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Become a Member of OBCDC

SUPPORT THE OLD BROOKLYN NEIGHBORHOOD

by: Amber Jones

Next year is an exciting year at Old Brooklyn Community Development! We have many fun things planned, new events on the horizon, and the next level of some of our programming like the YP Social Hour and the Mighty Volunteer Program. But that's not all.

OBCDC Membership

As some may know, but honestly, more probably don't know—we are a membership organization! A membership organization includes professional associations, trade associations, voluntary associations, political parties, clubs, and a wide range of non-profits like OBCDC. Membership organizations typically have a particular purpose, which involves connecting people together around a particular activity, geographical location, industry, activity, interest, mission, or profession.

For Old Brooklyn CDC, that mission is to grow Old Brooklyn through empowered partnerships, leadership, programming, and advocacy. The more members connected and supportive of our work in the neighborhood and community, the better we are able to address the needs of Old Brooklyn!

The Benefits!

Membership is open to any individual who supports the work of our organization. You can be a resident of the neighborhood, a business owner, at-large individuals (not living in OB), or a partner institution. There's no fee [it's FREE!], but if you are able to donate to support the work, it'd be appreciated!

The reason 2024 is an exciting year is because we've revamped our Membership! It will continue to be free and the current benefits will remain the same. But we've expanded the benefits and impact for our members.

Here's what you can expect to remain the same:

- FREE membership!
- Annual Meeting invitation each October
- Voting rights during the Annual Meeting each October for new Board of Director candidates
- Welcome emails for all new members about OBCDC, getting involved, and making connections
- Inclusion on the OBCDC listserv to stay up to date on happenings in OB!
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Here's how we're making it easier and better:

- Auto-renewal of your membership. You no longer need to renew every year! OBCDC staff will confirm your membership each December to update any information or changes
- Beginning in January 2024: SWAG discount code for 10% off in the OBCDC on-line shop
- Beginning in January 2024: monthly email for members with news about the neighborhood and organization
- Beginning Spring 2024: an annual member event with a sneak peek of Summer events!
- Platform for recurring monthly and one-time donations to support the work OBCDC does in the community's Anniversary date reminder!
- 'Member of the Year' Award at the Annual Meeting in October
- Exclusive MVP opportunities to volunteer in Old Brooklyn

The benefits above are just some examples of how we're ramping up for 2024. As a member you'll know what's happening in the community and what we're up to at OB-CDC. But what's more exciting is the impact you'll have in the neighborhood, too.

- Be an advocate for the organization and neighborhood!
- Know about and share information about events, programs, and work happening in Old Brooklyn
- Enhance the volunteers, committees, and Board of Directors for the organization

Get Involved

It only takes 2 minutes! Signing up is easy through our website: www.oldbrooklyn.com/membership or you can fill out/return the form on this page.



Volunteers clean up Pearl Road

BECOME A MEMBER OF



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OF THE OLD BROOKLYN NEIGHBORHOOD!

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation is dedicated to growing Old Brooklyn through empowered partnerships, leadership, programming, and advocacy!

Through this work, we want to ensure that Old Brooklyn's tomorrow is better than today. Our mission is financially supported through donations, grants, and generous members of the community, but it is our membership base that remains critically important to us. **OB CDC is welcoming new members!**

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

This **FREE** membership is your opportunity to join an organization that helps to make the neighborhood of Old Brooklyn, A Great Place to Grow. Membership serves as a great entry point to learn more about the organization, volunteer, join a committee, vote on new and returning Board of Directors, or become a Board Member yourself!

Join online or fill out the information card below and mail/deliver to Old Brooklyn CDC, 4274 Pearl Rd, Suite F, Cleveland, OH 44109

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 Organization: _____

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Holiday Resource Guide: OLD BROOKLYN IS OUR PURPOSE

by Darlene Glass

Winter is upon us here in Old Brooklyn and with the cold and snow comes fun times with family and friends. Holiday celebrations, parties, sled riding, sports, and events all around the greater Cleveland area keep us busy and entertained. Along with the ugly sweaters and spiced eggnog can come stress and anxiety, whether it's being overwhelmed in social settings or how you're going to provide a sufficient holiday meal.

A local organization that assists residents in need is Senior Citizen Resources (SCR). SCR works to support Old Brooklyn seniors in staying healthy and living independently through transportation, nutrition, activities, social services, and volunteering. Throughout the year, SCR works with Meals on Wheels to provide 130 meals, 5 days a week to homebound seniors.

If you want to give back this holiday season and beyond, they are looking for assistance with this program! Volunteers in teams of 2 commit to one day a week to a route, either once a week or once a month. Routes take about 1 hour to complete. If this is of interest to you, contact the SCR main office at 216-749-5367 for more information.

Along with SCR, Old Brooklyn and the surrounding areas have many additional resources to help your family with food, clothing, and other essentials.

Food Distribution and Meals:

Keep updated on all the food distribution and meals by visiting each organizations website.

Southwest Ozanam Center

2145 Broadview Rd. (Corner of Broadview & Searsdale) 216-351-0144

Open: **Tue., Thur., Sat;** 10 am. - 1 pm.

<https://svdpcl.org/need-help/hunger-centers/>

Mary Queen of Peace

4423 Pearl Road

Community meals 1st & 3rd Sundays 12 - 2 pm.

Monthly food distribution - 3rd Sat. 9-11 am.

<https://maryqop.org/>

Senior Citizen Resources

3100 Devonshire Rd. 216-749-5367

Monthly food distribution 1st Monday of the month; 10 am. - 12 pm.

Daily meals - Meals on Wheels distribution center (*Could use volunteers to deliver meals also*)

Call Chris at 216-749-5367 to register

<https://www.seniorcitizenresources.org/senior-services/>

Christ Church

6400 Memphis Ave.

Monthly distribution 4th Saturday of the Month; 9 - 11 am.

