

“FRIENDS DOING BUSINESS WITH FRIENDS”

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings to All!

Well, so I got that call we all hate to get about our businesses - You've been broken into!

It seems that at 11:43 Wednesday night, a young “gentleman” rode up to my store on his bicycle, and once he was sure the coast was clear he took out a crowbar and pried open the front door. He only managed to get about \$6 in nickels & dimes out of the open cash register before the alarm sounded and scared him off. It could have been worse, but it also should have been better, so with your kind patience I'd like to go over what I should have done to make things less easy for my burglar “friend” (and maybe give you “food for thought”).

First discovery - My so-called secure door was not secure after all. The company who put in my front door gave me a good one with the hooked latch, unfortunately they did not bother to put the corresponding piece in the frame to make sure it could not be pried open. They are out of business now (no surprise with work like this), but I should have checked to make sure every thing was done right. **First lesson** - Don't assume your contractor did what they are supposed to do, check everything!

Next discovery - My camera system works great, but only if you give it enough light to do it's job. I have a ceiling light on at night, but it is about 25 feet back into the store. The thief only came in far enough to reach over my cash register to steal, and although I had two cameras placed perfectly to see him do it, there was not enough light to get a good look at his face. **Next lesson (taught to me by the police)** - Set up a motion detector which turns on your lights when it goes off at night. Even if you do not have cameras to record, this light will help startle your unwelcome “quests” to leave quicker if it comes on just as they enter your building..

Another discovery - If it's disappearance will make you unhappy, lock it away. I used to say that I didn't care if a thief took the small change left in the open register. But I didn't realize how unhappy I would be when he took the change tray with him! Now I have nothing to put my change in. We can't lock everything away, but if an item is hard to replace or bothersome to replace, then put it away with the really valuable stuff. All my high-ticket collectible comic books are locked behind a solid oak door with two deadbolt latches. I could have just set the change tray away with them, but too late now. **Extra advice** - Don't leave your cash register closed, you get the whole register stolen that way (as another business on my street found out the hard way).

Some final words of advice if you are still with me - Spend the money on a security system. I've been in business 29 years, and this is my first break-in. There have been about 5 “crime waves of burglaries” on my street in all the time I've been here, all of which never effected me, and I am positive the obvious sight of my security system stopped most of those thieves from even thinking about wanting to come into my store at night. Don't get me wrong, as this stupid young thief who looked at the sign on my door saying “We have cameras on you” can attest, sometimes they just don't care. But I minor monthly monitoring fee is a small price to pay for piece of mind.

Thanks for listening!

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“Meet & Greet” at Beneficial Building Services

Please join us on Thursday November 17th for the next 2016 “Meet & Greet” event for Kenmore Board of Trade members! This evening networking meeting will be at **Beneficial Building Services**, 1830 13th Street SW, and will include refreshments, drinks, and fun conversation. In addition to all our business members in the Kenmore Board of Trade, we will be sending out a postcard mailing to over 200 other businesses in the Kenmore/Ward 9 area, inviting them to participate. Many door prizes will also be given away, including \$25 gift certificates from **Lukity’s Country Inn**, **Pierre’s Brooklyn Pizza**, **Reeves Cake Shop**, and **Regina’s Pizza**.

This networking event at **Beneficial Building Services** will be from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Thursday November 17th, and no RSVP is necessary. We hope to see you there!



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - November 2006

- ⊕ **Scott Smith**, President
- ⊕ The November KBOT Luncheon is held at the Manchester Acme Community Room.

15 Years Ago - November 2001

- ⊕ **Jeff Scott**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

20 Years Ago - November 1996

- ⊕ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⊕ Guest speaker was Travis Wilson, the Manager of the Kenmore Branch Post Office .

25 Years Ago - November 1991

- ⊕ **Judith Rosenberg**, President
- ⊕ Desert Storm service members and their families are honored by the KBOT at a Community Thanksgiving Service at the Kenmore High School on November 26th.

30 Years Ago - November 1986

- ⊕ **Warren Ferrell**, President
- ⊕ The 30th Plus Annual Halloween Parade ONLY had 250 children.
- ⊕ It is announced at the KBOT Luncheon that the Akron Fire Department will start collecting aluminum cans (they still do!).

35 Years Ago - November 1981

- ⊕ **Don Jackson**, President
- ⊕ The KBOT held it’s Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar & Flea Market on November 21st.

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