



March 2020 Newsletter

President's Message

Plans are in full swing for the most fantastic Taste of Brooklyn yet! The hall is booked for Saturday, May 2nd. The band is booked and preparing tirelessly an evening of entertainment that won't disappoint and we have some wonderful food vendors lined up for you! The only thing we're missing...and it's not a minor detail is sponsorships. We currently have 7 sponsors (Thank you all by the way!) but at this time last year we were up to 18! Our goal is to grow our sponsorship annually. If we received 20 sponsors for 2020 that would be AMAZING! Are you or your company planning on sponsoring the Taste of Brooklyn 2020? If so, don't wait! It's stressful to us when you wait. :) Call or email Valerie today with your sponsorship amount and she will get everything squared away for you. Remember, 100% of the net proceeds of this entire event go right back into the young people in our community. That means your sponsorship too will help allow the the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce to continue giving multiple scholarships to our graduating seniors! Also note, that if we make more than we originally plan we GIVE THAT AWAY TOO!! Last year we gave 3 additional \$1,000 scholarships because this exact event was such a success! Don't think we don't need your sponsorship this year. We do, because we want to invest in our young people as much as we can. If you are thinking you'd like to be involved as a food vendor, or by providing raffle baskets that is always welcomed as well. Please let us know and we will get you all the information you'll need.

In January I had mentioned some changes coming to our Chamber. We have a team from our board of directors that have been meeting with area Chambers trying to come up with a collaboration. This does NOT mean we are merging with another Chamber. We are staying the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce but we are in the works to provide our membership with more opportunities. To network, more opportunities to build successful partnerships with other businesses and more benefits. As meetings continue and decisions are made, we will provide updates to our membership. I believe this is going to be a pivotal time for the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and I'm excited to see where this leads us further into the year.

Best,

Jessica M. Cliff

President, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

Program Director, U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy



Taste of Brooklyn Saturday, May 2nd 7-10pm



The Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz will take place on Saturday May 2nd 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 14th year hosting the event!

This event has had great success in the past. Because of the proceeds made in previous years, we have been able to award countless college scholarships to Brooklyn and Old Brooklyn residents and teacher grants to Brooklyn City Schools. In fact, 2019 was so successful we were able to increase the awards to 3 additional \$1000 scholarships! We are hoping to do the same for years to come!

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[To purchase tickets by credit card, please click here.](#) If you are able to help out in any way or have questions, please contact us at exec@brooklynohiochamber.org.



Thank you to our food vendors!!

Carrabba's Italian Grill
Hofbrauhaus Cleveland
Hooley House
Love & Confection
LaVilla Conference and Banquet Center
Memphis Kiddie Park
Mom's Pierogies
Rockne's

Thank you to our sponsors!!

Andy Celcherts, Brooklyn City Council
Dollar Bank
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LaVilla Conference & Banquet Center
Ridge Park Square
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2020 Scholarship Applications

Because of the success of our annual Taste of Brooklyn events, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that we will once again, be offering 2 scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each!

The first scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Brooklyn High School senior who currently resides in the City of Brooklyn and will be attending a recognized college or university full time in the fall. The second scholarship will be available to any Brooklyn High School senior, Brooklyn or Old Brooklyn resident who will be attending a recognized college or university full-time in the fall. We encourage you to pass this information along to anyone who may qualify!

Completed packets must be postmarked by April 3, 2020. [Please click here for more information.](#)

DUE it Right...



It is that time of year again...time to renew your membership to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. 2020 invoices have been emailed and mailed out several times and payment is now past due. Payment can be made by check or credit card. **Members with outstanding balances not paid by March 31st, will be removed from the Chamber.** Let us know if you have any questions or if you need a copy of your invoice.

Info needed for our NEW WEBSITE!

We are excited to announce the launch of our brand new website!! It has a much fresher look to it!! Over the next few months, you will start to see changes in email distribution and the look of the newsletter. In case you haven't checked the new website out yet, you can now purchase tickets for our events right from the website...Taste of Brooklyn and luncheons. The process is much better than before. **In order to market your business the best we can, we are looking for information from each of you, such as your business description and a picture of business or logo.** Below is an example of the types of things you can include on your profile:

<https://brooklynohiochamber.org/members/brooklyn/u-s-shuai-chiao-kung-fu-academy-west/>

Please email any information you would like included in the directory to exec@brooklynohichamber.org.

