

# Kenmore Connection

## A Good Look at the Community

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## Mayor Offers Change

The Kenmore Board of Trade held a special lunch meeting on April 2nd, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the city of Kenmore. Businesses & organizations located in Ward 9, as well as members of the other five boards who, along with Kenmore, make up the Akron Boards of Trade Council, were invited to Goss Memorial Church for this noon luncheon. A special certificate was handed out to those businesses who have resided in the Kenmore area for 10 years or more, with South Akron Awning recognized as having been around the longest (since 1913). The Kenmore Historical Society provided a slide show of photos of former & current businesses in Kenmore, but the highlight of the meeting was the guest speakers - Ward 9 Councilman Mike Freeman and City of Akron Mayor Donald Plusquellic.

Mayor Plusquellic started with some memories of his growing up in Kenmore, and then spoke about the importance of change. He noted that some ideas his administration offered in the past had failed, but others had performed much better than expected. Mayor Plusquellic commented that he would rather try new ideas, and sometimes fail, than have his administration do nothing new at all. The applause from the audience indicated that the business owners who attended this luncheon agreed with that statement.

After Kenmore Board of Trade President Scott Smith handed out the "Decade or More of Business" Certificates of Appreciation to those in attendance, Councilman Freeman & Mayor Plusquellic autographed them for the members. Both city officials stayed long after the meeting had ended, to speak with those business owners who had questions or comments.



**Mayor Don Plusquellic speaks at the KBOT luncheon.**



**KBOT President Scott Smith & South Akron Awning's Ranell Minear**

## Easter in Kenmore

Neither rain, nor piles of snow, nor mud could keep The Kenmore Easter Event from once again being a huge success. Held very early this year on March 15th, weather and ground conditions created some last minute improvisation for the egg hunt.

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## 2008 Summer Concert Series at Shadyside Park

Bring you lawnchairs & blankets every Wednesday Evening for this year's Summer Concerts, sponsored by the City of Akron. Children's activities start at 6:30 pm, with the concert 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Refreshments provided!

May 28 Larry Alltop And Nostalgia Gold (at Prentiss Park 7-9 pm)  
June 11 Wild Avenue  
June 18 The Rebeats  
June 25 The Kingbees  
July 2 Victory Boulevard  
July 9 Karosene  
July 16 Vicious Cycle  
July 30 Greased Lightning

August 6 November Dawn  
August 13 Nostalgia Gold featuring Larry Alltop  
August 20 Tony Rio & Relentless



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# Easter in Kenmore ... continued from Page 1

As usual the events began at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center with a Children's Party. Everything went according to plan with refreshments, two craft projects, magicians, a clown, prizes, balloons, and special guests - The Easter Bunny & Easter Ducky. It was the combination of mud and snow at Shadyside Park that had organizers and volunteers scrambling to change the egg hunt location.

Although scheduled to play, a call went out late Friday night to cancel The Kenmore High School Band performance. Traditionally they lead over 200 kids, plus adults, volunteers, The Easter Bunny & the Easter Ducky, to the Easter Egg Hunt at Shadyside Park. This year there was no Easter Walk along the Boulevard, just a short walk to The Church on The Boulevard, where The Church graciously offered to host the indoor egg hunt.

Special thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Kenmore for the punch & donuts, the Kenmore Historical Society for the balloons, the Kenmore Seniors for stuffing candy in the 2500 eggs, and The Church on the Blvd for hosting the egg hunt. And thanks to Tom Abbott, Gene & Joanne Smith, and Ron Leonard of Kenmore Community Council for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt, including supplying the candy, eggs, and winners prizes.

The Kenmore Board of Trade is proud of the efforts of the KBOT Events Committee for organizing and coordinating the event, including providing the entertainment - The Salvino Family Magicians and Dennis Wigginton the Clown.

Bravo to Laurie Chenevey & her staff at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center, for all of their hard work getting the center ready, hosting the crafts event, and cleaning up after the party - they did an excellent job! Thanks to the adult supervisors and youth volunteers from First Glance Student Center and from The Church on the Boulevard for helping with crafts, acting as crossing guards, and for helping hide the eggs.

Kenmore Events Committee - John Buntin Jr., Karen Freeman, Bonnie Pettit, Mary McCombs, and Laurie Chenevey



**This year's Grand Prize Drawing winners, sponsored by Kenmore Komics & Games, were Selah Richardson & Zach Stone. Congratulations to both!**



# Kenmore Church of the Nazarene Welcomes New Pastor

On April 20th the Kenmore Church of The Nazarene welcomed Pastor E. Gerald Gray as their new Senior Pastor. Pastor Gray comes to Kenmore from the Metropolitan Church of the Nazarene in Roseville Michigan. He is a graduate of Mount Vernon Nazarene University and has been in ministry for 27 years. He and his wife Wanda have served churches in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Ohio. Wanda is employed at LKQ Corp. as a payroll supervisor.

The Gray's, who were raised in the Ohio valley in West Virginia, say they feel like they have come home. They have always been active in their community and are looking forward to serving the people of the Kenmore area. They have 2 children and 9 grandchildren.

Pastor Gray would like to extend an invitation to visit them at the Kenmore church any Sunday for worship, which is at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. The church address is 2025 12th Street SW. You may contact the church at 330-745-7720 for more information.



**There are more great volunteers involved with this event than there is room to list, but this year we wish to give Special Thanks to the following people who spent time filling the eggs for the Kenmore Community Egg Hunt!**

Bev Burkhammer, Cindy Stollar, Norma Price, Nancy Wilkey, Ida Rea, Richard Rea, Famon Hamon, Harue Scarborough, Jeanne Chastain, Ora Adams, Donna Bischoff, Carol Traicoff, Mary Seeker, Don Seeker, Lilly Kelly, Mona McLaughlin, Jeri Peyton, and Carolyn Miller.

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# Todd W. Young Insurance Agency Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Todd Young is celebrating two anniversaries in Kenmore this May. His insurance business opened on May 1st 1988, and he also honors the 50th Anniversary of his father starting the family business back in May of 1958. Fred Young originally founded the Young State Farm agency on 13th Street, and after several moves ended up in the current building at 1098 Kenmore Boulevard in 1967. For decades Fred used honesty and integrity to build his business, and when poor health caused him to retire, Todd stepped in and continued this fine tradition.

Todd, who married Janelle just after he started in 1988, now has four children, Lauren, Kelsey, Sierra & Carter, ages 17 down to 7. He is a very active member of his church, taking part in various programs and teaching opportunities in the church. He is also blessed with an experienced & courteous staff - Barbara Jordan has been with the agency for 14 years, and Holly Stout has been there for over 3 years. In addition to car, home, life, & health insurance, Todd's State Farm Agency also offers many financial services to their customers, including business & banking products, as well as mutual funds.

With an office conveniently located on Kenmore Boulevard right off of I-76, the Todd W. Young Insurance Agency is open Monday thru Friday 9 am to 5 pm, with appointments available for evenings and Saturdays mornings. A 24/7 service is offered by telephone at 330-753-2237. Auto insurance rates continue to drop for all insurance companies, and Todd invites motorists to call or stop by for a free comparison quote.



Todd W. Young Celebrates 20 Years in Kenmore

## Tansations Under New Ownership

Tansations, a tanning salon located at the Wilbeth Road Center, has a new owner. On March 1st, 2008, Matt Coleman took over the business from previous owner Patty Terry, who herself had purchased this business in the Spring of 2000. Matt, along with a staff of four, have all completed the National Tanning Training Institutes (NTTI) training course, and all have their Certified Tanning Consultants Certificates. "We are all proud of the experience we offer, and of how clean every room & bed are kept" says Matt, who just completed a remodeling & re-painting of the business.

