

Chamber Boasts Bright Star



The Chamber Bright Stars for 2017 were recognized on Thursday, October 26th at the semi-annual Chamber Leadership meeting and tenth annual Chamber Bright Star Awards presentation of the Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) at the JACK Thistledown Racino.

About 40 chambers of commerce across northern Ohio nominated a person from their chamber as their "Bright Star," to recognize a chamber member who has "made a significant impact on the chamber through membership, retention,

sponsorship, economic development, operations and/or education." Each Bright Star is an active chamber member for no less than two years and is likely to be an unsung hero or a dedicated behind-the-scenes volunteer.

Andi Udris with the City of Brooklyn and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Bright Star 2017, accepted his/her plaque and trophy from Cindy Caldwell, NOACC Chairman and Executive Director of the Beachwood Chamber at the presentation. Andi Udris has been integral to the success of the Chamber's annual community event, Picnic in the Park, along with promoting Chamber membership, and continuing the successful relationship that has been built with the City. He is always willing to help the Chamber reach its goals and achieve success. The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and the community are truly appreciative for everything that Andi continues to do to make Brooklyn a great place to live and work.

These volunteers represent a wide range of involvement with their respective chambers, some having been a member and or officer or committee chairman for 20+ years and some being newly involved but each of whom has given freely of his/her time, working hard for their chambers without any expectations.

This is the tenth year for the Chamber Bright Star Awards, and again is giving an opportunity to recognize these volunteers among their peer groups, as chamber representatives, board members and spouses were also in attendance. Cindy Caldwell, NOACC Chairman said "A chamber's success is due in great part to the support from its volunteers. They are the true cheerleaders of our organizations and deserve our praise and appreciation regularly."

All the Bright Star photos and information from previous years is available at www.noacc.org/brightphotos.html. A link to the photos and video from this year's event are posted on the www.noacc.org website.

Taste of Brooklyn Saturday, April 28th 7-10pm



The Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz will take place on Saturday April 28th from 7-10pm. The event is once again, being held at Copper Stone Catering & Event Center. All of the net proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship & Education Fund. This is the Chamber's 12th year hosting the event!

This event has had great success in the past. Because of the proceeds made in 2017, we were able to award three \$2,000 scholarships to Brooklyn and Old Brooklyn residents who will be attending an accredited college or university and \$500 worth of grants to Brooklyn City Schools. We are hoping to do the same in 2018.

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 presale and \$20 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 \$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...](#)

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Brooklyn Cares Holiday Wishes Program

Brooklyn Community Cares and Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is again providing holiday wishes. Below you will find a website of the families in need this holiday season. Each family is designated by a number, and you will see how many children, their ages, and if there are food needs. Click on a family if you would like to see details about their needs. If a family is designated in red, with a line through it, that family has already been taken. To request a family, please send an email to Suzy Marquis at suzy.marquis@brooklyn.k12.oh.us or (216-485-8191 ext. 8323) Please include the number of the family you would like to request.

We are asking for donations to be delivered to Brooklyn Schools by December 15th (unwrapped). Please also check the website frequently. Families are continuously added. Thank you for all of your generosity!

<https://sites.google.com/site/brooklyncommunitycares/>





Way to go, Chef O!

Polaris Chef Training Instructor, Chris Olszewski, was recently honored with his ninth straight **Ohio ProStart Teacher of Distinction** award. This designation pays tribute to engaged culinary educators who are dedicated to their students and committed to enhancing the image of the culinary profession. In addition, the Polaris Chef Training program was honored with its fifth **Ohio ProStart School of Distinction** award. This recognition is bestowed upon schools that meet ProStart's benchmarks including industry certification passage rates and ProStart exam success rates.



The 18th Annual Polaris Bake Sale

This year's sale features many of your old favorites along with some exciting new selections. These delicious creations are the perfect complement to Thanksgiving dinner or a great addition to those Black Friday leftovers! All proceeds support the Polaris Chef Training and Baking & Pastry Arts student activity and student competition funds.

Order forms were due Friday, November 10. Order pick-up will take place in the Polaris restaurant, *Mise en Place*, on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

DUE it Right...

2018 Membership Dues



2018 invoices will be emailed out in December. If you pay by January 31st, you will receive a FREE luncheon coupon that can be used at anytime in 2018. 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.

We are looking for new Board members in 2018!

Would you or someone you know be interested in supporting and growing business in Brooklyn by serving on the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors? The Brooklyn Chamber serves area businesses and the surrounding community. There are terms that are ending for some of our present Board members and we invite you to consider this opportunity!

We are looking for people who support the mission of the Chamber to “promote, protect, and serve the civic, social, commercial, industrial, and general business interests of the Brooklyn area.” We are also looking for members who are able to commit their time and resources to Chamber meetings and events.



Please contact Valerie Thompson at exec@brooklynohiochamber.org for more information. Being a member of the Brooklyn Chamber Board of Directors is a great way to network in the community and help con-

2017 Annual City of Brooklyn Thanksgiving Food Drive



Best Wishes
Happy Thanksgiving

The City of Brooklyn in conjunction with St. Thomas More School will again be collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving dinner food items for families in need. If you are interested in donating please drop off your items at the Brooklyn Senior Center by Friday, November 17th. Please remember to check your items for expiration dates. Thank you again to Triad Engineering located in Brooklyn for their generous donation to this worthwhile program. Your generosity is appreciated! For more information on this program please contact Jill at jludwig@brooklynohio.gov.

K Bella Salon

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Brooklyn, OH 44144
Contact: Kristina Michalski
Email: kbellasalon@yahoo.com
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Brooklyn Pointe

The assisted living facility broke ground in September and is located on Idlewood Drive near Ridge Park Square Shopping Center. The anticipated date of opening is September 2018.





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2018 Website Banner Ads Available

Are you looking for an economical way to advertise your business? For only \$150 you can have a banner space ad on the Chamber's website that will stay up for 6 months or \$300 for a full year! The ad size is 468 pixels wide by 60 pixels tall. In the last month alone, we have had over 275 visits to our homepage and over 875 page views! We are limiting the number of website banner ads to only 5 members so be sure to contact us ASAP if you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity!

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Upcoming Luncheons

December 14th Luncheon - Join us at Polaris Career Center on December 14th for our monthly luncheon. The food will be provided by the extremely talented Culinary Arts students at Polaris. This will be Chris Ellis' last luncheon as President. Hopefully everyone can make it to thank him for the time he has served on the Board. Stay tuned for details on the speaker. The luncheon will begin at 12noon. [Click here to register...](#)

January 11th Luncheon - Our 1st luncheon of 2018 will be held at the Brooklyn branch library on Ridge Road. A library representative will give a presentation on all the services that are provided to businesses FREE of charge! The luncheon will be held in the library's meeting room. The luncheon will begin at 12noon [Click here to register...](#)

February 8th Luncheon—Join us as Mayor Katie Gallagher gives the annual State of the City address. The luncheon will be at the Brooklyn Senior Center and will begin at 12noon. [Click here to register...](#)



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The Chamber Energy Update is designed to pull together the latest information to help business owners cut out the noise and take control of their energy costs.

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- In this month's Chamber Energy Update, you can learn about:
- FERC's Approval of the NEXUS Pipeline
 - How to Tell if Your Home is in a Supply Contract
 - New Residential Savings Available

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Kung Fu Academy Food Drive



Friday, November 10th 9:00 - 10:30 - MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, November 17th 6:00 - 8:00 - GAME NIGHT

Feel free to drop donations off at our
school throughout the month.

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