

## November 2018 Newsletter

## **President's Message**

This year for the Chamber of Commerce has been exceptional! We've hosted 8 awesome networking luncheons/ happy hours with 2 more still to come! We put on 2 VERY successful events; The Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz in April, and the Picnic in the Park in August. We've logged countless volunteer hours from our Board of Directors and their families as well as some awesome businesses and their employees in the city. And of course, without all of the help from our sponsors none of this could have been possible! We saw a great influx in sponsorships this year, which was an integral part of the success of each event!

This is the last President's message for the year and it's just in time for the craziness of the holiday season. I know it's cliché, but it literally feels like last month that I wrote my first President's message of 2018, making a point to say that I was the first female president that the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce has ever seen :-) I still like that fact! It's been a learning curve and a fun adventure and I'm excited to serve another year term for all of you.

The board of directors and I have been working hard on securing our events for the upcoming year. We've nailed down a new location for the Taste of Brooklyn as we've unfortunately outgrown Copper Stone Catering and Events Center. We had a great run with Copper Stone, they were a real joy to work with and I would easily recommend doing your next event with them! For 2019, we are excited to announce that our Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz, scheduled for Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, is now being held at LaVilla Conference and Banquet Center. I'm excited to see how much we'll grow with the extra space. We're looking forward to another successful event! Mark your calendars now because we've also secured Brooklyn Memorial Park for our Picnic in the Park on Saturday, August 17th 2019. Just under a year away and we have vendors <u>coming to us</u> to ask to be a part of this ever growing community end of summer party!

We've had an awesome year in Brooklyn with new businesses opening, old businesses still thriving, and many new members as part of our Chamber network. I don't know about you, but I'm truly looking forward to what 2019 brings for all of us!

Best,

Jessica M. Cliff President, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Program Director, U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy



# 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.



**Brooklyn Campus Life/Youth for Christ** is ran by myself, Nick Maroulis, and my wife, Joanne. We have been running junior & senior high clubs in Brooklyn for over 13 years. Our staff is like a big brother or sister to all of the youth in the community. We are helping them to make better choices in their lives. We've combined healthy relationships with creative programs to help young people make good choices, establish a solid foundation for life and positively impact

their school. Clubs are held every week for high school students and every other week for junior high teens. Teens come to relax in a laid back and safe atmosphere that teaches character goals and life skills. We provide free food and games combined with character lessons. We are always looking for donations to help offset the cost of providing this support to Brooklyn's teens. If you are interested in supporting our organization, please do not hesitate to contact me at brooklynclclub@aol.com. or (216) 252-9881.



I've lived in Brooklyn for about ten years now and established Pestex in early August with the ambition to provide the local communities with quality, affordable pest control services. I have been a professional technician for a combined 10+ years, always staying on the cutting edge of control techniques and proper chemical usage. From CMHA/

AMHA housing to the posh rolling hills of Pepper Pike, I can honestly say that I've seen it all (with the desire to un-see many things!). I am fully licensed with the Ohio Department of Agriculture in many areas of certification, including: rodent control, bedbug expert, commercial & residential application and everything in between (with the exception of wildlife control). The cornerstone of my company's mission is to provide diligence every time with guaranteed results. On a personal note, I have twin daughters and a son, enjoy running and mountain biking, and trying innovative cuisines during my travels. Please keep me in mind for any services that I may be able to provide, or heck just to chat; I'm here to serve my home turf, Brooklyn. Thank you, David Marsi. David can be contacted at 440-773-1616 or by email at dave@pestexenv.com. You can also visit Pestex's website at https://pestexenv.com.



## 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 13<sup>th</sup> year hosting the event!

This event has had great success in the past. Because of the proceeds made in 2018, we were able to award two \$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 2019.

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.

<u>Click here for flyer...</u> <u>Click here for sponsorship info...</u> <u>Click here for food vendor info...</u>



## 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 <u>suzy.marquis@bcshurricanes.org</u> or (216-485-8191 ext. 8323) Please include the number of the family you would like to request. The site will be ready by November 12th.

We are asking for donations to be delivered to Brooklyn School by December 14th (unwrapped). Please also check the website frequently. Families are continuously added. Thank you for all of your generosity!

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



## Upcoming Food Drives

Each year the U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy hosts events throughout the month of November to support the Brooklyn Reformed Church "Christ's Cupboard". This year we will have 3 events which are open to the community for the cost of a non-perishable food item! Everyone is encouraged to come and invite a friend, neighbor or family member to not only have fun as a community but to support a great cause in the city! To kick off these events we hosted a movie night this past Friday. THIS FRIDAY, November 9th, we will be hosting a family game night at 6pm, followed by a movie night on November 17th from 6-8pm. We hope to see you all there!!





### Check out <a>TheBenefitsGuide.com</a> now!

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### 2019 Website Banner Ads Available

Are you looking for an economical way to advertise your busi- Advertise Here ness? For only \$175 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!



### Annual City Brookivn Thanksgiving

#### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



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 16th before 3pm. Please remember to check your items for expiration dates. For more information on this program please contact Jill at jludwig@brooklynohio.gov.

### **2019 Membership Dues**

2019 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 2019. 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.



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Thursday, November 8th Holiday Social 5-7pm - Join us as we kick off the holiday season with an opportunity to network with other members! Our Holiday Social will be held at Copper Stone Catering & Event Center. The cost includes beer, wine, and appetizers. The 2018 Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year Awards will be given out at this event. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non members. If you are a sustaining member, you will need to pay an additional \$6 to cover the cost of this event. Click here to register...

Thursday, December 13th Luncheon - Luncheon is being held at the brand new senior living community, Brooklyn Pointe. Kohren Hayden, CDP, the Montessori Moments in Time Program Director at Brooklyn Pointe, will be the speaker. Her discussion will be 'Senior moments vs. Dementia' along with an explanation of the Montessori method of programming that is used in their memory care neighborhood. Luncheon will begin at 12noon and cost is \$15 for members. <u>Click here to register...</u>





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U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy 4315 RIDGE RD. FRIDAY 11/9 6:00 P.M.

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Cost of Admission - Non-Perishable Food Item

Attention: Veterans Brooklyn Pointe would like to Invite You to a Luncheon In Your Honor!

> Friday, November 9 11:30am to 12:30pm at Brooklyn Pointe

In honor of upcoming Veterans Day and to honor our veterans, Brooklyn Pointe is hosting a special Veterans Luncheon. All veterans are welcome to come and enjoy lunch on us. Allow us the privilege of showing you around our brand new senior living community in Brooklyn.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 7

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## Wednesday, November 14

## 1:00 to 4:00pm at Brooklyn Pointe

With flu season fast approaching, Brooklyn Pointe will be hosting a flu shot clinic sponsored by Walgreens. Please bring your insurance card. Light refreshments will be available. This event is open to friends, family and the entire community. So come on down on Wednesday, November 14 and get your Flu Vaccine! Be Protected and Be Healthy!



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