Located at 894 W. Wilbeth Road, Tansations offers 9 tanning beds, with one super-bed with 58 bulbs. A tenth bed is scheduled to arrive soon. Both Australian Gold & Swedish Beauty tanning products are available.

Hours of operation are 8:30 am to 9:30 pm, Monday thru Friday, 10:00 am to 6:30 pm Saturday, and 10:00 am to 4:30 pm Sunday. Walk-ins are accepted, and appointments can be made by calling 330-753-4505.

Business has been good since Matt started in March, and he thanks former owner Patty Terry for this start. "She was very organized, and has been very helpful to me as I got going" commented Matt. "I wish to thank all who have visited so far, and welcome all those who are looking for a nice place to start their summer tans." A welcoming cook-out is planned for the end of May, and details are available by calling 330-753-4505.



Tansations Owner Matt Coleman shows the "Super-Bed" with 58 bulbs of tanning power!

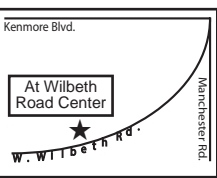
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# KENMORE LIBRARY NEWS

by Kathy Forsthoffer

## Welcome to Kenmore Branch Library!

Drive by and enjoy seeing the progress of the new Kenmore Library under construction, adjacent to the current building. The new structure will replace the existing Kenmore Branch Library at 2200 14th Street SW. About 110 parking spaces are planned to serve the library and surrounding businesses. The current building should be able to remain open for most of the construction period. Watch for upcoming details about the big Open House for the new Library late summer!



## ← Storytime, songs, and crafts at the Kenmore Library

### ADULT PROGRAMS

Tuesday Sept 30, 6:30 pm Centennial Program  
Co-Sponsor Kenmore Historical Society  
WALKS AROUND AKRON:  
REDISCOVERING A CITY IN TRANSITION  
by Russ Musarra and Chuck Ayers.

Join us as these local authors introduce their new book about Akron. Come hear about both familiar and less well known places to walk in Akron, with an emphasis on Kenmore. Enjoy our beautiful new library. See displays by the Kenmore Historical Society. The program will be followed by time for questions, refreshments, and a book signing.

### COOKING SCHOOL FUN

Tuesday at 6:30 pm  
September 16 -- Fall Foods  
October 21 -- Easy Entertaining  
Tired of the same old thing for dinner?  
Looking for some culinary inspiration?  
Join licensed personal chef Sarah Mentzer as she shares some fresh ideas for cuisine. Samples will be provided. Sign up in advance.

### BABYTIME STORY TIME

Two years and under (accompanied by an adult)  
Sign up in advance.  
Wednesdays, 10:30 am September 3-24.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

Tuesday September 9, 4 pm  
Teen Advisory Board Meeting  
Tuesday September 23, 3:30 pm  
Teen Karaoke Party

Mark your calendars for the following programs!

### FAMILY PROGRAMS

Thursdays at 1:30 pm  
June 12 -- Rick Smith, Jr.  
Magician and Card Thrower extraordinaire  
June 26 -- Aaron Bonk, Juggler  
July 10 -- Mad Science Show

### SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Reading Club Programs are for all ages and no sign-up is required.

Programs will be held at The Church on the Boulevard, 754 Kenmore Boulevard, due to shortage of parking during construction of the new library. (Participants will still register for the Summer Reading Program, turn in slips for books you have read, and pick up any prizes you may win at Kenmore branch Library.)



Teens show off their altered books

**LIBRARY HOURS ARE:**  
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**Friday: Noon - 6:00 pm**  
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Laying bricks for the new Kenmore Library



Trucks come in to pour the cement foundation



The Tower is near completion

## Grand Auto Body Celebrates 10 Years of Restoring Cars

When you celebrate an anniversary, you usually do something special. But Jerry Crosky of Grand Auto Body & Paint instead had something special happen to him. The National TV show "Nascar Angels", with host Rusty Wallace, does good deeds for car enthusiasts, and choose Jerry to do the body work and paint job on a 1969 Javelin for a resident in need in North Canton. Although pictures of cars he had restored have appeared on the covers of "National Chevy Association" & "Mopar Enthusiast", being on TV allowed Jerry himself to share the spotlight with his work.

His attitude toward his customers probably helped Jerry land the TV spot. "I believe in taking care of each customer, as their cars are special to them" says Jerry. "I believe that taking pride in each job, big or small, is the best way to get repeat & referral customers." To celebrate his 10th Anniversary, Jerry is offering \$250.00 off your insurance deductible. All insurance companies are accepted, and even if your company recommends another body shop, Jerry advises you to still come in and get a free estimate of the work that needs to be done.

Jerry has been servicing vehicles for almost 25 years, with the last 18 years spent in the Kenmore area. He went to school to be collision certified, and is i-Car certified. He has raised his three children in Kenmore, both coaching & sponsoring local youth baseball teams most of this time. Grand Body Auto & Paint is located at 1313 Grand Blvd (East of Romig Road, 1/2 mile south of Rolling Acres Mall). The property has come a long way in 10 years, from an old upholstery shop with overgrown vegetation to a renovated lot & building, with a new roof soon to appear. Plans for the future include a place for mechanical services for automobiles. Jerry can be reached at 330-753-9575, or stop in and wish his business a Happy 10th Anniversary!



**Jerry Crosky of Grand Auto Body shows the current vehicle he is restoring, a 1958 Cadillac**

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## New Auto Dealership Offers More Than Just Autos

There is a new auto dealership on East Avenue, right where there used to be an old one. As of April 1st, Varsity Motors has opened for business at 1996 East Avenue, taking over the spot formerly housing All\*Star Motors. But this used car dealership is offering more than just good cars for sale. A full service garage is available with ASE certified mechanics, and a full time detail specialist is on hand to give your vehicle that like-new look.

Varsity Motors was previously located for the past two years on Triplet Boulevard, but decided that their new location offered more room to grow in the various services they will offer. "Our motto has always been "No job too big or too small", says Manager Shawn Armstead. Varsity Motors is open 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday thru Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Saturday, and closed Sunday. Drive-ins are welcome, but appointments are appreciated. Please call 330-848-1111 for further information.

# Councilman's Corner

## City Council Assures that Nuisance Patrol Will Be on the Watch - Response Process Now Streamlined

On April 21, Akron City Council passed legislation designed to allow for quicker, more efficient action by the city in cleaning up nuisance properties in Akron neighborhoods. So-called "nuisance patrols" will consist of the combined forces of inspectors from the departments of public service and public health. This ordinance will allow nuisance inspectors to work much more quickly than before.

The ordinance will allow Service Department inspectors to cite properties with certain health department violations, and health inspectors will be permitted to post notices for violations that used to be covered solely by the service department.

Public service typically inspects for high grass and weeds, junked cars, trash, broken windows and tires. Public health looks for things such as animal waste, evidence of rodent problems or garbage.

A house with a junk car in front, the yard with

high weeds, or loose trash, or the zoning violations that irritate responsible homeowners to no end, these things can bring neighborhoods down quickly. The goal of the ordinance is to be out in front and head them off before they get to the point of irritation.

Part of this initiative will be to instruct city employees who work in Akron neighborhoods, with the exception of nurses and epidemiologists, on a regular basis, to watch for nuisances and to report them. Sanitation drivers who notice potholes, police who see a house in bad condition or a road repair crew that sees a run-down house are being asked to take responsibility and make a note of or call in a complaint.

There will be four chief nuisance officers in charge of a section of the city. Each will be accountable for the condition of their area. This will allow for a faster and more efficient way than ever before. It is also important to note that there will be no increase in staffing for the initiative.

### Ward 9 Councilman's Meetings

Councilman Freeman holds a public meeting on the first Tuesday every month at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center, starting at 7:00 pm.

Please join him at 880 Kenmore Boulevard to discuss your community & your city!

