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#### Summit Lake 2022 Clean-Up

by Julie Ann Sweet-Buntin

On April 23rd, volunteers from all over the Akron area joined together to participate in a large-scale clean-up at Summit Lake. Over 140 volunteers helped collect 4.2 tons of litter, as well as 72 tires, in just 3 hours. They had great support from the City of Akron with their sanitation crew working "overtime" to gather the collected trash, and we offer an extra thank you to this crew for their hard work. With Keep Akron Beautiful trailers and sign-up support, we covered the entire lake, with volunteers working in their assigned zones and making sure each area was litter free. Volunteers were also provided breakfast and lunch for their hard work.









#### **Akron Sanitation Loads Trash**

This cleanup is one of the largest projects that takes place during Keep Akron Beautiful Clean-Up Akron Month. With the help of Keep Akron Beautiful, and many Kenmore and Akron residents, this plan effectively distributed volunteers around the entirety of the lake and zones which were highly littered and in need of this great help from our volunteers. A big "ThankYou" to all involved!

#### Four Concert's Scheduled for June at Shadyside Park

The Summer will soon be here, and one of Kenmore's favorite events will return this June. 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.

The concerts run from 7:00 pm to about 9:00 pm. For concert updates during the season you can call 330-375-2311 or visit the City of Akron Recreation and Parks Facebook page The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce will also have their FREE Ice Cream Social Nite during the last concert on June 29th. So bring the family & plan on many a fun Wednesday evening this June at the Shadyside Park Summer Concerts!

For the 2022 Summer Program, the following bands will perform---

June 8th - Follow the Sun with Current and Classic Top 40

June 15th – Cold Blue Steele with Classic Rock and 70's to today

June 22nd – One Fine Day with 60's to 80's Pop

June 29th - 730 Club Band with Rock, Pop, Soul & Blues



## "Kickin' it in Kenmore" with Rocco's Pizza Owner Ryan Lewis

by Charlee Harris

In this edition of "Kickin it in Kenmore", we visited the popular Kenmore eatery Rocco's Pizza, known for its delicious menu and bright yellow delivery cars. Current owner Ryan Lewis started making pizzas when he was fourteen years old at his family's pizza shop. He was impressed with the rich history of Rocco's Pizza over the last 50 years and after purchasing it Ryan was able to keep many of the original recipes. Ryan has been working in the industry for 30 years and knew at an early age he wanted to open his own shop. "I knew I wanted to have my own pizza shop while I was still in high school" said Ryan.

Ryan enjoys outdoor activities, some of which include kayaking the Ohio and Erie Canal along with hiking the many Summit Metro parks in the area. He also counts skiing and other winter sports as some of his hobbies. He was raised in the small town of Malvern Ohio which afforded him many memories of playing in corn fields and enjoying quiet country life. Although fond of country living Ryan was excited to trade it for the diversity of a bigger city.

"I love the diversity of our neighborhood, how convenient things are. I really appreciate the city and how easy going everyone is", said Ryan. Ryan also says that a lot of changes have been made and Kenmore Boulevard looks good. He is encouraged by all the revitalization happening in the Kenmore area and hopes that it can continue.

Rocco's Pizza is located at 2008 East Avenue in Kenmore. Hours of operation are 11:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday to Thursday, 11:00 am to 11:00 pm Friday and Saturday, and 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Sunday. Rocco's Pizza can be reached at 330-745-4441.



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#### **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. We begin at 6:00 pm and our meetings last an hour. We feature guest speakers, police personnel, and an opportunity to share issues and concerns in your neighborhood. We welcomed Police Chief Steve Mylett at our April 6th meeting and Mayor Dan Horrigan was with us on May 4th. We will welcome Jason Segedy, the City of Akron's Director of Planning and Urban Development on July 6th.

For more information concerning the Highland Park Block Watch please contact Greg Burke, Captain, at 330-730-2612 cell/text or gburke0054@gmail.com. You need not live in Highland Park to attend any of our events!

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#### **Kenmore First Fridays Return to** Kenmore Boulevard June 3rd

by Tina Boyes, Executive Director, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance

Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance invites you to celebrate the fifth year of Kenmore First Fridays with a fresh lineup of live music, vendors, food trucks and breweries. The events will kick off June 3rd from 6:00 to 9:00 pm with live music from the energetic honky-tonk group The Shootouts, whose third album, "Stampede," is being produced by 10-time Grammy Award winner Ray Benson. Joining The Shootouts will be local favorites and self-proclaimed "fun band" Akronauts, with additional live music in the McCutchen Courtyard from Akron Recording Company and in the Live Music Now courtyard from First Glance's hip-hop program.

