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Summit Lake Clean-Up Coming Soon!

by Genevieve Bohnak, Community Outreach Manager, Keep Akron Beautiful

Keep Akron Beautiful will be hosting Clean Up Akron Month this April 2022, as part of The Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup. Just like in the past, residents can sign up for supplies through Keep Akron Beautiful to do their own clean up in their neighborhood, park, green space, school campus, or business area. Keep Akron Beautiful will also be hosting two community cleanups at Summit Lake and in North Hill. The North Hill cleanup will be on Saturday April 9th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, and the Summit Lake cleanup will be Saturday April 23rd, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Registration for both will be open on March 1st.



Keep America Beautiful Inc established the Great American Cleanup as its national effort for involving American citizens in environmental stewardship from March through May. With an anticipated amount of 4 million volunteers helping, the Great American Cleanup will return hundreds of millions in measurable benefits across more than 20,000 participating communities. Keep Akron Beautiful, the local affiliate of the national nonprofit, strives to empower individuals in our community through volunteer participation by collecting litter and creating a more livable community during Clean Up Akron Month, now in its 39th year.

Wading Right In to the Cleanup at Summit Lake

For more information on the clean-up or to volunteer please contact Keep Akron Beautiful at 330-375-2116 or on their website at www.keepakronbeautiful.org/clean-up-akron-month. We hope to see our past volunteers as well as many new faces!

Kenmore's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Back April 9th?

The pandemic has not been kind to Kenmore's Annual Easter Craft & Egg Hunt. Both the 2020 and the 2021 events were cancelled, but this year for 2022 it looks like we may have at least a partial event, if not the entire fun morning!

The Annual Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt may be held on Saturday April 9th this year. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Egg Hunt will be held (location to be announced later) at 11:00 am. And if possible, the Easter Craft event will be held at the Kenmore Community Center, 880 Kenmore Boulevard, starting at 9:00 am.

All plans should be finalized by the beginning of April, and a flyer promoting all parts of the Easter Event will be distributed at our Kenmore Elementary Schools the week before Saturday April 9th.

Freedom Tax Service Has a New Name and New Home

Earlier this year **Freedom Tax Service** moved to the old McCutcheon building near **Kenmore Comics & Games**. However, this former move was only temporary. Owner Jeffrey Vujevich is excited to announce the business has moved to its new location at 988 Kenmore Boulevard between **The Nite Owl** and **Stone's Kenmore Mattress & Furniture**. "This gives us a great building that is well suited for our growing business," Jeffrey said, "a business that now includes even more insurance and financial planning resources than ever."

Jeffrey is also eager to announce that **Freedom Tax Service** has combined with and changed their name to **Tax Prep Medina Inc**, a company he co-founded in 2021 in Brunswick, Ohio. He is also a licensed insurance agent offering Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage plans through UnitedHealthcare. **Tax Prep Medina** not only offers personal and business tax preparation, but payroll services, bookkeeping, and accounting. They also specialize in serving small to medium sized businesses in addition to musicians, artists, and other independent contractors.

"Taxes impact everything we do, so it makes sense to plan your finances from a tax perspective." We now have more financial professionals to serve our client's tax planning, financial, and other needs. With higher taxes returning in 2026 due to the 2017 tax cuts ending, it is important for everyone to know how taxes will impact their incomes both while they are working and as they retire.

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The Nite Owl Arrives on Kenmore Boulevard

by Charlee Harris

Kenmore Boulevard is quickly becoming Akron's hotspot for fun and safe nightlife. **The Nite Owl Restaurant** located at 992 Kenmore Boulevard is a major contributor to this new fun scene.

Owner Sharness Dowdy is a devoted mother and passionate entrepreneur. **The Nite Owl** was located in Barberton before moving to the Kenmore location in September of last year. September also marked **The Nite Owl's** two year anniversary of being in operation, a milestone Sharness is truly proud of. "I wanted to quit so many times but I am a Capricorn, a true GOAT reaching the top of every mountain I encounter", Sharness wrote in a recent Facebook post.

The Nite Owl boasts a truly diverse menu with soul food classics such as shrimp and grits but also has Italian staples like Alfredo. The menu has a pleasant rotation, with new exciting dishes being added and seasonal favorites being retired until next year. **The Nite Owl's** menu offers great lunch and dinner options with affordable price points. **The Nite Owl** really lives up to its name, with menu options available until 12:00 am on weekdays and 2:00 am on weekends.