What can you do as a citizen? I would urge you to make use of the city's 3-1-1 call center to help Akron put property owners on notice that nuisance properties will not be tolerated.

One change in policy with the nuisance patrols is that the city will now levy fines for the third and subsequent violations by property owners. As a result, the process of enforcement will be quicker, penalties tougher and the community cleaner and safer.

The thanks for this initiative belong to many people. Thanks to our Mayor for his responsive initiative. Thanks to the collaborative effort of all departments involved. Thanks to all of you for being concerned Ward 9 residents.

Thank you for allowing me to serve our community. I am deeply grateful.

Councilman Mike Freeman

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**Park Angel Food Ministries Celebrates 1st Anniversary**

by Nancy Maurer

One year ago in March Park United Methodist Church became an official Host Site for Angel Food Ministries and began with a trial distribution within the congregation. In April 2007 Angel Food Ministries was opened to the Kenmore Community, and monthly distribution began at the Kenmore Community Center. Since that time they have provided grocery savings to an average of 100 families per month. They also provide a limited number of basic units to families in need. They accept donations to provide food to families in need or for a specific family.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. Angel Food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$30 per unit. Each month's menu of 17-18 items is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$60.

Park Angel Food Ministries accepts prepaid orders on four pre-set dates at the beginning of each month and distribution is usually the last Saturday of each month. Angel Food Flyers are available at the Kenmore Branch Library, Zoe Ann's Beauty Salon, Kenmore Comics & Games, The Yard Sale Thrift & Gift Shop, Kenmore Community Center, Immaculate Conception Church, and at the Park Church office (9am- 2pm Monday-Friday). A printable menu with order dates is also available monthly on-line at [akronparkumc.org](http://akronparkumc.org). All orders must be made in person or by mail, we cannot take orders online. We cannot accept personal checks – cash, money order, cashier's check or food stamp vouchers only. For more information call 330-745-3714 or go to our website: [akronparkumc.org](http://akronparkumc.org) and click on the Angel Food button.



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To honor the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the City of Kenmore, the Kenmore Connection is providing this special pull-out section. It contains articles & photos of many important events, places, & people, which have all added to the outstanding history of our community. Special thanks to the Kenmore Historical Society, whose members provided much of the information for this section.

## “THANK YOU MR. GROTSTEIN”

by Lillian Jolly

You are probably wondering who is “Mr. Grotstein”. Mr. Louis Grotstein is the man who gave Kenmore its first library. Back in 1923 he owned the Kenmore Department Store (men’s, ladies & children’s wear) located at 1512 Kenmore Blvd (1004 Kenmore Boulevard today). He started the first book lending library in the back of his store. It was a small library where he checked books in and out. Several people donated books until he had about 1,000.

A year later the Fortnightly Club of Kenmore assumed responsibility of the growing enterprise in a donated room in the C. A. Wagner Building. Miss Cassie Harris, Librarian at Kenmore High School, catalogued the books. Several times, due to lack of funds, the second storeroom library had to close.

Then came Kenmore’s annexation to Akron in 1928. It was Grotstein’s idea to use the former Council chambers in the Kenmore City Hall building for a library. He learned the Water Department wanted to use the chambers for storage of equipment. He hurried to get Herbert Hirshberg, head librarian in Akron then, and they rushed over to the building and took possession of the Council chambers, the largest room in the city building. Then they notified the building authorities and the inspector they were going to move their books over there. (Don’t think that would work today).

The Kenmore Branch (seventh branch) of the Akron Public Library opened on the second floor of the Kenmore City Hall building on May 30, 1930, with a larger collection of books than any previously opened branch.

Between May 26th and June 11th, before books could be checked out, fifty classes totaling 1,947 pupils with 56 teachers were introduced to the Library and the use of the books before registering. Children from third to eighth grade took cards home for signature and returned for books. A registration of 2,248 resulted -- 1,448 juveniles and 800 adults.



**Interior of the Kenmore Library in 1950  
located in Kenmore City Hall**

Kenmore’s first two “librarians” were two high school girls who volunteered their services. They were Mildred Francis and Margaret McKinley.

Following is a list of our Librarians through the years:

1930 - Miss Lucille Campbell    1942-1961 - Mrs. Julia Averell Clark  
1961-1981 - Elinor S. Earle    1981 - Susan J. Rice  
1982-1992 - Judith Campbell    1992-present - Katherine E. Forsthoffer

Our present library building was dedicated January 1, 1957. We are eagerly awaiting the dedication of our new library being built now on the original site of the Kenmore City Hall.

Sources include “Akron’s Library: Commemorating 25 years on Main Street” by Margaret Dietz; “A Story of The Akron Public Library 1834-1942” by Helen L. Pardee; Akron Beacon Journal newspaper article by Helen Waterhouse (date unknown)

A special thank you to Kathy Forsthoffer for her help in our research.

## IN MEMORY OF ARTHUR A. DOUBLEDEE

As we remember our past, we would like to honor the memory of Arthur A. Doubledee. Before Kenmore was annexed to Akron he was a deputy marshal in Kenmore, Ohio. He gave his life serving our community in 1916. He was 30 years old, married and lived on Manchester Road.

Two prisoners had escaped from the Kenmore Jail and fled to Akron. On October 12th, armed with warrants for the escapees, Doubledee and another officer went to Akron and arrested the two men near the intersection of Steiner and Sweitzer Streets.

As the marshals were leaving the area with the prisoners to board a streetcar back to Kenmore, one of the prisoners drew a knife and stabbed Doubledee in the back and face. Deputy Marshal Arthur A. Doubledee died while being taken to the hospital. Cause of death was listed as a stab wound through the heart. He is buried at Lakewood Cemetery.

Deputy Marshal Doubledee is listed on the official Akron Police Department website memorial page and in the department’s history book. The police department has also had him added to the National and State Police Officer memorials.



## KENMORE'S FIRST SCHOOL

by Jan Williams



The village of Kenmore was developed by the Akron Realty Company. M. C. Heminger was hired as their Secretary-Manager in June of 1900. When he moved with his family from Clinton to the new allotment, his household goods couldn't be delivered by a moving van because of the deep ruts on the boulevard due to recent rains. A canal boater brought his family's goods to a landing near the Colonial Salt Works, and a wagon pulled by four farm horses took two hours to bring the furniture up to Ohio Avenue, now 12th Street. His family was the first to live on Kenmore Boulevard.

The nearest school at that time was 1½ miles away near Summit Lake. It was called District School No. 11 and was part of Coventry Township's school system. It was a one-room brick building with students in six grades with one teacher. The Heminger children had to walk that distance each day using the streetcar tracks for a sidewalk.

In November 1902, Mr. Heminger was elected to the township school board. Twelve new homes were being built and several more were planned for the spring. The Akron Realty Company gave six lots on Virginia Avenue, now 11th Street, for the building of a new school. Late in October of 1903, the school opened with 84 students ranging in age from 6 to 20. The building, now named Heminger, was called Kenmore School. There were two teachers. The principal E. F. Crites taught the upper grades, and Miss Rothrock taught the primary grades.

In May of 1907, the first class of four students graduated. Diplomas were presented by W. J. Watters, President of the School Board, to Elsie and Floyd Wagoner, Margaret Henry, and Vesta Heminger. Rev. W. Sprinkle of Civil War fame gave the class address. The class motto was "We will find a way or make one." The commencement program was held at Goss Memorial Reformed Church.

In 1908 the Village of Kenmore was incorporated and established its own school board. The 1908 graduating class consisted of Richard B. Heminger and Ernest E. Ritzman.

An annex was added to the school in 1911 including a gym-auditorium. The school board didn't approve purchasing basketballs for the gym because the sport was felt to be too rough and of no educational purpose, so the boys and men teachers bought the first basketball and suits.

