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Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) was founded in 1975 and serves "to grow Old Brooklyn through empowered partnerships, leadership, programming, and advocacy."

They are a non-profit organization that is based in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood of Cleveland and dedicated to improving the quality of life for those living and working in Old Brooklyn.

Their work addresses three main areas: Housing, Economic Development and Community Engagement.

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Old Brooklyn: **IN THE NEWS**



David Robinson,
Executive Director

For this summer issue (and yes, we hope you like the refreshed magazine cover!), I wanted to touch on some of the recent "buzz" around the neighborhood. Several major projects and proposals are beginning to take shape, and while some remain in the exploratory phase, all have the potential to impact Old Brooklyn residents. In addition to the two updates below, you can also read more about the future solar farm on page 10 and the Big Creek tunnel project on page 23.

Memphis & Pearl Redevelopment

By now, you have likely seen construction fencing outlining the perimeter of the Memphis & Pearl project site. This is an exciting step toward the future redevelopment of a vital corner in the heart of Old Brooklyn. You can stay informed about the project by visiting our community FAQ at oldbrooklyn.com/memphispearl.

When I started at Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, an important decision needed to be made regarding the relocation of the businesses and organizations operating on the site. Originally, the project planned to utilize federal HUD funding, which would have required compliance with the Uniform Relocation Act (URA). The URA is a formula driven, reimbursement model that requires a developer to pay for certain tenant costs associated with displacement due to a real estate project. However, due to uncertainty surrounding federal funding and multiple government shutdowns, relying on those dollars became too risky if we wanted to keep the project moving forward on schedule.

Even without a legal requirement to provide substantial relocation assistance, I believed it was important to honor the spirit of URA and continue supporting impacted tenants. To be clear, these dollars are not coming from city, state, or federal tax dollars. They are currently being fronted by OBCDC and will be reimbursed by the developer once new construction begins. By May 1, more than $300,000 had already been paid to support businesses and organizations in their relocation efforts.

I am especially proud that we were able to provide the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn with more than $20,000 to help cover future rent costs at their new 2221 Broadview Road location, while also continuing to support storage and other moving expenses.

As of writing this, our total support to the historical society totals $34,750. But we all know dollars only stretch so far. If we want our historical society to thrive long term, the community must support them as well. I encourage residents to consider making a donation directly at oldbrooklynhistory.org.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Hotel RFP

In April, Cleveland Metroparks released an RFP (Request for Proposals) seeking developer interest in a potential hotel concept at or adjacent to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. While the concept appears to be in its earliest stages, Metroparks leadership has expressed interest in exploring a themed hotel primarily along Fulton Parkway.

OBCDC was not previously made aware of the potential concept, nor is a hotel included in the zoo's current master plan. I am eager to see whether interest exists beyond the initial idea phase. Should a developer ultimately be selected, OBCDC will request that Metroparks leadership formally engage the community regarding project impacts, expectations, and opportunities for neighborhood input.

Proposals were due at the end of May with the hope of selecting a developer by early fall.



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Get Ready for a SUMMER

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From farmers markets and volunteer events to Young Brooklyn gatherings and small business celebrations, OBCDC events bring neighbors together all summer long. We can't wait to make more memories with you in 2026.











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A Perfect Summer's Day IN OLD BROOKLYN

by Genevieve Santos-Miller

As one of Cleveland largest neighborhoods, there's no shortage of fun to be had right in our own backyard! No matter your interests, there's a perfect day to be had in Old Brooklyn!

For the Nature-Lover

Start your morning at Six Shooter Coffee on Pearl Road. With big windows, high ceilings, and lush, green foliage trailing from the ceilings and counters, it's the perfect spot to kick off your day! You'll of course want to order your favorite drink, but more importantly is the breakfast burrito. Order your chorizo or veggie burrito with green sauce on the side (trust me), and get it to-go so you can move on to...



Brighton Park offers 25 acres of meadows, scenic views of Big Creek, and a mile of walking trails.

Brighton Park! Only a quick walk or quicker bike ride down Pearl Road and you'll find yourself at the 25-acre landfill-turned-greenspace! Thanks to former Old Brooklyn resident Jim Rokakis and Western Reserve Land Conservancy, you can enjoy your breakfast burrito in a soft spot in the grass or a bench overlooking Big Creek.

From here you have two options: make the trek across Pearl and spend the afternoon at our amazing Cleveland Metroparks Zoo (pro-tip: Mondays are free for Cuyahoga County residents). Or venture down Wildlife Way, past the zoo, and explore the sprawling Brookside Reservation teeming with wildlife and natural beauty.

