

Kenmore Connection

A Good Look at the Community

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CUT & SAVE!

Kenmore Acme Fresh Market Re-Modeled & Upgraded

The Kenmore Acme Fresh Market had it's Grand Re-Opening on Thursday January 15th. President of Acme Fresh Markets Steve Albrecht spoke to a large crowd of Acme associates & vendors, local politicians & news reporters, and many local shoppers from Kenmore. "We are re-investing \$2.2 million dollars in the Kenmore Community, preserving 112 jobs, and providing our loyal Acme shoppers the latest and greatest in grocery shopping". Steve added "We also want to be a destination store for health care."

To accomplish this goal, the Kenmore Acme is one of the first of the 16-store chain to have an ExpressCare Clinic located next to the expanded Pharmacy. These Clinics, operated by Acme under the direction of Akron General Medical Center, will provide quality treatment for common illnesses & injuries, offer vaccines & screenings, and prescribe treatment & write prescriptions with no appointment necessary. The Clinics become a part of a broader mission by Acme to create for their customers a "wellness environment" based on offering safe & healthy food, healthcare products, and services provided by knowledgeable, conscientious associates.

The Kenmore Acme Fresh Market is still located at 2147 East Avenue, with Store Director Jeff Sanders, an Acme associate for 35 years, inviting all to check out the new store décor, expanded product assortments, and new services offered!



Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic (left) thanks Acme President Steve Albrecht (right) for re-investing in Kenmore



The New ExpressCare Clinic



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Free Spring Concert

The Kenmore Church of the Nazarene invites everyone to a free concert on Sunday March 29th. Featuring Katie Jordan & Soul Venture, this concert will start at 10:00 am and is open to the public. For further information, please call 330-745-7720 for details.



Katie Jordan & Soul Venture

Kenmore Connection Begins 10th Year of Publication

Former Ward 9 Councilman John Conte wrote the first column in the first issue of the Kenmore Connection, starting with "Hey everybody, we have a community newspaper again...the *Kenmore Connection!* A *GOOD* look at the community."

To continue from Councilman Conte's article -

"However, bringing this new publication to life did not happen over night. It began over two years ago, when members of the Kenmore Board of Trade (KBOT) Neighborhood Business District Development Committee began exploring how we could bring back a community newspaper. Walt Heeney, who owns a direct mail business, calculated what it would cost to print and mail the proposed newspaper. Beth Kurchak and Mary Hensley, determined what it would cost in dollars and manpower to produce the paper."

"Unfortunately, the total cost was more than the Development Committee could afford at the time." Then "...KHS Principal Paul Wetshtein said the Kenmore Cluster had received funds through the Network for Systemic Improvement (NSI) grant that could help fund the paper and he was sure the students would help produce it. We now had the manpower and half of the funding. In the spring of this year (1999) Jeff Scott wrote a Neighborhood Partnership grant (a City of Akron program that began here in Ward Nine) for the Kenmore Board of Trade, it was approved and we had the balance of the funding"

This first issue was 8 pages in length on letter size paper. It had no advertisers. Over 10,000 copies were mailed to every resident in the 44314 zip code area. Thanks to Mary Hensley & Beth Kurchak, Jeff Scott & Susie Adaska, Kenmore High School Principal Paul Wetstein & educators Mary Dean & Jeff Kline, and the students of KHS, this community newspaper got its start

at providing news about community groups & events, business happenings, and just good stories about the residents of the Kenmore/Ward 9 area.

Now we enter our 10th year of publication, with just recently the addition of some color pages. All grants have long since gone away, and the Kenmore Board of Trade (still the publisher of this newspaper) now relies on local advertisers to continue to publish at a break-even scale. The Kenmore Board of Trade sincerely thanks all those who have advertised in the last ten years (205 different businesses, groups, & residents!) And to honor those who have consistently advertised at least once a year for six years or more, a new logo was designed to be placed in the ads of those who qualify.

Please remember to thank all the advertisers you see in this and future issues of the Kenmore Connection. It is with the support of the local community that our area businesses can survive & grow in today's economy. Please always remember to shop locally if the items or services you need are available. The Kenmore Community will always be healthy if it has a healthy business district to draw upon.

And finally, please give special thanks to these advertisers, who in 37 chances to advertise since the first issue in this publication, have done so many times in support of our community newspaper - Main Paint & Body (31), Reeves Cake Shop (31), Stone's Kenmore Mattress (32), Casa Mimi Restaurant (33), Etta Mae Smith Studio of Dance (34), Kenmore Tailors & Clothiers (34), Todd W. Young State Farm Insurance (34), Smith's House of Carpet (35), Immaculate Conception (36), Kenmore Comics & Games (37), and Prentice Funeral Home (37).

Our advertisers are the best - Please continue to support them!



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of our ads**

Freedom Tax Services Now Open for Business

Kenmore resident Jeffrey Vujevich has opened a new accounting business on Kenmore Boulevard. Freedom Tax Services, located at 1014 Kenmore Boulevard, will be open year round seven days a week (except holidays), and will provide business tax services, bookkeeping, and accounting services. They offer electronic filing and fast refunds for all, and can prepare prior year returns, amended returns, and extensions to those who need them. Jeffrey has been in the business since 1979, and most recently has been an accountant for one of the Akron hospitals. He decided to open his business in his neighborhood so that he may serve the community he enjoys being a part of.

Freedom Tax Services is open Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. For more information please call 330-753-5000 or stop on by at 1014 Kenmore Boulevard.

