

# Waldwick Chamber of Commerce

## General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, September 17, 2025 | **Time:** 8:30 AM | **Location:** Waldwick Public Library

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | **Time:** 8:30 AM | **Location:** Waldwick Public Library

### 1. Call to Order / Welcome & Introductions

**President Stan Kowalski** called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Brian Mackey**, Past President and **Taste of Waldwick Chairperson**, was also in attendance and later led the meeting after Stan had to leave early.

### 2. Attendance

#### Members Present:

Brian Mackey, Stan Kowalski, Mary Beth Nappi, Giuseppe Cascio, Julie Pignatelli, Chuck Farricker, Nick Stratton, Jen Miano, Tracy Infield, Lori Quinn, Carol Cuttita., Greg Butler, Andy Porter, Derek Rothstein, Kat Unkle, Dave Brennan, Chad Chalileh George Reskakis, Ernesto Enriquez, Neha Garcia, Natalia Arciszewski, Joe Marcaton, Nick Stratton, Christine Figuilio, Amanda Krakowiak and John Neagle.

### 3. Membership Overview

Brian provided an update on Chamber membership:

- **Total Members:** 118
- **Non-Profit Organizations:** 24
- **Businesses Based in Waldwick:** 81
- **Businesses Outside Waldwick:** 37
- **New Member Welcome:**
  - **Steph Spirou Photography** – specializing in newborn and family photography.

### 4. Approval of August Minutes

Motion to **waive the reading of the minutes** and **approve the August 20, 2025** meeting minutes was made by **George Raskakis** and seconded by **Giuseppe Casio**.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## 5. Chamber Updates

### Turning the Town Teal

- **Brian Mackey** shared that he led the Chamber's effort in hanging teal ribbons throughout town as part of the national **"Turning the Town Teal" campaign**, recognizing **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month**.

### Waldwick Business Passport Update & Prize Drawing

- Winners of the **Waldwick Passport 2025** program were announced:
  - **Diamond:** Amanda Krakowiak
  - **Platinum:** Andrew Fucarino
  - **Gold:** Cristina McCombs
  - **The Warrior:** Tina Wain
  - **Basket One:** Michelle Van Buren
  - **Basket Two:** Karen Asta
  - **Basket Three:** The Paul Family

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who participated — both the Passport explorers who visited local businesses and the Chamber members who contributed prizes.

(For a full list of basket contents, visit the **Waldwick Chamber of Commerce website**.)

### Taste of Waldwick – Sunday, October 13

- **Brian Mackey** reported that planning for the event is going well.
- Tickets are selling steadily.
- The Chamber is working with the **ABC** to finalize the **liquor license**.
- Volunteers are still needed to help during the event.
- One of the **grand prizes** will be a large grill, and members are encouraged to **donate additional prizes**.
- Partial proceeds will benefit the **Alzheimer's Walk**.
- Members were encouraged to purchase tickets and help promote the event.

## Robotics Club Fundraiser

- **Nick Stratton** shared that the **Waldwick High School Robotics Club** will host a **fundraiser at Blue Moon on Monday, September 23**. All proceeds will benefit their **non-profit STEM program**.

## 6. Recently Attended Events

- **September 7:** Ho-Ho-Kus Day
- **September 10:** Chase Bank Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting
- **September 14:** Alzheimer's Walk (also supported through Taste of Waldwick proceeds)

## 7. Upcoming Events

- **September 25:** St. Eves Restaurant Grand Reopening (5–7 PM)
- **October 4:** Oktoberfest at the Hermitage (12–6 PM)
- **October 4:** Oktoberfest at Gearblock Brewing Company
- **October 7:** Heritage WBE One-Year Anniversary (12–2 PM)
- **October 13:** Taste of Waldwick (6–9 PM)
- **October 16:** Wine Event – Registration Required
- **October 23:** TEEEM Leadership Symposium, Montclair State (8:30 AM–2 PM)
- **October 29:** Allendale/Saddle River Rotary Fundraiser at Gearblock Brewing (5:30–8 PM)

Members were encouraged to stay informed via the **weekly Chamber newsletter** and **website**.

## 8. Closing Remarks

Brian thanked all members for their continued support and participation in Chamber activities.

The Chamber remains dedicated to promoting **local business, community collaboration, and economic growth** in Waldwick and surrounding areas.

As a reminder, the **Waldwick Chamber of Commerce is a non-partisan organization**, focused solely on supporting businesses and the community.

**9. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.