

Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and eager to enjoy the summer season. A few items you may want to take note of...

Our Friday night cruise event at Ridge Park Square is in full swing. Our pedal cars have been starting to come in and are on display every Friday night. Each Friday, raffle tickets will be available between 6pm and 9pm. We will be raffling off the pedal cars on September 5th. (Winners need not be present). We hope you will come out and join us for a Friday night of interesting vehicles, fun, and camaraderie.

Our clam bake has been scheduled for October 5th at Memphis Kiddie Park. This should be a great venue for a fun evening. We will have more details available later on this summer as to prices and time.

We are also trying to organize an event at Biddulph Shopping Plaza to involve our members located there and highlight some of the wellness activities that can be provided by a couple of our member organizations. We would also hope to have food and beverage available, possibly in a tented area in the parking lot. More details to follow.

Our last two luncheons have been a huge success. Our April luncheon was held at the Brooklyn Historical Society. We had a wonderful tour, lunch, and meeting. We would like to thank Barb Stepic and the volunteers for organizing the event and welcoming us to the Museum. Our May luncheon was held at Carrabba's, where we handed out our scholarships to Ted Grodek and Megan Kuhr from Brooklyn High School for \$1,000 each. At that luncheon we were also given the State of the Brooklyn Schools address by Mrs. Cynthia Walker, Superintendent, assisted by Todd Hopkins, the IT coordinator for the Brooklyn Board of Education.

Upcoming on July 23rd, there will be a luncheon at the Middleburg Heights Community Center. We have been invited to this luncheon by the Middleburg Heights and Brook Park Chambers of Commerce. The speaker will be Ricky Smith, the head of Hopkins Airport. He will speak on the future plans for Hopkins.

As you can see we have a full plate. We are trying to bring you activities and programs that will provide you with knowledge and some fun. We hope that you will join us, for that is the strength of any Chamber of Commerce.

Wishing you all a very pleasant, healthy and safe summer,
Greg Frey



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Luncheon!

On Thursday, July 23rd, 2009, the Brooklyn Chamber will be having a joint luncheon with the Brook Park and Middleburg Hts Chambers. It will be held at the Middleburg Heights Community Center, located at 16000 Bagley Road. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Our speaker will be Ricky Smith, Director for the Department of Port Control. He will be speaking primarily on the Airport Systems.

Please note...there will be no luncheon in August.

Welcome to our newest members, Trim Tool & Machine, Weleski Transfer, & Hampton Inn

GOLF OUTING A HIT!



The 2nd annual golf outing, sponsored by Sam's Club in Brooklyn, took place on Thursday, June 25, 2009. The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce teamed up with the Brook Park and Middleburg Heights Chambers of Commerce to make the outing a fun and successful event! The golf outing took place at Coppertop at Cherokee Hills Golf Course. Golfers arrived at 7:30am for registration and breakfast, with a shot gun start of 8am. When golfers returned, there was a steak dinner, followed by the awards ceremony, door prize and gift basket giveaways. The winning foursome received gift certificates to Cherokee Hills pro shop. It was a fun day with beautiful weather! We hope to see more members out next year for the 3rd annual Brooklyn/Brook

Park/Middleburg Heights Chambers of Commerce Golf Outing!!

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following people and businesses that donated time and resources to make the golf outing such a huge success.



- Sam's Club (Event Sponsor)**
- Cheri Ashcraft, The K & D Group**
- Cindy Foster, KeyBank**
- Fran Migliorino,**
- The City of Brooklyn**
- HealthSource of Brooklyn**
- John Patta**
- Mayor Ken Patton**
- Memphis Kiddie Park**
- National City Bank**
- The Sausage Shoppe**

Vita A Chiropractic & Wellness Center
Sharon Zimmer and the Brook Park Chamber of Commerce
Doris Wroble and the Middleburg Heights Chamber of Commerce

We would also like to thank all of our hole sponsors for the event:

Brooklyn Mayor, Ken Patton
Greg Frey, State Farm Insurance
Vita A Chiropractic & Wellness Center

Thank you to the following volunteers for helping to make the day run so smooth!

Donna Thompson
Kathy Hogan



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

We would like to congratulate our 2009 Scholarship winners. Each student received a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Below is an impressive list of their accomplishments.

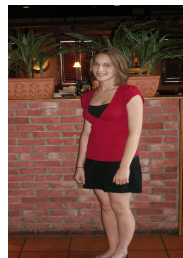


Theodore Grodek

Ted is a 2009 graduate of Brooklyn High School, graduating 3rd in his class

with an accumulative grade point average that exceeds 3.9. During his four years at Brooklyn High School, Ted was a member of the golf, soccer, and basketball teams. He was named as a Patriot League Scholar Athlete in all three sports. Ted also participated in the Marching, Concert, and Jazz Bands for all four years of his high school career. He was a member of Mu Alpha Beta and the

English Honorary. Ted currently works part time for the Grodek's family owned business, EmbroidMe. He will be attending Rice University in the fall and plans to study Political Communications.



