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Summit Lake Clean-Up Coming Soon!

by Julie Ann Sweet

Keep Akron Beautiful will be hosting Clean Up Akron Month this April 2023, 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 22nd, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, and the Summit Lake cleanup will be on Saturday April 29th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Registration for both will be open on March 1st.



Volunteers Help in Cleanup

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.

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 Event is April 1st

The Annual Kenmore Easter Craft & Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 1st this year (no fooling). Beginning at the Kenmore Community Center (880 Kenmore Boulevard) with the Children's Craft Party, there will be refreshments, craft projects, prizes, and balloons (donated by the Kenmore Historical Society). And special guest appearances by the Easter Bunny and the Easter Ducky, who will spend most of their time taking pictures with the excited children.

Doors at the Community Center will open at 9:30 am for the crafts and entertainment events. At around 10:45 am there will be prize drawings to be won by several lucky children, then the children, adults, volunteers, and the Easter Bunny & the Easter Ducky would "stroll" with their balloons to where the eggs will be placed. All refreshments and eggs will be donated by the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce.

After the Easter Egg Hunt, all are invited to the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene (2025 12th Street SW) for their Annual Easter Event, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm (see the article on Page 3 for more details). Mark your calendars and please plan to bring your children to this year's Annual Kenmore Craft & Easter Egg Hunt, and then to the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene's Easter Carnival, all on April 1st!



**The Easter Bunny & Easter
Ducky Will Soon Be Here!**

New Record Store Offers Musical, Creative Discovery

by Corey Jenkins, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance

For the first time in Kenmore’s recorded history, vinyl aficionados, crate diggers, and lovers of music on physical media have a shopping destination on Kenmore Boulevard. But **Juju Bonz Records** – which will celebrate its official grand opening on Saturday February 18th, is much more than just a record store. It’s a place for community music makers and creatives to come together to network, make plans, and learn from one another.

In addition to selling new and used records, tapes, CDs and even 8-track tapes, **Juju Bonz Records** offers clothing, jewelry, magazines, rock and roll memorabilia and more. Visual artists can also consign their work there. “Juju Bonz will be whatever the Kenmore community needs it to be beyond just a record store,” co-owner Julia Bentley explained. “Our last shop changed over time. Music and art are alive and can change, and so will this.”

Formerly known as Frankenstein Records, the business is the 16th to find a home in the Kenmore Boulevard business district in the past two years, said Tina Boyes, Executive Director of Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance. Another, Buzzbin Art & Music Shop, relocated to Kenmore from downtown Canton, where it served as a temporary home for the record store. Gradually, the record store became a place where musicians and concert goers would hang out and network during COVID-19 when alcohol sales ended at 10 pm.

“So much of the revitalization of Kenmore Boulevard centers on celebrating and building on our assets,” Boyes said. “Our musicians, our music businesses: those are assets. What’s missing are the additional gathering spaces: welcoming places where art and ideas can be exchanged. **Juju Bonz Records** is exactly the right place at the right time.”

The store will serve as a place for musical discovery, whether it’s by sitting on one of their couches and listening to music you’ve never heard or by spending some time in “The Wreck Room” – a DIY recording studio located in the back of the store where artists can experiment with the recording process. “I want this to be an engaging space for the community to try something they’ve never tried before, whether it’s art or music,” Julia said.

Julia hopes to host alcohol-free or “dry” shows at **Juju Bonz Records** to give music lovers of all ages a safe and comfortable place to enjoy live music without alcohol. It’s a fitting use for a building once home to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. “Or, if someone just wants to hang out and play a game or read a book or talk music, this is the space.”

Juju Bonz Records is located at 989 Kenmore Boulevard. It is open 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm on Wednesday and Sunday. Extended hours will be available after **Buzzbin** and **The Rialto Theatre** shows also. For an up to date information, visit buzzbinkenmore.com/juju-bonz-store.



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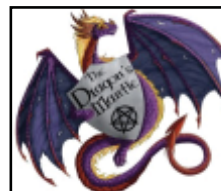
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Church of the Nazarene Annual Easter Event

by Rhonda Moore



The Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene will hold their Annual Easter Spring Fling on Saturday April 1st. This fun event will include lunch and free Easter Baskets (while supplies last). The event is from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm, and is for all children ages up to 5th Grade.

The Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene is located at 2025 12th Street SW. Please call the church at 330-745-7720 for any additional information.

Free Easter Baskets at the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene

Kenmore Youth Football "Night at the Races"

by Rick G. Laney

Mark your calendars on Saturday March 11th for the Kenmore Youth Football Annual "Night at the Races". Held at the VFW Hall at 690 West Waterloo Road, we will be doing some new things to make this event even more fun than those in the past! We will also be honoring our biggest supporter of this event, Kathy Lindeman, who passed away October 21st, 2022.

So please follow us on Facebook (Kenmore Youth Football) for upcoming ticket sale information. For other information please contact Rick Laney at kfkenmoreohio@gmail.com or 330-777-9450. It's always a good time, and as always THANK YOU for supporting "Our Kids"!

Cletus H. Swords Memorial Gazebo at Shadyside Park Still Accepting Plaques

by Jo Ann Smith, Kenmore Community Council

Kenmore Community Council is still offering Memorial Gazebo Plaques in Memory / Honor of a loved one. By ordering your plaque now, this enables the plaque to be ordered and installed when the weather breaks. This is a great opportunity to remember someone.

The Cletus H. Swords Memorial Gazebo is located at Shadyside Park, and is used in the summer months for the Akron City Shadyside Park Summer Concerts. It is maintained by the Kenmore Community Council, and purchasing new plaques helps the KCC maintain the gazebo.



Cletus H. Swords Memorial Gazebo

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Owner Kelly McAfee joins the growing wave of female business owners now located in Kenmore, having purchased Tansations from original owner Matt Coleman. Kelly plans to continue offering many of the beauty products, such as Nu Skin, Devoted Creations & Hempz Lotions, along with the tanning services, and is always thinking of new ways to serve her customers needs.

Tansations is currently open Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, and is closed Sunday. Beginning March 20th Tansations expanded hours will be Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, and Sunday 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Walk-ins for the tanning beds are always accepted, but appointments for tanning or any of the new services can be called in at 330-753-4505.



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Councilman's Corner

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Ward 9

Councilman's Meetings

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| Adults |

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| Tween | Teen |

Fairy Garden Workshop

Wednesday, February 15, 4pm

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| Children | Tween | Teen |

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Monday, February 20, 6pm

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| Teen | Adults |

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Tuesday, February 21, 3:30pm

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| Tween | Teen |

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Wednesday, March 15, 4pm

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| Children |

Sounds of Akron: Clyde Hensley - Memories and Dreams

Thursday, March 16, 6pm

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| Adults |

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Saturday, April 8, 1-4pm

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New Year-New You! Fitness Classes at the Kenmore Community Center

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

Each and every January brings promises to take better care of ourselves in the new year. This January, the City of Akron Recreation Department helped people to make that promise a reality by offering free fitness classes all month long all over the city. The Kenmore Community Center regularly hosts fitness classes with qualified, certified live instructors in classes ranging from chair yoga, mat/floor yoga, to Zumba. January saw many people come out to try out these new classes for the first time. Fitness passes (which are good at community centers all over the city) are very affordable with passes for adults over 65 costing only \$65 for the entire year. Passes for those under 65 are also very affordable at \$80/year. Six month, one month and one day passes are also available.

For more information about classes or passes, please call the community center at 330-375-2812. Let's hope that promises are kept for the rest of the year. Happy New Year everyone!

(The community center also regularly hosts a free walking video Monday thru Friday at 9:00 am and another free exercise video at 9:30 am Monday thru Thursday.)



Chair Yoga



January Yoga



Zumba

“Light The BLVD” Winners Brought Holiday Cheer to Kenmore Storefronts

by Corey Jenkins, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance

What began as a way to spread joy and engage Kenmore residents during the COVID-19 pandemic has quickly become a holiday tradition. “Light The BLVD” returned to Kenmore Boulevard for the third year on December 2nd, and drew it's largest crowd yet to see over 30 decorated storefronts, visit with Santa at SRINA Tea House & Café, take in holiday music at Buzzbin Art & Music Shop, and sip hot cocoa at the First Glance Skatepark.

