



Ken-Ton Elmwood Commons

NEWSLETTER
December, 2022

39th Annual Christmas Tree Giveaway!



It's that wonderful time of year again! On Christmas Eve from 9am-2pm at Ken-Ton Elmwood Commons we will be having our 39th annual Christmas Tree Drive! This community event began 39 years ago by Chuck Swanick and Mike Kollmar and we are grateful to be continuing their legacy! Tree's will be donated from Arida Farms, North Town Garden Center, Spoth's Nursery Grabber and Sons Nursery and Lowes! Decorations for the trees will also be available thanks to Dave's Christmas Wonderland. If you are interested in donating to the community as well, please feel free to bring your decorations down to The Commons!

We would like to give special thanks to The Girl Scouts from the Ken-Ton Service Unit for coming to help out as well as Ken-Ton Chamber of Commerce President, Cathy Piciulo, Member Relations Specialist, Rose Collins and The Ken-Ton school department maintenance team!

We would like to thank all of our donors and the wonderful support from the community in continuing this tradition! We hope to see you on Christmas Eve morning!

COMING SOON! NEW TENANTS!



In the next few weeks we will be joined by two amazing businesses:

Devi Bollywood Performing Arts and Rob's Comedy Playhouse!

Rob's Comedy Playhouse will begin their adventure here with us in January by hosting a private fundraising comedy show with an expected attendance of 300+ people! Rob's Comedy Playhouse was located in Tonawanda for many years and moved to Williamsville, but now they have decided to return to Tonawanda! We are very excited to see how our Ken-Ton Event Center and Theater will be transformed to be a hotspot for entertainment! Looking for a fundraising opportunity? Give Rob's Comedy Playhouse a call at 716-266-2240!

Devi Bollywood was founded in 2013 by choreographer, Gaitrie Subryan. Over the years, Gaitrie has taught in Buffalo Public Schools as a teacher artist and yoga instructor! She is very excited to be bringing her studio to Ken-Ton Elmwood Commons where she will have a variety of Bollywood classes available for both kids and adults! Interested in classes? Visit Devi Bollywoods website or check them out on Facebook and Instagram!

Stay tuned to hear all about the amazing things they will be doing here at The Commons!



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Building Updates!



The Installation process for the all new split AC/Heating units in the daycare wing are awaiting testing, but are otherwise complete. We are excited to continue these updates around the building and look forward to informing you of the next upgrades that will be coming to the building. Have a recommendation? Stop on by the office, or give us a call at 716-870-4104! We would love to hear your input!

Holiday Services with New Story!



New Story Church will be hosting a special holiday service on Friday December 23rd at 7pm right here at The Commons! They will be having candle-light time during the service and all are welcome to attend. In addition, on Saturday December 31st, There will be a New Years Eve praise party from 10pm-12am and it will be similar to the most recent worship night, but with more family centered fun! There will also be a count down to bring in the New Year! We hope to see you there!

Christmas and Hanukkah with Tea & Stiches!



During the entire month of December, Tea & Stiches will be offering a selection of handmade gifts in the colors that represent both of the holidays! Michelle loves The Grinch, so you can expect to see Grinch themed items as well as green marshmallows in the hot cocoa on Saturdays! In addition to this, Michelle will be making some of her holiday best sellers: PET HATS & SCARVES! (This includes hats for birds!) Are you also looking for a unique gift? Michelle also makes car cup cozy sets! Follow Tea & Stiches on Facebook and Instagram for more holiday treats!

Holiday Celebration!



In December, The children from the senior room at Blue Giraffe Daycare will be caroling all around the center to show some holiday cheer! In addition, from December 5th through December 9th all of the students in the center will be learning about holiday's celebrated from all around the world! We cannot wait to hear about what they learned!

With the holiday's in mind, the daycare center will be closed January 2nd.



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December 30 Day Challenge!