With a Google rating of 4.9, it's no wonder why **The Nite Owl** is quickly becoming Kenmore's go-to eatery. So if you are on The Boulevard patronizing one of the many local businesses, be sure to give **The Nite Owl** a try, they will not disappoint.

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Coffee & Concerts Warm The Rialto Theatre's New Living Room

by Corey Jenkins, Promoter & Experience Manager, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance

If you've visited The Rialto Theatre during the last several months, you've likely been treated to some exciting new offerings: hot coffee, tea and baked goods, plus free acoustic concerts courtesy of The Rialto Living Room.

The Living Room is an intimate performance venue with a stage accommodating solo and duo performers. The bar doubles as a coffee shop operated by SRINA Tea House & Café. Every Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm, SRINA serves up organic coffee, tea and pastries made in Kenmore by Summit Croissants' Sally Ohle.

The welcoming space has already earned its share of regulars, including Joseph Baker, a freelance graphic designer and the frontman of the local band Akronauts. "I work at coffee shops exclusively when I'm not on location with a client," Baker said. "I get tired of going to the same cafe over and over again and The Rialto Living Room is a fresh, cozy, relaxing spot to work."



The Living Room hosts free midday acoustic concerts Fridays 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, which feature regional performers like Ben Gage and Chrissy Strong. Rialto owners Seth & Nate Vaill say they will expand to free early-evening performances Wednesday through Saturday.

"The Living Room is a place where you can meet a friend after work, chat over a drink and hang around for some quality live music," Seth said. "It's a way to keep our doors open to the community more often."



Highland Park Block Watch News

by Greg Burke, Captain, The Highland Park Block Watch

The Highland Park Block Watch meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Sam Salem CLC, 1222 West Waterloo Road here in Akron. Our 6:00 pm meetings are one hour in length and everyone is welcome to attend. We feature guest speakers and on February 2nd we welcomed Eufancia Lash, Akron's Deputy Director of Public Service and Neighborhood Assistance. Also confirmed is Akron's Police Chief Stephen Mylett for April 6th. Please feel free to ask any questions at the conclusion of their remarks and also be aware that due to the Covid situation we do require the wearing of protective masking.

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Dozen Artists Rocked Rialto at First Kenmore Winter Break Music Festival

by Corey Jenkins, Promoter & Experience Manager, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance

Hundreds of music lovers flocked to Kenmore Boulevard December 17th & 18th for some of the region's finest musicians during The Rialto Theatre's first-ever Kenmore Winter Break Music Festival.

The event hosted to a variety of well-known bands like Big Pop, JD Eicher, A Band Named Ashes, Cincinnati's The Heavy Hours, Detention, and Youngstown up-and-comer Candace Campana. Acoustic acts Brian Lisik, Jeff Klemm, Chrissy Strong, Madison Cummins, Jim Ballard, and Barry Carroll graced the brand new Rialto Living Room stage, and Vince "DJ Vinnie G" Giles kept concert goers dancing until closing time.

"We wanted to do something special, and bring a lot of our favorite artists together for a new kind of music festival," Rialto Theatre co-owner Seth Vaill explained. "By December, people are really starting to miss summer festivals, and many are home for the holidays, looking for something fun and different to do."

The event was organized and presented by The Rialto Theatre and The Summit FM along with sponsors EarthQuaker Devices, SIT Strings, The Guitar Department and Lay's Guitar Shop. It was such a success, The Rialto Theatre and The Summit are planning other festivals throughout 2022, including Kenmore Spring Break Music Festival to be held April 1st & 2nd.

"The ice and snow will be melting, and people will have a good case of cabin fever," Vaill said. "They'll be ready to get out and see some shows, and we're going to give them two great nights of music."



Struthers, Ohio born Candace Campana performing on The Rialto Theatre stage during Kenmore Winter Break



Youngstown Native JD Eicher headlined night one of Kenmore Winter Break



Kenmore's own Jim Ballard kicked off night two of Kenmore Winter Break in the Rialto Living Room

The Kenmore Spring Break lineup is currently in the works. For updates and ticket information, stay tuned to www.therialtotheatre.com and follow @therialtotheatre on Instagram and Facebook.

