



September  
2024

# NEWSLETTER

Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

## A Message from the President...

Fall is rapidly approaching and we are so excited about the Chamber's momentum and growth! Kathy Pierce, August's guest speaker was a powerhouse! Her inspiring story was a great and motivational look into how to grow your business by building a culture that serves your employees while offering the highest customer service.. It was a great lead-in to our September Guest Speaker from **Ohio Means Jobs**. If you are not familiar with Ohio Means Jobs you should be! They are a great resource for Job Recruitment, employee retainment and business grants that will help expand your business.

**Join us on September 17th at 9:00 AM for this very important meeting!**

We are excited to announce that the chamber is continuing and expanding on its charitable arm. We have created **The Brooklyn Cares Foundation** which will allow us to be able to offer tax deductions for your charitable donations to Brooklyn Cares, the Brooklyn Scholarship program and other programs that may be created in the future. *We are excited to announce that Suzy Marquis has been elected as President and Laura Paul has been elected as the Secretary.* If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors for the Brooklyn Cares Foundation, please let me know!

On a final note, I would like to remind you of the **Fall Fest** coming up on September 21st at Veteran's Memorial Park. This is a great opportunity for you as a business owner or community to interact with the residents of Brooklyn. *It is not too late to have a table at the event or sponsor the event! If you are interested please reach out to me and I will connect you to the right people!*

The Chamber has a renewed energy in being an organization that will help grow your business and connect you to the residents that you serve and I do not want you to miss out! Please start coming to the monthly meetings so that you can see what the Chamber is up to! These are great meetings that will help you with your business and we hope that you can be a part of this change!

Thank you!

Karam Hasrouni



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Valley College is so excited to announce that the Cleveland Campus has been granted the School of Distinction award by our accreditor, ACCSC!

We are incredibly proud of all of our amazing staff that helped make this possible! Valley College strives to exceed all goals set out by our accreditor. Through this we will continue to meet the educational and professional needs of the community by delivering quality degree and certificate programs which are flexible and career oriented.

The ACCSC School of Distinction Award recognizes member schools that have demonstrated a commitment to the expectations and rigors of ACCSC accreditation as well as a commitment to delivering quality educational programs to the students, graduates and employers that deserve our best work. Through this award, it is the Commission's intent to recognize the significant achievement of schools that completed the accreditation process without any findings of non-compliance and having satisfied all requirements necessary to be in good standing with the Commission.

We offer five programs at our Cleveland location: Medical Clinical Assistant Diploma, Veterinary Assistant Diploma, Veterinary Technician Degree, Practical Nursing Diploma, and Commercial Driver License (CDL) Class A Certificate. We also offer a variety of online programs that you can complete from home so you can achieve your education at your own pace. Like all Valley College locations, our Cleveland campus offers small, specialized classes where students can receive personalized instruction. Industry-current computers and software are available to all students to best prepare them for the needs of our hiring employers. For more information, contact the Cleveland campus at 216-453-8201, or visit our website at [www.valley.edu](http://www.valley.edu)

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# COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAMS

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### Brooklyn Cares

Brooklyn Cares is a non-profit program with the following mission:

**“To empower and support families facing challenging times in our community.”**

This initiative is all about spreading kindness and providing support to families facing tough times.



We are dedicated to letting families know that they are not alone. We're proud to be partners with the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, a collaboration that has amplified our impact and strengthened our community outreach.

**Together, we can make a difference and build a strong, supportive and kind community.**

*Suzy Marquis - Community Outreach Coordinator  
with Brooklyn City Schools  
[suzy.marquis@bcshurricanes.org](mailto:suzy.marquis@bcshurricanes.org)*

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## The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Scholarship & Education Fund



Each year, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce encourages graduating seniors to pursue educational opportunities that support their professional development and contribute to their career goals. The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Scholarship & Education Fund raises money through donations and fundraising events throughout the year.

