will conclude with a free screening of the movie "School of Rock" in the Kenmore Branch Library parking lot. Chairs and blankets are welcome.



Maggie Harris of Rubber City Ukles Teaches a Passer-by to Play

Kenmore First Fridays are sponsored by RE/MAX Oasis Dream Homes, Fastenal, and the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, with support from Kenmore Komics & Games, Akron Promise, KeyBank, Prentice Funeral Home, and Schlup-Pucak Funeral Home. In accordance with Summit County Public Health regulations, masks and group distancing will be required. For more information or to sponsor the 2021 First Friday series, please visit betterkenmore.org/events.



Floco Torres Performs June 4th

Another addition for all 2021 events will be the Akorn Jammers Open Mic Night, which will take place in the McCutcheon Courtyard courtesy of Kenmore Komics & Games, so stop by and test your chops.

2021 Themes include an All-Cardinal Homecoming, Spiderman's Birthday Bash, and the Great Grassman Gathering preview night, a prequel to Oddmall's Great Grassman Gathering October 2nd, which will include art, oddities, family activities and a variety of unique vendors from all over the region. For a full list of themes, see our back-page ad.



Free Family Activities

Vintage Vibes Abound at Boulevard's Newest Business

by Tina Boyes

What's old is new again as **Marigold Sol** brings vintage grit and whimsy to 962 Kenmore Boulevard. The store offers a diversity of fun items, from furniture and home decor to gifts, jewelry and more. It is Summit County's exclusive retailer of Wise Owl Paint, solvent-free furniture salves, waxes & quick-dry, zero-VOC paints with finishes ranging from shabby-chic rustic to modern and contemporary.

Marigold Sol is one of seven small business to open in the Kenmore Boulevard Historic District within the past year, the third owned by a female entrepreneur. Owner Lori Julien, a former nurse, said the shop is the culmination of years of experience in furniture refinishing and resale at shows and locations both inside and outside of Ohio. During the pandemic, Julien quit her nursing job to turn her "part-time passion into full-time work" to bring new life both to the items she sells and to the Kenmore community. "I have a deep respect and appreciation for communities that are investing in neighborhood revitalization, and what they're doing here on Kenmore Boulevard is really inspiring," Julien said.

Marigold Sol offers private shopping and hands-on classes, including paint your own piece and macramé instruction. A beginner macramé wall hanging class will be held May 14th at 6:00 pm and a macramé plant hanger class on Saturday, May 22nd at 1:00 pm. Cost and reservation information is available on their website at www.marigold-sol.com.

Marigold Sol is open Thursdays and Fridays 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturdays 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, and by appointment by calling 330-803-0419. You can also follow them online on Facebook @marigoldsol and on Instagram @mymarigoldsol.



Marigold Sol Owner Lori Julien (Photo by Charlee Harris)



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Kim Jacobs Cancer Resource Center Opens on Kenmore Boulevard

by Charlee Harris

Lavar Jacobs made a promise to himself and on May 1st that promise came true, he opened the **Kim Jacobs Cancer Resource Center** at 946 Kenmore Boulevard. The **Kim Jacobs Cancer Resource Center** is the seventh business to open on Kenmore Boulevard during the pandemic.

During the May 1st Grand Opening, Lavar welcomed many visitors and supporters, including Akron Deputy Mayor Marco Somerville. The cancer center will serve as a support for women who are undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Some of the amenities include a food pantry, massage therapy, and hair styling. There is also a daycare.

“After my mother passed away I would go to the cancer walks, but I thought to myself ...I could do more” says Lavar. So instead of going to an already established breast cancer nonprofit, he decided to start his own, and so Lavar, with a background in marketing and business savvy, found that the transition was seamless. After going through the proper steps to become a 501(c)(3), **Not Just October** became a certified nonprofit in Ohio in 2014.