Body of Wealth will begin their latest 30 day challenge on Monday , December 5th with official weigh ins on Saturday December 3rd and Sunday December 4th. For 99\$ You get unlimited workouts, trainings, a meal plan and so much more! Looking to give the gift of health? Body Of Wealth also offers gift certificates! Call Body Of Wealth today at 716-254-7756 to discover how your life can be transformed! We would also like to say Thank You to Body of Wealth for extending their lease with us for 2 more amazing years!

Network with the BNI Teams!



We would like to formally welcome BNI Premium Group who will be joining us starting on Tuesday December 6th at 7 am right along side BNI Executive Marketing Team in rooms 104 & 106! BNI Premium Group is currently lead by President, Gary Lutz at Lutz Bookkeeping LLC and Vice President, Alyssa Gross of William C. Moran & Associates! We would also like to welcome the new officers of BNI Executive Team, Vice President Karli Holler (Former Treasurer) of Mary Kay Cosmetics and President Chistopher Cavallari of Tops Funding LLC!

COCOA CUP with Buffalo Turners Gymnastics!



Buffalo Turners Gymnastics will be both participating and hosting in the upcoming Cocoa Cup girls gymnastics meet at the Buffalo Niagara Court Center in West Seneca on Saturday, December 17th, and Sunday, December 18th. This event will be open to the public, but will have a cash admission fee for all spectators. We wish all of the girls from Buffalo Turners Gymnastics the best of luck! Interested in classes? Call the office today at 716-877-2700.

CPR Classes Available!



Did you know that all of the teachers at Action CPR LLC are full-time professionals in pre-hospital and hospital settings? From nurses and paramedics to police officers and fire fighters, they can ensure you are getting the best training available through years of hands on experience and education. To sign up for a class today call Action CPR LLC at 716-545-7820!



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COOKIE SEASON IS HERE!



Looking for amazing cookies to bring to your holiday gathering? Maybe a delicious pie or other goodies? Caramici's Bakery has exactly what you are looking for! If you place an order by December 17th, Caramici's Bakery will **GUARANTEE** that your order will be ready just in time for the holidays! From all of your holiday favorites and many more, order your cookies from Caramici's Bakery today! To place an order please call the bakery at 716-874-BAKE!

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Holiday Gala with KTCC!

The Ken-Ton Holiday Gala returns at 6pm on Wednesday December 7th at the Park Country Club. This gala was brought together to support and celebrate all of the Ken-Ton area service groups and non-profits. The country club will be fully decorated, so make sure you get dressed for the best party of 2022! This special evening during the holiday season is brought to you by : Erie Niagara Exchange Club, Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels, Ken-Ton Closet, Ken-Ton Friends of Youth Foundation, Ken-Ton Kiwanis Club, James V. Ryan, and Fay P. Ryan Paramedic Foundation, Zonta Club of Kenmore, Kenmore Business Association, Ken-Ton Chamber of Commerce, Kenmore Rotary Club, Kenmore Lions Club and Sheridan Drive Lions Club.

Holiday Fun in Kenmore!



Our friends at The Town Of Tonawanda Youth, Parks and Recreation Department have a lot of fun holiday events planned for you and your family this holiday season! From holiday donation drives, to Santa in the village, The Town of Tonawanda will be bringing Holiday cheer to all of us right here in Kenmore! We invite you to check out their website Tonawanda.ny.us and follow them on Facebook to see a full calendar events that they have planned for the month of December!

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25th Annual Christmas Bash for Kids!

'Tis the season to help those in need! On Sunday December 11th from 1-5pm join The Knights of Columbus Kenmore at 1530 Kenmore Ave in giving back to the community! There will be food, drinks, football, raffles and children's crafts to get ready for the holidays! The admission is an unwrapped \$15 toy and a roll of gift wrap with all proceeds going to local families in need. Both our friends The Rotary Club of Kenmore will be one of the sponsors and Ken-Ton Closet has been selected as one of the charities that will be receiving the donations to help children in need. We hope to see you there!

