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## Summit Lake 2023 Clean-Up

by Julie Ann Sweet

On April 29th, volunteers from all over the Akron area joined together to participate in a large-scale clean-up at Summit Lake. Despite the drizzly rain, we had 165 volunteers who collected 6.82 tons of litter, as well as 145 tires, in just three hours. The Ohio Department of Resources lowered the lake level to assist with the cleanup and to allow areas that are largely inaccessible by foot to be cleaned. The area under the Kenmore Boulevard bridge was a main focus as was the entire shoreline. We had great support from the City of Akron with their sanitation crew working "overtime" to gather the collected trash and the discarded tires 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. Our workers also enjoyed Acme donuts that Jim Pearl, store director for the Montrose Acme, provided to the volunteers which were a big hit! And finally, a BIG thank you to Jacqui Ricchiuti, CEO of Keep Akron Beautiful for her and her team's coordination and support of this project year after year.



The Lowered Lake Level Aids Volunteers in Cleanup



**Akron Sanitation Volunteers** 

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, many of the Walsh High School students getting in some service hours, and many corporate volunteers along with 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 "Thank You" to all involved! Summit Lake is beautiful and a source of neighborhood pride for all.





Under the Kenmore Boulevard Bridge at Summit Lake Before (left) and After (right) Clean-Up

#### Kenmore First Friday Returns with New Live Music, Market, Food and Beer Experiences in 2023!

by Corey Jenkins, Better Kenmore CDC

Better Kenmore CDC, in partnership with the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce and the County of Summit ADM Board, is excited to announce the return of Kenmore First Fridays to the historic Kenmore Boulevard business district (aka The BLVD). The events will kick off June 2nd with live music from Akron favorite Detention - an energetic band who have been receiving airplay on Sirius XM and played three showcases at the SXSW Music Festival in Austin, Texas.

Joining Detention on the main stage will be up and comers Funeral Proposals who have just finished tracking their first record with Chris Butler of Waitresses and Tin Huey fame. Additional live music will be programmed by Buzzbin Art & Music Shop, Juju Bonz Records, and Akorn Jammers Open Mic. The Kenmore Branch Library will host an indoor stage featuring hip hop and urban expression artists presented by First Glance, Glory In The Beat Radio, and Akron Dream Center.

Oddmall will also return in June with its "Great Grassman Gathering" market which will feature over 40 purveyors of art, games, toys, comics, and collectibles, while The Rialto Theatre hosts a Speed Dating event followed by live music from Jim Ballard &The Strangs.

Kenmore First Fridays will take place every first Friday of the month beginning June 2nd and will continue through September 1st. The free events will run from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and will feature live music, vendors, family activities, food trucks and the Magic City Brewing Company outdoor beer garden. See the full schedule below:

**June 2nd:** Detention with Funeral Proposals, plus Oddmall: The Great Grassman Gathering **July 7th:** Yankee Bravo with Long Tall Deb & Colin John, plus 720 Market

**August 4th:** The Labra Brothers with Anya Van Rose, plus Oddmall: Rubber City Rumpus, and filmmaker/comic book artist Ted Sikora

**September 1st:** Church of Starry Wisdom with Glenn Lazear, plus Art On The BLVD featuring Trillium Schools of Music, Gum-Dip Theatre, Summit Artspace, Innes CLC, Cuyahoga Valley Art Center, Akron Art Museum Keith Haring Chalk Party, and more!

"Our staff, partners, and volunteers strive to consistently bring the best live music, vendors, and food trucks to Kenmore First Fridays," said Corey Jenkins, Marketing and Events Director for Better Kenmore CDC, "and no two months are ever the same, so we really encourage the community to come down each month to see what's happening!"

Kenmore First Fridays are FREE and presented by Better Kenmore CDC, Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, and the County of Summit ADM Board, with additional support from Akron Civic Commons, Peg's Foundation, Apollo Supply Co, United Way, Kenmore Komics & Games, The City of Akron, The Summit FM, Portage Path Behavioral Health, and Thomas C. Loepp Law Offices. Event information will be posted as it becomes available at betterkenmore.org/first-friday.



The Shootouts performing during Kenmore First Friday in 2022 (photo by Emmy Strong)

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#### **Kenmore's JOBS Program Still Active**

by Diane Kilivris

An evening of delicious food, mocktails and fierce competition highlighted JOBS' Second Annual 330 Flavor Throwdown on April 27th at Goss Memorial Church in Kenmore. The fundraising event challenges two local chefs in a surprise-ingredient cooking competition where attendees vote for their favorite appetizer, entrée and dessert. New this year, a "mocktail" competition was also added, featuring six different alcohol-free bar drinks. Winners are announced at the end of the event.

