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DDL Opportunity

Clean Up Day
April 25
8am to Noon

[More Details](#)



MARTIN PARTITIONS TO BUILD



Martin Partitions, your ONE-Stop source for packaging partitions, die-cut, plain, and slotted pads and providing the right partition for your packaging application announces they will build and expand to a thirty thousand

(30,000) square foot building that will be located in Rock Mill Industrial Park, Lancaster, Ohio.

Martin Partitions was founded forty (40) years ago by the Martin family and was purchased in 2007 by the current owners Bruce and Tammy Miller. As full time partners in the business, the Millers have kept a family culture in their business while growing the company to a leader in the industry for quality, cost, and customer centric that reaches customers in a three hundred mile radius.

The company has out grown its' eleven thousand (11,000) square foot facility and has purchased enough land in the Rock Mill Park to build a thirty thousand square foot facility that is designed to be able to double that size on site.

"Our search for new space has taken over two years. We looked from the south side of Columbus to Lancaster and almost everywhere in between. We were open to existing buildings, either for sale or for lease and raw land to build on. In the end, building in Lancaster, in the Rock Mill Park was the best all-around choice" Bruce and Tammy Miller, Owners.

"The Millers are great stewards of business management and are real people persons obvious by their growth and the success stories of employees from their partnership with the Refuge. Their business compliments Lancaster's manufacturing industries and the Lancaster community is excited to partner in their growth" R. Michael Pettit, Lancaster Economic Development Director.

More- www.martinpartitions.com

ODOT SR 256 PROJECT BEGINS



The highly anticipated ODOT safety and beautification construction project along State Route 256, beginning soon, will positively impact residents and businesses who depend on this important corridor. The \$8.1M project is being funded with over \$7M in grants and should be completed by fall 2015.

Enhancements include adding a southbound lane from the Marcus Signal to Refugee Road; additional northbound lanes from SR 204, medians in selected locations; complete resurfacing of six miles of SR 256; new street trees; upgrade of sidewalks and ADA-compliant curb ramps.

During the construction process, City of Pickering-

ton officials will be in direct communication with ODOT to ensure that needs and concerns are addressed.

Some identified traffic impacts include:

All existing northbound lanes open 6-9am
All existing southbound lanes open 4-7pm
Minimum of one lane open north and south at all times
Paving done at night (8pm-6am)

Traffic signal timing disturbances will occur which could increase travel time along the corridor. The City will monitor traffic and work to reduce impacts as much as possible.

Pickerington staff will serve as a local liaison to ODOT 256 project managers. Please contact the dedicated 256 hotline 614.382.5500 or email the staff at PavingForProgress@pickerington.net should you have any problems or concerns through the duration of this important safety project.

COUNTY MAJOR EMPLOYERS FOR 2014

The list of Fairfield County's Major Employers for 2014 is now available on the Fairfield County Economic Development (FCED) website. The list includes employers in the private and public sectors. [Click here](#) to view the complete list. The list can be accessed anytime by going to the department's website at www.businesscounty.com on the Community Profile page.

Research for this project was complet-

ed by Amber Fitzpatrick with FCED. Because there is no one source for this local data, all data was compiled directly from each company via phone call or email.

Major employers in the public sector fall into the categories of education and government while health care and manufacturing continue to dominate the private sector numbers.

The private sector list is led by Fairfield Medical Center with 1864 employees, followed by Anchor Hocking counting 900 employees. Beyond those two employers, Fairfield County displays a diversity of companies with 75-300 employees.

Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to 740.652.7160.

ALLIANCE BOARD HEARS OF PROJECTS



Central Ohio's Road to Opportunity

Board members and investors of the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance met March 13, 2015 for a first quarter board meeting at the Fairfield County District Library.