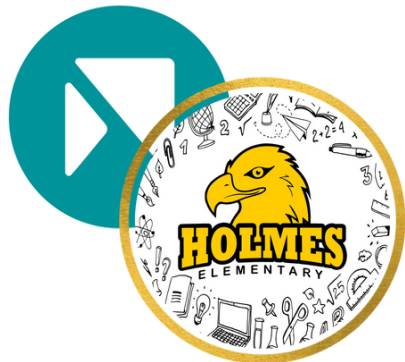
Holiday Dance Show!

Join us and our friends Sam Smith's School Of Dance on December 16th from 4:30pm-8:30pm right here at The Commons for a special Holiday Dance Show and Cookie Reception! This event will be taking place in both the theater and the Ken-Ton Event Center so feel free to stop by! Sam Smith's School of Dance has been open since 1993 by Ms. Sam Smith and her love of dance! Since then the school prides themselves on professionalism, age appropriate material, amazing sportsmanship and technical instruction!

We are very excited for them to be joining us here at The Commons for this amazing event, and we invite you to check them out on Facebook and Instagram!

Giving back to the Community!

New Story Church has been working alongside Emily West who is a Guidance Councilor at Holmes Elementary School and they have decided for the holiday season, that they will be sponsoring 75 students this year in need of Christmas gifts (Last year they sponsored 25!) By Sunday 11/27 all students had been sponsored with some church members sponsoring up to 4-5 students! Because of New Story Church's involvement, the school is now able to increase the number of students that can be sponsored. We would like to thank New Story Church for their amazing community involvement and invite you to help those in need this holiday season!



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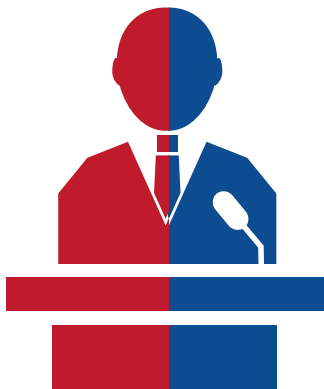
December Blood Drives

Connect Life will be back at Ken-Ton Elmwood Commons on Saturday, December 17th from 9am- 2pm in the Ken-Ton Event Center. All donors will be entered into a '27 days of giving raffle' for a chance to win: Bills & Sabres tickets, autographed merchandise, gift cards for Russell's Steakhouse and Hutch's restaurant and so much more! We cant wait to see you there!

In addition, we would like to say thank you to everyone who donated in November! Your donations helped saved the lives of over 160 local patients!

Congrats to the NYS Elected Officials!

We would like to formally congratulate all of the mid term election candidates and winners from November 2022. Congratulations to winners **Governor Kathy Hochul (D)**, **Attorney General Letitia James (D)**, **Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli (D)**, **U.S Senator Chuck Schumer (D)**, **U.S House District 23 Nick Langworthy (R)**, **U.S House District 24 Claudia Tenney (R)**, **Congressmen Joseph Morelle (D)**, **Congressman Bryan Higgins (D)**, **Erie County Clerk Michael Kearns (R)**, **Senator Timothy Kennedy (D)**, **Senator Sean Ryan (D)**, **Senator George Borrello (R)**, **State Assembly Andrew Goodell (R)**, **State Assembly Johnathan Rivera (D)**, **State Assembly Karen McMahon (D)**, **State Assembly Angelo Morinello (R)**, **State Assembly Monica Wallace (D)**, **State Assembly Patrick Burke (D)**, **State Assembly Bill Conrad (D)**, **State Assembly Stephen Hawley (R)**, **State Assembly Marjorie Byrnes (R)**, and the Supreme Court District 8 seats : **Tracey Bannister (D)**, **Craig Hannah (D)**, **Kelly Vacco (D)**, **Gerald Greenan (D)** and **Joseph Lorigo (R)**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR