



May 2019 Newsletter

President's Message

Over the past couple weeks, I've had the privilege of reading and scoring over a dozen scholarship application essays. I've been on the scholarship essay team for the past five years and I can't recall being more impressed than I was with the essays that were submitted this year!

Part of the requirement of the applicant is to include their ranking in their grade. We received an application from the first, second, third, and fourth top ranked students of Brooklyn High School! From what I understand, everyone on the committee had a difficult time choosing their top two essays to reward our Chamber of Commerce scholarships to. I am anxiously looking forward to the end of the year scholarship banquet next Tuesday, to present these most deserving students with their scholarships!

If you would like to attend the banquet, it is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 pm at the Brooklyn High School auditorium. I hope to see you there. Because of you and your business and the support you give our Taste of Brooklyn scholarship and education fundraiser, the scholarships are possible to give. Thank you!

Until next time,

Jessica M. Cliff

President, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

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



13th Annual Taste of Brooklyn a success!



The 13th annual “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” Fundraiser, which benefited the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce’s Scholarship & Education Fund, took place on Saturday, April 6, 2019. The event was a huge success in raising over \$9,000 for the fund and we had over 275 people in attendance! “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” took place at LaVilla Conference and Banquet Center and featured the Brooklyn High School Jazz Band and the culinary expertise of many local restaurants and businesses.

For the 13th 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. New this year, the Crafts class at Brooklyn High School created the centerpieces for the event. We would like to thank Chris Kaspar and his students for providing tasty centerpiece filled with jellybeans.

A special thanks to Ramez Nakhleh and his staff at LaVilla Conference and Banquet Center for providing the venue for the event. He also donated food, table cloths, supplies, etc. Ramez truly went out of his way to make this year’s event a spectacular evening for everyone!

The food vendors listed below put on amazing spreads this year! They made sure that everyone in attendance went home stuffed! All of the vendors donate their food and staff for the event...without their generous contributions, Taste of Brooklyn wouldn't exist! Be sure to show them your patronage in order to thank them for their contributions.



I would also like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who helped in making this event a success: Ramez Nakhleh and his staff (LaVilla Conference and Banquet Center); Jessica Cliff (U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy West); Andy Celcherts; Dr. Mark Gleichauf, Sean Sullivan, Laura Baker, and all the student volunteers (Brooklyn City Schools); Andi Udris (City of Brooklyn & Hofbrauhaus); David Hill (Dollar Bank); Nick & Joanne Maroulis & Campus Life Students; Ken & Sue Grodek (EmbroidMe); Jennifer Piechowski (KeyBank); Mike Kissel (Memphis Kiddie Park); Kayley Thompson & Madeline Harrington.



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!

Taste of Brooklyn Thank You's



FOOD VENDORS

Buffalo Wild Wings

Carrabba's Italian Grill

China Bay

Geppetto's

Hofbrauhaus Cleveland

Hooley House

LaVilla Conference and Banquet Center

Marco's Pizza

Memphis Kiddie Park

Mom's Pierogies

Rockne's

thank
=YOU=



SPONSORS

Andy Celcherts, Brooklyn City Council
Brooklyn Pointe Assisted Living and Memory Care
Cleveland Clinic Lutheran Hospital
Dollar Bank
Ferrous Metal Processing
First Energy
Friends of the Brooklyn Library
Hampton Inn
Jeffrey Curtis, Howard Hanna
KeyBank
LaVilla Conference & Banquet Center
Mayor Katie Gallagher
Memphis Kiddie Park
North Shore Gastroenterology Inc.
Richard & Barbara Albier
Ridge Park Square
Teamsters Local 436
Valley College
Wally's Auto Service

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Brooklyn City Schools
Brooklyn High School Jazz Ensemble
Chris Kaspar
City of Brooklyn
Councilwoman Meg Ryan Shockey
Councilwoman Barb Paulitzky and the Laurel Garden Club
Cynthia Woide
Hofbrauhaus Cleveland
Grey Frey
KeyBank
Laura Baker
Memphis Kiddie Park
Sean Sullivan
U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy West
Westbrook Village Apts./K&D
Wally's Auto Service
Youth For Christ/Campus Life

