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Celebrate Kenmore Better Block's Fifth Anniversary on September 2nd

by Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance Staff

In 2017, the Kenmore Better Block event gave us a glimpse into what Kenmore Boulevard could be. On September 2nd, the five-year anniversary of the event, Kenmore First Friday will celebrate what it has become with a stellar lineup of live music, food, vendors and free family fun.

Visit a variety of pop-up businesses in available Boulevard storefronts, including Maiz, a new restaurant concept by Kenmore resident Michael McElroy. Like during Better Block, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance (KNA) will test some additional placemaking and public space ideas, including outdoor seating and dining configurations and pedestrian-friendly signage.



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“This event is not about looking back but moving forward,” said Tina Boyes, KNA executive director. “We’ve come a long way in just five years, with 12 new Boulevard businesses, Kenmore branded banners, signage, music and public art. There’s definitely more to be done, so this event will celebrate progress while continuing to push for new improvements.”

Lining the sidewalk will be vendors from Crafty Mart as well as food and beverage favorites Southern Thangs, International Jerk, Dee’s Dogs and More, and Thirsty Dog Brewing Company, whose libations filled the McCutchan Courtyard during the Kenmore Better Block.

Marc Lee Shannon (of Michael Stanley and the Resonators fame) will perform his new band, My Other Brothers, as will 91.3 The Summit radio favorites Indre Shannon, whose parents attended Margaret Park Elementary School and whose mother is a “proud Kenmore High grad of 1947”. Marc recalls stories of Kenmore’s family-friendly and culturally diverse yesteryear and is excited to see revitalization happening. “Kenmore is woven into the fabric of my family heritage,” he said.

Kenmore First Friday is presented by the Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, Akron Civic Commons and the Rotary Club of Akron, with additional support from Cargill, the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, Lowry Heating & Cooling, Kenmore Komics & Games, KeyBank, and the City of Akron. For a full list of sponsors and a schedule of events, visit betterkenmore.org/first-friday.

Schlup-Pucak Funeral Home Has New Owner

by Charles L. Wilson

Charles L. Wilson and his family are pleased to announce that he has taken over ownership of the Schlup-Pucak Funeral Home, which will now be called the Schlup-Pucak & Wilson Funeral Home.

Charles, son of Sandra (Santilli), the late Charles “Red” Wilson and brother of Lisa Wilson grew up in Kenmore right on Sixth Street, and is a lifelong resident of the area. He and his wife (high school sweetheart) Christie have three boys - Christopher, Joshua and Zachary. Some of you may remember his grandfather, Leo Santilli, who owned Leo & Sons Jewelers, in the Cazolli Plaza, for over thirty years. Charles is very active in the community and a life member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, serving on the Parish Council and Activities Committee. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #3410, Monsignor Joseph O’Keefe Assembly #818, the Saint Vincent-Saint Mary Alumni Association, and is honored and privileged to work closely with Just a Dad From Akron. He is past President of Summit, Medina and Portage County District #8 within the Ohio Funeral Directors Association (OFDA), and is currently the Northeast Regional Director for districts #8,15,19 and 20 and on the Board of Directors with OFDA. His goal is to one day follow in Don Pucak’s footsteps and become the President of the OFDA.

Charles graduated from St. Vincent-St. Mary in 1994 and continues to actively support the school. His son Joshua graduated in 2022 and his son Zachary will be an incoming freshman. Like Don, Charles graduated from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science in 2005 with a Associate’s Degree in Fine Arts. Later that year he graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Science from Point Park University. He became a licensed Funeral Director in 2007 after completing his apprenticeship with the Billow Company.

When Don hired Charles in 2011 he said “Charles is exactly the person that I’ve been looking for. I wanted to hire someone from the community to work with our families. He knows the neighborhood and he knows the people. I think that this is important when it comes time to deal with our families at one of the worst times of their lives.”

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New Café Brings Coffee, Healthy Drinks and Eats to Kenmore

by Tina Boyes, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance

It's a coffee shop. It's a tea house. It's a café and a gathering space.

