

FAIRFIELD ADVANTAGE

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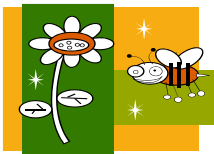


Millersport

Sweet Corn Festival

September 2-5

www.sweetcornfest.com



Lithopolis Honeyfest

September 12

10am-6pm



LOCAL PLANT AWARDED \$9.5M FROM DOE WILL LEAD TO MORE JOBS AT TOXCO

TOXCO Inc. has been awarded 9.5 million dollars from the Department of Energy to expand its current battery recycling operations in Lancaster, Ohio. Toxco plans to build and operate an advanced lithium battery recycling facility at their existing Lancaster, Ohio site. The new plant will be built to support the battery recycling infrastructure that will be needed with the growth of hybrid and electric vehicles in the United States, all of which use large format rechargeable batteries.

Toxco is currently the only facility in North America with the capability to recycle both primary and secondary lithium batteries. Toxco's existing lithium battery recycling operation is located in Trail, BC Canada. Additionally, Toxco manages two battery recycling operations in Ohio. The Lancaster, Ohio facility currently processes large format lead acid batteries, as well as nickel metal hydride batteries used in the current population of hybrid and electric vehicles. This facility is also only one of two technologies in North America that can recycle nickel cadmium batteries, which is a common consumer type of rechargeable battery. The recovery process used in Lancaster for the nickel cadmium batteries is deemed to be a "Best Dem-

onstrated Available Technology" per US EPA.

"This new plant will bring in more employment for the Lancaster area, as well as allow us to continue to recover renewable resources, such as nickel and cobalt, for use in the manufacturing of new batteries for the U.S. market," says Ed Green, VP of Ohio operations for Toxco. Green also stated that, "The new plant represents growth for our group of companies. Toxco's Trail, British Columbia facility will continue to provide lithium battery recycling services to their existing customers; this plant will focus on the emerging battery market."

"Toxco is grateful for the support that was shown to us by the community leadership at the city, county and state levels. The detailed letters of support that we received were a key component in our winning proposal. We look forward to continued cooperation and support between Toxco, Lancaster, and Fairfield County as we work to grow our businesses in Lancaster and Baltimore..." shared Shane Thompson of Kinsbursky, parent company of Toxco.

AG UPDATE WILL FEATURE OMELET BUFFET

The Lancaster Fairfield Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the first ever Fairfield County Agriculture Update Thursday September 3 at 7:30am in the Ed Sands Building on the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. Working with the Fairfield County Farm Bureau, this event will showcase the county's rich agricultural heritage as well as agriculture's contribution to economic development.

"Agriculture is one of our top industries and top revenue providers for this county," said Travis Markwood, President of the LFCC. He hopes this event will lead to business partnerships.

The morning will feature about 30 exhibitors in an agricultural business trade show setting to showcase the goods and services they provide in Fairfield County; a panel of experts in the agricultural field to answer questions; and a "made to order" omelet buffet presented by Bob Evans of Lancaster, the Ohio Poultry Association and local produce farms.

Cost of the event, including breakfast, is \$10.00. To make a reservation or learn more about this Thursday morning event, call the Lancaster-Fairfield Chamber office at 740.653.8251.

WAGE & BENEFIT SURVEY COMING

The 3rd annual Fairfield County Wage & Benefit Survey, sponsored by the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance, is scheduled to launch efforts and invite company participation beginning September 22. The questionnaire will be very similar to the format in previous years, with the addition of some economic forecast questions.

JK Evans & Associates, a full-service Human Resources

Consulting Firm will coordinate the survey and produce the final report.

The survey is normally completed online although a paper survey can be completed and mailed to the company in Zanesville. This year a pdf version will be available in advance of survey completion so that necessary data can be gathered. A new completion feature this year will allow respondent to complete each section independently rather

than having to complete the entire survey at one sitting.