Two New Businesses Open at Kenmore & 9th Street

Kenmore Boulevard received two new businesses at 9th Street this January. Rubber City Tax Service and Elegant Salon & Barber Shop both opened at 815 Kenmore Boulevard.

Rubber City Tax Service specializes in both personal & business taxes. Home appointments for the elderly, sick & disabled are available. Elegant Salon & Barber Shop accepts walk-ins, but you can also call for appointments. They are currently seeking qualified beauticians for employment opportunities.

Both businesses are open Monday thru Saturday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, closed Sundays, however, Sunday appointments can be made by calling Diamond Averett at 330-745-9768.



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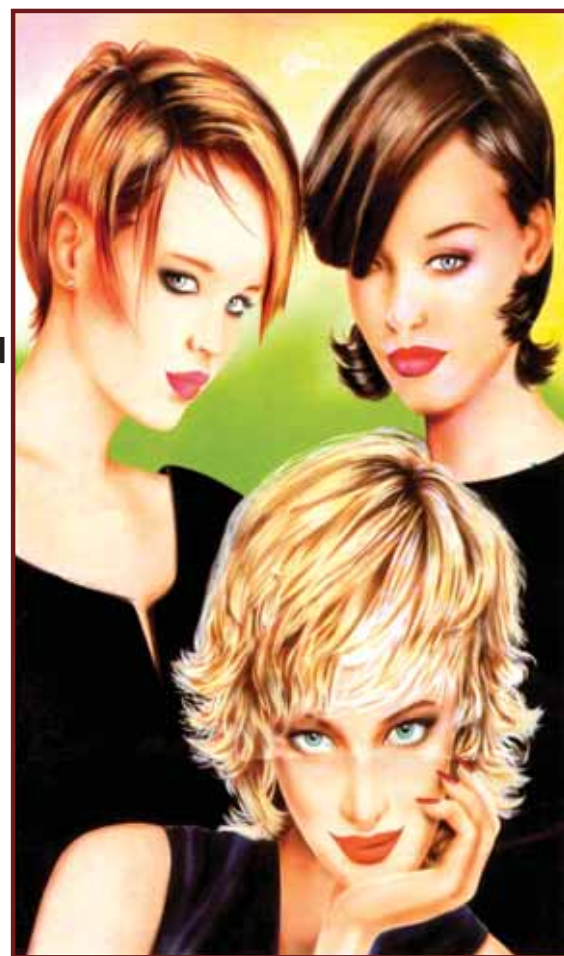
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Thursday, March 12, 2009. Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.
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We Need Your Help! Help us tell about the good things that are happening in Kenmore!

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ARTICLES: The Kenmore Connection will only accept what the editorial board considers to be "good news" about the Kenmore Community. The editorial board, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to refuse submission of any article, advertisement, or announcement for any reason whatsoever. Any information provided in any article, press release, or announcement represents the opinion of the submitter, and does not necessarily represent the position or opinion of this organization or any of its members.

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Mail to: Kenmore Connection
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Additional Copies of the Kenmore Connection can be found (while supplies last) at the following locations---

Acme Store #18
 2147 East Avenue

Bob's Hamburg
 1351 East Avenue

Carnegie Pantry
 986 Carnegie Avenue

Fay-Rays Restaurant
 1115 Wooster Road N

Kenmore Dairy Queen
 1262 Kenmore Boulevard

Kenmore Library
 2200 14th Street SW

Kenmore Senior/Comm Center
 880 Kenmore Boulevard

Lukity's Country Inn
 2697 Manchester Road

Subway - Kenmore
 1033 Kenmore Boulevard

20 Years of Christmas Decorations on Kenmore Boulevard

The 2008 Christmas season was the 20th year that the Kenmore Board of Trade has been coordinating the placement of the lighted holiday decorations on the light poles down the center of Kenmore Boulevard. It was in 1989 that Highland Square got new decorations, and Mel Kent (of Kenmore Tailors & Clothiers) asked the City of Akron if the old decorations could be used in Kenmore. The Kiwanis Club of Kenmore fixed them up the first year, with Kiwanis members Denny Bloomer (of Express Auto Sales & Service) & Richard Carderelli hanging ten sets of Candy Cane & Candle lights on the light poles.



Jasper McCutchan (of McCutchan Heating & Cooling) & Jeff Hancock (of First National Bank) stored them in the bank's basement the first couple of years. Currently John Buntin Jr (of Kenmore Komics & Games) has both stored and repaired them every year since. Mary McCombs (of Triple T Funding) led a group of Kenmore Board of Trade members in repainting & re-stringing the lights about 8 years ago. The Kenmore Board of Trade thanks all these business members for their contributions in the past twenty years, and would like to offer special thanks to Akron City Parks Maintenance Manager Bob Reed & his staff for putting up & taking down the lights every year.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary to Sponsor "Cancer Card Party"

The Ladies Auxiliary at Firestone VFW #3383 are planning a "Cancer Card Party" on Thursday March 12th, with all proceeds to go to the Cancer Aid & Research Program. Doors will open at 5:00 pm, with tickets costing \$5.00 each. This cost includes a salad supper & door prizes. Their will be 50/50 raffles, gift raffles, the "Wagon of Cheer", and the "Shamrock Lottery Tree".

Tickets are available for purchase at the VFW post in the Canteen, and at the Wednesday & Friday dinners and Sunday Breakfast. The Firestone VFW Post is located at 690 W. Waterloo Road. Please contact Ethel Bradshaw at 330-745-6287 for more information, and please support this worthwhile event!

Attention Rimer Graduates!