Srina Tea House and Café is finally on Kenmore Boulevard, and it's even more than anyone could have expected. And while its official grand opening isn't until mid-September, Srina is inviting all the residents of Kenmore to test their products and provide feedback during their soft opening, which will run August 12th through September 16th.

Eclectic and healthy food is on the menu, which kicked off during the August Kenmore First Friday event, and included Jerk chicken fingers, street corn, sorbet and, of course, Srina's organic coffee and teas responsibly grown in the farms of Sri Lanka.

Srina also features a line of pastries that includes Summit Croissants made in Kenmore by Sally Ohle, plus avocado toast, bagels and lox. And you can enjoy your food and beverages either in the cool rainforest décor of the dining room or at Srina's al fresco street side tables.

In addition, Srina is partnering with the Jump on Board for Success (JOBS) program, a Kenmore-based culinary training program which gives young and at-risk women a head start in food service, as well as Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance to provide subsidies to employ the young women locally.

"I am looking forward to working with these organizations to make Kenmore one of the best places to visit, eat and shop in Akron," said Srina owner Monaqui Porter-Young.

Srina Tea House is located at 975 Kenmore Boulevard. They are open Sunday and Monday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Tuesday through Saturday 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.



The Outdoor Patio at
Srina Tea House and Café

Regional Live Music Venue to Relocate to Kenmore

by Corey Jenkins, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance

After a decade in downtown Canton, Buzzbin Art and MusicShop is bringing one of Northeast Ohio's best-loved live music venues to Kenmore Boulevard. Buzzbin operators Chris and Julia Bentley said they chose Kenmore because of the people, the music and the revitalization work of Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance. "I stopped in on the July 1st Kenmore First Friday and I was blown away by the location and the awesome sense of artistic music community," Chris said.

The Rialto Theatre co-owner Seth Vaill sees Buzzbin's move to the former Live Music Now building as strengthening Kenmore's artistic community. "The addition of Buzzbin to the neighborhood is going to be huge for Kenmore Boulevard, and will help to bring more musicians and music lovers here," the Rialto owner said.

The Bentleys plan to be in their new home at 952 Kenmore Boulevard by Halloween. In the meantime, you can catch upcoming "Buzzbin Presents" shows at the Rialto Theatre, including First Jason, a band led by Ari Lehman, the first actor to portray Jason Voorhees in the Friday the 13th horror film franchise.

Then, on September 24th, Buzzbin Music & Art Shop will hold "Benefit for the Bin," a multi-venue concert event to raise funds for the Buzzbin in Kenmore. Get your tickets at buzzbinkenmore.com.

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Portrait of a Kenmore-Garfield High School Graduate: Dominic Black

by Jeanne-Hélène Roy, Executive Director, Akron Promise

On May 29th, the final graduating class of Kenmore-Garfield High School (KGHS) traversed the proverbial stage. Among the students experiencing this milestone, 17-year-old Dominic Black graced the crowd with his signature wit and style - including the elegant strand of pearls that he dons regularly - developed over the past four years. In August, Black will move to the Kent State University campus, where he will pursue an undergraduate degree in Interior Design.

If Black's academic prowess is evinced by his having made a noteworthy haul at KGHS's award ceremony, his lifelong record doesn't reflect steady success in school; rather, Black speaks of having struggled in his early years, mostly due to behavior issues he experienced while he and his mother bounced around northeast Ohio. By high school, however, Black learned to harness his intelligence and energy.

Perhaps the shift evolved as he discovered his passion for creating domestic spaces through watching home repair shows with his mother. Their collective inventiveness ignited, the two began to embark on their own projects, completely remodeling rooms in their home.

"Getting to use my creativity in my own house really helped me develop my passion for interior design," says Black.

As an upperclassman at KGHS, Black was able to further explore his interests as a product development intern at the luxury furniture retailer Arhaus, whose corporate headquarters is in Boston Heights. There, not only does Black assist in fulfilling customer swatch requests, but he also devised an innovative label printing system for orders, which had previously been sent out on hand-written envelopes.

