

Kenmore Connection

A Good Look at the Community

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Kenmore Prepares for 10th Annual Holiday Celebration

Join us for our 10th anniversary of the Kenmore Holiday Celebration event on Saturday December 6th starting at 11:00 am with great enthusiasm, co-operation, and community spirit. And to make this even more special, this will be the final event of Kenmore's year long Centennial Celebration.

Attendees will enjoy a performance by the Kenmore High School Jazz band, costumed characters, Santa, Children's Treasure Hunt, children's craft projects, Teen Scavenger Hunt, Adult Raffle, children's fun center, food events, business open houses, Library Open Houses, a juggler, clowns, and free trolley transportation.



The days events will culminate with the tree lighting at Shadyside Park which is under the sponsorship of the Kenmore Community Council, Inc. The evening events will continue with the evening Children's Party with Santa Claus at Park United Methodist Church.

The event is made possible through the volunteer efforts of Kenmore businesses, schools, churches, residents, and service organizations under the co-ordination of the Kenmore Board of Trade Events Committee.

Event sponsors are the Kenmore Board of Trade, Kenmore Kiwanis, Kenmore Community Council Inc., Kenmore Senior/Community Center, Kenmore Cluster PTA's, Kenmore High School, Kenmore Innes 6th Grade Campus, and the sponsors and youth volunteers from First Glance. This event is funded in part by an Akron City And Akron Community Foundation Neighborhood Partnership Grant as well as a grant given to the Kenmore Centennial Celebration Committee by the City of Akron. Watch for flyers and posters for further information.

New Sam Salem Community Learning Center Dedicated

The old Sam Salem Elementary School is gone, and the new Sam Salem Community Learning Center is now open! Dedicated on September 18th by a large crowd of both community leaders & residents, Kenmore's first of four new Learning Centers is now open to the public. Groups & organizations who wish to use this facility, or just want a tour, should contact Principal Elaine Marcus at 330-848-5231 for further information.



New Playground for Sam Salem CLC

Block Watch Meeting at Sam Salem CLC

There will be a Community Block Watch Meeting on December 5th at the Sam Salem Community Learning Center, starting at 7:00 pm. Rick Smeltz will be there with information on starting a Community Block Watch, and can be reached at 330-745-9265 for more information.

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New Pizza Shop Opens on Kenmore Boulevard

964 Kenmore Boulevard is home to a new restaurant. Pierre's Brooklyn Pizza and Deli had its grand opening on October 1st, and offers a wide variety of great food to eat. In addition to Pizza (regular or white, thin or thick crust), they offer sub-sandwiches, salads, and dessert fruit pies (apple every day, and also alternating between cherry, blueberry, and peach). Another specialty is meat wrapped in Pita Bread, and they also offer pizza by the slice everyday.

Owner Pierre Sahlani has been in the pizza business for almost twenty years. He makes his medium pizzas 14 inches, which is the size of other shops large. And his large pizzas are 18 inches! Pierre's Brooklyn Pizza and Deli (located next door to Kenmore Tailors & Clothiers) is opened Monday thru Thursday 11:00 am to 9:00 pm, Friday & Saturday 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, closed Sundays. Take out orders can be called in to 330-745-7900, and home delivery is available in the Kenmore area.



**Manager Jason Davis & Owner Pierre Sahlani (right)
of Pierre's Brooklyn Pizza & Deli**

Kenmore Cardinals Youth Baseball Team Takes the State Title for the 4th Year in a Row

by Michele Massaro

The tradition of spending the first weekend of August in Alliance continued for the fourth summer in a row. Once again, the Kenmore Cardinals Youth Baseball team has won the Ohio Hot Stove State Championship at Butler-Rodman Park in Alliance making them 4-Time State Champions.

In 2005, the team, competing as 14 year olds, won the Ohio Hot Stove Class F State Championship. In 2006 the team had to move into a higher class because of age requirements. They won as 15 and 16 year olds making them the 2006 Ohio Hot Stove Class EE State Champions and again last year as 15 and 16 year olds making them the 2007 Ohio Hot Stove Class EE State Champions.

The Cardinals are getting older now and have again moved up to a higher class--Class E--which consists of 16 year olds to 18 year olds--even though they have two 15 year olds on the team. But that didn't stop their winning streak!! They proved themselves champions once again for the fourth time in a row becoming the 2008 Ohio Hot Stove Class E State Champions.

As in years past, the Cardinals began their journey to the State Tournament in Alliance by winning their Regional Tournament at North Hill's Patton Park Complex in Akron. From there they went to Alliance, where they defeated the Waterloo Vikings by a score of 13 to 6 on Saturday, August 2, for the State Semi-finals. Then on Sunday, August 3, they went on to defeat the North Akron Tigers by a score of 3 to 2 for the 2008 Ohio Hot Stove Class E State Championship. (This game was a rematch of the 2006 EE State Championship when the Cardinals defeated the North Akron Tigers by the exact same score). It was said by many of the Alliance officials that this year's championship game was the best game played at Butler-Rodman Park for years.

The team's manager is Joe Massaro, assisted by Wilbur Harris, Eric Harris and Mark Anderson. Team members are Beau Anderson, Justin Anderson, Chad Burden, Anthony Good, Dominick Harper, Ryan Harris, Matthew Massaro, Michael Massaro, Jason Meeks, Dusty Newberry and Nicholas Weatherholt.