And the winning chef for 2023 was... Akron native Dannika Stevenson, owner of SipSavorSoul Kitchen LLC and a cooking school by the same name. Stevenson won by a very narrow margin over her competitor, Chef Anthony Scolaro, owner of One Eleven Bistro in Medina.

Competing for the mocktail title were mixologists Aaron Sparks of Mxology 21 Craft Cocktail and Catering and his own libations brand, and Morrigan Heltzel, bartender at O'Charley's Restaurant in Cuyahoga Falls, who prides herself at pairing food with drink. Ultimately, Heltzel prevailed with the majority vote.

"The whole event was a huge success," remarked Jennifer Herrick, JOBS Executive Director. "We had 80 guests in attendance, which is almost three times as many as last year, and we also sold 26 silent auction baskets." The evening was emceed by Hank Forrester from 330ToGo. Guests in the dining room were able to view the drama in the kitchen via big screen TV. Members of the Torchbearers were also on hand assisting in the kitchen and serving guests.

JOBS is a nonprofit employment skills and mentoring program in Kenmore that serves low-income and at-risk women and girls aged 13-35. Current class offerings include Culinary Arts, IT, Business Administration and Entrepreneurship. Courses are at no-cost to participants and free childcare is provided.

Program participants also volunteered at the fundraiser, honoring the contract with JOBS that requires them to "give back" by volunteering with at least one fundraiser per year. "This requirement helps our participants with accountability, something we strive to encourage in the program," said Herrick.

A delight for foodies, the competition challenged the chefs with both traditional and non-traditional ingredients, which are revealed to them only hours ahead of the event. Chefs must work "on the fly" and use all ingredients in their platings. This year's non-traditional ingredients included french toast sticks, dumpling wrappers, and English peas, the last of which was used in the dessert.

Guests were also impressed with the evening's mocktails. More than just fruit juice, their complex flavors consisted of infused botanicals such as jalapeño simple syrup, fresh thyme, rosemary and strawberry. As presentation counts, visual appeal was also notable.

"This event is definitely a keeper. We're already looking forward to next year," said Herrick.



Pictured from left are winning chef, Dannika Stevenson of SipSavorSoul; **JOBS Executive Director Jennifer** Herrick, and winning mixologist, Morrison Heltzel.

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#### Akron Promise's Second Annual Kenmore-Summit Lake Rock Me on the Water 7K Race

by Jeanne-Hélène Roy, Executive Director, Akron Promise

On May 27th, local non-profit Akron Promise will host its second iteration of Kenmore's Rock Me 7K, which boasts a one-of-a-kind course spotlighting the historic Kenmore Boulevard and the Towpath Trail encompassing Summit Lake.

Having spearheaded the event's resounding success last year, Akron Promise executive director Néna Roy is thrilled to participate in this year's race planning, along with the non-profit's founder Tom Ghinder, who conceptualized the race prior to the pandemic along with Kenmore resident Jim Ballard. Akron Promise is also fortunate to have North Coast Multisports director Mickey Rzymek and University of Akron EX[L]Center student intern Kayla Suansing on board to lend their marketing and planning skills in actualizing the Rock Me race.

Innes CLC students will also help out in the Rock Me race by engaging in a Kenmore Boulevard and Summit Lake beautification project through Akron Promise's alliance with the middle school as part of their partnership with Akron Public School's College and Careers Academies.



Akron Promise Founder Tom Ghinder with Kenmore-Garfield Teacher Terence Wise at Last Year's Rock Me Awards Ceremony Dr. Jeanne-Hélène (Néna) Roy, Executive Director

Whatever Akron's capricious skies may bring, participants will queue up at the starting line in front of the Boulevard's iconic The Rialto Theatre at 8:00 am on Saturday May 27th as they await the prompt to begin their descent along the Boulevard. As they complete their jaunt around Summit Lake, they'll head back to the Rialto, where Kenmore's own Srina Tea House & Café will provide organic coffee and tea as well as a continental breakfast for runners as they wind down before the awards ceremony.

The Rock Me on the Water7K is the fourth 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—ten races taking place between April 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 fortifying our local community. Other races in the series include: the Hop for Hope Race in the Merriman Valley; the APS Race in Cascade Valley; 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 five of the eight races will receive a series medal designed by local artist Alicia Gaug.