A resident of Firestone Park, Black started his high school journey after Garfield and Kenmore High Schools had merged. Speaking positively of his four years attending KGHS, Black deems the institutions' union "a good thing that brought two communities together, putting them in a position to learn and embrace each other's differences." This vision for community-building carried over into his participation in Akron Promise's Student Success Team, where Black was instrumental in instilling a sense of solidarity in a group of diverse membership.

Black has traveled extensively throughout the East Coast, as well as in Ireland, the Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico, the latter which he ranks high on his list of cool locales. Ultimately, he hopes to bring the multicultural lens to his work as a designer. Asked whom he'd primarily like to serve as a professional, Black underscored that while making a living enters into the equation, he's intent on not forgetting those who are less financially able, noting that "everyone should feel comfortable where they are, in their living space."

For more information on Akron Promise, see:
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Councilman's Corner

Notes from Around the Ward

Perhaps when you opened your front door this morning, you caught the scent of fresh asphalt. Several years ago, you, the voters, approved issue 4. One third of all the money collected from Issue 4 has been and will continue to be placed directly back into our city thoroughfares. The City actually has every street cataloged in a database with information as to when a street was last serviced. Enjoy the smooth ride!

If you have driven 13th Street recently, you may have noticed that the traffic is moving a bit slower. "Speed tables" have been installed as a method of calming traffic. Thus far, the response from individuals who live in proximity to this corridor have been highly favorable. What I have heard from many of you is, "when can I get these on my street?" The number of speed tables requested is always greater than the funds available in the City's budget, but we will be adding more tables each year.

For the past nearly twenty years we have held the annual Ninth Ward picnic in August. This year's event will be held in conjunction with the Chestnut Ridge Fall Festival on Sunday October 2nd. More details will be provided at the September 6th ward meeting.

Finally, special thanks to the men and women of the Akron Police Department. In the midst of turbulent times, I would encourage you to express your gratitude to Akron Police Chief Mylett (smylett@akronohio.gov) or when you see one of our peace officers, express your appreciation to these men and women in blue, who serve us each day.

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

Councilman Mike Freeman
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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 September 6th.

Scouts and Cub Scouts Are STILL in Kenmore

by Melissa Sloan

One Statement that I hear over and over is that "I did not know that Scouts were still in the area." The answer to that is why "Yes, they are". We have been in Kenmore at Park United Methodist Church, 2308 24th Street SW for over 80 years for the troop and close to 70 years for Cub Scouts. The program has changed over the years but teaching youth skills that last a lifetime in leadership, citizenship, and respecting the outdoors are just a few that have been taught since the beginning.

Cub Scouts are for girls and boys from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Each grade has its own den, Lions (Kindergarten), Tigers (1st), Wolf (2nd), Bears(3rd), Webelos (4th), and Arrow of Light (5th). The troop level is from age 11 or 6th grade. The troop is currently boys only here at Park, however there are troops around the area that are for girls only. We are currently recruiting for all ages, meeting nights are Thursday nights Lions/Tigers at 6:00 pm rotating, Wolf/Bears at 7:00 pm. Mondays are Webelos/Arrow of Light/Troop at 7:00 pm.

If there are any questions, please contact Melissa Sloan 330-937-5666. We would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.



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Anime Club – Tuesday August 23rd, 4:00 pm
Wii U Gaming & Craft – Tuesday, August 30th, 4:00 pm
Wii U Gaming – Thursday, September 8th, 3:30 pm
Pirate Day! Lounge & Craft – Tuesday, Sept 13rd, 4:00 pm
Anime Club – Tuesday, September 20th, 3:30 pm
Book Bites Club – Thursday, September 22nd, 3:30 pm
Lounge with Art Options–Tuesday, September 27th, 4:00 pm

Pirate Fest (All Ages)

Saturday, September 30th, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Avast! Dress like a pirate for a chance to win a gift card. Learn to talk like a pirate. Enjoy Caribbean refreshments. Watch Pirates of the Caribbean movie and create pirate themed crafts!

Micro-Story Time (Toddler/Preschool)

Wednesday, August 31st, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Visit the library between 5 and 7 pm for a 10-minute story time with Miss Becky. You will get to choose a book, dance to some music, and make a craft! Register online, in person, or by phone.