Picnic In The Park August 17th



Join us on Saturday August 17th from 1pm-8:30pm, as we bring the community together for a "Picnic in the Park". The event will be a family friendly celebration with live entertainment, children's activities, exhibitors, food trucks, a car show, craft vendors, **BEER, WINE,** and more! **We will also be having a FIREWORKS show at dusk!!** The event is being held at Veterans Memorial Park, behind Brooklyn City Hall off of Memphis Ave. [Click here for flyer...](#)

A DJ will be providing entertainment from 1-4pm. [Billy Likes Soda](#) will perform from 4:30-8:30pm. We will end the event with a fireworks show at dusk. Children can enjoy their own FREE area with games and a bounce house. Cleveland Metroparks Nature Tracks mobile classroom will be on hand from 1-4pm. From 1-5pm, children can get creative at the Home Depot building station.

The following food options will be available all day with their delicious food, dessert, and beverages: [The Cedar Grill](#), [Hofbrauhaus Cleveland](#), picnic food courtesy of the Brooklyn City Schools Athletic Boosters, [Sauced Wood Fired Pizza](#), and popcorn courtesy of Memphis Kid-die Park. We will have raffle baskets and chances at 50/50 tickets...winners will be chosen at 8:30pm that night. We will also be hosting a [car show](#) along with craft vendors. It will be a day full of fun!

In order to defray the cost of planning an event of this magnitude for the Brooklyn community, we are in need of sponsors. There are several different levels available to fit everyone's budget. [Please click here for more information on sponsorship opportunities.](#) Without our sponsors, this event would not be possible so please consider donating.



We are also looking for exhibitors that would be interested in participating in Picnic in the Park. The cost is \$25 for Chamber members and non-profit organizations. This is a great way to promote your business and/or product, while interacting with the community. [Please click here for more exhibitor information.](#)

If you are interested in being a sponsor, an exhibitor, or donating a raffle basket, please contact us at exec@brooklynohiochamber.org or 216-635-4297.

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.

Memphis Kiddie Park, now a landmark in the Brooklyn community, is proud to be doing business in the same location as we approach our 68th season. We began when Brooklyn was a small town and a place people could buy fresh farm produce after indulging in some cotton candy and popcorn at our Park. While Brooklyn has since matured into the city it is today, the community's values have not changed—continuing to make Brooklyn the ideal place for family-oriented businesses such as our own.



**Memphis
KIDDIE & PARK**

Championship Miniature Golf

10340 Memphis Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44144

Throughout the nearly seven decades that Memphis Kiddie Park has been part of the Brooklyn family, we've operated under the same family management since day one. Founded by Stuart Wintner and managed by Bill Applegarth, it's now my turn as Stuart's son and Mike Kissel, Bill's son-in-law, to shepherd the Park. It's our intent and hope that Memphis Kiddie Park will live on well past its 100th birthday as we bring in the third generation.

It is our pleasure to give back to the Community that has supported us from the start. In addition to supporting City fundraising efforts, we bring people from across Northeast Ohio into Brooklyn. Many of our guests discover our vibrant community for the first time when they come to Memphis Kiddie Park. We take pride in continuing to be an anchor that draws people into our City.

Russell Wintner, President
Memphis Kiddie Park

Santana Bro's Music



Santana Bro's Music was founded in late 2018 by brothers Rick and Tony Santana and resides where the Memphis Ridge Music Center once called home. The brothers are dedicated to being the go to source for the local community and surrounding area for a variety of musical needs. Both of the brothers are retired and life-long residents of northeast Ohio. According to Tony, "we are committed to continuing the tradition of providing the local areas with quality instruments, accessories, repairs, and customer service".

The brothers are in the process of remodeling the store and have already expanded the hours of operation from noon to 8:00 PM Monday through Thursday and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday. As part of their core services, Santana Bro's Music offers lessons for all ages, in guitar, piano, violin, brass, percussion, and woodwinds. Additionally, parents can find all of their school band or orchestra instrument rentals from a local source, as well as accessory items and service.

Santana Bro's Music is proud to be a member of the community and look forward to fulfilling the musical needs of Brooklyn and surrounding neighborhoods. In addition to supporting the local community, we hope to become the go to source for musical instruments, lessons, and school band and orchestra instrument rentals for many years to come.

