

FAIRFIELD ADVANTAGE

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Lancaster Festival

25th Season
July 23–August 1

www.lanfest.org

Ticketed &
Free events

Abraham Lincoln

Self-Made Man
Traveling Exhibit
FCDL

Sept 27–October 22



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

The Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission (FCRPC), for the past year, has been developing a plan focusing on bicycle and pedestrian facilities, open spaces and greenways. "It is my great pleasure to announce that at its June 2, 2009 meeting, the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission adopted the Fairfield County Active Transportation and Open Space Plan" reported Holly Mattei executive director for the FCRPC.

This plan is an update to the 2003 Fairfield County Development Strategy and Land Use Plan. The 2003 plan recognized the increasing public interest in active transportation as well as the need for parks and greenways, which set the basis for the Active Transportation and Open Space Plan to further study these areas. The FCRPC hired the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to assist with the development of this plan thanks to financial assistance provided by the Fairfield County Commissioners.

The plan was crafted through input provided by a Technical Advisory Group and a Stakeholders' Advisory Group. A public open house was also held to provide residents an opportunity to view and comment on the plan. The plan includes

goals, objectives, policies and recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and open spaces within Fairfield County and sets a framework for local municipalities, townships, developers, businesses, and residents for making planning-related decisions.

"This is a great milestone in moving towards a sustainable community" said Ms. Mattei. "I believe this plan will help guide development in our county as we grow into the future."

The plan will now be moved forward for consideration by the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners. A public hearing by the Board of Commissioners is set for Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the Fairfield County Courthouse, Commissioners Hearing Room, 3rd Floor, 210 E. Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio. For more information on this plan, please visit www.morpc.org/fairfieldcounty or contact Holly Mattei at 740-687-7110.



SURVEY WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE JULY 1

The Fairfield County Economic Development Department is readying its third quarter economic forecast survey for release July 1. Participants should own a business in Fairfield County or in Canal Winchester. The survey can be completed on line through July 31.

Results from this survey will be compared to those of the first two quarters. The same questions are being asked every time to evaluate how local businesses are faring during these challenging economic times. It can also gauge how the economic climate may be shifting from quarter to quarter.

"We have had a lot of interest in these results," shared Linda Kauffman, Fairfield County Economic Development. "It is beneficial to see how local companies feel they are meeting the economic challenges that are facing all business owners."

The confidential online survey will be available from a link on the FCED homepage at www.businesscounty.com through July 31.

Results will be released to area news media and be posted to the department website on August 10.

BLT FOR THE LAKE

A newly formed 501 (c)(3), **Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow**, is a partnership of individuals and organizations dedicated to improving water quality in the Buckeye Lake Watershed.

A watershed is all land in an area that drains to a stream, river, pond or lake, such as Buckeye Lake. The Buckeye Lake Watershed is 49 square miles.

BLT has trained and had certified by the Ohio EPA, 23 volunteers to collect water sam-

ples from the lakes and streams that feed Buckeye Lake. These samples will assist in the process of establishing the current water quality that exists throughout the watershed.

These efforts have been assisted and supported by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts from Fairfield, Licking and Perry Counties as well as the Divisions of Parks and Wildlife from the Ohio Department of Natural resources.

Buckeye Lake is a 3,000-acre shallow canal lake that serves as home to 10,000 residents who live around the lake . Another 354,000 recreational users visit the lake annually.

BLT goals include sustaining Buckeye Lake water resources for future generations to enjoy; insure a multi-jurisdictional plan is created to guide development in a lake-sustaining manner; and inform the public about the steps they can take to help improve the water quality of the entire area.



**BUCKEYE LAKE
FOR TOMORROW
WATERSHED GROUP**

FAIRFIELD CAREER CENTER EXPANDS

New construction and renovation is underway at the Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical Schools' Fairfield Career Center. The project includes renovation of four secondary Health Technology labs in the existing facility. Renovation of the 15,500 SF will be completed before classes resume in August.

The building addition will be known as the Fairfield Health Academy. The 16,000 SF project will be completed in December of this year. The addition will house secondary and adult programs including Health and Recreation Services, Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting. The Dental Assisting Program for sec-

ondary and adult students is a new offering at the Fairfield Campus.

"The renovation and addition at Fairfield Career Center will expand programming to secondary and adult students in Fairfield County," said Dr. Mark Weedy, Superintendent. "The District works hard to be on the cutting edge to provide college and career training to

the students it serves."

Eastland-Fairfield provides career-technical programming to secondary students in sixteen (16) school districts in Fairfield, Franklin, and Pickaway Counties. Eastland-Fairfield also provides programming to approximately 6,000 adults in Central Ohio. More information is available at www.eastland-fairfield.com

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HISTORICAL PARKS PLAN BRIDGE DINNERS

The Fairfield County Historical Parks are planning two dinners at Rockmill. Those dinners are slated to be held August 8 and September 4 at 6:00 pm and will be catered locally.

Admission for these dinners is \$50.00 per person or \$90.00 per couple. Your ticket price includes membership in the parks and a donation toward the Mill restoration. Make reservations by July 4.

Call 740.681.7249 , 740.654.8363 or 740.689.9332 to reserve your seats for this event. Time is running out to get a dinner space and help support Fairfield County Parks.



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CHAMBER & BUSINESS EVENTS

- June 30:** PACC Social at the Columbus Clippers Game~5:30pm
- July 1:** Chamber Café Series Luncheon~11:30am~Reservations call 740.653.8251
- July 2:** Trading Zone Grand Opening~1001 S. Main St.,Baltimore~3pm
- July 3:**Women's Coalition Networking ~8-9am~SimpliciTea~Rt256 & Tussing
- July 8:** CWACC Networking Luncheon~11:30am~RSVP to 614.537.1556 by July 6
- July 12:** Bremen's *Family Day in Howell Park*~Bring a picnic lunch~3pm Concert
- July 14:** Ribbon Cutting ~Oberfield's ~ Business After Hours~450 W Fair~4:30pm
- July 16:** PACC Monthly Membership Meeting~11:30am~Call 614.837.1556
- July 16:** Baltimore Business Luncheon Meeting~Call 740.438.0837 for reservations
- July 24:** CWACC Annual Golf Outing~Pine Hills~9am~Details at 614.837.1556
- July 25:** Baltimore Community Yard Sale~9am-4pm~Call for details 614.561.4503
- July 28:** Bremen CoC Monthly Luncheon~Noon~ Call 569.9150
- Aug 7-8:** BACC 2009 *Business Expo* ~Johnson Park~noon to 11pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- July 2:** See Dale Jr's #88 Car~1009 S Main St.,Baltimore~4-6:30pm
- July 3:** Centennial Fun Run~8:30am~Rising Park
- July 3:***Centennial Celebration of Rising Park*~10am-2pm~Call 740.687.6651 for details
- July 3:** BLASST Fireworks at Buckeye Lake~ Begins at dark
- July 7:** Celebration Singers Concert~Crossroads Ministry Center~7pm
- July 10-11:** Pro-Championship Rodeo~County Fairgrounds~Gates open 5pm~\$\$
- July 17:** Cruise-In with 60's-70's Band *Gas Pump Jockeys*~Stradley Park~6pm
- July 19:** *Corvette Gathering VI*~Downtown Lancaster~10am-3pm
- July 22-25:** Pickerington Violet Festival~Victory Park~Times vary~ 614.524.4758
- July 30:** Canal Winchester Monthly *Shop Hop* ~ 5-8pm