

# FAIRFIELD ADVANTAGE

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### Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinners RSVP's Required

Baltimore  
Awards Banquet  
January 16

Lancaster-Fairfield Co.  
Lancaster High School  
January 23

Pickerington  
Hickory Lakes  
February 6



## WORKSHOP OPEN TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY BUSINESSES JANUARY 22

Tim Neroni, Vice-President of Sales at Hy-Tek Material Handling, and a member of the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance, invites Fairfield County business leaders to a day long continuing education event Friday January 22, 2010 at the Concourse Hotel; 4300 International Gateway; Columbus, Ohio 43219. The event will run from 7:30am to 4:00 pm and include breakfast and lunch.

A CEO panel will be discussing the impact of Supply Chain on business, moderated by John Ness, President of ODW Logistics.

Nationally renowned speakers Steve Gran, Brian Cain, Neal Verfuert, and Dave Tumbas will discuss how to implement practical cost saving measures in the business environment. Included in the event will be breakout sessions which will allow participants to review their own company circumstances and receive one-on-one assessments, government and utility incen-

tive program information, and ROI analysis.

Discussions will center on Optimizing your Supply Chain: Making the Ties to Financial and Operational Results; and Capitalizing on Energy Management and Green Initiatives.

This workshop is sponsored by the Council of Supply Chain Management (CSCMP). Registration can be completed at

[www.columbusroundtable.org](http://www.columbusroundtable.org). For more information call 740.569.5478 and leave a message



## RLF CLOSES SEVEN LOANS IN 2009

The Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) of Fairfield County closed seven loans totaling \$ 399,750 in 2009. The total project costs were \$ 5,286,459. 107 new jobs (FTE) are projected in these projects and 13 jobs were retained.

Four loans were to start-up companies and three loans went for expansion of existing businesses. Company locations are in Canal Winchester, Carroll, Baltimore, Greenfield Township and three in the City of Lancaster.

The RLF can provide gap financing for business start-up or expansion if job creation or job re-

tention is a component of the project. More information can be found at [www.businesscounty.com](http://www.businesscounty.com) [Incentives & Assistance] or by calling FCED at 740.654.1509.

The Loan Review Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month to review new applications.

If you are a business that would like RLF consideration, be sure to talk to your commercial lender to see if the Revolving Loan Fund can be a partner in your project. All projects must be located in Fairfield County

# MORPC INVITES FAIFIELD COUNTY

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is inviting residents of Fairfield County and other central Ohio county residents to weigh in on issues and planning relating to transportation, land use, economic development and environmental and energy issues.

The goal of their "Shaping Our Future" Plan, to be completed by 2012 is to lay out a plan to guide officials with their decisions on development and major projects that are sustainable and give the area a competitive economic advan-

tage.

If you think the area's roads are too congested or the air is too dirty, or you want to tell area leaders that you plan on staying in central Ohio, this survey is your opportunity.

The regional planning group hopes to hear from a good mix of rural and urban residents who have different needs and wants.

The anonymous survey will take about 10 minutes to

complete and questions cover a lot of ground. Some questions are multiple choice and some are subjective.

Some questions include:

What do you like most about central Ohio; what is your least favorite aspect of central Ohio apart from other places? Is there a smog problem here; will climate change hurt central Ohio? How high would gas prices have to be to force you to use some other method to get to work?

Take the time to share your opinion...



<http://regionalplan.questionpro.com>

# CANAL WINCHESTER GODDARD SCHOOL

The Goddard School located at 6405 Canal Street in Canal Winchester has earned a Consumer's Choice Award (CCA). This consumer-driven award was established in 1986 to identify and promote business excellence.

Each year the CCA commissions a survey in which consumers are asked to identify their preferred businesses. The criteria considered include value, professionalism and service. Award recipients represent a wide variety of businesses who are product and service providers to the community and general public. The recipients of CCA awards include local, national and inter-

national businesses.

"We're proud to earn this award of excellence from CCA and be recognized for our commitment to reach the highest professional standards for the fifth year in a row," said Eric Park, owner of the local Goddard School. "Receiving the demonstrates to the community that children in our program receive the best possible care and early learning experience. Our management and faculty have earned this achievement by performing their very best every day."

The Canal Winchester location opened in January 2007. The school accommodates 134

children, ages six weeks to six-year old. Parents are encouraged to drop in for a tour or call Park at 614.920.9810 to arrange a personal appointment.



# CENSUS 2010 COMING APRIL 1: CENSUS DAY

In 2010, the U.S. Census will define who we are as a nation. The 2010 Census questionnaire asks only a few simple questions of each person— **name, relationship, gender, age and date of birth, race, and whether the respondent owns or rents his or her home.**

Census information helps determine locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizen centers.

Businesses use census data to locate supermarkets, shopping center new housing and other facilities. The census determines how many seats

each state will have in the U.S House of Representatives as well as the boundaries of legislative districts.

Questionnaires will be mailed or delivered in February and March 2010. Return date is by April 1. Census takers will visit households that do not return a questionnaire.

Each household will receive the same questionnaire for easy completion.



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## CHAMBER & BUSINESS EVENTS

**January 5:** *Business After Hours*/Ribbon Cutting~ Y RecPlex~1180 Locust~4:30p

**January 8:** Canal Business Women's Coffee~Kiki's Kafe~8:30am

**January 13:** CWACC Chamber Luncheon~22 N. Trine Street~11:30am~RSVP

**January 15:** PACC Networking Luncheon~150 Hereford~11:30am~RSVP

**January 15:** Perfect Weddings Ribbon Cutting~430 N. Memorial Dr~4:30pm

**January 18:** Baltimore Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting~Noon

**January 19:** CWACC *Business After Hours*~Barnside Antiquities Too~4-6pm

**January 28:** PACC "*Lunch & Learn*" ~Rule 3~650 Windmill Dr~Noon~RSVP

**January 28:** Bremen Networking Luncheon~Historical Center~Noon~RSPV

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**December 30:** Family New Year's Eve at AHA~6-9pm~RSVP 740.653.1010

**January 1:** Backcountry Hike to the Gorge~Clarkcreek Metro Park~1pm

**January 2:** Pickerington Ponds Harrier Hike~Canal Winchester~2:30pm

**January 6-7:** Free Blood Pressure Screenings~Fox Family Y~10am-Noon

**January 9:** *Step Out for Your Health* 2010 Kick-Off~Family Y~9-11am

**January 10:** Family Y Open House~740.654.0616~1pm

**January 12:** *United Way Banquet* ~Liberty Center~5:45pm~RSVP 740.653.0643

**January 12:** *Adult CPR*~American Red Cross~5:30-9:30pm~Register 687.5585

**January 13:** FMC Tobacco Cessation Informative Session~Assembly Room 2

**January 14:** *First Aid Class*~American Red Cross~5:30-9:30pm~Call 687.5585

**January 15-24:** Pickerington Comm.Theater~*Steel Magnolias*~Call 614.863.1861

**January 16:** *Let There Be Light* Gala~Ohio Glass Museum~7-9pm~740.687.0101

**January 18:** Ladies Day Out at FMC~9am-3pm~Fee~RSVP 740.689.6636

**January 26:** *Infant and Child CPR*~ Red Cross~Call 740.687.5585

**January 30:** Eagle-Gazette *Bridal Show*~Ohio University-Lancaster~Noon-3:30pm