A special thank you goes out to Liz Mudd for all of her generous photographic skills!! She took many wonderful action photos of each player all season long and then gave them away to those players. Liz, your generosity is amazing!!!!

Special thanks to the Kenmore Youth Baseball League for purchasing the team hoodies that display each player's State Championship patches. Thanks, also, to Pronio Sporting Goods for donating a State Championship t-shirt to each team member. And another special thanks to Liz Mudd for creating the logo used on both of those shirts.

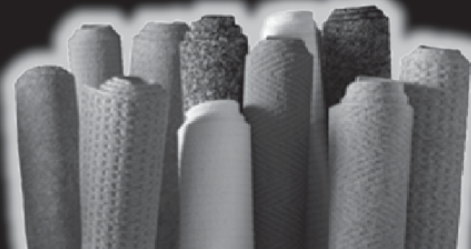
And as always, thank you Kenmore Community for the support you give the team by coming to Alliance to watch their victories. Our community is made up of so many good people and these truly amazing young men would not be who they are today without their wonderful families (our community members) who support them in all that they do. GO CARDS!!!!



**Front row (left-right) Dom Harper, Anthony Good (holding plaque),
Beau Anderson, Justin Anderson, Chad Burden**

**Back row (left-right) Ryan Harris, Coach Mark Anderson, Jason
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Free Community Thanksgiving Meal!

Sponsored by Kenmore Ministerial Association

by Kevin Burkholder

Last year the Kenmore Ministerial Association (KMA) hosted its first ever Thanksgiving celebration at the Kenmore Community Center. This event was well attended, with great fellowship, live music, children's activities, and a whole lot of food! Due to the success of last year's event...

The KMA invites you to join us for a Celebration of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 25th from 5-8 PM at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center, 880 Kenmore Boulevard. There will be live music, games for the children, crafts for children and adults, as well as a wonderful array of Thanksgiving food and a wonderful mural of art by the children of Kenmore. You may come and go with your family or remain for the entire evening of fun and fellowship.

We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors for this evening as we celebrate God's goodness for all that we have and all that we can share together. There is no charge for the meal, but donations will be accepted to help defray the cost. Come one, come all!

Bittner Auto Sales Celebrates 45 Years on East Avenue



One of the longest established used auto dealerships in the Kenmore area just celebrated 45 years at its current (and original) location. Bittner Auto Sales, founded by Warren Bittner on October 1st, 1963, is located at 2414 East Avenue. "I have seen three generations of family purchase cars & trucks from me" says Warren, "because I work hard at saving the customer as much as I can." It is this policy that Warren says has contributed to why he is still in business, and many others have closed. "I can remember car dealers who would not even put gas in a vehicle after the sale. Many people would drive off their lots and run out of gas before they got one mile."

Currently working with Warren are Herbert Lane, who has taken care of the lot for over 12 years, and Jim Cline, finance manager, who has worked for Warren on and off

Warren Bittner at Work

over the past 20 years. Bittner Auto Sales is open Monday thru Friday 9 am to 6 pm, and Saturday 9 am to 3 pm. Closed Sundays. They offer a 30 day limited warranty on all vehicles sold, and also offer service contracts & extended warranties. Financing is available. For more information, please call 330-745-8620.

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The Schlup-Pucak Funeral home, located at 788 Kenmore Boulevard, now offers a motorcycle hearse for use during a funeral. This vehicle was hand built at Schlup-Pucak during the spring & summer of 2008, and is now available for use. For information about this, please call 745-3131 or stop by and talk to owner Donald Pucak.



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KENMORE SENIOR / COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

by Laurie Chenavey

The Kenmore Senior/Community Center Annual Fall Card Party was held on Saturday, October 4 this year. All available seats were sold and it was a huge success! A delicious, light lunch was served and much fun was had by all who attended. Everyone received a nice door prize, many of which were generously donated by area businesses and individuals. Just remember to watch our schedule for next fall's date and buy your tickets early since seating is limited.

Our Monday After School Ceramics and Wednesday Kid's Club have started off the school year successfully! If you have a child who is interested in attending either of these programs please call the Community Center at 330-375-2812. Space is limited. Children must be registered in advance.

ACTIVITIES

Arts & Crafts Workshops

Sewing, crocheting, quilting, jewelry making, painting, glass fusing, etc. scheduled throughout the year. Call for current information.

Coffee & Conversation

Monday through Thursday
8:30—9:00 am

Friday Men's Breakfast

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Monthly Game Day

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Kenmore Kid's Club

Wednesdays 3:00-5:30 pm
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Children must be registered in advance.

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Wednesday morning 9:00—11:30 am

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MEETINGS

Ward 9 Councilman's Meeting

First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Kenmore Senior Club

Entertainment, travel, current events.
Meetings the second and fourth Thursday
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AARP

Board Meeting the first Monday
of the month at 1:00 pm.
General Meeting the second Monday
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Kenmore Historical Society

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Wednesday afternoon 12:30 - 2:30 pm.
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Councilman's Corner

Vacant Houses- Vigilant Eyes

by Councilman Mike Freeman

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It seems that everyone has an opinion on what the cause of these problems is. Often the blame is laid on the doorsteps of subprime or other mortgage borrowers. Those who are fortunate enough to have come through this crisis relatively unscathed often point, with disdain, at those homebuyers who: (choose one) paid too much, borrowed too much, or did not put enough money down when they bought or refinanced their home.

