

BROOKLYN CHAMBER NEWS

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CHAMBER CALENDAR

- 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 Bar and Grille - Speaker TBA*

Website Changes!

Some changes and new features will be coming to brooklynchamber.org over the next few weeks. One enhancement is already in place. The News panel on the right side of the Chamber's home page has been replaced by a dynamic Flash animation that can display multiple pages of text. The new panel is able to display more news items with more information and can contain links to other pages, images and forms. In the works is a reworked dynamic navigation menu that will be complete with several new items. New website pages are in the works that will centralize forms, and provide links to valuable information and community resources.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

GLENN SKORKO - QUANTUM DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

With the arrival of November on the calendar we are quickly approaching that time when you will be receiving your renewal invoices for your membership dues. Payment is due by the end of December. Once again, we are reminded of the exceptional value that being a member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce brings to our businesses. In addition to being an excellent way of networking and establishing contacts, the chamber provides a forum for Brooklyn businesses to communicate and interact with the City. It keeps its members informed with speakers, newsletters, and a website. Membership provides monetary benefits to businesses through its association with NOACC and the Star Merchant program. But most of all, the Chamber gives each

business member a voice in the community. Don't sit on the sidelines ... renew your membership!

There have been some changes on our Board of Directors due to personnel changes at the members companies. Key Bank is now represented by Mr. Allyn Pytel, FirstMerit by Mr. Gary Paporizos and Lutheran Hospital by Mr. Dale Winsburg. Please join us in welcoming these gentlemen.

A quick follow up to the summer's biggest event, Cruisin' 42 To Memphis: The event, which benefited the Chamber Scholarship Fund has generated more than \$4,000 for the fund. It was, by far, the most successful fundraising event the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce has held! Once again, a big thanks to Mike Kissel

of Kiddie Park for all his hard work.

On October 1st the Memphis Drive-In lit up their three big screens for the last time. As a boy I sat in the backseat of my parents' car and enjoyed the night summer air while watching a first-run movie through the front windshield. Sadly I missed the opportunity to share the same experience with my son and daughter. While the drive-in will be missed, the memory of all those hot humid nights, popcorn and soft drinks, children on the swings and the clunky speakers hanging on the window will live on forever. Thank you for all the wonderful times you gave us. You will be missed.

Enjoy the coming holidays and we hope to see you all soon!



November Luncheon



Join us for our annual meeting at the November luncheon...

The City of Brooklyn department heads will be at the November luncheon to update the chamber members on what is happening in the City of

Brooklyn. The main topics will be an update on the construction of the new fire station, new construction and businesses coming into the community, and the benefits that are available for employees of Brooklyn businesses at the

Brooklyn Recreation Center. The November luncheon will be held on Thursday November 16th at Ridge Manor, 4630 Ridge Rd. Registration begins at 11:45am. Hope to see you there!

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.

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MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



GARY PAPARIZOS



FIRST MERIT BANK

Mr. Paparizos was born and raised in Euclid, Ohio and spent his entire adult life as both an east and west sider in the greater Cleveland area. Upon

graduation from Euclid High School, he attended Cleveland State University and earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration Degree in Accounting. With his degree, Mr. Paparizos went to work as an accountant for Backwood Insurance Company and stayed there for four years before making a career change to financial sales. Robert

Half International was his employer for the next four years where he placed accounting and finance professionals. Over the last five years Mr. Paparizos has worked in the business banking arena for Charter One and First Merit banks. He is currently single and resides in Rocky River. Interests include travel, music, and golf.

ALLYN J. PYTEL KEYCORP



Allyn J. Pytel is Senior Vice President & Manager of the Information Delivery & Application Support Group within the Client Services Group at KeyCorp. Mr. Pytel studied Business Administration while attending Ohio University. He graduated in 1981 from the Institute of Computer Management with a degree in computer operations and programming. Mr. Pytel has worked at several banks during his career, including

Ameritrust (formerly Cleveland Trust) and Society National Bank. At KeyCorp, he is responsible on a corporate level for all Statement & Output, Digital and Archive, Electronic Delivery, and Transportation & Mail Services. Mr. Pytel is also responsible for leadership of "Centers of Expertise"

related to Technology & Development Support, Quality & Exception Management, Employee Services and Strategic Information Management for all of Client Services. Mr. Pytel, his wife Diane and their three sons reside in Broadview Heights, Ohio.

Member Spotlight



Signs on Brookpark, formerly known as Signs By Tomorrow, has been in business since March of 1995. We have been serving our customers with products such as banners, magnetics, yard signs, vehicle lettering, site signs, business cards and much more. Our clients include churches, manufacturers, real-estate agencies, property management companies and restaurants, which come to us for their commercial and personal signage needs. The majority of our clientele comes by repeat business and referrals.

We have recently purchased a large format printer, which enables us to output a wide variety of display signs and banners, including photo reproduction, up to 4 feet high by any size length in a full-color format.

