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Kenmore Boulevard Gets New Security Cameras

Kenmore Boulevard has become the second community in Akron to receive new security cameras (the first was Highland Square). These state of the art cameras will record various spots on Kenmore Boulevard (and at the Gazebo at Shadyside Park), so that any images taken can be reviewed later. With the ability to scan, pan, and zoom, a close up can be obtained from any camera. There are both fixed cameras in place, as well as several "floating cameras" that can be placed where needed. All the cameras will send their signals wirelessly to a monitoring station in downtown Akron.



Councilman Freeman (left) of I2C Technology February 2nd Ward

This program has been several years in the making. Councilman Mike Freeman had petitioned the Akron City Council for funds the last several years, and finally got the funding needed in 2009. With the help of a committee from the Kenmore Board of Trade, Councilman Freeman, KBOT President Scott Smith, and Committee Chairman Joe Stefka spent many hours last fall reviewing the camera systems and discussing locations for camera placement. The owners of several of the buildings on Kenmore Boulevard have donated their space and electricity for the mounting and operation of the cameras.

This pilot program is being watched by many other Ward Councilmen in Akron, who all hope that they may some day be able to participate in this security program designed to prevent crime and vandalism. With the ability to zoom in on any trouble area, it is hoped that those causing "mischief" will find some other place to keep busy than on Kenmore Boulevard, or be caught on tape for all to see.

Ward 9 Councilman

Councilman Freeman holds a public meeting Tuesday every month at the Kenmore Community Center, starting at 7:00 pm. Please join more Boulevard to discuss your concerns.

The March 2nd Meeting is scheduled for Akron's three Councilman-at-Large.

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CUT & SAVE!

Crafts, Eggs & Fun Arrive March 27th This Year

With hopes of no rain or snow this year, the Annual Kenmore Craft & Easter Egg Hunt will be held. Beginning at the Kenmore Senior/Community Center with the Children's Craft Party, there will be (as always by the Kiwanis Club of Kenmore), craft projects, magicians, a clown, prizes, balloons (Historical Society), and special guests - The Easter Bunny & Easter Ducky, who will spend most of the day with the excited children.

Doors at the Community Center will open at 9:30 am for the crafts and entertainment events. Children, adults, volunteers, and The Easter Bunny & Easter Ducky would "stroll" down Kenmore with balloons to Shadyside Park, where the eggs placed by the Kenmore Community Council will be ready for the hunt.

Mark your calendars and please plan to bring your children to this years Annual Kenmore Craft & Easter Egg Hunt.

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Walker Insurance Agency Celebrates 40 Years on Kenmore

50 years old and growing! The Walker Insurance Agency has been located at 981 Kenmore Boulevard since moving to the Boulevard in 1960. Don Walker established the agency in the front room of his 17th Street Kenmore home in the late 1950's. After starting as a life insurance agent, Don soon realized that everyone also wanted him to insure their home and auto. Once the agency was licensed with Grange Mutual things started to happen in a big way. While Grange is the main company represented, Motorist Mutual and Ohio Mutual, along with several other companies, are now offered at this Independent Agency on the Boulevard.

Don and his wife Demaris (Morris, Kenmore class of 1945) owned and operated the agency until the early 1990's, when it was sold to their youngest son Jeff. "The Boulevard, insurance, and 981 Kenmore Boulevard have been a part of my life since I was seven" Jeff said. "This is where we started and this is where we are staying". According to Jeff, the agency has continued to grow despite the difficulties faced by most businesses. "I have two sons that are currently licensed in Ohio and we have made plans to keep the Agency where it is for another 50 years!"

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Together Helen & Dennis plan to move the business forward. Rubber City Realty will be joining the Akron Area Board of Realtors (AABOR) and Multiple Listing Service (MLS) in February, which will put their houses on the internet to receive more exposure. Rubber City Realty is also excited about the housing tax credit getting extended and now open to more homebuyers. New homebuyers will still get up to a \$8000 credit and existing homebuyers can qualify up to \$6500 credit if they sign a sales contract by April 30th, 2010. Helen & Dennis feel that this is a great opportunity to buy and it is definitely a buyers market. They can be contacted at 330-745-9034 or via their email address of rubbercityrealty@att.net. "Call us to buy or sell a home" says Dennis, "you will be happy with the service you will receive".

Kenmore Board of Trade News



**Leroy Green (left) receives
Award from KBOT President
(center) and Lee...**

On Thursday, November 12th, 2009, the Akron Boards of Trade Council (of which Kenmore is one of six board members) presented the Joyce DeWitt Kinser Award to Karen Freeman, for her outstanding dedication to First Glance and the First Glance Teen Mom's Program. This award is given for community achievement of a public or elected official, or of an individual private citizen, working for the community, and not for personal gain. The Kenmore Board of Trade sponsored Mrs. Freeman for the 23rd presentation of the Joyce DeWitt Kinser Award, and is very proud to have represent Kenmore!