Lavar struggled for the first couple of years getting the word out. That all changed when his publicist Aryel Bell of **The Prime Media Group** was able to get national attention by booking him a guest spot on the Steve Harvey Show. After appearing on the show, word quickly spread about **Not Just October**. Lavar also struggled financially in the early years, sometimes having to go in his own pockets to make sure women fighting breast cancer had what they needed.

“I have a really big heart when it comes to this and I will give them my last...I will make sure things are getting taken care of for these women” says Lavar.



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony with Lavar Jacobs (left) and Deputy Mayor Marco Somerville (center)

The **Kim Jacob Breast Cancer Resource Center** in Kenmore is Ohio's first Black-run center of its kind in Ohio. It's a place that is welcoming to everyone regardless of age, race or socioeconomic background. It's also the beginning of what Lavar hopes will expand to multiple centers across the country. **Not Just October** will be the premiere breast cancer organization in the whole United States!

(Photo by Kristi Watson of Power Photography LLC)

Four Concert's Scheduled for June at Shadyside Park


Summer will soon be here, and one of Kenmore's favorite events will return. The Akron Summer Concert Series is a longstanding Akron tradition of providing an opportunity to enjoy the sound of music free of charge. The Wednesday night concerts at Shadyside Park are a great way for your family to get together for a fun and affordable night of live entertainment. This year there will be four concerts in June, which will run from 7:00 pm to about 9:00 pm.

For the 2021 June Summer Program, the following bands will perform---

- June 9th - Cats On Holiday (Cleveland Swamp Pop)
- June 16th - Murfies Law (Classic Rock)
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Just a Dad From Akron Finds Home on the Boulevard

by Tina Boyes, Executive Director, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance

Growing up in Kenmore, Kenny Lambert knew the building at 937 Kenmore Boulevard well. Last year, he noticed the for rent sign on the window and typed the realtor's number into his phone. The contact saved itself as "New Home". "The words just appeared," Kenny said. It was a sign.

On March 6th, Kenny, along with Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan, cut the ribbon on **Just a Dad from Akron**, Kenny's apparel company with a purpose, which is to help youth in the city who are struggling, and to create mentoring relationships that model a healthy family, for all families throughout the area. **Just a Dad From Akron** became the fifth new business to open on Kenmore Boulevard in less than a year.

While speaking to more than 100 supporters, Kenny said some people encouraged him to put his new business elsewhere. But to Kenny, there was no question. "This is where I grew up," he said. "I want to help the families here to have a better environment to raise their children in."

And as a true Kenmore resident, Kenny walks the talk. He and his daughter live in an apartment above the shop, and the proceeds from his apparel sales go right back into the neighborhood. Products range in price from \$10 to \$40. Shirts, hoodies, and windbreakers include positive messages that promote youth and female empowerment, sobriety and mental health awareness.

And if he's not in the shop, Kenny is often sitting outside either talking to a neighbor or waiting for the next person he can encourage.

Just a Dad From Akron is open Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 to 7:00 pm, and Friday and Saturday 1:00 to 7:00 pm. For more information, please visit www.justadadfromakron.com.



Kenny Lambert (left) with Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan Cut the Ribbon at Just a Dad From Akron



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All submissions should be accompanied by full contact information including organization, contact person, e-mail address, and phone number.

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Councilman's Corner

The Spring Phenomenon

Spring brings us out of our houses and into the wide open spaces of our neighborhood. The need to be reminded of the "good neighbor rules" applies to all of us. I therefore submit to you, as a reminder, a few of the "good neighbor rules" from the City of Akron Code of Ordinances.

GRASS AND WEEDS

Grasses and weeds may not exceed eight (8) inches in height.

The City, as a last resort, will cut private property grass after proper notification has been given to the owner. When this is done the property owner is assessed for the cost of the cutting and a \$200 administrative fee for each cutting process. These costs vary depending on the size of the lot.

If you file a complaint with the City of Akron regarding high grass, from the time your complaint is received to when the grass is actually cut can vary from 10 days (if the owner complies) to upwards of 21 days or more when there is no compliance. The weather and the volume of complaints are a significant factor in this process. Finally, the City of Akron is under no obligation to cut high grass/weeds on private property and is the contractor of last resort.