<https://christchurchohio.org/about/>



Volunteer delivers Meals on Wheels for Senior Citizen Resources

All Faiths Food Pantry

Home meals & food delivery for seniors

216-496-4329

<https://allfaithspantry.org/how-to-receive-food-assistance/>

Local Food Pantries/Blessing Boxes:

Pearl Road United Methodist Church

4200 Pearl Road 216-661-5642

<http://pearlroadumc.org/>

LegoHeadz Barber Shop

4764 Broadview Rd.

Food, coats, hats & gloves

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063608859520>



Alex Deliz helps out at SCR on the 1st Monday of the month for their food distribution

Outside Old Brooklyn:

Julia DeBurgos Cultural Arts Center

2800 Archwood Ave. (Brooklyn Center)

2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30 am – 1 pm.

Affordable food sale & hot meal

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchwoodFoods>

Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Lakefront Municipal Parking Lot (Muni Lot)

1500 S. Marginal Rd. 216-738-2067

2nd & 4th Thursdays 1 - 4 pm. Call to register
<https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/get-help/find-food>

Clothing and Other Resources:

Many of the local churches have clothing closets, check in after a service to see what assistance is available.

Walls of Love

Check out their **Facebook** page for current locations

<https://www.facebook.com/wallsoflove1>

Toys for Tots

You can sign up on their website to receive a toy.

<https://brookpark-oh.toysfortots.org>

United Way of Greater Cleveland

1331 Euclid Ave.

Call 211 for assistance

<https://www.211oh.org/>

Living in Old Brooklyn Facebook Group

(Brenda Thuerer, Admin)

www.facebook.com/groups/livinginoldbrooklyn

Buy Nothing in Old Brooklyn & Brooklyn Heights Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/465329023844392>

Looking for More?

Looking for some free things to do this winter? Check out this article on the Destination Cleveland website for free things to do in winter. <https://www.thisiscleveland.com/blog/free-in-cle-winter>

If you're feeling overwhelmed with all the things you must do, remember it's ok to say no and take some time to relax. And don't let the cold weather keep you locked inside, put on your coats and hit up many of the great parks we have right here in Old Brooklyn!

**Some holiday meals and events were not available before print but check out the websites and keep up on all local events by following Old Brooklyn Community Development Corp. on all your social media channels. And check out the community events page at the back of the magazine for more Old Brooklyn happenings.

*Wishing everyone a happy and safe
 Winter in Old Brooklyn!*



Darlene Glass, a native of Cleveland, has lived in Old Brooklyn for 20+ years. When not writing you can find her in her woodworking shop, volunteering, or hanging out at Ben Franklin Community Garden.

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Elevate: OLD BROOKLYN NITE 2023

by Erin McIntyre Fuentes

For a second year in a row, the staff of Old Brooklyn CDC took a gamble on their annual fundraiser by having it in the majestic Ben Franklin Community Garden: an outdoor venue in the beginning of September in Cleveland.

The days leading up to the event, Cleveland weather did not disappoint with fluctuating temperatures and forecasts of warm and sunny to dreary and rainy. With stormy clouds lurking above all day, the rain held off on the evening of September 8th and OBCDC welcomed over 200 guests to the community garden. Guests were greeted by smiling faces and an inviting atmosphere that drew you in. The walkways were lined with vendors of local restaurants and businesses who shared their goodness with guests. It was delightful and bountiful.

Speaking with Jess Timms, Relationship Development & Grants Manager of OBCDC, she said, "There were a lot of moving pieces and parts to get here but it was worth it." The staff stepped up to the plate as did the 37 volunteers who showed up to get the garden ready for the neighborhood party.



photos by La Johnston Photography
Apostle Jones performing at Old Brooklyn Nite on Friday, September 8

With a stunning backdrop of the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden, guests were treated to live music by Apostle Jones. Every way you turned, connections were being made between small business owners and residents,



Board members and sponsors, friends, staff, and volunteers. "The space was alive and activated and used in every way for community connection and to come together for a common purpose," says Timms.

"I hope people see the reason for this event - an opportunity to showcase our work, celebrate Old Brooklyn, and raise money that will be reinvested into the community through the work we do in the upcoming year," she said.

OBCDC certainly does. The funds raised from this event are used for programming and community events such as the Old Brooklyn Farmers Market, First Time Homebuyer Panel, and the Senior Home Repairs Program. You can see the entirety of OBCDC's programs, events, and resources by visiting www.oldbrooklyn.com and by following them on social media. Additionally, you can find ways to get involved by becoming a volunteer through the Mighty Volunteers Program.

Looking ahead, keep an eye out for the save the date for next year's Old Brooklyn Nite and see if OBCDC will gamble on the garden for a third year in a row.



Erin has called Old Brooklyn home since 2016. She is a non-profit consultant who enjoys writing, reading, and sitting on her front porch watching the creation of the latest neighborhood sidewalk chalk masterpiece come to life.

Winter Recipes

Grandmas Sweet Bread

Recipe Submitted by:

Sandy Worona

Makes 2 Loaves



Ingredients: Bread

- 2 pkg. instant yeast
- 1/4 cup lukewarm water
- 2 teaspoons white sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 - 4 1/2 cups flour

Ingredients: Crumb Topping

- 4 Tablespoons sugar
- 4 Tablespoons butter
- 6 tablespoons flour
- Mix all together to form crumbs

Instructions:

1. Soften yeast in lukewarm water and 2 teaspoons of sugar.
2. Scald Milk - (warm milk until it begins to boil) Add butter, sugar and salt to scalded milk and stir to dissolve.
3. Cool milk until lukewarm
5. Add yeast and beaten eggs to 2 cups flour- Beat well then add the rest of the flour
6. Place in greased bowl, cover and let rise for about 2 hours
7. Grease 2 loaf pans add dough and add crumb topping to top of dough.
8. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until top is brown.

