

President's Message

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As the 2015 President of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, I am honored to work with many talented individuals. This organization has been fortunate to have such enthusiastic and willing partners to move the Chamber in the right direction. Since my term began in January 2015, and the gavel was passed to me, we have maintained our membership and added new businesses to our roster. I want to thank our sustaining members for their continued support, and welcome the newest members to our Chamber: Blue Jay Communications; Ron Balbier, resident of Brooklyn; GreenScape USA, LLC; Cleveland Clinic, Lutheran Hospital; North Shore Energy Consulting; LA Fitness; Boston Market; and Tom Adamski, resident of Brooklyn. Valerie Thompson was promoted to Executive Director of the Chamber. Mrs. Thompson has been undeniably invaluable to the Chamber. With the retirement of Greg Frey, one of the original members of the Chamber Board, we elected Jinisha Patel, State Farm Insurance & Financial Services, to serve in his place. Her business expertise and experience will serve the Board well.

Cynthia Walker, Superintendent of the Brooklyn City School District, and a board member, has also retired this year. Mrs. Walker has been a tremendous advocate of the Chamber, and she will be missed. Her replacement will be the new Superintendent of the Brooklyn City School District, Mark Gleichauf.

We continue with our **monthly luncheon series**, the second Thursday of every month. To date, our guest speakers have covered a wide range of topics: Mayor Richard H. Balbier, City of Brooklyn, updated us on the City's major activities; Jessica & Daniel Cliff, from U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy, and 2014 International Kung Fu winners, demonstrated their art; Wendy Weirich of the Cleveland Metro Parks System shared the park system history; and Professor Phil Bessler was on hand to inform the business community of the advantages of the Baldwin Wallace Business Clinic. In June, we had an update of the State of the Schools, presented by Ms. Walker. We want to thank our hosts: Ridge Manor Banquet Center, Westbrook Village Apartments, Hampton Inn, Dollar Bank, KeyBank, and LaVilla Conference and Banquet Center. Catering has been provided by: Panera, Ridge Manor Banquet Center, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Boston Market. Please join us for the informative **luncheon series**. Invitations are sent via e-mail and registration is online.

Upcoming!

Join the Brooklyn, Brook Park, and Middleburg Heights Chambers of Commerce on **Thursday, July 30th** for a great day of golf and fun. Registration will begin at 8am with a shotgun start at 9am. A breakfast buffet will be provided, followed by dinner after golf. The outing is being held at Coppertop in Valley City.

This year the Chamber approved a new Beautification Grant program to assist businesses with "sprucing up" their exteriors. We initiated four \$500 grants and it is our way of giving back to its members. Applications were on line for all members to apply. We intend to keep this program next year as our way of saying Thank You!

The Taste of Brooklyn was a success! We were able to offer three \$1,500 scholarships and one teacher grant for Spring of \$500; and one teacher grant in the Fall for \$500.

We are ready to play! Our Golf Outing will be held on July 30, 2015 at Cherokee Hills. This is a joint event with neighboring Chambers. You don't need to be a Tiger Woods to play! Just bring your irons and woods and putt a round of golf with us!

Picnic in the Park is gearing up to be a success! We will have food trucks, a DJ, and in the evening, there will be a live band. There will be plenty of games for the children and more. We look forward to your participation on August 15th from 1-8:30pm in Memorial Park behind City Hall. Come play with us!

Our success is only achieved through its Chamber members.

Chris Ellis - Hampton Inn





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8th Annual Joint Golf Outing

Thursday, July 30th

Join the Brooklyn, Brook Park, and Middleburg Heights Chambers of Commerce on **Thursday, July 30th** for a great day of golf and fun. Registration will begin at 8am with a shotgun start at 9am. A breakfast buffet will be provided, followed by dinner after golf. Plus, prizes for the best Foursome and skill competitions! The outing is being held at Coppertop in Valley City.

We are in need of sponsors, raffles prizes, door prizes, and goodie bag donations. If you are interested in donating any items, becoming a sponsor, or registering to golf, please email Valerie Thompson at exec@brooklynohiochamber.org or call at 216-288-5484.

We appreciate any help you can give us to make the event a success!! We would like to thank the sponsors listed below for supporting this fun & exciting event!

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Members step up to the plate

to sponsor youth summer programs!!

We would like to thank all of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce members who sponsored a youth summer program in 2015. The children of Brooklyn truly appreciate your generosity! The Chamber donated \$30 for each sponsorship fee for all members and we hope to continue to do so next year. Thank you again to all sponsors!

Dollar Bank

**Ridge Park Square
(sponsored 7 teams!!!)**

Triad Engineering





4th Annual Picnic In The Park

August 15th 1-8:30pm

FREE ADMISSION!!



Join us on Saturday August 15th 1pm-8:30pm, as we bring the community together for a "Picnic in the Park". The event will be a family friendly celebration with a DJ, live entertainment, children's activities, exhibitors, corn hole, food trucks, and more! The event is being held at Veterans Memorial Park, behind Brooklyn City Hall off of Memphis Ave.