The Kenmore Board of Trade presented at the December 11th, 2009 KBOT Christmas Banquet the 2009 McCutchan Award to Leroy Green, of Metro Dental, for his 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. Congratulations to Leroy Green for his dedication to the Kenmore Board of Trade and the Kenmore Community!

The Kenmore Board of Trade had as it's guest speaker at the February 2nd dinner meeting Ward 9 Councilman Michael Freeman. The was the first evening meeting the KBOT has had in quite a few years, and it was very well attended by area businesses. Mr. Freeman gave an informative session about the major happenings in Akron, and in the Kenmore / Ward 9 area. Included were discussions on the new security camera system recently installed on Kenmore Boulevard. At the end of the meeting, several members won gift certificates donated by various area businesses.

The objective of the Kenmore Board of Trade is to promote the civic activities of the community which will not only be beneficial to its own local community from a moral, physical, material and business standpoint, but to Greater Akron as well, and to foster, develop, and protect Akron commercial, manufacturing, and civic interests. We invite all interested parties to join us at our monthly luncheons, usually held the first Wednesday of each month at Goss Memorial Church, located behind the Kenmore Senior/Community Center at 880 Kenmore Boulevard. These luncheons start at 12:00 noon, last usually for one hour, and cost \$7.00 for a delicious lunch. For information on the March lunch meeting (which may be held at the First Glance Student Center), please contact John Buntin Jr at 330-745-5530.

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Councilman Freeman at the KBOT Meeting



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March 3rd to March 31st.

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Please register in advance.



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Tuesdays, starting at 3:30 pm

March 30th - Jelly Bean Taste Off

Come and see if you can guess the flavor of Jelly Belly jelly beans blindfolded! Bring your friends & dye an egg for Spring. Please sign up in advance.

April 20th - Earth Day Recycle Craft

Help us recycle our magazines and make a box for your CD's, cell phones, iPods, and more. Please sign up in advance.

May 4th - Cinco De Mayo Movie

Come and celebrate the Mexican holiday and watch FAST & FURIOUS (PG-13). This sequel (filmed in Mexico) brings back the original stars of the fuel-injected series.

May 18th - Egg Drop Competition

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Saturday May 1st, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday May 22nd, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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COMPUTER CLASS

Thursday March 4th, 2:00 pm

Please sign up in advance. Library Catalog.

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Kenmore Cluster Kindergarten

Information Night

by Nancy Ritch

Please join us for the Kenmore Cluster Kindergarten Information Nights!

The first will be Wednesday, February 24th, 4:00 to 5:00 pm at the Kenmore Branch Library. Miss Mary will read stories about going to school followed by the library's Family Fun Movie Time from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The second opportunity for Kindergarten Information Night will be Thursday, March 4th, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Rimer CLC (2370 Manchester Road next to the Akron Baptist Temple).

Please join us. "Ask Gilby" will be present at both events. Much information will be provided about Akron Public School's all day Kindergarten program. At Rimer, learn about our free breakfast/lunch program from our Child Nutrition personnel. Visit the Kindergarten rooms at Rimer.

Come to one! Come to both! For more information please contact Pfeiffer Elementary School Principal Debra Michalec at 330-848-5244 or Rimer Community Learning Center Principal Nancy Ritch at 330-761-7905.

Rimer Students in

"Read to Achieve" Program

by Nancy Ritch

Rimer CLC 4th grade students, under the direction of their teachers, Mrs. Ely and Mrs. Foote, participated in the Cavaliers Read to Achieve program. Students read nightly with a family member for one month and their reading was documented. Each student who participated received a Cavaliers T-shirt and bag, a dinner certificate for Outback, and a certificate for a free Cavs ticket if they attended with an adult.



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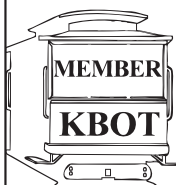
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Councilman's Corner

Tightening the Belt Continues

As the nation continues to struggle with unemployment, Akron is no exception. Experts anticipate that employment levels nationally will not recover to their 2007 levels until at least 2011 and maybe not until 2013. What this means is that 2010 will be economically challenging for the City of Akron.

The city is continuing the limited use of overtime in 2010. Overtime pay will only be granted in emergency situations and as mandated by union contracts. Union agreements require that when overtime is discontinued due to financial deficiency, notification must be made. In a memo dated February 3, 2010, such a notice was given by Diane Miller-Dawson, the City's Director of Finance to all Directors, Managers and Supervisors.

