

# Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly Kenmore Board of Trade)

July 2021

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

Are you getting the e-mails sent to you by the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce?

I wanted to make sure because in the last year quite a few important messages were sent to our members, the most recent being a notice about four new grants for businesses from the State of Ohio, to help your business recover from the effects of the Covid Pandemic. The article on page two of this newsletter is a reduced version of the one sent out to our members last week, and since these grants are first come first served until they run out of funding, well I am sure you can see why we wanted to get them to you as quick as possible.

But about a third of our membership has not supplied the Chamber with an e-mail address, and quite a few more who did have their messages bounce back to us because the e-mails are either old & inactive or we could not read your e-mail off your application and it was entered incorrectly in our E-Mail Blast System.

No matter why you joined our Chamber, we feel it is our mission to help you and your business as best as we can, and that includes sending you information quickly about important events that could effect your business. We do e-mail you an electronic version of this newsletter every month, as well as offers from some of our major benefit providers who wish to check to make sure you are getting the best in savings concerning business insurance, electric & natural gas usage, shipping costs, credit card services, workers comp, etc., and these of course you can look at or delete if it is information you already have. Many of you take advantage of the services our benefit providers offer, so forgive us when you see a message again as we try to inform other members.

But the important thing to know is if you do not see e-mail messages from the Kenmore Chamber, then please e-mail me your business e-mail at [john@kenmore-komics.com](mailto:john@kenmore-komics.com) so that we can occasionally send you messages that may be of great help to you and your business.

Thank you for listening, and please be safe!

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## Ohio Offers Several New Grants for Businesses

The State of Ohio has offered 4 New Business Grant Programs that may be helpful to some of our Kenmore Chamber members. Each portal opened June 29th, and it is important to know that you can only apply for one program. These are first come, first served grants. You can apply by going to <https://businesshelp.ohio.gov/>.

### Food and Beverage Establishment Grant

This program will provide grants of \$10,000, \$20,000, or \$30,000 to restaurants, bars, coffee shops, and other food and drinking businesses. The amount of the grant to eligible businesses will be determined by the business' loss of revenue in 2020.

**Eligible Businesses:** The business must have at least one physical location in Ohio that has been in operation since at least Dec. 1, 2019, including food service contractors; caterers; mobile food services; drinking places, such as bars, taverns, nightclubs, etc.; full-service restaurants; limited-service restaurants; coffee shops; cafeterias; buffets; snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars; and businesses that do not otherwise qualify for the Entertainment Venue Grant because they earn more than 50% of their revenue from the sale of food and/or beverages. The business must have experienced at least a 10% reduction in sales/revenue in 2020 at one or more Ohio locations as a result of COVID-19. The business must be in good standing with the Ohio Secretary of State, the Ohio Department of Taxation, and any other governmental entity charged with regulating the business.

### Entertainment Venue Grant

This program will provide grants of \$10,000, \$20,000, or \$30,000 to theaters, music venues, spectator sports venues, museums, and other entertainment venues. The amount of individual grants to eligible businesses will be determined by the business' loss of revenue in 2020.

**Eligible Businesses:** The business must have at least one physical location in Ohio that has been in operation since at least Dec. 1, 2019. Eligible entities include theaters and dinner theaters; movie theaters; indoor and/ or outdoor music venues; comedy clubs; concert halls; spectator sports venues; museums; arts centers/galleries; historical sites; zoos and botanical gardens; amusement and theme parks; family fun centers; trampoline and adventure parks; arcades; golf courses; sports centers; skiing facilities; marinas; recreational sports centers; and bowling centers. The business must have experienced at least a 10% reduction in sales/revenue in 2020 at one or more Ohio locations as a result of COVID-19. The business must be in good standing with the Ohio Secretary of State, the Ohio Department of Taxation, and any other governmental entity charged with regulating the business. The business cannot have earned 50% or more of its annual revenue from the sale of food or beverages, but may be eligible for the Food and Beverage Establishment Grant program.

### Lodging Grants

This program will provide grants of \$10,000, \$20,000, or \$30,000 to hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast operations. The amount of individual grants to eligible businesses will be determined by the business' decline in occupancy rate in 2020.

**Eligible businesses:** The business must have at least one Ohio location that has been in operation since at least Dec. 1, 2019, and must have a hotel/motel license from the Ohio Department of Commerce. Businesses can be a hotel, motel, or bed and breakfast. The business must have experienced at least a 10% reduction in occupancy in 2020 as a result of COVID-19. The business must be in good standing with the Ohio Secretary of State, the Ohio Department of Taxation, and any other governmental entity charged with regulating the business.

### NEW Small Business Grants (for businesses started in 2020)

This program will provide grants of \$10,000 to small businesses that were established between Jan. 1, 2020, through Dec. 31, 2020.

**Eligible Businesses:** The business must be a for-profit entity that started operations between Jan. 1, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2020, and that has at least two and no more than 25 Ohio employees paid via W2 wages as of Jan. 1, 2021. The business must have a physical location in Ohio and experienced revenue loss or unplanned costs because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The business must be in good standing with the Ohio Secretary of State, the Ohio Department of Taxation, and any other governmental entity charged with regulating the business.



## KBOT FLASHBACK



### 10 Years Ago - July 2011

- ⊕ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⊕ No regular lunch meeting for July, but the Director's Lunch was held at Thompson & Bishop Law Offices with a lunch provided by new member Lukity's Restaurant.

### 15 Years Ago - July 2006

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The KBOT Events Committee, currently doing children's events at the Shadyside Park Concerts, presented the new "Hot Wheels Racing Tracks" for the Board to see.

### 20 Years Ago - July 2001

- ⊕ **Jeff Scott**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

### 25 Years Ago - July 1996

- ⊕ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⊕ The Board votes to donate \$200 to help fund a concert at the new gazebo at Shadyside Park.

### 30 Years Ago - July 1991

- ⊕ **Judith Rosenberg**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

### 35 Years Ago - July 1986

- ⊕ **Warren Ferrell**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

### 40 Years Ago - July 1981

- ⊕ **Don Jackson**, President
- ⊕ No minutes available.