**All photos by Jason Chamberlain



Akron Supergroup Big Pop delivered an energetic headlining performance to a sold out crowd during night two of Kenmore Winter Break

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Councilman's Corner

Meet the Chief, March 1st

MARCH WARD MEETING - On Tuesday, March 1st we will have an opportunity to meet Chief Stephen Mylett, our new Akron Police Chief. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm at the Kenmore Community Center, 880 Kenmore Boulevard. Coffee will be provided. One of our topics will be gun violence.

ARPA - As a result of the financial devastation that COVID has had on cities across the country, the federal government has created the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In Akron the major issues that will be addressed with these dollars are housing, public utilities, small business assistance, violence prevention, IT broadband, and parks and public spaces. The city is developing and fielding specific plans to fall within those six buckets. All ARPA funds must be allocated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. Two public sessions have already been held informing citizens as to how the \$145 million dollars will affect Akron over the coming years. If you were not able to attend these virtual meetings, they can be seen on Akron City Council's YouTube channel.

SNOW - At this time we have already had 3 significant snow events. Please remember that all City snow plows have predetermined routes that they must follow. Main arteries and feeder streets will always receive attention before residential streets. Requests for service to our 3-1-1 line can be used to report your particular street. Please know however that 3-1-1 calls will not divert snowplows from their assigned routes.

Ward 9

Councilman's Meetings

Councilman Freeman holds a public meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at the Kenmore Community Center, starting at 7:00 pm. Please join him at 880 Kenmore Boulevard to discuss your community and your city!
The next meeting is March 1st.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve the Ninth Ward.

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Tuesday, February 15th, 4:00 pm

Sample chocolate confections, cast a vote for your favorites, and enter a raffle for a chocolate basket! Supplies limited. For grades 5-12.

Wii Gaming for Teens and Tweens

Tuesday, February 22nd, 4:00 pm

Hang out with friends and test your gaming skills. Snacks provided. For those in grades 5-12. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Underground Railroad - With CVNP Park Ranger Pamela Machuga

Tuesday, February 22nd, 6:00 pm

Join park rangers and volunteer actors to explore the Underground Railroad that once traveled through Cuyahoga Valley National Park. You will enjoy this interactive experience. Zoom, Registration required.

Teen & Tween Mardi Gras Celebration

Tuesday, March 1st, 4:00 pm

Visit the library and celebrate Mardi Gras with some sweet treats! For grades 5-12.

Anime Club for Teens and Tweens

Tuesday, March 8th, 4:00 pm

Come get together with other Anime fans and discuss the latest, greatest books to read. We will provide snacks and art supplies to draw your own Anime. For grades 5-12.

Let's Grow Akron Seasonal Cooking Workshop, with a Local Chef

Thursday, March 10th, 6:00 pm

Join Let's Grow Akron for a winter cooking demonstration, hosted by Kenmore Branch Library. Zoom participation with a local chef is unlimited. Food kits are available for the first 10 registrants. Registration required.

STEAM Explorers

Wednesday, March 16th, 4:00 pm

Join Miss Becky for hands-on fun with STEAM-based experiments. We will be creative, find solutions to problems, and get messy! Preschool-Grade 3.

Parks Series: Adventures in Archaeology - With Megan Shaeffer, Ph.D. of Summit Metro Parks

Thursday, March 24th, 6:00 pm

Take a tour through some of the archaeological and historical sites that can be found in throughout the gem of a park system in our backyard! This program will be presented on Zoom. Register for link.

Story Times

February 22nd, 11:30 am: Love & Kindness

March 1st, 12:00 pm: Opposites

March 15th, 12:00 pm: Winter Fun

March 29th, 12:00 pm: Music

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Sounds of Akron: Jim Ballard and the Strangs Unplugged

Thursday, March 3rd, 6:00 pm

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Friends of Chestnut Ridge News

by Tabitha Mishler, Executive Director
of the Friends of Chestnut Ridge

Greetings from the Friends of Chestnut Ridge Park! While the last couple years have been a time of trials and tribulations, we are looking forward to a fun, safe, and interactive future for one of our favorite community parks.

In the past, the FOCRCP along with the Akron Parks Collaborative have helped to facilitate events such as Shakespeare in the Park, Many Voices, One Akron, a movie at the amphitheater, as well as park clean ups, a paved walking path, new addition to the playground, and the installation of a frisbee golf course. We are hoping to recreate some past events as well as adding in some new ones.