If you have any energy left, there's one more stop you have to make: Sixth City Cycles on Pearl Road. You know it for their top-tier cycling parts and services, you love it for the after-hours comedy shows, but I'm personally obsessed with their not-so-little jungle. Sixth City boasts a



Sixth City Cycles

varied selection of indoor tropical house plants that they work to make accessible for everyone to afford! So stop by and take a little piece of green home with you.

For the Art-Lover

Depending on the day (i.e. check the operating hours), you'll want to start at either Metropolitan Coffee or Sabor Miami Cafe and Gallery, both on Broadview Road. Metropolitan doesn't just serve everything a cozy neighborhood cafe should, but also features amazing creations from local artists, both for sale and to admire!

Sabor Miami feels like you've stepped into a hidden oasis with their Southern-Florida beach cafe vibe. Not only is the decor enticing and food delicious, but the walls are plastered with art by owner and operator Mariela Paz. Many of the pieces are for sale, plus I've heard through the grapevine that she sometimes does commission pieces.

After you've had your fill at your chosen cafe, take a stroll through the neighborhood to check out our amazing murals! The streets of Old Brooklyn are lined with bright, prismatic artwork that showcases our vibrant and passionate community. Both Pearl and Broadview are great stretches to scope out some public art created



Sabor Miami Cafe and Gallery

by local artists, many of whom live in the neighborhood!

And to round out your arts appreciation day in OB, head over to Pinwheel Gallery on Broadview Road! Owned by local artist Sarah Raban, this gallery features rotating exhibitions from artists of all kinds. Through mid-July, they have a group exhibit entitled "For the Love of the Land," which invites featured local artists to explore their idea of "the Land." Gallery hours do fluctuate based on the exhibition, so be sure to check their hours before heading down.

For the History-Lover

There are a few well-loved institutions in Old Brooklyn to kick-start your day, but I have two favorites. First is the historic Jack Frost Donuts on Pearl Road, which has been operating as the sweet tooth of Old Brooklyn since 1937! Peruse their creative flavors and classic favorites for a quick breakfast sure to satisfy your cravings.

Looking to kick back and enjoy breakfast a little longer? Step into the warm, wood-paneled nostalgia of Gabe's Family Restaurant on Broadview Road for an old school diner experience. Slide into a booth and enjoy free-flowing coffee, perpetually-warm maple syrup, and a hearty comfort breakfast.

By now you're probably hankering for a walk, which is perfect because next on your list is a historic stroll with Take a Hike! This is a 60-minute guided walking tour that chronicles the development of Old Brooklyn, highlighting significant buildings and locations, including a stop at Brookmere Cemetery. Tours operate on Saturdays in June and begin at 1pm. Check out their website for more information and to register for a tour: www.takeahikecle.com.

Another incredible stop for the history lover is the Buckland Museum of Witchcraft & Magick on Broadview Road. Even if you're not of the paranormal persuasion, this collection of artifacts is unique in its approach to folklore and supernature, presented through an anthropological lens sure to engage any history buff.



Buckland Museum of Witchcraft & Magick

And to conclude your day appreciating the rich history of Old Brooklyn, pop on down to the original Honey Hut location on State Road. Opened in an old shoe repair shop in 1974, Honey Hut has been churning out some of the best ice cream in the area for over 50 years. Treat yourself to something sweet as you enjoy the warm summer breeze on their patio.



"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."

Planning Your Home Renovation:
TIPS FOR HIRING THE RIGHT CONTRACTOR

by Connor Gail

As families grow and lifestyles change, many homeowners begin to realize their homes no longer fully meet their needs. Whether it's adding a first-floor bedroom, creating a larger kitchen for family gatherings, or updating outdated spaces, home renovations can help a house continue to serve the people who live there. While these projects are exciting, they can also feel overwhelming without the right preparation.

After receiving many questions from residents about home improvement projects, OBCDC recognized the need for clearer guidance on hiring contractors. To help address these concerns, OBCDC recently partnered with John Mahoney from the Department of Consumer Affairs. Mahoney has extensive experience helping homeowners understand how to properly hire and evaluate contractors.

He recently spoke with residents at community meetings hosted by Benjamin Rose and Councilman Harsh, where he outlined several important steps homeowners should take before beginning a renovation project.

Start with a Clear Scope of Work

Before contacting contractors, make a list of the improvements you want completed in your home. A clear scope of work helps contractors provide accurate estimates and ensures everyone understands the goals of the project.

Gather Multiple Estimates

Homeowners should contact at least three contractors to review the project and provide bids. Comparing estimates can help you better understand pricing, timelines, and the range of services being offered.

Be Open to Adjustments

During walkthroughs, contractors may identify issues or additional work that was not initially considered. It is important to ask other contractors whether these recommendations are truly necessary. This helps protect homeowners from unnecessary "upselling" while ensuring critical items are not overlooked.