The reason our customers keep com-

ing back to us is our very reasonable prices and the one-on-one attention they receive. We sit down with them to customize their signs; working with them on their layouts and making suggestions to help them get exactly what they want and need. We know many of our customers on a first name basis and have a friendly atmosphere.

Jackie Clancy, the owner and operator, along with her daughter Jessica, Michelle, Cory and Dave are the experienced employees that help our business run smoothly. We also have 2 dogs, Ebony and Jasmine that will greet you at the door.

We are active in our community in many ways including sponsorships and donations to a variety of organi-

Signs on Brookpark

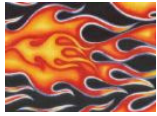
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zations. We were recently one of many sponsors for the "Cruisin '42" event, which turned out to be a big success.

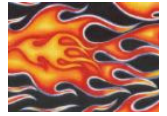
Being a member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce has been a very gratifying experience for us. This has given us the opportunity to meet new people and other businesses in the area. Thank you Chamber!

We are easily accessible from I-480, a quarter mile west of Ridge Rd. located on Brookpark Rd. across from Value City Furniture.

From the personal service to the exceptional work we provide, Signs on Brookpark is truly the Sign Headquarters that you will keep coming back to for all your commercial and personal signage needs!!!

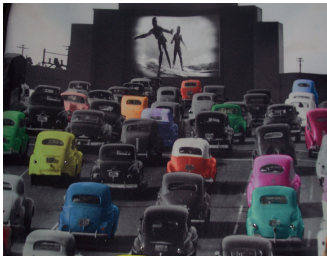


Cruisin' 42 to Memphis a Success!



Cruisin' 42 to Memphis, which benefits the Chamber of Commerce scholarship fund, took place on Saturday, August 26th. The cruise was a huge success in raising over \$4,100 for the fund. The cruise began at Brunswick Laurel Square and ended at the Memphis Drive-In. There were over 320 cars in attendance...all types as early as 1930 to present day; including custom cars, hot rods, and classics. A special thanks goes to the following for all of their hard work:

We would also like to thank the following sponsors. Without their help and support, Cruisin' 42 would have never taken place, let alone been such a huge success!



- Aire Master of Cleveland**
- Ameriflag**
- D.A. Motorsports**
- Giant Eagle**
- KeyBank**
- Lutheran Hospital**
- Mayor Ken Patton**
- Memphis Drive-In**
- Memphis Kiddie Park**
- Mr. Gasket Co.**
- Signs on Brookpark**
- Sun News**
- US Bank**
- Wal Mart**



- Bob Aldridge and Mike Kissel with Kiddie Park**
- Don Workman with Ameriflag**
- Judy Kissel and her staff at the Memphis Drive-In**





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Superior Products Receives Export Award

(Cleveland) – On September 15, Superior Products, Inc. was presented with an Export Achievement Award from U.S. Department of Commerce Assistant Secretary of Manufacturing and Services, Al Frink.

Superior Products is a manufacturer of compressed gas fittings and accessories, as well as a full line of medical and home healthcare equipment.

Members of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Commercial Services accompanied Assistant Secretary Frink and his associates on his visit to Superior. Led by company president, Don Mottinger, the entire group was taken on a tour of the facility in Cleveland, Ohio.

A ceremony was held at the end of the tour, during which Assistant Secretary Frink spoke to the entire staff of Superior Products and then presented Mr. Mottinger with the award.

"Superior Products symbolizes

the hallmark of American manufacturing, and their entire team has earned the Commerce Department's Export Achievement Award," said Frink. "It was an honor to meet the men and women who produce some of the world's finest gas fitting, assembly, and manifold products."

Superior received the award because of its recent initiative to globalize the company. Superior Products has successfully started up partnerships with new distributors in Southeast Asia and South America, while continuing to foster healthy relationships with their existing international customers in Canada, Mexico and Europe.

Frink also pointed out that Superior is "an excellent example of a company that can prosper in today's global economy while still manufacturing their products in the U.S."

Part of this newfound international success is due to

Mr. Mottinger's participation in the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Service's Gold Key program, which screened potential partners overseas and then organized a detailed itinerary for Mr. Mottinger's visits to those companies. Not only did the U.S. Commercial Services set up meetings and arrange for accommodations, they also provided all transportation and even offered a full-time translator to accompany Mr. Mottinger on his trips.

"On behalf of Mr. Mottinger and the whole Superior Products team, we would like to give our most sincere thanks to Secretary Frink and tell him what an honor it was to have him visit our company," said Carrie Sheehan, International Sales Coordinator. "Receiving the Export Achievement Award is very exciting to us as employees of this company and motivates us to work even harder in our efforts to branch out internationally."

Superior Products is located at 3786 Ridge Road.



New Resident Packets

The City of Brooklyn sends out "Welcome" packets to new residents that move into the community. Businesses located in the city are encouraged to include information, promotions, flyers, etc. advertising their business. Some of our businesses send a letter welcoming the new residents with a discount available. One of our local dentists sent in dental floss as a promotional item. If you are interested in participating, please call Donna Thompson at (216) 635-4224.