And we need your help! In the spring time we will be hosting meetings in an effort to generate ideas for programming that Kenmore residents would like to see happen at the park. Our Facebook Page will be updated as to when and where this meeting will take place. Residents may also email chestnutridge@akronparks.org to be on our mailing list. We encourage you to bring your thinking caps and energy to help us create the 2022 season for Chestnut Ridge.

As a reminder, the Friends of Chestnut Ridge Park are dedicated to engaging the Kenmore community around Chestnut Ridge Park through play and cultural events. We've received concerns from citizens through our Facebook Page. While this page serves as a way for the FOCRCP to advertise events and interact with patrons, it is not responsible for maintenance, regulating the use of the shelter or parking lot, nor reporting of any issues.

* Shelter rentals are done through the Recreation and Parks Administrative Office at 330-375-2804 or Recreation@akronohio.gov. The fee for this location is \$50.00 (rental is shelter only).

* Concerns about trash/port-a-potties need to be reported to Akron's 3-1-1 system. From a landline, dial 3-1-1, from a cell phone dial 330-375-2311, or you may submit a complaint online through <https://311.akronohio.gov/csrsite/csr/eula>.

* Councilman Mike Freeman can be reached at 330-283-7582 or ward9@akronohio.gov.

* Kenneth P. Littlejohn is the Community Center Safety Liaison and has a team that visits the parks to check for cleanliness and safety. Mr. Littlejohn can be reached at 330-375-2691 or KPLittlejohn@akronohio.gov.

* Concerns about illegal activities and any emergencies should be addressed to the Akron Police Department. The non-emergency line is 330-375-2522 or 330-375-2181 or dial 9-1-1 for emergency situations. Akron PD has a Neighborhood Response Team with four sectors. We are considered Zone 3. Officer Chris Seiler is our NRT officer. He can be reached at 330-375-2568 or CSeiler@akronohio.gov.



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2021 KMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner

by Dianne Darr

The Kenmore Ministerial Association (KMA) had to forgo its usual sit down Thanksgiving meal in the Kenmore Community Center on Tuesday November 23rd, and had a drive by/walk up/carry out meal again this year due to Covid. But 600 people in our community were still provided a wonderful meal of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll and butter, as well as dessert.

This would not have been possible without the assistance of some very generous people. Since Covid-19 would not allow us to meet and prepare this meal in the kitchen of the Kenmore Community Center or in individual homes, we reached out to local restaurants for help. Guys Party Center came through, once again, by offering us an incredible deal on the hot dinners. The KMA member churches all pitched in so we could purchase 600 complete meals. And Sam's Club gave us a \$100 gift card to put towards our desserts.

Distribution of the meals was in the Goss Memorial Church parking lot. The temperature was in the low 20s by the end of the evening, so those who directed traffic or passed out dinners all night had to be warmed by layers of clothing and the gratitude of those who came for a meal.

As the sun went down, bringing even colder temperatures and darkness, we lost our foot traffic. But we still had about 50 meals left. So Kevin Burkholder, pastor at Goss Church, loaded up a box of meals and walked out to the bus stop on Kenmore Boulevard. And Jen, from his congregation, loaded up some meals in her van and drove to the Circle K and the Dollar Store to catch people as they left who could use a meal. All 600 meals were given out.

Our free dinner from the KMA churches is always the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. So mark your calendars and plan on enjoying a great meal next November!



Akron Promise's First Cohort Graduates from Stark State

by Jeanne-Hélène Roy, Executive Director, Akron Promise

When Stark State College's Fall semester graduation ceremony was cancelled due to elevated Covid numbers, associate's degree earners Kenny Aronson and Mi-LyehPoin did not despair; Akron Promise had a plan for them. With intense pride and admiration, the nonprofit's founders Tom and Dee Ghinder, along with executive director Jeanne-Hélène (Néna) Roy, ushered the Stark grads down the proverbial aisle on January 9th, transforming the inviting café area adjacent to its office space at the Bounce Innovation Hub into a makeshift auditorium and party space. To commemorate their noteworthy achievements, the beaming Akron Promise-Stark State Scholarship students and their families tasted champagne and sampled local fare prior to donning their caps to star in a photo shoot.

"I'm ready to be done with this day." – Kenny Aronson

For Aronson and Poin—both the first college graduates in their respective families—the pathway to pursuing their dreams has been neither straightforward nor simple.

