

2016 Members of the Year

Congratulations to the City of Brooklyn and Wally's Auto Service, on being awarded the 2016 Members of the Year! Recipients of these awards are members that go above and beyond to support the Chamber and its mission. The awards were presented at our Holiday Social on November 10th. Be sure to congratulate these members the next time you see them!

City of Brooklyn - 2016 Large Business Member of the Year

Since the Chamber was founded in 2002, the City has been an integral part of making the Chamber, our events, and our members a success in the Brooklyn community. Most recently, the City of Brooklyn has assisted the Chamber in their annual Picnic in the Park event. Mayor Gallagher and her staff worked very hard to make sure this event was successful and enjoyable for the Chamber and the Brooklyn community. Andi Udris, Economic Development Director, serves on our Board of Directors and was an integral part of the planning committee for this year's event.

We cannot thank them enough for their support and look forward to continuing our strong relationship for years to come! Be sure to congratulate Mayor Gallagher and her staff on being awarded Large Business Member of the Year for 2016!



Wally's Auto Service - 2016 Small Business Member of the Year

Wally's Auto Service has been a permanent fixture in the City of Brooklyn for 35 years! Anyone that knows Wally Parker will tell you that you cannot find a more honest, reliable, or fair mechanic than Wally's Auto Service. Besides being a successful business in the City, Wally's Auto Service has also been a member of the Chamber since 2002. He has supported our annual events, such as the Taste of Brooklyn, through sponsorships and attendance, and has attended many of our monthly luncheons. Wally's Auto Service was one of the recipients of this year's business grant. He used these funds to help offset the cost of a new parking lot. Wally truly cares about the residents and businesses in the Brooklyn community. He has been extremely supportive of the Chamber's mission and in making our events a success and is a true asset for both the Chamber and the Brooklyn community! Wally's Auto Service is located at 7301 Memphis Ave and can be reached at (216) 661-7737.



Taste of Brooklyn Saturday, April 8th 7-10pm



The Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz will take place on Saturday, April 8th from 7-10pm. The event is once again, being held at Copper Stone Catering & Banquet Center (formerly Agostino's & Ridge Manor). All of the net proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship & Education Fund. This is the Chamber's 11th year hosting the event!

This event has had great success in the past. Because of the proceeds made in 2016, we were able to increase the awards to three \$2,000 scholarships to Brooklyn and Old Brooklyn residents who will be attending an accredited college or university and \$1,000 worth of grants to Brooklyn City Schools. We are hoping to do the same in 2017.

Taste of Brooklyn features a "taste" of cuisine from local restaurants and establishments. The Brooklyn High School Jazz Band entertains all of those in attendance. The cost is \$15 includes food, beer, wine, and entertainment. This year, we will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win gift baskets and 50/50 tickets! If you are interested in sponsoring the event, the cost is \$200. All sponsors receive 2 admission tickets for the event.

If you are able to help out in any way or if you are interested in purchasing tickets, please let Valerie Thompson know.

[Click here for flyer...](#)

[Click here for sponsorship info...](#)

[Click here for food vendor info...](#)



Thank you to our sponsors...

Andy Celcherts

Copperstone Catering &
Banquet Center

Ferrous Metal Processing Co.

Jinisha Patel, State Farm
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Wally's Auto Service

2016 Brooklyn Cares Holiday Program a Success!



The Brooklyn City Schools developed a program to help Brooklyn families in need during the holiday season. This program, called Brooklyn Cares, was organized by teachers Suzy Marquis and Hayley Toerek several years ago. The Brooklyn City School District vision is that the community of the Brooklyn City Schools, through collaborative efforts, will be a dynamic learning environment in which all students will maximize their intellect, as well as their physical, social, and emotional well-being. Everyone in the Brooklyn City Schools will be respected, acknowledge differences, have a sense of safety, belonging, and pride in their respective learning environments. The Brooklyn Cares program helped to foster this vision.

Brooklyn Cares was able to assist 55 families with a total number of 128 children this holiday season! Suzy Marquis would like to thank Brooklyn City schools, community members, Brooklyn City and Brooklyn businesses. The following is a list Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce members that so generously donated. Many employees from these companies also adopted families on their own. It truly shows how a community comes together.

Thank you to the following members who donated:

**Ameriflag
Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Brooklyn Adult Activities Center
Ferrous Metal Processing
Northshore Gastroenterology
Ridge Park Square
Triad Engineering and Contract Co.**

Brooklyn Cares will also continue throughout the year. Please contact Suzy Marquis at suzy.marquis@brooklyn.k12.oh.us if you are able to offer assistance to others. The strength of our community makes learning possible.

Be sure to check out Brooklyn Cares Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Brooklyn-Cares-1798552460431588/>. If you are a member that donated to this year's program, please send your logo to Suzy and she will post it on their Facebook page.

Thank you again for everyone's support in making holiday wishes come true for Brooklyn families in need!





Polaris Adult Programs Launch Exciting Careers

Are you entering the workforce for the first time or looking to re-tool your career? Consider a Polaris Adult Job & Career Training Program. Great location...expert teachers...hands-on training...financial aid (available to those who qualify)!

Programs include the following:

- Automotive Service Technician
- Cardiographic Technician
- Cosmetology
- Dental Assisting
- Early Child Care Education/Child Development Associate
- Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (HVAC/
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Billing & Coding
- Natural Resources/Ranger/Basic Peace Officer Academy
- Office Administration
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy Certification
- Precision/CNC Machine Technology
- Welding



We're currently enrolling for select programs starting this spring. Don't get shut out! Classes fill up FAST! [Click here](#) to view the programs or call 440.891.7697 for more details!