For the youngsters, the Kenmore Branch Library parking lot will offer a bookmobile, lawn games and other hands-on activities. For the of-age set, the 15th Street beer garden will host a rotating cast of local breweries like HiHo, Lock 15 and Thirsty Dog. And for all to enjoy will be eats from the Funky Trukeria, International Jerk, Kona Ice and more.

Oddmall will bring more than 40 purveyors of art, games, toys, comics, collectables and all things odd. Other market partners include East Avenue Market on August 5th and Crafty Marton September 2nd. On July 1st, Akron Torchbearers will be holding a city-wide volunteer fair and SIT Strings will sponsor Virgil Lay Day in honor of the founder of Lay's Guitar Shop. That night, Mayor Horrigan and other special guests will dedicate the south alley as Virgil Lay Way.

Kenmore First Fridays are every first Friday through September 2nd, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, on Kenmore Boulevard from 13th to 16th Streets. The events are presented by Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance with support from Akron Civic Commons, Rotary Club of Akron, Cargill, Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, Kenmore Komics & Games, The City of Akron, The Summit FM, Akron Promise, Evolve Marketing, Fastenal, KeyBank, Lowry Furnace & Air Conditioning, Portage Path Behavioral Health, Prentice Funeral Homes, and Thomas C. Loepp Law Offices.

For more about Kenmore First Friday and other events, follow KNA's Facebook page at Facebook.com/BetterKenmore or visit betterkenmore.org.



The Shootouts will Headline June 3rd (Photo by Jamie Escola).



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## **Akron Promise Sponsors Inaugural Kenmore-Summit Lake** "Rock Me on the Water" 7K Race

by Jeanne-Hélène Roy, Executive Director, Akron Promise

On May 28th, local non-profit Akron Promise will host Kenmore's first road race, a 7K course spotlighting the historic Boulevard and the Towpath Trail segment encompassing Summit Lake. Like many ideas conceived pre-pandemic, the dream to showcase the area spanning Kenmore's majestic boulevard and scenic neighboring Summit Lake area with a race of its own didn't come to fruition right away.

Prior to extensive lockdown measures taking effect in March 2020, Akron Promise founder Tom Ghinder and Kenmore resident and musician Jim Ballard, both runners, had kicked around the idea of hosting a Kenmore-centric race. That winter, they joined forces to spearhead the project, arriving at the point of charting the race's course and obtaining a city permit. Then Covid hit and public gatherings were cancelled.

After witnessing a steady resurgence of outdoor gatherings since last summer, Akron Promise Executive Director Néna Roy mentioned the shelved event to Ballard at a December music concert. The two met soon thereafter, and the rest is history.

Rain or shine, participants will line up in front of The Rialto Theatre at 8:00 am on Saturday May 28th as they await the bell's toll, prompting their descent along Kenmore Boulevard. As they complete their jaunt around Summit Lake and head back towards the starting line, they'll be serenaded by strolling bards - local musicians who have generously offered to sacrifice their Saturday morning dates with their pillows to share their talents at the finish line. The up-and-coming Srina Eatery, currently operating in Rialto's front Living Room space, will provide organic coffee and tea as well as a continental breakfast for runners as they wind down after their efforts.

The "Rock Me on the Water" 7K is the second race in the Akron Promise City Series, a multi-neighborhood race series designed by Ghinder. In addition to encouraging healthy lifestyles, Ghinder sees the series - eight races between May and September - as an invitation for Akron residents to visit various areas of the city, to see new sites, meet new people, contribute to worthy charities, and exchange ideas and stories, all in hopes of strengthening our local community. Other races in the series, all of them 5Ks, include: the Race for Case in Wallhaven; the Four Leaf Clover Run in West Hill; the Charles Marquess North Hill Run; the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation Downtown Race; the West Akron African-American Race; the Highland Square PorchRockr Race; and the P.S. I Love You Race in Middlebury. Runners participating in four of the eight races will receive a series medal designed by local artist Matt Miller.