Cleveland Metroparks NatureTracks will be on hand from 1pm-6pm. Home Depot will also be at the event with their FREE kids' workshop. DJ will be playing hits from yesterday and today from 1-5pm. Fast Lane, an Eagles Tribute Band, will be performing from 6-8pm.

We will have raffle baskets and chances at 50/50 tickets. We will also be selling tickets for our pedal car fundraiser...winners will be chosen at 8pm that night.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, an exhibitor, or donating a raffle basket, please let Valerie Thompson know. [Click here for flyer...](#)

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- Andy Celcherts, Brooklyn City Council
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- The Frey Family
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Superintendent Cynthia Walker Retires



The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce would like to personally congratulate Superintendent Cynthia Walker on her retirement. In addition to being the Superintendent of Brooklyn City Schools, she has also served on the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors since 2010. Throughout her time with the Chamber, she has been very active in fostering the Chamber/schools relationship, planning and promoting our events, and volunteering countless hours to making the Chamber a successful organization. Cynthia Walker is a true asset for both the Chamber and the Brooklyn community!

Cynthia has been with Brooklyn City Schools for 10 years, with the last seven years as Superintendent. During her time with the district, she worked very hard to help pass a levy that allowed the district to build a new middle school and renovate the football field. Prior to her tenure at Brooklyn City Schools, Cynthia was the director of student services at Revere Local Schools and also taught special education at Akron Public Schools. She retires this year with 35 years in education.

On June 11th, Cynthia gave her final State of the Schools address at our luncheon. Chris Ellis, President of the Chamber, presented her with a flower planter and gift card. The planter was personalized by Chelsea Hooper, a Brooklyn High School senior art student. The Chamber would like to thank Chelsea, along with High School Principal Annie Hostetler and Art Teacher Chris Kaspar for all their help in making the planter into a beautiful tribute to Cynthia's years of service.



We would like to personally congratulate Cynthia on her retirement. Her hard work and diligence has greatly benefitted all who have had the pleasure of working with her. We wish her the best in her future endeavors!

Our Newest Members



Tom Adamski, Brooklyn Resident

Email: ta0477@wowway.com

Upcoming Luncheons...



Remember, there are **no luncheons in July or August**. Luncheons will resume on **Thursday, September 10th**. Several banks will be on hand to discuss issues related to small businesses, personal banking, etc. Look for more details to follow.

2015 Scholarship Recipients



We would like to congratulate our 2015 Scholarship winners. Each student received a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. The recipients were in attendance at our June luncheon to receive their awards. Below is an impressive list of their accomplishments.

Fanny Huang

Fanny is a 2015 graduate of Brooklyn High School, graduating 8th in her class with an accumulative grade point average of over 4.1. During her four years in high school, she has played volleyball and ran track and field. Fanny has also been a member of Key Club, National Art Honor Society, and National Honor Society, along with being a member of the Yearbook Club. She traveled to Europe with staff and students at Brooklyn High School. Fanny plans on continuing this quest for knowledge abroad during her college career by traveling to Haiti, Middle East, and China. She will be attending Case Western Reserve University in the fall and plans on studying Biology/Pre-Med.

Samantha Newby

Samantha is a 2015 graduate of Brooklyn High School, graduating 5th in her class with an accumulative grade point average of over 4.2. During her four years in high school, she has been a part of the varsity soccer team, varsity basketball team, and varsity softball team. Samantha has also been a member of the marching and concert bands. She was a member of the Drama Department, National Art Honor Society and National Honor Society. She has spent several summers volunteering at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Samantha will be attending Ohio State University in the fall and plans on studying Computer Engineering.

Shawn Zubek

Shawn is a 2015 graduate of Holy Name High School, graduating with an accumulative grade point average of over 3.1. During his four years in high school, he has been a member of the marching band and varsity baseball team. Shawn has spent countless hours volunteering time helping elderly neighbors, serving meals at church, and gathering donations for those less fortunate. Shawn will be attending Walsh University in the fall and plans on studying Nursing.

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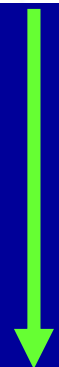
We are so glad that all of you have decided to be members of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. Benefits gained by being a chamber member are available in many ways. Remember to take advantage of excellent opportunities for your business to attract new customers and share information with our community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

A Business Category indicates where your company or organization will be displayed within the Business Directory of our website. When a visitor comes to our website, they can search by business categories, or view an alphabetical list of members. You want to make sure that your business is listed under the correct business category...there are many to choose from (for example, automotive, banks, restaurants, etc.).

Log into your chamber member portal to check what business category your business is currently listed under!

- Access www.chamberlogin.com
- Enter your login name and password.
- Click **Bus. Categories** in the left-hand menu.
- Take a look at what category is assigned to your business. If you would like a category added or deleted, notify Valerie Thompson so she can make the change.

Try it out and contact us with additional questions or for more information. If you need your login information, please contact Valerie Thompson.