A native Akronite, Aronson was forced to assume many adult responsibilities at a young age due to his mother's severe medical condition. His household's lack of reliable transportation culminated in hours-long bus rides to and from Stark's downtown and North Canton campuses to attend classes. When Covid hit, Aronson's world turned upside-down and he had to drop out for a semester. Thanks to his pure grit and perseverance - as well as a ride-share program rolled out by Akron Promise - Aronson followed through in earning a culinary degree despite the ongoing exhaustion he experienced working late nights, attending to his mother, and completing assignments before waking up early to get to class on time. He expressed his desire that the day's tasks be over with so many times to Roy on mornings she fetched him to drive North Canton that the above-cited phrase became a laugh-out-loud joke between the two. Aronson was recently promoted in his current chef role and aspires to open his own restaurant after garnering management experience.

"I was so scared throughout the journey (from Myanmar to Malaysia) because I had to live in the jungle for three days...then I had to cross a river at midnight without light." – Mi-LyehPoin

Poin's journey to achievement is first a literal one spanning the distance traversed from her native Myanmar to a refugee camp in Malaysia to Akron. Given her family's daily struggle to procure food and lodging in her early years, the notion of her pursuing any education - let alone college studies - wasn't on the horizon. And yet, through diligence and determination, Poin, who knew no English when she began as a sophomore at Kenmore Garfield, graduated seventh in her class before starting her Stark degree in Early Childhood Education. Resolute to make a difference in young children's lives, Poin now attends the University of Akron, where she studies Child and Family Development. Upon completing her bachelor's degree, she hopes to earn a master's.



Akron Promise is grateful to have been afforded the opportunity to steward Aronson and Poin in their pursuit of leading fulfilling adult lives. Together as a community, we can all contribute towards ensuring that our city's youth flourish; together, we can make Akron shine!

For more information on Akron Promise, see:
<https://www.facebook.com/AkronPromise>
<http://www.AkronPromise.Org>

or contact:

Dr. Jeanne-Hélène Roy, Executive Director
 nena@akronpromise.org or 330-715-5598

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Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00 pm
Fitness pass required.

Video Exercise
Mondays thru Thursdays
9:30 am

Zumba
Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
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Kenmore Nazarene Spaghetti Dinner Returns

by Richard J. Smeltz

After a several years absence, the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene will again have their “All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner” fundraiser. This event is scheduled for Saturday April 2nd, at the Church on 2025 12th Street SW, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Tickets will be pre-sale, and cost is \$10 each for adults, \$5 each for children, and free to children 4 and under with an adult.

This year’s menu will include Spaghetti, Meatballs, Antipasto Salad, a Hot Vegetable, Garlic Bread, Desert and a Beverage. Carryout & takeout is also available. There will also be an assortment of Raffle Baskets, with all proceeds going to the Kids Camp Fund.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene at 330-745-7720, kenmore-nazarene@gmail.com, or richardsmeltz@gmail.com

Men’s Breakfast Club Celebrates Milestone Birthday

by Alice Incorvia, Supervisor, Kenmore Community Center

The “guys”, as they are affectionately called, from Men’s Breakfast at Kenmore Community Center recently gathered at the home of Bob & Nancy Wilkey to celebrate Frank Witzl’s 100th birthday. Seated in the photo to the right is Frank. Standing left to right are Bob Wilkey, Rodger Bendel, John Miller, Miles Delevic, Bob Koger and Ralph Ewing.

Photo courtesy of Rodger Bendel.



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Kenmore Historical Society News

by Jan Williams

The first Lawndale School is still standing, barely, on Wilbeth Road. It was named after the Lawndale Allotment, one of our neighborhoods when we were part of the Coventry Township District. It served kindergartners through 8th graders.

In 1912 a four-room brick school was built on 25th Street in the Village of Kenmore. Due to increases in enrollments, additions were added in 1916, 1922, and 1982.

A 100 year anniversary celebration took place on October 13th, 2012. The program included various speakers, student performances, displays, tours, crafts, and a DVD slide show.

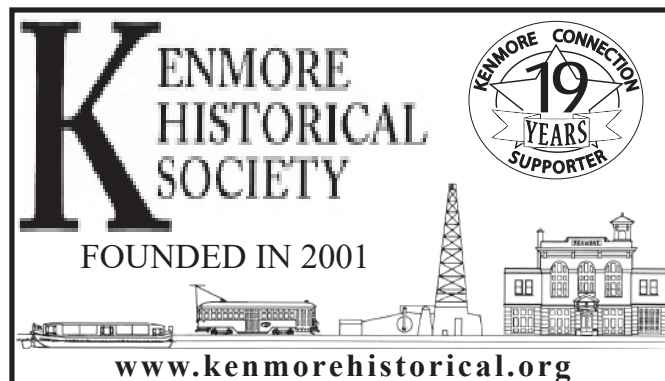
The Akron School Board decided to close the school in 2016 due to a decline in enrollment, and the students were transferred to Sam Salem Community Learning Center.