When it is necessary for an employee to work more hours than they normally would during a regular work week, monetary compensation for overtime is discontinued. Employees will receive compensatory time in lieu of cash payment until the maximum amount allowed by law has been reached. The Fair Labor Standards Act allows an individual to bank compensatory time to a maximum of 240 hours and for Police and Fire 480 hours.

Overwhelming Reception to Boulevard Security Cameras

Thanks to the Kenmore Board of Trade for allowing me to address the electronic updates that will be online by March. Fourteen surveillance cameras strategically posted along the business corridor of Kenmore Boulevard will be recording all activity 24/7. These recordings will be held at the Stubbs Justice Center for 30 days. Currently a work flow processes is being developed as to how information will be disseminated.

Nuisance Patrol Up and Running

One of my frustrations as a Councilman has been the duplication of similar services when dealing with nuisance properties. In the past it was not unusual to have three to four different city officials show up at the same house and post their respective violation notices; one from the Housing Division, one from Environmental Health, one from Zoning, and maybe even one from the Public Service Department.

To create a more efficient, streamlined form of service, City Council recently approved Akron's new Nuisance Patrol. This patrol will consist of combined forces from inspectors from the Public Service Department and housing inspectors from the Department of Public Safety now act within one department. What were once between departments will now be consolidated into one creating improved efficiency. Don't forget to do your part in reporting nuisances, using Akron's 3-1-1 customer service.

Again, thanks for allowing me to serve as your Councilman.

Councilman Mike Freeman



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Kiwanis Raise Food by Shredding It All

by Denny Bloomer

The Kiwanis Club of Kenmore co-sponsored a free document destruction day by a certified shredding company, Shred-It, on November 21st. This gave the community a safe and convenient method of destroying confidential documents. To participate, you were required to donate one non-perishable food or personal hygiene item per bag shredded, which was donated to the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene Food Pantry. All Summit County residents & businesses were invited to take part in this food pantry fund raiser. Because of the efforts of the Kiwanis Club of Kenmore, and the kind donations from 144 individuals & businesses, enough food and money was raised to feed 35 families in the Kenmore Community.

The Kiwanis Club of Kenmore and the Kenmore Community Church of the Nazarene wish to thank the following area businesses for providing the funds to bring Shred-It to our community for this food fund raiser - Express Auto Center, Kenmore Gear & Machine Company, Kenmore Komics & Games, Prentice Funeral Home, and Zoe Ann's Beauty Salon.



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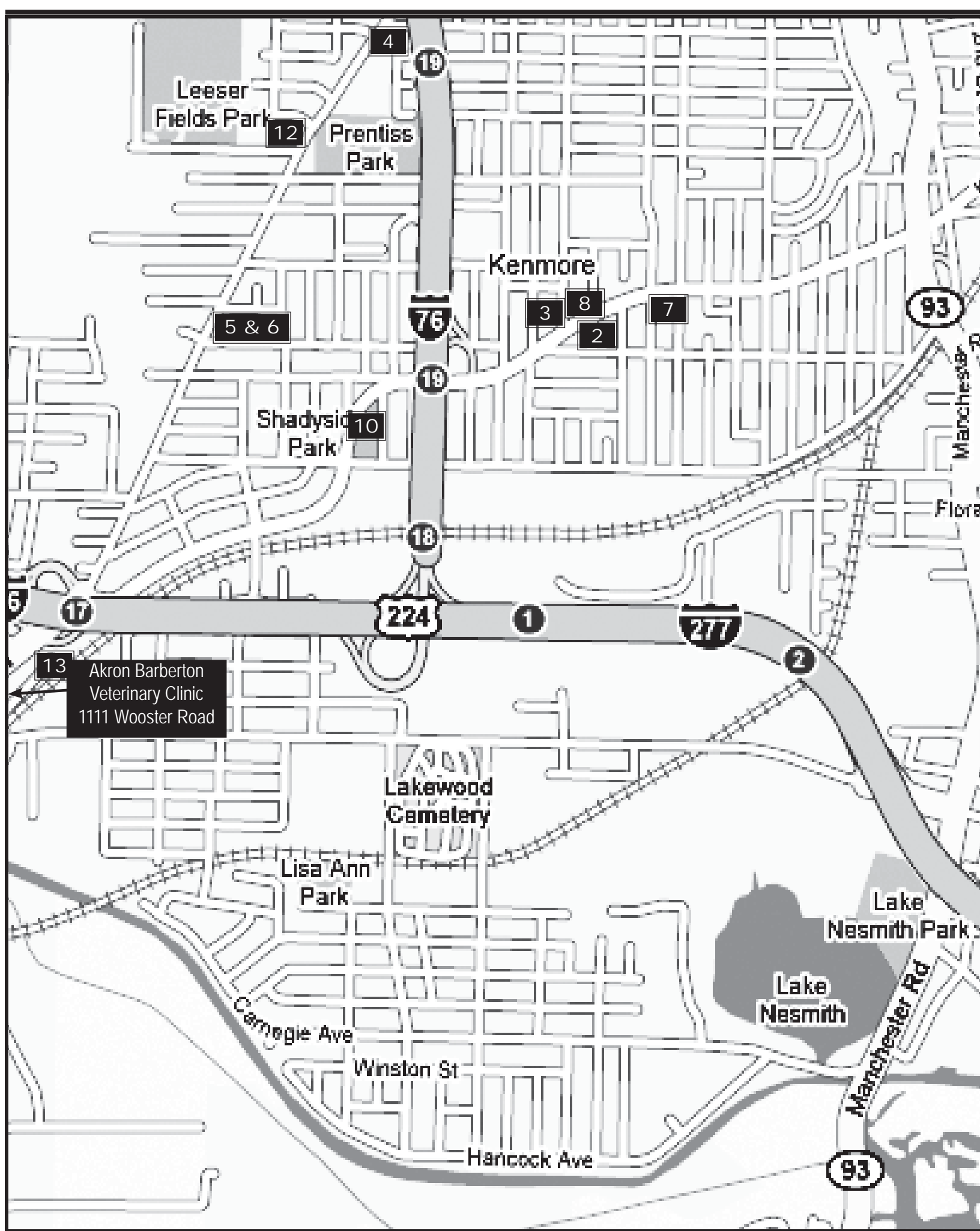