Member 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. If you would be interested in being featured in an upcoming month, please let us know.



My name is Janet Vedda and I am the proud owner of Mom's Pierogies. Mom's Pierogies is a family-owned business that I started in 2003. I originally started this business as a way to earn extra cash during the holidays while my husband was laid off from his painting occupation. It quickly grew into a thriving business and has since won awards like "People's Choice" and "Grand Champion" at the Pierogi Palooza festival 4 years in a row! We feature my mom's long-time recipe of Polish pierogies, stuffed cabbage and many other traditional foods that my dad, sisters and I all grew up with. All menu items are either my mom's or my homemade recipes.

In 2018 we finally found the perfect spot to open our very first retail location. It was truly a dream come true and we are so excited to be a part of the Brooklyn community! Since opening we have received overwhelming support and we have had the extreme pleasure of getting to know many of our neighbors and surrounding businesses. We hope to continue to grow and thrive here and we hope to continue to get to know more about this amazing community. Come visit us if you haven't already. Stop in and say hi and my son Jack (3 years) will entertain you while you wait for your order to be fulfilled. We look forward to bringing you a piece of home and family tradition, a friendly face, a smile or just good conversation. Most importantly, we look forward to serving you up some amazing meals that will be the beginning of many happy memories for you and your families. We truly appreciate each of our customers whether they are old or new and we are glad to call Brooklyn home!

We make fresh pierogies daily and have many varieties available frozen everyday. We also serve hot takeout for those that are looking for a quick home cooked meal. Try one of our meal options like the pierogi meal (4 pierogies) or the stuffed cabbage meal (2 stuffed cabbages), both include 2 delicious sides. Many of our customers love the variety and value of our meals and can make a couple dinners out of all the food you get. We also offer catering options for all of your party needs and wholesale pricing for bulk orders.

Easy ways to order:

Order by phone, online ordering on our website, order through grubhub or doordash and get it delivered! Or just stop in. We accept cash and credit payments.

Mom's Pierogies
8467 Memphis Avenue
Brooklyn, Ohio 44144
216-309-1570
www.momspierogies.com

Hours of operation:

Sunday and Monday: Closed
Tuesday, Wednesdays and Fridays: 11am to 7pm
Thursdays: 11am to 5pm
Saturdays: 11 am to 4pm

We stop serving hot food items a half hour before we close for the night.

Connect with us on all of our social media platforms for special promotions and news:

www.facebook.com/momspierogies
www.instagram.com/momspierogies
www.twitter.com/momspierogies

Email me at janetvedda@momspierogies.com for any other questions or just to say hi!...I would be happy to get to know you!



Member Spotlight

Brooklyn Asked for It, They Got It! Much Desired Senior Living Community Opens in Brooklyn, Ohio

For over 20 years, Brooklyn, Ohio residents have been longing for a local senior living community in their neighborhood. As of October 2018, their wish has been granted with the debut of Meridian Senior Living's Brooklyn Pointe Assisted Living and Memory Care as the first and only assisted living and memory care community located in the city of Brooklyn. Newly constructed and stunning, Brooklyn Pointe is sited at 4800 Idlewood Drive tucked right behind the Marc's Grocery Store in the Ridge Park Square shopping district off of I-480. The community offers a total of 80 apartments in studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom apartment configurations.

Since its opening, Brooklyn Pointe has become a new home for many residents in the area such as Beverly Beischlag. Moving from Parma Heights, her journey to finding Brooklyn Pointe is described, "After a short brief illness Beverly knew she could no longer live on her own and her boys jumped in to find the very best place for her. They spent several hours visiting and asking questions before they brought mom into the picture. Once they were satisfied with answers and the help they were given, they knew they had found the right place for mom. Beverly loves her apartment with two windows and enjoys the social activity here at Brooklyn Pointe." The owner's representative, Steve Nicholas, expressed that Brooklyn Pointe is delighted to be a part of the Brooklyn community and provides both a new living option for Brooklyn seniors and employment opportunities in professional and management positions. Brooklyn Pointe is designed for seniors who can benefit from the many services and amenities offered, such as dining, housekeeping, medication management, and other personal assistance. "We offer all the comforts of home without the worries associated with home ownership," Nicholas added, "which gives our residents a new freedom to enjoy life and socialize more."