If you graduated from Rimer Elementary and would like to be invited to our dedication of the new Rimer Community Learning Center, please send your information to Nancy Ritch, Principal at: nritch@akron.k12.oh.us, or call the school at 330-848-5250 with your name, phone, address and date you graduated. You must have already graduated from high school. The date of our dedication has not yet been decided. If you send an email, kindly put RIMER GRADUATE in the subject line so they will know it is not a virus!

Block Watch Meeting at Sam Salem CLC

There will be a Community Block Watch Meeting on Thursday March 26th at the Sam Salem Community Learning Center (1222 W. Waterloo Road), starting at 6:30 pm. The featured speaker will be announced later, and Rick Smeltz will be there with information on starting a Community Block Watch. He can be reached at 330-745-9265 for more information. All residents are invited!

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March 18th & 25th
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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

Ages 2-5. Registration is required and children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Children will enjoy stories, songs, rhythm activities, movement activities, and crafts.
Wednesdays, 10:30am, February 4-March 25

BABYTIME STORY TIME

Sign up in advance. Stories, songs and finger plays for babies two years and under.
Wednesdays, 10:30am, April 1-22

FAMILY PROGRAM

Thursday April 9, 3:30pm Spring Craft Program.



Outback Ray Shares his Animals

TEEN PROGRAMS

Sign up in advance.
Tuesdays, 3:30pm
March 3 Teen Sign Creation
March 10 Teen Sign Creation
March 17 Teen Sign Creation
April 7 Karaoke Party
April 21 Make Hardware Jewelry
May 12 Teen Poetry Open Mike
May 19 Wii Rock Band.

Thursdays 5-7pm, March 5, April 2, April 16, and May 14

Wii Open Play for Grades 4-12. Game played will be announced one week in advance.

GUITAR HERO WORLD TOUR:

Top Guitarist Tournament
Thursday, March 19, 4-7pm
Sign up in advance, for ages up to 18 years and still in school.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Please sign up in advance for each program.
Saturday, March 21, 2pm Make a Spring Fling Centerpiece with Tami Custer
Saturday, April 4, 2pm Make a Bunny Bouquet Arrangement with Tami Custer
Saturday, May 16, 2pm Make a Keepsake Garden Arrangement with Tami Custer
Tuesday, May 26, 6:30pm Make a Container Garden with Flowers and Herbs presented by Cathy Morgan



Face Painting & Balloons

BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesdays, 1:30 pm
March 10 Spring Break. No Book Discussion.
April 14 JOURNEY TO FREEDOM
by Charlotte J. Marky
May 12 WATER FOR ELEPHANTS
by Sara Gruen

BOOKSALE

Saturday, May 9, 10am-3pm



Outback Ray and his Argentine Boa

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 23, 12pm-3pm,
Kenmore Historical Society presents historical displays and memorabilia.
Co-sponsor Kenmore Branch Library.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Wednesdays, 6pm
Please sign up in advance for each computer class.
May 13 Introduction to Computers
May 27 Windows For Beginners and File Management

Tax Aide Program

Mondays, Feb 2-April 13, 11am-2pm Call the library to sign up in advance for an appointment.



Madden 2009 Winner & Runner-Up

**Feel free to contact the library
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Library Hours:

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Councilman's Corner

Snow Bans & Towpath Trails

by Councilman Mike Freeman

Hopefully by the time this article arrives at your home, any information regarding snow issues will be outdated. Please be reminded that when significant snowfall occurs, Akron does issue snow parking bans. The police department or the service director will implement snow parking bans in a couple of different ways---

---Parking bans are immediately effective when two inches of snow has fallen on streets marked with red signs indicating they are considered to be Snow Parking Ban streets.

---The City also issues snow parking bans that will include other streets, as needed, and makes those announcements through its web site and local news outlets.

When a snow parking ban is announced, it is best that all cars be removed from parking spots on city streets, regardless of whether city crews are plowing main roads or residential side streets.

Cars not moved from street parking spots are subject to being towed. Akron snow removal teams appreciate adherence to the snow parking bans. Streets free of parked cars are critical if we are to get them plowed in a timely manner.

For those of you who use Manchester Road, between Wilbeth and Waterloo, get ready for the orange barrels to be rolled out soon. A major project, similar to the Manchester Road project recently completed south of Waterloo, is slated to begin this year. While no one enjoys the disruptions caused by construction, the alternative is not an option. Good roads promote business and strengthen neighborhoods.

Council recently approved legislation providing the funding for the completion of the towpath trail from Young's Restaurant north to the northern end of Summit Lake. Residents of Ward 9 have been able to enjoy a point of entry to the Towpath at the trailhead at Manchester/Carnegie. This however only allowed travelers to proceed south. This new section will now extend the path north toward downtown. An additional trailhead will be established at the canal and Wilbeth Road. One of the outstanding features of this new addition of trail will be a floating path in proximity to the canal at Summit Lake.

Please remember that we continue to hold monthly ward meetings every first Tuesday of the month at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Thank you again for allowing me to serve our community.

Kenmore Grad Wins Miss Summit County Pageant

Kenmore's own Ryann Guilliams is the winner of last year's Miss Summit County Pageant. This allowed her to participate in the Miss Ohio Pageant. She spent 6 years as a Kenmore Youth Football Cheerleader, and then 4 years with the Kenmore High School Cheerleaders. Currently she attends Kent State University, and works part time at the Kenmore Library. Congratulations Ryann!



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!