For example, removing a wall may involve relocating electrical wiring or rerouting HVAC vents hidden inside the structure. These are important details that can significantly impact both cost and safety.

Verify Credentials

Before hiring a contractor, homeowners should confirm that the company carries proper insurance and bonding. Residents are also encouraged to check whether contractors are registered with the City of Cleveland and review their standing with the Better Business Bureau.

Put Everything in Writing

A detailed contract is one of the most important parts of any renovation project. Contracts should clearly outline:

- The scope of work
- Total project costs
- Payment schedules
- Timelines
- Procedures for handling disputes or unexpected issues

Having these details agreed upon upfront helps prevent misunderstandings later in the project.

Verify Work Before Payment

Before making payments, homeowners should confirm that the work tied to each payment has been completed properly. Taking time to inspect progress can help avoid costly issues and keep projects on track.

Home renovation projects can be a major investment, but careful planning and hiring the right contractor can make the process much smoother. By taking these steps, homeowners can reduce stress, avoid common pitfalls, and feel more confident throughout their renovation journey.

There are many qualified and trustworthy contractors available, and doing the proper research upfront can help ensure your project is a success.

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Growing a Greener Old Brooklyn
BROADVIEW TREES & SOLAR PLANS TAKE ROOT

by Connor Brentar

If you've driven down Broadview Road between Pearl and Valley recently, you may have noticed something new: more tree lawns, and maybe even some new trees! These new features are part of the ongoing Broadview depaving project, which we've mentioned in the Old Brooklyn News previously. This project is a collaboration between OBCDC and the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects (MOCAP), and we are incredibly excited to share more progress as it nears completion after nearly two years of work behind the scenes.



Depaving work began on Broadview Rd. on March 16.



Depaving and seeding work was completed by April 30.

Broadview Depaving Update

Construction work to remove pavement began on Monday, March 16th, and was completed during the first week of April. This also included filling in the depaved areas with new soil, as well as seeding the new tree lawns with grass. The first round of tree planting took place on May 9th, with more than a dozen members of the community assisting with the planting. During the May 9th planting, 26 new trees were planted on the east side of Broadview. A second round of trees will be added to this section of Broadview later in the year. Once completed, there will be 54 new trees along the corridor, with six different species represented in the selection.

There are many benefits that come from this project, which will positively impact residents, businesses, and visitors. Apart from adding more shade to the Broadview corridor, the trees will help to reduce stormwater runoff, lower ambient temperatures at street level, and improve air quality in the immediate vicinity. The pedestrian experience will be significantly improved, as well; anyone who has walked down Broadview during the summer knows how hot it can be, disincentivizing people from walking. Finally, the trees and tree lawns will help to improve curb appeal for businesses, inviting more pedestrian activity and increased foot traffic.

To bring this project to fruition, extensive work with outside partners was necessary. This included funding for the depaving from Councilman Kris Harsh and former Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer, grant funding from the Cleveland Tree Coalition for the trees and ongoing maintenance, and the expertise of Forest City Ecological Services to select the locations of the new trees. Staff from MOCAP were also instrumental in sparking the idea and ensuring that it was well-executed.

If you're interested in volunteering for the second round of planting, look for the opportunity to be promoted starting in August or September! Additionally, if you have any general questions about the project, you can reach out to Connor at ConnorB@oldbrooklyn.com; questions about the trees should be directed to Hope at HopeF@oldbrooklyn.com.



Aerial view of the solar farm site.

Bright Futures: A Solar Farm is Coming to Old Brooklyn

Old Brooklyn is set to be the future home of a new sustainability project that will be an important generator of renewable energy for Cleveland. You may have noticed the large field located off Spring Road and W 11th Street, just off the Jennings Freeway. This open field and former landfill, which recently transferred to the City of Cleveland, will become a new solar farm within the next few years.

A project being undertaken by the Office of Sustainability, it promises to generate around 3 megawatts of energy, enough to power about 1,000 homes. Additionally, a portion of the site will be made open to the public as a parklet, and possibly a walking path connection between the two streets adjoining the farm.

This solar farm project has been in the works for a few years, so it is exciting to see how it is now getting closer to materializing. Interest in developing the project was first brought to OBCDC in 2023, and there was not much movement on it between then and the winter of 2025/26.

However, a major turning point in the project was in May of 2024, when the site transferred from the Cuyahoga County Land Bank to the City Land Bank. This property transfer enabled the Office of Sustainability to begin planning the development of the site into the solar farm. The property was held by the Land Bank after being forfeited by the previous ownership during the mid-2000s.

OBCDC staff were invited to attend a site visit in early March, which included Ward 4 Councilman Kris Harsh, Director of Sustainability Sarah O'Keeffe, and other City staff from applicable departments. During the site visit, attendees discussed key details of the project, explored areas that will be accessible to the public, and traversed the site to examine current conditions.