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Kenmore Youth Baseball News

by Jerry Gardner

As you may be aware, it is once again time to start thinking about baseball. We are very excited about the upcoming year as we look forward to a season full of fun and great baseball.

Our Kenmore Youth Baseball teams had a very exciting season in 2009. Two Kenmore H League teams went to the district finals with the Athletics winning the district title! Several teams in girl's softball and boy's baseball also advanced in tournament play. A special congratulations to the Kenmore E Team on another good season.

The ultimate goal of Kenmore Youth Baseball is to get the youth of Kenmore involved in this program and keep them involved throughout high school. The young men and women of Kenmore are the future of our community and they need to be part of something they can be proud of. Helping approximately several hundred ballplayers reach this goal will require a great deal of effort, commitment, and financial support from our community.

The operating budget consists of updating equipment, field maintenance, replenishing medical supplies, uniforms, league fees, insurance, and umpire fees. Kenmore Youth Baseball requests your help this season. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. As a sponsor making a \$175 donation, your company name will be placed on a team uniform.

If you have any questions regarding your donation or sponsorship, please contact KYB President Jerry Gardner at 330-256-6397 or jgardner4us@yahoo.com. If you choose, you can simply mail your donation to Kenmore Youth Baseball, P.O. Box 15007, Akron Ohio 44314, prior to March 1st 2010.

The children, parents, and board members of Kenmore Youth Baseball thank you in advance for your support.

Regular sign-ups for Kenmore Youth Baseball are over, but you may still make the LATE SIGNUPS AND DRAFT/TRYOUTS, which will be Saturday, March 6th, at the Kenmore High School. This year's schedule is as follows:

- April 1st: Practice Begins
- April 3rd: Field Clean-Up - 10:00 am
- April 24th: Opening Day Ceremony at Prentice Park at 10:30 am
- May 1st: Tag Day
- June (date to be announced): League Picnic at Loyal Oak



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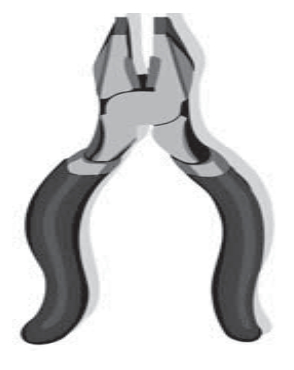




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Kenmore Historical Society
 4th Monday of the month
 7:00 pm

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Passion for the Game

by Caitlin Thissen

It's gliding, it's curving, and it's picking up speed: POW! Another strike on the board, with more to come, and everyone is just warming up - bowling season is here! With two teams this year, a boys and girls, our teams are looking for a great season.

This years coach is math teacher Bill Beck. "We should have a fairly competitive boys team, we have several members returning," said Beck. Some members are Jeff Basinger, Nick Weatherholt, Tyler Liggett, Kurt McCown, and Eric McCown. "Represent Kenmore well and have fun," said Beck.

One Senior on the girls' team this year is Shannon Heppe. Heppe is hoping to work her game up to a 200 score. "Girls team is very new and it is still to be determined who the stronger players will be," said Heppe. Hoping the boys make it to sectionals and state, Heppe just wants the girls to, "win half our matches."