“Our goal is to create a W&B survey report which will be useful to the diverse industries and businesses operating in Fairfield County,” shared Travis Markwood, Alliance Secretary. “Local wage and benefit data is often requested by companies considering future business in Fairfield County.”

To participate in the Wage & Benefit Survey, companies should visit the FCED website for the link to the survey in September.

www.businesscounty.com

EMERGENCY WARNING SIRENS DONE

A three year collaborative effort between Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency, Homeland Security and South Central Power was completed recently.

South Central Power, with leadership from Brad Markwood, SCP Community Development Director, voluntarily installed all 24 sirens that have been strategically placed throughout the county to provide the early warnings necessary in case of severe weather. A crew of 5 SCP employees spent about 4 hours on each installation.

Cost savings as a result of this volunteer effort

amounted to almost \$12,000 per siren. The county paid \$4000 per siren and the jurisdiction receiving the siren paid the same.

“We are helping the county and our customers by improv-

ing emergency notification,” said Lisa Hooker of SCP.

A recognition ceremony and plaque presentation was held at Lancreco Park, the last site installation. The SCP crew was in attendance for the award.



“What they (SCP) did was invaluable. This project would have been too costly for some areas to handle on their own.”

Fairfield Co. Commissioner
Judy Shupe

FAIRFIELD COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Fairfield County’s Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) has seen increased activity in 2009. The Loan Review Committee recently approved the sixth loan of 2009.

Loans have been made total-

ing over \$320,000.00 on project aggregates that will be in excess of 5 million dollars.

The projects are located in Lancaster, Baltimore, Canal Winchester, and Greenfield Township.

The RLF provides gap financing. RLF loans include bank partnership and owner equity. Job creation or job retention is also a loan requirement

Call 740.654.1509 for more information.

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Farmers Markets

Lancaster

Wednesdays 10-2
Saturdays 8-noon

Canal Winchester

Saturdays 9-1pm

Baltimore

Fridays 5-7pm

Bremen

Saturdays 9-noon

Pickerington

Thursdays 3-7pm
Saturdays 9am-4pm

CHAMBER & BUSINESS EVENTS

September 2: Chamber Café Series Luncheon~Noon~RSVP to 740.653.8251

September 4: Ribbon Cutting~R & R Skate Shop~3 W Waterloo St~4pm

September 5,6,7: CWACC Business Expo~Chamber Office Parking Lot

September 5: CWACC Chamber Night~Bolenbaugh Parking Lot~6-8pm

September 9: CWACC Networking Luncheon~11:30am~RSVP to 614.837.1556

September 17: PACC Monthly Meeting~11:30am~RSVP to 614.837.1958

September 17: *Business After Hours*-Storage Unit on Tussing~Pickerington

September 18: Lancaster Fairfield Chamber Membership Appreciation Day

September 21: Baltimore Chamber Board Meeting~12 noon

September 24: Ribbon Cutting~Bella Cosmetics~1577 Cross Creeks~4:30pm

September 29: Bremen CoC Monthly Meeting~Noon~RSVP to 740.569.9150

COMMUNITY EVENTS

September 5-7: Annual Labor Day Festival~Canal Winchester~614.470.0949

September 7: Pickerington Lions' Club Labor Day Celebration~Events Start 9:45

September 11-13: *Easter Quarter Horse Assoc. Show* ~ County Fairgrounds~8am

September 12: *AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum* Open House~10-4pm

September 15: United Way Community Care Day

September 19: TWIG 17 Annual Used Books Sale~Fairgrounds~9-3pm

September 19-20: Rock Mill Restoration Rally~Noon-5pm~740.681.7249

September 20: Sherman House *Garden Party*~5pm~Reservations 740.654.9923

September 25: Autumn Open Golf Challenge~Pine Hills~Call 614.837.1958

September 26: Star Watching at Keller-Kirn Park~1601 N High St~7-9:30pm

September 26-27: *Frontier Spirit* at Alley Park~11-5~For details call 740.687.6651

September 27: Byron Stripling Quartet ~1312 Granville Pike~3pm~740.654.1003