

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly Kenmore Board of Trade)

May 2019

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

Last year we had “Busk Until Dusk”, and this year it will be “Boulevard First Fridays”.

The **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** sponsored the “Busk Until Dusk” events the first Friday of each Summer month last year, where various local musicians entertained on the sidewalks along parts of the business district here on Kenmore Boulevard. A food truck and **Pierre’s Brooklyn Pizza** supplied an evening snack or meal, local craftsman also set up on the sidewalks and sold their hand-made products, and Kenmore Boulevard business owners stayed open late from 6:30 to 8:30 pm to take advantage of the people who visited the event.

With the success of last year’s events, the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** has decided to “go all out” this year. Instead of doing a different block between 13th & 16th Streets every month, the event will include all three blocks between 13th & 16th at once. Not only will there be regular performers on all three blocks providing music & entertainment during the two hour event, but there also will be a featured artist or group each month to perform at the end of the evening to keep folks around. Special contests & events are also planned for children.

“And how does this help me?”, you are probably asking yourself. Well, I’m glad you asked!

First, you could help sponsor the event. There are three levels of sponsorship to the “Boulevard First Friday Summer Series”, all with various ways of promoting your business before and during the event. There is a flyer enclosed with this newsletter with more information about sponsorship.

And/or, you can personally set up and promote your business at the event itself, like the local craftsmen did last year. The fine people at the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** would be happy to assist you in any way during these first Friday events (which include June, July, August & September). They can be reached at knacares@gmail.com or 330-714-9621.

Or ask me for help! You can set up in front of my store (**Kenmore Comics & Games**), and I have extra tables & chairs I would be happy to lend you the evening of the event, and even a canopy to keep the sun off you should you so desire. Call me on my cel at 330-304-9598 for details.

Thank you for listening!



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Next “Meet & Greet” at Reeves Cake Shop

Please join us on Thursday May 16th for our next “Meet & Greet” event for Kenmore Chamber of Commerce members, sponsored by **Reeves Cake Shop**, 2770 Corey Avenue. There will be refreshments, drinks, and fun conversation with fellow business members, plus all the cake you can eat - REALLY! Many door prizes will also be given away. This networking event will be from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, and no RSVP is necessary.

We hope to see you there!



(Above) Co-Sponsors of the April KCOC “Meet & Greet” Tim Crawford (far left), and Jeffrey Vujevich of Freedom Tax Services (next to Tim), address KCOC members at the offices of Freedom Tax Services.
(Below) KCOC President John Buntin Jr (left) with Jeffrey & Tim.



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - May 2009

- ⊕ Scott M. Smith, President
- ⊕ Luncheon Guest Speaker was Father Mike Smith, who gave a fascinating speech about the history of flags.

15 Years Ago - May 2004

- ⊕ Scott M. Smith, President
- ⊕ A group lunch meeting was held between the Kenmore Board, East Akron Board, and South Akron Board of Trades.

20 Years Ago - May 1999

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

10 Years Ago - May 1994

- ⊕ Dan Little, President
- ⊕ Treasurer Connie Paconovsky reported that the YOUTH JOB PROGRAM was going well.

15 Years Ago - May 1989

- ⊕ Ann K. Morrow, President
- ⊕ The first week of May designated “Drug Awareness Week”, and saw many of the school student’s original posters placed in store fronts, and with large signs at both ends of the boulevard stating “Drugs Are A Trap, Not A Trip”.

20 Years Ago - May 1984

- ⊕ Dennis Bloomer, President
- ⊕ All the end-of-school activities were discussed by the board, and it was agreed that giving the students “good times” before summer recess begins will cut vandalism to school property.