

# BROOKLYN CHAMBER NEWS

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## Brooklyn Home Days A Success!

Thanks again to all the Chamber members who participated in this year's Brooklyn Home Days.

Century 21  
Dr. Castell  
John Bundy  
KeyBank  
Kiddie Park  
National City Bank  
Panera Bread  
Rockne's  
Sherwin-Williams  
Sun News

To get involved in next year's Home Days contact Valerie Thompson at [asstdir@brooklynohiochamber.org](mailto:asstdir@brooklynohiochamber.org)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

GLENN SKORKO - QUANTUM DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

No you are not imagining it, the days are getting shorter. School is back in session and we will soon be raking leaves. I hope everyone's summer was enjoyable and productive. That's exactly what July and August were for the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

Even with no Luncheon Meetings during the summer months there was plenty of activity. On Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> the Chamber held an after-work evening social on the patio at T.G.I. Fridays. Even though the temperature soared into the mid-nineties more than thirty members laughed, chatted, sipped cool drinks and enjoyed complimentary appetizers until dark. Our most sincere thanks to Carrie and her staff for being such gracious hosts!

With the support of Mayor Patton and Brooklyn School Superintendent Lampert the Chamber held a special "Breakfast With The Mayor" meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> for several of the largest businesses in Brooklyn. At this first-of-its-kind

event business owners and managers were able to discuss their specific concerns with the Mayor and the Superintendent in an intimate and informal setting. The meeting was a huge success for both the businesses and the city and will surely become a regular event.

Brooklyn Home Days was a phenomenal success this year. Perfect weather kept the attendance high from Friday evening all the way to closing time Sunday night. As in recent years the Chamber had two booths: one that was made available in 2 to 2-1/2 hour time slots for members to promote their business, and one for any member restaurant who wanted to sell food. Both booths were booked all weekend and saw a lot of activity. The Chamber would like to thank everyone who staffed the booths and everyone who assisted with the setup and takedown. A special thank you is in order for our Assistant Director Valerie Thompson who handled all the details and preparation this year for the event. Great job!

By the time you read this, the summer's biggest event, Cruisin' 42 To Memphis, will be in the history books. This event, which benefits the Chamber Scholarship Fund has gathered a lot of attention in both the media and local business community and pre-registration numbers indicate a huge turnout. A big thanks in advance to Mike Kissel of Kiddie Park for all his hard work.

In September the Chamber's luncheon meetings resume on the 21<sup>st</sup> at Carrabba's where the guest speaker will be Cuyahoga County Treasurer Jim Rokakis. Treasurer Rokakis will discuss changing property values in the area, tax rates and uses, and give us a look at what the future may hold. Notices will be sent out soon with all the details so please mark the date.

Enjoy the Northeastern Ohio Autumn and we hope to see you all soon!

## BCOC Sponsors Breakfast with the Mayor and Superintendent of Schools

On July 27<sup>th</sup> the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce held the first of a series of Breakfast Meetings between Mayor Ken Patton, Superintendent Jeff Lampert and a small group of

business members from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was meant to allow members an informal opportunity to meet with the Mayor and

Superintendent and network with executives of organizations of similar size that share our common interest of improving the general and business

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## CITY OF BROOKLYN IS BUILDING A NEW FIRE STATION & PURCHASING NEW LADDER TRUCK

There are two new developments on the near horizon for the City of Brooklyn Division of Fire, and for the community it serves. These improvements will be beneficial to both the citizens as well as our business residents.

The first is a new Emergency One "Bronto" 100' aerial tower truck. This apparatus will combine elevated operations along with ground and elevated heavy rescue operations. A committee of Fire personnel was formed to research the best unit to suit the protection requirements of the City. It was during this research that it was decided to combine aerial operations with heavy rescue capabilities. This unique concept will maximize functional capabilities with limited resources. The total cost of the "Bronto" with equipment is roughly \$850,000.00. This truck is currently in production and the anticipated delivery date is late September/early October.

The second development is a new 24,000 square foot Fire/

EMS Headquarters currently under construction at 8400 Memphis Avenue. A report titled "Existing Fire Station Facility and Space Needs" completed 1/03 by DLZ Inc. concluded "The existing facility...is vastly limited in life span, size, and capability". Then a comparative analysis titled "Remodeling/ Expansion of the Existing Fire Station Versus a New Fire Station Building" completed 8/03 by R.C.U. Architects Inc. recommended "...design/ construction of a new Fire Station facility would best satisfy the needs and requirements of the Fire Department and the City of Brooklyn. The cost differential between the similar size remodel/expansion and a new station is a small amount of monetary value." To date, the estimated completion cost of the new station is \$5.6 million dollars with a target completion date of 11/15/06. This project is currently on time and on budget.

An increase of 1.5 mills in real estate tax was approved by an

advisory vote of the residents during the 11/04 election by a margin of 55%/45%. Revenues generated by this increase will fully fund the new "Bronto", the new Fire/EMS Headquarters, and the safety forces pension fund.