For information on the Akron Promise City Series Neighborhood Races, see: www.facebook.com/akronpromisecityseries or www.akronpromise.org/cityseries

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# Councilman's Corner

City of Akron Plans and Permits Office to Make Upgrades to the Public Access Portal

Building plans and permits just became easier in Akron. The City of Akron's Engineering team in charge of Plans and Permits just announced they will be upgrading the public access portal, plan review, and permitting software. This upgrade will begin on May 15th, with a completion date of May 24th. During this time, access to the public portal will be restricted. New plan reviews will not be accepted and submissions prior to this date may be delayed.

During the week of May 15th through the 19th, Plans and Permits will still issue approvals, permits, accept fees, and perform inspections for projects that have been completed or permits that do not require plan review. On May 22nd and 23rd, only inspections that are scheduled in advance will be done. Full access to the public portal will be restored on May 24th and office operations will resume as normal.

Notable upgrades with the new portal include:

- \* A clearer format for providing the minimum required information on plan reviews.
- \* The ability to see which City Departments are reviewing and if that department has approved or rejected the submission.
- \* The ability to pay online via PayPal.

#### 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 6th.

You can view the current portal and learn more at www.akronohio.gov/pnp.

For further information, please contact: Stephanie Marsh Chief Communications Officer

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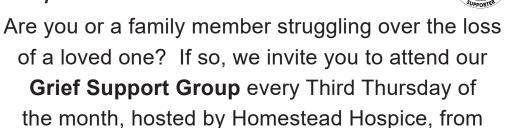




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#### Sounds of Akron at Kenmore First Friday: Hip-Hop and Urban Expression

Fridays, June 2, July 7, August 4 6:00-9:00pm

Enjoy local hip-hop/rap and performance art as part of First Friday. Co-sponsored by Kenmore Branch Library, Glory and the Beat, First Glance, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, and Akron Dream Center.

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#### **Akron Zoo**

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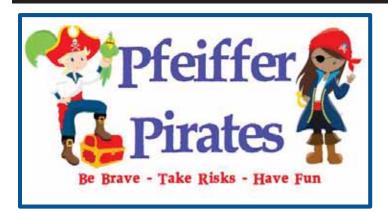
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## Kenmore Easter Celebration at the Kenmore Community Center

by Alice Incorvia, Kenmore Community Center Supervisor

Kenmore celebrated Easter in grand style at the Kenmore Community Center, on Saturday April 1st, with balloons, crafts, the Balloon Man, Easter prize baskets and comic books from Kenmore Komics & Games, doughnuts & punch from the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, and of course the egg hunt at the Kenmore High School. Additional eggs were donated by the City of Akron. The Easter Bunny and Easter Ducky also made an appearance and posed for pictures with the children who attended, then they all paraded to Kenmore High School for

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"Just have fun, be you, and try your hardest."

-Domminik Calhoun



"Try your best and build a strong mindset to achieve your goals."

- Noah Sibley



"Help out as much as you can, stay in class, and make new friends!"

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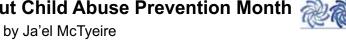
- Landon Coones



"Don't think you can't do it. Move ahead and ignore bad things people say.".

- Jeya Nyi

#### 헯 Pfeiffer Learns About Child Abuse Prevention Month 👼



As a Student Council member I participated in Child Abuse Prevention Month. Our Student Council team worked together to decorate the main entrance in front of the school with blue pinwheels. We put up the blue pinwheels in the front of the school to show our support. Blue is a color to represent Child Abuse Prevention Month. The pinwheels show that kids should live a carefree life without child abuse. The blue pinwheels outside looked very nice and they were shiny to grab the attention of people passing on the street. On Wednesday, April 5th we wore blue to show our support for Child Abuse Prevention Month. When we wore blue to school I was happy to see how many people showed their support for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Kids of all ages and staff members all participated in wearing blue.

On Friday, April 21st the school counselor came in and taught us about staying safe. We also learned about why we put out the blue pinwheels. Each kid was able to make their own blue pinwheel. This was a fun activity to do together.









#### 5th Grade Words of Wisdom

Students were asked, "What advice would you give younger Pfeiffer students in order to be successful?" (left), and "What is your favorite memory from your time at Pfeiffer?" (below).



"Going to the Chocolate Factory and Applebee's with Mrs. Streharsky's Class."

- Sa'Ryah Evans



"When I first came to this school and people were nice to me."