For more information on the Rock Me on the Water Race or the Akron Promise City Series, see:

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#### For more information on Akron Promise, see:

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## Councilman's Corner

#### Support Your City With a Letter to the EPA

Since 2014, the City of Akron has been under one of the strictest Federal consent decrees in the nation. The City was tasked with completely overhauling the combined sewer overflow system with the goal of drastically cleaning up Akron's waterways. The City of Akron is seeking modification to the two remaining projects which would lead to saving ratepayers an estimated \$140 million and provide the same environmental benefits. Despite detailed technical and financial justifications supporting Akron's proposal, Akron recently received word from both the Regional Administrator for the U.S. EPA Region 5 and the staff for the U.S. EPA headquarters, that the U.S. EPA will not support our proposal to build the 16-foot tunnel in lieu of the substantially oversized 24-foot tunnel.

As the City works through the dispute process with the U.S. EPA, Mayor Horrigan also sent a letter to the U.S. EPA Administrator, Michael Regan, to express his disappointment in the U.S. EPA's refusal and especially their unwillingness to discuss the inequity of the project on Akron's most vulnerable ratepayers.

Join Mayor Horrigan and send a letter to Administrator Regan to let your voice be heard. The U.S. EPA needs to hear from Akron's ratepayers about the burden this project is taking on you and your families. Please consider sending an email to Director Regan, to help our efforts and support Akron's 3rd Amendment. A sample letter, seen to the right, should be E-MAILED to -REGAN.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV.

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

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



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#### 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 Tuesday June 7th.

#### SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am a ratepayer of the City of Akron. I am proud of all that our City has accomplished for water quality in the Cuyahoga River and Little Cuyahoga River. Our waterways and green spaces are part of what I love about the City of Akron, the Cascade Valley of the Summit MetroParks, and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

While I understand that we have to pitch in our fair share of the improvements to our sewer investments, the U.S. EPA is now asking that we pay for more than what is needed to do the job of capturing all of our sewer overflows in a typical year. The City has projected that implementing an unneeded remote treatment facility and an oversized 24-foot tunnel will result in 2.46% of Akronites' median household income, and for the lower 20% income bracket, a completely unacceptable 9.5% of the median household income.

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#### Teen/Tween Programs Sneak Peek

Teen/Tween Lounge – Tuesday May 24nd, 3:30 pm Summer Wii U Gaming – Tuesday, June 7th, 3:30 pm Anime & "Spirited Away" – Tuesday, June 14th, 2:00 pm T-Shirt Into Tote Bag Craft – Tuesday, June 28th, 2:00 pm Summer Movie "Jurassic Park" – Tuesday, July 5th, 2:00 pm Summer Wii U Gaming – Tuesday July 12th, 2:00 pm

#### Magic with Rick Smith (All Ages)

Thursday, June 9th, 1:00 pm

See a world record-holding magician perform and enjoy his unique tricks. Register online, in person, or by phone.

## **Annual Egg Drop Challenge: STEM Activity** (*Grades 1-12*)

Wednesday, July 20th, 2:00 pm It's our annual summer egg drop challenge! There will be four judging categories by age group. All supplies will be provided.

## Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show (All Ages)

Thursday, June 16th, 1:00 pm

A hands-on event for kids of all ages. See captive-born exotic animals up close and personal!

#### **Kenmore First Fridays** (All Ages)

Enhance your festival experience with a visit to your library! Join Kenmore Branch and Mobile Services staff outside at the bookmobile. Enjoy games, crafts, and browsing before exploring the fest.

Friday, June 3rd, 6:00 pm Friday, July 1st, 6:00 pm Friday, August 5th, 6:00 pm

## Let's Grow Akron Seasonal Cooking Workshop, with a Local Chef (Virtual) (Adults)

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.

> Pestos – Thursday, June 9th, 6:00 pm Kale Berry Salad – Thursday, July 14th, 6:00 pm Grilled Eggplant – Thursday, August 11th, 6:00 pm

#### **STEAM Explorers** (*Grades K-5*)

Join Miss Becky for hands-on fun with STEAM-based experiments. Get creative, problem-solve, and experiment together!

Wednesday, June 15th, 4:00 pm Wednesday, July 13th, 4:00 pm

## Park Series with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Virtual) (Adults)

Virtually join a CVNP Ranger to explore the inspiring stories of that shaped the valley and this nation as well as conservationist efforts.