**We appreciate your participation and support!**

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# EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

BCOC Monthly Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, September 17th  
9:00 am  
Brooklyn City Hall - Community Room  
8000 Memphis Ave.



## Special Guest Speaker:

### Ohio Means Jobs

**Kyle Casey - Employment and Business Services Bureau Chief**  
Employee Recruitment ~ Employee Retention ~ Grants to help expand businesses



## Fall Fest

Saturday, September 21st  
Veterans Memorial Park

**It's not too late to become  
a Vendor or Sponsor!**

Come out and  
enjoy this great  
Community Event!

**Hope to see you there!**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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9/17/24 - Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting - City Hall

9/21/24 - Fall Fest - Brooklyn's Veterans Memorial Park

10/10/24 - BHS College & Career Resource Fair

10/15/24 - Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting - City Hall

10/26/24 - Clambake

11/19/24- Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting - City Hall

11/23/24 - Christmas Tree Lighting & Coat Drive

12/17/24 - Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting - City Hall

**If your organization has an upcoming event you would like to advertise, please send an email to [exec@brooklynohiochamber.org](mailto:exec@brooklynohiochamber.org)**

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## Contact Information:

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## **Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce 2024 Board of Directors**

Karam Hasrouni, President - The Floor King

Dr. Ted Caleris, Vice-President - Brooklyn City Schools

Nick Maroulis, Treasurer - Campus Life/Youth For Christ

Amanda Long, Secretary - Valley College

Andy Celcherts, Ex-Officio, Councilman - Resident

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Jennifer Piechowski - Key Bank Operations Center

Jeremy Rowan - City of Brooklyn

Jessica Cliff - US Shuai Chiao Kung Fu

Pete Pinkowski - Renew Church Cleveland

# MEMBERS

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Allure House of Beauty  
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Brighter Tomorrow Community Services, LLC  
Brooklyn City Schools  
Brooklyn Historical Society  
City of Brooklyn  
Andy Celcherts  
Cutting Line  
Cuyahoga County Public Library  
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Dollar Bank, FSB  
Donald Martens & Sons Ambulance Service  
Earthology Unbound, LLC  
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Maggie Flanagan  
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Geppetto's Pizza  
Great Home Solutions  
Great Lakes Publishing/Cleveland Magazine  
Hampton Inn  
Hispanic UMADAOP  
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Huntington Bank  
J.B. Stamping, Inc.  
Just in Time Recovery  
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Medical Mutual of Ohio  
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The City Diner  
The Floor King  
TRG Multimedia  
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UH Parma Medical Center  
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Valley College  
Vendors Exchange  
WB Graphics & Ts  
We Can Code IT, LLC  
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Westbrook Village Apartments/K&D  
Cynthia Woide  
Youth for Christ/Campus Life

**If you are interested in becoming a Member, please complete the following application and email it to [exec@brooklynohiocharter.org](mailto:exec@brooklynohiocharter.org)**





## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name/Business:			
Address:			
Email Address:			
Phone number:		Alternate Phone number:	
Contact: Alternate Contact (if any):			
Do you prefer email or text?			

### MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: (Please circle one)

Resident	\$ 25.00		2-24 Employees	\$160.00
Non-Profit	\$ 80.00		25-99 Employees	\$240.00
Independent Contractor/Sole Proprietor	\$ 45.00		100+ Employees	\$350.00

**TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### PAYMENT INFO

(please return completed form with your payment to: Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 44038, Brooklyn, OH 44144 )

Check (Made Payable to: Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce) Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One:      MasterCard                  VISA                          Discover                          Americian Express

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 or 4 digit code on back of card)

Email address to send receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

### Interested in volunteering? (Check all that apply)

Monthly Chamber Meeting (set up/take down)	
Fundraising Events (ticket sales, setup/take down)	
Speaking/Presentation for Monthly Chamber Meeting	
Membership Committee	
Brooklyn Cares Committee	
Scholarship & Educational Fund Committee	