A two-room school, Lawndale, was erected on Foust Road, now Wilbeth Road, and in 1912 the first unit of Colonial School was built. With the addition of Colonial and Lawndale the first school building changed its name to Kenmore Central. By 1915, the schools had grown from 84 pupils with 2 teachers to 960 pupils with 32 teachers.

***Celebrating 100 Years!***  
**KENMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**OPEN HOUSE AND TOUR**  
**Saturday, May 17, 2008**  
**Noon until 4:00 P.M.**  
**at the**  
**Kenmore Senior/Community Center**  
**880 Kenmore Boulevard**

Kenmore is celebrating 100 years since we were incorporated as a village. Many things have changed over the years. We will have a free tour of "old" Kenmore telling of the history and sights in Kenmore. There will be three tours that will last approximately one hour each. The first tour will begin at 12:15 or when all the seats are filled.

A barbershop quartet will be entertaining us during the afternoon. A PowerPoint presentation of the History of Kenmore produced by Ken Dague, one of our members, will also be shown. There will be many displays of memorabilia and much reminiscing about "Kenmore".  
**Hope to see you there!**



**Kenmore's first school built in 1903 (Now Heminger)**

## SHARE YOUR MEMORIES OF KENMORE

*I remember when.....*

Do you have a special memory of Kenmore from school, at church, a store, a movie theater, playing some sport, sledding, bicycling, a favorite hang out, favorite teacher, etc, etc.? We are looking for good memories you would like to share. Jot it down on a piece of paper, bring it to our Open House and deposit it in our memory box. Please sign your name and phone number. If you are unable to come to the Open House, mail your memories to the Kenmore Historical Society, P. O. Box 3707, Akron OH 44314. We will see how many people share "your" memory and publish some in the next Connection. There has to be a lot of good memories from the past 100 years!

# KENMORE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION Community Days FESTIVAL 2008

## & FIREWORKS

The hours of operation, unlimited ride prices & individual tickets will be the following:

**Wed. May 28, 2008**  
5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.  
UNLIMITED RIDE PASS - \$13.00

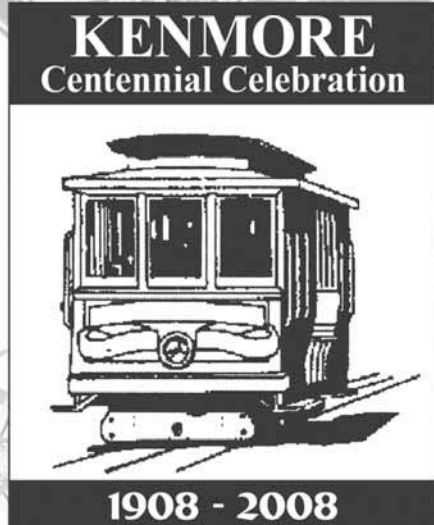
**Thurs. May 29, 2008**  
5:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.  
UNLIMITED RIDE PASS - \$13.00

**Fri. May 30, 2008**  
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**Sat. May 31, 2008**  
11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. \$10.00  
5 P.M. - 11 P.M. - \$14.00

**Sun. June 1, 2008**  
1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
\$14.00

Individual ride tickets available for \$1.00. Unlimited ride pass price listed is without discount coupon. Unlimited ride passes good up to 1/2 hour prior to closing. Some rides may require more than one ticket. No refunds



**Wed., May 28, 2008  
thru  
Sun., June 1, 2008  
at Prentiss Park  
in Akron**

- Rides
- Food
- Games
- Parade - Saturday 31st at 11:00 am
- Car Cruise In
- Entertainment
- Fireworks - Friday, May 30th at 9:45 pm
- Summer Fest 08' - Youth & Christian
- Music Festival

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**Kenmore Community Council, Inc.  
 Welcomes You to the 17th Annual  
 Kenmore Community Days Festival,  
 Centennial Celebration & Fireworks Spectacular!  
 May 28th thru June 1st, 2008 at Prentiss Park**

**Kenmore Community Council Inc History**

The Kenmore Community Days Festival began in 1991, when members of the Kenmore Community Council Inc embarked on a dream of bringing back a long time tradition of a Kenmore Festival, previously known for many years as the Kenmore Olde Tyme Festival. We approached the City of Akron in attempting to gain approval for the use of Prentiss Park. After many months of planning, and meeting the city's strict approval guidelines, the first annual Kenmore Community Days Festival was held in August of that year.

We began with only 3 Amusement Rides, 2 Games, and a Pop Corn Trailer, and a couple of non-profit community food booths. With the community's overwhelming support, and thus making the first festival very successful, we have grown over the last 15 years to become the premiere Amusement Ride Festival in the City of Akron and surrounding communities. Today, Bates Amusement Inc. provides one of the largest displays of amusement rides for a community based festival in the State of Ohio. We believe we offer one of the best family and community festivals, complete with Rides, Food, Entertainment, a Parade, and Exhibitors.

What makes the Kenmore Community Days Festival so appealing, is that we provide an affordable, Family and Community themed festival, in a safe and controlled environment! We strive for involvement from our residents, our schools, the business community, and our non-profit community organizations. Over the past years, the festival has become a role model for many cities, and community organizations, and churches interested in providing a festival similar to ours within their community.

Prentiss Park provides a beautiful site for the Kenmore Community Days Festival as well. In 2006, the Kenmore Community Council Inc celebrated the 15th Anniversary of our festival with a spectacular Fireworks Display.

The Festival has provided the Kenmore Community Council Inc with the resources to serve the Kenmore Community in the form of our services to our community.

**2008 Centennial Celebration:  
 Dairy Queen - Kenmore Parade!**

It's Not Too Late To Participate!

Our Parade is scheduled for Saturday May 31st, 2008 at 11:00 am, and kicks off from Kenmore High School, and will end at Prentiss Park! This year's parade theme will center around the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Kenmore! We are seeking parade participants, and we are encouraging All Kenmore Cluster Schools, Sports Teams, Churches, Clubs, and Business & Community Organizations to be represented. You may choose to march in the parade, build a float, or enter a car, promoting your School, Baseball Team, Church, Youth Group, or Business, or walk your favorite animal in the parade.

For a Parade Application, please call Georgia Weath-erholt at 330-753-6519, or the Council Office at 330-745-8999. Help us celebrate our Anniversary of 100 years with total Kenmore Community Support!

**Fill the Kenmore Trolley On Fireworks  
 Nite & Kenmore Centennial T-Shirt Sale!**

On Friday, May 30th, 2008 you can support Kenmore and the Centennial Celebration by purchasing a limited edition T-Shirt for \$8.00. The T-Shirts are Red, Black and Gray, and have the Trolley with "Proud Past - Strong Future - Kenmore - 1908 - 2008". Look for the special booth inside the Big Top Tent.

There will also be a "Fill the Kenmore Trolley Car" container to donate to the Fireworks & Centennial Celebration Fund. Bring your change, too! Any amount is very much appreciated.

**17th Annual Kenmore Community Days  
 Festival & Kenmore Centennial  
 Celebration Fireworks Spectacular!**

Friday, May 30th, 2008 @ 9:45 pm at Prentiss Park

The Kenmore Community Council Inc & The City of Akron are proud to announce the 17th Annual Kenmore Community Days Festival will be held on Wednesday, May 28th thru Sunday, June 1st, 2008 at Prentiss Park.

This year marks the 100th Centennial Celebration of Kenmore! To celebrate our anniversary, the festival will be highlighted by special events, including a Fireworks Spectacular on Friday, May 30th, 2008 at approximately 9:45 pm. This will also serve as a post Memorial Day Weekend Fireworks Show for our region.

This Fireworks Spectacular will be produced by Garden State Fireworks, The Santore Bros., and Pyrotechnic Mike Meden. This display will be a close proximity fireworks display, being that you will be able to view the display ground level at Prentiss Park with an up-close and personal view of the display. Plan now to bring your entire family to celebrate Kenmore's 100th Anniversary!