The Alliance Operations Team has awarded Silverlode Consulting from Cleveland, Ohio to create a Strategic Economic Development Analysis Plan for the county. It will direct and help identify the needed actions for the Alliance in the important areas of Business Attraction and Retention. A workforce development component will also be in this plan. Silverlode will analyze the Alliance efforts to date and define future action steps for Economic Development.

Mike Pettit, City of Lancaster announced that the Lancaster Port Authority will be constructing a 50,000 SF spec building to meet requirements for some state leads. While the county is land "rich" it is building "poor" in being able to meet requirements for state leads. Many vacant buildings do not meet the requirements for state projects.

Pettit continues work on site certification efforts at the old Lancaster Glass Site on South Ewing Street. AEP has been a partner in this work. When completed in August 2015, this site will be the third site certified in the county. Other certified sites include locations at Rock Mill Industrial Park and Canal Pointe Industrial Park.

Pettit is working on other leads that have large investment potential. More details will be made available if discussions come to successful conclusions.

Lucas Haire, City of Canal Winchester, has entered into an option agreement with Excel to design the layout of a BTS 423,000 SF building that can be completed in 9 months. This effort again addresses the needs of state leads that are looking for buildings of a certain size and ceiling height. Haire also announced a manufacturing company will expand its current facility by 35,000SF and add 30-40 new jobs. Buckeye Power Sales is building is constructing a 19,000SF facility to house it generator sales operations. A medical needs production company is relocating to the area and is expected to spend \$400K in facility upgrades and purchase about \$500K in equipment.

Pickerington enters its bicentennial year with the 256 Project [profiled on page 1 of this newsletter], and housing starts have

increased. The 75 acres in Violet Township that fronts on SR 33 is back on the market.

Bob Clark, Fairfield County Economic Development Director. Update the Board on the activities of the Workforce Development Committee. This committee, comprised of educators and economic development officials, has designed and released a survey to identify the staffing needs of the manufacturing community. The survey should also reveal the training needs that would enable job applicants to become employees. This committee hopes to invite the local businesses into the process soon and have them become the third component of the process to create a skilled workforce to meet local workforce needs.

Dennis Mingyar of Buckeye Power announced a company initiative with South Central Power that will provide local grants to aid in site certification. More details on this program should be released soon.

The [Fairfield 33 Development Alliance](#), formed in 2007, is a public-private partnership formed to market the Fairfield 33 corridor and the county for business attraction and retention. If you would like more information on the Alliance, please call Bob Clark, 740.652.7160.

CARROLL INTERCHANGE WORK BEGINS



The \$49M Carroll Interchange Project has begun with brush clearing and tree cutting. The new interchange will eliminate traffic tie up at Winchester Road with the removal of the light. Ramps and new connector roads will be the new way around. The project will include three new signaled intersections, four new bridge structures, new lighting and retaining walls. The much needed changed

will aid congestion and promote safety.

Travelers can expect to see barrels barriers, lane shifts and lane closures and evening work this spring. However, road closures will not take place until after June 2015.

More Information, [click here](#) or [Here](#).

MILLER NOW BUSINESS SERVICE MANAGER

Fairfield County Job and Family Services recently conducted a reorganization effort within the Workforce Development Department to better meet the employment needs of area business.



Corey Clark, Chief Deputy Director of Child Support Enforcement and Strategic Initiatives, has taken on the role of overseeing the Workforce Development Department.

Clark

Mike Miller, Business Services Manager, is now responsible for all business services for the Department and will be working closely with area employers to offer

the following services:

- Assist employers with posting jobs on OhioMeansJobs.com and on internal job board
- Collect and pre-screen applications/resumes to company's specifications
- Provide access to Job and Family Services facilities for conducting on-site interviews, orientations and training
- Provide reference materials for interviewing, selecting appropriate candidates and boosting employee morale
- Conduct annual Job Fairs to promote local businesses and connect them with prospective employees
- Connect employers with state and federal employment programs such

as On-the-Job Training, Work Opportunity Tax Credit and Incumbent Worker Training

Fairfield County Job and Family Services recognizes the importance of serving the employer community and is dedicated to utilizing agency resources to connect employers with prospective employees.

