

FAIRFIELD ADVANTAGE

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Fairfield Heritage
Tour of Homes
June 21
10am-6pm



Bremen
Home & Garden Tour
June 27 & 28
1-4pm

Abraham Lincoln
Self Made Man
Traveling Exhibit
FCDL
Sept 27-October 22



ECONOMIC FORECAST SURVEY SHOWS GROWING OPTIMISM

Survey results show optimism is growing among Fairfield County businesses. Fairfield County Economic Development conducted its second quarterly economic forecast survey in April and released results earlier this month.

"Survey respondents showed greater optimism in terms of their own businesses and the overall economy," said, William Arnett, Director, Fairfield County Economic Development. "Employers ranging from small to very large all expected better things for their businesses when compared with the first quarter survey."

In addition to asking companies to answer questions regarding their sales, employment projections and price, the second quarter survey included two "hot topic questions." The first asked respondents how the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would impact their businesses. The majority of businesses did not expect any impact from the recently passed federal legislation.

The second question asked respondents if they would utilize a Cincinnati-Columbus-Cleveland rail-line. Just more than 6% said they would absolutely use it or would very likely use it. The most respondents, more than 35%, indicated they would likely not use it.

Graphs showing the survey results based on number of employees and industry sector can be found at www.businesscounty.com.

The third quarter economic forecast survey will be conducted in July with the results released the first week in August.



DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT: BIG SUCCESS

More than 70 people attended the Economic Development Summit this month sponsored by the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce and State Senator Tim Schaffer. The event was hosted at Ohio University's Pickerington Center.

"The event was a great success," said Senator Schaffer. "Through a cooperative effort, we provided attendees with an information-packed morning."

Panel discussions focused on small business

assistance and entrepreneurship, workforce development and training resources and financing and development incentives. Experts talked specifically about program guidelines and took questions from those in attendance.

Copies of PowerPoint presentations from the Small Business Development Center, Tech-Columbus, Ohio Treasurer's Office and Ohio Department of Development are available online at www.businesscounty.com.

NEW ART IN DOWNTOWN LANCASTER

Visitors in Downtown Lancaster can now enjoy new public art installed earlier this month.

The project, coordinated by Main Street Lancaster, is a continuation of the public arts display installed last year by the Midwest Sculpture Initiative. Donations from local businesses and residents providing the funding for the art display.

"It is very unusual for a city the size of Lancaster to have

public art," said Karen Rotkis, Director, Main Street Lancaster. "The project is a testimony to our community's support of the arts."

The new pieces of art can be found in Fountain Square, in front of the AHA! Children's Museum and the Ohio Glass Museum. Fourteen outdoor sculptures can now be viewed in downtown Lancaster. More information is available at the Main Street Lancaster website.



33 DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE BOARD MEETS

The Fairfield 33 Development Alliance Board of Directors this month heard updates on the group's recent tradeshow participation, as well Internet marketing activities.

Alliance representatives attended three events to promote the Corridor to corporate real estate executives and site selection consultants. Mike Pettit, Development Director, City of Lancaster and Chris Strayer, Development Director, Village of Canal Winchester participated in the Warehouse Education and Research Council (WERC) Forum in Atlanta and met "off site" with site selection consulting firms.

"I felt the one-on-one appointments with site selection consultants were more beneficial than the tradeshow exhibition," said Mike Pettit, Development Director, City of Lancaster. Based on the recommendation from Pettit and Strayer, the Board approved seeking other similar one-on-one meeting opportunities.

In addition to WERC, Alliance personnel attended the Core-Net Global Summit in Dallas and the Industrial Asset Management Council Spring Forum in Asheville, North Carolina.

Visits to the Alliance website continue to climb. So far this year more than 1,600 unique

visitors have viewed the site. In an effort to drive additional traffic to the website, the Board authorized changes to the Alliance's search marketing efforts.

Travis Markwood, Alliance Treasurer and President of the Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce, reported that 2009 contributions to date have reached nearly \$141,000. Seven public sector investors and more than 30 private-sector investors have contributed to the Alliance in 2009.

To learn more about the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance, visit www.fairfield33.com or call Travis Markwood at 740-653-8251.

FOND MEMORIES OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

It was with mixed emotions I submitted my resignation this month as Fairfield County's Economic Development Director. During my two-and-a-half years, I have had the opportunity to work with many great people dedicated to improving the quality of life here.

Despite a significant economic slowdown over the past several months, Fairfield County businesses continue to compete and thrive. The county's workforce, location and transportation network are strong assets for new and expanding firms.

My special thanks to the Fairfield County Commissioners for providing me with this great opportunity. It has been a pleasure to serve as Fairfield County's Economic Development Director.

Sincerely,
William R. Arnett



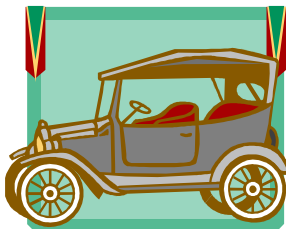
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Old Car Club
Spring Festival
June 6-7
Fairfield County Fairgrounds
9-5pm

CHAMBER & BUSINESS EVENTS

- May 29:** Daymar Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Mixer~Victor Road~4pm
- June 3:** Chamber Café Series~230 N Columbus St~11:30am~RSVP 740.653.8251
- June 4:** CWACC *Business After Hours*~Positive Outcomes~8233 HoweIndPky~5pm
- June 4:** Eastside Storage Ribbon Cutting~1540 E Main St~ 4:30pm
- June 5:** PACC 21st Annual Golf Outing~Turnberry Golf Course~7:30am
- June 10:** CWACC Networking Luncheon~Potter Lodge~11:30~614.837.1556
- June 16:** BACC *Business After Hours*~5:30-8pm~Parking lot at 107 N Main St
- June 18:** PACC Membership Luncheon~150 Hereford Dr~11:30am~ 614.837.1958
- June 23:** Bremen Chamber~SCP Live Line Demo~201 Marietta~Noon~569.9150
- June 27:** Taste of Canal Winchester ~ In Front of Wal-Mart ~ 2-6pm ~ Fee

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- May 30:** *Arthritis Foundation's Annual Walk*~Registration call 740.654.4334
- May 30:** Helicopter & Airplane Open House Fly-In~FairCoAirport~8am
- June 5:** Monarch Gallery Exhibit~158 W Wheeling~*Flora & Fauna*~7-9pm
- June 5:** Pickerington Cruisin~Olde Pickerington Village~5-9pm
- June 12:** *Sing For the Cure Concert*~ Oley Speaks Aud.~Canal Winchester~8pm
- June 13:** *Tip A Canoe Class*~Alley Park~10am-3pm~Call 740.681.5025
- June 14:** Lancaster Community Band Free Concert~Rising Park~4pm
- June 19:** *Hillbilly Deluxe*~Music & Art Series~Stradley Park~6-9pm~Free
- June 23:** Earth Angel Super Cruise~Fairfield County Fairgrounds~10am-9pm
- June 27:** Soap Box Derby~Derby Downs~3600 BIS Road~9am-5pm