Staff from Old Brooklyn CDC and the City visited the solar farm project site in March.

According to Director O'Keeffe, this project will be a major component of the City's push to reduce carbon emissions. It will also be a strong use of a brownfield site that is otherwise unsuitable for residential or commercial redevelopment. The project is anticipated to break ground sometime in 2027, with construction lasting about a year. OBCDC will provide more updates on the project as official plans are submitted as well as during construction.

If you're interested in learning more about the solar farm project, you may reach out to Connor at ConnorB@oldbrooklyn.com.

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James Gibney Sr. Ward 4
SENIOR OF THE YEAR

by Cleveland Department of Aging

James Gibney Sr. has proudly called the Old Brooklyn neighborhood home for more than 45 years. Born in Cleveland's Lee Miles neighborhood and raised in Maple Heights, James has always stayed close to his roots. He is the son of the late James and Anita and the brother of Connie. Family is at the center of his life.

James is a proud father to James Jr. and Joseph, and a loving grandfather to Joe Jr. and Jazmine, the children of Joseph and Alyssa. One of the greatest joys in his life is spending time with his grandchildren. He enjoys taking them to the same parks where he once took his own sons, creating special memories across generations.

James worked for 31 years at Cleveland Water, where he rose through the ranks to become Chief of Miscellaneous Investigations. He is a true jack of all trades and believes in leading by helping others. He lives by the motto, "Love thy neighbor," and is committed to peace in his community.

A member of Mary Queen of Peace, James says his faith keeps him active and positive. He believes the Good Lord is watching over him and guiding his steps.

James has been involved in his ward since 1971. He believes Councilman Harsh nominated him because of his deep commitment to the community. To James, a safe city is one where neighbors look out for each other.



James Gibney Sr. Senior of the Year Ward 4

He encourages everyone to stay informed and involved. He hopes to see more programs for youth ages 10 to 18, believing these are crucial years. James believes we must guide and support the next generation.

Congratulations James!

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Full Circle at Loew Park:

THE FARMERS MARKET TURNS TEN

by OBCDC Staff

Summer nights are meant for connecting with friends and neighbors, eating good food, and taking time to relax as the summer day cools down into night. The Old Brooklyn Farmers Market has been a staple for the last decade, bringing people from all over Cleveland to experience what Old Brooklyn has to offer.

Since its start in 2016, the market has taken on many forms. Longtime visitors may remember movie nights under the stars at Loew Park, browsing vendor tents outside of Pearl Road United Methodist Church, or enjoying a cold beer on Stanford Avenue. Now in its tenth season, the market returns to Loew Park once again, bringing with it a renewed sense of energy and purpose.

A Market That Has Grown with the Neighborhood

What began as a modest local market has grown into a weekly summer gathering that blends food, art, music, and community programming. Today, visitors can find local produce and artisan goods, a rotating selection of food trucks, live music, art, cooking demonstrations, and a weekly beer garden.

With each step forward, the various members of the farmers' market team over the years have worked hard to ensure the market is not only a place to shop, but a place where people can spend time, learn something new, and feel connected to their neighborhood.

"Since I began my journey here in 2019, I have seen the market grow into a gathering place where residents can connect with one another and experience their neighborhood in a different way," says Hope Fierro, Sr. Community Engagement Manager with OBCDC. "I am really excited to be a part of its growth."

The sense of community that the market team aims to build is apparent-things like seeing attendees dance to music performed by local artists, shoppers engaging with vendors about their products, and kids picking out a free book to read with their family make it all worth it!

Enjoy Live Music, Cooking Demonstrations, Art, and More

Thanks to support from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, the market's arts programming has expanded, creating space for local musicians and artists to share their talents.

Every week, attendees will experience talented performances from Cleveland locals. On any given week, visitors can enjoy music from musical guests like the Cleveland Tango School, Shortt



Tango Band

Stories, DJ White Rims, and more. Each bring their own style to the park, creating a fun atmosphere for folks to experience summer. Nearby, artists demonstrate techniques in real time, offering a chance for visitors to slow down, watch, and ask questions about their ceramics, paintings, or other artistic mediums.

Families will also find plenty to explore. With support from Horizon Education Centers, the market is expanding its children's programming to include hands-on crafts, nutrition education, and more, offering younger visitors a chance to engage with food, art, and community in their own way.

Your Weekly Taste of Summer

Along with fun programming, market goers can unwind after a long day with a refreshing drink and a bite to eat. Thanks to Schnitz Ale Brewery, the weekly beer garden will be back this summer with seasonal beers and crowd favorites. Guests are invited to sit back, enjoy live music, chat with friends, and take in the relaxed, welcoming atmosphere.

