

# Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

June 2023

## “BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

Summer is here, and so is Kenmore First Friday 2023!

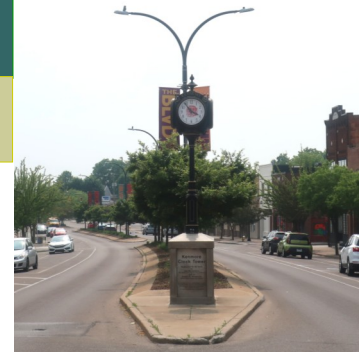
Held June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, and September 1st, this street fair is held down both sides of a five block stretch of Kenmore Boulevard. It is produced by the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** (a member of the KCOC), and has lots of live music, entertainment, kids activities, and of course open houses at various Kenmore Boulevard businesses. My hobby store was packed at times (see below photo) during the 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm schedule for the first event on June 2nd.

The food trucks were just across the street from me, so I got a pulled-pork sandwich at one, a cold ice tea drink at another, a cupcake for dessert at a third, and some caramel corn for snacking at a fourth. Several live bands played in the courtyard next to me, so I listened to great music all evening, but I was so busy after I ate that I never got the chance to go out and take more pictures of all the happenings up and down the Boulevard.

Many vendors & craft tables were placed on the sidewalks on both sides of the Boulevard, and if you want, your business could also take advantage of this promotional opportunity. Just contact Josh Gippin at either 330-714-9621 or betterkenmore@gmail.com for more information about the next three Kenmore First Fridays.

Thank you for listening, and please be safe!

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## June “Meet & Greet” at *Schlup-Pucak & Wilson Funeral Home!*

The Kenmore Chamber of Commerce’s June “Meet & Greet” event will be held at **Schlup-Pucak & Wilson Funeral Home**, 788 Kenmore Boulevard, on Thursday June 15th!



This evening networking meeting will be hosted by the new owner of **Schlup-Pucak & Wilson Funeral Home**, Charles Wilson, and will include refreshments, drinks, and fun conversation with your fellow business members. Many \$25 Gift Certificate door prizes from Kenmore Chamber members will also be given away. It is from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, and no RSVP is necessary. We hope to see you there!

## June to Have TWO “Meet & Greets” for Kenmore Chamber Members!

Because there are no July City of Akron Summer Concerts at Shadyside Park this year, the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce’s yearly “Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet” will be on Wednesday June 28th. While listening to ‘60s to ‘80s Rock, Pop & Blues music of **One Fine Day**, we will pass out free ice cream to those enjoying the band during this Wednesday June 28th concert. Members will meet starting at 6:30 pm and enjoy some pizza supplied by KCOC members **Regina’s Pizza** and **Pierre’s Brooklyn Pizza & Deli**, and then enjoy ice cream and social time with their fellow business members. With great weather expect great music, great food, and great socializing!



From the May KCOC “Meet & Greet” at Reeves Cake Shop is Dolores Reeves (sitting left of the Anthem banner) and Rick Reeves (standing right of the banner). Right photo shows some of the cake samples.



## KBOT FLASHBACK



### 10 Years Ago - June 2013

- ⊕ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⊕ Luncheon speaker was Mark Clendenin, Regional Business Development Manager of the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, who explained the three goals of the OBWC is now “Service, Simplicity, and Sustainability.”

### 15 Years Ago - June 2008

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The KBOT sends a congratulatory letter to Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic on Akron’s third “All-American City Award”.

### 20 Years Ago - June 2003

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ The Board congratulates the Etta Mae Smith Studio of Dance for 50 years of business here in Kenmore!

### 25 Years Ago - June 1998

- ⊕ **James Lawson**, President
- ⊕ Guest speaker for this month’s luncheon was Akron 9th Ward Councilman John Conti.

### 30 Years Ago - June 1993

- ⊕ **Ed Abdula**, President
- ⊕ The Kenmore Board of Directors votes to split the cost of hanging flower baskets and Christmas lights down Kenmore Boulevard with the Kiwanis Club of Kenmore.

### 35 Years Ago - June 1988

- ⊕ **Lee McCutchan**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

### 40 Years Ago - June 1983

- ⊕ **Jasper McCutchan**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