According to Junior Danielle Fink, a student who wished she could bowl, "They can do really good." It is all about how good a person's game is. "I would have liked to bowl, but my busy schedule won't allow it. I do believe the team can do really well though," said Fink.

One Senior who likes to bowl for fun is Senior Chelsey Garland. "It's fun to make the ball roll where you want it to be," said Garland. It is a good game for a little fun competition. "When facing someone, you never know what will happen," said Garland. While listening to the players and coach it seems as if the team is positive for a great season.

Wrestling

by Eric Finn

"Wrestling is the sport of hand to hand combat between two unarmed contestants who seek to throw or pin each other" as found in Webster's Dictionary. At Kenmore High School, a wrestler needs strength, mental and physical toughness, a never quitting attitude, and a good work ethic.

Kenmore's head wrestling coach is Lee Thompson. He has had many victorious seasons. He's hoping to have another with this 2009-2010 group. Coach Thompson also teaches machine shop. Thompson has many goals for his team, the main one is, "make sure we get improvement and have consistency in the room," said Thompson.

Thompson has a lot of help in the wrestling room, especially by Assistant Coach Dave Buttermore. He's been coaching for 38 years and, "expects his wrestlers to take pride in everything they attempt in the wrestling room and in the classroom," said Buttermore. As the assistant coach, he does whatever is necessary to aid the head coach and share his experiences with the wrestlers.

One of Thompson's four year wrestlers is Senior Cody Lamberg. He's been wrestling for 13 years and stays encouraged by friends and family to be a better wrestler and push his fellow teammates to success. Lamberg has a knee pad that he hasn't washed since the eighth grade when he won the state title; he uses that as a good luck charm. According to Lamberg, "He who defends must survive" (He wants all upcoming athletes to know that).

Get Ready, Get Set,

by Annitra Lewis

Distributive Clubs of America (DECA) is a co-curation that creates competition where marketing skills to use by being put in place of a n owner and solve real life problems that happen in

Last year one of our Kenmore students made a tional competition. Our advisor, Julie Garcia, got the moment at state when 2009 Senior Christo nounced first place that he was going to nationals and happy for Chris because he worked very hard ment for Kenmore too, because a student won a his brain", said Garcia.

The students spend one class period once a month as the competition gets closer they spend more time ing. DECA isn't made into a class because Garcia practical part, marketing is the foundation and th So now that they have a foundation they can put t

Senior Tiffany Anderson is the chapter Vice Pres person DECA is for students who want to succe for Vice President to get students involved in DE thing about DECA. They even tried to go to Inne DECA, not just marketing. "DECA changed my really shy but going to competition made me com

Senior Besim Canolli has been a participant in D Even though Canolli didn't make it to state last y way this year by, "going a hundred percent harde an individual role play Canolli plans to work in sport to me and I will stay dedicated and true to n

Junior Michelle Petty has been in marketing for Petty says she doesn't understand DECA that w "DECA is a different variety of different things. ership Conference has taught me that DECA is teamwork, and networking," said Petty. In Febru first competition at Kent State. Petty says, "I'm r same time." We wish her good luck on her journe going to do well. "Even if I don't make it at this pate next year because it is fun and motivating" P

DECA isn't just about marketing it's about learn meeting new people and networking. If you hav owning a new business or managing a business or a specific topic DECA is the place for you!

There is one more Boys Basketball regular sea 2010 season. It will be a home game at Kenmore February 23rd. The Kenmore Cardinals will b Indians. The JV game starts at 6:00 pm, and th 7:30. This years Head Coach is Brian Dawson, JV and Freshman Coach is Kevin Strickland. Come

Kenmore High School

Academic Announcements

by KHS Principal Elizabeth Neidert

Congratulations to Merri Fasick and LaMonte Graves, both Kenmore High School Students who were named Outstanding High School Science/Math Students at the Akron Council of Engineering and Scientific Societies annual honors banquet!

Congratulations to Kenmore High School for receiving from the State of Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction a Certificate of Achievement with a Governor's Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities for the year of 2008-2009!

And good luck to Honor Society Advisor Lynn Paudel and her Honor Students during their trip to New York City on February 26th-28th. Participating Honor Students will tour new York City for three days, on a trip organized through Travelling Classrooms!

Shelley Pearsall Visits

by Samantha Wright, 8th Grade

Students at Innes Community Learning Center had a special presentation on February 13th 2010 when teen author Shelley Pearsall visited. The presentation to all grade levels included her four year writing process, and her career as an author. Students who participated in a reading contest were put into a drawing for lunch. Lunch was provided by Rocco's Pizza on East Avenue in Innes. Students who participated in the luncheon received autographs. Shelley also showed how to make tetrahedrons from her novel, All Shook Up. Her award winning titles include Trouble Don't Lay, the Above, and All Shook Up. Students were shown actual drafts of each of her novels, a photo of the illustrations and photos that were the inspirations for her books. It takes a lot to be an author for a career. The students who participated in the presentation along with asking many questions. We at Innes CLC would like to thank Shelley Pearsall for her experiences with them and wish her luck on her future endeavors.