Attendees can unwind with friends and neighbors while enjoying delicious dinner offerings from vendors such as Paisanos, FrankieLynn Hot Dogs, Kind Tapas, and more. Whether stopping by after work or making an evening of it, the beer garden offers a perfect place to connect, dine, and enjoy the best of the market.

Fresh, Local Food for Every Neighbor

The market will also continue its commitment to making fresh food accessible. Through programs like SNAP, Produce Perks, WIC, WIC Perks, TANF, and the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), more families can purchase locally grown food. Food assistance programs like these not only create more opportunities for every neighbor to access fresh, healthy produce, but also help remove cost barriers that can make nutritious food difficult to afford. By increasing access, these incentives help support healthier households.

At the same time, these programs play an important role in strengthening the local economy. When food assistance dollars are spent at the market, they go directly back to local farmers, food producers, and small businesses - helping them grow, stay competitive, and reinvest in the community. This cycle of access and support benefits everyone, contributing to a more vibrant neighborhood, stronger local businesses, and a more connected and resilient Old Brooklyn community.



Join us and meet Carey the mascot!

Growing Access, Growing Our Team

This year, the Old Brooklyn Farmers Market became a distribution site for Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) incentives. After receiving many requests and questions about the acceptance of these benefits, Alyssa Mills, the Old Brooklyn Farmers Market Manager, got to work on getting our event up to date and on board to accept this program. Seniors who have their SFMNP card will now be able to use it to purchase produce or other eligible items.

Now in her second year, Alyssa is excited to strengthen and expand food assistance program outreach. "I am most excited about expanding community outreach around programs like SNAP, Produce Perks, and WIC to bring more people to the market," she says, "while increasing consistent sales for our vendors."

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"My vision is a market where incentive benefits are fully realized, making fresh, local food more accessible while supporting vendor success," Alyssa says. "When customers can double their dollars or use coupons, they're able to shop more often and try new products, which directly benefits farmers and helps small businesses grow."

To support on-site food assistance processing, we've welcomed Nina Hardin as our Market Engagement Assistant. In this role, she'll focus on customer engagement, nonprofit event operations, and helping manage incentive programs each week. We're excited to have Nina on board!

Vendors at the Heart of the Market

Our vendors are the heart of the market- local farmers, bakers, makers, and small business owners who show up each week to share their products, passion, and knowledge with the community. From fresh-picked produce to handcrafted goods and ready-to-enjoy foods, they bring quality and care to everything they offer. This year, you can expect to see returning vendors like Don Anna Farms, Love and Loaf, and City Fresh alongside new vendors. New or returning, we are excited for them to join us this season!

We are proud to support these entrepreneurs by providing another consistent space to grow their businesses, connect with customers, and keep dollars circulating locally. Their dedication, creativity, and willingness to share their resources and stories are what make the market such a vibrant and welcoming place.

We're grateful for all they do to make each week a success – we hope you stop by this summer to see all the great things they have to offer.

See You There!

The Old Brooklyn Farmers Market will take place in the Loew Park parking lot (corner of Oak Park Avenue and W. 30th Street, next to the tennis courts).

Join us on Thursdays from July 9 through September 24, from 5 - 8 pm to explore everything our vendors have to offer and enjoy time with your community. We look forward to celebrating summer with you!

Check out www.oldbrooklyn.com/market for more information. See you this summer!



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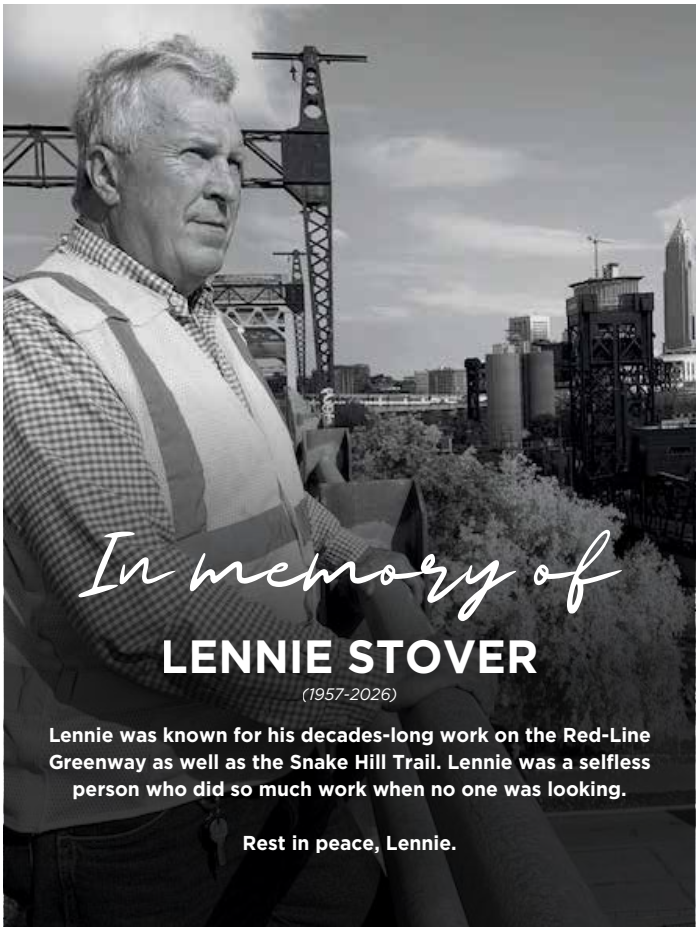
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Rooted Here: Three Women-Owned Businesses