**Fireworks Parking**

Parking for the Fireworks Spectacular will be available at the Kenmore High School Parking Lots, located off Battles Avenue and 16th Street, and at the Kenmore High School Stadium Parking lot off 13th Street (Weather permitting for the stadium lot).

**Kenmore Centennial Celebration  
 Fireworks Fund!**

The Kenmore Community Council Inc has established a Fireworks Fund at FirstMerit Bank, to assist in defraying the cost of our anniversary display. We are seeking Individuals, Families, Business Owners, and Kenmore Residents to support this endeavor. Any amount is very much appreciated! Please make checks payable to: Kenmore C.C. Fireworks Fund, and send to: Kenmore Community Council Inc., P.O. Box 3954, Akron, Ohio 44314. Cash donations can also be made by calling the Kenmore Community Council Inc at 330-745-8999.

Contributions will be used exclusively for the Fireworks and related Centennial Celebration Expenses. The Kenmore Community Council Inc is a non-profit charitable corporation - your donation is tax exempt.

**Kenmore Centennial Fireworks Celebration Fund**

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**Kenmore Community Council, Inc.**  
**Welcomes You to the 17th Annual**  
**Kenmore Community Days Festival,**  
**Centennial Celebration & Fireworks Spectacular!**  
**May 28th thru June 1st, 2008 at Prentiss Park**

**Shadyside Memorial Gazebo**

It seems like yesterday when Cletus Swords and Councilman John Conti met with officials from Akron Parks and Recreation Department to discuss putting up a holiday tree for the Kenmore Community. Standing outside the Kenmore Library they described that the best location would be Shadyside Park. As they looked over the park deciding where to plant the tree the thought of having a gazebo one day was mentioned.

The project was adopted by the Kenmore Community Council, Inc. and the Senior Committee, headed by Cletus Swords and was on its way to becoming a reality.

All the proceeds go toward the construction and maintenance of the Memorial Gazebo.

**Gazebo Rental & Information**

For information contact

**Georgia Weatherholt**

At the

**Kenmore Community Council Inc.**

at 330-753-6519

Find out more about the Memorial Gazebo, or inquire about renting the gazebo for weddings, anniversaries, retirement and graduation celebrations, as well as other events.

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The Kenmore Community Council Inc, the Kenmore Centennial Celebration Committee, and the Kenmore Board of Trade all wish to sincerely thank Councilman Michael Freeman, Mayor Don Plusquellic, Deputy Mayor Dave Lieberth, At-Large Councilman John Conti, Council President Marco Sommerville, all the Akron City Council Members, Mr. Rick Merolla, and Mr. John Valle of the Service Directors Office, for their Financial Support of the Centennial Celebration & Fireworks, and for their City Services support.

They also wish to thank County Executive Russ Pry, and County Councilman Tim Crawford, for their support in the giving of a \$500.00 Arts Grant. And thanks to The City of Akron, and the Akron Community Foundation, for their generous approval of a Neighborhood Partnership Grant.

The Kenmore Community Council Inc sincerely thanks the Kenmore Connection Staff for their donation of this Special Section Space, and the sponsorship support of the Kenmore Board of Trade for the 2008 Kenmore Community Days Festival.  
**Thank you!**

**The Plaques**  
 The plaques measure eight and one half by two inches and are made of heavy black plastic with engraved white lettering. The plaques will be mounted inside the memorial Gazebo, on the boards surrounding the ceiling, for all to see and read!



**Kenmore Community Council Inc Welcomes Your Involvement!**

The Kenmore Community Council Inc welcomes new members! If you are interested in being a part of being involved in the Kenmore Community, please contact us.

Membership is open to those who wish to enhance the lives of those living in Kenmore!  
 Many volunteer Opportunities Exist!

**Please call our office at 330-745-8999**

**Our Mailing Address is:**  
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**Cletus H. Swords Memorial Gazebo Plaque Form**

**Name to be placed on Plaque (22 spaces max)**  
 (Spaces in between words count too!)

Circle one if this is a memorial plaque (In Memory of) (In Honor of)

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(This line is optional) Name "Given By" to be placed on plaque (22 spaces max)

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**Personal/Non-Business Plaques are \$25 each**  
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Send all forms with check or money order payable to:  
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 P.O. Box 3954 Akron, Ohio 44314

# Kenmore Community Days

## FESTIVAL

Wed., May 28, 2008 thru Sun., June 1, 2008  
at Prentiss Park Located at East Avenue & Battles Avenue, Akron

### Festival Entertainment & Scheduled Events

#### Wed. May 28th

Pre Summer Concert - At Prentiss Park  
Larry Alltop & Nostalgia Gold Band 7 pm - 9 pm  
1950's & Blast From The Past Day!  
Car Cruise In - Prentiss Park - Battles Ave. 6:30 pm - 9:30pm  
Entertainment to be Announced  
Individuals & Car Clubs are encouraged to display your cars!  
**BRING YOUR FAVORITE CAR**



Bring Your Lawn Chairs

#### Thurs. May 29th

Graduating Senior Nite!  
Entertainment in the Big Top Tent

#### Fri. May 30th

Youth & Family Day!  
City of Akron Day!  
Kenmore Community Day!  
Akron Beacon Journal Day!  
Entertainment - Relentless Band with Tony Rio - 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (Tent)  
Kenmore Centennial Fireworks Spectacular 9:45 pm at Prentiss Park

**DON'T MISS OUR MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IN OUR BIG TOP TENT**

Note: all entertainment is held in the entertainment tent. Additional entertainment may be scheduled. Check information signs on the festival grounds for updated schedule

#### Sat. May 31st

Kenmore Community Day  
Youth, Family & Student Athlete Day!  
Parade: 11:00 am - Begins at Kenmore High School, concludes at Prentiss Park  
Parade Awards Distributed 1/2 hour after parade concludes in the Big Top Tent  
Heed The Hunger: Christian Youth & Family Music Summer Fest 08' 12 Noon - 5:30 pm Featuring: The cost; Alternative Christian Rock, Youth - Young Adult  
12:00 Noon - 12:45 pm Against the Rising;  
Heavy Christian Rock 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm  
Evening Entertainment in the Big Top Tent  
The Second Wind Band - Classic Rock 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm  
Centennial Community Pancake Breakfast: Free, Donations accepted; Church on the Blvd., 754 Kenmore Blvd., 8:00 am - 9:30 am  
Sunday entertainment to be announced

#### Sun. June 1st

Subway - Kenmore Day & Church,  
Family Community Day  
Sunday entertainment to be announced

**Subway - Kenmore Day!**  
Sunday, June 1, 2008  
**Discount Ride Pass**  
**\$13.00**  
with \$1.00 Off  
Discount Coupon from page one  
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### Things You Need To Know

How to contact us - Kenmore Community Council, Inc.  
Tom Abbott, Director - (330) 745-8999  
Parade Info - Georgia Wetherholt - (330) 753-6519

#### Have a question or need help?

Come to the Festival Office Trailer or find someone wearing a STAFF shirt and we will do our best to answer your question and help you.

#### First Aid

Please come to the office trailer if you have any first aid concerns during the Festival.

#### Restrooms

Handicapped accessible portable toilets will be located throughout the grounds.

#### Festival parking

Parking is available on side streets to Prentiss Park and at Kenmore High School. Parking is also available during NON-SCHOOL HOURS at Innes Middle School. Parking may be available on the festival grounds dependent upon weather. Fireworks parking is available at Kenmore High School for \$1.00. Please be courteous and obey all posted parking areas. Vehicles blocking drives may be towed at the owner's expense.