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Kenmore Historical Society - The Silver Screen

by Jan Williams

Harry Coulter Williams, a former Kenmore resident, founded a company that manufactured early indoor theatre screens. He was born in Kentucky and later settled in Kenmore. While working as a projectionist, he noticed a need to improve the reflection of light against the old cloth "bed sheet" screens that were used in theatres at the time. He painted the screen with a silver paint, and this was the birth of a term still used by the movie industry today: The Silver Screen.

When "talking pictures" began in the 1920's, speakers were placed behind the screens. To improve the muffled sound, Harry devised a procedure to punch small holes in the screens allowing the sound to come through the screen. Mr. Williams went on to create CinemaScope, VistaVision, Cinerama, and 3-D screens and had a display at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933. In 1947, he started using a durable vinyl plastic to replace the cloth screens. He once held a record for the largest solid seamless sheet of plastic.

Mr. Williams manufactured his screens in the old West Point Canoe House on Summit Lake Boulevard and above the Hibernians on Kenmore Boulevard, the present site of the First Glance Student Center.

At one time, there were two theatres on the Boulevard, the Rialto and the Boulevard. They closed in the 1950's. Both theatres, of course, used a Williams Screen. Eventually, not only every theatre in Akron, but theatres around the world were equipped with Williams Screens. Kenmore High School's auditorium was once equipped with a Williams Silver Screen.

So, every time you hear the term Silver Screen, think of Kenmore. When you're participating in a function at First Glance, remember what happened in that building when the Williams Screen Company was manufacturing screens there. Or when you sit in a theatre and watch a film like Avatar on a 3-D screen, keep in mind that a former Kenmore resident played a role in Hollywood's history.

Copies of the Kenmore Historical Society History of Kenmore DVD can be purchased at Kenmore Komiks & Games, 1020 Kenmore Boulevard



The Boulevard Theatre was located at 948 Kenmore Boulevard, where the Community Garden is now located.








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Kenmore Community Council News

by Thomas Abbott

19th Annual Kenmore Community Days Festival Memorial Day Weekend Thursday May 27th thru Monday May 31st, 2010

The Kenmore Community Council Inc and the City of Akron are proud to announce that the 19th Annual Kenmore Community Days Festival will be held on Memorial Day Weekend this year. The festival will begin on Thursday, May 27th, and runs thru Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st 2010 at Prentiss Park. This date change to the holiday weekend is due to a mandated State of Ohio Fair and Event schedule announcement for 2010.

Our festival has been recently awarded the "Best Festival in The State of Ohio" award, and we have also received a proclamation award from the City of Akron. We presently have the largest amusement ride festival in our area, and we are recognized as having one of the finest community and family festivals as well!

As of the date of publication for this issue of the Kenmore Connection, fireworks will showcase this years festival and will either be held on Friday or Sunday evening of the festival. Fireworks will serve as the Memorial Day Weekend Fireworks Spectacular within the City of Akron.

The purpose of our festival is to provide a family & community festival in a safe and controlled environment, one that involves our community, our schools, our churches, our business community members, and our community service organizations. We work together to showcase an awesome community spirit.

The Parade will be held on Saturday, May 29th, 2010 and start at 11:00 am.

The Kenmore Community Council Inc is exploring adding several new attractions for this years festival, including expanding our Car Cruise In, Pet Parade, and Costume Contest. More info will be announced soon.

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Opportunities For Involvement & Sponsorship for Kenmore Community Days Festival

If you would like to be a parade participant, food, vendor, corporate or community festival advertising sponsor, or parade participant (perhaps you have a band), or any organization that would like to be included in this guide please contact us. The contact information for the festival is Kenmore Community Council Inc. Our office can be reached at 330-388-7531. Information for the parade can be obtained from Weatherholt at 330-753-6519. Council's email contact is tabbottkcc@yahoo.com.

Kenmore Community Support is one of the most important parts of our festival planning process. Please feel free to contribute ideas, and support!

