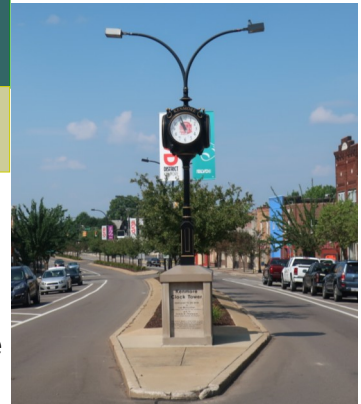


“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

Today I would like to talk about a Past President of the Kenmore Board of Trade (now the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce) - David E. Whitmire.



David passed away on July 22nd, at the age of 89. Throughout his life he devoted himself to his family and his community, having spent almost 35 years as a police officer with the City of Akron. Even with this busy schedule, he found time to be a part of the Kenmore Board, as the Security Director during the many years the Board held the Kenmore Olde Time Festival on Kenmore Boulevard, and as President of the Board in 1985. After he retired in 1990, he held the position of Director of Security at Rolling Acres Mall until its closing in 2008, and still attended many KBOT Luncheons where he always gave a report on the happenings at Rolling Acres.

It was in this capacity at Rolling Acres that I remember most about Dave, listening to his stories about the Mall, from both a business and a security aspect. Knowing that the Kenmore Events Committee coordinated the yearly Easter Craft & Egg Hunt at the Kenmore Community Center, he made it a point to make sure that we received the Easter Bunny costume that Rolling Acres had, just before they closed their doors (and we still use it today for our Easter event).

I am lucky to have most (but not all) of the minutes, reports & newsletters from almost 40 years of history of the Kenmore Board of Trade (and I am always looking for more, please let me know if you have any past records). While looking for stuff to put in the KBOT Flashback section of this newsletter, I come across David’s name many times. His contributions will always be remembered!

Thank you for listening!

John Buntin Jr, President
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Captain David E. Whitmire (left photo), and David Whitmire as security director for the “Kenmore Olde Time Festival”, riding in the parade as it passes the Sparkle Mart (now the Family Dollar)

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Kenmore Chamber “Ice Cream Social” Finally Happens!

The best laid plans often go astray!

The yearly Kenmore Chamber “Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet”, first planned for Wednesday July 3rd, was moved to July 17th after it was found that most of the Board of Directors would be out of town that week. On the 17th, however, the band cancelled their performance (fearing rain), and again the event was moved to the last summer concert of the year at Shadyside Park on July 31st. Fortunately, the rain stayed away that day, so we were able to pass out almost 200 containers of ice cream to the visitors who listened to the music of Larry Altop & Nostalgia Gold!



(left photo) Kenmore Chamber Directors (with a helper or two) ready to give away ice cream, and (right photo) concert goes at the July 31st Shadyside Park concert line-up for their free ice cream cups

Annual Councilman’s Picnic August 6th

We are all invited to the Annual Ward 9 Councilman’s Picnic on Tuesday August 6th, starting at 6:00 pm at Chestnut Ridge Park (1926 19th Street SW). There will be plenty of food (but you are asked to bring a passing dish) and the opportunity to see what KCOC member *The Friends of Chestnut Ridge Park* have accomplished with the \$100K grant they were given to fix up the park. Mayor Horrigan will present a proclamation at 7:00 pm.

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KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - August 2009

- ⊕ Scott M. Smith, President
- ⊕ Our lunch meeting is held at the Mudd Run Golf Course, where we learned about the First Tee Program..

15 Years Ago - August 2004

- ⊕ Scott M. Smith, President
- ⊕ The KBOT set up a table to promote our organization at the Councilman’s Aug 3rd Picnic.

20 Years Ago - August 1999

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

25 Years Ago - August 1994

- ⊕ Dan Little, President
- ⊕ Traffic Flow Committee recommends traffic light at expressway & 19th Street, but city says not enough traffic to justify this.

30 Years Ago - August 1989

- ⊕ Ann K. Morrow, President
- ⊕ Crime report presented to the KBOT, showing that although the National Total Crime Index for 1987-88 went up 3.1%, the Akron Total Crime Index for 1987-88 went down 6.7%.

35 Years Ago - August 1984

- ⊕ Ann K. Morrow, President
- ⊕ The KBOT’s Spring Fling Benefit Carnival raised \$1037.12, of which \$625.00 was donated to the Victim Assistance Program of the Furnace Street Mission, and \$412.12 went to the KBOT.