Designed using new state-of-the-art technology, Brooklyn Pointe is not your typical senior living residence that exudes an institutional atmosphere. Instead, when people walk through Brooklyn Pointe's doors, they are welcomed with a home-like, residential setting flooded with natural sunlight in all areas. The two-story stone-clad community features unique architectural elements including light wells, decorative windows, and sunrooms that fill the spaces with an abundance of natural light. There is a beautiful two-story ledge-rock fireplace that towers over the lounge and neighboring bistro. Residents can be as busy as they please at Brooklyn Pointe while getting the exceptional care from best-in-class partners available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Scheduled activities and social events including happy hours, musical entertainment, and various outings are geared toward a social, active lifestyle. Residents can feast daily in the large dining room on delicious, food prepared by the talented executive chef while overlooking the courtyard or socialize in the lounge that features a new baby grand piano. There is a private dining room designed for special family celebrations or dinner parties. Reminiscent of the street vendors of the past, a popcorn machine on wheels sits in the activity center and can be wheeled for use in the theater room. Off the activity center is a greenhouse, where residents can soak up some sun and nourish herbs for the chef's use or grow their own plants. For those with Alzheimer's or dementia, Brooklyn Pointe offers a special, separate memory care neighborhood. Specially trained staff and Meridian's exclusive Montessori Moments in Time™ program are carefully tailored to meet residents' needs, along with family-style surroundings to mirror the residents' homes.

Brooklyn Pointe celebrated its grand opening on October 18, 2018 with over 300 visitors including prospective residents, family members, and city representatives including the Brooklyn City Mayor, Katie Gallagher. "The city of Brooklyn is happy to welcome the much-anticipated Brooklyn Pointe Assisted Living Facility to our community," Mayor Gallagher exclaimed. "We have always wanted to give our seniors the option to stay here in Brooklyn when they reached the next stage of their lives and now we have that ability. It is a beautiful facility and we look forward to our continued partnership for years to come." Karen Fratto, Senior Center Coordinator of the city of Brooklyn, commented, "Brooklyn Pointe is a very welcomed addition to our community. We have already began partnering with them and look forward to an ongoing relationship."

Brooklyn Pointe is honored to be a part of the Brooklyn, OH community and very much hopes to grow that relationship and to exceed the expectations of Brooklyn citizens in the coming years. "We are excited to welcome staff, residents, and resident families of Brooklyn Pointe to the Meridian family," says Meridian Senior Living Chief Operating Officer Kacy Kang. "We look forward to learning the unique stories and passions of our new residents, their families, and our new colleagues." For more information or to schedule a tour at Brooklyn Pointe, visit <http://www.brooklyn-pointe.com> or call (216) 230-5690.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

State of the City March 12th - Join us on March 12th as Mayor Katie Gallagher gives the annual State of the City address. The luncheon is being held at the new TRG Multimedia space, located at 1 American Road, suite 700. Carrabba's will be catering. Luncheon starts at 12noon and the cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non members. Hope to see everyone there! [Click here to register...](#)

Taste of Brooklyn Teaser Luncheon April 9th - Join us on April 9th as we host a members only preview of the amazing food that will be served at Taste of Brooklyn this year! We will also have Taste of Brooklyn tickets on sale for \$20 a piece. The luncheon is being held at Hampton Inn, located at 10305 Cascade Crossing in Brooklyn. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 and will begin at 12noon. Online registration will be available soon!!

Newest Members

Fairfield by Marriott

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Phone Number: (216) 781-8644



Chamber members across Ohio continue to save money by participating in the Chamber Energy Program!

- In Fostoria, a funeral home **saved \$1,500 per year** on their electricity and natural gas supply.
- A non-profit community center in Olmsted **saved \$960 annually** and utilized their tax exemption to eliminate their natural gas sales tax.
- Residential members in the Heights-Hillcrest area recently **reduced their energy rates by over 40%**.
- In Willoughby, a bar/restaurant with multiple locations **saved \$2,500 annually** on their electricity and natural gas.
- A small manufacturer in Medina **reduced their annual energy costs by \$1,800**.

