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Lancaster Fireworks

July 4 @ 10pm
Fairgrounds

Pickerington Fireworks

July 4 @ 10 pm
Victory Park

Buckeye Lake Fireworks

July 3 @ dusk
North Shore or Fairfield
Beach for best view

Canal Winchester

July 4 @ dusk
Heritage Park

PHOENIX ELECTROTEK CUTS RIBBON ON \$2M FACILITY

Phoenix Electrotek LLC hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house June 11, 2014 to celebrate its grand opening. The new \$2M facility is located at 890 Mill in the Rock Mill Industrial Park in Lancaster.

The Canadian based company first began operations in the U.S. in 2008. Ontario company Phoenix EDT Inc. bought Electrotek, which was then owned by Gandee Precision Machine. At the time, Electrotek had a 10,000 SF operation and leased an additional 5,000 SF of space on S. Ewing St. The new 30,000 SF facility houses almost 20,000SF for manufacturing. The rest of the building houses offices and warehouse.

As shared with Carl Burnett Jr. of the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette*, Duane Astraukas, CEO of Phoenix Electrotek said “we had great support from the contractor, from city officials and departments like the building department with permits, and the banks.”

Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber President Travis Markwood added “it’s a great example of what a facility and company can do here.”

The workforce has increased from nine employees in 2008 to 28(twenty-eight) employees currently. “The employees have also been very dedicated, are reliable and do good work,” Astraukas added.

Mike Pettit, Lancaster Economic Development Director was pleased the company decided to reinvest in the community. “These are great industrial jobs and it is important for us to keep as many of these as we can here.”

For the complete story as reported by the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette [click here](#).

Visit Phoenix Electrotek website [here](#).



Phoenix Electrotek employees at ribbon cutting ceremony

CEDS UPDATE HIGHLIGHTS ALLIANCE BOARD

Kenny McDonald, [CEO of Columbus 2020](#), addressed the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance's second quarter Board of Trustees meeting June 13, 2014, at the Fairfield Career Center. The Alliance partners with Columbus 2020 as one of 11 county regional members. McDonald presented the goals of Columbus 2020, success indicators to date, and actions being taken by 2020 to create a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

He outlined the goals set by the organization to reach by the year 2020: to add 150,000 net new jobs, increase personal per capita income by 30 percent, add eight billion dollars of capital investment, and be recognized as a national leader in economic development. To date, 2020 has added 81,487 jobs, increased per capita income by 11%, and added \$4.19 billion in new capital investment.

Columbus 2020 has been in the process of extensive outreach, visiting every county

in the region, and gathering feedback from communities on opportunities and threats to the region's economic stability. They plan to present a CEDS document to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) for approval in order to be recognized Economic Development District. It will make the regional communities eligible to apply for federal funds under EDA's Public Works or Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs.

The Alliance will participate in this process by identifying its top economic development projects, workforce training needs, or transportation projects to be included in the submitted CEDS document. Other economic updates were provided by partners in the Alliance including Fairfield County, Cities of Canal Winchester, Lancaster and Pickerington.



Patty Huddle, Columbus 2020 and Dennis Mingyar, Buckeye Power attend Alliance Meeting



Pat Spires and Commissioner Dave Levacy

FNB LOAN PROGRAM FOR DOWNTOWN

In October of 2013, Fairfield National Bank announced the offering of \$1,000,000 committed for loans to property owners and those interested in purchasing commercial buildings in downtown Lancaster.

FNB is pleased to announce that the original \$1,000,000 has been committed to borrowers and the bank is offering another \$1,000,000 available for qualified projects.

Scott Reed, Vice President / Commercial Lender said, "It has been really exciting to see the interest in this program and we look forward to working with more business owners to improve additional downtown properties." Qualified projects must include improvements to the exterior fa-

cade, but the projects can also include interior improvements. This special program is available until December 31, 2014 .

Basic Program Requirements

- Used to improve facades and the interior of commercial/business properties with downtown Lancaster business district.
- Rate would be fixed for 10 years at Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 1.00%. Minimum rate is 4.25%
- Term would usually be 10 years but would consider up to a 15 year amortization with a balloon payment in 10 years.