I want to point out that the great majority of subprime borrowers are performing as agreed on their mortgages. Some of them are not, of course, but the reason often is that they experienced a life changing event such as divorce, illness, job loss or reduction, job transfer, or even death. In the past when these events occurred, the house could

often be sold and the mortgage paid off. But this time around houses prices have collapsed and the houses can not be sold for enough to satisfy the mortgages. This price collapse was unforeseen, and was not the fault of these unfortunate borrowers.

Every time a house goes into foreclosure and gets boarded up, the whole neighborhood suffers. It has been estimated that each boarded up house reduces surrounding values by as much as ten percent, so every homeowner is directly affected by what happens to his neighbors. I would ask that we not be quite so quick to judge a homeowner who may be losing his home. It just could be that there is nothing he could have done to prevent it, and you can be sure that he or she is feeling devastated.

What about when a house in your neighborhood becomes vacant? What then? Please, in your own self interest, monitor that house to see that it does not become a nuisance because of break-ins, squatters, or even long grass. Please make

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!

the effort to report suspicious activity, and make it obvious to all that the house is being watched. Again, this is in our own best interest. The values of our own houses depend on it.

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Mayor Plusquellic at the October Ward 9 Councilman's Meeting



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In addition to our \$30 Regular Box (Basic Food Unit) we now offer a \$28 Senior Box of ten perfectly seasoned, nutritionally balanced, fully-cooked meals -- just heat and serve. Each meal has been developed with dietary needs of senior citizens in mind, and contains 3 oz. of protein, a starch & two vegetables or fruit. For the past several months we have been offering a Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box Special and in November Angel Food will be offering a \$30 Thanksgiving Dinner Box which contains everything you need for a traditional Thanksgiving meal: 7 lb. (avg.) Perdue Roasting Hen, 2 lb. Heat /Serve Mashed Potatoes, 2 lb. Heat/Serve Corn, 2 lb. Heat/Serve Green Beans, 17 oz. Cornbread Stuffing, 4.5 oz. Brown Gravy Mix, 15 oz. Cranberry Sauce, 8 Dinner Rolls, and a dessert Item.

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Park Church Angel Food Order dates and times for November are: at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center (880 Kenmore Boulevard) - Saturday November 8th 10 am-12 noon. November distribution will be Saturday November 22nd 8:30-10:30 am at Kenmore Senior/Community Center. December order dates and times: at Kenmore Community Center - Saturday November 22nd - 8:30-10:30 am, at Park Church - Wednesday December 3rd 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Thursday December 4th - 6:00-8:00 pm, Saturday December 6th 10:00 am-12:00 noon. Distribution on December 20th. January order dates and times: at the Kenmore Community Center - Saturday December 20th - 8:30-10:30 am, at Park Church - Wednesday January 7th- 11:00 am-1:00 pm,

Thursday January 8th - 6:00-8:00 pm, Saturday January 10th - 10:00 am-12:00 noon. Distribution day January 24th. February order dates and times: at Kenmore Community Center - Saturday January 24th 8:30-10:30 am, at Park Church - Thursday February 5th - 6:00-8:00 pm, Wednesday February 11th - 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Saturday February 14th - 10:00 am-12:00 noon. Distribution day February 28. Questions please call 330-745-3714 9:00 am-2:00 pm Monday-Friday. Check out our web site www.akronparkumc.org.

North Hill Church of Christ 897 Columbia Ave., Akron 44310 has been working with Park Church Angel Food and is now a licensed Host Site for Angel Food Ministries serving the North Hill community of Akron. For residents in that area call 330-923-7702 for their order dates and times. Menus and distribution days are the same for all Angel Food Sites.

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Kenmore Branch Library Special Section

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Kenmore Library Celebrates Its Open House

by Nicole Zickefoose

The grand opening for the new building was Saturday, September 6th. Festivities included an open house, ice cream social and ribbon cutting ceremony. Over 1400 people attended, including community members and staff. Library Director David Jennings, Summit County Executive Russ Pry, Akron Mayor Donald Plusquellic, City Council President Marco Sommerville, Kenmore Ward 9 Councilman Mike Freeman, and State Senator Tom Sawyer, D-Akron all spoke about Kenmore before the ribbon cutting. Branch Manager Kathy Forsthoffer and Friends of the Kenmore Library President Lee McCutchan had the honor of cutting the ribbon and being the first people to enter the new building through the front doors.

The Library provided vanilla and chocolate ice cream topped with library logo colored blue and orange M&M's. People were able to do the unthinkable- eat ice cream inside the library! Local artist Teresa Wolfe attended the open house to talk to the community and answer questions about her

artwork. The band Jen Scalis and Friends Band played jazz music for people's enjoyment. The band included Jim Guest, a local Kenmore High School graduate who played tenor saxophone. The band also included Don on drums, four hands on keyboard duets and Jen as a vocalist. Library staff members from other branches volunteered to work at the desk so that Kenmore's staff could visit with those who attended the open house.