**The original Lawndale School
on Wilbeth Road**



**Lawndale School
as it Appeared in 1912**



**On January 10th, a three-alarm fire
destroyed the building**

**Wooden Cat's Meow miniature available
from Kenmore Historical Society for \$13.
Check our website at www.kenmorehistorical.org**

**Our next meeting will be held at the Kenmore Library
at 6:30 on Monday February 28th.**

**Our 2022 historic calendars celebrating our
100th anniversary of becoming a city will be
available at the meeting for a donation of \$10.
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Allenside Presbyterian Church

410 Rexford Street
330-753-6405

Find us on FaceBook @ allenside presbyterian church

Pastor Francie Fischer

Hours of Service

1st & 3rd Sundays - Allenside Church Building
All services broadcast via Zoom
See Facebook for Zoom Link and Worship Times
Church Office Open Mondays and Wednesdays
9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Community Services Offered

“Mad Hatters” Knitting Group meets at the church
Wednesdays 1:00 to 3:00 pm
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Community Christian Chapel

2306 18th Street SW
330-488-7855

pastordwaynecummings@gmail.com

Pastor Dwayne Cummings

Hours of Service

Sunday School 10:30 am
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am
Bible Studies on FaceBook Live
Sunday at 6:00 pm and Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Community Services Offered
Spanish Speaking Service Provided

First Baptist Church of Kenmore

2330 East Avenue
330-745-3619

church@fbckok.com
www.fbckok.com

Pastor Joe Grimaldi

Hours of Service

Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am
Sunday Afternoon Service 1:30 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
officehume@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

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Kenmore Community Meal - Free take-out meal
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doors open at 9:30 am, games start at 11:00 am.

For questions please call 330-753-8429

between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm weekdays.

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2025 12th Street SW
330-745-7720

kenmorenazarene@gmail.com

www.kenmorenaz.org

Facebook - Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene

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

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study
6:00 to 7:00 pm

Office Hours - Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
and Wednesday 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Community Services Offered

Please call the church office for an appointment
for our food pantry

King's Way Alliance Church

2500 Kingsport Way
330-848-1403

www.kwachurch.org

Pastor Eric Francisco

Hours of Service

Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:45 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
Follow us on Facebook for livestreaming @ New Life POA

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

Community Services Offered

JOBS (Jump On Board for Success) Program
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Praise Chapel Assembly of God

1204 McIntosh Avenue
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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

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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:
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OR

<https://www.shorelinechurchakron.com/Watch-Live>

Community Services Offered

Drive Thru Food Pantry Service every Friday
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The Chapel in Kenmore

943 Kenmore Boulevard
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www.kenmore.thechapel.life

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Hours of Service

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Community Services Offered

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The Church on the Boulevard

754 Kenmore Boulevard
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www.thechurchontheboulevard.co
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a heart for the city of Akron and the neighborhood of
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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!
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"Celebrate Recovery" every Friday at 6:30 pm
"Alcoholics Anonymous" 7 days a week at 7:00 am
and Saturday at 11:00 am

"Narcotics Anonymous" Sunday at 7:30 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

Easter Events

Good Friday Service: Friday April 15th, 6:30 pm.
Easter SonRise Service: Sunday April 17th, 8:00 am,
Followed by no-cost Breakfast,
Followed by Easter Worship Service at 10:00 am

Outreach Food Pantry

Monday Mornings 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
March 7th, April 4th & May 2nd

Outreach Food Pantry

Monday Evenings 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
February 21st, March 21st,
April 18th & May 16th

CoB Grab-and-Go Carryout Dinner

Every Wednesday, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
March 2nd, 9th, 30th,
April 13th, April 27th, & May 11th

Chili Cook Off and Retro Video Game Party!

by Pastor Ben White, The Chapel in Kenmore

Last December 5th we celebrated a great 2021 and holiday season by getting our community together to throw a big get together for the neighborhood that we called “The Chili Cook Off and Retro Video Game Party”. We put the word out to folks in the Kenmore Neighborhood and a lot of people joined us for the fun. We had about twenty different pots of chili to try and vote on. We had a variety of game systems connected to TV’s all over the room, everything from Pac-Man to Nintendo to Xbox One. And since it was near Christmas, we had many folks dressed up in crazy Christmas clothes.

