



March 2019 Newsletter

President's Message

Whew! Was it just me or was February the longest month ever?! I don't know about you but March, especially St. Patrick's Day, has always given me high hopes for spring being right around the corner. Hopefully Punxsutawney Phil was telling the truth this year and we'll see warm weather earlier than normal.

If you haven't done so yet, please mark your calendars to pay your membership dues this month. It's important to have everyone paid up on time so we can continue to give your business the benefits of being a Chamber of Commerce member and believe me, we don't want to lose you! You shouldn't want to lose us either because we have some fantastic events coming up!

The next couple of months at the Chamber of Commerce are personally some of my favorites! This month is our Taste of Brooklyn Teaser luncheon! We'll get to enjoy food from 3 local vendors as a special insiders treat to what we can expect at the Taste of Brooklyn event next month! Of course, the Taste of Brooklyn in April (I hope to see you all there with your hottest date!) and then in May we are hosting our ever popular Members Spotlight luncheon where you and your business get to be the keynote speakers! Each of these events are great networking opportunities for you and your staff to get to know neighbor businesses and I truly hope to see you all there.

Best,

Jessica M. Cliff

President, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

Program Director, U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy



Taste of Brooklyn Saturday, April 6th 7-10pm



The Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz will take place on Saturday April 6th from 7-10pm. The event is being held at LaVilla Conference & Banquet Center (11500 Brookpark Rd). All of the net proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship & Education Fund. This is the Chamber's 13th year hosting the event!

This event has had great success in the past. Because of the proceeds made in previous years, we have been able to award countless college scholarships to Brooklyn and Old Brooklyn residents and teacher grants to Brooklyn City Schools. We are hoping to do the same for years to come!

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 \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. Tickets include food, beer, wine, and entertainment. 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 \$225. 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 contact us at exec@brooklynohiochamber.org.

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

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

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



Thank you to our food vendors...

Buffalo Wild Wings

Carrabba's Italian Grill

Hofbrauhaus Cleveland

Hooley House

Rockne's

Taste of Brooklyn tickets are now available to purchase

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[To purchase tickets with a credit card, please click here...](#)

Purchases can be made with cash or check at the locations listed below.

- Brooklyn City Schools Board of Education (9200 Biddulph Rd.)
- Dollar Bank (Ridge Park Square)
- U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy West (4315 Ridge Rd)
- Wally's Auto Service (7301 Memphis Ave)



Thank you to our sponsors...

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LaVilla Conference & Banquet Center
Mayor Katie Gallagher
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Teamsters Local 436
Valley College
Wally's Auto Service

2019 Scholarship Applications

Because of the success of our annual Taste of Brooklyn events, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that we will once again, be offering 2 scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each!

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 scholarship 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 5, 2019. Please click below for more information.

[Scholarship Criteria and Application 2019](#)

DUE it Right...



It is that time of year again...time to renew your membership to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. 2019 invoices have been emailed and mailed out several times and payment is now past due. Payment can be made by check or credit card. **Members with outstanding balances not paid by March 31st, will be removed from the Chamber.** Let us know if you have any questions or if you need a copy of your invoice.

Member Spotlight

Each month, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce chooses a different member to be the "Spotlight" for that month. That member submits an article highlighting themselves and their business and what they provide to the Brooklyn community. Below are the last 2 Member Spotlights. If you would be interested in being featured in an upcoming month, please let us know.



The city of Brooklyn is open for business! As mayor of Brooklyn, I want to assure you that we are a business friendly community and ready to be of assistance to you and your company. Whether it be retention, expansion, acquisition, grant funding or questions in general, our Economic Development Director can navigate you through any process. The Building Department makes it easy to obtain permits and looks forward to working with any business, large or small. Our well-trained safety forces are top-notch, providing excellent response times and are always willing to speak to your business about any issues you may have. The service department takes great pride in maintaining the roadways and throughout the year, regardless of the weather conditions. I encourage your employees to take advantage of our corporate rates at the Recreation facility along with enjoying the city park amenities such as pavilion rental and nature paths.

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I am proud to work for Key and to be a part of the Key family. I have been with Key Bank for 12 years. Key Bank's roots trace back 190 years. Key Bank is based in Cleveland, OH, and is one of the nation's largest bank-based financial services companies.