A library first came to Kenmore in 1923 as a lending library that was housed in a department store by Louis Grostein. The Akron Public Library took over the collection after Kenmore annexed the city. In 1930 the Library was moved to the second floor of the Kenmore City Building at 957 Kenmore Boulevard. The Library shared the building with the fire department, bank and a doctor. The Fortnightly Club of Akron staffed the library. The building on 14th Street was dedicated on January 4, 1957. It was designed by Tuchman & Canute, architects. The new 2008 building was designed by Moody Nolan, Inc., architects, built by Summit Construction Company and cost \$2.15 million. The Kenmore library was the last branch to be built during the Library's building campaign. The campaign was paid for by taxpayer funds generated by the bond issue of November 1997.

At Kenmore Library you can find:

- A large community room that holds 100 people
- A small conference room that holds 20 people
- Wireless Internet access
- 22 Computers with Internet access
- A diverse collection in a variety of formats:
 - Books and other library materials. Our collection is particularly strong in large print materials, the classics, mysteries, science fiction and pamphlet files on Kenmore and Kenmore history.
 - Magazines and newspapers.
 - Books on Tape and CD.
 - Circulating CD-ROM's.
 - Online Research Databases.
 - Videotapes, DVD's and sound recordings.
 - Compact Discs.
 - Big Books.
 - Kits for kids.
- Programs for all ages
- Services to meet a variety of needs
- The Friends of Kenmore Branch

*The Kenmore library would like to give a special thanks to Smith's House of Carpet for donating carpet squares for children's programs. Thank you to the Kenmore Historical Society for providing and setting up a wonderful display of historical items. Also, thanks to all those who volunteered their time to make the open house and ice cream social a success!



Open House photos can be found on Page 3 of 4

Original Kenmore Library at Kenmore City Building



Kenmore Library 1957-2008



Our new Kenmore Library located in the same spot as the original

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Artwork of the Kenmore Library

by Nicole Zickefoose

There are many pieces of art that are spread throughout the new building. Some pieces have come from the old building, and some pieces are new to the Library. We have many different types of artwork using many different mediums.

The showpiece of the Children's Area is a cluster of stained glass sculptures. There are iridescent stained glass pieces that have been welded together to create a nature scene. The stained glass pieces include a sunflower, a monarch butterfly, a pink cosmo and three zinnias in a cluster. If you look closely, you will see a Kenmore cardinal on one of the leaves, and a lady bug on another.



The artwork was created by Teresa Wolfe. Wolfe graduated from Kent State University with a degree in Interior Design and lives in Highland Square. She worked on the artwork for quite some time. "The project occupied my life for three months," she said. Wolfe added glass blown pistils to the flowers and put glitter in the grout. Her husband Bill installed the artwork. He mounted the glass pieces on three-quarter-inch plywood to mount on the wall.

Another new addition to the branch is a 1969 piece by Jody W. Klein. This is a large wood screen that was formerly housed at Main library. As carved into the piece, the materials used in the wood screen are courtesy of Akron Craftsman Press. The wood screen was created for the grand opening of the old Main library building, and used as a free standing room divider for the staff lounge.

The sculpture is made from old printing press letters and numbers set against each other at odd angles. They are arranged in a manner that represents classification categories and numbers of the Dewey Decimal system that is used for nonfiction items in public libraries. There are also toys, carvings and old pictures that illustrate these topics. For example, she used toy soldiers to illustrate war, and a tennis shoe to illustrate sports. This wood screen can be found in the Teen Area by the front desk.

A piece that has been with the library for over 40 years is a watercolor painting by Marc Moon. It was donated by the Garden Forum in October 1967. "The Sycamore Trail" is a watercolor painting of an old white farmhouse with a sycamore tree next to a country road. The Library brought the painting from the old building, but gave it a new look with a custom frame for the new building. The painting is on display in our conference room.

Watercolorist Marc Moon was born in Middletown, Ohio in 1923. After attending the Applied Art Academy in Akron, he later became an instructor and eventually the owner of the Academy. Moon has won numerous national and international awards for his paintings. He was a 2005 Arts Alive! nominee. Moon was also a member of the American Watercolor Society, the Salmagundi Club, the Hudson Valley Artists, and the Society for Painting in Casein. He died in Akron in 2006.

Another piece that is on display in the Children's Area is a piece called "Kenmore Kids." The Kenmore Kids painting was created during the 2005 Holiday Celebration at the Kenmore Cultural Arts Center. Terry Klausman helped local children paint a picture he designed. He finished the painting by outlining the figures, professionally framing it and donating it to the library. The artwork depicts neighborhood unity, with everyone holding hands. Klausman also donated a photo collage of some of the children who worked on the painting. He recently started his own business called Especially Art! studios. The business specializes in metal sculptures, murals, greeting cards, paintings, and all forms of commissioned artwork.

Another piece of art that has stayed with the Library through the move is a historical map. According to the painting it is an Aero view of William A. Johnston's Allenside Subdivision and the new Industrial City of Coventry. This painting has been with the library since before 1980 and is believed to have been used as an advertising piece for the company who developed the area. The painting is signed Kintz, Akron, O. This piece is displayed by the magazine area.

The Crawford Bindery, although out of business, is remembered through a piece of art that was donated to the Library. The bindery was located at 2249 14th Street for some time, but closed its doors in 2006. The piece is a depiction of a bookshelf with children's fairy tale books. The piece was created in the mid-90s and it was displayed in the bindery before it was donated to the Library.