Councilman Mike Freeman at the February Ward 9 Meeting

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Rubber City Realty Moves to New Location

Rubber City Realty, located at 943 Kenmore Boulevard for over four decades, has moved across the street to 942 Kenmore Boulevard. Founded by Jerry Turchin in late 1959, Rubber City Realty specializes in selling & renting homes in the Kenmore/Ward 9 community. When Jerry passed away last year, wife Helen decided to continue the business. "I like the community, and appreciate all our great customers who have done business with us over the years" says Helen. "Having lived & worked so long in Kenmore, I feel that Rubber City Realty is the best at promoting the sales of homes in our community". She is planning an open house soon.



Helen Turchin



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McCutchan Award Presented to Dolores Reeves

By Amanda Gragg

The Kenmore Board of Trade presented the 2008 McCutchan Award to Dolores Reeves, of Reeves Cake Shop, for her efforts in the Kenmore community. The Kenmore Board of Trade presents the award yearly (since 1997) in honor of Lee & Jasper McCutchan, who's dedication & contribution to the Kenmore Community will always be remembered. Mrs. Reeves exemplified the attitude of service that is the spirit of the McCutchan Award. She is a member of the Kenmore Centennial Committee, Vice-President of the Kenmore Historical Society, a director of the Kenmore Board of Trade, as well as a volunteer at many of the concerts and other events held this year in celebration of Kenmore's centennial anniversary.

Dolores has been a life-long resident of Kenmore. She married Robert Reeves in 1951, and they raised four children together. She became involved with the Kenmore PTA, and since then has devoted herself to many other organizations including her church, Hope United Methodist. Dolores and Bob opened Reeves Cake Top Shop in 1976 on East Avenue. It started as a cake and candy supply and has evolved into a specialty bakery now located on Cory Avenue in Kenmore.

These days Dolores finds time to volunteer her time for community projects, spend time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and can still be found most days in the kitchen of Reeves Cake Shop. Thank you Dolores for all of your hard work in 2008!



KBOT President Scott Smith & McCutchan Award Winner Dolores Reeves



Paula Davis of Keep Akron Beautiful speaks at the February Kenmore Board of Trade luncheon

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The Kenmore Community has participated in many holiday events in the last three months, so with the thought to revisit these events this special section was created.

The Annual Kenmore Halloween Parade

The Annual Kenmore Halloween Parade & Costume Contest for 2008 was on Thursday, October 30th. Many of the costumed characters and their parents started at Shadyside Park, and preceded down Kenmore Boulevard to 13th Street, led again by Superman carrying the American flag. Accompanying this procession with Halloween inspired music was the Kenmore High School Band, themselves led by band director Ashley Fraley. The parade turned North on 13th Street to finish marching at Kenmore High School, where all preceded to enter the gym. After all had arrived via parade or directly at the school, the costume contest itself saw almost 200 children dressed for this annual fall event.

The Kiwanis Club of Kenmore were again this year's sponsors. The annual costume contest was MCed by Kiwanis member John Buntin Jr, and judged by members Pam Ballinger, Iona Beidle, Dick Cardarelli, Fama Hamon, Pete Petersen, Etta Mae Smith, Carol Traicoff, and Brent Wood. Gym floor chaperones included Kiwanis members Earl "Purple Man" Baker, Denny Bloomer, Lynda Burns, Rick Korenz, Lee McCutchan, & Teresa Snyder.

Five different costume contests were held, with the top ten winners of each receiving a prize - two \$1 "gold" coins. As each contest began, the participants would march in a circle around the judges, who would pick the best of that category. The tradition of rewarding costume contest winners with \$1 coins has been continued in our community for well over 6 decades! This year also included several Grand Prizes donated by the Kenmore Kiwanis, RD Bike Shop of Barberton, & Kenmore Comics & Games - three \$250 gift certificates for a new bicycle, and \$250.00 worth of comics & games. As a final thank you to all who attended, the Kiwanis served punch and donuts to the departing children and their parents, and wished them all a Happy Halloween!



The Kenmore High School Band Leads the Parade



The Kenmore Halloween Parade starts at Shadyside Park



Costume Contest Winners Line Up to Receive Their Prize - Two \$1.00 "Gold" Coins from Kenmore Kiwanis

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Kenmore's American Legion Post Sponsors 75th Veterans Day Ceremony

The Firestone Memorial American Legion Post #449, located at 1090 Kenmore Boulevard, sponsored their 75th Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th, 2008. This event took place at Shadyside Park. Groups in attendance included the Korean War Veterans, the Jewish War Veterans, VFW Post 3383, the Kenmore High School Band led by Band Director Ashley Fraley, the Kenmore JROTC led by First Sgt. Tri, and the Garfield High School JROTC led by Cpl. Life. This year flags were placed in the ground to make a parade ground.

In addition to photos, we have included the itinerary and a first-hand account of the event, to try and convey the atmosphere of the day. Special thanks to Post Commander Quentin S. Geary for supplying the information & photos of this event!