Adult Job & Career Training Program Open House

Attend our **FREE** open house event on Tuesday, January 17, 2016, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come explore our programs and learn more about financial aid options, the interest-free tuition payment plan, federal student loans and Pell grants that are available to qualified applicants. Stay afterwards and attend our FAFSA workshop beginning at 7:00 p.m. **Call 440.891.7697 for more information! #PolarisMeansJobs**

Mastering ChamberMaster



Mastering ChamberMaster by logging into your member portal!

We are so glad that all of you have decided to be members of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. Benefits gained by being a chamber member are available in many ways. Remember to take advantage of excellent opportunities for your business to attract new customers and share information with our community and the world.

Log in today to your chamber member portal to take advantage of these features!

- **Business Directory Listing** - your business information is available to consumers through the chamber's website – visitors can search by category, keyword or alphabetically
- **Online Informational Brochure** - your own page on the chamber's website which can include your business description, hours of operation, location information, and up to eight keywords (these help identify your business when a website visitor does a keyword search on the Business Directory)
- **Job Postings**– add your own job openings to the Chamber's website
- **Hot Deals** – include store coupons and special offers on the Chamber's website
- **Event Posting** - add your business' events to the Chamber's Online Events Calendar – chamber website visitors can add your event to Outlook, e-mail the details to a friend and request an automatically generated email reminder for your event
- **"Email to a friend" link** - visitors to your Online Informational Brochure may select a link to email your business information to a friend

Enter your login name and password to gain access to all of these features, update your information and more at www.chamberlogin.com. If you need your login information, please contact Valerie Thompson.

DUE it Right...

2017 Membership Dues



2017 invoices have been sent by email. If you pay by January 31st, you will receive a FREE luncheon coupon that can be used at anytime in 2017. If you are interested in being a sponsor for Taste of Brooklyn, purchasing a website banner ad, or prepaying for lunches, those costs can be added to your payment for dues. If you are interested in paying by credit card, click on the link below...its quick and easy!

<https://www.paypal.me/Brooklynchamber>

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

January 12th Luncheon at KeyBank

Katie Rothstein, KeyBank's Health and Wellness coach, will be the speaker for this luncheon. She will give a presentation on the life work balance and dealing with stress. The luncheon menu will include a deli tray, salad, and cookies. The luncheon is being held at the KeyBank Operations Center, 4910 Tiedeman Rd. All those attending will need to be preregistered and have a valid driver's license or ID when entering the building. We are unable to accept walk ups at this luncheon. [Click here to register...](#)



State of the City Luncheon February 9th

Join us as Mayor Katie Gallagher gives the annual State of the City address on Thursday, February 9th. The luncheon is being held at the former American Greetings building, located at 1 American Way off of Tiedeman Rd. The luncheon will begin at 12noon. [Click here to register...](#)

Did you know you can easily pay for your membership dues with a credit card?

As most of you know, the Chamber processes their credit cards through PayPal. They have a new feature that allows us to create a link to give out to those that want to pay by credit card. You simply click on the link and fill out the information, including the amount. You can use this link to pay for membership dues, luncheons, event sponsorships, etc. If you have any questions, please let me know. Below is the link for those interested.

[https://www.paypal.me/
Brooklynchamber](https://www.paypal.me/Brooklynchamber)





The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Proudly Presents

A Taste of Brooklyn

AND ALL THAT JAZZ

2017

Saturday, April 8th

7pm - 10pm

**Copper Stone Catering & Banquet Center
(formerly Ridge Manor)
4630 Ridge Road (Brooklyn)**

\$15 donation per person



*Enjoy an evening of fun,
great food and entertainment!*



**Entertainment provided by
the Brooklyn High School Jazz Ensemble**

For more information on where to purchase tickets or for sponsorship opportunities,
please contact Valerie Thompson at
exec@brooklynohiochamber.org or (216) 288-5484.

Net proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Scholarship & Education Fund



11th Annual “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” Sponsors needed...

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” on Saturday, April 8, 2017. The event is being held at **Copper Stone Catering & Banquet Center** (formerly Ridge Manor) from 7-10pm. All of the net proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce’s Scholarship & Education Fund.

We are looking for sponsors to help offset the cost of the event and generate more money for the scholarship & education fund. If you are willing to be a sponsor for the event, your name and logo will appear in the event program, on our website, in newsletters and emails leading up to the event and you will be recognized the evening of the event. **The cost for a sponsorship is \$200. All sponsors receive 2 admission tickets for the event.** If you are interested in being a sponsor, please fill out the attached form.

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If you would like more information or if you are able to donate a gift basket, purchase tickets, etc., please contact Valerie Thompson at exec@brooklynohiochamber.org or 216-288-5484.

We thank you for your support!

Taste of Brooklyn Committee



Please fill out the sponsorship form below for the Taste of Brooklyn. The cost is \$200. All sponsors receive 2 admission tickets for the event.

Contact Name _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Total: \$200

Pay by Check

Pay by Credit Card

Bill Me

Please make checks payable to Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. If paying by credit card, please email exec@brooklynohiochamber.org to be emailed the link. Mail checks and forms to:

**Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 44038
Brooklyn, OH 44144**

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