

# Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly Kenmore Board of Trade)

July 2020

## “BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

I hope I am wrong, but every day it looks like I am not.

I’m one of those businesses who “maybe” are doing too much to protect myself and my customers from the Covid-19 virus. I’ve got the sneeze guard up in front of my cash register, hand sanitizer at multiple locations in the store, and I wipe down the door handles, credit card machine, cash register and keyboard as often as I can. And not only do I wear a mask, but I require customers to wear one when entering my store (with a free one taped to the outside door for the customer to use if they do not have a mask on them).

I do all this because not only do I care about the health & safety of my customers, but more importantly I do not want to take any chances of getting sick myself, as I have family members who would be impacted very badly if I got them infected. But I have to work and make a living, so I gladly do all I can without complaint (mostly). One of my neighbors on my block, on the other hand, does absolutely none of the above, no precautions whatsoever by them or their customers. So as daily reports seem to show this country heading back into a surge of cases, after most states lifted restrictions by one degree or another, we will see if I am overly cautious, or making the best with what I have. I hope I am wrong, but I hope more that I am being safe.

On a totally different subject, as a child in the 1970s I remember watching an animated TV show called “The Point”, and how the hero of the story dealt with the bigotry he faced from all his neighbors just because his head was round, and everyone else had a pointed head. It was such a minor moral story that had such a major impact on my attitudes towards others. I can still remember the lyrics to the song “Me and My Arrow”, Arrow being a dog and the persecuted child’s only friend at first.

Today we have the greatest form of teaching in our existence - the internet. With it’s ever increasing new social media platforms, and the almost instantaneous transmission of ideas, it has become the latest tool showing us the good and the bad in the world. I think it needs to provide more moral stories to our youth just like what I experienced when I was young, but can it? These days the incentive is there, so again I hope for the best.

Thank you for listening, and be safe!

John Buntin Jr, President  
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## Managing Changes to Workforce Benefits in a COVID-19 World

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce invites you to a Conference Call Presentation by **Paramount Preferred Solutions**, one of our **NOACC** Benefit Providers who specialize in Workers' Compensation services.

Workforce benefits will drive employee retention and recruiting success during the COVID-19 new normal. Presenter Peter Young will fit the puzzle pieces together for you by explaining how smart employee benefit management creates value, saves money, and controls risks. This presentation will include information on the following subjects:

- 2020-2021 Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) changes.
- Self-employed professionals need BWC insurance too!
- What are the risks of COVID-19 claims in the workplace?
- What is the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)?
- Do your employees qualify for Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) benefits?
- How to qualify for \$60,000+ Ohio Business Safety Grants!
- Do you know about the SharedWork Ohio Layoff Aversion Program?
- TeleAdvocacy plans help families without health insurance!

This conference call presentation is **FREE**, and will be presented on Tuesday July 14th from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. To sign-up, please contact Presenter Peter Young at 216-402-4006 or via email at [Peter.Young@ParamountPreferredSolutions.com](mailto:Peter.Young@ParamountPreferredSolutions.com).

### Community Energy Advisors Helps Chamber Member Save Money!

The Tuesday June 9th Zoom Meeting on energy savings hosted by **Community Energy Advisors (CEA)** proved very successful for Kenmore Chamber member **Assembly Tool Specialists**. "We signed up for the **Community Energy Advisors** meeting and I have to tell you I thought it was well worth the 30 minutes spent" says Jackie Ahrens, C.E.O. of **Assembly Tool Specialists**. "We were currently on the rate with COSE but after checking our bills we are paying over 5 cents more than with **CEA**. Thank you for letting business owners know what is out there for us to utilize in reducing our costs and saving money!"

**Community Energy Advisors** will be able to save **Assembly Tool Specialists** over \$2200 per year. Now not all members can expect this type of savings, but it is possible that you could reduce your costs on electric or gas usage by an amount that would still benefit the bottom line for your profits. Please check out the flyer printed below, and contact the **Community Energy Advisors** at your convenience.



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#### PROTECTED MEMBERS SAVE

- A manufacturer in Willoughby **saved \$7,500** per year on their electric and natural gas supply. They also reduced costs on the regulated portion of their electric bill.
- A member in Ashtabula **saved \$640** on their home's annual electricity and natural gas costs.
- In Fostoria, a chiropractor **saved \$86** per year on their electricity costs.
- A welding company in the Vandalia Butler area recently **saved \$146** on their annual electricity costs.
- A small business in Twinsburg locked in their electric supply rate and **saved \$135** per year.
- In Rocky River, a member **saved \$231** on their home electric and natural gas costs by signing up for their chamber's energy program.



## KBOT FLASHBACK



### 10 Years Ago - July 2010

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The Board of Directors planned for the August luncheon to be held at Mudd Run Golf Course.

### 15 Years Ago - July 2005

- ⊕ **John Buntin Jr**, President
- ⊕ The Board gave away free ice cream at the last Shadyside Park concert of the year on July 13th.

### 20 Years Ago - July 2000

- ⊕ **Jill Stevenson**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

### 25 Years Ago - July 1995

- ⊕ **Mary Lu Warstler**, President
- ⊕ Gloria Young of the US Post Office was the luncheon guest speaker, and she spoke about the forthcoming move of the Kenmore Branch Post Office and the desire to have a new location picked in time for the scheduled move in 1997.

### 30 Years Ago - July 1990

- ⊕ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- ⊕ The Board of Director's received many "Thank You" letters concerning the new hanging flower baskets down the center of Kenmore Boulevard's light poles.

### 35 Years Ago - July 1985

- ⊕ **David E. Whitmire**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

### 40 Years Ago - July 1980

- ⊕ **Mel Kent**, President
- ⊕ Four years into the Kenmore Business Renovation Project, and so far 13 businesses out of 60 have taken advantage of the City of Akron's low cost loans to renovate their buildings.