Other art pieces on display at the Library are historical photos. Two large photos can be found by the copy machines. These were used for the Mayor's press conference to announce the Kenmore Centennial kick off. The kick off was on May 16, 2008 and was held at The Church on the Boulevard in Kenmore. Other historical photos are displayed in the community room and throughout the Branch. These photos are courtesy of the Kenmore Historical Society and Kenmore Friends of the Library.



Teresa Wolff

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Staff of the Kenmore Library

by Nicole Zickefoose

Most of the Kenmore library staff has worked for the Library of many years. They work hard to give customers the information they need. But do people really know what they do? Here is a peak into the lives of the people who work at the Kenmore library.

Our Branch Manager and Adult Librarian is Kathy. She has worked for the library system for 25 years. She orders the adult materials. She also offers many interesting programs and hosts a regular book discussion. Kathy likes to read romance, gardening and local history books, and her favorite types of movies are comedies and romantic movies.

Our Teen Librarian is Amy. She has worked for the library system for 10 years. She orders the teen materials. She also offers cool programs for teens and facilitates the Teen Advisory Board. Amy likes to read biographies and teen books, and her favorite type of movies are musicals, and movies set back in time or in the future.



**Kenmore Library Staff
at Groundbreaking Ceremony**

Our Children's Librarian is Mary. She has worked for the library system for 10 years. She orders the children's materials. She also offers fun programs for kids and heads Baby Time and Story Time. Mary likes to read thriller books, and her favorite types of movies are action, adventures and comedies.

Our Public Service Assistants are Jim, Nicole, Jessica, and Katie. They work at the desk and do most of the Library's behind the scenes work. Jim has been with the library system for 23 years. His favorite types of books are true fantasy, and his favorite types of movies are ones where things explode. Nicole has been with the library system for 6 years. Her favorite types of books are thrillers, and her favorite types of movies are comedies and horror films. Jessica has been with the library system for 8 years. Her favorite types of books are realistic fiction and nonfiction, and her favorite types of movies are comedies and romantic movies. Katie has been with the library system for 3 years. Her favorite types of books are romance books, and her favorite types of movies are romantic comedies.

We have a Shelver and Student Assistants who put materials back on the shelves and help keep them in order. David has been with the library for 12 years. His favorite types of books are comic books, and his favorite types of movies are superhero movies. Gary has been with the library for over 3 years. His favorite types of books are classics, and his favorite types of movies are dramas. Ryann has been with the library for 7 months. Her favorite types of books are romance, and her favorite types of movies are comedies. Emily has been with the library for 7 months. Her favorite types of books are nonfiction, and her favorite types of movies are comedies.



"Kenmore Kids" Painting



Ice Cream & M&M's at the Open House



Children reading before Open House



**First group to enter the new library
after the ribbon cutting ceremony**



**Crawford Bindery art piece
hanging in Children's Area**

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Welcome to Kenmore Branch Library!

The Kenmore Library offers many great programs for all ages.
The following is a list of upcoming programs. There is something for everyone!

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Wednesdays, February 4 – March 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Children will enjoy stories, songs, rhythm activities, movement activities, and crafts for ages 2-5. Registration is requested and children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

BABYTIME

Thursdays, February 5 – 26 at 10:30 a.m.,

Stories, songs and finger plays for babies two years and under. Registration is requested and children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

FAMILY PROGRAM

Thursday, December 11, 3:30 p.m.

Holiday Crafts for all ages.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 6, 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Face Painting and Strolling Balloon Artist Joe Delagrang
12 p.m. Paul Gerber Magic Show
1 p.m. Keyed UP Barbershop Quartet performance
2 p.m. Jungle Terry Animal Show

TEEN PROGRAMS

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

December 2 Teen Advisory Board meeting

December 16 Guitar Hero

February 3 Teen Advisory Board meeting

February 17 Fancy Photo Memory Frames. Please sign up in advance.

ADULT PROGRAM

Saturday, December 13, 2 p.m.

Make a Live Greens Holiday Arrangement with Tami Custer. Please sign up in advance.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Join us at 1:30 p.m. on the Second Tuesday of each month.

January 13 INNOCENT TRAITOR: A NOVEL OF LADY JANE GREY by Alison Weir

February 10 THE WORLD WITHOUT US by Alan Weisman

MADDEN TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 17, 10:30 a.m. throughout most of the day.

NFL Madden Tournament. Please sign up in advance. Refreshments will be available.



COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Thursdays at 2 p.m. Please sign up in advance for each class.

January 15 Basic Computer Maintenance

January 22 Computer Security

January 29 Introduction To Digital Cameras

February 5 MS PowerPoint part 1 and part 2

February 12 MS Excel part 1 and part 2



AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAM

Mondays, 11a.m. – 3 p.m., February 2 – April 13

Call the library to sign up in advance for appointments for tax help.

**Feel free to contact the library
for more information: 330-745-6126.**

Library Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Pfeiffer Elementary Students Participate in G.R.E.A.T. Program

By Betty Huchko

Here are a few examples of what the 4th graders at Pfeiffer Elementary School wrote about the G.R.E.A.T. program sponsored by the Summit County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Michael Beers was the instructor. (Note: Only spelling and punctuation corrected).