Ham & Swiss Sliders

Recipe by:
Graceful Little Honey
Bee

Servings 12 sliders



Ingredients:

- 1 package Hawaiian Sweet Rolls 12 count
- 18 slices of thin deli ham
- 12 slices swiss cheese
- 1 stick butter
- 1 tbsp yellow mustard
- 1/2 tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
- 1/2 tbsp dried minced onion•
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- Parmesan cheese optional
- dried parsley optional

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Cover 9×13 baking pan with foil. Spray with cooking spray.
2. Remove rolls from package in one piece.
3. Cut entire slab of rolls in half lengthwise. You will end up with one slab of tops and one slab of bottoms.
4. Place bottom slab in foil covered pan.
5. Layer with half of the ham, then the Swiss cheese, then the rest of the ham.
6. Add top slab of rolls.
7. Melt butter in microwave and whisk in remaining ingredients (except parm. cheese and parsley). Pour evenly over rolls
8. Cover with foil and let sit for 5 - 10 minutes.
9. Bake covered for 20 minutes
10. Uncover and cook 5 additional minutes.
11. Optional Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and parsley.
12. Slice into individual sliders and serve warm.

For a drier, crispier slider you may cut the amount of butter in half to a 1/4 cup.

Do you have a recipe you love in the Spring?

Submit it for the Old Brooklyn News! Send all recipes to Sandy Worona at sandyw@oldbrooklyn.com

OBCDC's Annual Meeting MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER

by Amber Jones

As the year wraps up and the season begins to change, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) hosted their Annual Meeting. On October 24, neighborhood residents, business owners, and members of OBCDC joined the staff and board for their Annual Meeting.

This year's meeting saw OBCDC Executive Director Lucas Reeve and Dr. David Margolius, outgoing OBCDC Board President, open the meeting and welcome the membership. Gathered in the hall of the Cleveland Maennerchor located at 4515 State Rd, we heard remarks from both Council people representing Wards 12 & 13, Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer and Councilman Kris Harsh respectively.



Residents and members gather at Cleveland Maennerchor on Tuesday, October 24th for OBCDC's Annual Meeting.

An essential function of OBCDC's Annual Meeting is to elect new members to the OBCDC Board of Directors. This year the members were voting on two candidates: Berto Huertas and Andrew Katusin. Berto is an enthusiastic business owner in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. He, along with his business partner, has operated Sixth City Cycles for the better part of six years and has done a lot to give back to the community.

Andrew is a resident of Old Brooklyn, living here since 2016 and recently joined the Cleveland Foundation as a Responsive Grantmaking Offer. Both candidates were welcomed to the board after a vote.

Beyond the candidates, OBCDC honored their Top 3 Volunteers who have gone above and beyond during the first year of the Mighty Volunteers Pro-

gram, Old Brooklyn's MVPs! The 2023 Volunteers of the Year were Sarah Raban, Darlene Glass, and Caleb Slabaugh. Between them, the Top 3 volunteers accumulated more than 50 hours of volunteer time! Overall since the program began in April, there are more than 210 volunteers connected with Old Brooklyn and they have cumulatively served 625 hours.

The final highlight of the night was the evening's announcement of Old Brooklyn CDC's **Founders Award** recipients. The **Founders Award** is rooted in community and highlights those who have addressed challenges, needs, or played a significant role in the community. The inspired efforts of **Founders Award** members are powerful leaders for community change.

This award celebrates and recognizes the extraordinary organizations, partners, and individuals who make significant contributions to improving our community. The OBCDC Board and staff were beyond excited to share that Old Brooklyn Recycles was nominated and chosen for the prestigious Old Brooklyn CDC **Founders Award** this year! Old Brooklyn Recycles is comprised of Sarah Tan, Kiera Kurak, and Katie Dugan.



This year's Old Brooklyn CDC Founders Award went to Old Brooklyn Recycles. (L-R) Sarah Tan, Kiera Kurak, and Katie Dugan.

OBCDC also took time to announce their new member benefits for current and new members of the organization. All the details can be found on page XX in this issue. Following the official business of the meeting, attendees and members engaged with board and staff meetings over a spread of light sandwiches and snacks fueled conversations. The night ended with stronger connections and excitement for what is to come in 2024.

The Root of Memory

BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

by Genevieve Santos-Miller

There's a photo of my mother that has wedged itself in my memory. She's dressed in a pale pink button up and light wash, straight-leg jeans. Crisp, white, all-American Keds peek out beneath the denim and a black mass of permed curls splays out like a halo around her bright face. She's perched on a thick branch of an old oak tree, beaming down at my father who is snapping the picture. It's 1986 and they've just bought their first home, my childhood home.

That tree is the entire reason my parents bought our house. To hear my mother tell it, it was love at first sight. The sprawling branches reached out to her and painted the broad strokes of their unfolding life. Looking at that oak tree, she saw her future children running dizzying circles around its expansive trunk, reading from picture books under the cool shade, clambering up the web of limbs in a race to the top. With one look, she knew that this was where her family was to be built.

Nature seems to lend itself to building memories. I'm sure there's a time you remember ambling down a park's tree-lined path and confiding in a friend. Or maybe you've sat under a blossoming cherry tree, cheeks flushed with the summer heat, and confessed your love. There exists a certain honest hopefulness that feels full of potential, creating the backdrop to life's pivotal moments. However, I fear that our greenspaces



photo by Genevieve Santos-Miller
Tree planting at Goudreau Park on Saturday, October 14

and trees have become the backdrop we've taken for granted.

It's an undeniable fact that our tree canopy is shrinking at an alarming rate. After decades of irresponsible land development, climate change, and removing trees on the basis of aesthetics, we are now faced with a stunted environment. But it's not too late!

OBCDC and the Old Brooklyn Tree Stewards are working together in order to rebuild what we have lost. Old Brooklyn residents are now able to get a tree planted on their property, at no cost, through the Reforestation Program. As both a steward myself and a resident of the neighborhood, I feel incredibly grateful for the opportunity to restore the greenery of our surroundings and invigorate our community identity.