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Kenmore Kiwanis News

by Linda Burns

Small but mighty! That defines Kenmore Kiwanis. During the month of December, we helped with the Christmas decorating of the gazebo at Shadyside Park. And under the supervision of Lee McCutcheon, Christmas baskets were filled and delivered to needy families in the Kenmore area. We also donated extra money to our Fortress of Hope orphans residing in Managua, Nicaragua, so they could have a little party and shop for their own gifts. We sold our \$5 raffle tickets for the month of February, which gave you 28 chances to win \$50.00 on the 3 digit lottery number. If you missed getting a ticket, we will be selling them again this summer. The RIF Program coordinated by John Buntin Jr is in full operation with free book distributions being made at 7 Kenmore Cluster Schools. The Kenmore High School Key Club has 19 members this year thanks to their advisors Tammy Thomas and Dick Carderelli. In April we will be participating in the nationwide Kiwanis One Day project which involves a cleanup somewhere in the community. Any suggestions would be appreciated. On January 19th we had lunch at the new Regina's Pizza location. A change of scenery and the menu was fun for all. However, our regular hot lunches are quite tasty and filling and we invite you to join us any Tuesday at 11:45 am at the Nazarene Church at 12th Street and Iona Avenue. We are always looking for new members interested in being there for the youth of Kenmore. Could that be you?



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Park United Methodist Church News

by Joni R. Schultz

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Stations were set up in the fellowship hall and there was something for everyone to do. Children decorated Christmas cookies and took home packets of home made hot chocolate to enjoy. Recipes were available for home made laundry soap and cleaning supplies. Angel Food continued to be a popular table and orders were taken and menus handed out for next month. The Coupon Station was also busy as people learned tips on finding, saving and using coupons. It is exciting to find out how much money can be saved with a little planning and the Sunday paper. The Stay Healthy station was popular as everyone learned where to receive their free flu shots! The Garden Station was a sign that it is never too early to start planning your garden.

Lots of people created beaded Christmas wreaths and Rudolph ornaments crafted from popsickle sticks. Mothers were invited to relax with a hand massage while their children played with brightly colored homemade play-doh. Christmas music played in the background and Elva Price shared the Advent story and the meaning of the candle lightings and preparation of our heart as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

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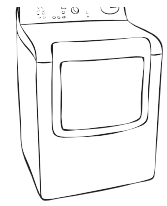
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Project Shine

by Jeremy Veppert

What in the world is Project Shine? Project Shine is a non-profit organization that has grown out of efforts and combined vision of Kenmore churches to serve the Kenmore community through meeting basic home repair needs. Project Shine has been in existence since 2002. Church groups from the Kenmore and Greater Akron areas come together every summer to serve our community. Project Shine's mission is to bring awareness to this community of what area churches are doing and to bring about spiritual growth for all who participate.

The concept of Project Shine is simple. We gather for a weeklong work camp, praise and worship God together, while serving the Kenmore community. This year, we will expand to serve the community with 2 weeks of service. We use our time, finances, and other resources to make Kenmore a better place to live. We paint houses; clean up yards; remove debris; help people clean and paint the inside of their homes; stain decks and paint porches; and spend our time caring for the residents of this area and building stronger relationships with them. It is an extremely positive experience for the youth, adults, and residents who participate.

Given the economic situation of the nation, we are a group of people who are concerned and want to give back to the Kenmore community where we live, work, and enjoy. In fact, you will be surprised to learn that many youth and adults who live, work or attend church in the Kenmore area, pull together to make this project happen. Last year, close to 200 youth and adults participated in the project. We have served about 150 residents in the first 8 years of this project and hope to help as many people as we can this summer.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior House Paint | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior House Paint |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Garage Paint | <input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl Floor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Porch/Deck – Paint/Stain/Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Work/Cleanup/Trimming etc | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Due to insurance restrictions, Project Shine regrettably cannot offer any services other than those listed above.

For questions or further information regarding Project Shine, please contact Jeremy @ 330-472-1111 or visit our website at www.projectshine.org

The Church on the Boulevard Calendar

We have a new program called Celebrate Recovery every Friday at 6:30 pm

Community Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm
February 24th

Kenmore Food Pantry 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
March 1st, & 15th

Community Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm
March 10th & 24th

Kenmore Food Pantry 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
April 5th & 19th

Community Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm
April 14th & 28th

All events are at no cost at 754 Kenmore Boulevard!

First Glance - A Volunteer's Story

by Steven Motich

I love Kenmore, plain and simple. I've lived most of my natural life here, made some of my best friends on Saxon Avenue, and couldn't imagine living anywhere else. When I became an adult and it came time for me to buy a house, I only looked in one zip code - 44314. I can't help it, I just love it. However, like any good love story, this relationship has had plenty of rocky moments. In Kenmore we have all the problems and issues that come with being a post-industrial, inner-city community.

Through it all, I've defended our town even when it wasn't easy to defend and I felt like I was being loyal for the sake of loyalty. It was sad. But last summer, I found some hope. I can't remember exactly how I found out about them but I know that when I did, I was ecstatic.