"The G.R.E.A.T. program teaches you about Gang Resistant Education and Training. Our instructor was Deputy Beers. He has a horse named "Indiana." He and Indiana guarded the president's helicopters. Deputy Beers taught us that there are two helicopters so that people don't know which one he's in. He showed us all of his equipment. Some of the things he showed us are a taser, pepper spray, a gun, a radio, a pager, and a cell phone. He told us never ever touch a gun even if it looks empty because it could still have some bullets in it in top or front. We learned definitions of words. Some of the definitions of words we learned are victim, bully, respect, bystander, and many more. We played games, did plays and lots of other stuff. I really want to have the G.R.E.A.T. program again soon. It was awesome!" by Ashley Jansen

"I think Deputy Beers is really nice. He taught me to walk away from my problems. Now whenever somebody tries to fight me I just walk away. Then I come home then relax. The great program has made me more calm. Now I still get kind of mad still. Not as much. I don't get mad at my brother. I used to get really mad at my brother. I really don't have no bullies at all. I have one his name is Khaman he tried to fight me and I just walked away. I ignore him all of the time." by Marc

"The G.R.E.A.T. program helps me learn how to treat others. Be nice to other and people you do know. Respect others and school rules. I taught that the G.R.E.A.T. program is good for kids and you too. And his weapons are not to play with. And he show us not to bully other people. And help people. And help people to fit in and feel comfortable. And learn to control your anger and your behavior. And set goals for your self, take one step at a time. If you have a friend you can trust, ask them for help. Walk way and cool down when feeling angry. Or go some place quiet to think before you act. And keep working at it!!! You can get in control. Tell a friend, family member or teacher what is happening. IGNORE the bully or say NO firmly and WALK AWAY. Don't fight back if you can help it. It's not worth getting hurt to keep possessions or money. Avoid being alone in places you know bullies may pick any or stick with a group. Do things and talk to someone and ignore the bully. Ask a friend for help or support. Join a self defense class." by Brianna Wagner

Kenmore Kiwanis News

By Linda Burns

Kenmore Kiwanis just finished our annual Halloween costume parade and party. Prizes for costumes were awarded and punch and donuts were served. This year the club also gave away three gift certificates for R and D Bike Shop. The club is now getting ready for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays by putting together baskets for needy families and helping with decorating the gazebo and the Kenmore Holiday Celebration. The annual Trash & Treasures sale was a big success as was the popcorn/pop sales at the summer concerts. Thanks for your support! The 2008-2009 RIF program is up and running with all schools in the Kenmore Cluster participating. Kiwanis is also assisting the Key Club at Kenmore High School with their many projects for this school year.

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.



Students at Pfeiffer Elementary with G.R.E.A.T. instructor Deputy Michael Beers



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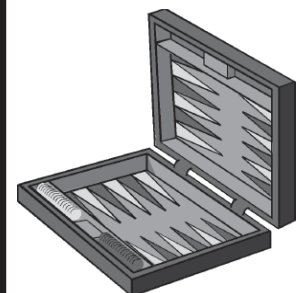
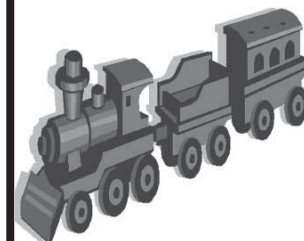
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13th Annual Kenmore Halloween Party a Big Success!

by Claude Debord

Who said the number 13 is a unlucky number anyway? Our party once again had no problems, thanks to all who made that possible. We had the "Sobeit Band", ranked number one in Akron, the "Swizzle Stick" R & B band, and the Rubber City Hermonia Club, who all did a fantastic job! There were classic cars like the Bat-mobile, General Lee, Rosco's police car, Uncle Jessie's truck, Fred Coladonato brought the hearse from the Akron Haunted Schoolhouse, the Andy Griffith show squad car, and even Purple Man's purple PT Crusier was there. Mingling with the crowd were Freddy, Jason, (David Cor-di) Pinhead, Lisa the Clown, the Toys 'R' Us mascot, the Akron Beacon Journal mascot, Captain Jack Sparrow, Wonder Woman, and even Santa Claus himself. We were lucky to have April "Red" DeBord and Drake Collins dazzle everyone with their fire performance. Bill Rowdey did his ninja juggling, and Bella Sin and her troupe danced the night away. The Corsair Plane Club provided many remote control planes for viewing. TV's Cool Ghoul, Handy Randy, and Tink & Tate video taped the party for their TV shows. And mid-Ohio many wrestlers performed 3 hours worth of great matches. Thanks to Councilman Mike Freeman, Tom Abbott of the Kenmore Community Council, Ralph Wagner, David Miller,



Ryan Haidet, Kenmore Comics & Games, all the 170 special guests, the 1000 in attendance, and especially my sweet wife Nancy for hundreds of hours of work that went into the 2008 party. I'm not sure what city the 2009 party will be in next year but the good folks of Kenmore will always be invited. As always if you know of someone with a cool costume, unusual talent or a interesting club please call me at 330-753-8692 and become part of the 2009 event.



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Renters Insurance: Why You Need It

by Todd Young, State Farm Agent

There are two big myths about renters insurance. One is that it's too expensive and the other is that it's not needed.