PARKING ON LAWNS

Akron City Council passed legislation in 2012 authorizing the Department of Neighborhood Assistance to issue citations for violation of A.C.O. §76.31 parking on front lawns. The fine shall be \$50.00 for the first infraction and \$100.00 for each subsequent infraction.

TRASH COMPLAINTS

The City of Akron pursuant to §§95.06 - 95.14 allows for its authorized employees to inspect properties for litter. Litter can include, but isn't limited to, trash, tree debris, furniture designed for indoor use that is stored in any outdoor area susceptible to moisture from inclement weather, infestation by insect, rodent, or other pest, household debris, building debris (including construction and demolition debris), appliances, tires, carpeting, etc.

The Department of Neighborhood Assistance will serve an Order to Comply to the owner, lessee, occupant, agent, tenant, or other person in charge of the premises. It will be posted, whenever possible, and mailed to both owner and occupants. The owner will have seven (7) days to remedy the nuisance.

If the nuisance is not remedied, the City of Akron will have a contractor remove the items in question. The property owner will be charged for all costs associated with the clean-up plus an Administrative fee of \$200.

RODENT PROBLEMS

All rodent problems should be directed to the Summit County Health Department at 330-375- 2405 or they can be reached at www.co.summit.oh.us.

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!

YARD/GARAGE SALES

A permit is not required for garage sales. Each address is limited to three (3) garage sales per calendar year. Each garage sale may not last for more than three (3) consecutive days.

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Tuesday, May 25
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 Tuesday, June 01
 11:00am: Magic
 Tuesday, June 15
 11:00am: My Hair!
 Tuesday, June 29

Take & Make STEM Craft

Wednesday, June 02, June 16, July 14 , All day
 Kids - come to the library for a STEM craft kit to put together at home! While supplies last.

All-Levels, At-Home Fitness Program: - With David Candelaria of Steelyard Strength Academy

Tuesday, May 18, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 Personal trainer David Candelaria guides you in exercises you can do at home, using your own body weight, as well as furniture and other available items. This program is for all levels and abilities.

Sounds of Akron- Ben Gage

Thursday, June 03, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 Akron songwriter Ben Gage grew up in the Ashtabula County rustbelt & gravitated towards music, particularly bluegrass and folk, as a way to share stories & pull people together with common themes.

Outdoor Movie: "School of Rock"

Friday, June 4, 9:00pm - 11:00pm
 In partnership with Great Streets Akron and the Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, enjoy a film in our branch library parking lot at sundown after First Friday festivities! Bring a chair.

Book Club to Go

Pick up a new selection each month. No meetings, no deadlines, just good books! Discussion questions, read-alike lists, and author information are included.

Let's Grow Akron Seasonal Cooking Demos-

Thursdays: May 13, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 June 10, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 July 8, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 Join Let's Grow Akron for monthly cooking demonstrations hosted by Kenmore Branch Library. Zoom participation with a local chef is unlimited. Ingredients are available for the first 20 registrants.

Teen/Tween Candy Bar Guessing Game & Raffle!

Monday, June 07 2021 , 12:00am - 11:59pm
 Come to the library and pick out a book or movie then take a crack at guessing the candy bars for a chance to win a candy prize!

Tween/Teen Take-It-Make-Its

Monday, June 21: Art Tiles Make-It-Take-It & Raffle!
 Monday, June 28: Smore's Microwave Kit Take-It-Make-It
 Tuesday, July 06: Invisible Ink Writing Kit Take-It-Make-It
 Tuesday, July 06: Egg drop Instructions for July 22 Event
 Kits available on dates listed above. While supplies last.

Summer Solstice Celebration - With Local Musician Zach

Tuesday, June 22, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 Celebrate the longest day of the year with Zach, Akron's own "Troubadour of Peace," musician, and yogi. Welcome summer with this program combining music and meditation.