In my time with Key Bank I have been able to volunteer in many ways, Key Bank can help communities support positive growth, and it's been great to see that spirit spread throughout. At Key Bank being part of a community means working to make it better. Key Bank has a deep commitment to the communities where we work and live. We focus our philanthropy, sponsorships and outreach to build up communities throughout the country. You may see us volunteering around town on Neighbors Day. Each year on Neighbors Make the Difference Day, thousands of KeyBank volunteers join projects that help our neighborhoods thrive.

At Key Bank we are dedicated to our clients and your path to growth starts here. These days, we're able to handle so many financial transactions without ever making a visit to the bank. But there are a number of great reasons to stop in at a nearby branch. Many can even save you money. Forget about the destination, let's talk about the journey. We'll make sure you're starting in the right place, taking the right actions, and forming good financial habits along the way. Create a budget, save for retirement, and get alerts on changes to your account - all in real time. HelloWallet gives you personalized guidance for more confident financial decisions.

Let's take the first step towards financial wellness today. Please call or email me I am so excited to join you on the path to financial wellness.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Taste of Brooklyn Teaser Luncheon March 14th - Join us on March 14th as we host a members only preview of the amazing food that will be served at Taste of Brooklyn this year! We will also have Taste of Brooklyn tickets on sale for \$20 a piece. The luncheon is being held at Hampton Inn, located at 10305 Cascade Crossing in Brooklyn. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 and will begin at 12noon. [Click here to register...](#)

Member Spotlight Luncheon May 9th - Join us for this unique networking luncheon event on May 9th! This will be a great opportunity to network with other members, while also advertising what you have to offer to the community. Each member in attendance will be given the chance to sign up when they arrive to speak for 3-5 minutes. This will be done on a first come first serve basis. We encourage everyone to bring any literature they may want to share with others. The luncheon is being held at the Brooklyn Fire Station and Hofbrauhaus Cleveland will be catering. [Click here to register...](#)

Newest Members

Marlow 2000 Inc. dba Martin Industrial Truck

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Cleveland, Ohio 44135
Contact: Sandra Martin
Email: smartin@mit1976.com
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Town Money Saver

9701 Brookpark Rd. #250F
Parma , Oh 44129
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Cleveland, OH 44109
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Valley College

8700 Brookpark Rd
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STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

SPONSORSHIP LETTER

Dear Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Member,

Each year, through our Martial Arts school Daniel and I host a Striving for Excellence evening. The celebration originally started because often times the students who don't require "extra attention" are overlooked rather than celebrated. We wanted to do something special for those kids who are already on the right track. To celebrate their successes and their motivation to stay on the strait and narrow. This event is by invitation only.

In order for our students to receive an invitation, they are put through 3 tiers of requirements! First they need to meet the requirements of our Martial Arts School (always in uniform, good attitude, working hard despite being tired or distracted, respectful of peers, instructors and the school), then we contact their parents to make sure that they are doing the right thing at home and after that, their academic advisors to make sure they are doing their best at school! Only if they pass all three tiers will they be invited to attend our event. We are proudly, and anxiously anticipating our largest group yet in 2019!

If your organization would like to participate in this years event as a sponsor, please reach out to me at the information below! I'm looking forward to our partnership!

Sincerely,
Jessica M. Cliff
Program Director

U.S. Shuai Chaio Kung Fu Academy

4315 Ridge Rd. 44144

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Meet, Greet, Learn & Eat



What: Join Us for Meet, Greet, Learn and Eat

Who: Local Businesses

How: 30 Minute Sessions

When: March 7th and 21st – from 12 – 2 pm

Where: Donato's Pizza and More: 5465 Ridge Rd, Parma, OH.

Info: 1. How to get local customers. 2. How to keep Customers. 3 How to increase you Bottom Line.

Bonus: Eat Lunch at 20% Off and register for a free ad in Town Money Saver

Chamber Members get 10% off advertising for in the next edition of Town Money Saver – Whether you advertise in Brooklyn, Parma or Broadview Heights – Members get 10% off regular ad rates.

For reservation email: Louacosta@townmoneysaver.com or call 440-670-7017 or mail us at : Town Money Saver 9701 Brookpark Rd. Suite #250 Parma, Ohio 44129



“Town Money Saver has been committed to building local businesses and communities since 1992. Currently we serve over 160 communities in 5 states. We have consistently provided the highest return on investment of any local advertising.” For more information contact: Louacosta@townmoneysaver.com



Caring for a Loved One?
We're Here To Help!

Caregiver Café

March 11th • 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Gain knowledge on how to manage the care-giving process and learn of the support and educational resources available to you.

Open and free to the public.
Refreshments will be provided.

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St Patrick's Day

Music Trivia Bingo

Friday March 15

2:00 pm

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BINGO with a local DJ.

There will be prizes and light refreshments served.

Seats are limited!

Kindly RSVP to (216) 230 - 5690

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Soup FOR THE **SENIOR'S** *Soul*

MONTHLY SERIES AT BROOKLYN POINTE

what can your body metabolize?

Tuesday, March 19

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Pharmacogenomics can help provide you with what your body is and is NOT metabolizing. Come and listen to our Lab specialist, Eriks Zur & Susan Krupitzer from GeNDiagnostics. Testing will be available on site & billed thru insurance.

This is a FREE event

RSVP to 216-230-5690 to save your seat



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Mini-Dementia Workshop

4th Thursday of Every Month

10:30am - 11:30am with lunch to follow

We understand the challenges caregivers face daily and are offering FREE workshops covering topics of importance to you. Each month, we will cover a different topic regarding memory impairment. Please be our guest, join our workshops, and allow us to serve you a delicious nutritionally-balanced lunch prepared by our own Chef.

Our next meeting is on:

March 28, 2019

Covering the following topic:

Engaging the Memory Impaired

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Saturday, April 13
10:00 – 11:30 AM

Dollar Bank Southland Office
6868 Pearl Road


To RSVP or to make an appointment:

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When you are the
keynote speaker!

**Member
Spotlight**

Luncheon

May 9th 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Fire Hall

**Arrive on time to sign up for your
5 minutes to shine!**

Picnic Park

Saturday, August 17th

1:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**FREE
Admission!**

DJ from 1 - 4pm

**"Billy Likes Soda"
4:30 - 8:30**

Beer & Wine Tent

Multiple Food Trucks

50/50 & Raffle Baskets

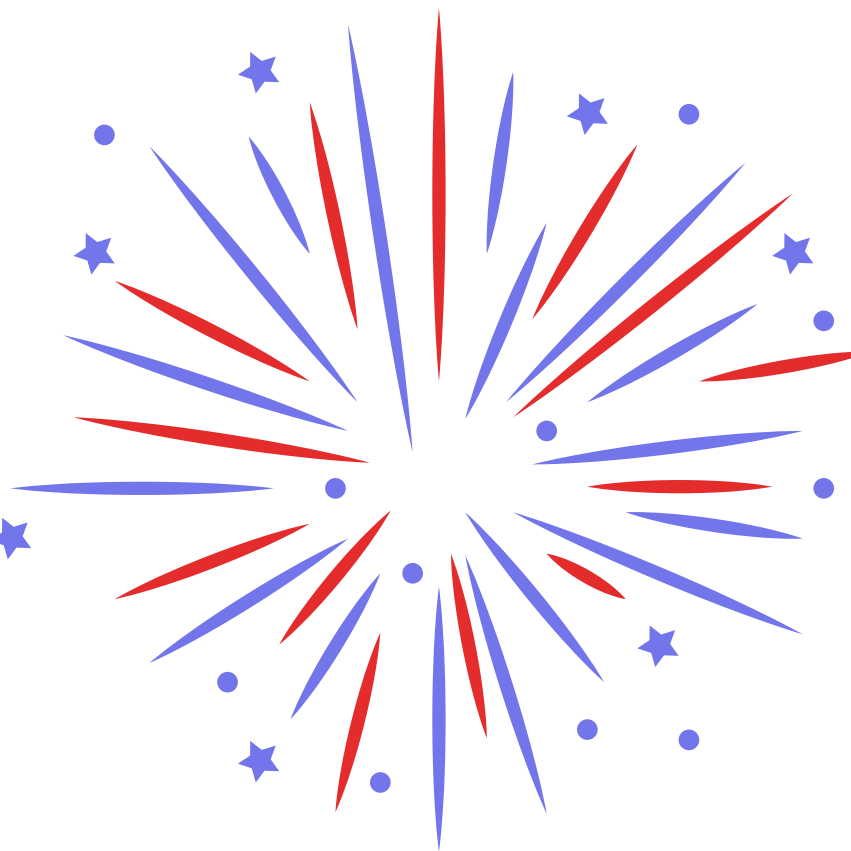
Children's Activities

**Craft Vendors, Car
Show, Exhibitors
& More!**

**Fireworks @
Dusk**

**Veterans
Memorial Park**

(Behind Brooklyn City Hall)



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