Each year, window decorators have the opportunity to win a gift card to a Kenmore Bpulevard business. Winners were determined via Facebook likes, and the 2022 title of best window went to New Beginnings Boutique and Thrift (932 Kenmore Boulevard) with a total of 52 likes. Just A Dad From Akron (937 Kenmore Boulevard) and Studio 1008 (1008 Kenmore Boulevard) were runner-ups, tying with 48 likes each.

Follow @kenmoreohio on Facebook and Instagram or visit betterkenmore.org/events to stay up to date on Kenmore Boulevard happenings and events.



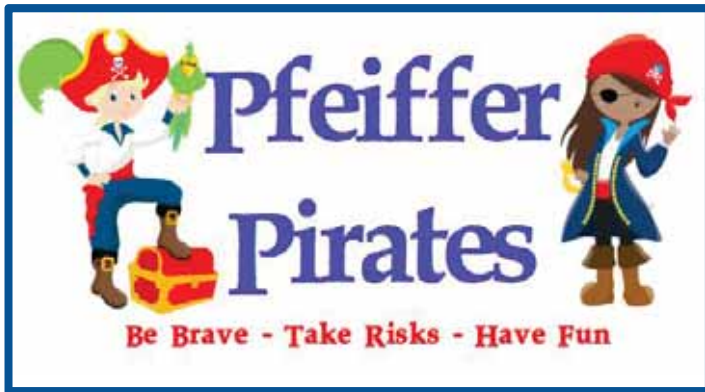
1st Place New Beginnings Boutique



2nd Place (tie) Just A Dad From Akron



2nd Place (tie) Studio 1008



Positive Behavior Intervention Systems at Pfeiffer by Aa'Riyah Haskins Al-Qadir

At Pfeiffer we live by three pillars in our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions System). Those pillars are to be respectful, be responsible, and be safe. At Pfeiffer we have common area expectations in the lunchroom, hallways, bathrooms, and any other place that we share across the school. The teachers and principals at Pfeiffer taught us about these expectations at the beginning of the year in a positive behavior fair where we rotated around to each area and learned about the expectations. Every day teachers remind us about the positive expectations and our principal tells us about them on the announcements, too.

If we are caught doing the right things in the hallways or other common areas, we are given a Pirate Ticket. Students save up their Pirate Tickets to earn prizes. Some prizes include Croc charms, pens, school supplies, fidgets, chips, using the Dean of Student's chair for the day, being Principal for the day, or a karaoke session with 5 of your friends. Over the past two years, we have been able to save 30 tickets to gain entrance to our PBIS Winter Dance. Last year, The Grinch joined us at the dance. This year, we did not have any special visitors, but Student Council members did a great job decorating and helping to choose music for the dance.

Every other week, the Dean of Students runs a PBIS Pop Up Shop. At these Pop Up Shops, students can buy snacks, mini-pop its, or fun school supplies for 10 PBIS tickets. All of the students at Pfeiffer know the common area expectations and try to earn as many PBIS tickets as they can every day.



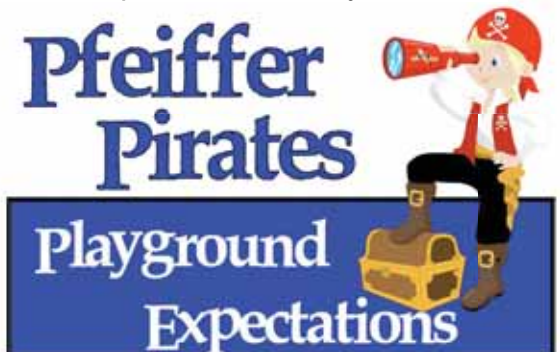
Ka'ililah, Ja'el and Emilia take a break from dancing at the PBIS Winter Dance. Students had to earn at least 30 PBIS tickets to gain entry to the dance.



Ms. Perkins, Mrs. Sutton, and Mr. Himmelright join in the fun of line dancing with their students. Mrs. Sutton was also the DJ for the dance.



Student Council members pose for a group photo after setting up for the PBIS Winter Dance. Student Council members chaperoned the K-2 dance, and then had fun together during the 3-5 portion of the dance.



Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to 10 foot voice - Keep mulch, snow, and other objects on the ground - Be kind and respectful to all peers and adults - If someone is alone, invite them to play
Be Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Line up immediately at the bell or whistle - Enter the building with a 0 level voice in a single file line
Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay in the playground area - Keep hands, feet, and other objects to yourself - Share and use playground equipment safely

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85% Average	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total missed or 4 weeks and 4 days
80% Average	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total missed or 6 weeks and 2 days



Erison and LJ pose for a picture in the midst of the fun.

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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First Tuesday of the Month
7:00 pm

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Mondays thru Fridays
11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Meditative Coloring
Wednesdays 12:30 pm
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One Mile Walk
Mondays thru Fridays
Starting at 9:00 am

Chair Yoga
Mondays at 9:30 am
Fridays at 9:30 am
Fitness pass required.

Floor Yoga
Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00 pm
1st & 3rd Saturdays
10:00 am
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.
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Card Playing
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Euchre
(Tournament Style)**
Wednesdays at 12:30 pm

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Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Celebrates 100 Years in Kenmore

by Melissa Keegan

On March 23rd, 2023, Immaculate Conception of Mary Parish will celebrate 100 years of Worship, Charity, Christian Formation and Stewardship. The parish was established on March 23rd, 1923, by founding pastor Fr. John Waldeisen, on 13 lots at the corner of 16th Street and Battles Avenue. The parish property was originally an apple orchard.

Before the original building was completed, Mass was held in the old Boulevard Theater on Kenmore Boulevard. The first Mass in the current church building was celebrated at the Christmas Midnight Mass in 1952.

In partnership with Park United Methodist Church, the property houses the Kenmore Free Store, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, and the Kenmore Community Garden, and is host to the monthly Kenmore Community Meal. During the past year the 100th Anniversary Committee planned and hosted fun activities monthly, and parishioners are currently observing 100 days of prayer as they count down to March 23rd. One of the biggest events of the past year was the retirement on June 7th of Fr. Michael B. Smith, pastor for 24 years. On that day Melissa Keegan, Pastoral Associate for 40 years, was named Parish Life Coordinator by Edward Malesic, Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland. The parish is blessed to have Fr. Mike as it's Sacrament Priest to continue to say Mass and hear Confessions.

The big day will be marked with a special Mass and a dinner. The parish is proud of it's legacy and looks forward to serving the people of Kenmore, witnessing to the faith and fulfilling God's will as individuals and as a community of faith for many more years to come.



Kenmore Historical Society News

by Jan Williams

We had two unusual guests that accompanied wildlife rehab specialist Fran Kitchen at our meeting in November. One was a great horned owl named Sassie, and the other was an Eastern box turtle named Helmet. Fran's career with animals began when she helped an orphaned robin found by a neighbor. After researching at the library about how to care for the bird, she raised it to adulthood, then released it. Since then she has devoted 60 years of her life to caring for thousands of wild animals, earning her membership in the Ohio Natural Resources Hall of Fame.

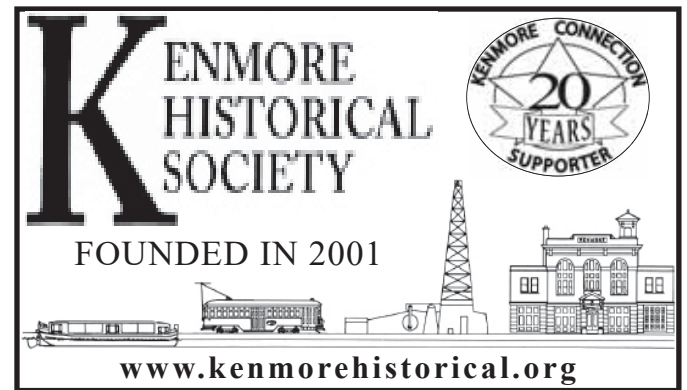
Fran claims to take in from 600 to 1,000 animals a year which she cares for in walk-in cages in her backyard. She has cared for animals from Summit, Stark and Wayne counties and has received a Lifetime Achievement award from the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitation Association.

Fran warns that human intervention is not always necessary. The mother animal often returns to take care of her babies. Fran tries to educate people about methods to prevent potential problems with wildlife. She reminds people who complain about wild animals walking through their yard, "That animal is not in your backyard. You are in its front yard."

