

10th Annual Taste of Brooklyn a Success!

The 10th annual “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” Fundraiser, which benefited the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce’s Scholarship & Education Fund, took place on Saturday, February 27, 2016. The event was a huge success in raising over \$6,000 for the fund! We had over 225 people in attendance, which is the most we have ever had! “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” took place at Agostino’s Catering and Event Center and featured the Brooklyn High School Jazz Band and the culinary expertise of many local restaurants and businesses. For the 10th year in a row, Sean Sullivan and the Brooklyn High School Jazz Ensemble amazed everyone in attendance with their music. They are truly an amazing group of students! The event also included 50/50 and raffle basket tickets for sale. A silent auction took place to win one of three framed Jim Ptacek prints.

A special thanks to Joe Gallo and his staff at Agostino’s Catering and Event Center for providing the venue for the event. He also donated food, valet parking, table cloths, décor, plates, etc. Joe truly went out of his way to make this year’s event a spectacular evening for everyone! I would also like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who helped in making this event a success: Joe Gallo and his staff (Agostino’s Catering and Event Center); Denise Christescu, Christine Ferraro, Leslie Racy, & Carol Varga (Westbrook Village Apts/K&D); David Hill (Dollar Bank); Chris Ellis (Hampton Inn); Andi & Cindy Udris (City of Brooklyn); Jessica Cliff (U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy West); David Nodge (Brooklyn Adults Activities Center); Karen & Matt Kirsh (FirstEnergy); Mark & Sue Gleichauf, Sean Sullivan, & Laura Baker (Brooklyn City Schools);

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is so thankful for all the people and businesses that donated their food, time, and space to make the “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” such a huge success. We look forward to working with all of you next year! [Click here to view pictures from this year’s event...](#)



Taste of Brooklyn Thank You's



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U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy West
Westbrook Village Apts./K&D Staff

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- Click **Submit for Approval**.

Upon approval, your job posting will appear on our website within your Member Information Page and by category in a special location for job postings. Serious job seekers will take note of jobs posted on the Chamber's website by active chamber members like you.

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.

Try it out and contact us with additional questions or for more information.



Brooklyn Relay For Life June 18th

[Click here for information on this year's Brooklyn Relay for Life](#) on June 18th including basic information about Relay, the steps to start a team, meeting dates, and information about the luminary ceremony. The event is being held at the John M. Coyne Recreation Center from noon to midnight. We hope you consider starting up a team or attending the event!!

February Luncheon Welcomes New Mayor

Thank you to Mayor Katie Gallagher & Westbrook Village Apartments...

On February 18th, our monthly luncheon was held at Westbrook Village Apts./K&D. Mayor Katie Gallagher was our speaker. She gave the annual State of the City address to those in attendance. For a synopsis on what the Mayor spoke about in her State of the City address, click on the link below:

<http://www.brooklynohio.gov/en-US/mayors-office.aspx>.

The Chamber would like to thank Mayor Gallagher for taking time out of her busy schedule to speak to our membership. We would also like to thank the Mayor and the City of Brooklyn for all that they do to support the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce!

The Chamber would also like to personally thank Denise Christescu and her staff for all the hard work they put into making that luncheon a success. Along with donating the beverages, place settings, ice, etc., everyone in attendance also received a special token to take back to their office. It was a great place to have our luncheon!



2016 Scholarship Applications

We are now accepting applications for our 2016 scholarships...



The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that we will once again, be offering 3 scholarships. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of The Taste of Brooklyn, the scholarships have been increased and each will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000!

The first scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Brooklyn High School senior who currently resides in the City of Brooklyn and will be attending a recognized college or university full time in the fall. The second and third scholarships will be available to any Brooklyn High School senior, Brooklyn or Old Brooklyn resident who will be attending a recognized college or university full-time in the fall. We encourage you to pass this information along to anyone who may qualify!

Completed packets must be postmarked by April 4, 2016. Please click below for more information.

[Scholarship Criteria and Application 2016](#)



U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy (West) is looking for sponsors

On Sunday, March 13th, we hosted our 2nd *Striving for Excellence* event. On Sunday, April 3rd we will be hosting our 3rd *Striving for Excellence* Event. Our list was SO long this year that we needed to separate the Juniors from the Tiny Tigers to host TWO celebrations! What an impressive group of students we have here!!

