



# THE COMMON GOAL

All about what's happening in Kenmore!

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## Children's Concert Series Scheduled

KVIS is pleased to announce the 2011 Children's Concert Series performers. The free concerts take place each Tuesday evening beginning July 12 beginning at 6:15 pm and ending an hour later on the lawn of Kenmore Middle School or, if raining, at the gymnasium at Kenmore Methodist Church next to the Library. To make the concerts convenient, dinner items will be available for sale at each concert. Franco's Pizza, popcorn, fruit cups, Anderson's ice cream sundaes, and beverages will be available for sale at very reasonable rates.

**July 12: Big Bandana Opener!**  
**Ross Nickerson** World Renown **Banjo** Player and the **X Train:** The best, most foot stomping Bluegrass this side the Ma-

son Dixon Line!  
*(everyone attending this concert receives a free bandana)*

**July 19: Johann Strauss Orchestra**  
 The beautiful music of the Waltz King. Professional dancers will teach the dance to parents and children at 6:00 pm and will lead the dancing on the lawn when the concert begins. Sabre Tooth will be there to dance with the children too.

**July 26: Gordon Highlanders**  
 Drums, Pipes, kilts, and flags will resound even as the kilts and flags wave when the Highlanders come to Kenmore. Children can join in the drumming and can even make and decorate their own from coffee and oatmeal containers available at the concert.

**August 2: Caribbean Extravaganza**  
 Steel drums, singing, and more while children (and grown ups) do the limbo dance! There will also be a small National Night Out Celebration as part of this Concert.

**August 9: Buffalo Swing Band**  
 The Buffalo Swing Band performed the sound track for the internationally acclaimed movie, "The Natural." Big Band Swing at it's very best! Face painting, balloon art and more for this Series finale!



## The Adventures of Kenmore Joe

Trader Joe's is a food market that specializes in store brand products of high quality and excellent price. Trader Joe's are a destination store, people will travel miles to be able to purchase their products with many devoted followers throughout the United States. The KVIS has a campaign this year to bring a Trader Joe's store here to the Village of Kenmore. We believe that this type of store would be a great asset to our community.

The campaign is centered around a homemade stuffed life-sized figure named Kenmore Joe who travels throughout the Village and WNY. Kenmore Joe is adopted for a week or even a day by families, school classes, individuals, etc. who take him to specific places. They share their experience with Joe by taking photos and videos of him at the sites, drawing pictures, or writing a story; each person or group decides how they will share. These will be compiled in a special presentation we will send to Trader Joe's corporate headquarters, put on our Face Book page,

web site, etc. Our hope is that this will draw positive attention to the Village as a great location for Trader Joe's to place one of their next stores.

Kenmore Joe has had many adventures so far and has had such a busy appearance schedule that he needed to get a manager. The services of Kenmore resident, Nanci DeMeo have been secured as Kenmore Joe's Manager. She arranges for Joe's engagements, transportation, etc. Although it is Ms. DeMeo's first time managing the activities of an LSPF (life-size promotional figure), she plans to view her duties as one would a human client, even though one wouldn't usually need to carry them to each appointment.

We are still in need of people to adopt Trader Joe for a week; if you would like to join the fun just e-mail or call us. With the help of the community, we may be able to make the Village of Kenmore another great Trader Joe's destination location!!

Please contact KVIS if you'd like additional information about the other elements of this campaign and the work of the Businesses & Commercial Properties or Publication & Marketing Committees.



Kenmore Joe helping do restoration work at Shea's Performing Arts Center



Joe working in the front office at Diversified Hearing

## Kenmore at the Bison's with Star Wars

Remember the days when all of Kenmore used to go to Crystal Beach? There were many great memories made then; the excursion was enjoyed by young couples just starting to date, families of all ages, youth groups and individuals who all went there to enjoy each others company and have a great time.

Well, those days are back with Kenmore at the Buffalo Bison's Baseball! The whole of Kenmore is invited to cheer the Bison's on at a very special

game on **Friday, June 11th at 7:05 pm** at Coca-Cola Field; Buffalo Bisons vs. Columbus Clippers. Sure it will be great to see Kenmore flashed all over the Bison's big board and watch the team beat the sails off the Clippers, but the **Star Wars Fireworks Display** after the game will be the thrill of the evening! Watch in awe as Luke blasts Darth Vader into oblivion as the massive fireworks crack and explode overhead!

KVIS has made arrangements with the Bison's to offer tickets at the low, low price of just \$7.00 each. So buy your Dad

or guy friend a ticket and invite all of your Kenmore friends and family to come along for the game and Star Wars Firework Spectacular.

**Tickets may be purchased at:**

- **Colvin Cleaners**, 2375 Elmwood Ave. Hours: Mon-Fri: 7 am-8 pm; Sat: 8 am-6 pm; Sun: 11 am-4 pm
- **Edward Jones Investments**, 2954 Delaware Ave. (Mon-Fri 9-5)
- **By calling KVIS:** 877-0477
- **Through a KVIS Member**

Ticket sales end Thursday, June 10.

### 2011 SOCIETY MEETING DATES 2nd Monday of each Month

- January 10
- February 14
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13
- July 11
- August 8
- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12

Please see the list of Committee meeting days found on page 6.