BUILDING SOMETHING NEW IN OLD BROOKLYN

by Maria Sharp

Old Brooklyn has always been a place where people put down roots and this year, a few exciting new businesses have done just that. Whether you're looking for a great cup of coffee, a one-of-a-kind vintage find, or a new kind of social hangout, there's something worth stepping out for. We're excited to give a warm welcome to Natalia Alzacar of Dahlia Coffee Co., Amber Atkinson of Kindrid Kava, and Bizzy Blank and Meghan Paris-Blank of Shag Vintage. All three of these women-owned businesses are located on the southeast side of the neighborhood.

Dahlia Coffee Co. 4855 Broadview Road



What started as a coffee roasting company quickly became a destination: Cleveland's first Mexican coffee shop. Formerly located at The Pivot Center in Clark-Fulton, owner Natalia Alzacar grew into her first brick-and-mortar location off W. 114th in the Cudell neighborhood. When it came time to expand again, Natalia landed on 4855 Broadview as Dahlia's second home.

The dahlia is Mexico's national flower, and for Natalia, it's a symbol of pride in her heritage and a nod to the hardworking Latino farmers and producers who make great coffee possible. At the time of writing, Natalia and her team are hard at work rehabbing and refreshing the storefront. You can expect the same beloved Mexican specialty drinks from their W. 114th location, including their famous Mazapan and Horchata lattes, along with some additional food items. Follow along at @dahliacoffeeco and stay tuned for their grand opening announcement!

Kindrid Kava 2024 W. Schaaf Road



If you haven't heard of kava yet, you're about to. Kava is a traditional root drink from the South Pacific, used socially and ceremonially for thousands of years. A growing wave of kava bars across the country is bringing that culture stateside, and Kindrid Kava is Old Brooklyn's own welcoming entry in that tradition.

You may remember this space from the Spring 2026 edition of Old Brooklyn News, now we're excited to share the full story. UpBuild Ohio received Ward 12 Middle Neighborhood grant funding that helped bring Amber's vision to life.

After years in the food and beverage industry, quietly imagining a space of her own, Amber found a former doctor's office at 2024 W. Schaaf and knew she'd found her spot.

Kindrid Kava is designed to be a space for everyone. Expect a full menu of nonalcoholic beverages like kava, coffee, and botanical mocktails, served up at a beautiful concrete bar, with plenty of cozy seating and a patio to enjoy when the weather cooperates.

Follow along at @kindrid_kava for opening updates.



Shag Vintage 2010 W. Schaaf Road

Just a few storefronts down from Kindrid Kava, a new sign has gone up in the former South Hills Antique Gallery space. Bizzy and Meghan opened Shag Vintage after spotting a social media post from the former owner, who was ready to retire after 30 years. As longtime Old Brooklyn residents, the two saw an opportunity and took it.

Shag Vintage carries some beloved inventory and vendors from the Antique Gallery alongside a curated mix of their own sustainable goods, wares, and clothing.

Their grand opening was May 9th, and they're already settling in as proud neighborhood business owners. Stop by Wednesday through Sunday and follow along at @shag_vintage.

Say hello. Supporting new businesses is one of the most direct ways we invest in the neighborhood we love. When you spend locally, you're not just buying something — you're helping someone's dream take root right here in Old Brooklyn.

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WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

With every edition of Old Brooklyn News, we love shining a light on the people who make our neighborhood special – residents, local business owners, and community members.

This season, we're excited to introduce Rose Roy a lifelong community advocate and proud Old Brooklyn resident since 1978.

As a longtime volunteer and leader, Rose has devoted her life to strengthening Old Brooklyn and continues to serve the community she proudly calls home.



Rose Roy

Q: Tell us a little about yourself!

A: My name is Rose Roy, and I have proudly called Old Brooklyn home since 1978. After years of renting, my husband and I chose to plant our roots here, drawn to the quiet streets and the sense of safety that made it the perfect place to raise our child.

Q: How did you get involved in Old Brooklyn Crime Watch?

A: Not long after settling in, I began working as a school guard, a role I first took on part-time and quickly grew to love. That love turned into a career that spanned more than 30 years, serving the families and children of our community.