The Striving for Excellence is something special that we do each year for our best of the best students! We have SO MANY students that do well in our program, but we want to reward the ones that are excelling in their academics as well as at home! Talk about a TRIPLE THREAT! This event is by invitation only and is going to give ALL of our students an opportunity to Strive for Excellence to be able to participate in the future Striving for Excellence Events. We will be taking a handful of students to dinner and a movie to reward them for all of their hard work and efforts. Some of the things that we look for in our students are: they must always be in uniform, they don't take any shortcuts with the workout/ warm up, they are always respectful to the instructors and the school, they try their hardest regardless of what is happening, they aren't distracted, they live out the student creed in class and outside of class. Invitations will be handed out in class the week before the event. Each student will also receive a certificate of achievement at dinner honoring their amazing accomplishments

If you or your business is interested in sponsoring this event, please contact Jessica at 216-351-3222 or by email at kungfuacademywest@hotmail.com



Thank You Proforma SR Marketing Solutions!



The Chamber would like to thank Sarah Romain with Proforma SR Marketing Solutions for donating luncheon coupons to be used for those members who took advantage of the early bird special when paying their dues. Sarah graciously designed the coupons, printed, and shipped them at no cost to the Chamber. We are lucky to have Sarah and Proforma as part of our organization!

Proforma is a solutions-driven graphic communications company with a history of success connecting brands with consumers. While some companies simply provide products, Proforma provides integrated solutions that deliver your message, change perceptions and drive sales. Think of them as your full-service creative agency without the agency fees. Proforma is able to provide promotional products, printing services, and business documents, just to name a few. Contact Sarah Romain at sarah.romain@proforma.com or 440-759-0680 to find out what Proforma can do for you and your organization!



Pedal Car Season

2016 Pedal Car Sponsors Needed...

We are excited to announce that the Pedal Car Fundraiser is underway for the 7th year! We are looking for people to purchase a kit, put the car together, and then paint it. This is a great way to advertise your business! We will be filling orders on a first come, first serve basis!! This fundraiser has proven to be very popular in the past.

If you are interested in purchasing a pedal car kit, please let me know ASAP. The cost is \$150. If you would like your car powder coated, there will be an additional charge of \$40.

We will be selling raffle tickets over the summer months and the winners will be drawn at our Picnic in the Park event on Saturday, August 13th 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.

Check out the link below to see pictures of the pedal cars that were donated to us in 2015. If you have any questions or if you are interested in purchasing a kit, please let me know.

<http://brooklynohiochamber.org/photo-gallery/2015-pedal-car-fundraiser/>



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

CarTruck Packaging
 Horizon Education Centers
 Mars Trucking
 Memphis Kiddie Park
 Witwer Air Service

Let's DUE It!

It is that time of year again...time to renew your membership to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. 2016 invoices have been emailed and mailed out several times. Payment can be made by check or credit card. If interested in paying by credit card, please let Valerie Thompson know so she can send you the link. **Payment is due by April 1st.** Let us know if you have any questions or if you need a revised invoice to include the additional items.

Upcoming Events

Join us on **Thursday, April 14th** for our monthly luncheon. Kathy Smith with Lakenetwork.net will present on "Updating Your Website Presence: Websites in 2016". She will cover the following topics:

- Responsive design—"what?" What's the best way to organize information on your site for maximum effectiveness? What else should you plan to do, and why?
- Design trends: Hamburgers to parallax scrolling
- Usability: "Don't make me think" takes some thinking
- Call to action: "I want one"
- Professionalism: From good copy to "wow!"
- Security: Protect your site from bots & nerdlets gone bad



The luncheon is being held at the Brooklyn Fire Station (8400 Memphis Ave). Registration and networking begin at 11:30am and the luncheon will begin at 12noon. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non members. Hope to see you there! [Click here to register...](#)

Join us on **Thursday, May 12th** for our monthly luncheon. We will be having several of our member banks, including Dollar Bank, Huntington Bank, and PNC on hand to present programs that they offer to small businesses. There will also be an open forum at the end of the presentations to give you an opportunity to ask questions on various banking topics. The luncheon is being held at U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy (West), located at 6775 Memphis Ave. Registration and networking begin at 11:30am and the luncheon will begin at 12noon. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non members. Hope to see you there! [Click here to register...](#)

Newest Members

Lakenetwork.net

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Brooklyn, OH 44144
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Cleveland 2016 Host Committee Supplier Guide

Are you a business owner interested in being considered for opportunities connected with the Convention? If so, sign up for the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee Supplier Guide – at no cost to you. This resource is a guide for the RNC Committee on Arrangements and other entities interested in doing business locally for their Convention-related activities and events. There are more than 100 vendor categories that include everything from florists, bakeries, shoe repair, caterers, transportation, etc. To register, please visit:

www.2016cle.com/become-a-supplier



Save the Dates...more details to follow...
Joint Golf Outing on Friday June 17th



5th Annual Picnic in the Park on Saturday August 13th

Exhibitor Opportunities at Picnic in the Park



Our 5th annual, Picnic in the Park event is being held on Saturday, August 13th at Brooklyn Memorial Park. We are looking for exhibitors that would be interested in participating. The cost is \$25 for Chamber members and non-profit organizations and \$50 for non members and for profit organizations. This is a great way to promote your business and/or product, while interacting with the community. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Valerie Thompson and she can send you more information. Feel free to pass this on to anyone who might be interested, as well!