First Glance, a teen outreach center on Kenmore Boulevard, is the medicine for what ails us here in Kenmore. By reaching out to teens and helping guide them in their formative years, they're helping to lower crime, keep kids drug free, and make our community a better place, through a variety of methods.

They have a program that helps young mothers learn parenting skills and supply them material help that is earned through a point system, not just handed out. Another program, named "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun", is a teen girl abstinence program where the girls hang out, have fun, take field trips, and eat. Wednesday nights are skateboarding nights. Here, kids can (legally) show off their skills and hang out with other skaters on an indoor course. They also have two open recreation nights where the kids can come in, hang out, and be themselves. There are computers, basketball, skateboarding, video games, and food. Through all these programs, First Glance serves several hundred students from the community.

However, the biggest service that First Glance offers is hope. When a kid is struggling at home, has no place safe to go, or is a teen mom, they need to know that there is hope that this situation isn't going to be like this forever but that it can change for the better. Volunteers at First Glance are there to reach out and offer comfort and guidance and let them know they can make better decisions. They can choose to be a good person. And maybe one day they can make a difference in Kenmore for someone else.

I started volunteering at First Glance back in October on the Thursday open recreation night. When I started it didn't feel like I was doing much. I go in, hang out with the kids, make small talk, and it's over. I really didn't feel like I'd done anything significant. In my mind, I thought I would be given a more distinct job, not just show up and hang out.

Since then I've learned I was very wrong. What is the forum they provide for us volunteers to be in a non-threatening place for us to get to know the kids without judgment. Over time, a few of the kids and I began finding things out about their lives. Many parents are divorced and they are living with their kids and they get picked on at school. And that they don't

That's about as far as it's got for me, the more I want to know a couple of kids and at this point it's coming to me. My real test will be when one of the kids comes to me with a real problem looking for help -

I'm excited to be a part of First Glance. I'm excited that my efforts are going to change Kenmore. I'm excited that because of First Glance, Kenmore will be a place that people are loyal to.



First Glance Halloween

Emergency Phone for Children and Families

In case of emergency

Child Abuse Hotline

Child Guidance 24-hour
Child Crisis Assistance

Children's Hospital

Children's Hospital Health Info

Domestic Violence Hotline

County Info Line

Poison Control Center

Rape Crisis Center

Summit County Children
Who Witness Violence

Teen Suicide Prevention Hotline



The Guitar Department

Buy - Sell - Trade - Consign Your Gear
330.753.5050
989 Kenmore Boulevard

Sunday & Monday: Closed Tuesday & Thursday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The 11th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration!

The 11th Annual Kenmore Holiday Celebration was the best one ever! All up & down Kenmore Boulevard, from The Church Street, to the Kenmore Senior/Community Center & Goss Memorial Church, and at the Kenmore Branch Library, past Santa's Courtyard, and all the way down to Park United Methodist Church, there were children's crafts, business sales & open houses (sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Kenmore) & Santa Claus himself to entertain everyone. Even with the cold temperatures, Shadyside Park that Saturday evening for the prizes of the Adult Raffle Stops, Kid's Treasure Hunt, and Teen Scavenger Hunt. "God's Choir" from The Church on the Boulevard to sing many holiday tunes. The evening ended with the annual Children's United Methodist Church, sponsored by the Kenmore Community Council. The Kenmore Board of Trade Events Committee wishes to thank those groups mentioned above, plus the First Glance Student Center (who supplied most of the volunteers), and the Jazz Band & Band Boosters, who all contributed to this holiday event. Special thanks to all the volunteers who contributed time to make it a big success, and to the Akron Neighborhood Partnership Foundation for their financial support of this annual event. And please see the list below, who may have donated prizes, had sales & open houses, or offered free refreshments on this fun-filled day.



Thanks to all these Fine Groups & Businesses who Contributed to the Holiday Celebration!

Burt's New & Used	Kenmore Dairy Queen	Kiwanis Club of Kenmore	Progressive Church of God
Etta Mae Smith Studio of Dance	Kenmore Freeze	Magic City Sports Cards	Reeves Cake Shop
eXpress Auto Service	Kenmore Historical Society	Malek's Wireless & More	Regina's Pizza
First Glance Student Center	Kenmore Komics & Games	Megapolis Skate Shop	Rocco's Pizza
First Glance Teen Mom Boutique	Kenmore Branch Library	Park United Methodist Church	Rubber City Realty
Freedom Tax Service	Kenmore Senior/Community Center	Phil's Car Care	Smith's House of Carpet
Goss Memorial Church	Kenmore Tailor's & Clothiers	Pierre's Brooklyn Pizza & Deli	Steve's Barbershop
Kenmore Barbers	Key Bank	Praise Chapel	Stone's Kenmore Mattress