What are you waiting for?

To receive a complimentary utility bill review, call **330-208-2082** or email chamberenergy@ceateam.com today!



Saturday, May 2
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

TASTE OF BROOKLYN

and all that Jazz!

*entertainment provided by Brooklyn Jazz Band

\$20/ ticket pre-sale
\$25 at the door

LaVilla Conference & Banquet Center

11500 Brookpark Rd.

100% of net proceeds
benefit the Brooklyn
Chamber Scholarship &
Education fund



Contact Valerie with questions exec@brooklynohiochamber.org



14th Annual “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” Sponsors needed...

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” on Saturday, May 2, 2020. The event is being held at LaVilla Conference & Banquet Center from 7-10pm. All of the net proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce’s Scholarship & Education Fund.

We are looking for sponsors to help offset the cost of the event and generate more money for the scholarship & education fund. If you are willing to be a sponsor for the event, your name and logo will appear in the event program, on our website, in newsletters and emails leading up to the event and you will be recognized the evening of the event. **The cost for a sponsorship is \$225. All sponsors receive 2 admission tickets for the event.** If you are interested in being a sponsor, please fill out the attached form.

This is the Chamber’s 14th year hosting the event! This event has had great success in the past. Because of the proceeds made in previous years, we have been able to award countless college scholarships to Brooklyn and Old Brooklyn residents and teacher grants to Brooklyn City Schools. We are hoping to do the same for years to come!

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If you would like more information or if you are able to donate a gift basket, purchase tickets, etc., please contact us at exec@brooklynohiochamber.org or 216-635-4297.

We thank you for your support!

Taste of Brooklyn Committee



Please fill out the sponsorship form below for the Taste of Brooklyn. The cost is \$225. All sponsors receive 2 admission tickets for the event.

Contact Name _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Total: \$225

Pay by Check

Pay by Credit Card

Bill Me

Please make checks payable to Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. If paying by credit card, please email exec@brooklynohiochamber.org to be emailed the link. Mail checks and forms to:

**Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 44038
Brooklyn, OH 44144**

If you have any questions, please contact us at 216-635-4297 or exec@brooklynohiochamber.org.

Net proceeds benefit the Chamber's Scholarship & Education fund.



*The Brooklyn Chamber of
Commerce Proudly Presents*

**A Taste of Brooklyn
AND ALL THAT JAZZ**

May 2, 2020

*Enjoy an evening of fun,
great food and entertainment!*



Where & when is the Taste of Brooklyn?

The event will take place on Saturday, May 2nd from 7-10pm. The event is being held at **LaVilla Conference & Banquet Center**, located at 11500 Brookpark Rd in Brooklyn.



How can I participate?

We are looking for local restaurants and businesses that are willing to donate food for the event. Each restaurant is given a table to use to serve their food and pass out flyers, menus, coupons, etc. to those in attendance. If you are unable to send someone to work the table for the evening, no problem! We can come pick up your donation, set up the table, and serve your food.



Why should I participate?

It is a great way to promote your business to the Brooklyn/Old Brooklyn community. Feel free to bring flyers, coupons, menus, etc. to pass out. Last year, we had 350 people in attendance, and every year we grow! All food vendors receive 2 free admission tickets. Plus, your company name will appear on our website, event emails, newsletter, etc.

What is the Taste of Brooklyn?

The Taste of Brooklyn is a fundraiser hosted by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. It features a “taste” of cuisine from local restaurants and establishments. The event is an opportunity for the community, schools, and businesses to come together and raise funds for the students of Brooklyn & Old Brooklyn. All the net proceeds benefit the Chamber’s Scholarship & Education Fund. This is the Chamber’s 14th year hosting the event!



The cost to those who attend the event is \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. Tickets include food, beer, wine, and entertainment. The Brooklyn High School Jazz Band puts on a spectacular performance for all those in attendance. Gift basket raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets are sold at the event, as well.

Who does the Taste of Brooklyn benefit?

All the net proceeds benefit the Chamber’s Scholarship & Education Fund. This event has had great success in the past. Because of the proceeds made in previous years, we have been able to award countless college scholarships to Brooklyn and Old Brooklyn residents and teacher grants to Brooklyn City Schools. We are hoping to do the same for years to come!





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