Fran has lived in Kenmore since she was one year old. She attended Rimer Elementary then Kenmore High School where she graduated in 1963. Her three sons attended Kenmore also.

Fran's organization, the non-profit Operation Orphan Wildlife Rehabilitation Inc does not receive government funding. It is supported entirely through private donations. Please consider supporting her efforts. To schedule a program with her or make a donation use her address - P.O. Box 15042, Akron, Ohio 44314.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 27th at 6:30 pm at the library on the Boulevard. Dave Bersnak is planning to show another of his films. This one will deal with the construction of some historic sites in Kenmore.



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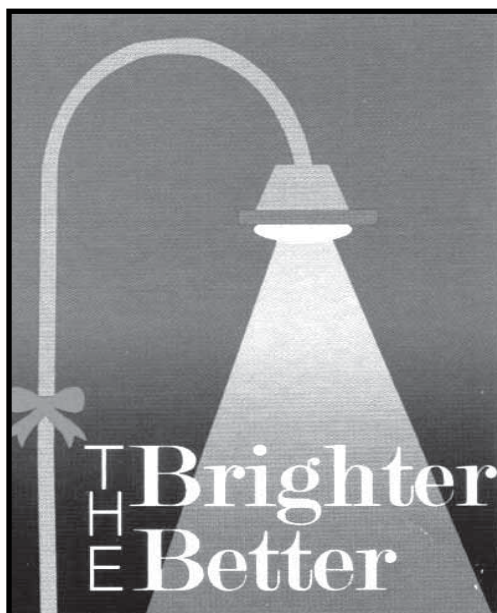
Housing Division

330-375-2850

Recreation Bureau

330-375-2568

Community Policing Unit



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Please contact John at 330-745-5530 for information on how to get your event in the next issue!

Kenmore Ministerial Association's 2023 1st & 2nd Quarter Sponsored Outreach Events

by Jennifer Herrick

The Kenmore Ministerial Association (KMA) supports the community through sponsored programs and prayer as we reach out within the community and reach others for Christ.

Our first quarter program is hosting KMA's Christian Karaoke Night at The Rialto Theatre located at 1000 Kenmore Boulevard on Thursday March 26th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Jump On Board for Success will have a limited appetizer menu available for purchase. Join us for a fun time of fellowship and praise.

Our second quarter program is The KMA Kmmunity Yard Sale on Saturday June 24th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, held at the Prentice Funeral Home parking lot located at 1154 Kenmore Boulevard. There will be a \$5 charge for an 8x10 spot. Spaces are limited. Please send inquiries to kenmoreministerialassociation@gmail.com.

Kenmore Nazarene Church Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

by Richard J. Smeltz

The Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene will again have their "All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner" fundraiser this spring. This event is scheduled for Saturday April 15th, at the Church on 2025 12th Street SW, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 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, Sandwiches, Antipasti Salad, Hot Vegetable, Garlic Bread, Dessert, and 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, kenmorenazarene@gmail.com, or richardsmeltz@gmail.com

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Dates to Fly the American Flag

New Year's Day - January 1st
MLK Jr Day - 3rd Monday in January
Lincoln's Birthday - February 12th
Washington's Birthday / Presidents' Day - 3rd Monday in February
Easter Sunday
Mother's Day - 2nd Sunday in May
Peace Officer's Memorial Day - Last Monday in May (Half-staff)
Armed Forces Day - 3rd Saturday in May
Memorial Day - Last Monday in May (Half-staff until noon)
Remember D-Day - June 6th
Flag Day & Army Birthday - June 14th
Independence Day - July 4th
Labor Day - 1st Monday in September
Patriot Day - September 11th (Half-staff)
Columbus Day - 2nd Monday in October
Election Day - First Tuesday in November
Veterans Day - November 11th
Thanksgiving Day - 4th Thursday in November
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - December 7th (Half-staff)
Christmas Day - December 25th



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Yoga Classes to be Held at Allenside Presbyterian Church

by Pastor Francie Fischer

Megan Kalil, a certified yoga instructor for children and adults and an Akron Public Schools teacher, will be offering donation-based Yoga classes at Allenside Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:00 pm. Donations will be used to provide a light snack after the class.