While there are dozens of tangible benefits to increasing our tree canopy—such as improved

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health, lower temperatures and energy bills, and promoting biodiversity – there’s also an imperative need to satisfy our spirit. Our work as tree stewards is enabling future generations to experience the same sacred formation of memories that we had as children.

That oak tree in my front yard became a part of my identity. It wound its roots through my personality and sparked my empathy. I do not think I would be the same kind of person if my mother had not instilled in me such awe and reverence for a single tree. And so now it’s our turn to craft an environment that will not only support the next generation, but allow them to thrive.

To learn more about the Reforestation Program, visit www.oldbrooklyn.com/tree.

To inquire about having a tree planted on your property, contact Hope at 216-459-1000 x206 or HopeF@oldbrooklyn.com



“Genevieve moved to Old Brooklyn in the Spring of 2022 and has been overjoyed to find such a welcoming and thriving community. She is a freelance writer, avid reader, and on most weekends you can find her hiking with her husband.”



OLD BROOKLYN LEAD SAFE PROGRAM



GOT RENTALS?

- Lead Safe CLE vetted & licensed lead clearance technician to check your home/apartment for lead
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 - Responsabilidad del dueño
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HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL



From the Island to the Land: BRINGING THE 787 TO THE 216

by Amber Jones



Photos courtesy of Harry Quiñones

787 Market, 6105 Memphis Avenue Open 9 am. - 7 pm. Facebook: @787market Instagram: @787_market

If you're driving down Memphis Avenue into Old Brooklyn, you can't help but see the bright, colorful 'Little Puerto Rico' mural on the side of 787 Market. It might be a recent addition to the building, but it's been in the works since the shop opened in 2020.

Harry Quiñones, owner of 787 Market, not only wanted to make products from Puerto Rico available, but also had a vision for sharing his cultural heritage with Old Brooklyn and the wider Cleveland community.

The Idea

Starting a small business is a journey and Harry began his at Cuyahoga Community College as a freshman. He knew he wanted to be in business

for himself, even before starting school at Tri-C, so he utilized the experiences he had to help build connections and develop a plan.

As Harry shared his story, he said, "I wanted do something true to myself, my culture, and my heritage; I always wanted to do a Puerto Rican concept."

You might be surprised to learn that before the concept of a market, Harry had originally planned on opening a restaurant. However, that idea shifted as his plans developed and he began sharpening his focus. This led to the idea of a coffee shop that would have elements of traditional Puerto Rican coffee shops with imported, traditional foods, flavors, and products from the Island itself.

Developing a Strategy

Harry will tell you that Tri-C was fundamental in getting to where he is today. He is a big advocate for educational opportunities, while also understanding the importance of real-life experiences. He received a full scholarship through the Mandel Scholars Academy at Tri-C that led to him attending the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Honors College at Cleveland State University.

However, while he was attending Tri-C, Harry pushed himself to get out of his comfort zone by going to their Eastern Campus in Highland Hills. This afforded him the opportunity to meet first-time college students like himself and non-traditional students who had life experience while going back to school. This atmosphere aligned with his motivations, furthering his belief in his concept and his desire to work for himself. In 2019, he transferred to CSU, where he discovered the Small Business Development Center at the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Throughout these experiences, Harry continued refining the 787 Café concept. Throughout his first year at CSU, Harry was already preparing for his future endeavor by buying shelving, refrigeration, and other items to successfully open



a business. It was also during this time that he was doing market research and developing relationships to import supplies, products, and goods from Puerto Rico. He mentioned that at that time, the Café “was the main emphasis, and there was going to be a little market section with goods and merchandise with Puerto Rican items that would tie into the culture.”

But, it was costly to open a coffee shop at that time, and he “really wanted the focus to be on using ingredients imported from the Island - for

example, the shaved ice syrups used at the Old Brooklyn Takeover events [this year] were from Puerto Rico.” During this time, he realized that the struggles of getting, obtaining, and bringing the products from Puerto Rico were the same struggles his associates in the grocery industry were facing and he realized, “If we’re already bringing the products in, why don’t we sell them?”

He saw a clear need for it in the city. “Everyone currently in Cleveland has to travel outwards to Lorain, Akron, or the other side of the county—there was a demand for Puerto Rican products.” And that is where the concept of his store was born: 787 Market. He never believed that he would be in the grocery industry, but the idea of a coffee shop shifted to a small convenience store that focused on specialty items representing his heritage and culture.

From Concept to Reality

Before his final year at CSU, Harry traveled around the United States to Chicago, Florida, Connecticut, and other places to explore Hispanic markets. He wanted to understand and know how they operated, what they sold, and learn from their success. He wanted to know his market. During his final year at CSU, Harry utilized the Small Business Development Center to write a very successful business plan based on everything he’d learned.

Harry mentioned, “They helped me write a business plan. People think you use [a business plan] to secure loans from a bank, and yes that’s true. But the main reason for your business plan is that it’s your game plan, your road map. It’s your play book for running your business. That center helped me write a great business plan.” As all this was happening, Harry secured a location and received a liquor license from the State of Ohio. And his concept was moving toward reality. Over the next few months, he worked to get everything up and running.

He opened his doors to 787 Market on November 19, 2020.

Community Response

His first customer walked in at 8:48am on November 19. He remembers the exact time. People trickled in after that, but soon it was crowded. By 10am, 787 Market was packed. By 3pm, he was overwhelmed by the response. As we talked, you could still hear how unbelievable the experience was. And how grateful he was to the community for supporting him and his business.

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The first few days were so successful, Cun that they had to close for an hour to restock on the third day because they ran out of product! He remembers posting, “We feel so blessed, thank you.”

What's Next?

Harry said it wasn't always easy; there have been days when no one would come in but that made him double down and motivated him to make it. He treats his business like a start-up, and that made him able to continue to scale up. Harry's philosophy is: “Be the best resource for your community. The more money you make as a business the more you can do for your people, for your community.” They were able to transition from their original smaller space, to the adjacent storefront where The Pour House Memphis was previously located, eventually buying the building. The expansion provided more space and their growth has continued!