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Amy Sabelli

Rockne's

Jeff Suhay

PNC Bank

Andy Celcherts

Ex-Officio

Andi Udris

Ex-Officio

Mayor Katie Gallagher

Ex-Officio

Newest Member

Steve's Diner

Ed Salzgeber

6850 Biddulph Rd

Brooklyn, Ohio 44144

216-351-0200

<http://stevesdinercl.com/>



Upcoming Meetings and Events

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...](#)

Wednesday, June 12th State of the Schools Luncheon - Superintendent Mark Gleichauf will give his annual State of the Schools address at our monthly luncheon on Wednesday, June 12th (please note the date change). The 2019 scholarship recipients will also be in attendance to receive their awards. The luncheon is being held at Brooklyn City Schools, 9200 Biddulph Rd and Panera is catering. The luncheon will begin at 12noon. [Click here to register...](#)

Reminder...there are no luncheons scheduled for July or August.





VALLEY COLLEGE

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Valley College is here to help your business train employees and to provide employees for your business.

Valley College Invites you and your team to our 2019 events

Community Celebration/Grand Opening Friday May 31st from 11 am to 2pm Fun, Food and Surprises!

Networking Night & Free Workshop Wednesday Events (Wednesday at 6pm) :

Wednesday, May 29th 2019 Safety and Personal Protection with Tim Dimoff, National Speaker and Author of “Life Rage”

Wednesday, June 12th, 2019 Customer Service that build your Brand, Team and Revenue with Katherine Miracle, National Speaker and Author of “Your Strategic Personal Brand”

Wednesday, July 10th, 2019 Health Services Careers with Valley College
Health Services Program Director

Wednesday, August 21st, 2019 Cyber Security Careers with Valley College
Cyber Security Director

Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 Leadership and Best Business Tips with
Valley College Business Program Director

Wednesday, October 9th, 2019 Strategic Personal Branding with Katherine
Miracle

Wednesday, November 13th, 2019 Goal Setting and Career Planning with
Valley College Career Services Director

Wednesday, December 11th, 2019 Holiday Party! Workshop Topic:
Networking in the New Year with Katherine Miracle

**Friday, August 2nd 2019 Valley In Action movie premier! 6pm at
Valley College**

**Call us to RSVP for the above events (216) 453-
8201**

Visit us at 8700 Brook Park Road

Member Benefit

Energy Education, Protection, & Savings



Chamber members have access to free energy advice as part of their membership!

- Feel like you are paying too much for electricity and natural gas, but aren't sure how to reduce your costs?
- Receiving calls from suppliers but not sure who has the best offer?
- Considering a lighting upgrade but need help finding and filing for the best rebates?
- Need rate protection so that your electricity and gas prices don't spike while you are using the most?
- Want a partner to manage your supply contracts so you never roll to a monthly variable rate and erode your savings?

Simply call 330-208-2082 or email chamberenergy@ceateam.com.



**Home
and
Business**



Chamber Energy Program is Powered by:



For more information, visit ceateam.com/chamber.

