

September 2017 Newsletter

Picnic in the Park lights up the sky with fireworks!

We would like to thank everyone who supported Picnic in the Park on Saturday, August 19th. We are pleased to announce that it was by far, our most successful year! The addition of the fireworks definitely increased the crowds and brought the Brooklyn community together to celebrate the end of the summer.

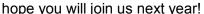
Once again, the Chamber had beer and wine available for purchase. This proved to be a popular tent at the event. Although we had 3 food trucks cancel right before the event opened, the 2 that were loyal to our event provided delicious selections at reasonable prices. The Cedar Grill featured Mediterranean selections, while Hofbrauhaus offered tasty German food from their restaurant in downtown Cleveland. We had great entertainment by Time Warp Band and Fast Lane Cleveland, an Eagle's tribute band. A successful corn hole tournament took place with the winners taking home cash prizes.

The children's area included a Home Depot building station, along with a bounce house and games sponsored by Nick Maroulis and Campus Life. Thanks to the generosity of Campus Life and Home Depot, all children's activities were free. Cleveland Metroparks NatureTracks was on hand with their mobile classroom and table of animal furs and fossils. University Hospital's MedVac helicopter landed at our event and people were able to take a tour and talk to the pilots. The City of Brooklyn also had a fire truck and ambulance available for people to look at and ask questions.

The raffle baskets and 50/50 raffle were a big success. The following exhibitors were on hand to provide hand outs, giveaways, and answer questions: Champion Windows, Epilepsy Association, Friends of Brooklyn Library, Greenscape USA, Heritage Home Program, Horizon Education Centers, Jazzercise, Laurel Garden Club, Memphis Ridge Music Center, NEO Bubble Soccer, NOPEC, and University Hospital/Parma Community General.

A special thanks to Bob Hennings with American Fireworks for putting on an amazing display to end the evening. Everyone in attendance was in awe!

We would like to thank the City of Brooklyn, especially Mayor Katie Gallagher, Economic Development Director Andi Udris, Service Director John Verba, and Chris Hovan for all their help with this year's event. We would also like to thank EmbroidMe for donating T-shirts for all of our volunteers. Without our sponsors, donators, and volunteers, the event would never have been such a huge success! We









Thank you to everyone who made Picnic in the Park possible?

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Anti Bully Seminar September 8th 5-6:15pm

On Friday, September 8th at 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. the U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy, located at 6775 Memphis Ave. will be hosting an Anti-Bully Seminar. This seminar is open to the public and will cover the different types of bullying as well as how to handle each. We will go over real life scenarios and discuss what should be done. Always try to walk away. Always try to get help. But in the need of self-defense, always know what to do. Call or email any questions to Jessica at 216-351-3222 or kungfuacademywest@hotmail.com



Fire Department warns of mulch issues

The City of Brooklyn's fire department strongly advises not to mulch right up against any exterior wall. If at all possible keep the mulch eight to twelve inches away from the exterior walls to prevent future building fires. Landscaping rocks and/or stones can be used for that distance from the buildings. If you have any questions, please contact Chief Zemek at 440-292-5721 or izemek@brooklynohio.gov.



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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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Connecting the dots for the bigger picture in health care

Great things often start with a simple idea, like connecting the dots. That's what our Whole Health Connection SM approach to health care is all about.

How it works. We connect the dots in health care — medical, drug, dental, vision, life and disability. Each time a member sees a doctor or dentist or fills a prescription, it's like a dot on a page. Connecting all those dots gives us the bigger picture — a more complete health profile of the whole person. Doctors and other caregivers can easily share this information with each other. And seeing the bigger picture early on can help doctors catch chronic diseases like diabetes, cancer or heart disease earlier. And catching diseases early can mean earlier treatments and better results.

How it saves. Connecting the dots gives better data, better insights and better outcomes.

- Up to 74% lower medical costs and fewer hospital stays, when patients who have chronic disease or are pregnant treat their periodontal disease¹
- \$8,000 in medical costs savings for members with a connected medical and disability plan² More than 26,000 diabetics identified earlier through yearly routine eye exams³

How it can work for you

When you add dental, vision, life or disability to our medical benefits, you get improved health care for your employees and cost savings for your business. That's because we connect member health records, claims and clinical data to help make sure they get better care with greater insight.

See how our products work together for a bigger, more holistic view of health care. Or talk to your Anthem sales rep.

Top 5 key features of a dental network

Figuring out if your dental network offer the most value to your business and your employees can be tough. That's why we want to help you evaluate the network against these 5 features:

- **Access to a large, national network** With a network, bigger is better. Most employers want a network that offers a large number of dentists so that employees can receive care from the dentist they prefer.
- **Network discounts** Ask about network discounts. When members visit an in-network provider for covered services, they should receive savings based on the negotiated discounts between a carrier and the providers in their network.
- **Low network turnover** One sign of a good, stable network (and happy participating providers) is low annual network turnover. Look for a network with annual turnover of 2 percent or less.
- **Credentialing and re-credentialing** Check to see how carriers handles credentialing and how often dentists are re-credentialed. This ensures providers maintain their licenses, are insured and meet guidelines for quality and professional standards.
- **Recruitment commitment** A dental carrier should be committed to growing their network. If your clients have access issues in specific areas, find out whether the carrier will use target recruiting to help meet access objectives and if they offer recruitment guarantees.

Learn more about Anthem Dental's expansive, national network.

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¹American Journal of Preventive Medicine's Impact of Periodontal Therapy on General Health Study, June 2014.

²Anthem, Inc. Productivity Solutions data study and Actuarial validation, 2015.

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September 14th Luncheon - Join us for our monthly luncheon Chamber meeting on Thursday September 14th. We will be having several of our member banks, including Dollar Bank, Huntington, and PNC on hand to present programs related to small businesses and personal banking. 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 the Brooklyn Library, located at 4480 Ridge Rd. 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...

October 12th Luncheon - Join us for our monthly Chamber luncheon meeting on Thursday, October 12th. CRU Solutions will be presenting on cyber crime and how to protect yourself and your business. The luncheon is being held at Hampton Inn, 10305 Cascade Crossing. 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...



Safe Routes to School 5K Race and Fall Festival

Saturday, September 30th in Veterans Memorial Park behind City Hall. Registration for the 5K begins at 8:30am~The 5K Race begins at 9:00am. The Fall Festival begins at Noon and ends at 6:00pm.

Featuring Kid Friendly Activities

Hayrides, Children's Activities~Pumpkin Decorating~Magic Mike Balloon Creations~Home Depot Kid's Construction Workshop~Metroparks "Nature Tracks"~Food Trucks~Fall Craft Show~Brooklyn Community Groups~Brooklyn Safety Forces~Complimentary Bakery from Polaris Career Center and a Chili Cook-Off and Fall Dessert Baking Contest!

To enter the Chili and Fall Dessert Baking Contest

Email Barb at groundhogsgarden@wowway.com. The judging for the Chili Contest will begin at 2:00pm and Baking Contest will begin at 3:00pm. Please drop off your entries by 1:30pm at the Brooklyn Senior-Community Center-7727 Memphis Ave. There will be cash prizes for the winners!