Teen/Tween Favorite Summer Book Raffle

Monday, July 26, 12:00am - 11:59pm
 What was your favorite book you read or listened to this summer? Come in all this week and fill out a raffle ticket to win a gift card prize! This event is for those in grades 5-12 only.

Sounds of Akron - Charlie Mosbrook

Thursday, July 29, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 Rooted in traditional American folk music, award-winning songwriter Charlie Mosbrook performs music inspired by life during the pandemic and more.

Mr. Jeff Concert: Songs and Stories for Kids of All Ages!

Monday, June 14, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
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Easter Event at Shadyside Park

by Tugg Massa, Akron Say No To Dope Executive Director

The Second Annual Shadyside Park Easter Basket Giveaway was a big success. Sponsored on April 3rd by New Beginnings & Akron Say No To Dope Inc (located at 932 Kenmore Boulevard), they had a great day with over 6000 eggs given away in over 250 Easter baskets. Thanks to everyone that came out and volunteered, and a special “Thank You” to all those who donated Easter Eggs or cash donations to make this free event for our children possible!



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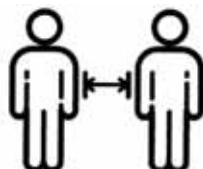
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Akron Promise's Student Success Team Steers Kenmore-Garfield Students Towards Bright Outcomes

by Jeanne-Hélène Roy

“No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship.”

--Dr. James Comey, Child Psychiatrist and Education Specialist, Yale University

Dr. James Comey's simple, declarative sentence - delivered during a 1995 lecture = speaks mountains of truth in K-12 education, where often a strong connection with an adult will inspire students of opportunity to succeed after high school and into adulthood. For Stephanie Martin, a Nursing and Patient Care instructor at Kenmore-Garfield High School, Comey's words hit home over the course of a discussion with Tom Ghinder, Founder of Akron Promise, an educational non-profit launched in 2015. In 2017, Akron Promise established a direct working relationship with Kenmore-Garfield High School, and two years later the non-profit announced the Kenmore-Garfield Stark State Scholarship.

The Student Success Team

Since the implementation of its scholarship program, Akron Promise also inaugurated the Student Success Team (SST), a mentoring group available to assist the entirety of Kenmore-Garfield's 786 students. Staffed by Mike DiFalco, the school's Academic Achievement Coordinator, and Margaret Tulay, an Education major at the University of Akron, the crew welcomed Akron Promise's new Executive Director Dr. Jeanne-Hélène (Néna) Roy last week; since the SST's inception Ghinder served as the group's third member.



From left to right: Mike DiFalco, Academic Achievement Coordinator (Kenmore-Garfield High School), Jeanne-Hélène Roy, Executive Director (Akron Promise), Stephanie Martin, Instructor of Nursing and Patient Care (Kenmore-Garfield High School)

On bi-monthly SST meeting days, learners arrive with their APS-issued Chromebooks in tow, ready to participate in goal-setting activities while relishing sandwiches provided by the team. Skills taught range from time-management to ACT prep and résumé-writing. Seniors learn to complete FAFSA forms as well as to compose college application essays and apply for jobs. The SST continues to monitor seniors after graduation as they segue into the workforce and/or enroll in college programs.

Flexibility: Celebrating the Individual

Ghinder attributes the program's success to its underlying flexibility. Rather than approach mentoring with a one-size-fits-all mindset, the SST practices a version of “radical hospitality,” which in this context entails meeting students where they are to address their own expressed needs.

By considering each student's unique circumstances and goals, the SST not only provides directional assistance to learners, but also cultivates qualities that can't be found in a manual: respect and empathy. When met with direct eye contact and supportive words, humans tend to respond in kind. Part of the SST's philosophy, then, is to transcend mentoring models that adhere to a rigid structure, as well as to bring a “human touch” into the equation.