Adopt a Bookbag to Benefit Brooklyn City Schools Students

Once again this year, we are hoping to provide families in need with back to school essentials. This is a community effort as all of our donations last year came from Brooklyn staff and the generous donations of local businesses. We would appreciate any donation amount to help our Brooklyn families in need. Our program is unique as it supplies the child with the specific items needed for his/her grade level. If your business is able to help support the Brooklyn Cares program Adopt a Book Bag, Please contact Suzy Marquis at suzy.marquis@brooklyn.k12.oh.us for additional information and grade level supplies needed.



Newest Board Member

Jinisha Patel has become the newest member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Please welcome Jinisha the next time you see her!

Jinisha Patel agency, located at **7413 Memphis Ave, Brooklyn, OH** officially opened its doors on January 1st, 2013. I bring 12 years financial services experience to my agency having owned a tax consulting business. I also bring 8 years of insurance experience having worked with a local State Farm agent as an insurance specialist before deciding to open my open office.

My goal is to help the people of **Brooklyn** and the surrounding communities to manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected, and realize their dreams. Being a State Farm agent fuels my desire to make a difference in the lives of the people around me. Being a part of this company has allowed me to witness first-hand how much State Farm cares about people. I became an agent to help people understand their unique risks and help them find the right resources to realize their dreams.

State Farm is committed to doing what is right for their clients every day. I became an agent to help people prepare for the unexpected, protect what is most important to them and plan for their future. My office includes two full time team members, Amanda Hatmaker and Brenda-Neives Corchado. We are a fully licensed team and are well prepared to help customers with their insurance and financial service's needs. We are a multi-cultural and multi-lingual office. We offer convenient hours and a mobile office.

My husband, Ketal and I have two children, Diya(14) and Vir(9). Both children are active in school and sports. My husband is born and raised in Cleveland and my family loves all Cleveland sports. We enjoy the local museums and cultural activities, especially the wonderful restaurants.

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2015 Pedal Car Fundraiser Underway

We are excited to announce that the Pedal Car Fundraiser is underway for the 6th year! We have a total of 7 pedal cars to be raffled off this year! Raffle tickets are currently being sold at Dollar Bank at Ridge Park Square. Once Memphis Kiddie Park reopens for the season, tickets can be purchased there, as well. The winners will be drawn at our Picnic in the Park event on Saturday, August 15th at Brooklyn Memorial Park at 8pm. The winner does not need to be present, but if they are, they get to have first pick of the cars.

[Click here](#) to see pictures of the pedal cars that were donated to us in 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Thompson at exec@brooklynohiochamber.org or 216-288-5484.

Thank you to the following companies who are sponsoring a pedal car:

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Cartruck Packaging

Jinisha Patel, State Farm Insurance
& Financial Services

Mars Trucking (sponsored 2 cars)

Memphis Kiddie Park

Polaris Board Votes to Place Issue on November Ballot



The Polaris Board of Education voted to officially place a 0.69 mill permanent improvement issue on the November 3, 2015 ballot. This ballot issue will help Polaris maintain its: **high quality of education, strengthen job prospects for students and produce graduates who are more attractive to potential employers.**

This is the first time Polaris has been on the ballot in over 30 years. The letter included below is from Bob Timmons, our Superintendent. It was sent to our High School students and parents last week. It provides additional background details. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Doug Miller at 440.891.7609 or dmiller@polaris.edu.

[Click here](#) for Polaris Parent & Student Letter



JOINT CHAMBER GOLF OUTING



**THURSDAY JULY 30TH
9 AM SHOTGUN START**

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST 8AM

\$85 PER GOLFER - \$340 PER FOURSOME

**BREAKFAST BUFFET &
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Joint Chamber Golf Outing Thursday, July 30th

**Brooklyn, Brook Park, & Middleburg Hts.
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EAGLE SPONSOR - \$750.00 – Includes Foursome - Name on event banner and all printed material and mailings – Special recognition at the event! Get the word out to 3 communities.

BIRDIE SPONSOR - SPECIAL PRIZE HOLE SPONSOR - \$200.00 – Special Recognition GPS/Sign

PAR SPONSOR - HOLE SPONSOR - \$75.00 – Company name on Sponsor Sign and GPS

GOLFERS - \$85.00 per golfer – Includes Buffet Breakfast, Dinner (Western Ribs, Barbeque Chicken, Italian Sausage, Beer), door prizes and goodie bags

We also welcome gifts for raffle items, door prizes, and goodie bags

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to seeing you on the links!

Sincerely,

Valerie Thompson

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Please fill out the form below to sign up your golfers and/or be a sponsor:

Eagle \$750 **Birdie \$200** **Par \$75** **Golfers \$85(each) 4 Golfers \$340.00**

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PICNIC IN THE PARK - AUGUST 15, 2015

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For More Information contact:
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JOINT GOLF OUTING - JULY 30, 2015

Eagle Sponsor - \$750

Birdie Sponsor - \$200

Par Sponsor - \$75

AND

PICNIC IN THE PARK - AUGUST 15, 2015

Silver Sponsor - \$200

Bronze Sponsor - \$100

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