☞ The mission of the Kenmore Village Improvement Society is to improve the quality of Village life through consistent communication, engaging education, and thoughtful action. ☞

# New Neighbor Welcome Party a Hit

The day was lovely, the best weather we had to that date for the whole year. There was a warm breeze and the sun was shining—a fine day for a party. Saturday, April 9th was the day this Spring that we held our New Neighbors Welcome Party. The party was a way for anyone who had moved to Kenmore in the past two years to get to know Village businesses, churches, organizations, and government.

The party was a unique and wonderful experience; for the first time since KVIS began, we were able to unify all the key parts of our community together in a common goal, that of welcoming our new neighbors. It is indeed a rare occasion in any community for organizations, government, churches, and businesses, and residents to be gathered in one room together, and rarer still for them all to be focused and working together on one specific project. Yet this is exactly what happened on that fine Spring day, making the party a great success for all involved.

There were many businesses represented including: Penny's Hardware, Putters Only, Best of Health, TC Jr's, Attilio's, Colvin Cleaners, Colvin Drapes, Craigs Antique & Vintage Collectibles, Edward Jones Invest-

ments, Golden Fleece Tailor, Good to Glow Airbrush Tanning Salon, Plaka Restaurant, Amici Restaurant, Torches Restaurant, Watson's Fine Chocolates, Marcos Deli, Fringe Hair Salon, Fit Physique, Kenwood Photography, SH Portraits, Ginnane Funeral Home, Custom Tee, Super Vacuums, O'Connell's Restaurant, Ivy Lea Pharmacy, Big Four Cleaners, Ziggy's Taco & Sub, Hofert Jeweler, Sinbad Market, Amigo's Restaurant, Diversified Hearing, Record Baron, Pine Grove Quilt Shop, Palm Tree Restaurant, Buffalo Sign Makers, Jovis Restaurant, and The Buffalo Room Restaurant.

There were quite a few churches and organizations there including: Church of the Advent, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, First Church of Christ Scientist, Kenmore United Methodist Church, Temple B'rith Hadosha, Kenmore Presbyterian Church, Meals on Wheels, Kenmore Garden Club, Zonta Club, Lions Club, KVIS. The Village government was represented by Building Inspector Mike Berns, Trustee Paul Catalano, Trustee Tim McCarthy, Clerk, Kathleen Johnson.

About 700 invitations were sent out and over one hundred new residents attended the party. There was party food and bevv provided by the KVIS New Residents

Committee and many different kinds of foods to enjoy from Village restaurants. One could try out the latest and greatest vacuum from Super Vacuums, take note of times of worship, gather take out menus, learn about Village ordinances, and win great prizes!

Prizes were given away every five minutes at the party from generous donors: Fringe Hair Salon, Ziggy's Tacos & Subs, Colvin Cleaners, Good to Glow, and Watson's Chocolates.

The New Residents Committee plans to hold the party every other year even as they continue welcoming new residents through the KVIS Welcome booklet and other efforts. The Committee's goal is to help new residents feel welcome, a valued member of the Kenmore community. You are warmly welcomed to consider joining in the good work of this Committee.



New Residents Committee Members after the New Neighbor Party: Pat Christian, Chris Bettinger (Co-Coordinator), Nanci DeMeo, Marilyn Twardowski, Lana Michaels Connors (Co-Coordinator).

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## Patriotic Decorating Contest

Once again this year, we'll be having our Yankee Doodle Dandy, Salute to the Red, White and Blue Decorating Contest for Village Businesses. All Kenmore Village businesses are eligible to win; all that's needed is a bit of patriotic spirit and decorating flair.

There isn't any form needed to enter the contest, all a business needs to do is decorate their windows, doors, etc. The Businesses & Commercial Properties Committee observes who has decorated and decides who wins each of the three awards.

1. Best Overall Decorating
2. Most Creative
3. Best Wreath

Last years winners were: Diversified Hearing, Terrie George Dance Theatrics, and Paddock Chevrolet. Make sure to keep a look out for all the decorating and be sure to let the owners know how great it looks.



Friends of Mang Park will meet Tuesday, June 28th at 7:00 pm at the Community Center located at Mang and Wilbur Avenues. Anyone who has an interest in or cares about the present and future possibilities for the Park is welcome to attend. Bring your thoughts, ideas, and curiosity with you to the meeting and feel free to invite a friend or family member.

## Are Your Investments Getting Enough Exercise?

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Now that the warm weather is here, you may find it easier to get outside to run, bike or take part in other physical pursuits that you enjoy. As you know, the more active you are, the more efficiently your body will work. And the same can hold true for your investments: The more exercise they get, the more potential to work on your behalf.

Just how do investments get "exercise"? Through lots of activity. And you can keep your investments active in at least two ways: through systematic investing and dividend reinvestment. Let's take a look at both these techniques.

When you engage in systematic investing, commonly called "dollar cost averaging," you are continually putting your money "in motion." Essentially, you put the same amount of money into the same investments at regular intervals. For example, you might decide to invest \$100 per month in Company ABC stock. To impose this investment discipline on yourself, you could even have the money sent directly from your checking or savings account.