Now occupying the other side of the building, the store's previous footprint could be reimaged. Harry now had the opportunity to realize his coffee shop concept, 787 Café. It will have the same core as his original vision with a few changes. It will have a lighter menu of options such as Caribbean pressed hot sandwiches, empanadas, Puerto Rican street food like potato balls, fried corn fritters, fried plantain fritters, etc.

As for coffee beverages, Café con Leche is a must. It's a latte-style espresso drink that tends to be a little stronger than a typical latte. Anyone who gravitates toward a latte will enjoy it. You will also be able to order frappes! There will be a limited selection of flavors (around 5-6) to start, but you can expect it to grow!

In addition to coffee beverages, natural juices like orange and passionfruit will be offered. Beyond the delicious food and beverages, there will be a limited selection of merchandise, too. You can expect coffee beans, Caribbean cocoa, mugs, and more.

Harry even hinted that apparel may make an appearance at some point in the future! 787 Café is a modern version of a Puerto Rican coffee shop. Harry described the shop as “a welcoming space; a place for anyone to have a safe, inviting space, while also sharing my culture. That's the beauty - [culture] is meant to be shared!” The café is set to open this Winter.

The Mural

Three years in the making, since 787 Market opened in 2020, the idea of a “Little Puerto Rico” has been ruminating in Harry's imagination. And now there is a bright, visible example of his passion and vision on Memphis Avenue.



The “Little Puerto Rico” mural was completed in October 2023

The “Little Puerto Rico” mural was completed in the early fall of 2023, just in time for Hispanic Heritage Month which was September 15 through October 15. The mural depicts “Calle 787,” a set of brightly colored buildings painted to resemble what you'd see in Puerto Rico. It was painted by artist Aldonte Art and supported by Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) for the enjoyment of all Latinos in Cleveland. OBCDC was able to help Harry secure funds for the mural and assist in the process for permitting and approvals through the city of Cleveland.

Since the mural was unveiled at the beginning of October, the response has been overwhelming, even going as far to “make it back to the Island.” It was broadcast by media outlets in Puerto Rico—truly an unexpected highlight when he began this project. The original post on the 787 Market Facebook page had over 8K likes, almost 7K shares, and more than 2K comments. The mural garnered even more followers via social media for the shop and future café.

Harry Quiñones might be focused on 787 Market and Café right now, but he has a vision to share his heritage and culture with the community. As the coffee shop gets closer to opening, Harry shared how excited he was “to serve the Memphis area, Brookside community, and Old Brooklyn as a whole. This is an open space, available to everybody and we just want to share a little piece of our Island with Old Brooklyn. Little Puerto Rico is for everyone.”



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Old Brook-Clean: Two Businesses HELP WASH AWAY YOUR WORRIES

by Charles Kennick

As the saying goes, “cleanliness is next to godliness” and two neighborhood small businesses are on a mission to help Old Brooklyn stay as close to godliness as possible! With the grime and dirt of the winter months in full effect, The Wash House CLE and Rainforest Car Wash are on a mission to wash away your worries this holiday season and beyond with a modern and fresh approach to the often mundane task of keeping clean.



The Wash House CLE

The Wash House CLE is located at 2400 Broadview Road and opened in 2022 following the depths of the Covid-19 Pandemic as a full-service laundry facility that has options to self-wash, transfer services that allow you to start the wash process and let their staff finish while you run errands, or a pick-up/drop-off service where Wash House staff do your laundry for you.

Their mission was to create a modern laundromat experience with loads of state-of-the-art equipment - 28 washers and 36 dryers - of different sizes that fit the size of the load of laundry you need to clean. Let's be honest, doing laundry isn't the most exciting thing, so they thought about that too! To keep you entertained throughout your experience, Wash House has 6 TVs, free Wi-Fi, a kids play area, and a vending café to take care of you throughout the laundry process. Wash House has even partnered with Snowflake Comedy Club to have a pop-up show in the laundromat as a unique and community-focused form of live entertainment.

Another unique aspect of Wash House CLE is the Bark'n'Bubbles facility that allows you to keep the furry members of your household clean. They have everything you need and you get to avoid that hassle at your house!



Rainforest Car Wash

Rainforest Car Wash is located at 5133 Pearl Road, the site of the former and longtime Pearl Brookpark Car Wash. Rainforest Car Wash is celebrating their 10th Anniversary and prides themselves on being locally owned and operated with six locations around Greater Cleveland; the Old Brooklyn location is the first within the City of Cleveland.

Rainforest tries to separate themselves from the wide variety of car wash options that are available to motorists by the quality of their experience and their community focused approach to business. The tropical theme of the car wash can take you on a mini-vacation out of cold Cleveland into a lush and wild world of animatronic wildlife and roaring waterfalls. Rainforest also offers practical, quality features including free vacuums and a mat washing service for all customers, as well as a variety of truly unlimited membership options to keep your ride squeaky clean.

Focused on the community, Rainforest is proud to be partnering this season with Old Brooklyn's most famous attraction for one of their signature events - The Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's Wild Winter Lights! Rainforest will be sponsoring the trackless train experience with riders receiving a free coupon for a car wash! Rainforest is also running a canned food drive through December 23rd where donations of at least one non-perishable food item will earn one free "Rain" tier wash, redeemable once per day.

With the holiday season in full swing, make sure to think of your friends and family who need a clean. Rainforest Car Wash offers gift cards for individual washes as well as value wash packs which give you six washes for the price of four.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Q: Tell us a little about yourself!

A: Hi! I'm Sarah Raban, an interdisciplinary artist who recently opened Pinwheel Gallery on Broadview Road.

Q: How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

A: I am celebrating my one-year anniversary of being a resident in November.

Q: Where can we find you out and about in OB & Cleveland?