If you would like more information about the business services offered by Fairfield County Job and Family Services, please contact Mike Miller at 740-808-3241.



Miller

BUSINESSES NEEDED FOR JOB FAIR MAY 11

Congressman Steve Stivers is hosting a Job Fair Monday May 11, 2015 from 10am to 4pm. Site will be at Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center at 2201 Fred Taylor Drive in Columbus.

There is no cost for businesses to display at this event. To participate please contact Kevin Watters, Office of Congressman Stivers at 614.771.4968 or email him at Kevin.Watters@mail.house.gov

[Click Here](#) for the Application.

As part of the economic engine that helps the nation run, businesses play a most important role in turning around the economy, and Stivers hopes your business will consider participating in this event.

[Click Here](#) to view the flier.



“By working together we can make a difference in meeting the economic challenges facing our local communities.”

APPRENTICESHIP NOMINEES SOUGHT

The Office of Apprenticeship is accepting nominations for new members of the Secretary of Labor's Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship. The mission of the ACA is to provide advice and recommendations on the development and implementation of policies, legislation and regula-

tions affecting Registered Apprenticeship.

The ACA provides a diversity of perspectives with members representing the employer, labor and public sectors. Interested parties may submit nominations no later than April 17 to oa.administrator@dol.gov

with the subject line "ACA nomination." All submissions, must include a letter of support and the individual's bio and resume.

- [Learn More About Apprenticeship](#)

WOMEN IN MANUFACTURING

In today's industry, women are an untapped resource, representing 50% of the general workforce and only a quarter of the manufacturing workforce.

In order for the U.S. manufacturing industry to reach its full potential and become a global leader, women must be recognized as a priority for future employment. Women provide creativity, construct a different perspective, generate thought leadership, and make manufacturing strong. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



PRECISION MACHINING TECHNOLOGY

As an opportunity for students to see precision machining innovation and technology up close, PMTS 2015 and NIMS present Student Day at PMTS 2015 on Thursday, April 23, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. On this day, registered educators and students of all ages will attend a short orientation and welcome session provided by Melanie Stover of NIMS. After the presentation, students will have the opportunity

to explore the show floor to visit exhibitors and discover new technologies, learn about potential career paths and earnings and engage with employers.

To register, [click here](#)

The entire event runs from April 21-23 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Click on the block to the right for all the details.

PMTS
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PRECISION MACHINING TECHNOLOGY SHOW

April 21-23, 2015 • Columbus, OH USA
Greater Columbus Convention Center



MAPPING REGIONAL CLUSTERS

The **U.S. Cluster Mapping Portal** ([ClusterMapping.us](#)) provides over 50 million open data records on industry clusters and regional business environments to promote economic growth and U.S. competitiveness. The project is led by Professor Michael Porter through Harvard Busi-

ness School's Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness in partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Economic Development Administration.

[The U.S. Department of Commerce](#)

showcases the "innovative and useful" **Cluster Mapping Tool** on [YouTube](#).



CHOOSE WISELY, GRASSHOPPER!

Fans of the [70s TV-show Kung Fu](#) will know that choosing wisely is everything. The same goes for choosing the right business name. Not only should you pick a name that reflects your brand identity, but you also need to ensure it is properly registered and protected for the long term. And be sure to give some thought to whether it's web-ready. Is the domain name even available?

[Here are some tips to help you](#) pick, register, and protect your business name.

GSA Auctions

Did you know that the General Services Administration (GSA) [auctions off surplus government property](#), from office furniture to automobiles and industrial machinery? They even auction off real estate. It's ideal for small businesses to get started, or for larger businesses to expand – at far less cost.

How Solid is Your Marketing Plan?