-Ny'Jah Habeeb-Ullah



"When I was in kindergarten with Mrs. Hatherill."

- Makenzie Miller

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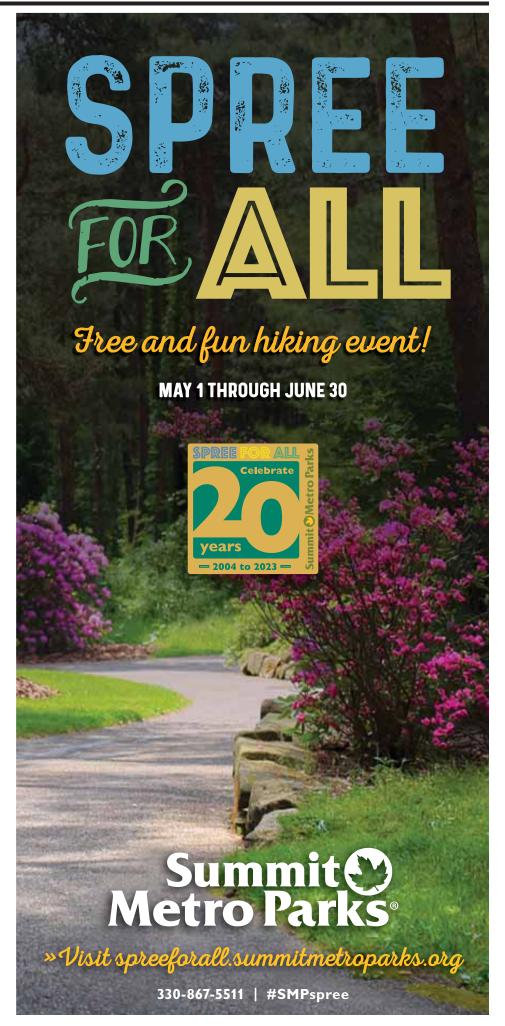
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# **Kenmore Historical Society News**

by Sean Blake, President Kenmore Historical Society

#### Hello Kenmore!

Let me introduce myself, my name is Sean Blake, and I am the new President of the Kenmore Historical Society. My family has been in Kenmore for four generations. In 1930 my great-grandfather bought a lot in downtown Kenmore and built a building on it. Then he moved his jewelry business out of the Mayflower in Downtown Akron and into the new building in Kenmore. The family lived upstairs for a few years until they were able to buy a house in the Lawndale allotment.

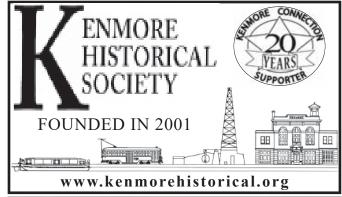
I've grown up with a lot of pride in my community and have always tried to give back whenever I could. I worked the Kenmore Carnival growing up and have helped out with multiple events on the Boulevard including Better Block and First Fridays. I am also a member of Torchbearers, a young professionals organization that builds future leaders in Akron. I also enjoy hiking, biking, running, playing soccer, and checking out local music venues in my free time.

Some of my goals for the Historical Society are to help modernize it, attract more members, and learn more about the neighborhoods. I have been active on the Facebook page posting relevant photos, interacting with members, and sharing news about the community. If you have not followed us yet, please do! Everywhere I've gone, I've always bumped into someone who had a connection to Kenmore, so it would be nice to get some of these people back into the community through the Historical Society. I also realize while the Boulevard is the main focal point of our community, Kenmore is made up of unique neighborhoods such as Allenside, Castle Homes, Lawndale, Highland Park, and Rolling Acres, to name a few. I would love to see historical photos and learn more about the neighborhoods, so if you have anything to share, please do!

For 2023, Dave Bersnak is Vice President, Jan Williams Secretary, and Lillian Jolly Treasurer. I am extremely grateful for all of their help and glad to be working with people whom I can trust. In the meantime, please check out our website at www.kenmorehistorical.org. We meet on the last Mondays of the month at 6:30 pm at the Kenmore Library, 969 Kenmore Boulevard. We will NOT have a meeting in May due to the Memorial Day holiday. I hope to see you at our next meeting on June 26th!



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 Historical Society President Sean Blake** 



#### **Kenmore Ministerial Association Karaoke Night**

by Leisa Russell

The KMA Christian Karaoke Night that was held on March 26th at The Rialto Theatre was a fun night of fellowship & singing praises to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Karaoke MC, Mr. Greg Herrick, did a great job keeping the songs going and entertaining the crowd with his fun personality and his good clean jokes. JOBS provided wonderful appetizers for all to enjoy. Thank you to the community, participating churches, and all who shared in this KMA sponsored event. Keep watch for the next KMA Christian

Karaoke Night coming in the fall.