Of course, since the price of ABC stock, like those of all stocks, is constantly changing, your \$100 investment

will most likely buy different numbers of shares each month. This can work to your advantage, because when the stock price of ABC goes down, your \$100 will buy more shares. When the price goes up, you'll automatically be a smart enough "shopper" to buy fewer shares, just as you'd typically buy less of something when its price goes up.

Over time, systematic investing typically results in a lower average cost per share than if you were to make sporadic lump-sum investments. If you can lower the cost of investing, this may help boost your investment returns. This also can be an effective way to fund your retirement account(s) each year. (Keep in mind, though, that systematic investing does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss. Also, you'll need the financial resources available to keep investing through up and down markets.)

Dividend reinvestment is similar to systematic investing in that it allows you to build more shares of an investment. But when you reinvest dividends, you don't even have to take money from other sources to increase your shares — you simply request that a stock or a mutual fund, instead of paying you a dividend in cash, reinvest the dividend into that same stock or mutual fund. It's an effortless way of adding shares. Similar to dollar cost

averaging, dividend reinvestment imposes investment discipline — you automatically keep putting money in the market during up and down periods. (Don't forget, though, that dividends can be increased, decreased or eliminated at any point without notice.)

Exercising your investment dollars in these ways can help you go a long way toward keeping your portfolio in good shape — enabling you to make healthy progress toward your important long-term goals.

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## BLOOMIN' GOOD TIMES IN KENMORE

If you've never caught the gardening bug you may not know what you're missing. Gardening not only beautifies one's personal spaces but is also a great physical activity for all ages. Gardeners who have caught the bug report a feeling of excitement and happiness during the growing seasons and many report 'plant fever,' a condition where seeking out and looking at plants to add to their garden becomes a quest of the utmost enjoyment. This summer in Kenmore there are two great opportunities for you to show off your plants and feed your plant fever; Kenmore in Bloom and the Ken-Ton Garden Tour.

The mission of Kenmore in Bloom is to help promote gardening in the front of homes in Kenmore by recognizing and celebrating the efforts of residents, institutions, and businesses that beautify their streetscape with gardens. 360 Village locations will have their gardens 'Bloomed' this year. When Bloomed, each garden will

receive a lawn sign to let everyone know of the honor, a certificate, and an invitation to the Bloom Party where they can meet others who have been bloomed, share ideas, and have fun. 12 of those who have been selected as having outstanding bloomed gardens will receive a special award and a proclamation from the Village.

Each Village home and business is automatically entered to be bloomed; nothing is required to receive this award other than using plants to beautify the front area of your home, apartment, or business. The Village



has been divided into Bloom Zones; each Zone has a Zone Scout. Our Kenmore in Bloom Zone Scouts are trained observers from the Kenmore Garden Club and it is they who will decide who is chosen to be Bloomed. Zone Scouts will be looking at gardens and making their decisions during the first three weeks of July so make sure your front garden space is looking its best then.

The Ken-Ton Garden Tour will be taking place again this year. The Tour will take place throughout the day and continue on for a night tour of the gardens. The dates of the Garden Tour are: July 23, 24 from 10-4 and Saturday evening the 23rd from 8:30-10:30 pm. Entry forms are available on line at: <http://www.tonawanda.ny.us> or by calling (716) 862-9733. Any type of garden may be entered: backyard gardens, driveway gardens, front or side gardens. Please note: entry forms are due by 5:00 pm Friday, June 3rd so enter your garden on the Tour today.

## Kenmore Recycles with Buffalo ReUse

We're not the throw-away society we used to be. Many Village residents are intentionally trying to leave a smaller carbon footprint as we travel on our life's journey. We don't want to send items that could be used elsewhere to the Niagara Falls Landfill where they will not fully biodegrade for many years after we are all gone. That's why the KVIS has once again this year invited Buffalo ReUse to come to Kenmore, to take away our unwanted, recyclable items. You may be surprised at the many items ReUse will take: doors, cabinets, all kinds of materials that make up a house inside and out.

ReUse will come to the Village through October on the third Saturday of each month from 9 am -12 noon. The truck will be parked in the parking lot behind the Municipal Building on those days. Please enter from Delaware Avenue. Listed below are the items ReUse accepts as donations. Should you have any questions about the list, please call ReUse at 882-2800.

### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

#### Furniture & Appliances

No tears, stains, smells, or burns. Structurally sound. Furniture is accepted at the discretion of our staff. Washers, dryers (up to 5 yrs old). Water heaters, ACs, & heaters (up to 5 yrs old). Ranges (up to 10 yrs old). Small kitchen appliances & space heaters.

#### Electronics & Miscellaneous

Good working condition. New & used. Stereo equipment, CD/DVD/MP3 players, cameras, telephones, projectors, and more. Hardware, tools, lawn & garden. New & used. Good working condition. Office supplies, art work, art & craft supplies. Sport/exercise & healthcare equipment. Quality/interesting kitchenware, pet supplies, antiques,

collectibles and more. Carpets & padding. Clean, like new or new.

### BUILDING MATERIALS

#### Lumber

All types. New & salvaged. Some nails & notches OK. No rot or infestation. 6 feet or longer preferred. Moldings, trim, decorative. Plywood, Chipboard, OSB, dry-wall . half sheet or more. Pressure treated, Trex, landscaping lumber, timbers.