Teen & Tween Lounge: Book Bites Club

Thursday, September 22nd, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Today's focus in the Teen Lounge will be books that people are reading. A short book talk about new books available will be offered along with snacks. Grades 6-12.

Teen & Tween Lounge: Pirate Day!

Tuesday, September 13th, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Hang out with friends in the lounge and make your own pirate eye patch and have a snack. The best fun you can have on the seven seas! Grades 6-12.

Black Business Leaders Panel – Highlighting Entrepreneurial Success (Adults)

Thursday, August 25th, 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm

Kenmore Boulevard is undergoing a resurgence, even after a pandemic. Many of these new enterprises are Black-owned. This panel will discuss business successes, struggles, and overcoming challenges.

STEAM Explorers (Grades K-5)

Wednesday, September 14th, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

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

Park Series: Coyotes with Summit Metroparks Ranger Jason Whittle (Virtual) (Adults)

Thursday, September 15th, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Although humans and coyotes have coexisted for thousands of years, we haven't learned to play nicely. Learn about this misunderstood mammal and its ecology along the rural-urban gradient around us.

Story Times (Toddler/Preschool)

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

Pirates – Tuesday, September 6th, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Butterflies – Tuesday, September 20th, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Book Club to Go (Adults)

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

Sounds of Akron: Jim Ballard with special guest LDG is Like - Brothers of Different Mothers (Adults)

Thursday, September 29th, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Two Northeast Ohio artists, singer/songwriter Jim Ballard, and songwriter/rapper LDG is Like combine their talents in this fusion set. They will cross & blend genres, while addressing local & current events.



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Scout Project Finds Home at American Legion Post #449

by Codey Mellinger

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My Eagle Project is a drop-off box for any American Flag that is worn out and tattered and in need of retirement. The drop-off box is made out of 14th gauge CRS (Cold-rolled steel) attached to a 6-foot 3-inch diameter steel pipe concreted into the ground. The purpose of the drop-off box is to give the community a place where they can take their American Flags to be given a proper retirement with honor and respect.



**Codey Mellinger with Flag Drop-Off Box
at American Legion Post #449**

This was not my first choice but due to unforeseen circumstances my original idea fell through, so when it came to thinking of a new idea or where I could go to help out with an Eagle Project the idea was given to me to reach out to the American Legion close to me, Post #449, and of course, I did. The idea of a drop-off box for American Flags came about. I loved the idea for a few reasons, the biggest reason that kept me inspired about this project was the fact in my Scouting Unit, I often lead our Flag Retirement ceremonies as it is something I like to give the proper respect towards and I enjoy leading the other scouts through such a ceremony.

After the initial contact, quite a few exchanged emails and a couple of meetings, me and my dad started drawing and programming a blueprint idea, and with quite a few back and forths of ideas we figured it out. Went to the American Legion to get confirmation of the idea and they loved it. With that, we went to our scouting council to get the project approved, and without an issue, it was approved. I immediately started reaching out to S&B Metal Co for donations of steel and work including, programming, cutting, bending, etc. Once the metal was prepared I received the parts and went to my trade school, Portage Lakes Career Center where with the help of my Welding Instructor Mr. Kapas, we went to work. After hours of welding, fitting, and a bunch of grinding it was done. I loaded it up and got it out of the shop. Next, we reached out to National Powder Coating for a paint job and it turned out great! Moving on to the home stretch I got vinyl stickers and applied them to the box with a finishing clear coat to protect everything. With the final coat on the drop-off box, it was ready. I gathered help through my Scouting Troop and a couple of friends through scouting and in one afternoon it was installed and fully ready to be used.

This project is something I see myself being proud of for many years to come and I am excited to see it being used and filled up. I would like to thank everyone and all companies mentioned above for their work and donations and a special shout out to my Mom and Dad for helping me along the way the entire time.

All You Can Eat \$10 Soup & Sandwich Dinner!

by Richard J. Smeltz

On Saturday November 5th, The Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene is having a \$10 all you can eat soup & sandwich dinner from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at 2025 12th Street SW in Kenmore. Proceeds from this event will be used to send kids and teens to our Nazarene Church Camp for one week next summer.