Veterans Day Itinerary

- 1) Bugler sounds assembly at 10.30 am.
- 2) "Welcome to our Veterans Day program. Once again we have gathered to honor and remember the men and women who through their dedicated service, provided us with freedom and liberty."
- 3) "Would you please stand and all join in paying respect to the flag of our country, while our bugler sounds the call to colors."
(Raise the flag) (Sgt at Arms post colors)
- 4) "Please join me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance."
- 5) Introduction of Chaplain Mike McNulty who will lead us in prayer.
- 6) Ms. Fraley and the Kenmore High School Band will now play a musical salute.
- 7) Introduction of distinguished guests - Korean War Veterans, Polish War Veterans, Jewish War Veterans and the Christian War Veterans, VFW and anyone else I missed thank you for coming.
- 8) Introduction of Kenmore Band. (Ms. Fraley who will play "America the Beautiful")
- 9) Introduction of speaker - George Baker, Veteran Service Commissioner Director.
- 10) Introduction of Auxiliary President Bridget Castricone. She will recite IN FLANDERS FIELDS.
- 11) Wreath bearers ## Place the wreaths. "This day is sacred with the almost visible presence of those who have gone before us. We honor the memory of those who gave their lives in the service of our country, and of those others who have gone to their eternal rest. Let us stand with bowed heads in solemn memory of those we honor."
- 12) "Now with one accord, in deepest reverence, we honor those who rest in heroes' graves that those who served may not have died in vain."
- 13) "Captain of the Guard, Salute the Dead." (Firing Squad) (Taps)
- 14) "Ladies and Gentlemen: may the ceremonies of today deepen your reverence to our country and its flag. All who stand with us today, let us renew our pledge of loyalty to our country and its flag. Let us resolve by word and deed to emphasize the privilege and duty of patriotism. Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoyed should not forget in time that men have died to win them."



"This concludes our program for this occasion. Thank you, Kenmore High School Band, Ms. Fraley, First Sergeant Tri and his JROTC, and also Sgt Grieco of the JROTC of Garfield High School for coming to this year's event. All participants please join us in our Post for Army and Navy bean soup."

"God bless you, God bless America, please drive safely."

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Picture leaves falling in great amounts and it being pretty cold out. Legion members placing small American flags in a large square to make a parade field. Large American Flags 8' standing around every 20 feet for a different group to stand. Now all the speakers are hooked up and we hear the band marching down the road from Kenmore High School. There are about 25 students, behind the band is marching 45 Army JROTC in full uniform. At about this same time there were 3 uniformed Marines arrived to observe the ceremony in full uniform - they are active and going over seas. Also at around this time some cars started parking around Shadyside Park and Garfield High School Navy JROTC start arriving. Everything is going as the Itinerary and the programs state. Standing in the Gazebo to my right was the American Legion Honor Guard at Parade Rest holding their rifles. Moving up the field next is the American Legion Color Guard with the Kenmore JROTC helping hold all branches of our military flags and the flags of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, Auxiliary flag of the American Legion, Korean War Vets Flag, VFW Flag, Jewish War Vets Flag, and every organization that was there had their flag. Next you had the Kenmore Band with Ms. Fraley playing the Star Spangled Banner and other songs. The program went very well. I was the M.C. and everything went perfect. There were around 20 Garfield JROTC. There were people standing all around watching and a lot more staying in their cars because it was cold.



It was a good day to see our children in uniform honoring our fallen soldiers. After the program was over everyone was asked to come to our Post for bean soup and corn bread and talk to our members. The students sat with our old soldiers and learned about being a real soldier and that war is not as glorious as they see on TV. The kids from both schools sat around for hours talking to everyone and I was told every one had a very good time. Our members were overjoyed to tell their story to the young who really wanted to listen.

Quentin S. Geary, Post Commander
Firestone Memorial American Legion Post #449

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Bad Weather Doesn't Stop the 10th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration

Cold winds & lots of snow didn't stop the 10th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration from bringing joy & cheer to children of all ages on December 6th. All up & down Kenmore Boulevard, from The Church on the Boulevard at 6th Street, to the Kenmore Senior/Community Center & Goss Memorial Church, and at the Kenmore Branch Library, past Santa's Sleigh at the McCutchan Courtyard, and all the way down to Kenmore Dairy Queen, there were children's crafts & games, business sales & open houses, and costume characters (sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Kenmore) & Santa Claus himself to entertain and inform everyone. Even with the cold temperatures, a big crowd waited at Shadyside Park that Saturday evening for Santa to again arrive. The prizes for the Adult Raffle Stops, Kid's Treasure Hunt, and Teen Scavenger Hunt were given out, and "God's Choir" from The Church on the Boulevard sang many holiday tunes. The evening ended with the annual Children's Party with Santa at Park United Methodist Church, sponsored by the Kenmore Community Council. The Kenmore Board of Trade Events Committee coordinated this event, and wishes to thank those groups mentioned above, plus the First Glance Student Center (who supplied most of the volunteers), the Kenmore High School Jazz Band & Band Boosters, and the Kenmore Cluster PTA's, who all contributed for this annual event happen. Special thanks to all the volunteers who contributed time & effort to make this event. And please thank those businesses listed below, who may have donated prizes, had sales & open houses, or offered free refreshments on this fun-filled day. See you all next year!



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Kenmore Baseball News

The Kenmore Class E (17-18 years old) Cardinals Managed by Joe Massaro continued their winning ways by capturing their 4th consecutive Ohio Hot Stove State Baseball title. In the regional tournament they beat teams from Wellington, Sebring, and Springfield. Then the weekend of August 2-3 our Kenmore Cardinals beat the team from Waterloo to move into the championship round. In the Championship round they met the North Akron Tigers and won a hard fought game by the score of 3-2. MVP of the game was Matthew Massaro. GREAT JOB BOYS!!

Baseball Signups 2009

Baseball signups took place February 7th and 14th at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center. However, late signups are available on February 28th at the Center. Tryouts & parents meetings are also this day. New players will need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. Please contact the appropriate board member for times & other information for these late sign-ups.

Do you have any old baseball equipment lying around the house??? Bring it to baseball signups where it might be used by some one less fortunate. KYB will be collecting gently used baseball equipment to resell at minimal cost to its new owner.

The 2009 Kenmore Youth Baseball Board

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Kristy Heppe	330-808-3295	Coach Pitch Commissioner 6-8
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The Kenmore Church of the Nazarene (www.kenmorenaz.org) sponsors a Men's Basketball Open Gym every Thursday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Boys & Men 15 & older may attend.