**Haydu Family Singers** 



Mel, Cheryl and Kevin



Pastor Dave and his wife Julie



**Yvonne** 



## Get to Know Your Neighbors -Community Meetings at the Allenside Presbyterian Church

by Pastor Francie Fischer

Come and get to know your neighbors at monthly Community Meetings being held at the Allenside Presbyterian Church, 410 Rexford Street.

Starting at 6:00 pm, a free dinner is provided to everyone, followed by a guest speaker. Recent speakers have included our Ward 9 Council candidates (pictured below), and representatives from the Akron Traffic Department. Upcoming events are:

Tuesday, May 16th, 6:00 pm – Dinner and a speaker on "Scams" from the Summit County Prosecutor's Office

Tuesday, June 20th, 6:00 pm – Dinner and a speaker from South Street Ministries regarding their work with youth to prevent youth violence

Saturday, July 15th, Noon to 3:00 pm - Community Festival - Fun and Food for all ages!

Tuesday, August 15th – No Meeting – Summer Break

Tuesday, September 19th, 6:00 pm – Dinner and a speaker to be announced

All take place at the Allenside Presbyterian Church, 410 Rexford Street. We created a Facebook page named Allenside Neighborhood Community. All of you are encouraged to join out page using the following link at https://www.facebook.com/ profile.php?id=100089156545086.

These events provide a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors! Please join us! All are welcome!



Tina Boyes





Susan Culver Micah Townsend



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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

pastord way necumming s @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 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)
Bible Camp (ages 3rd-6th grade) July 16th-20th 6:30-8:00 pm
Dinner for attending kids at 6:00 pm each night

# 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 Reverand 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

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).

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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.
Participating member of Kenmore Ministerial Association

# **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, Tuesday & 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
Grief Recovery Classes

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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).

#### 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. 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.

#### **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

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.

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#### **Streetlight Comunity Church**

943 Kenmore Boulevard
(enter through back alley)
330-221-2781
https://streetlight.life/Â
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https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCwVBXqHG0mI9IDm31qSLlrA
https://twitter.com/benjaminbwhite
https://www.tiktok.com/@streetlightcc

Pastor: Ben White

Hours of Service

In person worship with donuts and coffee, 10:30 am.
When raining or cold, or October-April, we meet
at 943 Kenmore Boulevard (First Glance).
When warm and dry, we meet May- September at the
Greenspace by the Buzzbin- 952 Kenmore Boulevard.
You can park at the Library, the parking lot
behind Buzzbin, or on Kenmore Boulevard.
Follow the Streetlight Signs!
We don't livestream our gatherings, visit our social

Community Services Offered

media pages to see our curated video content!

We partner with various allies in our city who are highly active in the neighborhood and beyond, see https://streetlight.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 Service 10:00 am

Community Services Offered
Outreach Food Pantries
1st & 3rd Mondays at 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
Grab-and-Go Carryout Dinners
2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 5:00 to 6:30 pm.
"Celebrate Recovery" Meetings Vary.
"Alcoholics Anonymous" and "Narcotics Anonymous"
meetings can be found online.
"New Generation Youth" and "Kids In Action"

"New Generation Youth" and "Kids In Action" both meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:45 to 8:00 pm.

# The Chapel Kenmore is Now Streetlight Community Church

by Pastor Ben White, Streetlight Community Church

Our Church community has been through a lot of seasons of change, and now we're beginning an exciting new chapter!

Back in April of 2016, The Chapel Kenmore was started as a neighborhood Church that meets in First Glance Youth Center on 943 Kenmore Boulevard. In September of 2019, the founding pastor Jacob Ley left and the second person on staff, Ben White (me), took the role of full time pastor. This was a significant change. In March of 2020, as we know, a global pandemic rocked our world. It rocked our Church community also.

In July of 2021, we as a Church community started meeting outside at the green space beside what is now the Buzzbin on Kenmore Boulevard, and people of all socio-economic, political, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds found themselves gathering together, outside in the open, in the center of Kenmore, having a Church gathering. People from the homeless community joined us. People popped in off the street to be a part of what we were doing for however long they wanted to. It felt good to "be" the Church in a way that seemed to impact the community.

