

Kenmore Chamber of Commerce

(formerly the Kenmore Board of Trade)

August 2023

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

August picnics are the best, and this one even more so!

The Kenmore Chamber did not have it’s annual “Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet” at the last summer concert at Shadyside Park, but we did manage to find a very suitable alternative. The August 1st Ward 9 Councilman’s Picnic served as a more than adequate second choice for us to give free ice cream to the residents and business owners of Kenmore. The Papa Roni’s Ice Cream Truck served five flavors, and banana seemed to be the favorite. Lots of great food and company added to a very enjoyable evening (see photos on page two).

And I know it is a little early, but now seems like a good time to mention a great friend to the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, our soon-to-be-retiring Councilman Mike Freeman. Our Chamber/Board has always had a good relationship with our Akron Ward 9 Councilmen. I often saw Don Plusquellic and then John Conte at our meetings, and Mike has also been a presence during the past twenty-two years he served our community. Many of our end of year events had Mike swearing in the new officers & directors of the Kenmore Chamber. And I remember one luncheon where Mike and Mayor Don signed a bunch of certificates acknowledging the many long-running businesses of Kenmore who attended that luncheon.

And we cannot forget the time and effort Mike spent on getting the City of Akron to donate the base for the Kenmore Boulevard Clock Tower that we spent a few years raising money for (see the picture above). Mike always played a positive role in helping the Kenmore/Ward 9 business community, and often played Santa at the yearly Kenmore Holiday Celebration events that the KCOC’s Events Committee held.

Mike, you are “The Best”, good luck in a future that I am sure will always include Kenmore!

There will be no “Meet & Greets” for August, so enjoy this summer month and take care.

Thank you for listening, and please be safe!

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Mike Freeman at his Picnic



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5 Tips to Protect Personal Information and Business Data

The FBI is warning of travel-related scams that target unsuspected users with so-called “juice jacking” scams. This involves using public USB ports at charging stations to introduce malware and other illicit software onto devices.

This could give hackers the ability to steal personal information data from a phone when it plugs into a public charging station. Bad actors often try to compromise passwords, photos, and financial details that could be leveraged for phishing attempts or social engineering scams.

In a widely shared social media post, the FBI advised people to “Avoid using free charging stations in airports, hotels, or shopping center. Carry your own charger and USB cord and use an electrical outlet instead.”

In addition, the FCC recommends that travelers carry a trusted charging-only cable, which prevents data from being sent or received while charging. And if you must plug your device into a public USB port or charging station, pay attention to any prompt that asks you to either “share data” or “charge only.” If that’s the case, always select “charge only.”

To build on these common-sense recommendations, CMIT Solutions (www.cmitsolutions.com) compiled the following five privacy tips that can keep you safe while traveling for business or pleasure. These strategies protect your information while enhancing cybersecurity and securing every device. Any Location, Any Device—These Security Strategies Can Help.

- 1) Avoid using public Wi-Fi connections.
- 2) Turn on multi-step authentication (MFA) for all login credentials.
- 3) Back up your data regularly, remotely, and redundantly.
- 4) Protect important documents while traveling.
- 5) Watch out for travel-specific phishing attempts.

When the average computer user travels or works remotely, personal privacy and business security are inextricably linked. Always be safe by what you do.



Some of the Happenings at the Ward 9 Councilman’s Picnic included: Free Ice Cream from KCOC (top left), Crowded Pavilion (top right), Mayor Dan Horrigan (bottom left), Community Groups (bottom right)



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - August 2013

- Ⓢ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- Ⓢ Guest speakers at the outdoor luncheon at Mudd Run Golf Course was Keith Shy & Nate Eppink of Akron Metro Parks.

15 Years Ago - August 2008

- Ⓢ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- Ⓢ The Ward 9 Councilman’s Picnic is August 5th at Chestnut Ridge Park.

20 Years Ago - August 2003

- Ⓢ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- Ⓢ The luncheon meeting at The Hibernian Club had a “Special Drawing” for those who attended (no info on what was given).

25 Years Ago - August 1998

- Ⓢ **James Lawson**, President
- Ⓢ No information available.

30 Years Ago - August 1993

- Ⓢ **Ed Abdula**, President
- Ⓢ The Board discussed building a Gazebo at Shadyside Park (which the Kenmore Community Council eventually did in 1996).
- Ⓢ The Board began sending out the booklets for the “Drug Awareness Program” to various churches in Kenmore.

35 Years Ago - August 1988

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

40 Years Ago - August 1983

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