Untold/Lesser Known Stories – Tuesday, June 7th, 6:00 pm Gardening for Biodiversity – Thursday, July 7th, 6:00 pm

#### **Story Times** (*Toddler/Preschool*)

A happy blend of stories, rhymes, songs, bubbles, art, and play. Intended for preschoolers but all ages are welcome.

Food – Tuesday, May 31st, 11:30 am to 12:00 pm Animals – Tuesday, June 14th, 11:30 am to 12:00 pm Dogs – Tuesday, June 28th, 11:30 am to 12:00 pm Transportation – Tuesday, July 12th, 11:30 am to 12:00 pm Cats – Tuesday, July 26th, 11:30 am to 12:00 pm

#### **Book Club to Go** (Adults)

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Attend live performances by local musicians. Refreshments provided.

Martha's Mistake – The Acoustic Sound of All Things Possible – Thursday, May 26th, 6:00 pm

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by Jennifer Brumbaugh

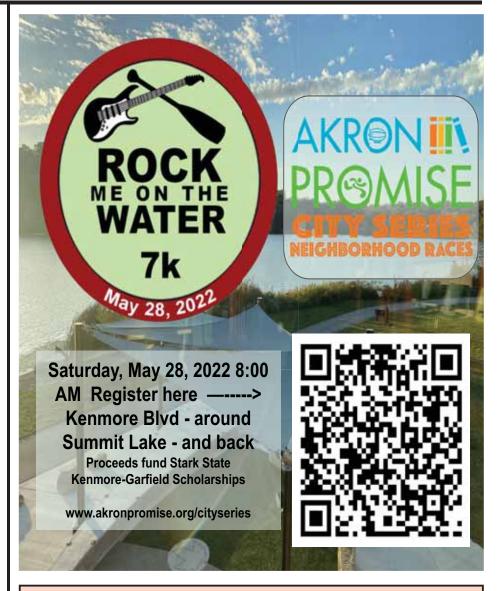
On Saturday April 9th the 4th Annual Easter Basket Giveaway was held at New Beginnings Boutique and Thrift, sponsored by Akron Say No to Dope. There were a lot of happy faces as volunteers gave out almost 200 Easter baskets filled with toys, candy, eggs, and stuffed animals.

New Beginnings is a boutique and thrift store located at 932 Kenmore Boulevard, and they are a non-profit here to help the community. As an example, they sell clothes at \$3.00 everyday and they accept all gently used clothes and households items. For more information please call them at 234-678-8238.





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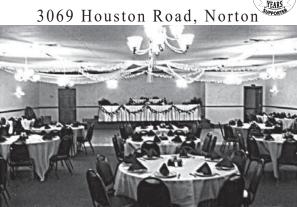
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#### Kenmore Community Center Hosts Easter Event Once Again

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

The 2022 Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt, held on Saturday April 9th, brought young and young-at-heart together again for the first time since before Covid. Everyone enjoyed crafts, the Balloon Man, pictures with the Easter Bunny and the Easter Ducky, donuts & punch, comic books & coloring books donated by Kenmore Komics & Games, and Easter Basket prizes. Special thanks to the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce who sponsored the event. Due to inclement weather, everyone stayed at the Kenmore Community

Center for the egg hunt. An eggcellent time was had by all.



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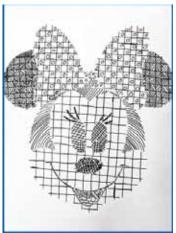
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On March 26th, 2022, the annual "Art in the Middle" Student Awards Program was held at the Main Library in downtown Akron. "Art in the Middle" is an exhibit of original artwork created by middle school students from Akron Public Schools, in cooperation with the Akron-Summit County Public Library. Several students from Innes CLC entered the fierce competition and were accepted into this annual Art Show. They were judged against their peers from every middle school in Akron, and their artwork was considered of a high enough quality to be displayed for the whole city to see in the library's children's department. Their artwork was displayed from March 1st through April 2nd.

Innes CLC would like to congratulate 8th Graders Timothy, Vanessa, Mehm, Jaden, Payton, Deja', Lyeah, and Miaya, and 7th graders Vivian, Khaeona, Jahrell, and Jhazmere, for the time and effort they put in to their artwork which is displayed below.



