

**Ken-Ton Bee Article
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After such a wet and soggy spring, it is great to see summer is officially here. Memorial Day ushered in another event in our 175th Town of Tonawanda anniversary year celebration with floats, banners, and much fun and excitement.

Kenmore Days was a successful event. Despite the rain and some soggy grounds, it did not dampen the enthusiasm and fun for kids young and old. The final concert by Terry Buchwald, Elvis and Johnny Cash impersonator, was well received by a huge crowd that enjoyed the final fireworks as well.

Many other activities are schedule in our Town and Village this summer.

Our annual Summer Concert Series begins at Lincoln Arena at 7:30 P.M. on July 12 every Tuesday and Thursday. On August 2 the concerts continue each Tuesday and Thursday through August 18 at our Brighton Arena. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and enjoy the great bands and groups. Check the list of concerts and performers on our web site at www.ttypr.com or call 831-1001.

The 2011 Ken-Ton Garden Tour Program begins the weekend of July 23rd and 24th. Join the members of our Town Commission for the Conservation of the Environment and members of the Ken-Ton Garden Club in viewing the many ponds, gardens, arboretums and magnificent colors that make us all proud of our neighborhoods. The tours are from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. each day. This year there will be a Saturday Night Lights option which will be held on Saturday, July 23rd from 8:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. Hoover Middle School student Alyssa Abendschein designed this year's Garden Tour Program Cover. Alyssa won the design contest sponsored by our Garden Tour Committee and run by Hoover Middle School Art teacher Jessica Indridson.

The Town's Annual Summerfest is August 10 thru August 12 at various venues throughout the Town culminating with many events at Lincoln Park on Friday, August 12. On that closing day our annual playground carnival will take place from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. At 7:00 P.M. there will be a free outdoor concert, s'mores, fireworks at dusk and free outdoor movie "Tangled" afterwards.

Our Town playgrounds are open until August 19 from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Brighton, Mang, Curtis, Kenilworth, Ellwood, Thurston, Dexter Terrace, Irvington and Glendale School parks provide adult supervision and are geared to provide a well-rounded program of physical play, arts and crafts and old fashioned fun for children 5 – 12 years of age.

Our outdoor pools are now open as well until August 21. In addition, the exciting Sheridan Parkside Sprayground allows kids of all ages to have fun while cooling off during the hot summer season. It remains open till the end of August.

In addition to the above, baseball, golfing, soccer and many other activities at our Fitness Center and Senior Center are also available.

With the Fourth of July two days ago, I hope we realize the great gift of freedom we have as we enjoy all of these great fun activities. Remember our service men and women who keep us safe as they serve in harm's way around the globe. Keep them and their families in your prayers. God Bless them all. Happy Summer!