#### Doors

All types, wood & metal, interior & exterior, commercial & residential. Jambs intact if possible. Storm & screen, patio sliders. Jambs intact if possible. Hollow core, veneer intact, no flaws. Bi-fold, closet, slider, French (multi window). Complete hardware preferred.

#### Windows

Casement, awning, double hung sashes & storm windows, no broken glass. Jambs intact if possible. We occasionally decline to accept double hung sashes if we have more than we can handle. Aluminum (triple track) storm windows if complete & functional. New, used, & replacement. All sizes.

#### Roof & Exterior

Asphalt shingles. Wrapped bundles only. Slate & ceramic tiles, new & used, good condition. Metal roofing. New & used. Some rust OK. No holes. Chimney pipes, vents, ducts, insulated, b-vent, single & double wall. Little rust. No holes. Aluminum, vinyl, ceramic, siding, & new clapboard siding. Large lots only. No asbestos shingles. Metal & vinyl gutters and downspouts. Porch columns, rails, decking, & treads. All types. Brick (3/4 or more complete), stone, intact concrete block. No masonry with strongly-adhering mortar. Fencing. Chain-link, iron, wood, etc. Good condition. Salvaged architectural detail.

### Interior

Ceiling tile, all sizes. Paper or fiber (drop). Reasonable wear, clean edges. No stains. Countertops. All materials. Straight sections preferred. Kitchen/Bath Cabinets. Good condition. Complete sets preferred. Kitchen/Bath sinks & tubs. Old or new. All types & materials. Good condition. Little rust, stains or chips. Hardware and accessories accepted. Toilets. Complete bowl, tank & lid. Tile. Wall, floor & decorative. Ceramic, glass, vinyl. Used or new. Small or large lots. Plumbing. All materials & parts wanted. Electrical. Panels, breakers, boxes, switches, outlets, plates, wire, etc. Functioning & good condition. No mercury switches. Lighting - all types, old/new, large/small, industrial/home. Complete ceiling fans. Antiques & not. Globes, bulbs, and parts. No PCB ballasts. Hardware. All types. Door, cabinet, brackets, window (including sash weights), gate & fence, banister, registers, catches, hooks, pulls, knobs etc. Paint etc. . cans . full or more. No rust. Never frozen. No oil paint, herbicides & pesticides or other chemicals. Radiators. Steam & hot water. No cracks or leaks.

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Anything broken, damaged, excessively mildewed, soiled or smelly items. Shower doors & non-tempered glass storm doors. Lumber less than 6' long, twisted, rotted or excessively nailed. Sheet goods less than half original size. Clothing, toys, cribs, strollers, car seats, tapes, records, CDs, books, mattresses & box springs. Freezers, fridges, humid/dehumidifiers, ACs & wall ovens. Automotive tires, batteries, parts, oils & fluids. Metal desks & office cubicles. Computers, monitors, TVs, VCR's, fax machines, printers, scanners & fluorescent tubes.

## College Professor wins Diamonds from Hofert Jewelers

The KVIS and Hofert Jewelers are pleased to announce that Dr. Patricia Christian has won the heart-shaped diamond and white gold necklace from Hofert Jewelers. The contest to win the necklace was announced in the last edition of "The Common Goal" and approximately one hundred people entered to win the prize.

To enter the contest, one needed go to Hofert Jewelers located at 2876 Delaware Avenue and complete the entry form. The question was asked on the form "What items listed here do you see in Hofert Jewelers?" "Men's Watches? Women's Rings? Art Greeting Cards? Charms for Bracelets? First Lady Garb? Money Clips?" The correct answer of course was, all of the above.

Hofert Jewelers carries a full line of exquisite and

finest quality fine jewelry as well as many other gift items. Just stop by Hofert's the next time you're in need of a gift for a wedding, gift for a newborn, anniversary, or any occasion when marking a special event is important; and remember to treat yourself every now and then too.

After being presented with the necklace by Dominic Hofert, Pat Christian remarked on the clarity and beauty of the diamonds. Dr. Christian, a Professor of Sociology at Canisius College, was surprised to see Art Greeting Cards on the entry form but upon examining the cards at Hofert's found them to be the perfect accompaniment to any gift. The cards are created by a member of the Hofert family who has a keen eye for simple, beguiling, and elegant photographic design.



Dominic Hofert and Pat Christian with Necklace

Photo by Kenwood Photography

# THE BIG KENMORE CLEAN UP & GREEN THUMB HELPERS

The Big Kenmore Clean Up held April 16th went very well. There was plenty of wind and rain and trash and weeds present that day; over fifty very large trash bags were filled by two dozen willing people who came to lend a hand. The group split into two teams to pick up trash, weed and clean the gardens along Delaware Avenue and the Municipal parking lots behind the stores. The last group tending the gardens didn't finish until noon having spent three cold, wet, and muddy hours working to make the Village look good. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this very worthwhile endeavor.

The Big Kenmore Clean Up also had a recycling part to it that was held on Wilbur and the Elmwood Municipal Parking Lot. This part of the event went well with many electronics and household items being recycled by Village residents and people from all over Western New York. The KVIS also collected hundreds of books that day for the Friends of the Library book sale, cell phones, and many pairs of eye glasses for the Kenmore Lions Club. A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Big Kenmore Clean Up! Please continue to recycle this summer with Buffalo ReUse and let us know if you'd like to become a Green Thumb helper by adopting one of the little Delaware Avenue gardens.