The Kenmore Church of the Nazarene is located on the corner of 12th Street & Iona Avenue.

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Kenmore Youth Football to Host "A Night at the Races"

The Kenmore Youth Football Booster Club has just finished their 2008 regular football season. The Varsity and A Team Football players proudly represented this organization by having undefeated seasons. The Varsity Team continued on to win the League Championship. Not to be outdone by the football players, the Varsity Cheerleaders brought home the two 1st place trophies this year after competing in competitions that were held at Revere and in Coshocton. This is truly a great accomplishment!

As with any sports program it takes a great deal of money and volunteers to run a successful program. The Kenmore Youth Football Booster Club will be hosting a fundraising event "A Night at the Races" on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the VFW Club located at 690 W. Waterloo Road. In addition to inviting Kenmore residents to join in on this event, they are seeking donations to be used as door prizes at this event. All funds raised will be used to benefit the children that are involved with this organization.

Donations will allow the KYF Booster Club to have the opportunity to continue to teach teamwork, discipline, and self respect in a fun, safe, and constructive way. Kenmore Youth Football is committed to helping children develop a solid foundation that they will carry and build upon throughout their lives.

For more information, please contact Rogers Clark at 330-745-2652 or Jennifer Coffee at 330-753-6649. Please call for availability of dinner tickets for this event.

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St. Augustine Chooses Scholarship Recipients

By Kim Kozer

St. Augustine is proud to announce this years Scholarship winners:

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Theodore Kanis II (a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church), an eighth grade student, was a recipient of the St. Vincent St. Mary Academic Scholarship. He was one of the 30 highest scorers among all eighth graders taking the Scholarship/Placement Tests this fall at Akron St. Vincent St. Mary High School.

Cory Swietzer (a parishner of Immaculate Conception Church), an eighth grade student, was a recipient of the Irish Opportunity Scholarship at Saint Vincent St. Mary High School.



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Kenmore Kiwanis News

By Linda Burns

What is Kiwanis? It is a worldwide service organization of volunteers “dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time”. And it does this by assisting the youth, the needy and the aging of this community. Just ask long-time members Dick Cardarelli (25 years), Tom Prentice (30 years), Curt Minier (35 years) and Pete Peterson (45 years). Or just ask Zoe Ann Boring, who has received her ruby K pin for sponsoring 5 new members in the last 4 years. And the following report is what these members and the rest of the Kiwanis have been doing in the last 3 months.

It began at Halloween with the Kenmore Annual Halloween Parade, followed by the Costume Contest at Kenmore High School (see page 11 of this issue for photos). We had donuts and punch, gave out prizes for costumes, and best of all awarded 3 \$250 gift certificates for new bikes! Next, for Thanksgiving and Christmas our food baskets were organized by Lee McCutchan, and along with Dick Cardarelli, they were delivered to 8 needy Kenmore families. Dick is also our liaison to the Key Club of KHS.

Two of our newest members, Fama Hamon and Carol Traicoff, made 40 premie hats and 20 afghan blankets for Children’s Hospital. Members Glenn and Gary Shabram’s mother, Carolyn, knitted hats and gloves for Park United Methodist Church to give to needy children.

The big project for the Christmas season was decorating the gazebo at Shadyside Park. Along with Dick Cardarelli, who stores our decorations during the year, members who placed the decoration included Rick Korenz, Curt Minier, John Buntin Jr., Gary Shabram and Brent Wood. It was a very festive sight through the holiday season and enjoyed by the people of Kenmore. The Kenmore Kiwanis also sponsored the costumed characters during the 10th Annual Kenmore Holiday Festival on Saturday December 6th.

The biggest project of Kiwanis during the school year is sponsoring our Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. We provide FREE books for the 2300 students in 9 schools in the Kenmore Cluster. We just had our first distribution of those books under the very capable supervision of John Buntin Jr. Kiwanis is very proud of this project and John.



The Kiwanis Club of Kenmore meets every Tuesday at 11:45 am at the Kenmore Church of the Nazarene (located at 12th Street & Iona Avenue). If you would like to be a part of this community service, volunteer your time, and satisfy your taste buds (a hot meal is cooked every week), please come and join us for lunch (\$7) and fellowship.


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Kenmore Historical Society - Neighborhood Stores

By Richard Jolly

While growing up in the 40’s and 50’s, there were several small stores around Kenmore. One of my favorites was Adams located at 16th and Chester, which is now called Showcase Meats. I would stop on my way to school or going home and get candy. I remember collecting pop bottles and getting two cents each when you turned them in. Then I would buy myself some candy.

Close to Smith School there was a little store (Clark’s) on the right side, in the back of a house, located a few houses up the hill on Chester Avenue. We went there to buy milk and candy at lunchtime. In those days you went home for lunch. Very few kids would stay at school for lunch.

Another favorite of mine was the Williamson’s Confectionery located on 12th Street in the building where Dr. J. E. Baker, Chiropractor, is now located. My mother knew the people who owned it and in the evening I would walk over to it with her, and while there she would buy me ice cream. In the front they had a counter and tables and toward the back was where they had groceries and things.

Most little neighborhood stores are gone now. Let’s keep their memories alive. The Kenmore Historical Society would like to hear about your favorite stores as you grew up in Kenmore. Send your memories to: Kenmore Historical Society, P. O. Box 3707, Akron OH 44314 or to our website at www.kenmorehistorical.org.