The ISO (Insurance Services Office) rates fire departments on their ability to provide protection to the community. The City of Brooklyn is currently rated a 3 on a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the best. We are one of only several that have a rating this high in Cuyahoga County. This directly impacts and lowers insurance premiums for our business residents.

Please contact Paul Duchoslav with any questions regarding these projects or any safety related issue at 216-635-4226 or [pduchoslav@brooklynohio.gov](mailto:pduchoslav@brooklynohio.gov).



## MAYOR & SUPERINTENDENT BREAKFAST (FROM THE COVER)

interests of the City of Brooklyn.

Additional meetings will be scheduled in the future on a regular basis so that each member of the Chamber of Commerce will be invited to attend with other business of similar size and type.

At the breakfast the Mayor and Superintendent spoke about the City Master Plan and the prospects of the schools working more closely with local business in the future,

respectively. In addition several City Department Heads were available to answer questions about finance and safety. The city's recreational facilities were also discussed. Business owners discussed expansion plans, traffic issues and the possibility of working more closely with Brooklyn Schools in fulfilling their staffing needs. State and County programs for supporting business were discussed amongst the business members themselves. The Chamber Members used the opportunity to

make certain the Mayor and Superintendent understood the issues facing them in today's business climate.

The Chamber will continue to sponsor these meetings as a part of a continuing effort to bring value to our members beyond the regularly scheduled luncheons. Make certain to keep an eye out for your invitation in the coming months

**From Brooklyn Today**

### New Developments Coming to Brooklyn

- Senior Assisted Living Facility project is to begin this summer and will be located on Northcliff across from Medical Arts Building. For rental information call (216) 472-4200
- 5/3 Bank at 4653 Tiedeman Rd
- Wild Ginger Restaurant at 5092 Tiedeman Rd at Key Commons
- 4 new duplex homes on Westbrook Drive

*Best Wishes to police Chief Jack Murphy. Chief Murphy is retiring after 40 years of dedicated service to the community. Thank you for a job well done. Thirty-three year veteran, Mark Teneglia has been named his replacement.*

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## CHAMBER CALENDAR

**Sep 07** - Bd. of Directors Meeting

**Sep 13** - Executive Board Meeting

**Sep 21** - Luncheon Meeting at Carrabba's - Guest Speaker Jim Rokakis

**Oct 05** - Bd. of Directors Meeting

**Oct 11** - Executive Board Meeting

**Oct 18** - Luncheon Meeting at Agostino's - Guest Speaker Fran Migliarino from the Ohio Department of Development

**Nov 02** - Bd. of Directors Meeting

**Nov 08** - Executive Board Meeting

**Nov 16** - Annual Meeting at Ridge Manor - Guest Speakers will be the department heads from the city of Brooklyn

**Dec 07** - Bd. of Directors Meeting

**Dec 13** - Executive Board Meeting

**Dec 20** - Luncheon Meeting at Aces

## WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming the newest members to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. Additional information about each member can be found on our website at [www.brooklynohiochamber.org](http://www.brooklynohiochamber.org).

## CENTURY 21 LOOKS AT HOME SALES

Home Sales in the City of Brooklyn illustrate that the community's home values are continually rising. Having sold 55 homes so far this year, we show the average price of a home in Brooklyn for this year at \$125,857 which is higher than last years average of \$124,996. We currently

have 47 homes on the market in Brooklyn and 12 pending. The amount of homes on the market are high for the community; however, it appears that younger families with children are moving into the city. I feel that this is mainly due to the school system doing well and the excellent

amenities that Brooklyn has to offer. For tips on how to prepare your home for this competitive market call Century 21's John O'Connell at (216) 346-2900.



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Please come and join us for our monthly luncheons. This is a great way to network with other business owners as well as civic and school leaders. The cost for these luncheons is \$12 which is about the cost of your average lunch at a typical sit-down restaurant. We have excellent food prepared by chamber member restaurants especially for these luncheons. We have a monthly guest speaker on a variety of

subjects. If you have any interesting ideas for a speaker please contact Ken Grodek at 216-459-9250.

*Our schedule for the end of this year will include:*

**Thursday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at Carrabba's – Guest Speaker Jim Rokakis**

**Wednesday Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at Agostino's – Fran**

***Migliarino from the Ohio Department of Development***

***Thursday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at Ridge Manor – Annual Meeting as well as the department heads from the city of Brooklyn***

***Wednesday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at Aces – Speaker TBD***

Lunches start at 11:45 and are usually concluded by 1:30.  
COME JOIN US!!!

## VISIT OUR STAR MERCHANTS AND RECEIVE DISCOUNTS

The Chamber Star Merchant Program began in June of 2003 and allows all members to take advantage of some great discounts. Just show your Chamber Membership Card at these participating businesses and save!

Visit the Chamber member directory on our website to

see what discounts/promotions are available from these Star Merchant members.

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