Notan by Timothy, Grade 8



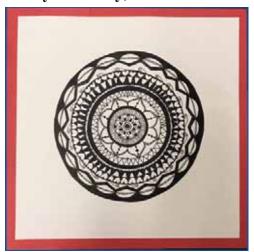
Minnie Mouse by Vanessa, Grade 8



Boo! by Mehm, Grade 8



Butterfly by Jaden, Grade 8



Mandala by Payton, Grade 8



Self-Portrait by Daja', Grade 8



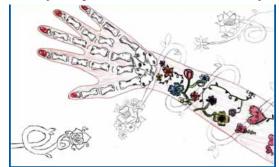
Waves of Solitude by Lyeah, Grade 8



Mirror Name by Miaya, Grade 8



Giving Life by Vivian, Grade 7



Flower to Bone by Khaeona, Grade 7



Chocolate Treat by Jahrell, Grade 7



Art is Art by Jhazmere, Grade 7

#### Kenmore Community Center Adult Activities 880 Kenmore Boulevard 330-375-2812 Please call the Center for questions and reservations!

#### 9th Ward Councilman's Meeting First Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm

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#### Chair Yoga

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#### Floor Yoga

Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:00 pm Fitness pass required.

#### Video Exercise

Mondays thru Thursdays 9:30 am

#### Zumba

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm Fitness pass required.

#### **Crochet Club**

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

#### Penny Bingo

Tuesdays at 12:30 pm Only a penny a card! Bring a snack to share. Everyone welcome!

#### **Card Playing**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

#### **Euchre**

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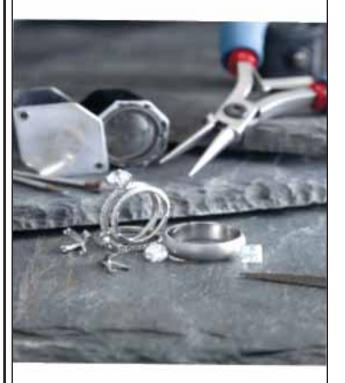
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#### Sam Salem CLC Eagles are Soaring Again!

by Sam Salen CLC School Climate Committee

The Sam Salem Soaring Eagles have been very busy the past few months. In March, famous author Jay Miletsky visited our students in grades K-5. He shared how he wrote "Patrick Picklebottom and the Penny Book". Each student in the building received their own hardcover copy to keep. Mr. Miletsky also had a special author lunch session with selected students in grades 2-5.

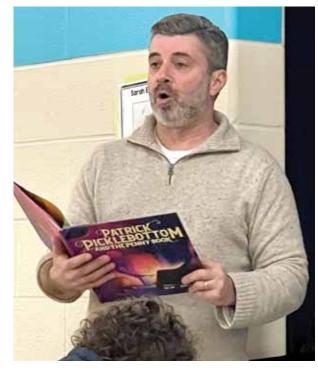
In April, we celebrated our fourth annual Eggstravaganza for students in grades preschool through fifth grade. Students searched for a dozen plastic eggs on school grounds. Eggs were separated by grade level and each one had an academic question written on them. Students had to answer each question on their 12 eggs before finding the goodies inside. Parents, relatives, and staff worked with students to listen to their answers and help guide them when needed.

For the month of May, we have several exciting opportunities for our students and staff. In the first week of May, we will be celebrating Staff and Teacher Appreciation week. We have such an amazing group of dedicated people. Students will be participating in Field Day where they will have fun rotating to different stations throughout the day in grades preschool through fifth grade. Lastly, students and staff will be participating in a school wide field trip to the park. Students will have snacks, do crafts, hike, and rotate to different stations. It's good to be back to "somewhat" normal at Sam Salem CLC!











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## **Kenmore Historical Society News**

by Jan Williams

Around 1900 the president of the Akron Realty Company (Noah R. Steiner) began buying farm land between Akron and Barberton in Coventry Township to develop an allotment.

The following is a quote from the Ohio Census about the requirements to be a village or a city.

"A state law passed in 1902 provided that all municipalities having less than 5,000 inhabitants should be called villages and those having over 5,000 inhabitants should be called cities. Changes were to be made according to the results of the Federal census. As a result of this law some communities returned to cities in 1900 were returned as villages in 1910, while other communities returned as villages in 1900 were returned as cities in 1910."

The Village of Kenmore Incorporated in 1908 with a population of 1,561.