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A Muddy Clean-Up Crew (from left)  
Nanci DeMeo, Michael Foster, Mary Boblak, Ruth Kamen, Cindy Mang.

# IT'S BLOCK PARTY SEASON

KVIS Block Club Committee encourages you to consider having a Block Party this summer. Some Village blocks have a long history of block parties, but many more don't. There are many reasons to consider having a block party this summer, but none more important than having fun together with the people who live near us. Block Parties range from a very simple gathering of neighbors to a large event with bounce houses and other entertainment. No matter what type of block party you decide to have, there are a few things you should know to help make your party a success.

**Book Your Party:** Your Block Party must be approved by the Village Board. You will need to send a letter of request approval for the party; the letter must include:

1. The date of the party
2. The time of the party, start and approximate end time
3. The location of the party (street name & cross street)
4. The phone number and address of the person making the request.



**Mail the letter to:** Village of Kenmore Clerk, 2919 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, NY 14217. Make sure to submit this well in advance. A letter of confirmation will be sent to you once your block party has been approved. Street barricades will be delivered to your block by the Kenmore Department of Public Works (DPW) near the date of your party and will be collected by them afterward.

**Plan your party:** Your party should be a representation of *your* block, an event that's fun for all. Listed below are some Block Party ideas to help get you started in thinking about a Block Party. Block Club Committee has a booklet that is filled with planning tips, ideas, themes, and more to help you make your simple or fancy Block Party everything you'd like it to be. Contact KVIS and we'll get the booklet to you, there's no charge, we're happy to help.

**Some Block Party Ideas**

- Talent Show
- Limbo or Dance Contest
- Waterballoon Fun
- Board Games & Contests
- Treasure Hunt
- Sidewalk Chalk Drawings
- Karaoke Singing
- Horseshoes or Croquet

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# MORE KENMORE

**Walking in the Street**

Did you know that walking in the streets is not allowed in Kenmore? The Kenmore Police inform KVIS that they will be strongly discouraging residents and others from walking in the streets this summer; they also encourage residents to call them if they see someone walking there. Many senseless accidents, injuries, and death have occurred in WNY because of pedestrians walking in the street; please consider saving yourself the fine and court appearance by choosing the sidewalks instead of the street. Non-emergency Police Phone: 875-1234

**3rd Anniversary**

Happy Anniversary to the KVIS! Our first meeting was held in May of 2008 and we celebrated three years of helping to make Kenmore the very best it can be at our May 9th, 2011 Society meeting.

**Keep Kenmore**

Some people believe that the person heading up efforts to dissolve Villages may be focusing on other topics at this time. KVIS and our Keep Kenmore Committee remain wary and ready to defend the Village of Kenmore from dissolution; our plan is thorough and enables us to be flexible yet vigilant in our preparedness.

**Farmers Market**

Mark your calendar, the Kenmore Farmers Market opening day will be Saturday, June 25th. There will be delicious produce, plants, interesting vendors, and so much more. KVIS will be there each week –stop by and say hello and remember, we always have a little something there for the kids.

**Thanks History Guys**

Many thanks to Village Historian, Ed Adamczyk and Town historian, John Percy for assisting and supporting the KVIS in our historic preservation efforts, especially in seeking National Historic Register designation for the Municipal Building.

# K E N D O K U

The objective of **Kendoku** is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct letters spelling out Kenmore NY.

- Every row of 9 spaces must include all the letters K, e, n, m, o, r, E, N, Y in any order.
- Every column of 9 spaces must include all the letters K, e, n, m, o, r, E, N, Y in any order.
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all the letters K, e, n, m, o, r, E, N, Y

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# In Memoriam Ed Wolf

Sometimes descriptive words together can create a picture of something or someone much like a photograph captures one's image. When words like creative, caring, curious, careful, and concerned are added to willing and thoughtful, it is easy to see a picture of a much loved Kenmore resident begin to form. When the words gentleman, loving family man, and proud Kenmore resident are added, it becomes clear that the person being described is Ed Wolf.

Ed was a KVIS member who, with his wife Mary, formed our very first Welcoming Committee; they're in the photo here lighting the candles for our Meet, Eat and Greet pot-luck dinner. This is so Ed; bringing light and a warm and beautiful sense of hospitality everywhere he went. Though he is greatly missed, we carry the gifts of his strength and warmth with us.



# Kenmore Business Survey II

Last year the KVIS initiated a Kenmore Village Business Survey; the survey asked Village residents what kind of businesses they would like to see come to Kenmore and what, if any, they didn't. The information from the survey was shared with all WNY Commercial Real Estate Brokers and Agents at the KVIS Brokers Day event. The information contained in the survey was enthusiastically received by the Brokers who since then have been using it to help attract potential new businesses to Kenmore.

This year we are having another survey that will be a bit more detailed and one from which we hope to collect more survey responses. Please consider taking the Kenmore Business Survey; this is your opportunity to have your thoughts, hopes, and wishes regarding the vitality of our business environment heard. The results of this survey will be shared once more with all WNY Commercial Real Estate professionals, developers, and others who will use the information to help bring businesses to Kenmore that have a chance of long-term success.

