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Welcome to the Fairfield Advantage, the newsletter that keeps you on top of the business and development news in Fairfield County, Ohio and information of importance to them. Fairfield County, Ohio is the southeastern part of the central Ohio/Columbus metro area.

# *Fairfield Advantage*

## Business & Development News from Fairfield County, Ohio

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### Director's Comments

We have not finished one month in 2008 and already we have significant, positive economic development news in Fairfield County. In this issue you will find details regarding the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance, investments planned for Anchor Hocking's Lancaster facility and a new licensing agreement for Pickerington-based R.G. Barry.



In addition to our monthly e-newsletter, make sure to visit our [website](#) often for breaking news.

If you have questions about the services provided by our office, please contact our office by calling 740.654.1509. -- Bill Arnett, [Fairfield County Economic Development](#) Director

### ~ Fairfield 33 Development Alliance Moves Forward ~



The Fairfield 33 Development Alliance Task Force, with leadership from the Lancaster-Fairfield, Pickerington Area and Canal Winchester Area Chambers of Commerce, has announced the first private-sector board members for the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance.

The initial board members include

Ron Collins, First Bremen Bank; Zack DeLeon, Gorsuch Enterprises; Judy Kellogg, Kellogg Cabinets; Terry McGhee, Westerman Companies; Brad Markwood, South-Central Power; Daryl Reynolds, Pickerington Area Chamber Economic Development Chair; Tom Trainer, Canal Winchester Area Chamber Economic Development Chair; Mina Ubbing, Fairfield Medical Center; Steve Wells, Fairfield National Bank; and Woody Winfree, Winfree, Ruff Associates. Additional private-sector members will be selected by the initial board and will join public sector representatives from participating local governments.

The Fairfield 33 Development Alliance held a successful campaign kick-off January 16 in Pickerington. The event provided an opportunity to recognize nearly 30 private-sector contributors, as well as provide details outlining the Alliance's proposed plan of work.

Read coverage in the *Lancaster-Eagle Gazette*

~ Anchor Hocking Seeks Employees for Expansion ~



With assistance from the Ohio Department of Development, Anchor Hocking is preparing for a significant expansion of its Lancaster facility. Along with more than \$30 million in capital improvements, the company will add new employment positions requiring specific skills. Anchor Hocking has posted glassmaking apprenticeship positions with [WorkNet](#).

Read the complete story in the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette*

~ R.G. Barry Signs Exclusive Deal with Nautica ~



Pickerington-based R.G. Barry Corporation announced January 22 an exclusive, three-year North American licensing agreement with Nautica Apparel, Inc., to develop and market slippers for under the Nautica and J-Class brands.

Read the news release from R.G. Barry's website

~ Chamber Honors Director of Fairfield County Historical Parks ~



At its annual meeting on January 26, the Lancaster- Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce honored Dave Fey, Director, Fairfield County Historical Parks, with the Floyd Wolfe Community Service Award. The award is given annually to an outstanding individual or agency who has demonstrated a continuing commitment to Lancaster and Fairfield County.

~ Organizers Announce Date for 2008 Honeyfest in Lithopolis ~

The 2nd Annual Lithopolis Honeyfest will be held Saturday, September 6, 2008, on the grounds of Wagnalls Memorial. Celebrate National Honey Month at Ohio's only honey festival. More information is available by visiting their [website](#) .

~ Upcoming Business Events ~

**February 2:** PACC hosts its Annual Dinner and Silent Auction at Hickory Lakes, 12495 Ault Road.

**February 7:** Canal Winchester Business After Hours will be at *Distinctly Debera's Nail Design*, 57 West Waterloo Street, from 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm.

**February 7:** Join the Lancaster Chamber for Business After Hours & Long Drive Competition at *Insider Indoor Golf*, 702 South Ewing Street. Event starts at 4:30 pm.

**February 13:** Lancaster Mayor David Smith will offer the *State of the City Address* starting at 7:30 am at Olivedale Senior Citizen Center, 253 Boving Road. Tickets are \$15.00 each and include breakfast. Call 740.653.8251 for reservations.

**February 13:** *The Canal Winchester Monthly Networking Luncheon* at Southgate Potters Lodge,

651 Groveport Road starts at 11:30 am. RSVP to 614.837.1556 by February 11 at noon.

**February 14:** Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce Technology Committee will present *Technology to Set Up a Small Office* at 12:00 pm in Room 414 at Ohio University-Lancaster. Tickets are \$15.00. Please RSVP to 740.653.8251.