It Takes a Village

We all know that nobody can brave it alone in the world, and this aphorism certainly holds true in the case of the SST's efforts. Without the help of invited guest speakers who periodically hold lunchtime Q&A sessions and parents/community members who assist in transporting students to field-trip destinations, the SST wouldn't be able to extend as many options for enrichment as it does to learners. The relationships Kenmore-Garfield students form with engaged adults in their midst are ultimately bonds for life, bonds passed down from one generation to the next.

For more information on Akron Promise and the SST, see:

<https://www.facebook.com/AkronPromise>

<https://twitter.com/AkronPromise>

<http://www.AkronPromise.Org>

or contact:

Dr. Jeanne-Hélène Roy

nroy.66@gmail.com

330-715-5598

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Kenmore Community Cookout!

by Ben White, The Chapel Campus Pastor

The Kenmore Community Cookout on Sunday, April 25th was one of the beginning steps heading into a post-COVID era for many of us. Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, Just a Dad from Akron, and The Chapel in Kenmore got together, pulled out some grills, and gave away free hot dogs, chips and pop to anyone who came out. Visceral gatherings of community like this are so important and fun! Hopefully as the vaccine continues to circulate we'll continue to feel more and more comfortable to gather and enjoy one another. We're planning on doing one of these cookouts somewhere on the Boulevard every fourth Sunday of the month as the weather warms up! Come join us and spread the word!



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Photography Camp

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Drawing & Painting Camp

July 26th - 29th

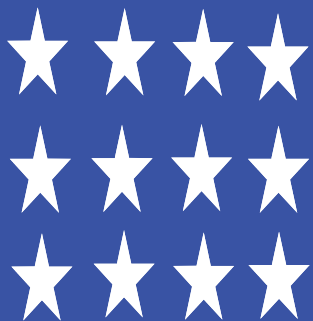
10 am – 2pm

Ages 11 -15 (max. 9 kids)

Create beautiful pieces of art while learning basic drawing & painting techniques.



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Patriotic Painting Party!

June 29th (no rain date)

12:00pm-2:00pm

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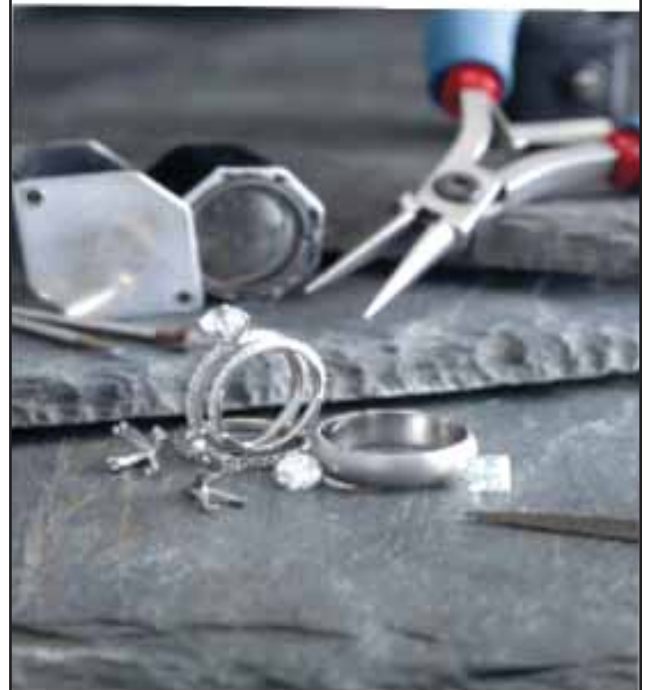
Paint your own sidewalk square in streams of red, white & blue on the Boulevard between 11th & 12th Streets to celebrate our nation's birthday.