Marketing takes time, money, and lots of preparation. One of the best ways to prepare yourself is to develop a solid market-

ing plan. A strong marketing plan will ensure you're not only sticking to your schedule, but that you're spending your marketing funds wisely and appropriately. [Here are some tips for creating a marketing plan](#) that gets results.

Whether you're a small business or just doing marketing on a small budget, check out [SBA's Marketing library](#) where you can find practical advice on advertising, email marketing, telemarketing, and even product labeling, online advertising law and media relations.

SBA SITES FOR WOMEN

SBA and Microsoft have launched [InnovateHER](#), a business challenge focused on innovative products and services that make women's lives better. Through partnerships with our Women's Business Centers, Small Business Development Centers, SCORE chapters, accelerators, incubators, and other organizations, InnovateHER provides an opportunity for entrepreneurs to showcase products or services that have a measurable impact on the lives of

women and families, have the potential for commercialization, and fill a need in the marketplace.

Webinar on [How Women Entrepreneurs Can Get the Funding They Need to Grow](#) March 31, 3-4 pm ET. Learn about the funding options available to women business owners and how to prepare a successful loan application. [Sign up](#) now.



OHIO BUSINESS MATCHMAKER

The Ohio Business Matchmaker is a unique event designed to bring together potential qualified suppliers with buyers from federal, state, local and prime contractors to fulfill their contracting needs and requirements.

Buyers and suppliers will have the opportunity to meet for 10 minutes in one-on-one sessions to discuss billions of dollars' worth of upcoming opportunities.

This event also provides training sessions aimed at guiding small, minority, veteran,

women and HUBZone businesses on requirements and expectations on how to do business with government agencies and prime contractors.

For registration information, please visit the website at www.OhioBusinessMatchmaker.com or call 937.775.3503. For General Questions call 614.466.2711

Registration Costs

Attendee: Early Bird \$95 thru 2/28
\$125 from 3/1 thru 4/20
\$175 at the door
Exhibitor: \$300
Buyers : No Charge

LOCATION

Ervin J. Nutter Center
Wright State University
3640 Colonel Glenn Highway
Fairborn, OH 45324

April 28, 2015

1-5pm Pre-Conference Training
1-5pm Exhibits
5-7pm Business Teaming/Networking

April 29, 2015

8am-5pm
Business Matchmaker
Training & Exhibits

TAXPAYER ID THEFT: WHAT TO DO

The IRS stops and flags suspicious or duplicate federal tax returns that falsely represent your identity, such as your name or social security number. If the IRS suspects tax ID theft, the agency will send a [5071C letter](#) to your home address.

If you receive this letter, verify your

identity at idverify.irs.gov or call the toll-free number listed in the letter.

If you are a victim of state tax ID theft, contact your state's taxation department or comptroller's office about the next steps you need to take.



RETIREMENT SAVINGS MADE EASY

If you can't access a retirement plan sponsored by your job or you lack other retirement savings options, you could be eligible for a [MyRA account](#). MyRa is a new retirement savings plan backed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

It's an investment plan with:

- no risk of losing money
- no start-up costs or fees
- no minimum deposit requirement

MyRA does require:

- an automatic monthly contribution

- direct deposit through your employer
- a few minutes of your time to set up

Your MyRA account stays with you even if you change jobs! [Get the details](#), and sign up.

HISTORIC PARKS GET \$510K GRANT FOR 76A

The Fairfield County Historical Parks Commission has been awarded a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission's Clean Ohio Fund, Green Space Conservation Program. The grant totals \$510,000.00 and will be used to purchase approximately 76 acres of property currently in private hands.

The Historical Parks were able to apply for the grant thanks to the donation made by Ms. Deane Dorwart, whose gift of 42 acres in memory of her late husband, Mr. Robert Dorwart, provid-

ed the matching funds needed to secure the grant.

Park Director, Dave Fey said of the donation, "Ms. Dorwart's gift is a beautiful remembrance of her late husband and is a legacy to future generations in Fairfield County.