There will be a large variety of homemade soups, chili's & sandwiches, and dessert & beverage are included in the price. Children 10 and under are \$5 and toddlers are free. Take-home containers for soups are available for \$5 per container, and to-go orders are provided as well. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

This past summer, Kenmore Nazarene was able to send 22 kids and teens to camp. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation you can do so by check to the Church address and mark your check "Kids Camp", or link on the church FaceBook link and pay via PayPal.

If you have any questions please contact the Church at 330-745-7720.



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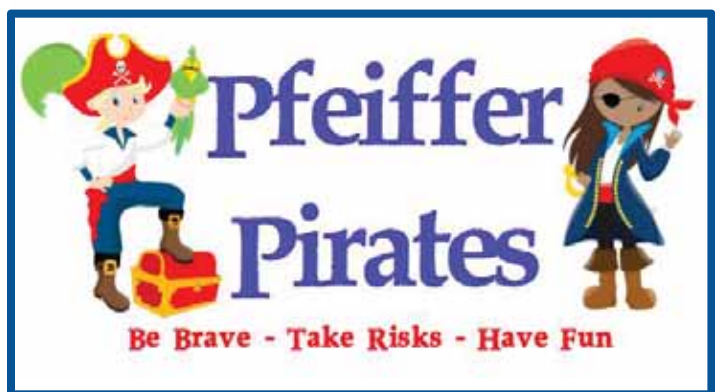


Summer Camps 2022 at Kenmore Community Center

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

Summer at Kenmore Community Center was full of creativity, innovation, socialization and a ton of fun! From lots of art, photography, baking & adventure to golf, swimming & science, the staff at Kenmore Community Center poured on their talents, time and energy to make camps this summer exciting and fun for kids ages 6 to 15. Camps began June 13th and ran until August 5th and were priced for all to attend. See you next summer.





Take the Pledge - 5th Grade Student, Mariah, takes the Duct Tape "Pledge to Stand Together Against Bullying" in March 2022.

#BeKind330 - Pfeiffer Students Take Kindness Seriously

The students at Pfeiffer Elementary School participated in the Be Kind 330 Campaign during the 2021-2022 school year. The #BeKind330 Campaign is an Akron Public Schools district wide initiative to promote kindness in classrooms and the community. Students worked hard to be as kind as possible to their classmates and the team at Pfeiffer, as well as taking their kind attitudes outside of the building to the Kenmore community.

Students at Pfeiffer started the Kindness Campaign by taking part in "Be Kind 330 - Do Kind Week" in February. During this week, students were encouraged to participate in random acts of kindness that would make the days of those around them just little bit better. Students participated in kindness activities during this week and had a random act of kindness challenge to complete every day.

In March, students took part in the #BeKind330 Campaign by taking a Kindness Pledge. Students learned about how acts of kindness, even on the smallest scale, can trigger and inspire larger acts of kindness throughout the school. Every student at Pfeiffer took a pledge to show kindness throughout the building, and many classes adopted different team members throughout the building to thank them for their kindness. Students read aloud the book "Be Kind" and completed a kindness reflection about what kindness looks like, feels like, and sounds like throughout the building. They then created a kindness butterfly for the "Kindness Gives Us Wings" wall outside of the main office, and signed their name on a piece of Duct Tape for the "Stick Together Against Bullying" wall in the cafeteria.

Students ended the year by participating in a Kindness Chalk Party in the parent parking lot. Students were given the directive to draw anything that showed kindness. From kindness dragons to hearts and kindness advice, students used their art skills to beautify the parking lot.

Pfeiffer Elementary to Receive Over \$1 million in Updates

Pfeiffer Elementary School was built in 1919 and has withstood the test of time for more than 100 years. The building stands strong and is a pillar at the top of 9th Street in Kenmore. Students at Pfeiffer come in each school day to an environment that is full of history, family, and memories.

Over the past several years, Pfeiffer students have not been able to attend school on several days due to the overwhelming heat in the late spring and late summer, as the school does not currently have air conditioning in the classrooms. There have also been times when the furnace has gone out and students could not attend school due to a lack of heat in the frigid winter. Roof leaks have plagued Pfeiffer for many years as well, and have required repair after repair to ensure the safety of students.