Not having renters insurance is a pretty big gamble, considering that without it you face the cost of replacing your personal belongings after an event such as fire or theft. What's more, you could face the prospect of defending yourself in a lawsuit because of some accident for which you might be held legally responsible, whether it happened where you live or elsewhere.

In many cases, for less than a couple hundred dollars a year you can protect your valuables, like your furniture and clothes, from loss by fire, theft, wind and water damage or other covered hazards.

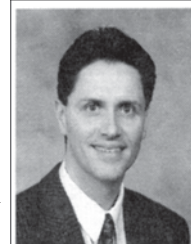
But many renters still don't believe they need insurance. A survey conducted by Cambridge Reports, Inc for the Insurance Information Institute found that fewer than three out of every 10 renters purchase renters insurance.

Many renters mistakenly believe their landlord's insurance will cover their own belongings. In fact, it would be extremely rare for a landlord's policy to extend to tenants' property.

To determine how much insurance coverage you'll need, take a complete inventory of your personal items. An insurance agent can help with this by estimating the total value of your property.

You'll also need to decide whether to opt for depreciated or limited replacement cost coverage.

Depreciated coverage is the cost to repair or replace your belongings minus depreciation. Let's say you bought a quality sofa with an expected useful life of 10 years. If it's now five years old and would cost about \$1,000 to replace, you could expect to receive about \$500 (less deductible) if your sofa was destroyed by fire. You would pay slightly more for limited replacement cost coverage, but you could expect to receive \$1,000 for your sofa minus your deductible.



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You should also keep in mind that insurance coverage for some types of personal property is limited in terms of dollars. Renters insurance also gives you personal legal liability coverage and medical payments to others who are accidentally injured while in your home, apartment or elsewhere if the injuries are caused by your actions. And, if you are forced to live elsewhere because of damage to your residence due to a covered loss, renters insurance covers additional living expenses.

Remember, you may not own the building in which you live, but you still need to have insurance to protect your property in the case of fire, theft or other hazards. Talk with your insurance agent for more information.

Kenmore Community Council News

By Tom Abbott

The 17th Annual Kenmore Community Days Festival held this past May, kicking off the Kenmore Centennial Celebration, was a grand success, with record numbers of attendance. The Fireworks Spectacular produced by Mike Meden and Garden State Fireworks has been noted as one of the finest displays in the area.

The Kenmore Community Council Inc. wishes to sincerely thank the City of Akron, Councilman Mike Freeman, The Kenmore Centennial Committee, The Kenmore Board of Trade, The Akron Public Schools, Bates Amusement Inc., and each and everyone of our festival participants, sponsors, and supporters. A Big "Thank You" goes out to our Kenmore residents and business owners, for your support of the festival, and the Council. Thank You Kenmore!

Kenmore Community Days Festival 2009 Celebrating Kenmore's Future The Centennial Celebration Finale!

The 18th Annual Kenmore Community Days Festival - The Centennial Celebration Finale - will be held on Wednesday, May 27th, 2009 thru Sunday,

May 31st, 2009 at Prentiss Park. We hope to have Fireworks included in this Centennial Year Finale Celebration! We will confirm the Fireworks in the next issue of the Connection. The tentative fireworks date will be Friday, May 29th, 2009 at 9:45 pm at Prentiss Park.

The Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 30th, 2009 at 10:00 am.

The Kenmore Community Council Inc. welcomes your ideas, involvement, and support! We may be contacted at 330-745-8999 or at Tabbottkcc@yahoo.com. See you in the Spring!

Kenmore Community Christmas Tree & Gazebo Lighting & Holiday Children's Party.

The Kenmore Gazebo, and Tree Lighting will take place as part of the Kenmore Holiday Celebration, on Saturday, December 6th. Beginning at 6:30 pm at the Shadyside Park Gazebo. The Annual Children's & Community Christmas Party with Santa will immediately follow at Park United Methodist Church. Santa & Mrs. Claus will appear, and photos will again be available.

Kenmore Community Council Inc. New Office Contact!

The Kenmore Community Council Inc. has moved our business operations, and can now be reached at 330-745-8999. You can reach us by email at tabbottkcc@yahoo.com. Our mailing address remains the same at P.O. Box 3954, Akron, Ohio 44314.

Contacts for the Council are as follows: Administrative - Tom Abbott, 330-745-8999, Gazebo Rental - Georgia Weatherholt, 330-753-6519, and for Gazebo Plaque info - Jo Ann Smith, 330-745-0738. We are always looking for new members! Please feel free to contact us.



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First Glance Expands into New Building

By Noelle Beck

First Glance (FG) is continuing to expand in order to give more students in this community a place to go. First Glance hosts many different programs throughout the week; from teen moms to recreational nights to skateboarding. For a list of all the programs and times go to www.firstglance.org.

Originally starting in the Kenmore Community Center, FG has continued to grow over the past 8 years. After using the Community Center for only two years, the attendance was too large to host the students. In 2005, FG began to rent the space above Rent-A-Center. This 5,000 square foot facility has been a great place to host skateboarding, basketball, eating, and more. Last spring on Thursdays and Fridays, FG was averaging 200 students each night. It soon became clear there was just not enough space to accommodate all of these students. First Glance's Board, Staff and volunteers decided to purchase the Hibernian building that is attached to the space they rent above Rent-A-Center. In May the purchase was complete and the work began.