Corinne Daily shared this picture with us of her family’s store (Foster’s Grocery) that was located on 7th Street and the alley behind the Boulevard E. U. B. Church (now The Church on the Boulevard).

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Kenmore Community Council News

By Thomas Abbott

Kenmore Community Days Festival 2009

The 18th Annual Kenmore Community Days Festival will be held on Wednesday, May 27th, thru Sunday, May 31st, 2009 at Prentiss Park. Fireworks are tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 29th, 2009, at 9:45 pm at Prentiss Park. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 30th, 2009, at 11:00 am.

The purpose of the festival is to provide a community and family event in a safe and controlled environment that builds community spirit, and seeks to involve our entire community. We are the largest community amusement ride festival in the City of Akron. The festival builds community spirit by involving our Community, our Schools, Business Community, and our residents.

The festival is conducted by the Kenmore Community Council Inc, and is in partnership with the City of Akron.

We are always searching for new ideas, and new volunteer involvement. If you, and or your organization is interested in being involved as a parade participant, vendor, or entertainment participant, please contact the Council at 330-745-8999.

Mark your calendars now for festival 2009, and look for our special festival section in May, in the Kenmore Connection.

New Office Contact Information for the Kenmore Community Council Inc.

With the closing of Rolling Acres Mall, our offices are no longer at the mall. Our new telephone number is 330-745-8999. Tom Abbott can now be reached at 330-388-7531, and our Council email is: Tabbottkcc@yahoo.com.

Our mailing address is: Kenmore Community Council, P.O. Box 3954, Akron, Ohio 44314.

The Kenmore Community Council Inc. is searching for new storage and office space - must be easily accessible. We are looking for an individual, church, school, or business who may have space to share. We are searching for donated space or minimal expense. A great benefit for someone willing to work with a non-profit charitable orga-

nization is our tax exempt status. Tax deductions apply for you! Storage space is needed for our festival equipment, and gazebo Christmas decorations. Please contact Tom Abbott, at 330-745-8999, if you can help. Thanks

A Big Council Thank You!

The Kenmore Community Council Inc. wishes to Thank Ron Leonard, Bob Weatherholt, Georgia Weatherholt, Nicholas Weatherholt, Gene & Jo Ann Smith, Deborah & Danielle Leonard; for their time in decorating the Gazebo for Christmas, and for the Community & Children's Christmas Party. We sincerely thank Park United Methodist Church, and the Kenmore Kiwanis and Key Club members who assisted us. The church, for the use of their social hall, and to the Kiwanis, for decorating the actual gazebo, and purchasing new lights and garland.

Thank You for Your Time and Support!

Kenmore 2009 Summer Concert Season, Gazebo Rental, and Gazebo Memorial Plaques

The Kenmore Summer Concert Kick off begins Wednesday, June 11th, 2009, at the Shadyside Park Gazebo. The concerts run thru August, and are held from 7pm - 9pm. The Concerts are sponsored by the City of Akron Recreation Bureau, and supported by the Kenmore Community Council Inc., the Kenmore Board of Trade Events Committee who provide Children's activities, and the Kenmore Kiwanis who serve Popcorn & Cold Beverages. Plan now to bring your family for great music and fun!

The Cletus Swords Memorial Gazebo is available for weddings, special events, and concerts. Please contact Mrs. Georgia Weatherholt at 330-753-6519 for rental information.

The Council is still offering Memorial Gazebo Plaques in Memory / Honor of a loved one. Please call Jo Ann Smith, at 330-745-0738 for an application form. Ordering your plaque now enables the plaques to be ordered and installed when the weather breaks. This is a great opportunity to remember someone.

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The Kenmore Senior Club

By Laurie Chenavey

The Kenmore Senior Club has been meeting at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center since 1989. They are a diverse group of active adults who come together twice a month to share fellowship, information and support one another. Members of our group can be spotted volunteering at events here in Kenmore and all over the city of Akron. What a great way to be involved in our community and enjoy local events!

Some of our favorite city officials can be spotted at meetings. They offer support to our community and share important information. It's always nice to be able to communicate directly with them and have the opportunity to ask questions and be heard.

Club members enjoy day trips & travel to destinations such as Marietta & the Lighthouses on Lake Erie. Trips are planned well in advance and prices can be deeply discounted. Traveling with others is always safer and more fun! Studies show that adults who stay active & get out are healthier & happier.

The Club plans many social events throughout the year. These include yearly birthday party and a special catered holiday luncheon. Some other favorites are an ice cream social, picnic, a pizza party, and a covered dish lunch (a great opportunity to show off your culinary skills). Some of these meetings may include entertainment provided by local celebrities or one of the talented musical groups from Kenmore High School.

Take the first step in enriching your life with friends and opportunities. We invite you to join us for a meeting or two! Come and see what we are all about. Bring a friend or meet one here. Meetings are held at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. If you have any questions just call the community center and speak with one of the staff at 330-375-2812.

Kenmore Senior Club

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*Community events, speakers, entertainment,
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picnics, pizza party, ice cream social,
covered dish lunches, holiday luncheons,*

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Persons with disabilities needing assistance are asked to contact Billy Soule, Assistant to the Mayor of Community Relations, 166 S. High Street, Akron, OH 44308, 330-375-2189 (voice), 330-375-2345 (TDD), at least seven (7) days in advance. Visit our website at www.recreation@ci.akron.oh.us



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Immaculate Conception Preschool & Child Care Center Wins State Award for Excellence

By Michelle Hardy

In recognition of its excellent child care program and its ongoing commitment to children, Immaculate Conception Preschool & Child Care Center has received a One-Star Step Up To Quality Award from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services - Bureau of Child Care and Development, the state agency responsible for licensing and promoting high standards among Ohio's child care programs. "Immaculate Conception Preschool & Child Care Center provides a higher standard of care that exceeds Ohio's licensing standards. This translates to more teachers, a greater commitment to in-service training and a more nurturing environment for children to grow and develop," said Terrie Hare, Chief, Ohio Bureau of Child Care and Development. "This outstanding commitment to children and early learning is why Immaculate Conception Preschool & Child Care Center has earned our One-Star award."