Class dates for this Spring will be February 15th, March 1st, 15th & 29th, and April 26th. All ages are welcome; we will focus on breathing techniques, guided focus activities, and movement. Allenside Presbyterian Church is located at 410 Rexford Street.

Community Meeting at the Allenside Church

by Pastor Francie Fischer

Allenside Presbyterian Church, 410 Rexford Street, will be hosting a second Community Meeting for the Allenside neighborhood on Tuesday February 21st, at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be provided at 6:00 pm, with the meeting starting at 6:30 pm. At this meeting, we will further discuss issues in the neighborhood and how we can help each other.

The first Community Meeting was held at the Allenside Church on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022, with over 40 people attending. Officer Jeff Smith spoke to the group, and we decided to have additional meetings to discover ways to work together to improve our community.

Please join us and get involved in making our neighborhood a great community! For more information please call 330-753-6405.



December 13th Community Meeting



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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

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@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 Casey Hughes

Youth Leaders: Isaac Craddock, Aaron & Jen Hurd,
and Derek & Bre Boyes

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 School 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am

Monday Christian Service Brigade 6:30 pm

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 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

(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 Chris Shallenberger, Senior Pastor

Pastor Gary L Kinney, Associate Pastor

Hours of Service

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

Wednesday Evening Children & Youth Services

6:00 to 7:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

6:00 to 7:00 pm

Office Hours - Monday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Tues-

day & Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Wednesday

10:00 am to 7:00 pm, Friday and Saturday closed,

Sunday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. If no one is available

please leave a message.

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

Koinonia Apostolic Faith Church

814 Carnegie Avenue
330-745-5242

www.Koinonia5111@yahoo.com

Pastor Gary L. Foreman

Hours of Service

Sunday School 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Sunday Worship Service 11:30 am

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Thursday Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm

Email koinonia5111@yahoo.com for the Zoom Link

Community Services Offered

Food Pantry

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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

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

Check out our weekly service on line via Facebook
(Akron Park United Methodist Church)
and/or YouTube ([akron park um church](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwVBXqHG0mI9IDm31qSLlrA)).

Praise Chapel Assembly of God

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

Pastor Robert Shank

Hours of Service

Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

Redeemed Christian Church of God

966 Kenmore Boulevard
330-776-5196

jesushouseakron@gmail.com

www.jesushouseakron.org

Pastor Enoch A. Adeboye (General Overseer)

Pastor Yisa Sunmonu (Parish Pastor)

Hours of Service

Sunday Workers Prayer Meeting 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Sunday School 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Sunday Service 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Thursday Bible Study 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

(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 bas-
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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

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

<https://www.instagram.com/chapelkenmore/>

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwVBXqHG0mI9IDm31qSLlrA)

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Pastor: Ben White

Hours of Service

In person worship with donuts and coffee,
10:30 am at 943 Kenmore Boulevard.

Can park at the Library or on Kenmore Boulevard
and enter through Kenmore alley, or follow the sign
and enter through the entrance on Kenmore Boulevard.

We don't livestream our gatherings,
visit our Facebook, Instagram and Youtube
to see our curated video content!

Community Services Offered

We partner with various allies in our city who are
highly active in the neighborhood and beyond,
see <https://kenmore.thechapel.life/allies/> to learn more.

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

Interpreted for the Deaf, Nursery available,

Streamed live on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/KenmoreChurchBlvd

and presented on YouTube later Sunday.

Community Services Offered

"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, Tues-
day at 7:00 pm, Wednesday at 6:00 pm,

Friday at 9:30 pm, Saturday at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

In the Neighborhood

by Pastor Ben White, The Chapel in Kenmore

One thing we enjoy about being a neighborhood Church in Kenmore is all the local businesses and organizations that we're connected with. We have some great people who are connected to our Church, some who attend and some who are just friends of ours, and do so much for our neighborhood and Akron as a whole! I figured this time around we would just give a shout out to them all because we love them all and are so glad we get to work together and support what they do.



First Glance helps urban youth in Kenmore and greater Akron in so many ways!



Just a Dad From Akron not only has some of the best clothing around, but is helping people out of addiction, blessing families, and impacting Kenmore and Akron in a way that is putting us on the map!



