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# Fairfield OH BUSINESS BOOSTER

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## It pays to hire new employees NOW

### Grant funds can help in hiring new workers

Art Friedrich, owner of Butler Water Systems in Fairfield, needed to hire an installer. He placed a job order with Workforce One of Butler County and quickly found out that if he hired a dislocated worker, he could tap into funds the state and county are offering to help defray the costs of hiring.



Art Friedrich, left, reviews the day's work schedule with new employee Dan Swain.

For Friedrich — and the worker he hired — it was a win-win situation. The on-the-job

training program allows employers to recoup up to half of a worker's wages during the period of training, so long as that worker was on, or had exhausted, his or her unemployment benefits. Every job, no matter how simple,

involves some training. The more complicated the job, the longer the training period. This program is tailored to meet the employer's needs, as well as the demands of the particular job.

Businesses interested in finding out more about the program can contact Business Services Representative Kathleen Williams at Workforce One of Butler County at [willik09@odjfs.state.oh.us](mailto:willik09@odjfs.state.oh.us) or 785-6511. As the economy continues its recovery, more Butler County employers are taking advantage of this program. 🌐



### Fairfield Chamber's Business Showcase planned October 5

The Fairfield Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Showcase, the Chamber's largest event of the year, will be held on Wednesday, October 5, at Receptions Conference Center, 5975 Boymel Drive. The event features more than 100 exhibitors and thousands of attendees. Events include the program's annual luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Showcase from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and the popular Taste of Fairfield from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Showcase and the Taste are free and open to the public.

For more information, check with the Chamber ([www.fairfieldchamber.com](http://www.fairfieldchamber.com) or 881-5500) as the date draws near. 🌐

### New industrial project under construction

During the economic recession very little new industrial construction activity occurred, but as the economy slowly improves some projects are beginning to emerge. One such project is a new regional facility for Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.



Safety-Kleen is a national provider of recycling, industrial and environmental services with over 400,000 business clients. The company specializes in the environmentally-responsible collection and proper handling of petroleum, oils, and aqueous based industrial cleaning products. It has more than 150 locations across the United States, including five in Ohio.

Safety-Kleen is currently serving the regional market from an aging facility in Sharonville. Construction recently began on a new 12,000 square foot transfer facility at a 2.75 acre site on Thunderbird Lane. When construction is complete

in early 2011, the company expects to employ 20-25 workers at the location.

Richard Goodwin, Safety-Kleen's Ohio Area Manager, reports "We are very excited about our upcoming move to our new facility in Fairfield, and we look forward to being a part of the Fairfield business community for years to come."

For more information about Safety-Kleen Systems, visit [www.safety-kleen.com](http://www.safety-kleen.com). 🌐

# “Al Fresco” dining growing in popularity

## New protection law safeguards water supplies

New mandates of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency have prompted the creation of an updated groundwater computer model to identify the need to change some of the potential pollution source boundary areas affecting the Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer, the source of drinking water for 300,000 area residents (see story on page 2).

This remapping is expected to have minimal impact on Fairfield area businesses. Early indications are that businesses located on the outer limits of the aquifer will most likely be removed from the Source Water Protection Area. 🌿

There’s something extraordinary about eating outdoors at a restaurant during pleasant weather. In many parts of the world, outdoor dining is common. Outside dining has a certain allure... somehow the combination of fresh air and the pulse of the surrounding world seem to make food taste even better.

The popularity of al fresco dining has been growing in this country in recent years. Italian for “outdoors” or “in the open air,” it has long been a European tradition. In warmer climates, dining outdoors is possible year round. In Ohio, however, al fresco dining is around for a limited time only.

Just in time for the more moderate temperatures of late summer and early fall, new outdoor dining options are being readied at several Fairfield eating establishments. J. Gumbo’s (along Boymel Drive) and Gordo’s Pub and Grill (at

Jungle Jim’s) both opened recently with attractive patio areas available for patrons to enjoy lunch or dinner.

Richards Pizza on Nilles Road recently added a 40-person patio area with a peaceful water feature to accommodate outdoor seating. Owner Karen Underwood says she enjoys dining outside while traveling around the United States and Europe.



“We wanted to bring our favorite dining experiences from our travels back home to Fairfield,” she said.

In addition to these three new options, Symmes Tavern on the Green has offered outdoor dining at its location in the heart

of Village Green since its opening. Patio seating is especially popular during events at nearby Village Green Park.

So this fall, get out and enjoy the nice weather and a tasty meal at one of Fairfield’s fine establishments! 🌿

## Servatii’s coming to Fairfield!

Servatii’s Pastry Shop and Deli, a well-known Cincinnati institution, is coming to Fairfield! The company’s 12th area store is expected to open this Fall in the Village Center shopping center at 710 Nilles Road. Visit [www.servatiipastryshop.com](http://www.servatiipastryshop.com) for information. 🌿



## Numbers to Know

**Building/Zoning:** 513/867-5318

**Development Services:** 513/867-5345

**Fire Prevention:** 513/867-5379

**Economic Development:** 513/867-5345

**City Income Tax:** 513/867-5327

**Utilities/Billing:** 513/867-5370

**General Info:** 513/867-5300



## International investment helps Fairfield economy

Senior Japanese officials of Fairfield-based companies Pacific Manufacturing Ohio and Takumi Stamping Inc. recently visited with City officials at the Community Arts Center. International investment is an increasingly important component of Fairfield’s economic development strategy. Collectively, Pacific and Takumi employ more than 750 workers at their Seward Road facilities. 🌿