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January 2016

Dear Brooklyn Chamber Member:

I would like to introduce new residents to the community with a *Welcome to Brooklyn* packet. I am asking if your business would please consider including information, coupons or promotional material regarding your company or service to be included along with information from the city. The Welcome to Brooklyn packets will be mailed to new residents monthly. I believe this is a great way to market your business and let new residents know we are glad they chose Brooklyn as their community to call home.

Please contact Jill Ludwig 216-635-4220 or at jludwig@brooklynohio.gov to submit your items to be included in the packets. A starting number of items needed is 100 of whichever you choose. Example: 100 flyers or 100 coupons.

I look forward to working closely with the Chamber of Commerce and the business community. Please feel free to contact me directly at 216-635-4221 or at kagallagher@brooklynohio.gov, if I can be of assistance to you and your company. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katherine A. Gallagher". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Katherine A. Gallagher
Mayor



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February 3, 2016

Dear Members of the Brooklyn Business Community:

I am pleased to welcome back the Town Planner Community Calendar to Brooklyn. The Town Planner offers a free printed wall calendar that will be mailed to all Brooklyn families and businesses this December.

I encourage you to support Town Planner as they will soon be contacting businesses regarding advertising opportunities. The Town Planner is a great way of helping our families to stay informed and to help your business benefit through increased awareness within the Brooklyn community.

For further questions regarding this calendar please contact Nina Pukys of the Town Planner at nina@townplanner.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Gallagher
Mayor

City of Brooklyn Recreation Department Sponsorship Program

The Brooklyn Recreation Department is inviting local businesses to participate in the City of Brooklyn's Youth Sports Sponsorship Program.

For a small sponsorship fee of \$225.00 per activity or sport, the name of your business will be featured on a youth team/activity shirt.

This is great way to promote your business and support activities for the youth of our community.

It's as easy as writing a check, filling out the form below, and mailing it back to the City of Brooklyn Recreation Department, 7600 Memphis Avenue, Brooklyn, Ohio 44144. Three easy steps to great advertising at an affordable cost.

Sponsor youth sports/activities in our community!

Sports and activities available to choose from:

Please check all you would like to sponsor:

- Spring Soccer -deadline is March 11, 2016 _____
- Youth Baseball -deadline is April 22, 2016 _____
- Day Camp- deadline is May 20, 2016 _____
- Fall Soccer -deadline is July 15, 2016 _____
- **TOTAL AMOUNT SPONSORED** _____

Questions???? Call — 216-351-5334



Mail form and sponsorship fee to:

Maria McGinty
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7600 Memphis Avenue
Brooklyn, Ohio 44144

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 Contact Person _____

Name of Company/Business as it should appear on shirt:

Make checks payable to the Brooklyn Recreation Department. Please include Check # _____



Dear Exhibitor,

We would like to thank you for your past participation in the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's community events. This year, we are planning our 5th annual "Picnic in the Park" event. The event will be held on Saturday, August 13th from 1-8:30pm at Brooklyn Memorial Park.

We are writing to you today because we wanted to give each exhibitor that participated in the past, the 1st chance to participate this year. If you are interested in being an exhibitor, please complete the attached form and return as soon as possible with payment, spaces are limited!

Picnic in the Park is a family friendly celebration with live entertainment, children's activities, corn hole, food trucks, and more! We will have raffle baskets and chances at 50/50 tickets, along with Pedal Car raffle tickets. Admission into the event is **free!**

The cost to rent a space is \$25 for Chamber members and nonprofit organizations and \$50 for non Chamber members. Unfortunately, electricity will not be available. The size of the space is 10x10 and each exhibitor is responsible for providing their own table, chairs, tent, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Thompson at 216-288-5484 or exec@brooklynohiochamber.org.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you to make Picnic in the Park a success!

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Valerie Thompson
Assistant Director
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce



**5th ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK
AUGUST 13, 2016
1pm – 8:30pm**

EXHIBITOR REQUEST FORM

Exhibitor Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Booth Description: _____

The cost to rent a space is \$25 for Chamber members and nonprofit organizations and \$50 for non Chamber members. Unfortunately, electricity will not be available. The size of the space is 10x10 and each exhibitor is responsible for providing their own table, chairs, tent, etc.

Mail completed forms and payment to:

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

Questions, contact Valerie Thompson
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