Thanks to the Akron Public Schools Board of Education and the Facilities Department Leaders at APS, Pfeiffer is receiving an upgrade to address all of the issues mentioned above. The Akron School Board of Education has approved a roof upgrade with a budget of \$400,000, air conditioning for classrooms and across other areas of the building budgeted at \$500,000, and an upgrade to the existing furnace with a budget of \$100,000. Along with these, earlier in the summer the Akron Board of Education approved a \$78,000 upgrade to the school cafeteria/gymnasium including a fresh coat of paint and new space saving cafeteria tables.

Students and faculty at Pfeiffer Elementary, and the community members who visit the building will have a more comfortable environment upon the completion of the proposed projects this school year. The new cafeteria tables will allow for a larger usable area for our students during physical education classes, more room for our families when attending family engagement nights, and an overall safer environment for our students. The roof will prevent leaks throughout the top floor classrooms, stairwells, and hallways, and the air conditioning units throughout the building will allow our students to learn in a more comfortable environment. The Pfeiffer Team is grateful for the opportunity to receive these upgrades and keep Pfeiffer running, hopefully, for years to come.



Kindness Gives Us Wings - 4th Grade student, Makayla, shows off the kindness wall at Pfeiffer.

Pfeiffer Elementary School

2081 9th St. SW Akron, OH 44314
330-761-1510



Kenmore Community Center Adult Activities

880 Kenmore Boulevard 330-375-2812

Please call the Center for questions and reservations!

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7:00 pm

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Fitness pass required.

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Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00 pm
Fitness pass required.

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Mondays thru Thursdays
9:30 am

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Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene Welcomes New Pastor

by Pat Gaugler

On July 3rd, the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene welcomed our new Pastor, Reverend Chris Shallenberger, his wife Amber and their five children. He comes to us from the New Horizon Church of the Nazarene in Greensboro, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho, and has served as a Youth Pastor and Senior Pastor for over 10 years.

Pastor Chris has a strong passion and love for people, reaching the lost for Jesus, music, worship and prayer. He enjoys sports and is an Indianapolis Colts and Ohio State fan. Pastor Chris and his family love the outdoors and have already visited some of the parks in the area. He is looking forward to getting involved in the Community. Pastor Chris' messages are live streamed on the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene FaceBook page at 10:00 am each Sunday, and Monday through Thursday at 12:00 noon you can join him for "Coffee with Chris Devotions". If you would like to contact Pastor Chris, he can be reached at 513-240-5287.

Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene is located at 2025 12th Street SW, and we can be reached at 330-745-7720 or kenmorenazarene@gmail.com.



Pastor Chris Shallenberger

Kenmore Nazarene Concert Planned for October 9th

by Pat Gaugler

On Sunday October 9th the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene will host a special concert with Jonathan White at 10:00 am. Jonathan is from the Canton area and is a nationally known recording artist and is favorite to all who hear him sing. You can check him out on YouTube. The concert is free, but there will be a love offering taken. Come and join us and be inspired and uplifted.

Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene is located at 2025 12th Street SW.

For more information about our upcoming events or services please contact us at 330-745-7720 or kenmorenazarene@gmail.com, or go to the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene FaceBook page.



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Kenmore Historical Society News

by Jan Williams

Something New in Kenmore

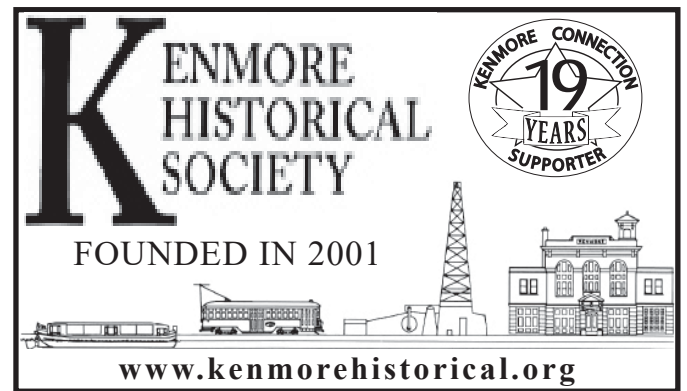
Many of you reading this article live on a numbered street in Kenmore like 14th Street or 16th Street. But did you know they were once named after states like so many other streets in our neighborhood? 13th Street was once Indiana Avenue and 9th Street was Pennsylvania Avenue.

