

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly Kenmore Board of Trade)

August 2018

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

My long history with the McCutchan building started in 1987.

I had just moved into my building on the other side of the vacant lot next to **McCutchan Heating & Cooling**. It didn't take long before Jasper McCutchan (who liked sitting on a bench in front of this lot he had fixed up with paving stones and an iron fence with lights) invited me to join him in talking about Kenmore & Kenmore Boulevard. I soon realized just how active both he and his wife Lee were in all that is “Kenmore”.

The first thing they got me to do for the community was to store the Christmas light decorations used on the light poles (running down the Boulevard from 12th to 17th Streets) in the basement of my building. For this kindness they got me a free membership in the Kenmore Board of Trade (which I have renewed every year since). It wasn't long before Lee “twisted” my arm to attend the monthly Wednesday noon Kenmore Board luncheons. I got to hear about the many things the KBOT was doing for both businesses & residents in the community. And I started helping out.

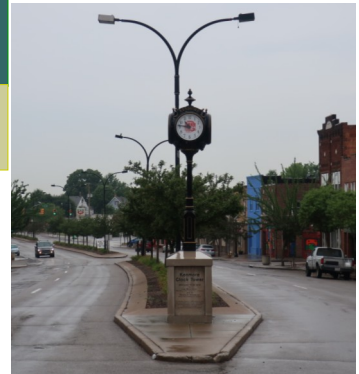
For my help in running the Kenmore Easter Event & Kenmore Holiday Celebration I won the McCutchan Award (named after both Lee & Jasper McCutchan) in 2001. It was about this time that Lee finally closed **McCutchan Heating & Cooling** (Jasper having passed away a few years previous) and sold the building to the City of Akron. As secretary of the KBOT I did my first newsletter for the Board in November 2003, was the Treasurer for 2004, and had my first stint as President in 2005 (and here I am as President again).

For the next 15 years various persons & groups thought about purchasing the building from the City, but nothing ever came of it - until now. The **Kenmore Historical Society** (members of the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce) would like to turn the McCutchan building into a museum. It would make a great addition to Kenmore & Kenmore Boulevard, showcasing the history of our wonderful community.

So please consider reading the attached flyer with this newsletter, and consider a donation to the Kenmore Historical Society so that we can all help “Make History” here in Kenmore!

Thanks for listening!

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“Busk Until Dusk” on Kenmore Boulevard

Kenmore Boulevard has had several “Busk Until Dusk” events this year on the first Fridays of May, June & July, all sponsored by KCOC member the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance**. They run from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, with live music, craft tables, and a food wagon. The next one is Friday August 3rd, between 14th & 15th Streets on Kenmore Boulevard. The last one for this year will be Friday September 7th, between 13th & 14th Streets.



**Craft Tables & a Food Wagon
at the July 6th Busk Event**



**Live Music on Kenmore
Boulevard on July 6th**

KCOC Ice Cream Social “Meet & Greet”

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce held an “*Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet*” on Wednesday July 11th during the Shadyside Park Concert. Many KCOC members attended and helped give out almost 200 ice cream cups on this wonderful Summer evening.



KCOC Planning Next “Meet & Greet” for September

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce’s next “*Meet & Greet*” event will be held on Thursday September 20th at ***So Fresh Used Auto Sales***, 2290 East Avenue, and will be hosted by Jacqueline Harris & family. Please save the date, more information will be provided in next month’s Kenmore Chamber newsletter.



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - August 2008

- ⊕ **Scott Smith**, President
- ⊕ The Ward 9 Councilman’s Picnic is August 5th at Chestnut Ridge Park.

15 Years Ago - August 2003

- ⊕ **Scott Smith**, President
- ⊕ The Akron Boards of Trade Council’s “Meet Your Officials Picnic” is held August 7th at the Tadmore Shrine.

20 Years Ago - August 1998

- ⊕ **James Lawson**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

25 Years Ago - August 1993

- ⊕ **Ed Abdula**, President
- ⊕ Began sending out the booklets for the “Drug Awareness Program” to various churches in Kenmore.
- ⊕ The Board discussed building a Gazebo at Shadyside Park (which the Kenmore Community Council eventually did in 1996).

30 Years Ago - August 1988

- ⊕ **Lee McCutchan**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

35 Years Ago - August 1983

- ⊕ **Jasper McCutchan**, President
- ⊕ The Akron Boards of Trade Council’s 2nd Annual “Meet Your Officials Picnic” is held August 24th at the Wolter Park F.O.P. Lodge 7.