A: I do love Old Brooklyn Cheese Company, Gabe's, Buckland Museum, and Corner of the Sky Books and am so grateful to have been made to feel welcome in the neighborhood by these other small businesses. RBX (Rebuilder's Exchange) is my favorite spot for DIY materials and Upcycle Parts Shop is my choice for alternative art supplies. Since I am new-ish here, I am actively seeking out new places to go, so please stop by the gallery and tell me what your favorite places are to eat and drink and have fun!

Q: What was your favorite volunteer experience so far, and why?

A: I am so dedicated to the Old Brooklyn Farmer's Market that I can't pick anything else. It's great that not only do Old Brooklyn residents can shop there in the summer, but also that the vendors get the chance to show off their wares. And (near and dear to my heart as Pinwheel is one of the Art Partners) my favorite part is that artists and musicians get to come share their talents with the neighborhood!

Q: How has volunteering connected you more with the Old Brooklyn community?

A: Seeing the neighborhood residents at multiple Farmer's Markets I got acquainted with some of them as well as with the vendors. I was there so many Saturdays that I got to create deeper relationships because I recognized the people I had talked with beforehand and could build on the previous conversations. I made some friends at the market!

Q: What else would you like people to know about you?

A: I find something new to be excited about living here every single day.



Sarah Raban, top Old Brooklyn 2023 MVP

Q: What's the most rewarding aspect about opening Pinwheel Gallery?

A: The connection with people for sure! I have met so many incredible artists here in Cleveland, and right here in Old Brooklyn, and had a part in introducing artists to each other as well as to neighbors. Art builds community and I love seeing that happen at all the Gallery events.



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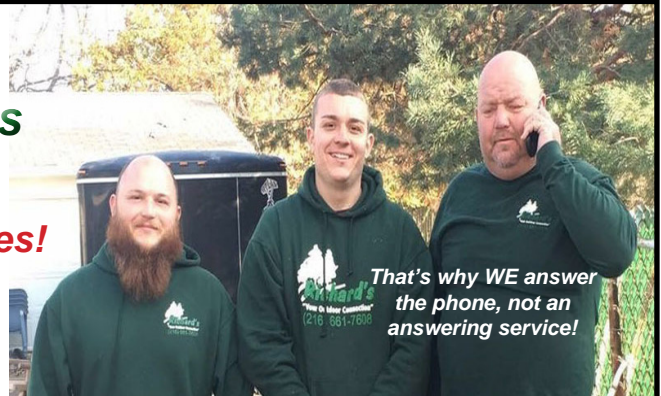
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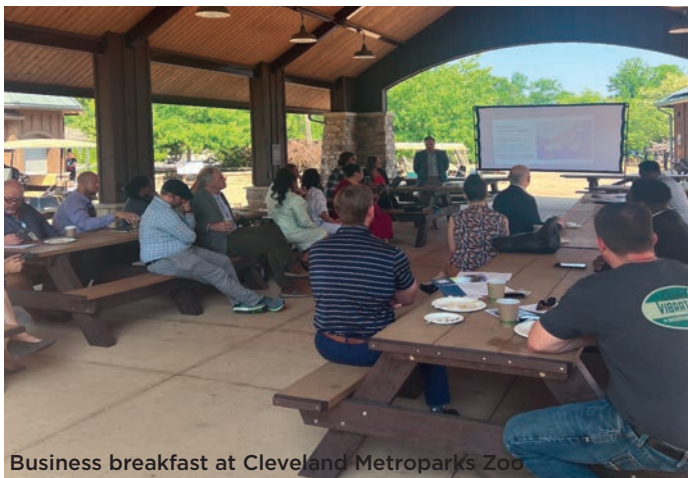
Cleveland Vibrator Company is a long time Cleveland company, celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year. You may wonder why this is an important piece of information. Not only is Cleveland Vibrator Company a vital industrial organization to our neighborhood along the Hinckley Industrial Parkway, they have been instrumental in assisting OBCDC expand its reach to their neighbors along the Industrial Parkway.

While Old Brooklyn CDC prides itself on being able to connect community members together to build strong neighborhood networks of residents, business owners, and workers with a variety of events, programs, and initiatives, there are still areas of the neighborhood that connections can be formed. With the support of Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, OBCDC enthusiastically created a pilot program with the specific goal of formulating relationships with the industrial and logistical businesses along the Hinckley Industrial Parkway.

A unique geography and a freeway running through, has made it challenging to connect with that area of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. Hinckley Industrial Parkway is separated from Old Brooklyn by the Jennings Freeway, which blocks the natural connections that small businesses typically have with their surrounding neighborhood. Large buildings generally not open to the public for walk-in access, dampen natural connections made by coffee shops, bookstores, and bakeries in neighborhood commercial corridors.

To begin developing a relationship with the businesses along that corridor, OBCDC held two events over the summer to build the foundations across the board of a mutually beneficial relationship between the neighborhood and the businesses along the Industrial Parkway.

The first event was developed for the managerial staff of the businesses along the Parkway. A breakfast networking session hosted at one of the neighborhood's gems, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, was fundamental in introducing key resource providers to the industrial management staff. Par-



Business breakfast at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo



BBQ lunch at Cleveland Vibrator

ticipants included JobsOhio's regional economic development partner Team NEO, the Cleveland Industrial Retention Initiative, Cuyahoga County Department of Economic Development, the City of Cleveland Department of Economic Development, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress and representatives of both Old Brooklyn's City Council Offices. After the event, attendees provided vital feedback that was used to cultivate the second phase of the pilot program.

The second event was a BBQ lunch aimed at connecting the parkway employees with OBCDC and Old Brooklyn. This lunch was inspired by a connection with Cleveland Vibrator Company at OBCDC's first event and assisted in addressing their desire to activate the area around the Parkway. Over 170 people from different businesses along the Parkway attended and were introduced to OBCDC and the wonderful Old Brooklyn neighborhood. Local business directories were passed out highlighting services and amenities available in the area, like daycares, banks, schools, and more.