Love Akron is unifying the colors, cultures, and congregations of Greater Akron to see it thrive!



The Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance is bringing so much revitalization and life to Kenmore Boulevard and beyond!



Urban Vision is impacting the diverse neighborhood of North Hill in so many ways through kids and their families!



Srina Tea House is a hot spot in Kenmore & Greater Akron with amazing drinks and food, and is impacting both our neighborhood and the globe with all they do!



First Glance & Akron Dream Center gets to cultivate spaces where up and coming hip hop artists can learn and grow in their craft!



The And Campaign, Akron Chapter is educating and organizing Jesus followers for civic and cultural engagement to help bring about more compassionate policies!



Ethi-race Clothing Co not only has some of the best clothing around, but seeks to bring everyone together and treat them fairly and equally!



Kenmore Free Store News

by Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director, Kenmore Free Store



Mission Statement: It is the mission of the Kenmore Free Store ministry to provide the good news of Jesus Christ, genuine Christian love and fellowship, as well as clothing and household goods to all at NO COST OR OBLIGATION.

The Kenmore Free Store is a cooperative effort of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Park United Methodist Church, both located in the Kenmore area.

To register at our store, you just need to come and give us your name, your age, your zip code of where you are staying, and the names and ages of the other people who are dependent upon you.



These are the items we have available:

- * Clothing of all sizes
- * Household items - kitchen items and decorative items for the home
- * Foot wear
- * Small appliances - such as toasters, toaster ovens, coffeemakers, blenders and etc (We DO NOT have stoves or refrigerators)
- * Linens and bedding such as sheets, pillowcases and blankets
- * Books and toys
- * Furniture - we do not have mattresses or upholstered furniture



Since this is a new year, I thought you might like to know some of the numbers that tells us the people we are reaching. Last year we added 2409 new households to make our total of registered households 8037. We provided 33,851 pieces of clothing, 2003 pairs of shoes, 7611 pairs of socks, and 647 coats to registered households.

Our volunteers continue to grow. The volunteers provided 3385 hours of service. We are so thankful for those who continue to volunteer. They are the workers you see accepting your donations, sorting and cleaning your donations, registering you at check in and those who check you out. God is so good to provide what we need, when we need it.

Donations are accepted at the 16th Street SW entrance. There is a RED cart provided at the door for your donations. We accept donations ONLY during open hours which are Tuesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. If you need help with your donations please knock on the door and someone will come to help you.



If you would like to contribute money to our ministry, please send a check to The Kenmore Free Store, % Park United Methodist Church, 2308 24th Street SW, Akron, Ohio 44314.

We will be closed EASTER weekend, Saturday, April 8th.

The Kenmore Free Store community dinners, which are served on the last Tuesday of each month, have begun again on January 31st.

Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director, phone: 330-606-2878
2101 17th Street SW, Akron, Ohio 44314

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

Srina

Tea House & Cafe.

Srina Tea House & Cafe SPECIAL

Small Soup with
1/2 Sandwich or Salad

\$5.00

Limit one coupon per person.

Regular Price \$7.00.

While supplies last. Valid 2/20 - 3/4.

Must present coupon to receive savings.



Srina Tea House & Cafe
Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm
975 Kenmore Blvd
Akron, OHIO 44314
(234) 334-1599



CELEBRATE EASTER IN KENMORE



9:30 at the Kenmore Community Center
880 Kenmore Boulevard

• Special Prize Drawings •

Bring your camera to take Photos of your child with The Easter Bunny & Ducky!

9:30 EASTER PARTY - Craft Activity, Comics, Coloring Books, Punch & Donuts, all at the Kenmore Community Center!
10:45 All Prize Drawings Given Away!
11:00 Bunny Hop to the Easter Egg Hunt!
12:00-1:30 Another Easter Event at Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene!

Young Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsors and organizers of this special family event are:

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, Kenmore Komics & Games, Kenmore Historical Society, and the Kenmore Community Center.

SUMMIT LAKE CLEANUP

DATE: Saturday, April 29, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
CHECK-IN: Summit Lake Community Center
ADDRESS: 380 W Crosier St., Akron, OH 44311

Register at www.keepakronbeautiful.org

Questions? Contact Genevieve Bohnak
genevieve@keepakronbeautiful.org