The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and is anonymous. You may take the survey online by following the link on our web site, or at: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/2DQNCLJ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2DQNCLJ). The survey questions are listed here. Please answer the questions and mail or drop them off to: Edward Jones Investments, 2954 Delaware Ave., Kenmore, NY 14217.

**Question #1:** What kind of businesses would you like to see come to the Village of Kenmore? Please tell us what you'd like, not what you think would succeed here. *(Please check all that apply)*

- Furniture Store
- Children's Clothing Store
- Variety Store
- Cosmetics and Beauty Store
- Pet Store
- Costume Jewelry Store
- Candle Store
- Coffee House
- Yarn & Knitting Store
- Bakery
- Art Gallery Store

- Dentist Offices
- Doctors Offices
- Women's Gym
- Pub
- Stationery Store
- Adult Clothing Store
- Chiropractor Offices
- Green Grocer
- Sporting Products Store
- Antiques Store
- Restaurant
- Plant Nursery
- Gift Store
- Artists Supply Store
- Shoe Store
- TV and Appliance Store

**#2:** Would you shop at the businesses you selected above if they moved to Kenmore? *(circle one)* Yes No

**#3:** Oracle Junction, our Village bookstore for over 25 years is closing. Would you like to see another independent book store like Talking Leaves Books, that has comfortable seating, readings by authors, etc. come to Kenmore? *(circle one)* Yes No

**#4:** If an independent bookstore did move to Kenmore, would you shop there? *(circle one)* Yes No

**#5:** How often do you purchase products or services from Village of Kenmore businesses that are non-food related?

- More than once a week
- Once a week
- Once every two weeks
- Once a month
- Rarely

**#6:** How often do you purchase food products from Village of Kenmore businesses?

- More than once a week
- Once a week
- Once every two weeks
- Once a month
- Rarely

**#7:** Trader Joe's is a food market that specializes in store brand products of high quality and excellent price. Trader Joe's are a destination store, people will travel

miles to be able to purchase their products and they have many devoted followers throughout the United States. The KVIS has a 52 week campaign this year to bring a Trader Joe's store here to the Village of Kenmore. We believe that this type of store would be a great asset to our community because of the excellence of the products, low price point, and quirky sense of the stores. The stores are also not big box stores and prefer a smaller footprint that would keep with the scale of buildings in the Village.

What do you think of this initiative?

Would you like to see a Trader Joe's store come here?

Would you shop there? *(Use another piece of paper if needed.)*

**#8:** Iskalo Development purchased the former Kane Doyle Jeep dealership property on Delaware Avenue in the Village. They have since built a new building on part of the site. This is the first new multi-use building that has been built in Kenmore in many decades. On a scale from 1-5, one meaning that you don't like it at all to 5 meaning that you like it very much, how much do you like the new building? *(circle one)* 1 2 3 4 5

**#9:** It is statistically true that a successful local business district raises the value of homes located near it. The Village is only 1.44 miles large so every home is near businesses. What ideas do you have for helping to make our Village business environment the very best it can be?

**#10:** Thank you for taking of your valuable time to take this survey. The KVIS Businesses & Commercial Properties Committee is working to help develop an excellent future for our business areas. Please use the space below to add any additional thoughts..

## Historic Efforts

### Placing the Municipal Building on the National Register of Historic Places

The Village/Town Municipal Building is an architectural treasure set in the middle of the Village of Kenmore between the two Delaware's. The building, designed by noted architect, E. B. Green, is in the monumental style and is one of only two buildings designed by Green in this style and the only one remaining. Green built many of the great buildings we are fortunate to have as a part of our rich architectural heritage here in WNY including the Albright Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo Savings Bank, Genesee Building, Market Arcade, First Presbyterian Church, many of the mansions along Delaware Avenue, and many more.

The KVIS Public Properties Committee has met with the Village and Town of Tonawanda government officials to present information to them and request their permission to proceed in placing the Municipal Building on the State and National Register of Historic Places. Before meeting with the government, KVIS researched the process with our New York State Historic Preservation officials and determined that it would be best to have guidance by experienced architectural historians to help educate us about the process and benefits of proceeding. We researched three possible Architectural firms specializing in architectural historic preservation and decided to invite Clinton Brown Architecture to make a

presentation to us. The decision was made to proceed in seeking designation after hearing the information and asking many questions of Clinton Brown staff. We also decided at that time to enlist the aid of Clinton Brown in guiding and helping us attain designation for the Municipal Building if approved. We will make sure to keep you up to date with our efforts to obtain this great honor. Should you wish to know more about this, please contact us or visit our website at: [www.villageofkenmore.com](http://www.villageofkenmore.com).

### Village Green Contest

For two years now the Public Properties Committee has had a contest out at all the Colleges and Universities throughout the United States that have Landscape Architecture programs. The contest, which was approved by our Village Board, was for students to redesign the Village Green in light of how it is used, what is currently present there, and in light of the E. B. Green designed Municipal Building. The contest winner was to create a space that would reflect the historic architectural style of the building through creative hardscape and landscape design.

We waited, but no designs were forthcoming. To quote a department head from UC, Berkeley, "To be candid, you don't have a chance to have them do this because your prize amount is too low;" calls made to other schools received similar comments. We thought the prize amount of \$500 was enough, but clearly it wasn't.