And with all these things in mind, we've officially begun the process of becoming an autonomous Church community. We were originally an offshoot of the Chapel in Akron. As of 2023, we've officially become "Streetlight Community Church".

Yes, we have a new name, a new logo, a new website, and new signs that point to where we gather on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am, which is still inside at First Glance on cold or rainy days, and will hopefully be outside with the advent of warmer weather. We even blew up some balloons to give away on the day we changed our name, which was fun, especially for kids in our neighborhood.

But most of all, we really want to live out, as a community, what it means to be a Streetlight. Back in the day, people used to see street lights coming on and it was a signal that it was time to come home. We want to create a safe place for people of all backgrounds and walks of life who are going through struggles. We continue to believe and practice that the message of forgiveness and hope is just as relevant to the streets as it is in a "pulpit". We partner with local organizations like First Glance, Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance, Akron Dream Center, Just a Dad from Akron, Urban Vision, The And Campaign, Love Akron, Srina Tea House and Cafe, and Ethicrace Clothing Company. We want to build people up in spiritual depth and maturity, and to make the hope, love and forgiveness of Jesus available to people that might not otherwise ever get the chance to hear about it.

We'd love for you to come and check us out sometime and help us to bring hope, encouragement and peace to the Kenmore neighborhood!





Pictures from the Day We Changed our Name to "Streetlight Community Church" (Photos by Kristi Watson from Power Photography)



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# **Kenmore Free Store News**

by Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director, Kenmore Free Store



#### I love volunteering at the Kenmore Free Store!

The bible teaches us that giving to others is one way of spreading God's love. Since God gave the ultimate gift—eternal life—and continues to pour blessings into our lives, we should respond by giving as well. Matthew 10:8 says, "Freely you have received, freely give." The Kenmore Free Store uses this verse as our purpose for being. This is WHY I volunteer. This WHY, I leave tried but so JOYFULLY!

A huge thank you to those who are and those who have donated items, and money to our ministry. We have been blessed beyond measure.

We are also blessed by the number of faithful volunteers who come in on Tuesdays or Saturdays to serve our shoppers. We would love to see some new faces. If you are considering volunteering, please call 330-606-2878 for more information, or come in during our open hours on Tuesdays (4:00 to 7:00 pm) or Saturdays (9:00 am to 12:00 noon) to complete an application.

The Kenmore Free Store continues to be very busy place. We see between 60-100 families units each time we are open. (Please see left photo of sack lunches for items that we serve to those who are hungry or in need)

Blessing bags (hygiene bags) are available to those who need hygiene items. (Please see right photo for items that are available in the blessing bags).

To provide any items that are used in the sack lunches or the blessing bags, please drop them off at the donation door on 16th Street side of the store (across from the old Kenmore High School).

Money donated should be sent to: The Kenmore Free Store, C/O Park United Methodist Church, 2308 24th Street SW, Akron, Ohio 44314.

In January we provided 529 lunches, in February 668, and in March 425.

Please help us continue these ministries that are needed in the Kenmore area.

Hebrews 13:16 "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Mary Ann Gesaman, Managing Director, phone: 330-606-2878 2101 17th Street SW, Akron, Ohio 44314 Hours: Tuesdays 4:00 to 7:00 pm, Saturdays 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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





# Girl Scout Troop 90187 Completes The Year of Service

by Troop Leader Lauren Presutti

You may have seen Girl Scout Troop 90187 around Kenmore this year. These girls have actively been working on the Year of Service Patch from Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio. This patch requires the scouts to complete one service project each month for 9 months straight. The Girl Scout year starts in October, with each month being something different. They started by making over 300 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for the Kenmore Free Store to feed those who are hungry, then donated items to the Goodwill fulfilling Goodwill/Good Turn Day, they have volunteered at the Annual Kenmore Community Thanksgiving Dinner, collected gently used toys for a toy drive which they donated those toys to the Kenmore Free Store as well as spent the morning volunteering time at the Free Store. They have volunteered at the Akron Canton Regional foodbank, donated 27 pounds of soda tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Akron and participated in Operation Sweet Appreciation where Girl Scout Cookies are donated and sent to our Soldiers serving overseas.

This Kenmore troop has girls ranging from 6th grade to 11th grade attending a variety of schools in Akron including Garfield, I Promise, Miller South and STEM. In addition to all the work they have been completing for the community, they are also actively raising funds to go to Alaska in summer 2024. You can follow us on facebook (Girl Scout Troop 90187), or check in on our website at www.girlscouttroop90187.com to see when and where our next FUNdraiser will be.













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