- The standard bank fee would be waived for this program but borrower would be responsible for any third party loan expense.
- A 2% of the original loan amount prepayment penalty would be charged if refinanced by another financial institution prior to loan maturity.
- Each request will be reviewed based on the strength of the project and the borrower. Borrower must qualify under the banks normal underwriting guidelines.

For more information on the program please call Scott Reed at 740.681.8213



FACADE GRANTS

The [Baltimore Downtown Restoration Committee](#) and the Baltimore Village Council work in partnership to assist commercial property owners in the downtown business districts and Market Street Overlay District to finance permanent, visible facade improvements to commercial properties.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to exterior paint, new windows, siding, awnings, transoms, landscape improvements, and sidewalk repairs.

For more information or to get the forms, please go to the [BDRC website](#).

SBA FREE FINANCING WEBINARS

The Small Business Administration Columbus District Office will present a FREE webinar for small business owners and entrepreneurs through ATT Connect. This webinar will provide information about financing options for your business; SBA loans, programs and services; how to apply for a loan; and, what to include in your business plan.

The webinar should last about 40 minutes with a Q&A at the end. ATT Connect is a call-in and web site login conferencing system which provides an audio presentation over the phone and a video presentation over the internet.

All that is needed to participate is a computer with internet access and a phone to call a toll-free number. This webinar will be offered in 2014 on the following dates and times:

The Webinar is FREE, but registration is required so that you may receive instructions and the access code needed to participate.

You may register by contacting Robin Wotring at (614)469-6860 x282 or rob.in.wotring@sba.gov. Please indicate which webinar session you wish to attend.

Dates & Times

July 15	2pm
August 14	11am
September 9	2pm
October 9	11am
November 4	2pm
December 4	11am

SBA COURSES FOR YOUR BUSINESS

[Encore Entrepreneurs: An Introduction to Starting Your Own Business:](#) Planning to start a business after earlier career endeavors? Learn how to use the skills and wisdom you have collected on your new entrepreneurial journey as you go from idea to business reality.

[Encore Entrepreneurship for Women:](#) This course is for women over the age of 50 who are interested in pursuing a second career and launching their own business. Get the resources you need to help you go from idea, to start up and beyond

If you're a woman-owned small business looking to contract with the federal government and seeking assistance on how to navigate in the federal procurement arena, we have good news that can help! [Read more](#)

[Affordable Care Act 101 Webinars](#)

The SBA and Small Business Majority will continue to host free Affordable Care Act 101 weekly webinars so small business owners can learn the basics of the Affordable Care Act and how they can enroll in health insurance marketplaces.

July 3 at 2 PM ET: [Click to Register](#)
 July 10 at 2 PM ET: [Click to Register](#)
 July 17 at 2 PM ET: [Click to Register](#)
 July 24 at 2 PM ET: [Click to Register](#)
 July 31 at 2 PM ET: [Click to Register](#)
 August 7 at 2 PM ET: [Click to Register](#)
 August 14 at 2 PM ET: [Click to Register](#)
 August 21 at 2 PM ET: [Click to Register](#)

[Worker Classification: What's at Stake?](#)

When you need help to run your business, you have to decide whether to hire an employee or outsource the work to an independent contractor. But you can't

simply attach a label to a worker and make it stick; it all depends on the degree of control that you exercise. Here's what's at stake for your decisions and actions.

[Read more](#)

[New Online Courses](#)

[Buying a Business:](#) Are you looking to buy an existing business? Take this course to learn about the advantages and disadvantages of buying a business, how to determine business value, resources to help you and more.

[Finding and Attracting Investors:](#) Do you need help finding the right investors for your small business? Learn how investors affect your business with this self-paced online course. Topics include determining the need for outside financing, defining what an investor is, where to find them and more.

BUILDING YOUR OWN WEBSITE

These days, every small business needs a website. But it's a misconception that you need a lot of money to create an effective Web presence for your business or brand.

Here's a list of 23 free and low-cost website building tools that will have your website looking shiny and professional in no time at all.

[23 Website Building Tools to Rock Your Business](#)



GO BOLD ★ GO GUTSY ★ TAKE RISKS

Women Educating Women is hosting its fourth annual conference August 16, 2014, at the Columbus State Community College Conference Center. WEW partnered with the Small Business Development Center, SBA, and women's groups: Dames Bond, Awesome Women in Business, Women's Life and others. This year's theme is "Go bold ★ Go gutsy ★ Take risks."

