

Monthly, attended Tonawanda Kenmore Historical Society (TKHS hereafter) open house at its Museum and fielded inquiries.

Twice weekly, worked at TKHS resource center with volunteers to archive and digitize local historic artifacts and news.

Jan 10, facilitated committee at request of Kenmore Rotary to create a historic sign for Tonawanda's Isle View Park in the path of Erie Canal, enlisted aid of more knowledgeable persons, thereafter met frequently, resulting in placement of sign detailing Prohibition and Bootlegging in Tonawanda.

Jan 31 received from clerk Kathleen Johnson a folder of renovation blueprints for now demolished water tower.

Feb 14, documented by pictures the abandoned Kenmore police hq, met with Capt Kieffer, discussed police history available at TKHS, thereafter researched and prepared response to his request for list of Kenmore police chiefs, also offered access to first chief Clarence Yochum journal, (they may visit,) Capt Kieffer also tentatively offered to TKHS some artifact tbd, possibly a breathalyzer.

Feb 21, Met with Erie County Historian Doug Kohler regarding duties of local historians, tips for responses, ideas for upcoming Kenmore 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

March 1, delivered list of Kenmore Police Chiefs to Chief Phillips and Capt. Kieffer, with request to contact TKHS if there are any items of historic interest they wish to see saved.

March, responded to new resident on Nassau who wished to prove that his house was built by famous musical instrument maker in the 1830s. Since Kenmore assessment records show the lot was vacant land until it was purchased by a developer in 1920, and the style of the house is a 20<sup>th</sup> C bungalow, I was unable to establish his premise. Additionally, the family name he referenced was not found to be living in the Town or Village, but rather in the City of Tonawanda. Provided available records to inquirer, sought his records for TKHS files, was ignored.

April, began research for Kenmore resident regarding Kuhn house on Military Rd. Subsequently provided photos of Kuhn barn and cows from nearby property in attempt to answer question as to whether Kuhn farm kept cows. No proof, but likely.

April 12, began communication with researcher regarding Kenmore Stamp Company. Subsequently retrieved and provided news articles regarding company and its historic stamp show in 1941. Received copies of show paper memorabilia for the TKHS collection.

April 26, attended seminar regarding technology and preferred practices to preserve and archive historic documents and photos.

May through September, attended meetings with Kenmore Clerk and others regarding plans for Kenmore 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Subsequently wrote script and arranged two guided bicycle tours and map

(funded by TKHS) of historic buildings in the Village for its September celebrations. Gave tours of the Village Municipal Bldg. Prepared for TKHS and assisted its volunteers to create nine large display signs with text and photos regarding the 1899 formation of the Village and its history since. Arranged for these signs to be displayed at local businesses, TKHS Museum, the Library and the Senior Center. Reprised for about 50 persons at the Library and about 10 at the Kenmore Senior Center my power point presentation "Kenmore Then and Now."

May 6 researched for inquirer the Wiggery Beauty Shop at Euclid and Delaware, which burned 12-11-1965, advised person re findings and sources for 10 articles found. (He rejected all offers to provide them without expense to myself, including as attachments to emails.)

Summer, retraced school tour bus route created by KTUSFD historian Patrick Fanelli and took pictures of school sites to prepare power point presentation of same. (awaiting further time).

Summer, visited Kenmore VFD, reviewed its awesome collection of scrapbooks regarding KVFD history since 1903, encouraged it to consider finding funds to digitize this resource, provided names of funding sources

July 18, answered inquiry regarding 1967 Mayor H. Walker Hawthorne.

August through September, after arranging loan of historic document from its current owner Ginnane Funeral Home of Kenmore, prepared and gave power point presentation regarding assassination and funeral of Pres. Wm. McKinley for TKHS speaker series using expense ledger prepared by Buffalo undertaker.

December 2, gave presentation to Kenmore Rotary regarding "A Brief History of Buffalo" and impact on formation of Kenmore.

Ongoing, transcribing 1897 Village of Kenmore and Town of Tonawanda tax assessment rolls, also acquired for TKHS transcribed tax records from earlier years, also occasionally acquired copies of documents and historic photos of sites in the Town and Village which are in the possession of the Historical Society of the Tonawandas. Unfortunately established that the published picture labeled "Kenmore Convention Center" is in fact a building on Grand island. What to do to correct that?

Respectfully submitted

Marjorie Murray



February 20, 2025



February 21, 2025

Village Board

At our February 19th meeting we approved two (2) new member:

Layla Keeton

182 Franklin St

Tonawanda, NY 14150

Brigitte Boettcher

1416 Main St Apt. 200

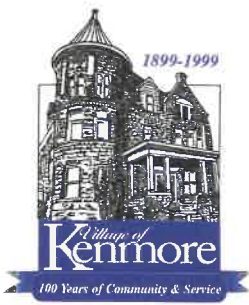
Buffalo, NY 14209

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane E. Belis".

Diane E. Belis

Recording Secretary



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February 25, 2025

**To:** Members of the Village of Kenmore Board of Trustees

**From:** Kenneth M. Butkowski, II, Senior Firefighter  
Village of Kenmore Fire Department

**Re:** Attendance at Upcoming Training Courses

Dear Distinguished Members of the Village Board,

I am requesting permission for **Firefighter Daniel Zeller** to attend **Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response (ICS-200) on March 17-18, 2025 at the Erie County Training and Operations Center in Cheektowaga, New York** and **Firefighter Frank Cutrona** to attend the following upcoming training courses: **Hazmat Tech Modules 1-5 from May 2, 2025 thru June 8, 2025 (11 classes total) at the Evans Center Fire Company in Angola, New York.**

There are no fees to attend these courses, however, I would like to request the use of a Village vehicle for attendance at these classes and reimbursement for any expenses.

I request your consideration in this matter at the next Village Board Meeting. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth M. Butkowski, II*

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**CC:** Fire Chief John T. Lauck  
Clerk / Treasurer Kathleen P. Johnson