Picnic Park

Saturday, August 17th

1:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**FREE
Admission!**

**Veterans
Memorial Park**
(Behind Brooklyn City Hall)

DJ from 1 - 4pm

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

Beer & Wine Tent

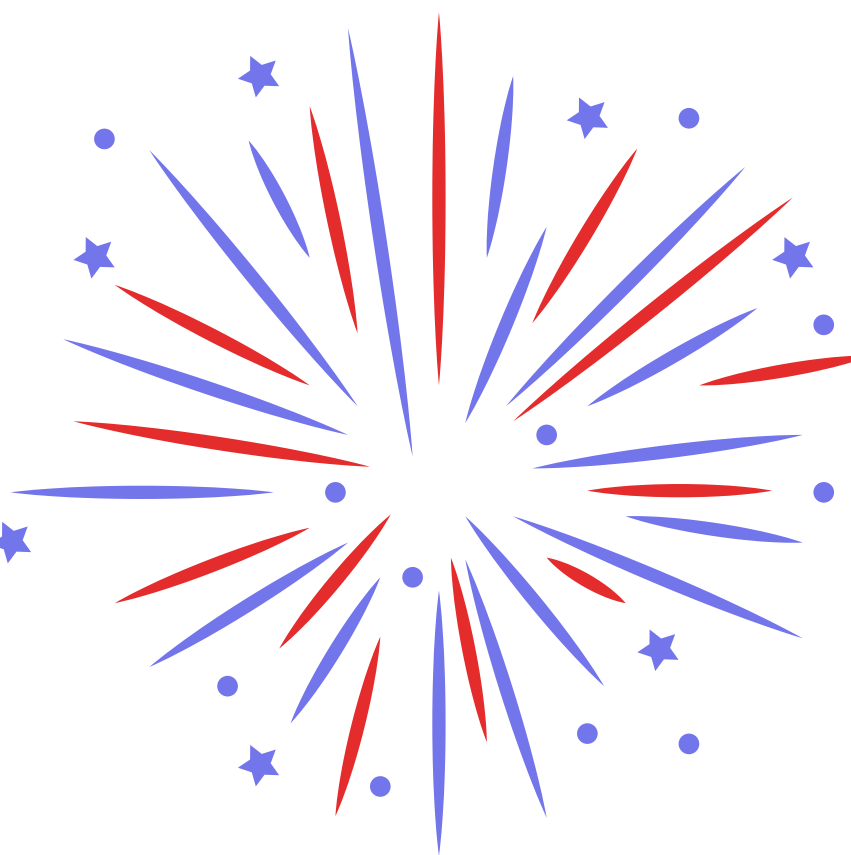
Multiple Food Trucks

50/50 & Raffle Baskets

Children's Activities

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

**Fireworks @
Dusk**



**FIRE
WORKS! CRAFT
VENDORS! CAR
SHOW!**



Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

*PICNIC IN
THE PARK* **CAR
SHOW**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH AT 1:00 PM
BROOKLYN MEMORIAL PARK
(BEHIND BROOKLYN CITY HALL)
LIVE MUSIC FOOD TRUCKS BEER & WINE FIREWORKS



Picnic in the Park Sponsorship Opportunities

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 8th annual Picnic in the Park on Saturday, August 17th at Brooklyn's Memorial Park. It is going to be a fun, family friendly event with food, live entertainment, children's activities, food trucks, & FIREWORKS!! However, we need your help to make it a success! To help defray the cost of planning an event of this magnitude, we are looking for sponsors. Below are the various levels you can chose from and the benefits of each.

BENEFITS	PLATINUM \$750 & Up	GOLD \$500-\$749	SILVER \$250-\$499	BRONZE \$100-\$249	PATRON Below \$100
Logo placement on website and volunteer shirts	X				
Sponsor name recognition in all press releases related to events	X				
Logo placement on back of event shirts	X	X			
Recognition at Chamber events	X	X			
Individual banner with logo at event	X	X	X		
Recognition in newsletters	X	X	X	X	
Recognition on Chamber website	X	X	X	X	X
Special recognition throughout the event	X	X	X	X	X
Company name on sponsor sign at event				X	X

If you or your company can help in any way, please let us know. This is a great way to advertise your business and support the Brooklyn community! The banners will be displayed at the event.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to seeing you Picnic at the Park! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 216-635-4297 or exec@brooklynohiochamber.org.

Thank you,

Picnic in the Park Committee



Please fill out the form below to sign up as a sponsor

Contact Name_____

Company Name_____

Amount of Sponsorship \$_____ Sponsorship Level_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Email_____

Phone_____

Pay by Check ☐

Pay by Credit Card ☐

Bill Me ☐

To pay by credit card, visit <https://www.paypal.me/Brooklynchamber> to make payment.

To pay with a check, please make checks payable to Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

**Mail checks and forms to:
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 44038
Brooklyn, OH 44144**

**If you have any questions, please contact us at
216-635-4297 or exec@brooklynohiochamber.org.**



Dear Exhibitor,

We would like to thank you for your interest in being an exhibitor at our upcoming event. This year, we are planning our 8th annual "Picnic in the Park" event on Saturday, August 17th from 1-8:30pm at Brooklyn Memorial Park.

Picnic in the Park is a family friendly celebration with live entertainment, children's activities, food trucks, craft vendors, a car show, FIREWORKS, and more! We will have raffle baskets and chances at 50/50 tickets. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. 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 are interested in being an exhibitor, please complete the attached form and return as soon as possible with payment, spaces are limited!

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Thompson at 216-635-4297 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".

Valerie Thompson
Executive Director
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce



**8th ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK
AUGUST 17, 2019
1pm – 8:30pm**

EXHIBITOR REQUEST FORM

Exhibitor Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Booth Description: _____

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Mail completed forms and payment to:

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Brooklyn, OH 44144**