**February 18:** The *Baltimore State of the Village* address will be at Liberty Union High School, 500 Washington Street in Baltimore at 9:00 am. A continental breakfast will be served from 8:30 am - 9:00 am.

**February 19:** *Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce* will gather for a luncheon meeting at High Noon to hear John Bosser from MRDD. Reserve your spot for the \$8.00 luncheon by calling 740.569.9150 or email [bremen\\_chamberofcommerce@msn.com](mailto:bremen_chamberofcommerce@msn.com)

**February 19:** Don Coffill, Peoples Bank Financial Advisor, will speak on "Economic Forecasts" at the *Baltimore Area Chamber of Commerce*. The 11:30 am meeting will be at the Basil Shelter House, 211 North High Street. Call 740.862.8199 for details.

**February 19:** The *Lithopolis Area Marketing Association* will meet at 7:00 pm at Wagnall's Memorial Administrative Building. For more information contact Sandy Casey at 614.837.2031.

**February 21:** PACC will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 am at the Pickerington Senior Center, 150 Hereford Drive. This meeting will spotlight a Candidates and Issues Forum prior to the March primary. Call 614.837.1958 to register.

**February 26:** The Fairfield County Commissioners will report on the *State of the County* at the Liberty Center, 955 Liberty Drive. The program begins at 12:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and will include lunch. Call 740.653.8251 to make your reservation.

#### ~ Upcoming Tourism Events ~



**Now thru April 30:** *Cranberry Glass Exhibit* at the [Ohio Glass Museum](#) located at 126 West Main Street in Lancaster. Museum is open from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Tuesday - Sunday). Contact Margie Burket 740.687.0101 for additional information and ticket prices.

**February 2 - May 4:** Celebrate the heritage of *Ohio Art Pottery* in a representative selection of ceramics from the Zanesville Art Center at the Decorative Arts Center. Located at 145 East Main Street in Lancaster, the exhibit is open from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday thru Sunday. For more information call 740.681.1423 or [visit the website](#)

**February 3:** Come to an afternoon filled with American Music! Sponsored by the Lancaster Music Club and the Fairfield County District Library, this free event will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 222 North Broad Street in Lancaster. Music performed by a variety of artists will begin at 2:00 pm.

**February 9:** *Cameo League Casino Night* starts at 7:00 pm at the Elks Lodge, 122 East Main Street in Lancaster. Contact [carolynhoyt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolynhoyt@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

**February 9 - 10:** *Lancaster Antiques Show and Sale* will be held at the Fairfield Career Center, Rt 33Alt & Coonpath Road, Carroll, Ohio. Saturday hours are from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Call Amy Burwell at 740.687.6485 for ticket prices and more information.

**February 12:** The American Red Cross of Fairfield County will host its *Heroes Breakfast* at 7:30

am at the Eagles Lodge, 1936 East Main Street. Call 740.687.5585 or link to [their website](#) for reservations.

**February 13:** The Opening Ceremony for Violet Township's year-long 200th Anniversary Celebration is at Pickerington High School Central Performing Arts Center, 300 Opportunity Way. A reception starts at 6:30 pm and the program begins at 7:30 pm.

**February 24:** *The Lancaster Chorale* will perform at St Mary's Church, 132 South High Street, at 4:00 pm. Call the Chorale Office at 740.687.5855 or visit the [Chorale Website](#) for information

**February 24 - March 28:** Come to the Fairfield County District Library to view "A Whimsical Look At Life Through Art" presented by Cheryl Fey and [Blue Shoe Arts](#). All art work will be for sale.

**February 24:** PACC is hosting a *Bridal Show* from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Hickory Lakes Party House. For more information call PACC at 614.837.1958.

**February 24:** LAFAA presents the "Eastmoor Academy Choir" at 3:00 pm in the Wagnall's Auditorium. Call Pat Drodofsky at 614.837.4765 for ticket information.

**February 29 - March 1:** Millersport Community Theatre presents *Country, Rhythm & Blues* at 7:30 pm in the Millersport Community Theater. Call 740.862.3054 for information and tickets

**March 1:** A *Celtic Gathering* will be presented at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds, AAA Building, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. For information and tickets on a celebration of Irish & Scottish Heritage, call Cindy McLaughlin-Smith at 740.654.4149.

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