Now we have a name for the alley on the south side of Kenmore Boulevard - Virgil Lay Way. Virgil was a “guitar repair genius.” He was born in 1927 in Alabama and moved to Akron in 1946. He was an Army veteran and a steel guitar player who started fixing guitars in 1964. In 1969 Lay opened a shop on the corner of Kenmore Boulevard and 13th Street under the Coffee Shop and later moved to 974 Kenmore Boulevard.

Many well-known musicians became his customers including Joe Walsh of the James Gang and the Eagles, Jack Bruce from Cream, and Meatloaf. One of his most famous customizations was for Led Zeppelin’s Jimmy Page now known as Page’s “Number One.”

Virgil was a hard worker who thrived on coming up with new ways to do things, including creating a way to keep guitar strings from stretching - S.I.T. Strings (Stay in Tune).

Virgil passed way in 2009 at the age of 82. Chances are we music fans have Virgil Lay to thank for some of our favorite songs.



Lay's Guitar Logo



Previous Location of Lay's Guitar
at 2211 13th Street SW



Current Location of Lay's Guitar
at 974 Kenmore Boulevard



Back of Present Building
Facing Virgil Lay Way

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!

Praise Chapel Assembly of God

by Kathy Lindeman

Praise Chapel Assembly of God has had a busy summer, and plans many more events leading up into the fall. We continue our Sunday Mornings Services at 10:30 am with "Bible Prophecy: Study in the Book of Revelation", and Wednesday Evenings Bible Study at 7:00 pm with "The One Jesus Loves" by Dr. Robert Crosby.

The following events are also planned for the upcoming weeks:

Tuesday, August 16th - Ladies Group will meet at 6:30 pm at Belgrade Gardens.

Sunday, August 28th - Baptism at Portage Lakes at 1:30 pm, with dessert to follow back at the Church.

Tuesday, September 20th - Hymn Sing at 6:30 to 7:30 pm with light refreshments in fellowship hall.

Saturday, September 10th - Back to School Bash from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Praise Chapel Assembly of God is located at 1204 McIntosh Avenue. Pastor Robert Shank (enjoying pie in these photos) invites all to visit our upcoming events. For more information please call the Church at 330-745-4107 or visit our website at www.netministry.com.



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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/Locations

Church Office Open Tuesdays

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 10:00 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@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 1:30 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

Melissa N. Keegan, Parish Life Coordinator

Reverend Michael B. Smith, Pastor Emeritus

Hours of Service

Holy Eucharist - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 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

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Kenmore Free Store at 2128 16th Street,

enter back door off 17th and Battles Avenue

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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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2025 12th Street SW
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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

Community Services Offered

JOBS (Jump On Board for Success) Program
Cub Scout/Boy Scouts
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Check out our weekly service on line via Facebook
(Akron Park United Methodist Church)
and/or YouTube (akron park um 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 Church on the Boulevard

754 Kenmore Boulevard
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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.

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

The Chapel in Kenmore

943 Kenmore Boulevard
(enter through back alley)
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www.kenmore.thechapel.life
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<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 a special outdoor service on 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 Content at 6:00 pm on our Facebook Page & Youtube Channel.

Community Services Offered

We partner with various allies in our city, see <https://kenmore.thechapel.life/allies/> to learn more.

Redeemed Christian Church of God

966 Kenmore Boulevard
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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 (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.

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
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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 and 6:00 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.

The CoB Outreach Food Pantry

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 in September. For the latest information, see our signboard in front of the Church, or come get a weekly bulletin at our Sunday morning services!