The area will be called the Stoney Hill Nature Preserve because of the large outcroppings of black hand sandstone found throughout the site. The preserve also features forest, field and wetland habitats as well as a sandstone ridge that

affords panoramic views of the surrounding valley.

Future plans include the development of a primitive trail system that will feature overlooks and viewing blinds, a picnic area with shelter, and visitor parking.

According to Fey, "The Board of Park Commissioners and I felt this was a worthy project to take on because not only does it contribute to the preservation of the area's natural beauty, but also it will enhance the recreational and educational opportunities available to the people of Fairfield County."

PACC *DAY OF ATHENA* SET FOR MAY 15



Join the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce as it presents a **Day of Athena Workshop and Awards Celebration**. The theme for this year's workshop is "Inspiring YOU to Make a Difference."

The event will take place at the Ohio University—Pickerington Center, 12933 Stonecreek Drive in Pickerington May 15 and will run from 8am to 1pm.

Workshop topics include "Communication Start with Listening" presented by Sue Jablonski of OhioHealth; and "Identify a Change You Care About" presented by Kathy Lowery from the Ohio National Guard.

It's not too late to nominate those deserving of the Athena Award, The Emerging Leader and the Youth Award. Visit the [PACC Chamber website](#) for nomination forms due April 1.

Make your reservation to attend by contacting the chamber site as well.



Workshop & Awards Luncheon \$65

Luncheon Only \$30

"UNCORKED" SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25

Uncorked: Wine and Beer Tasting is a showcase of Ohio Wines and Beers taking place in Baltimore, Ohio. Tokens are used to "pay" for your tasting sample of wine or beer. Each ticket is only \$15 per person, which includes 4 sample tokens. Additional tokens may be purchased 6 for \$5 or \$1 each at the event. To get your tickets go to: www.uncorked2015.eventbrite.com Or call 614-450-0237

Guests can sample various wines and beer, enjoy a variety of heavy Hors D'Ouvres, bid on a fantastic selection of silent auction items and get silly or serious in our "Photo Booth". Attendees can also get copies of their photos after the event!

All proceeds are to benefit the Victoria Opera House Restoration Project. To learn more about the LAST Opera House in Fair-

field County.

Please go to www.SaveTheVictoria.org



OHIO AUTHOR SPEAKS AT LIBRARY APRIL 7

Author Mindy McGinnis of *Not a Drop to Drink* and *In a Handful of Dust* will be holding a discussion and book signing at the Fairfield County District Library, Third Floor, 219 North Broad Street, Lancaster on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

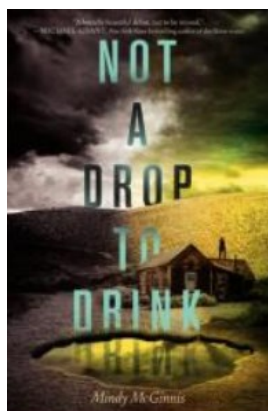
Not a Drop to Drink tells the futuristic story where water becomes more precious than gold. Teenager Lynn has been taught that she must defend her pond against all threats including strangers. Lynn in a frontier-like world has no use for the world beyond her pond. However, the arrival of new neighbors forces her to reconsider her attitudes.

McGinnis is an Assistant Young Adult Librarian who lives in Ohio. She graduated magna cum laude with a BA in English Literature and Religion from Otterbein University. McGinnis runs her own blog and workshops for aspiring writers.

McGinnis will have copies of books availa-

ble for sale as sponsored through the Friends of the Fairfield County District Library.

This event is free and open to the public.



Author Mindy McGinnis to speak at 6pm at the FCDL Garrett

DANCING WITH THE STARS MAY 8



The Lancaster Dancing with the Stars event is set for Friday, May 8, 2015 at Fisher Catholic High School at 6 pm.