Basketball & skateboard area



New First Glance "hang out" area

The first project undertaken was the renovation of the second floor of the former Hibernian's building. FG Staff received permission from their current landlord to put a doorway between the Hibernian's 2nd floor and the rented space above Rent-A-Center. Major renovations were then done to the facility with the help of over 100 volunteers who tore out walls, painted, cleaned, rebuilt bathrooms, built a snack bar area, and more. The former Hibernian's side hosts all of FG's computers, video games, tables, pool tables, etc. It is the more relaxed hang out area. The space above Rent-A-Center now hosts a full basketball court and a mini skate park for all of the active students that attend. On September 25th, First Glance reopened with both sides functioning. The students were so excited to see the new place, especially knowing it was done entirely for them. The night was a huge success with so many students attending and so many excited about doing so.

The next two projects will be for our Teen Moms. Currently there are 40 young ladies who are part of this program. They meet at Prentice Funeral Home, again, simply because FG is out of space. Therefore, First Glance volunteers and workers will be turning the old bar in the former Hibernian's basement into a new facility for our Teen Moms. This will include a nursery, full kitchen, meeting/teaching room, and an area for scrap booking and sewing and more. This new space will allow for more students and for more activities to happen throughout the week for these girls.

In addition, on the first floor, FG is putting in a boutique for the girls to shop for baby essentials. Currently Tom and Mary McCombs graciously donate space on the boulevard for the boutique. All the baby items for the boutique are donated. The teen moms have to do homework, participate, bring friends, etc. to earn points which can be redeemed to buy items at the boutique.

If anyone is interested in volunteering your time or skills to accomplish these projects, please call Doug Jones at 330-352-2460.

This building addition is vital because First Glance hosts over 1,100 students each year. Purchasing the Hibernian's space and utilizing our rental area above Rent-A-Center, hopefully, will allow the program to grow, hosting even more students in the future.

In addition, several of the older students have come back this year to volunteer with First Glance. It is the hope of FG Staff that the majority of the volunteers who help will be former FG students.



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Park Little Shepherd Preschool has been established to meet the need of families who value the importance of a preschool education but cannot afford the more costly programs nearby. We provide a low cost Subsidized Sliding Scale Tuition Program for families in need. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser, along with other fundraisers during the school year, will help fund the Subsidized Tuition Program for the 2008-2009 school year. Proceeds will also help provide general operating funds for the preschool.

This benefit is dedicated to the loving memory of Sara Stump, 24-year-old Park Little Shepherd Preschool Director, who died suddenly of Myocarditis June 27, 2007. In her spirit, Park Little Shepherd Preschool continues her passion, enthusiasm, and dedication to the children of our community so that "No child is left behind".

Auction items will include gift certificates from local restaurants, Fa-Ray's, Primo's Deli, El Puente; children's gift baskets, a flower arrangement from Michael's Arts and Crafts, books and gift items from Border's Books, Berean Christian Book Store, a scrapbook bag of goodies, and much, much more! Come join us for a fun afternoon that will provide a head start on education for our community's children.

Wolf Creek Players Raise Funds for the 2008-2009 Season

The Wolf Creek Players will give their fourth performance on November 13th, 14th, and 15th at Houston Hall, 3069 Houston Road, Norton. Called "Prisoners, Visitors, Odd Couples and Bare Feet -- An Evening with Neil Simon", this performance, directed by Bill Vaill, will present a one-act scene from each of the following Broadway shows---

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"Come Blow Your Horn"

Cast - Brett Biggs, Asley Frederick, Jim Trenta, Tim Vimont, Marilyn White

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"Plaza Suite"

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"The Odd Couple"

Cast - Scott Davis, Bob Yavorsky, Judy Villers, Maureen Davis

Price of admission to this fund raiser is \$15.00 per person, and includes horderves with a cash bar before the show. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30 pm, and Show Time is 7:30 pm.

Questions and ticket information is available by calling 330-825-3814 or via email at akrondiva@mac.com. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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Kenmore Homecoming Highlights!

by Jan Williams

The Kenmore Community celebrated their 100th anniversary again, this time by attending the 2008 Homecoming football game against North on September 20th. Many Kenmore High School alumni joined their former coaches, faculty and staff to help fill the stadium. Past cheerleaders also attended the game. Members of former dance teams, pep clubs, and Homecoming courts were there too. The first fifty female graduates were given mums from the Acme Floral on Manchester Road.



The words to Kenmore's First Fight Song and alma mater were passed out so fans could sing along while the band played the complete version of our alma mater. Most students and alumni were not aware that for years now we've only been singing the chorus of the alma mater.



The class of 1976 registered for the most graduates attending the game, and the 1980's were the winning decade. The oldest alums who registered graduated in 1947 and 1949. Kay Cottle, who has worked at the ticket booth of our games since the early 80's, said, "It was awesome to see the super attendance like games in the past."



Members of the Kenmore Historical Society were told that the first football game played at our stadium was against North. The field was mistakenly lined with lime, and many of the players were badly burned. Some still have scars from that game. If anyone can identify the year that game was played or have information to share about early games at the stadium, please contact the Kenmore Historical Society at P.O Box 3703, Akron Ohio 44314.



Thanks to all who attended the 2008 Kenmore High School Homecoming on Saturday September 20th!

