

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly Kenmore Board of Trade)

August 2020

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

It’s always hard to say goodbye!

I have known Scott & Marie Smith of **Smith’s House of Carpet** since 1994. For the longest time they had their business just two buildings down from my store, at 1016 Kenmore Boulevard. In 2012 they purchased the building at 1215 Kenmore Boulevard, and after extensive renovation continued to be one of the premiere carpet & flooring businesses in Summit County. They did work on my home, my business, the basement of my business, and the apartments above my store. Always excellent top-notch customer service.

I but also know both from their work with the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce/Kenmore Board of Trade. Both Scott & Marie served as Directors on the Kenmore Board of Trade. Scott was President in 2003, part of 2004, and 2006 thru 2010. He was President for only part of 2004 because he spent most of that year in Kosovo with his fellow members of the Ohio National Guard. Scott’s enthusiasm for the Kenmore Community and it’s businesses was always on display at the meetings he presided over, and many an idea came from his leadership. Marie created the Boards monthly newsletter for several years. And both sponsored quite a few “Meet & Greets” at **Smith’s House of Carpet** (the photo on this page of Scott & Marie drawing the winners for the door prizes was taken from the most recent event in 2018). They rarely missed attending our other “Meet & Greet” networking events.



But I will mostly miss the visits I made with them when I was looking for advertisers for our community newspaper - The Kenmore Connection. They ran an ad in 76 quarterly issues in a row. And I enjoyed visiting with them every time!

Smith’s House of Carpet has closed, with it’s wonderful owners starting retirement and a new phase of their lives. The Kenmore Chamber wishes them happy days, and says thank you for all that you did in Kenmore!

Thank you for listening, and be safe!

John Buntin Jr, President
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW KCOC MEMBERS:

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Type of Business - Retail

Michael Black

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Boardman, Ohio 44512-4904**

330-207-6866

www.binvoyage.com

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Kenmore Chamber Members Win Spots in Akron Life's "Best of the City" Awards

The July 2020 Akron Life magazine contained this year's nominees to their "Best of the City" awards, and once again several Kenmore Chamber members made the grade! The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce congratulates these members, and hopes to see many more in next year's awards!

Best Akron Hot Spot - The Rialto Theatre (1st)

Best Free Event - Kenmore First Friday (Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance) (3rd)

Best Jeweler - Glenn Fisher Jewelry (5th)

Best Live Music Venue - The Rialto Theatre (3rd)

Best Pizza - Pierre's Brooklyn Pizza & Deli (3rd)

Addresses and phone numbers to these fine Kenmore Chamber of Commerce members can be found on-line in your **Kenmore Chamber of Commerce Business Directory** at www.kenmorechamber.org.

Kenmore Connection Update

The COVID-19 Pandemic is still affecting many of our local businesses, and this has caused a large drop in the advertising revenue needed to print and mail the 10,000 copies of our quarterly non-profit community newspaper. For the May issue, only 1000 were printed and distributed throughout the Kenmore/Ward 9 area (none were mailed), paid for by the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce.

For the August issue, we wish to thank the **Todd Young State Farm Insurance Agency** for offering to donate the money needed to again print 1000 copies for distribution. All current advertisers will again get their ads for free, and any Kenmore Chamber members who email a PDF of their business card may also have their card published for free (send to john@kenmore-komics.com). Thanks Todd!

Two More Chances to Learn About the Chamber Energy Program

On Thursday August 6th there will be two Zoom Meetings on energy savings hosted by **Community Energy Advisors (CEA)**. This program, offered to over 200 Chambers of Commerce in the State of Ohio (including the Kenmore Chamber), helps our members reduce their utility costs. On average, members savings may run 15-20%.

These meetings are open to all members of the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, the first will run from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and the second from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, both on Thursday August 6th. You may register online at <https://ceateam.com/noacc-soca>.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please email Kathy Elseser at kelseser@ceateam.com.

Join the **Community Energy Advisors (CEA)** from the comfort of your own home or office to learn more about this program!



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - August 2010

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The August lunch meeting was held at the Mudd Run Golf Course, with Akron City Service Director Ronnie Williamson as guest speaker.

15 Years Ago - August 2005

- ⊕ **John Buntin Jr.**, President
- ⊕ The lunch meeting at The Hibernians Club included guest speaker Michael Oldham of the Better Business Bureau, and introduced first-time attendees Diane Barry of Kenmore Freeze and Juhie Nelson of Lamco Consultants.

20 Years Ago - August 2000

- ⊕ **Jill Stevenson**, President
- ⊕ The 4th issue of the Kenmore Connection cost a total of \$2670.16 to print and mail (last year's August issue cost a total of \$3424.47).

25 Years Ago - August 1995

- ⊕ **Mary Lu Warstler**, President
- ⊕ Councilman John Conti spoke about the "New Neighborhood Business District Grant" and the "Ninth Ward Neighborhood Initiative Matching Grant".

30 Years Ago - August 1990

- ⊕ **Ann K. Morrow**, President
- ⊕ A KBOT evening out for members was planned, to take place at the Carousel Theatre's production of "The Music Man".

35 Years Ago - August 1985

- ⊕ **David E. Whitmire**, President
- ⊕ No meeting held this month.

40 Years Ago - August 1980

- ⊕ **Mel Kent**, President
- ⊕ No meeting held this month.