The following proclamation from the Secretary of State under the caption "Population of Municipal Corporations of Ohio as shown in the Federal census of 1920 was read at the Kenmore Board meeting:

"In compliance with the provisions of Section 3498 of the General Code, I, Harvey C. Smith, Sec'y. of the State of Ohio, do proclaim that the municipal corporations of Ohio which had a population of 5,000 or over by the Federal census of 1920, together with the population of said corporations as shown by said census are as follows: Kenmore 12,683. In testimony whereof, I have herein subscribed my name and caused seal of said office to be affixed this 21st day of January A. D. 1921"

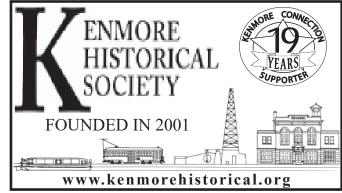
Having achieved our right to be called a city the next step was to adopt the Federal plan of government as outlined under the State Municipal code. We didn't have everything fully established until 1922.

Kenmore, Ohio, a city of 12,683 showed an increase of 712.5 per cent in a decade leading all other cities in this category across the United States.

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

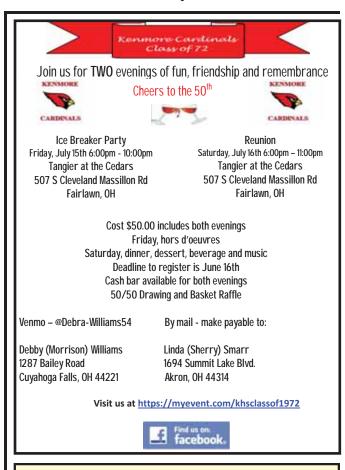
Our next meeting will be held at the Kenmore Library at 6:30 on Monday June 27th.

Our 2022 historic calendars celebrating our 100th anniversary of becoming a city will be available at the meeting for a donation of \$10. T-shirts and collectibles can also be purchased.





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June 20-23	Smart Phone Photography Camp	Ages 11-15	\$40	
June 27-30	Innovate w/ Paint Camp	Ages 11-15	\$40	
July 1-29	Golf Camp (Fri. 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29)	Ages 9&up	\$40	
July 5-7	Drawing & Painting Camp	Ages 11-15	\$30	
July 8-Aug 5	Custom Camp (Fri. 7/8, 7/15, 7/29, 8/5)	Ages 11-15	\$40	
July 11-14	Art Now!	Ages 6-10	\$40	
July 18-21	Contemporary Art Camp	Ages 11-15	\$40	
July 18-21	Swim Camp	Ages 6-13	\$40	
July 25-28	Sun, Summer & Science Camp	Ages 8-12	\$40	
Aug 1-4	Adventure Camp	Ages 6-12	\$40	

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#### **Kenmore Church Directory**

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#### Allenside Presbyterian Church

410 Rexford Street 330-753-6405

Find us on FaceBook @ allenside presbyterian church

**Pastor 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 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
Join us to knit hats and make blankets for those in need
Donations of yarn and fleece gratefully accepted

#### **Community Christian Chapel**

2306 18th Street SW 330-488-7855 pastordwaynecummings@gmail.com

**Pastor Dwayne Cummings** 

Hours of Service
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 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@fbcok.com www.fbcok.com

Pastor Joe Grimaldi

Hours of Service
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am
Sunday Afternoon Service 1:30 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 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 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).

Kenmore Free Store at 2128 16th Street, enter back door off 17th and Battles Avenue (partnership with Park United Methodist Church) Tuesdays 4:00-7:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:30 am to Noon. Bingo (at Waldeisen Hall) Wednesdays, 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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## **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

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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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 **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).

#### **Praise Chapel Assembly of God**

1204 McIntosh Avenue 330-745-4107 www.netministry.com

**Pastor Robert Shank** 

Hours of Service Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

#### Redeemed Christian Church of God

966 Kenmore Boulevard 330-776-5196 jesushouseakron@ymail.com www.jesushouseakron.org

Pastor Enoch A. Adebove (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 (virtual).

Monthly Holy Ghost Service 9:00 pm to 12:00, last Friday of every month (ON HOLD). Saturday House Fellowship 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (virtual).

Community Services Offered Non perishable food items are accepted for food baskets that are distributed to needy families and schools during the holidays.

#### Park United Methodist Church 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://www.shorelinechurchakron.com/Watch-Live

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

https://www.facebook.com/Chapelktown https://www.instagram.com/chapelkenmore/ https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCwVBXqHG0mI9IDm31qSLlrA

#### Pastor: Ben White

Hours of Service In person worship with donuts and coffee.