### THANKS

The Kenmore Community Council Inc. sincerely thanks the following for their support of the Council & the Kenmore Community Days Festival! Printing System Inc., A & B Tent-Linda Bennet, Tri-City Communications Radio Sales, Service & Rentals, Acme Fresh Markets, Al & Kim Bozich (Bates Amusement Inc.), Kenmore Construction Co. (Mr. William Scala), Gauer Rental Co. (Mr. Jim Gauer), Kenmore Board of Trade & Kenmore Connection, Magic Cruiser Car Club, The City of Akron - All Depts, The Akron Public Schools, 9th Ward Councilman Michael Freeman, Bob Bennet Construction Co. (Steve Bennet), Kenmore Dairy Queen (Richard & Carol Fulton), Subway - Kenmore (Rod & Barb Hirliko), First Merit Bank (Barb Mathews), FOP Lodge #7 (All Board & Lodge Members, Kenmore Freeze Custard Stand, Akron Tractor & Equipment Co., Akron Beacon Journal, Tim Crawford - Nationwide Insurance, Kane Sign Co., (Mike Kane), Kenmore Community Council Members: Tom Abbott, Gene & Jo Ann Smith, Ron Leonard, Bob & Georgia Weatherhold, Tim Poole, Mr. Dave Lieberth, Deputy Mayor.

### 2008 Festival Sponsors



### Sat. May 31st

## The Parade 11:00 am

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**Location of Festival**

Prentiss Park is located on East and Battles Avenues.  
From the North- Exit I-76 West at the Kenmore Boulevard/Battles Avenue Exit. Turn right on Battles Avenue and the Park is on the right.  
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From Canton-Take I-77 North to US 224 West and the Wooster Road/East Avenue Exit. Turn on East Avenue and it is twelve blocks to the Park.



## Church Celebrates New Home, Kenmore Centennial

By Roger Bryant, Historian, The Church on the Boulevard

The history of The Church on the Boulevard's striking home (754 Kenmore Boulevard), and of the congregation that built it, tracks precisely with that of the Kenmore Community they have served. "Boulevard Church" always called itself "The First Church in Kenmore."

As the community known as Halo was beginning to form, a number of its residents were converted at revival services in 1900 at the Hope Church (which has served from 1855 to the present in what is now the Castle Homes area). Desiring a church in their own community, they began to meet in rooms above W. J. Watters' store at the corner of Manchester Road and Boulevard. Soon they acquired a "used church", built in Manchester in 1874. They dismantled this 40 x 45 ft. frame structure, and erected it on Manchester Road between the railroad tracks and the present Wilbeth Road, facing east near A. J. Triplett's home. Mr. Triplett had donated the land. "Zion Evangelical Church" was dedicated December 21, 1901.

Soon it became clear that Halo's development was proceeding westward along the Boulevard, and the church decided to relocate to the present site at Boulevard and Seventh Street. The wooden church was again taken down and moved, and was dedicated in its new home on January 6, 1907 – a year before Kenmore was formally established.



**Wooden church that preceded the current Church on the Boulevard**

The congregation soon outgrew its wooden home and began to make plans for a larger building. At the same time, they changed their name to Boulevard Evangelical Church in 1919. When the time came, they moved the wooden church yet again – a few doors down Seventh Street – and they worshipped there while the new structure was built. The cornerstone was laid June 26, 1921, and the present two-toned brick church was dedicated September 17, 1922.

Afterward, the "wandering church" was sold and remodeled as an apartment house. It still stands at 2211 Seventh Street. Its 1874 origin surely makes it one of the oldest buildings in Kenmore. "Boulevard Church," now The Church on the Boulevard, was constructed at a cost of \$57,000 by contractor Nelson Chaffin of Akron. The building is Kenmore's own example of an "Akron Plan" church, an architectural design invented by Akron industrialist (and Sunday School superintendent) Lewis Miller. His innovative First Methodist Episcopal Church was completed in 1870. The Akron Plan became very popular across America, especially between about 1890



**Old wooden church now remodeled**



**The Church on the Boulevard today**

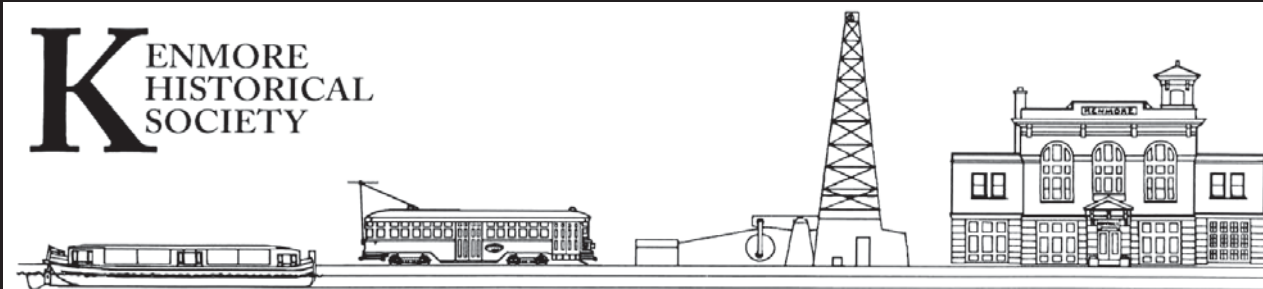
and 1930. Our "Church on the Boulevard" is a very beautiful later example of the form. All are welcome to visit and see it.

The Boulevard congregation disbanded in 1990. In the following years the building has been home to several church groups, attorneys' offices, and an art gallery. Meanwhile, a suburban church was beginning to hear God's call to urban ministry. Now, after 86 years, this wonderful building is beginning a new phase of ministry and service to Kenmore.

After nearly 40 years on Greensburg Road, the Green Baptist Church prayed and took stock of its members' demographics and spiritual gifts. Feeling led to Kenmore, they began to participate in community ministries and activities such as First Glance and Teen Moms, the Kenmore Holiday Celebration, and Project SHINE. Our congregation acquired the 754 Kenmore Boulevard building, changed our name to The Church on the Boulevard, and held our first Kenmore services in September 2007.

The Church on the Boulevard is pleased to participate in Kenmore's Centennial Celebration, and we look forward to serving our Lord Jesus Christ during Kenmore's second century.

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The Kenmore Historical Society now has a new logo. Ken Dague, a member and Trustee of our group, has designed our logo showing symbols depicting the history of Kenmore. The canal boat, trolley, salt derrick and City Hall were common sights and all very important in the development and growth of Kenmore. Ken has been a member since 2002.

## KENMORE'S CITY HALL

by Lillian Jolly

Kenmore City Hall was built in 1916 at the corner of Kenmore Boulevard and 14th Street. It was demolished in 1974.

After Kenmore was annexed to Akron the building was still an important part of Kenmore. The old council chamber was used for the library. The room used by Police Chief William Poalson to question prisoners was used for a meeting place of the Union Missionary Society sewing circle who worked on Red Cross clothes for the needy. Another part of the building was used twice a week for the Health Department's Well Baby Clinic where they weighed, measured and vaccinated children between one and six years old. There was also a section used by the Family Service society three days a week, for interviewing needy in the southern district of Akron.

The police headquarters in the building was now Precinct 2, Akron's only precinct police station. The Kenmore fire station, still in the building, became known as Fire Station 10.

The last mayor to occupy the city building was H. V. Johnson. A familiar dentist, Dr. Charles F. Woods, then occupied the mayor's office for 43 years. He was 80 years old when he closed his dental practice on June 28, 1974.

In addition to regularly scheduled activities in the building, political organizations and veterans groups used the hall as a meeting place on occasion.

The only building custodian got the work done by permitting transients to sleep in the old jailhouse area in return for cleaning the building the next day.