The conference keynote speaker is Dr. Vrunda Davé. Dr. Davé is publisher of Savvy Biz Women, an online publication for professional women and business owners.

Available on your Apple iPad Newsstand and via the Web, Savvy Biz Women is built on a vision Vrunda calls Entrefemism, the celebration of the genius of women who are empowering themselves globally through entrepreneurship.

Vrunda empowers women entrepreneurs by cutting through information overwhelm and bringing them the best business education so that they can build a business they love without wasting precious time, money, and energy. As a passionate mom-preneur herself, Vrunda inspires and educates women entrepreneurs to stand out in a noisy marketplace, take consistent action,

and master the art of marketing and sales. Her personal mission is to help women become unstoppable so they can achieve freedom, wealth, and bliss in business and life!

Dr. Davé has partnered exclusively with Women Educating Women to offer free 1-year Savvy Biz Women subscriptions to the Ohio business community. Attendance at the conference is not required to obtain this bonus. Free subscription details may be found at www.WomenEducatingWomen2Day.org/get-your-free-subscription-before-the-conference/.

Six breakout sessions after Dr. Davé's morning keynote address range in topics from "Power Patterns in Negotiating" to "Creating the Architecture for Your Business Expansion" to "Don't Go It Alone: Joint Venturing," among others. Women business owners with significant and practical experience in their field lead each breakout session.

The conference also showcases a marketplace where women business owners can promote their businesses and products or services. Vendors may reserve a table in the marketplace at www.WomenEducatingWomen2Day.org/events/exhibitors/.

Women Educating Women is a local non-profit headquartered in Canal Winchester that provides educational opportunities for women business owners and professionals in Ohio.

This is the nonprofit's fourth annual conference, which usually draws several hundred women from around the state. The conference is held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration for the conference can be made online at the organization's website, www.WomenEducatingWomen2Day.org/register/.



Dr. Vrunda Davé

BWC CHANGING BILLING CYCLES

BWC is changing the way it bills for workers' compensation coverage to better serve Ohio employers.

For decades, the agency has billed for employer premiums after-the-fact. It will begin billing in advance of coverage starting July 1, 2015 for private employers and Jan. 1, 2016 for public employers. This change will align BWC with standard industry billing practices.

Due to the switch to prospective billing, a number of deadlines for plan and program sign-ups are changing as well. Among them is the snapshot date for experience calculation: for private employers, that date is Sept. 30. For public employers enrolling for the 2016 policy year, it will be March 31, 2015.

Here's a breakdown of other key date changes. Note that the public employer dates below relate to the January 1, 2016 rate year. The dates for the January 1, 2015 rate year remain unchanged:

- Group experience rating: Nov. 24, 2014 for private employers (July 1, 2015 rate year) and May 29, 2015 for public employers (January 1, 2016 rate year);
- Group-retrospective rating, Deductible Program, Individual-retrospective rating, One Claim Program: Jan. 30, 2015 for private employers and July 31, 2015 for public employers;
- Destination: Excellence: May 29, 2015 for private employers and Nov. 30, 2015 for public employers.

Benefits of prospective billing include reduced overall systems costs for the agency, and in turn, an expected overall base rate reduction of two percent for private employers and four percent for public employers. It will give BWC an increased ability to detect non-compliance and fraud, which will lead to long-term savings.

Also, more flexible payment options will be available with prospective billing – up to 12 installment payments instead of semi-annual billing.

The transition won't cost Ohio employers any extra money. BWC will provide a one-time, \$1.2 billion premium credit to eliminate the need for double payments during the transition.

PICKERINGTON SURVEY

The Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce is always trying to serve the membership at the highest level. Please take a few minutes and complete its member survey.

This survey was created by PACC's Benefits Committee.

Use the following link to access the survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NPST2ZM>



BALTIMORE COMMUNITY SURVEY



The BDRC is conducting a very important [Community Survey](#) to assist in long range planning, and helping organizations better serve the residents of Baltimore and surrounding community.

Please take 5 minutes to complete this

short survey.

The Baltimore Area Chamber and Baltimore Museum also will be helping to conduct the survey and results will be shared with organizations to help better serve Baltimore.