CoB Grab-and-Go Carryout Dinner

Every Wednesday, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
August 24th, September 14th & 28th,
October 12th & 26th, November 16th

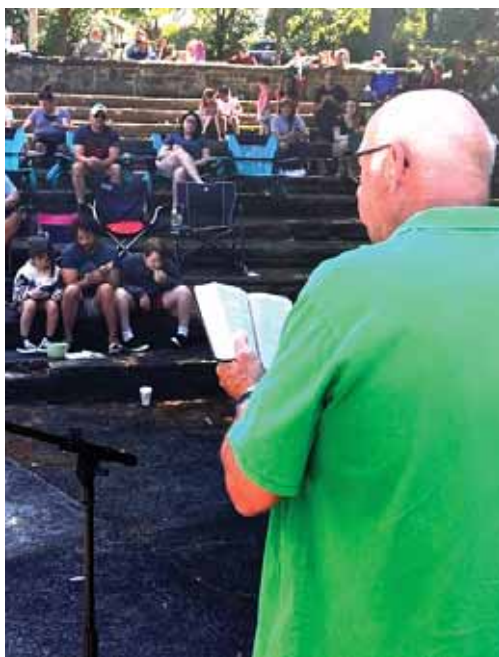
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The Chapel in Kenmore

by Pastor Ben White, The Chapel in Kenmore

It was such an amazing day at Chestnut Ridge Park on Sunday July 10th, 2022! The weather was beautiful. Compass Christian Church and The Chapel Kenmore brought their congregations together to have a joint service, and many other folks from the neighborhood visited. Pastor David Johnson from Charleston, SC delivered a powerful message, and then to top it off, we had a neighborhood BBQ with free food and drinks, and a concert put on by Dennis Reynolds and the Jazz Heritage Orchestra! Thanks y'all for making it happen together. We look forward to having another outdoor service on Sunday August 28th at 10:30 am, and afterwards a neighborhood BBQ with a live concert from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Mark your calendars and join us. Parking is available at 1926 19th Street SW, and at Compass Christian Church.



**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!**



Kenmore Free Store News

by Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director, Kenmore Free Store



Summer is almost over. As you get ready for school or college, please remember the Kenmore free store for those clothes that no longer fit. WE NEED CLOTHING donation - All shapes and sizes. Please drop off any donations at the 16th Street SW entrance on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm or Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The RED cart is outside the door ready to receive your donations. We will be closed Saturday September 3rd for the Labor Day holiday.

Do you notice how expensive groceries have gotten? One of our ministries at the Kenmore Free Store is to provide a sack lunch to those who are hungry. In order to continue this ministry, we need your monetary donations to buy supplies for these lunches. Please send what you can to help to:

The Kenmore Free Store
 % Park United Methodist Church
 2308 24th Street SW
 Akron, Ohio 44314

Thank you for your help!

Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director
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 2101 17th Street SW, Akron.

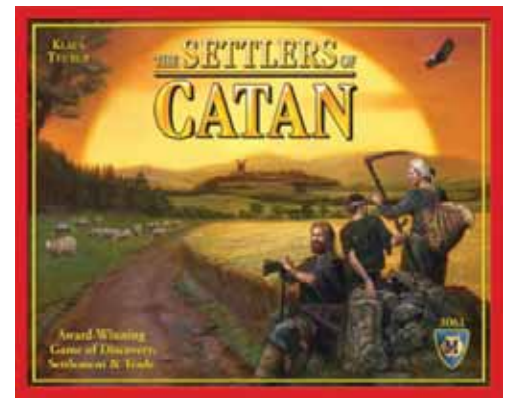
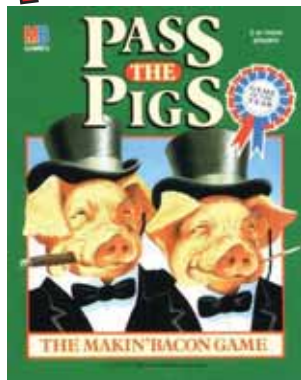
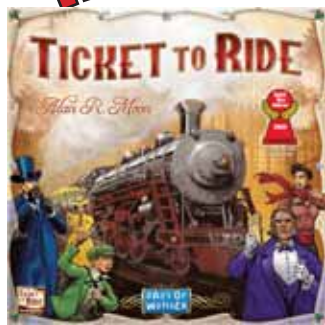
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