Source: Akron Times - Press dated Jan. 10, 1933



**“Kenmore: Its Heart Is In City Hall” by A. H. Sypher**

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## Kiwanis: Eighty-Three Years of Community Service

by Brent Wood

The Kiwanis Club of Kenmore was chartered on August 6, 1925 and is thought to be the oldest community-oriented service organization in Kenmore. The Club has remained an important part of the community and represents a diverse cross-section of the many local businesses and residents calling Kenmore “home.” Through various club projects over the years, giving back to the community and helping to make it a better place in which to live has been a common theme. Projects over the years that continue to give include the annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest; High School Key Club sponsorship and support; International Children Adoption Program; Thanksgiving & Christmas Gift Baskets; Participation in Kenmore Community Festival, Summer Community Concerts, Teen Moms Program & First Glance Student Center; High School Scholarships; Trash & Treasures Yard Sales; and Rose Appreciation Day. The Club continues to sponsor and fund the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) Program now celebrating its 29th year in the Kenmore Cluster schools. RIF provides free books to all children ages kindergarten to 7th grade three times each school year in cooperation with the local PTA's. The Kiwanis Club of Kenmore wishes to join in celebrating this centennial milestone of our Kenmore community.

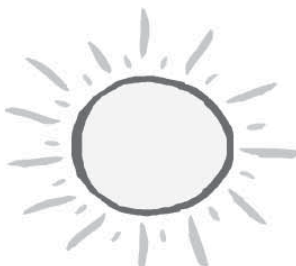


**Kiwanis Club Membership from 1968**

The Kiwanis Club of Kenmore is a part of a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Join us at one of our weekly meetings. The Club meets every Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. at the Kenmore Church of the Nazarene, at the corner of 12th Street SW and Iona Ave. Lunch is prepared by the members at a cost of \$7.00. Contact Tom Prentice, Club Secretary, at 330-753-7721 for more information.

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# Kenmore Kiwanis News

by Brent Wood

Kenmore Kiwanis made a \$200 donation to the Akron Children's Hospital Pediatric Trauma Center in recognition of Kiwanis Ohio District's First Lady Marjorie Martin's designated annual project. Her husband, Leroy Martin, is serving as this year's Kiwanis Ohio District Governor leading all the clubs in the State of Ohio and he also happens to be a member of the local Barberton Kiwanis Club.

Two members of the Kenmore High Key Club were sponsored by the Club to attend the annual Ohio Key Club Convention held in Columbus. Kiwanian Dick Cardarelli traveled with them and served as their chaperone during the event.

The Kiwanis is sponsoring Kenmore High School Sophomore Charles Higgins as he attends this year's Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership Program held at Mt. Union College in Alliance Ohio. The Club recognized Schae Painter for her heroic act in saving her neighbor from harm and presented her with a \$100 US Savings Bond in recognition of her unselfish act of kindness. Whitney Brown, graduating Kenmore High School senior & Kenmore Key Club President, has been selected the recipient of the 2008 Kenmore Kiwanis Scholarship

Stay tuned to the next issue of the Kenmore Connection for Fall fundraisers to be held by the Kiwanis Club of Kenmore which will include a new event - A planned Scotch Doubles Night is being organized with proceeds going to the First Glance/Teen Moms Program. Also, the Club's annual Trash & Treasures Yard Sale will be held in September this year. During your spring house cleaning, the Kiwanis are asking that you set aside items that you are planning to discard and donate them to the sale in early fall. The exact date will be announced in the next Kenmore Connection.

The Kiwanis Club of Kenmore is a part of a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. If this short review of some of the Club's activities interests you, and might be something that you would enjoy being a part of, then join us at one of our weekly meetings. The Club meets every Tuesday at 11:45 am.. at the Kenmore Church of the Nazarene, at the corner of 12th Street SW and Iona Avenue. Lunch is prepared by the members at a cost of \$7.00. Contact Tom Prentice, Club Secretary, at 330-753-7721 for more information.



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# New Year, New Beginning for Mrs. McDonald

by Bonnie Pettit

All of our lives have recently been touched by the events that have surrounded Mrs. Marie McDonald. On September 13, 2007 Marie and her husband Wayne were victims of an accident in which a vehicle struck them while riding their motorcycle. They were blessed to survive the accident but have sustained serious injuries.

They have a long road ahead of them with many challenges to face. Their future will consist of many needs and expenses but together as a Kenmore Pfeiffer Community we were able to support and help them. A spaghetti dinner was held on Feb. 25, 2008 at Firestone High School with the continued support and help of many fellow staff members, current and former students, parents and friends of Marie McDonald (Hintz). Pfeiffer Students also raised money by pledging volunteer time and

selling links of love. Total we were able to raise nearly \$4000.00 in proceeds to help with home adaptations, unexpected expenses, and etc.

For those who know Marie know that her husband and family are the most important things to her. Next and dear to her heart are her students, animals (especially dogs), and most of all volunteering her time.

Marie is a member of the Akron Children's Hospital Doggie Brigade and spends countless hours visiting sick children with her own dogs. She also volunteers at the annual Akron Children's Hospital Holiday Tree Festival to raise money. At Pfeiffer Elementary where she is a third grade teacher, she goes above and beyond to teach children not only academics but citizenship and social attributes. She has spear-headed school wide donation drives for the Humane Society in which families donate supplies needed. For years, she coordinated our school safety patrol. She also started a knitting club after school where boys and girls learned to knit and the response was overwhelming due to the fact that the children love to spend time with her.

Marie McDonald teaches her students the importance of volunteering and helping friends and neighbors out. As a community we knew it was our turn to give back. With many thanks again to the Kenmore Pfeiffer community and countless donations made by generous businesses and friends we were able to show Mrs. McDonald the impact she has had on all of us!

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## 2008 List of Kenmore Centennial Events

### May 17th -- Historical Society Open House

Kenmore Senior/Community Center  
Noon - 4:00 pm

### May 28th to June 1st - Kenmore Community Days Festival

Kenmore Community Council  
Fireworks May 30th at 9:45  
Parade May 31st

### June/July/August - Wednesday Evening Summer Concerts

Childrens' Activities start at 6:30 pm  
Concerts start at 7:00 pm

### August - Akron Baptist Temple Car Show

Date to be announced later

### September 13th -- Gospel Concert

The Church on the Boulevard  
754 Kenmore Boulevard

Detail available in next Kenmore Connection

### September or October - Kenmore Library Grand Opening

Date to be announced later

### October - DeBorg's Halloween Party

Date & location to be announced later

### October 12th - Park United Methodist Church Fall Festival

### October 30th - Kiwanis Halloween Parade & Costume Contest

### October 31st - Kenmore Events Committee Teen Halloween Party

### November - KHS ministers Thanksgiving Program

Date to be announced later

### December 6th - Kenmore Holiday Celebration

Boulevard Activities - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Tree Lighting Ceremony - 6:30 pm

## PROJECT SHINE – 2008

This year Project Shine will be held the week of June 23-27, 2008. During this week, our volunteer teenagers and adults will come together for a week of service to the Kenmore Community, fellowship and learning about Jesus Christ.

If you own your home and are interested in receiving assistance through Project Shine, please fill out the application and return it to the address below as soon as possible. All work will be done on a first come, first serve, as needed basis. Please keep in mind that submitting this form does not guarantee that you will be selected for this project, we will select and assess the needs of each applicant.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (330) \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check one or more of the following projects:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior House Paint           | Interior House Cleaning:                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Garage Paint          | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash Walls           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Porch/Deck – Paint/Stain       | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Carpet         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Paint                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash Windows         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yard work/cleanup/trimming etc | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Basement/Attic |

**Due to insurance restrictions, Project Shine regrets that we cannot offer any services other than those listed above.**

Please mail applications to: Project Shine  
P. O. Box 3895  
Akron, OH 44314

For questions or further information regarding Project Shine, please contact Jeremy @ 330-745-2068.