OCTOBER IS OHIO MANUFACTURING MONTH

On October 4, 2013, more than 825 manufacturers in 48 states opened their doors to more than 35,000 guests* in a national effort to showcase what careers in manufacturing are – and are not. There are many myths and misconceptions surrounding these careers and these events help to show students, parents, educators and legislators that manufacturing is alive and well across the United States and that there is great career potential in these jobs. This year, the nationally recognized Manufacturing Day is October 3.

In Ohio, a [state-wide collaborative effort](#) goes into Ohio Manufacturing Month,

which occurs during the entire month of October. [Ohio House Bill 77](#) was passed in April of 2013, designating October as Manufacturing Month.

Tours and open houses, hosted by manufacturers, provide parents, students, educators and legislators with an opportunity to see, first-hand, the career potential that lies within factory walls.

In 2014, PolymerOhio and OH! Manufacturing are stepping up their effort by organizing tours of manufacturing facilities for educators, in addition to student tours.

Helping educators understand what Manufacturing Month is about and what their students will experience is important in the effort to later organize tours for students.

We will be working with career and technical centers as well as manufacturers in our 11-county OH!Manufacturing region to organize these tours, which will occur over the next several months.

Beginning in August, we will begin working with educators and manufacturers to organize various types of events to highlight the significance of manufacturing to Ohio's economy.

GET INVOLVED WITH OHIO MANUFACTURING

[Manufacturing Month Overview for Manufacturers](#)

[Manufacturing Month – Host an Educational Fair](#)

[Manufacturing Month – Provide a Tour or Open House](#)

[Manufacturing Month – Career and Technical Centers](#)

[Manufacturing Month – Public Schools](#)

[Manufacturing Month – Create a Manufacturing Community](#)

*[Manufacturing Day Site](#)

For More Details on
How You Can Participate
Or
Do You Need More Information

Contact
Kirbie Earley
PolymerOhio
614.776.5720

OHIO MEANS JOBS IS FOR STUDENTS TOO

Ohio took a big step forward in connecting students with jobs and careers when Gov. John Kasich announced the new and enhanced OhioMeansJobs.com website. It's an all-in-one resource for educators and their students, enabling our children with unprecedented online assistance in charting a road to a promising career.

A Career Pathways feature of the online service is designed to help students better understand the different kinds of jobs available in each industry, in-demand occupations here in Ohio, how much education is required for each and the

average pay. It also provides students with a roadmap for what they need to do to get to the kinds of jobs they want to have.

The website allows students to upload a resume and have it graded for free, find internships, and discover what colleges fit their interests. Their Career Profile can generate suggestions for career options that match their education and interests. Students also can search jobs and internships posted by Ohio employers and create career plans, saving them all in a virtual "backpack" for later reference.

The website also is being promoted to employers, who can search thousands of resumes on the site.

OhioMeansJobs.com can be a powerful tool for schools, both in helping upper-grades career-tech students make a seamless entry to the workforce and as an instructional tool to help lower-grades students begin connecting school and future work.

Please start promoting OhioMeansJobs.com to your students, teachers, counselors and parents right away. This tool is too good to pass up.

INNOVATIVE COUNTY EFFORTS RECOGNIZED

Fairfield County was recently recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACo) for implementing innovative practices to better serve area residents. Fairfield County won a NACo Achievement Award for its program to improve transparency and develop communication strategies for stakeholders. The Achievement Award was given in the category of County Administration and Management.

The purpose of the program being honored was to improve access to information. The county website was upgraded. The assessment of the website in terms of the "Sunshine Review" by advocates improved from a D- to an A-. Further, the response time for public records requests improved. A majority of

requests are now answered within one day. Carri Brown, Executive Director of the Commission, led a work group for the initiative.

"While it is always nice to be recognized for innovative work, it is especially gratifying that the initiative led to improved transparency and easier access to information." Ms. Brown gave credit to the Commission's department heads and administrative staff who worked on the initiative, including Rachel Elsea, the Commissioners' Clerk. "Rachel Elsea has done an excellent job managing the social media aspects of the Commission," she added. Further, a partnership with Ohio University-Lancaster was helpful in the effort. The university provided an intern for the project.

