

FAIRFIELD ADVANTAGE

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Notes of Interest

FCDL Celebrates
National Library Week
April 12-18



Abraham Lincoln
Self-Made Man
Traveling Exhibit
FCDL
Sept 27–October 22
Free
Only Ohio Stop



DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE ELECTS BOARD & OFFICERS FOR 2009

Members of the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance met on March 27 at the Ohio Glass Museum in Lancaster for the group's first Annual Meeting. At the event, members elected the board of directors and officers for 2009 and heard updates on the Alliance's financial condition and marketing activities.

Mina Ubbing, CEO, Fairfield Medical Center was elected to again chair the organization with Steve Wells, President, Fairfield National Bank serving as vice-chair. Kim Rankin, President, Canal Winchester Area Chamber of Commerce will serve as the group's secretary and Travis Markwood, President, Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce will again serve as Treasurer.

"I think a tremendous amount of ground work has been accomplished, and we hope that we start to see the benefits of these efforts despite a tough economy," said Ubbing.

As of March 25, public and private contributions to the Alliance for 2009 topped

\$100,000 with an additional \$38,000 expected to be contributed this year. At the meeting Markwood acknowledged and welcomed four new private-sector investors: NAI/Ohio Equities ~ Fairfield Commercial, AT&T, Dublin Building Systems and Ralston Foods.

"Based on our current 2009 investments and anticipated revenue from the private and public sectors we will be able to carry-out the plan established for 2009," Markwood said.

Chris Strayer, Development Director, Canal Winchester, Mike Pettit, Development Director, Lancaster William Arnett, Development Director, Fairfield County, and Kelly Odenweller, Brand Development Manager, GREENCREST, provided the marketing update for attendees.

More information about the Alliance and its efforts to attract investment and jobs to the Corridor are available online at www.fairfield33.com.

FUNDS TO SPEED ALONG US 33 COMPLETION

The State of Ohio announced last week \$150 million in federal stimulus funds are being directed to complete the Nelsonville bypass potentially by 2012. Based on funding shortfalls, the previous timeline called for completion between 2015 and 2017. The \$150 million commitment to the Nelsonville bypass was the second largest allocation among stimulus-funded transportation projects in Ohio.

"The Nelsonville bypass is one of the last pieces to completing the US 33 macro-

corridor between Columbus and Charleston," said William Arnett, Director, Fairfield County Economic Development. "Even though the project is not in our county, it will benefit companies operating here and will improve our ability to attract firms needing to transport products to the Southeast."

Also announced last week, the City of Lancaster in Fairfield County will receive \$359,000 to support its public transit system.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

Make plans to join the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce and State Senator Tim Schaffer for an Economic Development Summit, Friday, May 15 at the Ohio University Pickerington Center. The event starts with registration at 8:00 am and the program scheduled from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

The program includes three panel discussions with each one focusing on a different development-related topic. In addition to hearing from presenters, audience members

will have an opportunity to interact with them during a question and answer session.

The first panel, starting at 8:30, focuses on small business assistance and features speakers from TechColumbus and the Ohio Small Business Development Center.

The second panel, starting at 9:10 am, focuses on workforce development programs and features speakers from the Ohio Department of Development, Fairfield County

Job & Family Services, the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Ohio University.

The final panel, starting at 10:25, focuses on financing and incentive programs and features speakers from the Ohio Department of Development, Ohio Treasurer's Office, TechColumbus, Ohio State-wide Development Corporation and Fairfield County Economic Development.

There is no cost to attend the Economic Development Summit, but reservations are requested.

To register or for more information, contact Helen Mayle, President, Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce, at (614) 837-1958 or email her by [clicking here](#).

PARKS PLAN CHUCK WAGON DINNER

Fairfield County Historical Parks are providing area residents and visitors with an opportunity to experience a western chuck wagon dinner at historic Rock Mill on Saturday, June 27.

"We are so grateful for the support area residents and visitors have provided, which has allowed us to make significant progress in restoring the mill," said Dave Fey, Director, Fairfield County Historical Parks. "The chuck wagon dinner will be a wonderfully entertaining event but is also designed to generate revenue, which will be used for further improvements to the mill."

A group from Hotel Hickman Wild West Adventures will prepare a delicious dinner over open fires. The special event will also include musical entertainment and tours of Rock Mill. The cost is \$65 for Rock Mill members and \$75 for non-members but the fee includes a one-year membership.

In order for the event to be held, a minimum number of attendees must express interest by the middle of April although no payment is required. To make your reservation, call Dave Fey at Fairfield County Historical Parks at

740-681-7249 or email director@historicalparks.org.



ECONOMIC FORECAST SURVEY AVAILABLE

Fairfield County businesses will have the opportunity starting April 1 to participate in the second quarterly economic forecast survey.

The survey will feature the same four questions as the one conducted in February.

"Not only will we be able to see how businesses feel about the economy for the next quarter, but we will be able to compare the results with the first quarter survey," said William Arnett, Director, Fairfield County Economic Development.

The confidential online survey will be available from a link on the homepage at www.businesscounty.com through May 1. The survey results will be posted on the website and released to area news media on May 8.

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CHAMBER & BUSINESS EVENTS

- March 31:** Bremen CoC Networking Luncheon~740.569.9150~Noon
- April 1:** *Lancaster Café Chamber Series*~Reservations at 740.653.8251~11:30am
- April 3:** *State of the Schools*~345 E Mulberry~Reservations 740.653.8251~11:30am
- April 4:** *Baltimore Health Fair Day*~1055 W Market St~Free BP screens~9am-noon
- April 7:** *State of Fairfield Medical Center*~Q&A following~RSVP 740.687.8077~5pm
- April 8:** CWACC Monthly Networking Luncheon~614.837.1556~11:30am
- April 16:** Pickerington CoC Networking Luncheon~ 614.837.1958~11:30am
- April 21:** BACC Business Breakfast~Lunch Box Express~740.438.0837~7:30am
- April 22:** Administrative Professional's Day ~ Moose Lodge 653.8251~11:30am
- April 28:** Bremen CoC Networking Luncheon~740.569.9150~ Noon



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- March 31:** Fairfield MRDD *Celebration of Possibilities*~Liberty Ctr.~ 6pm~687.7244
- April 3 & 4:** Bremen 20th Annual Dinner Theater~Tix 740.569.7313~6:00pm
- April 4:** *Eggstravaganza-Find 15000 Eggs*~200 Hill Road S., Pickerington~10:00am
- April 4:** *Prepare for Spring Clay Workshop*~Monarch Gallery~614.864.3017~11am
- April 4-June 7:** Nancy Miller~An Artist's Creative Journey~DECO~681.1423
- April 4:** Spring Craft Show~Fairfield Co. Fairgrounds~\$1.00 Donation~8am-3pm
- April 10:** Fox's Family Y Good Friday Breakfast~RSVP 654.0616~7sm
- April 11:** Community Easter Party~Carriage Court of Lancaster~2pm
- April 12:** 80th Annual Easter Sunrise Service~Top of Mt. Pleasant~6:57am
- April 16:** Rebecca Fannin Luncheon~*Silicon Dragon*~OUL~RSVP 654.6711x218
- April 18:** *Healthy Kids Day*~Fox Family Y~Free Event~ 1-4pm
- April 25&26:** BBBS *Bowl for Kids Sake*~ Tiki Lanes~Call 740.687.9477 for details