Ultimately, this pilot program was all about bringing communities together and making the neighborhood a stronger and more vibrant place. The industrial and logistical businesses supply stable nearby employment opportunities for the surrounding neighborhood, helping families set up roots to become lifelong members of our community.

In addition, there has been an increased interest in championing future social causes by volunteering in various ways in the community and supporting local businesses for lunch, day care, coffee, and other day-to-day services. OBCDC looks forward to continuing these efforts into the new year to develop and strengthen partnerships with this critical area of our neighborhood and would like to say a special thank you to Cleveland Vibrator Company for paving the way to making it all possible.

A Place for Young Professionals IN OLD BROOKLYN

by Maria Sharp

Wow! Young Professionals, what a year it's been!

Thinking back to our first gathering in May, it's hard to believe how far we've come. The memories we've created and the friendships we've formed are getting us pumped for even more. Remember that unforgettable night when we danced barefoot in the rain at the concert? We were truly living.

In case you missed it, this year marked the launch of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's (OBCDC) Young Professional Social Hour event series. With a surge of younger residents moving to Old Brooklyn, we saw the need to provide a space for them to connect and build lasting relationships. Our journey has taken us to various corners of the neighborhood, each event offering a unique and exciting experience.

Reflecting on some memorable moments

In May, we kicked things off with Carey-oke night at Pearl Road Tavern. We were amazed by the hidden singing talents of our attend-



Bus from Opal on Pearl to the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame



Carey-oke night at Pearl Road Tavern.

ees, with Charles nailing “Old Town Road” and Rosemary’s unforgettable Mariah Carey performance.

July brought a fantastic crossover event with Takeover Old Brooklyn at Archmere Park. Pickleball, a lively beer garden, and a live band brought the community together in a memorable way.

Our group flourished in August when we chartered a bus from Opal on Pearl to the Rock ‘n Roll Hall of Fame’s free Thursday concerts to listen to Apostle Jones. Even the rain couldn’t dampen our spirits, and we danced the night away.

“Get S’more Social” quickly became a fan favorite. Gathered around a campfire, with s’mores in hand, we couldn’t help but love the vibes.

What's Next?

By now, you must be eager to know what's on the horizon. As we wrap up this fantastic year, we're hosting a holiday Party at the Cleveland Mannerechor for all the YPs! The real excitement starts in January, though, as we'll be meeting at various bars and coffee shops throughout the neighborhood for monthly happy hours every third Wednesday of the month.



"Get S'more Social" at Ben Franklin Garden

These events will offer a consistent and accessible way to connect with fellow young professionals. Keep an eye on your email and our social media for location and time updates. If you're not on our email list, drop a message to marias@oldbrooklyn.com.

In addition to monthly meet-ups, we have four larger events lined up for 2024! The first of these is a Wine and Cheese night at Pinwheel Art Gallery on February 9th. Mark your calendar for an evening filled with art, wine, and delectable cheese.

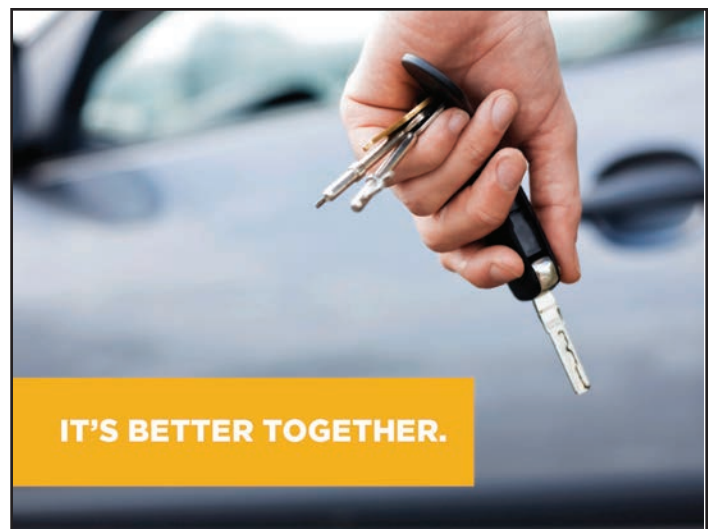
Now that you've got a glimpse of our upcoming events for 2024, we want to hear from you. Do you have any ideas for fun events you'd like to see happen? We're excited to make your suggestions come to life!

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County & at least 3 months old must be licensed. One year

license \$20, 3 yr. \$60 & lifetime \$200. By mail: Cuyahoga

County Fiscal Dept., 9500 Sweet Valley Dr., In Person:

Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter, Discount Drug Mart &

Pet Supplies Plus. Online: cuyahogadogs.com

LIFT HIM UP APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

4004 Cypress Ave. 216-421-7388 www.lifthemupafc.org

Sunday Worship; 11 am. **Prayer Tuesday;** 7 pm. **Bible**

Study Thursday; 7 pm.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

4423 Pearl Rd. 216-749-2323

Community Meals - 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month; 1 pm.

Dec. 3, 17; Jan. 17, 21; Feb. 4, 18; Doors open 12 pm; meals

served inside only from 1 - 2 pm. only one meal per person.

Mobile Food Pantry - Sat., Dec. 16; Jan. 20; Feb. 24; 9 - 11

am. **Weekly AA Meetings; Mon. 7:30 pm. Daily Reflection;**

Wed. 7:30 pm. Men's Big Book; Thurs, 8 pm. (Men's closed

Meeting). **Breakfast With Saint Nicholas - Sun. Dec. 3** 9:30 am - 1 pm. Call Rectory for tickets. **MQP Seniors Luncheon Meeting** (ages 55+) - **Wed. Dec. 13;** 12 Noon; **Wed. Jan. 10;** 12 Noon; **Wed. Feb. 14;** 12 Noon. **Christmas Mass schedule:** **Sun. Dec. 24;** 4:30 pm; **Mon. Dec. 25;** 12 Midnight; 6:30, 8:30 & 11 am. **Vitalant Blood Drive - Sun. Feb. 11;** 9:30 am - 1 pm.