Megan Kuhr

Megan is a 2009 graduate of Brooklyn High School, graduating 2nd in her class with an accumulative grade point average

that exceeds 3.9. She was a member of Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, and the English Honorary. During her four years of high school, Megan participated in Concert and Marching Bands, was involved in Campus Ministry, school musicals, and German Club. Prior to attending Brooklyn high School, Megan

attended Holy Name High School for two years. She currently works part time, along with volunteering time to several school and church organizations. She will be attending Slippery Rock University in the fall and plans to study Philosophy/Pre-Law.

The winners provided significant and engaging answers to one of the following essay questions...

Discuss the pros and cons of living in the city of Brooklyn, Ohio, specifically, and what you plan to do with your future. Be sure to include your business and civic concerns.

Given the fact that Congress is voting on a Federal Stimulus Program, what would you do with the money allotted to Brooklyn to support and improve our community?

BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY LUNCHEON



The Brooklyn Historical Society welcomed our Chamber members on Thursday, May 21st for our monthly luncheon. Panera Bread catered the event and tours were offered to all those in attendance. We also presented all of our Past Presidents with plaques to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

After lunch was served, Barbara Stepic introduced the Board members and gave a short bio on each of them. Following introductions, a history lesson was presented explaining the founding Brooklyn Township in 1818 and its boundaries at that time. Brooklyn became a village in the spring of 1927 and was chartered as a city in the early 50's.

The Historical Society was founded in 1970 by then Councilwoman, Elizabeth Wachs. They moved into the 1929 home in 1973 and an addition was built in 1983. The membership roster has about 150 members.

Explanations were given for some of the ventures the members had taken to secure more history for the Museum's archives. One was research-

ing old records in 2000 at Western Reserve Historical Society Library and recording Mrs. Ruth Ketteringham regarding the early history of the area. On another trip, members photographed the quarries behind the early K-Mart store. They are constantly on the look out for old photos of the area.

Barb described some of the jobs the members had done to complete the addition of the museum back in 1983. She also told of the school tours,



meetings, potlucks, brunches, cleaning days, gardening jobs, clipping local news articles from the last 40 years, and the quilts and crafts members make. She also explained the workings of the two harness floor loom used to make rag rugs. Almost 90% of the items in the museum are donated and members record the item in a journal and mark the item with the same number so they know who donated them.

Their library is a storehouse of old records such as all of the Brooklyn High School yearbooks, old voting records, copies of old plat books, old township records, area maps from the 1800's, old records, and scrapbooks from Laurel Garden Club,

Brooklyn PTA groups, Friends of the Brooklyn Library, BHS group pictures from the early 40's to 1957, bound volumes of the Old Brooklyn News from 1948-1960 and many, many photos. They have compiled large binders named "On the Street Where You Live", which hold recent and old photos of Biddulph, Brookpark, Memphis, Ridge, Tiedeman, and a mix of others.

Fundraising projects were described, one of which is their annual Shunpike Shoppe held at the Museum the last full weekend of September. Everyone who works for the Museum are volunteers. The Museum pays their own utilities, rent, security, liability, and upkeep of the inside and outside gardens.

The Brooklyn Historical Society Museum is located at 4442 Ridge Road. The museum is open on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. An appointment can be made if you wish to do research or take a tour, so that they have the proper help and information available. If you have any questions or are interested in setting up an appointment, Barb Stepic can be reached at 216-941-0160.



THE GRILL IS OPEN



The Sausage Shoppe has opened their grill for the summer. Stop in for lunch and enjoy some delicious food.

2009 Outdoor Grill Hours
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
11am - 2pm

Weiners for \$2.50
Bratwurst for \$3.25

Dine outside at the picnic table in the backyard. Or call 216-351-5213 ten minutes ahead for order pickup.

Pick up a BratMeter at the Shoppe for a list of the 2009 Brat flavors. A minimum of 8 units of the same flavor is required for special orders.



The Sausage is located at
4501 Memphis Avenue
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Night Cruises, Every Friday until Labor Day - In conjunction with Ridge Park Square, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce will be participating in their Friday Night Cruises from 6-9pm. As a Chamber member, you are able to set up a table at the event to pass out literature, promotional items, etc. for your business. You can choose to come to just one Friday Night Cruise, or several. The best part is that it is free of charge to our members! If you are interested in participating, please let me know. We will be selling raffle tickets for the pedal cars at each Cruise.

Saturday, July 18th, OBDC All Access Home and Bicycle Tour – The Chamber will have a table at this event from 11am-4pm at the Gavin Lee Party Center at 3315 Broadview Road in Cleveland. The event will begin and end at the Party Center and will include several tours, neighborhood information, and workshops. Stop by and see us and participate in the various activities being offered that day. For more information, please visit www.oldbrooklyn.com

Monday, October 5th, Fall Clam Bake – A date has been decided for our 1st clam bake. The event will be Monday, October 5th from 5-7:30pm at Memphis Kiddie Park. Mark your calendars! More information will follow.