The NACo Achievement Award program recognizes counties for improving the management of and services provided by county government. Since the program's inception in 1970, the NACo Achievement Award program has honored thousands of county government initiatives that have improved service delivery, achieved greater cost efficiency, provided finer customer service, and helped to develop a trained work force.

In 2014, five of Ohio's 88 counties were honored with seven Achievement Awards. Summit, Franklin, Hamilton, and Montgomery counties join Fairfield in earning recognition for innovative county government programs.

COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENTS



The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners appointed Mrs. Carri Brown as the new **County Administrator**. Mrs. Brown, a certified government financial manager with 25 years

of leadership experience in local government, holds a Master of Business Administration from Ohio University and is a Ph.D. candidate.

In her role as County Administrator, Mrs. Brown will serve as the chief administrative official of the county under

the direction and supervision of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commission President, Mike Kiger, stated, "The time is right for the Commission to appoint a county administrator, and we are thrilled to appoint Mrs. Brown given the dedication and excellence she has demonstrated in county government."

The Commissioners appointed Mr. Jeffrey Porter as the new **County Human Resources Director**. Mr. Porter has over 15 years of experience working in both the private and public sectors.

The Human Resources Director is responsible for administering all aspects of the County's Human Resources Department. Responsibilities include administering benefits, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, and risk management programs as well as conducting employee recruitment, retention, and development initiatives.

Commission President, Mike Kiger, stated, "The Commission is thrilled to appoint Mr. Porter and believes he is the best candidate for the job."





BUSINESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS



The Fairfield County ADAMH Board and The Recovery Center are excited to make available this summer to all sectors of the business community, at no cost to the business community, substance abuse prevention workshops.

Here are some of the possible topics for you to consider:

- ◆ Preventing Prescription Drug Abuse: Addressing Workplace Issues (such as supervisor's/ manager's response to drug use, what employees should do if drug use is suspected, support of co-workers, drug-testing issues)
- ◆ Preventing Prescription Drug Abuse: Warning signs of drug abuse/Treatment Options

- ◆ Opioid and Narcotic Painkillers: Know the Benefits, Understand the Dangers

The workshop(s) can be formatted to fit a variety of venues.

- ◆ Lunch and Learn (invite employees to bring their lunches to a central place and listen to a program while eating)
- ◆ Staff Meeting, Department Meeting
- ◆ Small Health Fair (Employees could come anytime during a designated time period and not only find resources on a wide variety of topics, but be able to ask the prevention specialists individual questions).

The workshops can also be offered at a variety of times: mornings, afternoons, evenings.

If you wish to have other prevention topics presented that you feel would benefit employees, just ask.

Contact Traci Mason, Chief Operations Officer, at the Recovery Center, 740-687-4500 or tmason@therecoverycenter.org to schedule a class or gain more information.

Prevent Drugs



GAME TABLES & WIRELESS DOWNTOWN

The Downtown Placemaking Committee of Destination Downtown Lancaster checked two items off of their 2014 Wish List. The committee is dedicated to creating beautiful and active public spaces and a great 'sense of place.'

Incoming Sherman Rotary president Kermit Welty serves on the committee and obtained a Rotary grant for new checker/chess board game tables.

Thank you for making downtown your Signature Project, Sherman Rotary! DDL will be providing game pieces soon. Thank you also to Pierce Construction for spending their morning installing the tables as a donation to DDL.

DDL Supporter Amanda Strigle heard that Wi-Fi in the parks was on our wish list, and lobbied City of Lancaster Parks & IT to make it happen.

You can now use 'ZaneSq1' (Bandstand area) and 'ZaneSq2' (Fountain) networks.

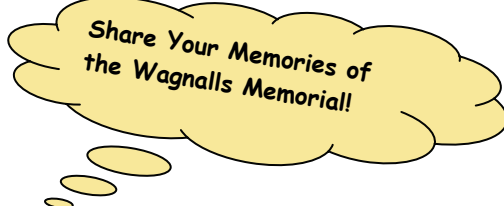


Downtown Lancaster Available Properties

listing now available in [map](#) form.

[Click here](#) to view and click on symbols for full description of each property.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions about bringing your business here or investing in downtown real estate. Downtown property owners, let them know if you have a listing! E-mail [Kate](#) or call (740)653-8251



The Wagnalls Memorial is delighted to invite you, your friends, and relatives for an "informal" social evening. Stop in and enjoy a sampling of wine, beer and cheeses as you view two original Norman Rockwell paintings now on permanent display.