OLD BROOKLYN CRIME WATCH Meetings - 3rd Monday of the month; 7 - 8 pm. St. James Lutheran Church 4771 Broadview Rd (at Oak Park).

MERWIN'S WHARF - WINTER EXPERIENCES

Lakefront Reservation, 1785 Merwin Avenue 216-664-5696 www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/parks/lakefront-reservation/merwin-s-wharf

Winter Igloo Experience: Now - March 10; Breakfast with Santa - Sat. & Sun., Dec. 2 - 23. Kids New Years Eve Celebration - Sun., Dec 31.

PEARL ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4200 Pearl Rd. 216-661-5642 pearlroadumc.org

Worship - Sun., 9:30 am. **Livestream service** on facebook.com/PearlRoadUMC, Pastors Matt Whisenhunt & Christian Darrin. **Christmas Eve Service - Sun., Dec. 24;** 6:30 pm.

REFUGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(Inside Broadview Baptist Church) 4505 Broadview Rd. 216-273-8005

Friday Service 7 pm. *meal served* 6 pm. **Sunday Service** 11 am. **Wednesday Bible Studies** - 7 pm. *meal served* 6 pm. Christmas Eve Service: 1Regula service 11 am. & Carol Service 6 pm. Follow us on facebook.com/refugecommchurch as we engage the community & seek to meet needs.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

4771 Broadview Rd. 216-351-6499 www.stjameslcms.church

Worship services with communion - Sat.; 5 pm. & **Sun.;** 10:15 am. *Services are live streamed every Sunday.* **Adult Bible class** - every **Sunday;** 9 am. **AA Groups - Tues. & Thurs.** 8 pm. **Sat.** 7 pm. Meetings are limited to 50 people. **Old Brooklyn Crime Watch** meetings - 3rd. Mon. of every month: **Advent Services - Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13 & 20;** 7 pm. **Christmas Eve worship services** - 3 & 7:30 pm. *No morning service on December 24.* **Christmas Day service** - 10:15 am. **Lenten services** - begin with **Ash Wednesday services - February 14, 21, & 28;** 10:30 am. & 7 pm. Check website or call for updates about meetings & bible studies.

ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH

4940 Broadview Rd. 216-661-1006 leothegreat.org

Mass Schedule - Sat. 4 pm. **Sun.** 8 & 11am. **Weekday - Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri.** - 8:30 am. **Reconciliation - Sat.** 3 - 3:30 pm. **Sat.** 10 - 10:30 am. **Sun.** by appt. **Christmas Eve** - 4 pm. **Christmas Day** - 8 & 11 am.

ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

4464 Pearl Rd. 216-749-3545

Sunday service - 11 am. **Bible Study - Sun.** - 10 am. **Mens Bible Study -2nd & 4th Sat.** 8:45 am.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

4170 N. Amber Dr. 216-749-0414

Mass schedule: **Sat. Vigil** - 4:30 pm. **Sun.** 9 & 11 am. **Weekday/end Masses: Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat.** 8:15 am. **Tues. evenings** - 6:45 pm. *No Mass on Thurs.* **Confessions:**

Sat. 3:30 - 4:15 pm. **Christmas Eve mass:** 4 pm. **Christmas Carols** 11:30 pm. **Christmas** (Midnight Mass) 12 am. 9 & 11 am. **Solemnity of Mary Masses: Sun., Dec. 31;** 4:30 pm. **Mon., Jan. 1,** 10 am.

SECOND DISTRICT POLICING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Bridge CLE, 3389 Fulton Road.

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6 - 7 pm. Join your fellow residents in the 2nd District for updates from the Commander & other safety forces, community organizations, & more.

SENIOR CITIZEN RESOURCES

3100 Devonshire Road. 216-749-5367

SCR is looking for help with their food distribution **every first Monday** of the month from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Call or walk in if interested.

SENIOR DOG SANCUTUARY

4860 Broadview Road . 216-485-9233

sanctuaryforseniordogs.org

The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the rescue, adoption, & lifelong care of senior dogs abandoned in shelters & pounds. Interested in adopting or fostering a senior dog contact the Sanctuary for an application? Check out the website.

TOBOGGANING

THE CHALET in Mill Stream Run Reservation

16200 Valley Parkway, Strongsville, between Rte. 42 & 82. 440-572-9990

Open now thru the last weekend in Feb. 2024. **Fri.** 6 - 9 pm. **Sat:** 12 - 5 pm. **Sun:** 12 - 5 pm. Reservations are required for the 2023-24 season, they are a timed ticket to guarantee your toboggan experience not a guarantee for wait times or lines. You may ride until close of day. Gloves or mittens are required. All rider must be 42" or taller. Daily admission rates: adults \$15; children 11 & younger \$13. Call for holiday hours. Closed Dec. 24 & 25. Check website for more info. www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/activities/activity-types/tobogganing

TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA: THE GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS EVE

Rocket Mortgage Field House, 1 Center Court

www.rocketmortgagefieldhouse.com/events

Fri., Dec 22; 3 & 7:30 pm. Ticket prices start at \$56. Go to website for tickets and more info.

UNITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

4542 Pearl Rd at Behrwald Ave. 216-741-2085

unity-lutheran.org

Sunday Worship; 9:30 am. **Last Sunday of each month Worship,** 10 am - location alternates between St. Mark & Unity. **Dec. 24 Christmas Eve,** 10 am. & **Candlelight Service,** 7 pm; **New Year's Eve:** 6:30 pm.

WARD 13 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd.

2nd Wednesday of the month, 6 pm. For more info. call Kris Harsh's Ward office at 216-664-2943 or email: kharsh@clevelandcitycouncil.org

*Interested in sharing your events for
March, April, May?
Send them to sandyw@oldbrooklyn.com*

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