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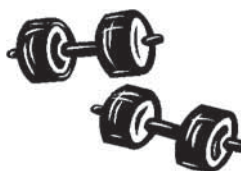


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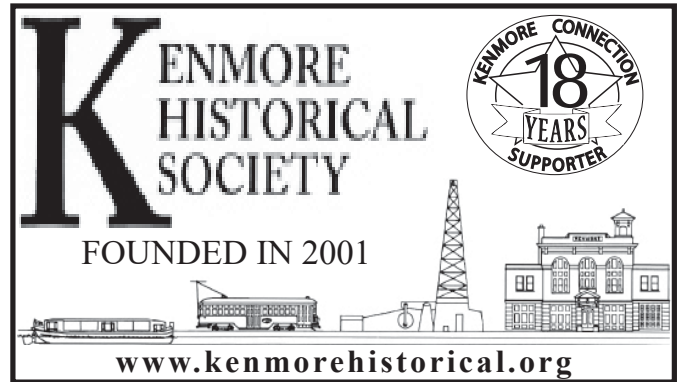
Kenmore Historical Society News

by Lillian Jolly

Kenmore Boulevard Historic District

Have you ever wondered what kind of businesses were in our historic district in the early days?

The photo to the right shows the Kenmore Business Section about 1914. The camera was near the NW corner of Kenmore Boulevard and Minnesota Avenue (now 17th Street). The building with an awning, at Wisconsin Avenue (16th Street) was the Thomas Griffith Store and was later torn down. The next building at Michigan Avenue (15th Street) was, at one time, Allen & Schlegel Store, later John's Grocery. The dark building near the right-hand margin was Central School (later Heminger Elementary). Shown below is a small section of four of these buildings listing what they were and what they are today.



1915

972 Kenmore Boulevard
Hugh U Gardner - Real Estate
(now The Guitar Department)



1916

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Central Plumbing Company
(now Lays Guitar Repair)



1915

976-78 Kenmore Boulevard
Arthur Lehman Confectionery
Luck Electrical Company
(now Garys Barbershop & ManiKitchen)



1915

980 Kenmore Boulevard
Post Office
(now E & S Trains)

PLEASE NOTE: The Board of Directors of the Kenmore Historical Society has decided not to pursue a museum at 1028 Kenmore Boulevard. Please send any inquiries to either KHS, P.O.Box 3707, Akron, OH 44314 or their website at www.kenmorehistorical.org.

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You can early sign-up online scan here.

The required Documents are birth certificate, report card (or other documents that indicate the grade your child will be going into for the next school year), small face photo. We will also require a physical or an “OK to play sports” note from a doctor or health professional that is not more than a year old. We can make copies. We all always looking to add to our coaching and volunteer’s staff. So, if have the desire to get involved and help make this program run smoothly. All our coaches will be USA Football certified and have completed a back-ground check.



If you have a desire to volunteer scan here:

Thank You,

Kenmore Youth Football (330)777-9450 or Cheer (330)322-8299

Email: kyfkenmoreohio@gmail.com

Facebook @ Kenmore Youth Football

Create Our Cardinal Contest Winner Announced

by Tina Boyes, Executive Director, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance

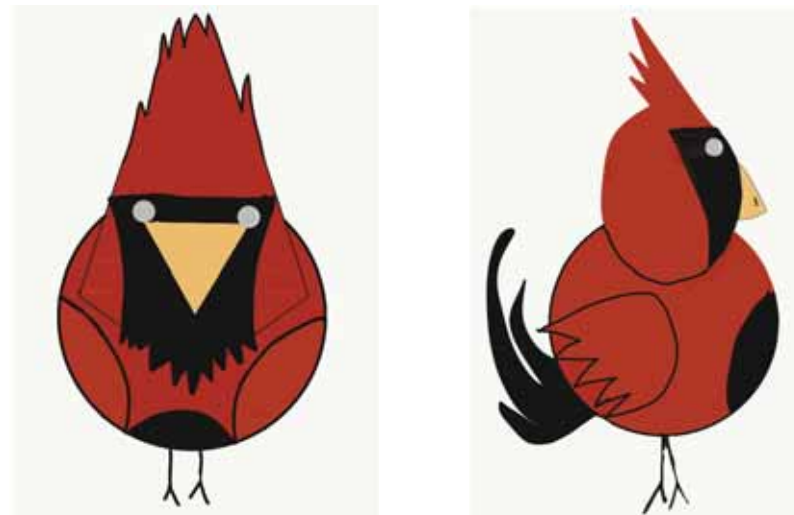
Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance congratulates 1994 Kenmore High School graduate Eric Cooper for making the winning design in the "Create Our Cardinal Contest." Eric, a local real estate agent and "self-proclaimed artist" who calls his bird "simple yet stout and able to hold its own."