# Zoe Ann's Salon

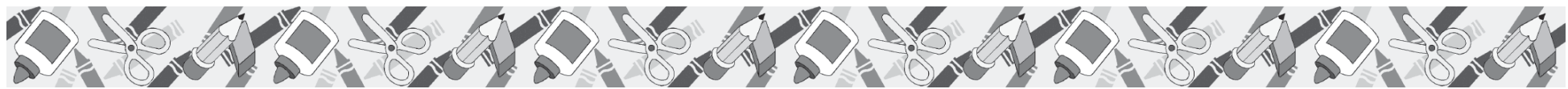
Specializing in Foils - Low Lights & Hi-Lights, Clipper Cuts, Perms, Up-Do's, Colors and Sets

**Please Call for Appointments**

**330-745-8316**



Zoe Ann • Nancy • Geri • Dawne • Barb • Christy • Helen



# Immaculate Conception Preschool & Child Care Center

2128 - 16th Street SW  
Akron, Ohio 44314  
330-745-3544  
icpreschool@yahoo.com



**Immediate Openings Available for Ages 6 weeks to 5 years!**

**Enroll Now for Summer & Fall Programs (Age 6 weeks to 12 years).**

**Hours are 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

**Our Daily Schedules offer a Variety of Age Appropriate Activities. Call for details.**

**Please call 330-745-3544 between the hours of 8:00 - 4:00 with questions, for a tour, or to enroll your child.**

The Center is also currently looking for possible part-time caregivers and substitutes. Stop by to fill out an application or send your resume to the above address.



**Title XX is accepted**

## CALLING ALL YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8 AND 13



**Kenmore Youth Football & Cheerleading/Dance Team Registration will be held for Football Players, Cheerleaders, and Dance Team Members!!!**

**Registration is at the Kenmore Youth Football Field on Battles Avenue (Prentice Park), Saturday July 12th and Saturday July 19th, from 10 am to 2 pm.**

**Registration Fee is \$50.00 for Football Players and \$25.00 for Cheerleading/Dance Team Members.**

**A current photo, a copy of your birth certificate, and proof of residence must be provided at the time of registration. The Cheerleading/Dance Clinic is open to all girls between the ages of 6 and 13.**

**For more information, please contact Jerry Cottrell at 330-603-8642 or Wendy Weber at 330-730-3219.**

## YARD SALE Thrift & Gift



922 Kenmore Blvd



**1 Year Anniversary Special!**

**\$5<sup>00</sup> off with purchase of \$25<sup>00</sup> or more!**

expires 5/31/2008

Housewares Toys Baby Items  
China Gifts Jewelry Curtains  
Hardware Puzzles Bedding  
**Clothing All at Yard Sale Prices**



**\$20.00 OFF ANY SERVICE CALL WITH THIS AD**



Expires  
June 30, 2008



● **24 HR. EMERGENCY SERVICE**

**330-745-4822** ● **FREE ESTIMATES ON INSTALLATION**

663 Flora Avenue



## Classified Ads & Announcements

**Are You Moving?** Be sure your new residence is drug free. Your family's health depends on it! We provide instant results using Centers for Disease Control developed testing. Approved by Ohio Department of Health. Call Safety Elements, 330-715-9075

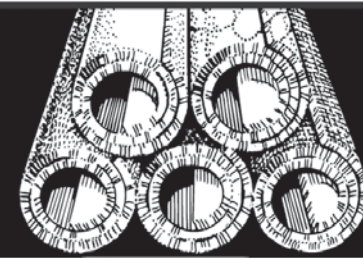
**Kenmore Church of the Nazarene Yard Sale** -- June 7th 9 am - 3 pm. Come out for "Some Fun". Private Spaces available for \$10 (1 table), or \$15 (2 tables). Located at 2025 12th Street SW.

**Hedgehogs Lawn Care:** Hedgetrimming, Gutter Cleaning, Tree Trimming, Edging, Small Lawns, Gutterguards, Mulch, Window Cleaning, Limestone Driveways. Reasonable Rates, Free Estimates. Matt 330-785-3814

**The Kenmore Board of Trade** welcomes new Ward 9 business Varsity Motors at 1996 East Avenue, and new owner Matt Coleman of Tansations at 894 West Wilbeth Road. Congratulatiuons & Good Luck!

**Members Wanted!** The Kenmore Board of Trade wishes to invite all interested businesses and/or organizations to join us at our monthly lunch meetings. Network with local businesses and contribute to the betterment of our community. Next meeting is Wednesday June 4th, 12:00 noon, at Goss Memorial Church, located next to Heminger Elementary School. For details, please call John Buntin Jr at 330-745-5530.

**Place your Ad or Announcement in the Kenmore Connection for 10¢ per word**



## We're Rolling Out the Red Carpet!

- **Carpet & Rug Binding & Backing**
- **Repair for Seams, Doorway Metal, Burns, Loose Carpet**
- **Rugs Made To Order**



We have one of the largest selection of carpeting at prices you can't beat. It's an offer you can't refuse. Come in and see us today!

**Smith's House of Carpet**  
1016 Kenmore Blvd.  
330-753-6505



## Hungry?

The following churches can help!

**The Kenmore Church of the Nazarene** [www.kenmorenaz.org](http://www.kenmorenaz.org)  
Located on the corner of 12th Street & Iona, the Kenmore Church of the Nazaren sponsors **FREE MEALS** to the community on the last Saturday of Every Month from 3 to 4 pm.

They also sponsor a **FOOD PANTRY** for emergency assistance as well. For more information please call the church office at 330-745-7720 to set up a pick up time.

### Immaculate Conceptions of Mary Parish

2101 17th Street SW

Food Pantry Hours: Monday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Thursday 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Appointments made through **INFO LINE FOOD LINE** at 330-376-4850

### New Millennium Baptist Church

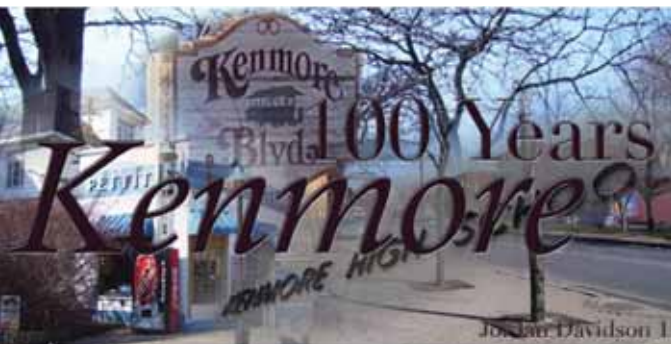
Kenmore Neighborhood Food Pantry

Open the last two Tuesdays of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
2240 17th Street SW

For referrals, please call **INFO LINE FOOD LINE** at 330-376-4850  
Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

# Kenmore High School Students Create Kenmore Centennial Logos!

When the Kenmore Centennial Committee needed some logos to promote the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the city of Kenmore, they decided to ask the Kenmore High School students to create them. Previewed on this page are those logos that will be used throughout the year to promote the different events scheduled in Kenmore. Thank you to those students who designed these wonderful Centennial Logos!



## CALLING ALL BICYCLE RIDERS!

Centennial Celebration / Community Days Festival Parade  
May 31st - Line-Up at KHS Parking Lot at 9:30 am

The Kenmore Board of Trade invites kids & adults to decorate and ride their bikes in the parade. Bring your decorated bike or decorate it with materials provided for your use that morning. Permission forms must be filled out by a parent/guardian. Helmets are required. There will be a limited quantity of youth helmets available as needed. Prior to the event permission forms may be picked up at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center and the Kenmore Branch Library. Forms must be brought to the Kenmore High School parking lot on May 31st at 9:30 am, or may be filled out by the parent/guardian at that time. Come join the fun!