Q: Can you share a memorable moment or experience from your time in the community?

A: My commitment to Old Brooklyn didn't stop at the school doors. Wanting to contribute even more, I began attending Second District Community Relations meetings, where I helped organize pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, and safety fairs. Over the years, I've been proud to serve as the committees Treasurer, supporting events that bring neighbors together and strengthen our community.

Q: Where can we find you out and about around Old Brooklyn & Cleveland?

A: As crime gradually increased, I felt called once again to step forward. I joined Crime Watch and have been attending monthly meetings for many years, working alongside others who share the same dedication to keeping Old Brooklyn safe.

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

A: Old Brooklyn is more than where I live it's where my memories are, where my family grew, and where I continue to invest my time and heart. I will always call it home, and I'm not done yet. There are still many memories to make and may ways left to serve the community I love.

Old Brooklyn Crime Watch meetings take place the **3rd Monday of each month**; 7 pm. at St. James Lutheran Church 4771 Broadview Road. You can hear from the Cleveland Police Second District,Cleveland Fire Department, and the County Prosecutor's Office.

Additional speakers vary by month; past speakers included the Department of Aging, the Cleveland Public Library, and Cleveland 311. It is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and ask questions. All are welcome!

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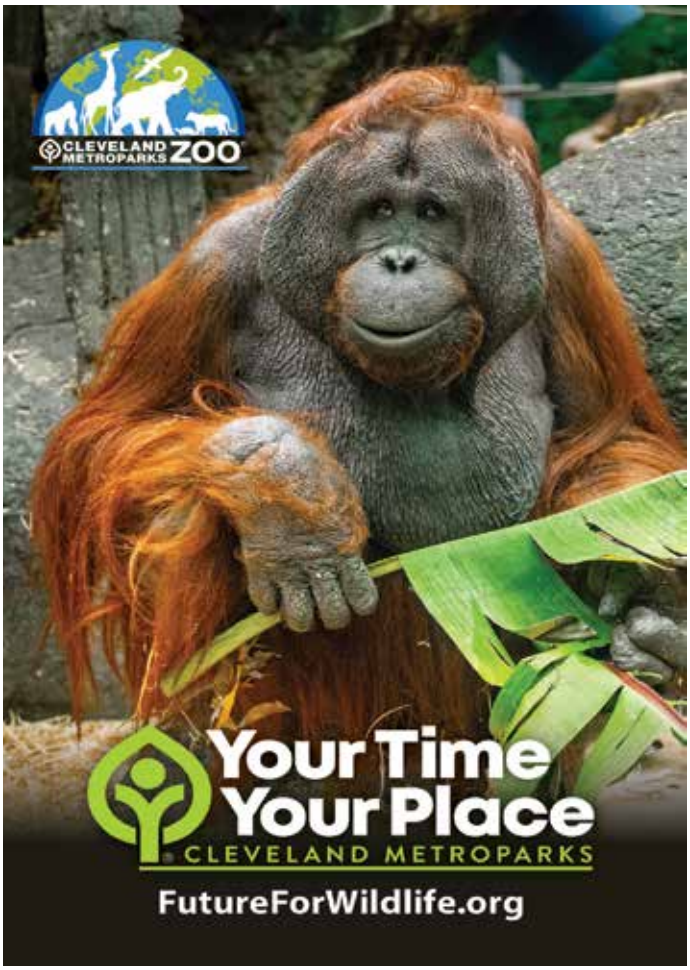
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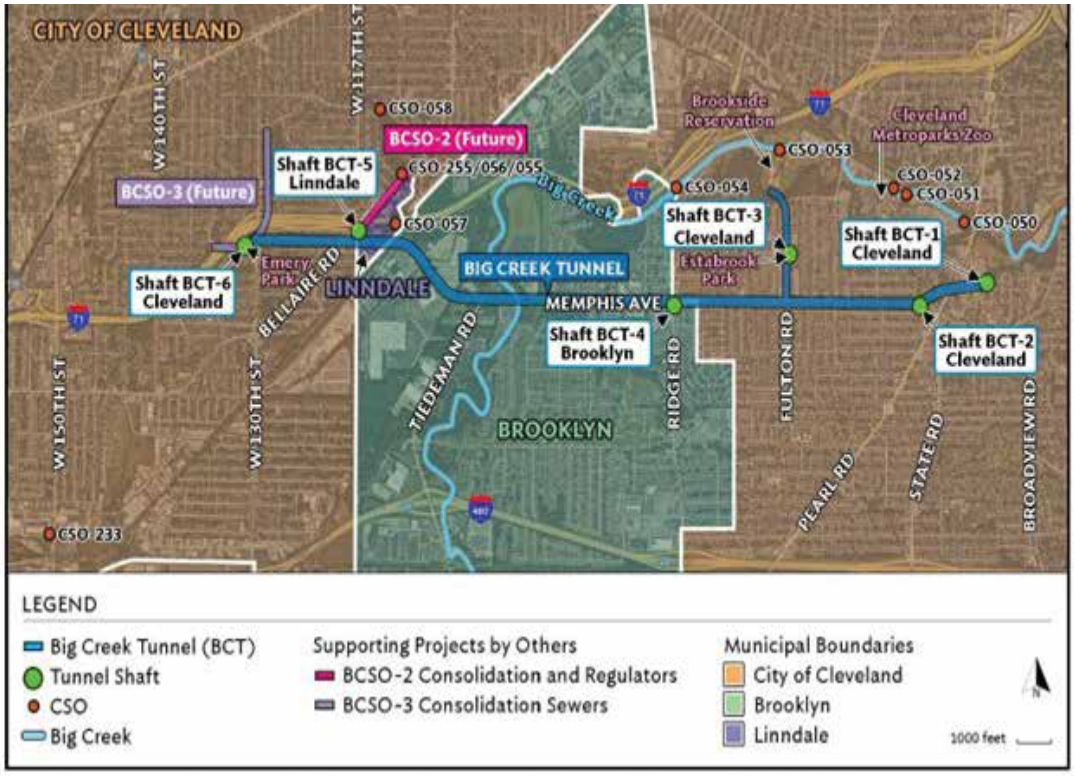
by Connor Brentar