"Like Kenmore, it is playful as well, accessible and adaptable to many situations," he continued. "I hope it is a bird the community comes to recognize and appreciate as a part of the neighborhood."

Eric's was one of four designs that were voted on by the public April 5th thru the 12th. Others were created by Kenmore resident Caleb Aronhalt, artist Lindsey Jo Scott, and 1975 Kenmore High School graduate Kim Hamilton-Jenkins. The design will serve as the Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance's mascot going forward.

"While we may not have the power to choose the high school mascot, we can, by way of our talented local artists, offer an updated take on our neighborhood's favorite bird," said Tina Boyes, executive director of the KNA.

Keep an eye out for Eric's design to appear along Kenmore Boulevard in the months to come.



More Pandemic Relief is Here

by Bethany McKenney, Summit County Council District 7

This has been quite a difficult year for so many, but there is help available from Summit County for those who have suffered financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are behind on your rent, mortgage or utilities, Summit County Cares can help. This is a partnership of local government and community organizations. The county created a similar program last year but this current program opened in March of 2021 and will continue on more of an ongoing basis, and is not designed to be a first come, first serve program. Payments for rent and utilities will be made directly to the landlord and utility company and may cover past due balances for up to 12 months beginning in March of 2020 as long as Summit County Cares assistance has not been received previously for the same time period.

You may apply for assistance with past due balances for your primary residence for rent or mortgage as well as electric, gas, water, sewer, trash and internet services.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- Resident of Summit County
- Member of a household that has been financially impacted by COVID-19
- Gross income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income Guidelines

Priority will be given to households that are or below 30% of AMI, households with pregnant women, households with occupants over the age of 62, and households with a court eviction notice. This program is not designed to be a first-come, first-serve program.

The application process will take 10 to 15 minutes. It is important that applicants gather household income, landlord, and utility information, including account numbers PRIOR to starting the application online at www.SummitCountyCares.org or calling 2-1-1 to apply.

To inquire about your submitted application, you may call 330-940-1100.

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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.

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

Currently we are only meeting Sunday mornings at 10:30
am due to COVID-19

Community Services Offered
Spanish Speaking Service Provided

First Baptist Church of Kenmore

2330 East Avenue
330-745-3619

church@fbck.com
www.fbck.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
Youth Director Caleb Nichols

Hours of Service

Sunday School 9:15 am

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

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 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 noon to 2 pm -
requires referral from InfoLine (330-376-4850).

Kenmore A.A. Big Book Study

(at Hitch Hall) Thursdays 8:00 pm.

Kenmore A.A. Saturday Nite

(at Hitch Hall) Saturdays 8:00 pm.

Kenmore Free Store has suspended operation
until COVID 19 Level TWO or ONE.

Kenmore Community Meal - Free take-out meal
available the last Tuesday of the month from 5:00
to 6:30 pm. Pick-up in front of 2126 16th Street SW
(partnership with Park United Methodist Church).

Bingo Gaming Program has suspended
operation until COVID 19 Level ONE.

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

Wednesday Evening Children & Youth Services

6:00 to 7:00 pm

(Parent or 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
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King's Way Alliance Church

2500 Kingsport Way
330-848-1403

www.kwachurch.org

Hours of Service

Heading and Sunday School 9:30 am

New Life Pentecostals of Akron

859 Witner Avenue
330-208-5441

pastorsmj@gmail.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

2308 24th Street SW
330-745-3714
parkchurch@sbcglobal.net
www.akronparkumc.org

Pastor Dave Haydu

Hours of Service

Sunday Traditional Worship 9:00 am
Children's Church 9:00 am
Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study 1:00 pm
Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 am
Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30-7:30 pm
Masks required. Social distancing in place.