With this door closed, we went to 'Plan B'. We are presently consulting two Landscape Architecture firms to create a plan for the redesign of the Village Green. One firm is from Philadelphia and is presently involved in redesigning the landscape for the Richardson Complex in Buffalo, the other is a local Landscape Architect.

These two projects, placing the Municipal Building on the National Register and redesigning the Village Green will both take time to accomplish. The cost for placing the Municipal Building on the National Register with Clinton Brown's guidance will be approximately \$10,000. We will need to raise these funds before proceeding. The Village Green plan will need adequate public and government review as well as funds raised and donations made to bring it to fruition.

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# The Dog Days of Kenmore

## Kenmore is going to the dogs!

Well, in a way it is going to do just that during our very first Dog Days of Kenmore event. The Dog Days of Kenmore will be held the weekend of August 13 and 14th, 2011 at Mang Park in the Village of Kenmore.

This free family friendly event will celebrate, educate and enable dogs and their owners/companions across Western New York to have fun and celebrate all things canine together. Although there are other dog related events in the Buffalo area, to our knowledge there is nothing currently offered which celebrates dogs and their owners by bringing together so many different aspects of dog ownership, including dog sports, dog training, dog related vendors, and various educational components.

We hope to show through this event that Kenmore is a family friendly place that cares not only about the welfare of its human citizens, but also about the wellbeing of its four legged inhabitants.

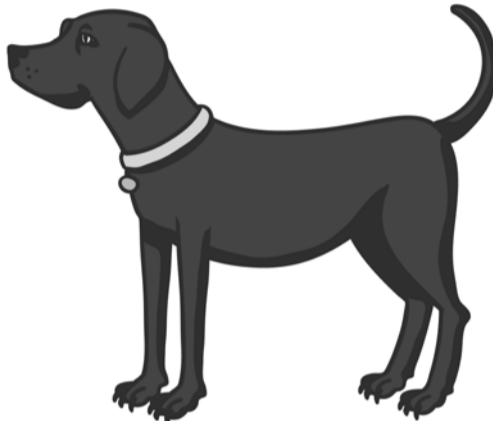
We will begin the weekend with a Saturday evening dog-related film, outdoors in Mang Park. We hope many families will attend with their dogs to enjoy some popcorn and watch a film under the stars. The main events will take place on Sunday, August 14 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. in Mang Park.

Some of the events we plan to feature include:

- Dog/Owner Look-a-Like Contest
- Dog Fashion Show
- Coolest Trick-Contest
- Vendors selling dog-related items
- Dog Sport Demonstrations, including Agility and

- Flyball
- Dog Parade
- Dog Photographers
- Dog First Aid Class
- Dog Massage
- Police K-9 Demonstrations
- Micro-chip/vaccination clinics
- Dog Trivia
- Much More!

Bring your well-socialized, friendly dog to the event as well as your friends, family, and all those you know who love their canine friends. Dogs must be kept on a leash and owners are responsible for cleaning up their dogs waste. Shade and water for dogs will be provided.



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## GOOD NEIGHBOR

Have you ever experienced an act of kindness from a neighbor or have you ever felt frustrated with a situation concerning your neighbor? If so, then you can benefit from the KVIS Good Neighbor Initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to help improve the quality of life for all of us living in Kenmore by establishing a recognized standard for how we can most effectively deal with one another as neighbors. The initiative also offers the opportunity to nominate your good neighbor to receive an award.

We can all help make our quality of life in Kenmore the best it can be by consciously choosing to be a considerate neighbor following the guidelines below; it takes little time & effort yet can yield such positive results.

**1. Noise:** Unwanted noise is the national leader in complaints to Police Departments. It is important for us to look at the sounds being produced by our households and to realize that the deed to our homes entitles us to quiet enjoyment of the property. Please remember that Kenmore homes are located close to one another, so protect your privacy, avoid a visit by the police, and extend consistent courtesy to your neighbors by avoiding these frequent noise complaints:

- Music played too loudly inside or outside.
- Cars or motorcycle engines revving in a driveway or curb.
- Poorly operating or placed pool filter systems.
- Yelling and very loud arguing.

**2. Placement of trash cans:** Please place your trash can away from your neighbors windows, porch, or deck/patio.

**3. Grills:** Grills are not allowed on porches in the Village.

**4. Leaking gutters:** Please check these regularly as they can do harm to a neighbors property if left leaking for an extended time.

**5. Fire Pits:** Fire pits can be fun yet also dangerous and unhealthy if not set and tended properly. Call the Fire Department for the Village Code at 875-3274. Please also be aware that for neighbors suffering with asthma, your fire pit could be a **serious health issue**. Please remember not to burn pressure treated lumber as it may still contain arsenic and other poison that is released when you burn it.

**6. Animals:** Dogs should not be allowed to remain outside barking for long. Other animals should be limited to their own yard where they will be safe and not intrude, unwelcome to other's property.

**7. Parking:** Be thoughtful of your neighbors when you take an on-street parking space. If you have more than one vehicle try to leave space for others by only parking one car at a time on the street whenever possible.