"The fourth annual event will feature local celebrities dancing with professional dancers and raising funds to help the Partner with Youth campaign for the Robert K. Fox Family Y," according to Mike Lieber, Executive Director

This year the local celebrity dancers include Dr. Sarah Froman, Amanda Strigle and Ricki Chenault along with Sheriff Dave Phalen, John Smith and Nicholas Grilli. They will be paired with professionals representing ML Dance Academy. "ML Dance is proud to be part of the exciting and entertaining event to help children in Lancaster and Fairfield County," said Yulia and Joe Moriarty, owners of ML

Dance.

Each dancer will learn two dances and perform in front of their friends and three judges who will score their routines. Prizes are awarded for the best dancer, the dancer who raises the most money and the dancer who is most entertaining according to the crowd meter. "The real winners are the children who receive financial assistance for membership or program fees," said Lieber

Last year nearly 250 people were entertained. Tickets are now on sale at the YMCA. Tickets can be purchased at the Y for \$60 for individuals or a table of 8 can be purchased for \$425. Each ticket purchased receives a free drink. In addition to the evening of fun, each ticket holder receives dinner.

"We appreciate the past support that dancers have received raising funds over \$8,000 last year and we hope for that same response again this year. Dancers will be asking for community support through direct tax deductible gifts or through the purchase of tickets to the event," Lieber added.

Contact Mike Lieber at 654-0616 ext 248 for more information



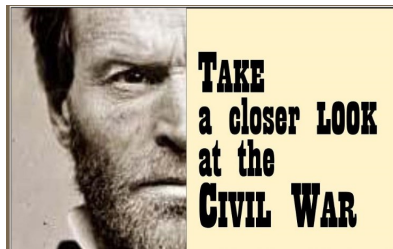
MUSEUMS OPEN APRIL 7

The Sherman House and Georgian Museums open for the season April 7. Come explore these early 19th century homes and learn about the remarkable families who lived there. The Sherman House is open from noon until 4 p.m. The Georgian is open from 1 until 4 p.m. Both museums are open Tuesday through Sunday, closed for major holidays.

The Fairfield Heritage Association Spring Meeting, hosted by the Civil War Roundtable, is scheduled for April 15. Popular Civil War speaker Robert E.L. Krick will present "Yellow Tavern, Sheridan & Jeb Stuart's Death" from 7-9 p.m., Main Library, 219 N. Broad St., Lancas-

ter. Doors open at 6:30

The event is free and open to the public. Donations encouraged. Reservations appreciated. Please call the FHA office at 740-654-9923.



Robert E. L. Krick grew up on the Chancellorville Battlefield near Richmond. He in turn has worked at the Custer Battlefield in Montana and the Manassas Battlefield in Virginia. Most recently Mr. Krick has been a historian on staff at the Richmond National Battlefield Park. His work on Confederate topics has been widely published in essay books and Civil War historical publications. Books include a regimental history of the 40th Virginia Infantry as well as *Staff Officers in Gray: A Biographical Register of the Staff Officers in the Army of Northern Virginia*.

RAY WYLIE HUBBARD AT OUL MAY 23



The *Covered Bridge Music Series* presents Singer/Songwriter Ray Wylie Hubbard May 23. He will perform behind Herrold Hall on the Ohio Univer-

sity Lancaster

A leading figure of the progressive country movement of the 1970s, Hubbard remains best known for authoring the perennial anthem "Up Against the Wall, Redneck Mother."

Hubbard is considered an elder statesman of

the Texas music scene. From New Braunfels, Texas, Hubbard hosts a Tuesday night radio show called "Roots & Branches". His highly anticipated next album, "The Ruffian's Misfortune," is due out April 7. Opening the show will be Houston, Texas native John Evans.

Tickets are on sale now at <http://www.ohio.edu/lancaster/events/coveredbridgemusicseries.cfm> Doors will open at 7 p.m.