Since 2011, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) has been working on a series of projects to improve water quality in Lake Erie. Project Clean Lake is intended to reduce sewage overflows into the lake during heavy rain events, which is being achieved by constructing multiple large rainwater storage tunnels throughout the city.

The Big Creek Tunnel, which is one of the final pieces left in this project, is set to begin construction later this year. The tunnel will be about four miles long, stretching under parts of West Park, Brooklyn, and Old Brooklyn. In the coming months, construction of this tunnel will have impacts on Old Brooklyn, with three shafts for the tunnel being drilled in the neighborhood.

The general path of the tunnel will follow Memphis Avenue, beginning in the west near W. 130th Street, passing through Brooklyn, and ending in the east under Henninger Road near Brighton Park.

This will be located near the intersection of Memphis Avenue and W. 37th Street. The construction of this shaft will require the temporary closure of the intersection of W. 37th and Stanford Avenue, but Memphis Avenue will remain open. Construction for the tunnel is expected to begin in the second half of 2026 and will continue until 2031. Once the project is complete, combined sewer overflows into Big Creek will be reduced by 500 million gallons annually.



Map of the Big Creek Tunnel project. To the right of the image, shafts BCT-1, -2, and –3 will be the access points located in Old Brooklyn.

The tunnel will be deep underground, ranging from a depth of 50 – 100 feet, meaning that disruptions on the surface will be minimal. However, the greatest source of disruption will be at the three shaft sites.

The westernmost shaft will be drilled near Estabrook Recreation Center, in what is now an open field. The easternmost shaft will be located off Henninger Road near W. 24th Street and will require the closure of one lane on the street. The greatest construction impact will be felt at the middle shaft, BCT-2, as shown on the map.

OBCDC will provide updates on the project as more is learned from NEORSD, especially considering the potential impacts on traffic movement. OBCDC is optimistic that these disruptions will be minimal, and recognizes that they are necessary for such an important project that will help to drastically improve the water quality in Lake Erie.

If you have any questions about the project, you may reach out to Connor at ConnorB@oldbrooklyn.com



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In-Person Intake - Mon. - Fri.; 9 am. - 5 pm. Walk-in applicants are offered several options to complete an intake to ensure access to services. **Housing issues** - call Tenant info. line 216-861-5955 or 440-210-4533. **Employment, student loans, or other economic issues** - call Economic Justice Info. line 216-861-5899 or 440-210-4532.

UNITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
4542 Pearl Rd at Behrwald Ave. 216-741-2085
unity-lutheran.org
Sunday Worship; 9:30 am. **Bible Study Wednesday** 5:30 pm. **Last Sunday of each month** is a joint service with St. Mark 4464 Pearl Rd. Location alternates between St. Mark & Unity. **June 28,** 11 am; St. Mark; **July 26,** 10 am; Unity; **Aug. 30**, 11 am; St. Mark. See Unity's Facebook page for any special seasonal services.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCE FAIRS
Saturdays Aug. 8, & Nov. 14. Financial assistance on water, sewers, storm water, gas & electric bills. For upcoming fairs & locations call 216-881-8247 or for more info go to neorsd.org/utility-assistance-resource-fairs/

WARD 4 COMMUNITY MEETINGS
Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd.
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