Take the time to share your memories of The Wagnalls Memorial! Remember when your 8th grade graduation was held here? Or when you paid 10 cents to watch a movie in the auditorium! We would love for you to spread the word about the July 17 event being held from 7-9pm.

HISTORICAL MARKER

A dedication ceremony will be held **Friday, July 11 at 5pm** for a new Ohio Historical Marker for the John Bright Number 2 Covered Bridge on the Ohio University Lancaster Campus.

The bridge was built in 1881. It originally spanned Poplar Creek near Carroll, but was relocated to the Lancaster Campus for preservation in April of 1988.

To celebrate the bridge and its history, a video presentation and panel discussion about the bridge will be held from **3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Raymond S. Wilkes Gallery for the Visual Arts** prior to the 5pm ceremony. These events are free and open to the public.

July 16-26

[Lancaster Festival](#)

Ohio University Lancaster
and [various locations in Lancaster](#)

Phone: 740-687-4808

[E-mail](#)



August 1 & 2

[Canal Winchester Blues & Ribs Fest](#)

Aug. 1st 5pm-11pm, 2nd 12pm-11 pm
Historic Downtown Canal Winchester



August 1 - 2

[Fairfield County Hot Air Balloon Festival](#)

Fairfield County Airport

6:30am-10 pm

Phone: (614) 207-5030



August 27-30

[Millersport Sweet Corn Festival](#)

Millersport Historic Lions Park

Aug. 27th-29th 5pm-11pm

Aug 30th 11am-11pm



Sept. 5 - 6

[Lithopolis Honeyfest](#)

The Wagnall's Memorial Foundation

150 E Columbus St.

Sept. 5 1pm-8pm*** Sept 6 9am-7pm

Phone: 614-837-2031

[Email](#)

[Schedule of Events](#)



August 21-23

[Carroll Old Timers Festival](#)

Downtown Carroll

[Email](#)

[More info](#)



RLF LOANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

HISTORY

The Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) was created in 1992, using grants from two separate agencies – the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), Office of Housing and Community Partnerships, through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Matching funds were contributed by the City of Lancaster and Fairfield County.

The purpose of the Revolving Loan Fund is to assist new or existing small businesses achieve their goals and create jobs in Fairfield County.

Typical loans range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 with a fixed rate that is generally 2 points below prime at the time of application. Terms vary according to collateral and may be up to 20 years.

The EDA Revolving Loan Fund may be used throughout Fairfield County, while the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund cannot be used within the City of Lancaster or City of Canal Winchester.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Loans may be made to private, for-profit businesses located in Fairfield County. Applicants may be in the manufacturing, agribusiness, wholesale, service and/or retail sectors and must have fewer than 200 employees. All taxes must be current and an Equal Opportunity Employment policy must be in place and followed.

Loan applications may need to be prioritized. Criteria may include the enterprise's ownership, (women or minorities), number of jobs created, industry, and/or reinvestment in an existing facility.

Funds received from the Revolving Loan Fund may be used to purchase land or an existing building, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, inventory, and a limited amount of working capital. Funds cannot be used to restructure existing debt.

An application must be processed before a project begins.

HOW TO APPLY

Speak with a private lender first. The Revolving Loan Fund can only lend money in conjunction with a lending institution. RLF participation is determined by the lenders willingness to participate in the project.

The application package requires the same information as your bank, including tax returns, a business plan for start-ups, financial reports and projections for existing, expanding businesses, a personal financial statement, and a signed application detailing the project and requested use of funds.

The RLF process from application to loan approval and disbursement of funds can take from 6 weeks to 4 months, depending upon the project and fund requirements.

The application is presented to the Loan Review Committee. This committee discusses the application and reviews the strength of the borrower and viability of the proposed project. Plan ahead, ask your commercial lender if the RLF can be a participant in your project. .

LOAN FUND BALANCES

As of July 1, 2014

EDA \$ 489,081.20
CDBG \$ 115,659.24

Scheduled Loan Review Committee (LRC) Meetings

July 15, 2014
August 19, 2014
September 15, 2014

Loan applications should be received in the Fairfield County Economic Development office at least one week prior to a scheduled LRC meeting
If possible.