Community Services Offered

JOBS (Jump On Board for Success) Program
Cub Scout/Boy Scouts
Project Learn - GED site

Check out our weekly service on line via Facebook
(Akron Park United Methodist Church)
and/or YouTube ([akron park um church](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkronparkumchurch)).

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@gmail.com
www.jesushouseakron.org

Pastor Enoch A. Adeboye (General Overseer)
Pastor Yisa Sunmonu (Parish Pastor)

Hours of Service

Sunday Workers Prayer Meeting 10:00 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
(online, due to Covid pandemic).
Monthly Holy Ghost Service 9:00 pm to 12:00, last Friday
of every month (ON HOLD, due to Covid pandemic).
Saturday House Fellowship 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
(online, due to Covid pandemic).

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 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

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www.kenmore.thechapel.life

Lead Campus Pastor: Ben White

Hours of Service

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Community Services Offered

Text or call 330-221-2781
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The Church on the Boulevard

754 Kenmore Boulevard
330-745-8634

www.thechurchontheboulevard.co
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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.
Social distancing and sanitizing requirements
in effect during COVID-19 experience.
Please call 330-745-8634 for more information.

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

"Vinesong" Concert – Free and in person
Friday, May 28th at 7 p.m. at the Church
Vacation Bible School Events
V.B.S Block Party and Community Dinner Wednesday
June 16th, 5:00 to 7:00 pm
V.B.S. June 21st to the 25th, 5:00 to 8:30 pm

"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
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
May 17th, June 7th & 21st,
July 5th & 19th, August 2nd & 16th

Outreach Food Pantry

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

Monday Evenings 5:30 to 7:30 pm
May 24th, June 14th & 28th,
July 12th & 26th, August 9th & 23rd

Park United Methodist Church Finishes West Africa Clinic in Zimbabwe

by Mary Ann Gesaman

Do you remember a few years ago, Park Church and the Mabgwe family beginning to build a clinic in Zimbabwe? I have great news! God has been faithful! The building is complete. It is beautiful! They are anxious to start patient care. There are a few more steps that must be accomplished prior to beginning patient care. Among those steps are applying for nursing licenses, getting medications sent to the clinic, and orientation for personnel, just to name a few. God is leading us one step at a time. Blessings overflowing!



The New West African Clinic in Zimbabwe

Praise Chapel Church Upcoming Events

by Kathy Lindeman

“A PLACE TO GROW”

Praise Chapel would like to invite you to our upcoming events. Saturday June 5th we are having a Saturday Matinee, with movies, popcorn, and treats. The show starts at 2:00 pm. On Sunday June 27th we are having a free Pasta Dinner. Sunday July 18th we will have a free lunch. And on Sunday August 29th at 12:30 we are having a free back to school bash.

Our church services start at 10:30 am Sunday mornings, with all Sunday activities starting right after. Pastor Robert Shank (Bob) will be preaching on “THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.” He is calling it “Back to the Future.”

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Kenmore Free Store News



by Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director, Kenmore Free Store

“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. Please wear your mask as suggested and get the vaccine as soon as you can. We miss you all and hope that we will be able to open soon. Please watch your Kenmore Free Store Facebook page for details.

We have a ton of inventory for the store. So as soon as we open we should have plenty of clothing, household items and shoes for you and your family. The shopping guidelines and mask wearing in the store will continue when we open.

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!

Also remember that the free community meal is available the last Tuesday of each month from 5:00 pm until the food is gone. Come to the hall doors across from the high school parking lot to pick up you meal to go.

Also notice that the activity has picked up in the Community Garden. The Community Garden is to the right of the old school building - also across the street from the high school parking lot. We have gardeners for each raised bed. As soon as the water is available you will see planting start. Exciting beginnings! Blessings from the Lord!

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