One-Star Step Up To Quality programs meet the following criteria:

- A ratio of one teacher for every five infants (ages birth-12 months) or 2:10, one teacher for every six infants (ages 12-18 months), one teacher for every 7 toddlers (ages 18-36 months), one teacher for every eight toddlers (ages 30-36 months), one teacher for every 12 preschoolers (36-48 months), one teacher for every 14 preschoolers (48-60 months), one teacher for every 18 school-aged children (ages 5-15 years).

- Teachers receive five hours of child development training per year, above licensing requirements.

- To reduce staff turnover, the program provides at least one employee benefit to staff members.

- Teachers are familiar with Ohio's Early Learning Content Standards and are trained to prepare children for kindergarten.

"Immaculate Conception Preschool & Child Care Center is proud to be a One-Star program. We know that learning begins the moment babies open their eyes. Because of that, we are committed to high-quality care and education. Thank you Ohio for this recognition and thanks to our staff for their outstanding work with children," said Michelle Hardy.

Achieving these benchmarks is crucial for the future of Ohio's children. This as more parents join the workforce and more children are cared for outside of the home. In Ohio, 65% of children under the age of six have both parents in the workforce. At the same time 90% of brain development occurs before the age of five.

Children enrolled in high quality early learning programs, particularly low income children, are more likely to stay in school, attend college, earn more money and be employed in high-skilled jobs than their peers.

Step Up To Quality is available statewide. Visit www.stepuptoquality.org for more information.



Immaculate Conception Preschool & Child Care Center

2128 - 16th Street SW

Akron, Ohio 44314

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icpreschool@yahoo.com



Open enrollment for Summer & Fall begins March 2nd!

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.



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Area Students Becoming Tomorrow's Leaders

By Noelle Beck

Every Thursday and Friday night hundreds of local students attend First Glance. Many of these students have been attending programming at the student center for several years. In November of last year First Glance invited all interested high school students to consider joining their team of volunteers as Student Leaders. The students answered the call. Currently there are 15 students participating in the program. Each week these students learn about leadership through personal mentoring, group discussion, and experience. Students lead in several ways, they are asked to act according to a higher standard and to lead quietly by example. They also lead by attending on Thursday or Friday nights. On these nights Student Leaders are given small tasks to complete as they mingle with their friends as they normally would. Tasks range from helping behind the snack bar to cleaning up spills as they occur.

"There is so much potential in our students and this is the perfect way to tap into it" said Nate Smith, an intern at First Glance. "It has been awesome to see our Student Leaders rise up to the occasion and begin to really embrace their roles." First Glance recognizes how important it is to identify and embrace the potential that many of the students show. "Ultimately, we would love to see them stick around after they graduate and continue to lead" said Smith. When the students were asked why they wanted to become Student Leaders the majority of the students expressed appreciation for the work First Glance has done and a personal desire to give back.

In addition to the Student Leader program there is also an Almost Leader program. Almost leaders are students who can no longer attend First Glance due to their age, but have a desire to come back as leaders. The program is designed to help the Almost Leaders transition into a leadership position through the training and mentoring of experienced volunteers. Almost Leader's progress is monitored and their training spans almost every aspect of what it means to be a First Glance volunteer. They are expected to attend all volunteer meetings, attend programming regularly, and to have a willingness to learn new things. Ultimately upon completion of the program the Almost Leaders will become regular volunteers. "We really want to help our leaders be the best at what they do, there is so much to learn and our hope is we can provide them with every resource they'll need" said Smith.

Check out more about First Glance at www.firstglance.org

PROJECT SHINE – 2009

Next years' Project Shine will be held the week of June 21-27, 2009. During this week, our volunteer teenagers and adults will come together for a week of service, 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.

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Innes Middle School Students of the Month

by Christine Veppert

Innes Teachers and Staff are recognizing "Students of the Month"! Students that display good character, manners and courteousness towards others are recognized with a short essay by the nominating staff member, along with the students picture on a bulletin-board outside the main office. Students also receive an envelope with many other goodies. Innes staff wants these students to know that we are proud of them and that their good citizenship doesn't go unnoticed. They are a pleasure to have in our classrooms and make teaching a joy! Parents, encourage your child to model that standout behavior that will get them noticed as a "Good Citizen" at Innes Middle School.



**7th Grade Students of the Month -
December & January**



6th Grade Students of the Month - October & November



8th Grade Students of the Month - December & January



7th Grade Students of the Month - October & November



18th Grade Students of the Month - October & November

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**CELEBRATE
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9:30 **EASTER PARTY**, Craft Activity, Clown & Magicians, at the Kenmore Senior / Community Center

10:45 **Bunny Hop** along the Boulevard to the **EASTER EGG HUNT!**

Young Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsors and organizers of this special family event are:

Kenmore Board of Trade, Kenmore Community Council, Kenmore Senior/Community Center, Kiwanis Club of Kenmore, First Glance, Kenmore Historical Society, and the Kenmore PTA Cluster. It is funded by donations, and by an Akron Neighborhood Partnership Grant from the City of Akron and the Akron Community Foundation.