When warm with no rain, meets Sundays at 10:30 am at 952 Kenmore Boulevard. When raining, will meet inside at 943 Kenmore Boulevard. Will have special outdoor services on July 10th & August 28th at 10:30 am at Chestnut Ridge Park (1926 19th Street SW) followed by a neighborhood barbecue from 12:00 to 3:00 pm at Chestnut. Wednesday Night! Online Teaching, Comedy & Music Videos at 6:00 pm. Live on our Facebook Page & Youtube Channel.

Community Services Offered

Blessing Box with non-perishables and other items available during Sunday gatherings.

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#### The Church on the Boulevard

754 Kenmore Boulevard 330-745-8634

www.thechurchontheboulevard.co www.facebook.com/kenmorechurchblvd

The Church on the Boulevard is a Christian church with a heart for the city of Akron and the neighborhood of Kenmore. Our vision is to be a Biblical community where the Gospel of Jesus Christ transforms lives, renews the city and impacts the world.

Senior Pastor: Ron Mohlmaster II

Hours of Service Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

Community Services Offered See our Calendar below for a list of Community Services.

#### The Church on the Boulevard **Calendar of Events**

All events are at no cost at 754 Kenmore Boulevard! All events, activities & services are interpreted for the deaf. Please call 330-745-8634 for more information.

"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, 6:00 pm, and 7:30 pm Monday to Friday at 12:00 noon, Monday at 7:00 pm, Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Friday at 9:30 pm, Saturday at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

#### **Vacation Bible School Events**

V.B.S Block Party - Sign-up your children for V.B.S. next week, ask questions and get acquainted! Includes a Community Dinner on Wednesday June 8th, 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Vacation Bible School: June 13th to 17th, 5:00 to 8:30 pm

The CoB Food Pantry and Community Dinners were suspended earlier this year due to a drastic drop in attendance, both of guests and volunteers. We are assessing future plans, retraining staff and reworking the pantry space in the Church. We hope to resume Pantry and Dinners in June. The following schedule below is tentative. For the latest information, see our signboard in front of the Church, or come get a weekly bulletin at our Sunday morning services!

#### **Outreach Food Pantry**

Monday Mornings 10:00 am to 12:00 noon June 6th and August 8th Monday Evenings 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm June 20th, July 18th, August 22nd

#### CoB Grab-and-Go **Carryout Dinner**

Every Wednesday, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm June 8th (VBS Block Party) & June 22nd, July 6th & 20th, August 10th & 24th

#### The Chapel in Kenmore Celebrates "Sundays at the Park"

by Pastor Ben White, The Chapel in Kenmore

We had an amazing time together during our "Sundays at the Park" at Chestnut Ridge Park on Sunday, April 24th! We set up some basic sound equipment and gathered our Church community together to have a Sunday service in the beautiful stone amphitheater there at 10:30 am that morning. Then, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm we threw a neighborhood party in partnership with Just a Dad from Akron, the Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, and The Friends of Chestnut Ridge Park. There was nothing "churchy" about the afternoon party. We cranked up some 1970's and 1980's funk music, broke out a bunch of grills and food, ate, played corn hole and kickball, and let the kids enjoy the great playground equipment at Chestnut Park. So many folks from the neighborhood came out and joined together for a great Sunday afternoon.

We look forward to doing this same thing again at Chestnut Ridge Park on July 10th and August 28th. Otherwise, whenever it's not raining, the The Chapel in Kenmore will meet outside at 952 Kenmore Boulevard. in the green space by Live Music Now. I hope you'll join us sometime this summer.

Thanks to Kristi Watson from Power Photography for taking some great photos of our event on April 24th!



















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#### **Puppets for Children's Trauma Ministry**

by Pastor Francie Fischer, Allenside Presbyterian Church

Members of the Allenside Presbyterian Church joined with members of the Firestone Park Presbyterian Church to make finger puppets for a children's trauma ministry in Lebanon.

When children have experienced trauma, it is often hard for them to express their feelings, but studies have shown that it's easier for them to share their feelings if they are telling them to a completely non-threatening item – like a puppet.

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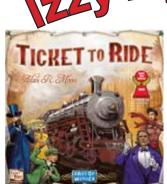
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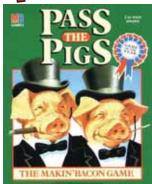




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