**8. Fences:** Please check the Kenmore Village web site at [www.vi.kenmore.ny.us](http://www.vi.kenmore.ny.us) or call 873-5700 for code restrictions on fencing. Also remember that when you erect a new fence it is customary to offer your neighbor the best or face side.

### Nominate Your Neighbor for Award

The Village Improvement Society wants to recognize your Good Neighbor. Perhaps your neighbor has helped out with snow removal, shared or watered plants, took your mail in, or even been there for you during a difficult time; whatever it is that makes your neighbor special, please tell us about it.

You and your neighbor will be invited to the Good Neighbor Picnic, your neighbor will receive an award certificate and will be eligible to win the Good Neighbor of the Year Award and Prize. Please use the form located on our Web site at: [www.villageofkenmore.com/events/good-neighbor](http://www.villageofkenmore.com/events/good-neighbor) or call us and we'll be happy to get a form to you or take your nomination information over the phone.

## Meet Mike



Meet Mike Ham. Mike is the owner of a very successful Kenmore business, Kenwood Photography. It's easy to spot Mike when he's out shooting photos of wedding parties, KVIS events, or in his studio making terrific Senior Portraits. Mike stands about 6'5" and rarely needs to use a ladder to gain height perspective for his shots.

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## Independence Day Celebration ☆☆☆☆☆

You are invited to a **free, fun, family event** the morning of **July 4th from 10:00 am-12 noon**. The Independence Day Celebration will be held on the Village Green. There will be music, folks dressed and acting as people from our nations past like George Washington, Betsy Ross, and Abraham Lincoln. There will be treats to eat like star cookies, crafts including duct tape creations, a salute to the original 13 colonies, neat things for bike decorating and lots of laughter and fun.

Independence Day is really the birthday of our nation; it

is our National Day, a celebration and remembrance of our heritage and traditions. The day celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

Bring yourself, family, friends, and some neighbors for a great patriotic and free time as we celebrate our joy and pride in living in the United States of America.

If you'd like to help facilitate this event, please contact us, the Events Committee welcomes your participation.

## SUMMER GREEN SERIES RETURNS

The Summer Green Series returns again this summer every Thursday evening beginning July 14th and ending August 11. One person attending the talks last year dubbed the Series "Kenmore's Chataqua" because of the quality of the conversations and the casual setting.

The Series features interesting and notable people who come to the Village Green to talk about their topic, lead a discussion and answer questions about it. Folks may bring their lawn chairs to the Village Green (the grassed area in front of the Municipal Building) and have a re-

laxing, entertaining, and informative evening. Last year we had a wide variety of speakers from nationally renowned writer, Mick Cochrane to County Executive Chris Collins. The Series begins at 8:00pm ending at 9:00pm.

The schedule of Speakers for this Summer Green Series is still being finalized. Please look for informational flyers at local businesses and public places beginning in June or take a look at our web site then for the list. This years Series promises thrilling, powerful, and compelling talks sure to please many.

## Kenmore Trendspotting

**What's In and what's Out in the Village of Kenmore**  
by *Kenmore's coolest, Pete R. Moss*

**Out:** Bare front yards without plants

**In:** Colorful and vibrant front yards with well planned plantings

**Out:** Big personal carbon footprints (think Sasquach)

**In:** Recycling household items, books, clothing, eye-glasses

**Out:** Offering a hand only if you get paid money

**In:** Volunteering, especially close to home (there are many local service groups- including KVIS)

**Out:** Eating food grown or made on other continents

**In:** Eating locally grown, fresh, delicious produce and foods (think Farmers Market)

**Out:** Playing your music or television outside

**In:** Being considerate of your neighbors (hey, they may find your music annoying and not like 'Survivor')

**Out:** Driving to buy your stuff

**In:** Shopping at your really local store (think Kenmore first)

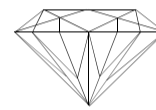
### Coming in the next issue of The Common Goal

- The Great Kenmore Auction
- Autumn Decorating Contests
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## New History of Kenmore Book

The KVIS is writing and publishing a book this year that will be different from the history books about the Village that are presently available. The goal of the book is to capture memories of Kenmore from present and former residents who are living today. This new history of Kenmore will include photos and interesting, fun, and moving stories that will help capture the tangible and intangible essence of what makes the Village a special place. We believe that it is important to preserve these precious memories before they disappear or are forgotten.

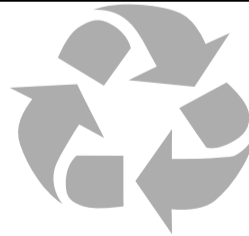
We will need **your help** and the help of those who have lived in the Village of Kenmore in the past to make this book a reality. Will you please consider recommending yourself and anyone else we should hear from? We are looking for:

1. Residents who have lived here a long time.
2. People who have lived here in the past but have moved.
3. People who have lived here for over **40 years** to those who have lived here only a **short while**.

The KVIS Publications & Marketing Committee will be making voice recordings of stories you are willing to share. Call us at 877-0477 to tell us your memory with us or to recommend someone whose memory of Kenmore should be included in the book. We'll make arrangements to meet and record the story. The voice

recorder will also be available at the KVIS table at the Farmers Market each week this season; feel free to stop by there and record your memory. Thank you for your help with this exciting and worthwhile project.

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