Evans will begin at 8 p.m. Hubbard will start at 9 p.m. The Burrito Buggy food truck from Ohio University in Athens will be

on site and beverages will be for sale. Profits from the beverage sales go to support the series.

The Covered Bridge Music Series is a joint venture between Ohio University Lancaster Campus and The Lancaster Festival. The purpose of the partnership is to showcase fresh and relevant musical talent providing discovery and enjoyment for the campus and Fairfield County communities and the region.

The Covered Bridge Music Series concerts generally take place twice a year (spring and fall) on the Lancaster Campus of Ohio University.



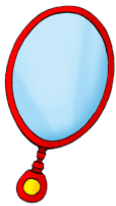
Do you love to draw?
 The Wagnalls Memorial has Art classes for children and adults!
 Wednesday's 4:00- 6:00p.m. and 6:00- 8:00p.m.
 For more information and to register, contact Teresa Satola at info@teresasatola.com



Ohio Museum of Glass Presents:

"THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS"

...reflections on the many uses of glass in our daily lives.



Exhibition Dates: March 21 ~ August 30

◇ Featuring - American Scientific Glassblowers Society and Lancaster Glass Collections. [More details!](#)

Art Exhibition of Dick Weiser

Canal Winchester resident and artist Dick Weiser will be displaying select pieces of his artwork along with 5 of his life-size carousel animals.

Saturday, April 11th - April 22nd
Monday - Thursday 10:30-7:30pm
Saturday's from 10:00-2:00pm
FREE admission

Wagnalls Memorial
150 East Columbus, Street
Lithopolis, OH 43136



Chocolate Walk

Ticket information

Friday, April 10, 2015
5:30 - 8:30pm

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 and approved before a project can begin.

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 March 30, 2015

EDA \$ 525,493.37
CDBG \$ 172,019.95

Scheduled Loan Review Committee (LRC) Meetings

April 21, 2015
May 19, 2015
June 16, 2015

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 for that next step where your passion can become a profit center, call Fairfield County Economic Development at 740.652.7160 to discuss some next steps!

- ◇ 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!



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 : June/Sept/Dec 1st Wednesday~11:30am~230 N Columbus St.
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]

- Mar 30:** Baltimore JOB FAIR ~ 700 South Main~1-4pm~Call 740.862.4491
- April 10:** State of the Schools ~ 11:30am ~Call 740.653.8251 for More and RSVP
- April 10:** Canal Winchester Chamber Annual Dinner~5:30pm~Wagnalls Memorial
- April 10:** Pickerington [Women's Leadership Coalition](#) ~ Brainstorming Session
- April 16:** [Membership Luncheon](#) ~How Social Media Brings Leads into your System
- April 16:** Safety Meeting Featuring Mark O'Brien, Black 7 ~ 11:30am ~ Eagles
- April 17:** Canal Winchester WOW Networking Coffee ~ 8:30-10:00am ~ [Details](#)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- April 4:** Open House at [Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Museum](#)
- April 10:** Downtown Lancaster Chocolate Walk ~5:30-8:30pm~ [Get Tickets](#)
- April 11-12:** Standing Stone Living History Trade Fair ~ Call 740.653.6081
- April 12:** [Pickerington Paws 5K](#)~1pm~Proceeds go to *Ohio Lions Pilot Dogs*
- April 17-19:** Star Family Circus ~ Fairgrounds ~ Kids under 12 FREE
- April 17:** Garret Players Shakespeare Aloud: "Hamlet" ~ 6:30pm ~ [Details](#)
- April 18:** Pickerington Bicentennial Celebrations Time Capsule Event~ [More](#)
- April 25:** Eagle-Gazette Media Spring Craft Show ~ 9am-3pm ~ Fairgrounds
- April 26:** [FairHoPe Hospice Run-Walk](#)~2-4pm~Hocking County Fairgrounds
- May 1:** Olde Pickerington Village Chocolate Hop ~ 6:00-8:30pm ~ [More](#)

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