740.652.7160

ARE YOU READY TO START A BUSINESS ?

Many people dream of having their own business. To see if starting a business is right for you, ask yourself some important questions.

The questions at the right will help you identify your readiness to start a business. [Click Here](#) for a Free Readiness Assessment.

When you are ready, call Fairfield County Economic Development to help make your dream a reality.

- ◇ Am I prepared to spend the time, money & resources needed to get started?
- ◇ What kind of business do I want?
- ◇ What products/services will my business provide?
- ◇ Why am I starting a business?
- ◇ How much money do I need to get my business set up?
- ◇ Who are my customers and who is my competition?
- ◇ Will I need to get a loan?
- ◇ Do I have professional people to help me ** a banker, a lawyer, an accountant?
- ◇ What will be the legal structure of the company?
- ◇ How long can I finance the company until I start making a profit?

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Make Fairfield County
Your Advantage!



**Farmers' Markets
Baltimore**

Fridays 4-7pm
Old Basil Western Firehouse

Bremen

Saturdays 9am-Noon
119 W Main St

Bremen Produce Auction

Tues & Fri Noon
1151 Mt Zwingli Road

Carroll

Every other Sunday
Noon-3pm
Bessie Benton Park

Lancaster

Tuesdays 3-6pm
Kroger's' lot on Main St
Saturdays 8am-Noon
JFS Parking Lot

Olde Pickerington

Thursdays 4-7pm
89 North Center St

CHAMBER & BUSINESS EVENTS

RECURRING CHAMBER NETWORKING LUNCHEONS
*RSVP's Needed [Visit Chamber website or call]
Location and time may vary with a Special Event*

Lancaster/Fairfield : First Wednesday at 11:30am at 230 North Columbus Street
Baltimore : Second Tuesday at 6:00pm at Baltimore VFW Post 3761
Canal Winchester : Second Wednesday at 11:30am at 22 Trine Street [Senior Center]
Pickerington: Third Thursday at 11:30 at 150 Hereford Drive [Senior Center]
Bremen: Fourth Tuesday at Noon at 161 Carter Street [Bremen Historical Society]

- July 2: Automotive Museum Ribbon Cutting~45 E Waterloo~Canal Winchester~4pm
- July 3: [Pickerington Economic Development Meeting](#) ~ 100 Lockville Rd. ~ 8:30-9:30am
- July 11: [Women's Leadership Coalition Meeting](#) ~ ML Dance Academy ~ 8 am-9
- July 18: [Women of Winchester Networking Coffee](#)~Hidden Lakes Winery~8: 30 am-9:30
- Aug 6: Chamber Economic Update~ The Lodge~ 11:30am~RSVP 740.653.8251
- Aug 28: Athena Banquet~ Lancaster County Club~ 5:30pm
- Sept 4: A Taste of Fairfield County Agriculture~1200 Delmont Road~4:30pm

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- July 4: [Lancaster-Fairfield County 4th of July Celebration](#)~Fairgrounds
- July 4: [Pickerington and Violet Township July 4th Celebration](#)~Victory Park~ 4-11 pm
- July & Aug: [Friday Night Bandstand](#) ~Main & Broad St., Lancaster~ 7 pm
- July & Aug:[Pickerington Summer Concert Series](#)~Sycamore Park Amphitheater~ 7 pm
- July - Nov:[Bremen in Review](#) ~ Bremen Area Museum ~ Sat & Sundays 2-6 pm
- July 6: [Baltimore Museum Exhibits](#)~209 E Market St, Baltimore ~ Sundays 1-5 pm
- July 11: [Pickerington Community Theatre Production: "The Music Man"](#) ~ Times Vary
- July 12: [Tour de Cause](#) ~ Ohio University Lancaster ~ Times Vary
- July 20 - Aug 3: [Ohio University Theatre Production: Cinderella](#) ~Times Vary
- Aug 2: FREE Community HealthFest~1965 N. Columbus St~9am-Noon~740.687.8007
- Aug 15-17:[Antique Tractor Show](#) ~ Alley Park ~ Times Vary
- August 16: Alley Park Pancake Breakfast ~ Nature Education Center ~ 8-11 am