The winner of the best pot of chili got to “pie the pastor” in the face, so along with taking that whipped cream delight I also took another pie from my nine-year old daughter. She must’ve been irritated with me being grumpy the day before because she walloped me with full force (as the picture shows!). It was a fun time for all of us, especially to have so many wonderful conversations and make connections with new people. We’re grateful to be in Kenmore and bringing some fun, silliness, joy, and realness to the community!



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Kenmore Free Store News

by Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director, Kenmore Free Store

“Grace, freely received, grace freely given”

The Kenmore Free Store is open on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and/or Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please note - When the Akron Public Schools are closed on Tuesdays, the Kenmore Free Store will also be closed. Please stay home where you are safe and warm.

If you have some free time, we are also looking for volunteers who can help us sort our donations. If you need community service hours for school, please come in, we will see that you get the hours that you need. We especially need help on Saturdays.

Donations are accepted during open hours and need to be placed in the RED cart at the 16th Street, SW entrance. We are requesting gently used adult and children’s coats for this winter season. As always, we also can use donations of men’s jeans and shirts. Thank you for your donations, we are truly blessed!

It will be spring soon! We will have a selection of Easter and Spring decoration for you to choose from. Stay safe and healthy! We ask God’s blessings and protection on each of you. We are truly blessed by each of you.

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

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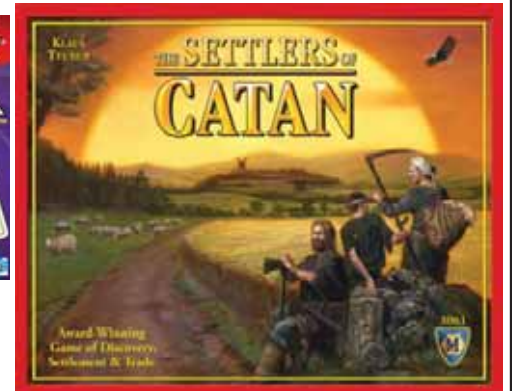
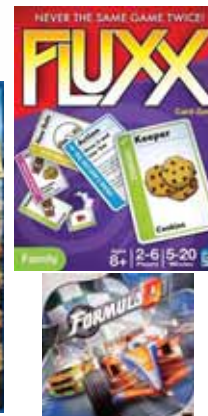
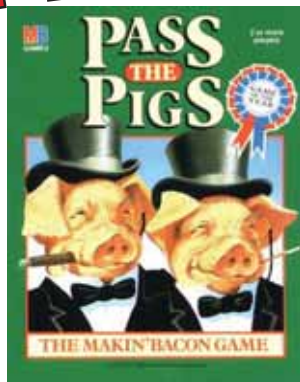
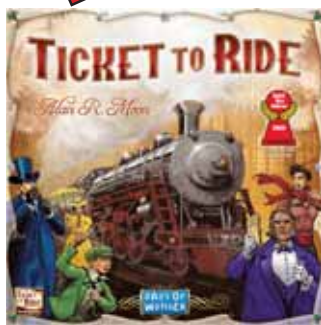
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Each spring, the Project Shine volunteer board hosts a silent auction dinner to raise funds for the project week. This is the primary source of funding and it is vital to make the week a success. This year is our 11th Auction, and we are very excited about the event but need YOU to make it happen!

Would you consider helping in one (or all!) of the following four ways below?

2022 Project Shine Auction

We are currently accepting items to donate for our Annual Auction, April 22nd!

Date: Friday, April 22, 2022
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Place: SYB Party Center
 4157 Hudson Drive
 Stow, OH 44224
Tickets: Eventbrite or the Project Shine Facebook page

For more information, contact Kim Polatas at 330.524.8452

PRAY

God has been evident over the 20 years in this work and we want to continue to honor him in all we do. Pray for the planning of the auction and project week and all those involved.

DONATE

Every auction needs great items to be a success. You can donate an item, an experience, a gift card, a themed basket or use your imagination and let us know!

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New this year is the opportunity for local businesses to sponsor the auction. Ranging from \$100 - \$750 you can have your business and message in front of our supporters.

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