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# Fairfield, OH BUSINESS BOOSTER

Fall 2015

## Chamber Business Showcase

Mark your calendars for the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce annual Business Showcase event. This is the Chamber's largest event of the year, with more than 100 exhibitors and thousands of attendees. It will be held on Wednesday, October 7 at Receptions Conference Center, 5975 Boymel Drive. Events include the annual luncheon 11:30-1:30, the showcase 1:30-6:00, and the popular Taste of Fairfield 4:00-5:30. The Showcase and the Taste

are free and open to the public.

Check with the

Fairfield Chamber ([www.fairfield-chamber.com](http://www.fairfield-chamber.com)) for more details as the date draws nearer. 🌐

## Jungle Jim's 40th Birthday Bash

Jungle Jim's week-long 40th Birthday Celebration the week of August 17th was a huge success. There were several activities throughout the week, from kid's activities, food trucks and a cruise-in to beer, wine and cigar tastings, ending with a spectacular fireworks show. Here's to another 40 years of serving the Fairfield community! 🌐



## After The Fire

In November 2014, an overnight fire destroyed the former Sabor Peruano restaurant at 7105 Dixie Highway. After an investigation, it was determined that



the fire started in the building's ventilation system. A malfunction in the fire suppression system contributed to the fire spread. By the time it was extinguished, the building was a total loss.

Nine months later, three restaurants are planning new projects as a result of the devastating fire.

### Skyline and Bargas New Construction

Construction is well underway on a new multi-tenant building to replace the burned down building. The new building will house Skyline Chili and Bargas Grill & Tap, which are both scheduled to open in October.



The existing Skyline Chili that is about a half-mile south on Route 4 will relocate and will lease more than half of the new building. Skyline owner Dave Hummel

is excited about the new location, which will be significantly larger than his existing restaurant. It will feature a modern design, and have much better access and visibility for customers. "We want to be here for a long time, so we're going to do it right," Dave said.

Bargas Grill & Tap will relocate from Springdale into the other portion of the building. It features a traditional sports bar menu. In addition to indoor seating, Bargas will also feature a covered patio with outdoor seating.

### Sabor Peruano Finds New Location

Sabor Peruano, a restaurant serving Peruvian fare, had been open in Fairfield for nearly eight years before the fire destroyed everything. Owner Mary Tiacala was devastated. "All my work went up in flames. It was hard."

Tiacala wasted little time identifying a new location. The new site is at 7425 Dixie Highway (near the Ohio Valley Antique Mall), only about a half-mile south of the former site. The new location offers more space as well as private rooms for special events. The new Sabor Peruano is expected to open in August. 🌐



# New Homes Coming To Village Green

Construction recently started on eight new landminium homes in Village Green. The development, named "The Cove at Village Green", was approved by the Planning Commission and Fairfield City Council in May.

The development will include eight two-story homes on a 1.6 acre site at Corydale Drive and City Center Lane, across from the Fairfield Lane Library. Each unit will contain about 1800 square feet and will be priced at nearly \$200,000. Units are designed with a first floor master bedroom, and include a rear porch that faces a common open space.



"We are excited to bring these landminiums to Village Green," said Patrick Merten, a representative of Hearthstone Holdings. "We think these homes will appeal to people that want to own a single-family detached house in a walkable neighborhood but don't want to maintain a yard anymore. We are receiving a substantial amount of interest."



Landminiums are properties in which the owner owns both the structure and the land underneath the structure. A homeowners association will be created to take care of the grounds and other common spaces.

For more information about The Cove at Village Green, contact Hearthstone Holdings at (513) 858-2555.

## Alba Manufacturing Expansion

Alba Manufacturing is located at 8950 Seward Road in Fairfield. The company designs, engineers and manufactures heavy-duty pallet conveyor systems for a variety of industries, including food and beverage, automotive, aerospace, warehouse, distribution, chemical, and materials processing.

Alba was established in 1973, and moved into Fairfield when it built a

67,000 square foot facility in 2001.

Due to steady growth and increased product demand in recent years, Alba needs additional manufacturing space. It is planning to construct a 21,000 square foot warehouse addition and install new machin-

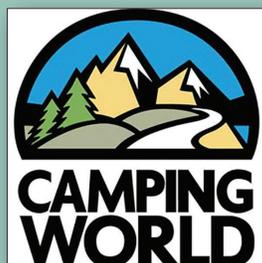


ery and equipment. Total new investment is estimated at more than \$2.4 million.

Alba currently employs more than 70 workers and plans to add additional jobs when construction is complete. Its employees include highly skilled and experienced engineers, sales, service, and production workers.

## Camping World

Earlier this year, Camping World of Cincinnati purchased the former Tom Raper RV business at 5300 Dixie Highway. After making some facility upgrades, the store re-opened in early August. It offers a wide selection of new and used recreation vehicles, along with vehicle service and the largest parts and accessories department in Ohio.



Founded in 1966, Camping World has grown from a single store in Bowling

Green, Kentucky to the nation's largest retailer of RVs, RV accessories and RV-related services with over 100 locations. Tom Raper RV had operated in Fairfield for 12 years. According to General Manager Jerry Smith, Camping World purchased the Tom Raper operation because it wanted to be in this market. "We believe in this area so much, that's why we wanted to be here." He credits his 50 employees with ensuring continued success at this location. "Our

employees, most of whom come from the Fairfield area, are so good and really are the lifeblood of our operation."

Anyone who has driven on this section of Route 4 recently has no doubt noticed the 80'x40' American flag flying above the store. All Camping World stores have a similar sized flags to represent the American spirit and traveling the open road.

For more information about Camping World of Cincinnati, visit [www.camping-worldofcincinnati.com](http://www.camping-worldofcincinnati.com).