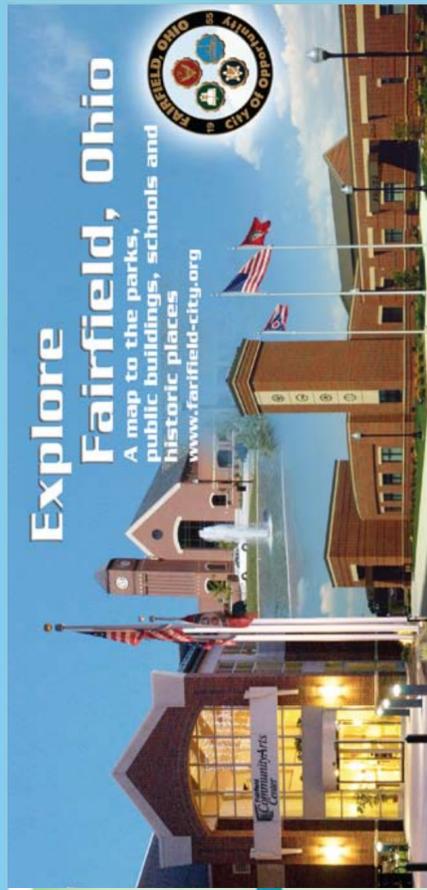


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Public Buildings, Parks, Schools and Historic Places in Fairfield, Ohio

Public Buildings

1. **Community Arts Center (E5)**
411 Wessel Drive
2. **Fire Headquarters (D4)**
375 Nilles Road
3. **Fire Station 2 (F10)**
6540 Dixie Hwy.
4. **Fire Station 3 (G7)**
6118 Winton Road
5. **Fire Training Tower (D3)**
5021 Groh Lane
6. **Justice Center (Police & Municipal Court) (D6)**
Pleasant Avenue/Nilles Road
7. **Library (E4)**
1485 Corydale Drive
8. **Municipal Building (City Hall) (E6)**
5350 Pleasant Avenue
9. **Municipal Building Annex (E6)**
701 Wessel Drive
10. **Parks and Recreation Offices (E5)**
(at Community Arts Center, 411 Wessel Drive)
11. **Parks Maintenance Facility (E3)**
6174 Gray Road
12. **Public Works Facility (D8)**
8870 N. Gilmore Road
13. **U.S. Post Office (D6)**
700 Wessel Drive
14. **Wastewater Treatment Plant (C3)**
4799 Groh Lane
15. **Water Treatment Plant (C4)**
5021 Groh Lane

Public Sculpture and other artwork

16. **Village Green Sculptures:**
- 16a. **The Classics, George Lundeen – Fairfield Lane Library (E5), 1485 Corydale Drive**
This bronze depicts an older child reading to his younger siblings. The artist says "the boy reading was the best model I ever had, the other two are mine."
- 16b. **Puppy Love, W. Stanley "Sandy" Proctor Village Green Park (E5), 301 Wessel Drive**
The artist was inspired by his early childhood experiences in the natural world and shares, through this sculpture, the simplicity and joy of this sculpture a young boy offers flowers to his "girlfriend" but his real hope is that she will let him hold the puppy.
- 16c. **Monet, Gary Lee Price – Fairfield Community Arts Center (E5), 411 Wessel Drive**
This bronze depicts the "Father of Impressionism" seated on a park bench creating his next masterpiece.
- 16d. **Journeys of the Imagination, Gary Lee Price – Village Green Park (E5), 411 Wessel Drive**
This bronze depicts a child soaring on the paper airplane wings of his imagination.
- 16e. **Summer Showers, George Lundeen – Village Green Park (E5), 301 Wessel Drive**
The children depict a memorable childhood scene of children playing with water hoses. This bronze piece is interactive so periodically the "children" may surprise you and include you in their "summer shower".
- 16f. **Wall Street Journal, Glenna Goodacre – Village Green Plaza (E5), 500 Wessel Drive, opposite Village Green Park**
This bronze is part of Ms. Goodacre's Park Place ensemble, which features five individual bronzes revolving around several park scenes; the Wall Street Journal depicts a business person reading the newspaper.
17. **Pin High, Gary Lee Price – Fairfield Greens (North Trace) (G6), 2606 Augusta Boulevard**
This bronze, located next to the putting green at Fairfield Greens/North Trace depicts a youngster preparing to "chip to the green".
18. **Poppies, W. Stanley "Sandy" Proctor Veteran's Memorial Park (E6) Veterans Memorial Park, 701 Wessel Drive**
This bronze depicts and elderly World War II

veteran dressed in his uniform, viewing a parade and holding a Memorial Day poppy and an American flag. Only one "tailored" bronze is cast per State (the veteran's hat bears the word, "Ohio").

19. **The Family, Glenna Goodacre – Gateway Park (E5), 5295 Pleasant Avenue & Wessel Drive**
This bronze is part of Ms. Goodacre's Sidewalk Society ensemble, which features five bronzes revolving around an urban sidewalk scene; The Family depicts a young couple with their child, welcoming visitors to the Village Green area. Ms. Goodacre, a nationally renowned artist, is best known for her design of the Sacagawea Millennium Dollar and the Vietnam Women's Memorial Mall in Washington, D.C.
20. **Joe Nuxhall, Tom Tsuchiya – Waterworks Park (C3), 5133 Groh Lane**
This bronze depicts Joe Nuxhall (youngest player to play Major League Baseball) teaching the art of pitching to two young ball players.
21. **Post Office Murals, Eric Henn (D6), 700 Wessel Drive**
This series of murals depicting historic Fairfield landmarks was commissioned for the city's 50th anniversary celebration and turns the conservative architecture of the Fairfield Post Office into a three-dimensional work of art.
22. **Public Safety Tribute, Andrea Grimsley* – Fairfield Justice**

Parks and Recreation

24. **Aquatic Center (G6)**
2605 Augusta Blvd.
25. **Black Bottom Open Space (F2) (undeveloped)**
River Road across from Cincinnati Bolton Water Treatment Plant
26. **Black Bottom Greens Golf Course (F6)**
27. **North Trace (G6) (C-2606 Augusta Blvd.**
28. **South Trace (B Hole) – 2200 John Gray Road**
29. **566 Hicks Blvd. (E5)**
30. **Pleasant Avenue Park (E5) Wessel Drive**
31. **Gilbert Road Reserve (C9)**
32. **7950 Gilmore Road (Metroparks of Butler County)**
33. **660 Yellowtail Avenue**
34. **268 Forest Lake Drive Hike Path (C3)**
35. **Trail Head at Waterworks Park (Wedding Hill, Frisbee Golf (F4))**
36. **1300 Ruffin Road**
37. **195 Forest Lake Lane, Hamilton**
38. **4982 Denmark Drive (E3)**
39. **440 River Road Open Space (F4)**
40. **Outback Drive (Muskopf Road)**
41. **Rafferty's Park (C4)**
42. **Resor Road Park (C4) Commerce Lane**
43. **5101 Niles Hill Way (Hoyes Park)**
along Pleasant Run Creek on Nilles Road (Trail Head behind YMCA on Bibury Road)
44. **500 Wessel Drive (E6)**
45. **700 Wessel Drive Park Amphitheater (E5)**
46. **301 Wessel Drive (E5)**
47. **301 Wessel Drive (Baseball) (D4)**
5133 Groh Lane

48. **Winton Hills Park (G7)**
6251 Shearwater Drive
49. **Woodcreek Park (G6)**
Woodcreek Drive at Augusta Blvd.
50. **Youth Football Fields (C3)**
4875 Groh Lane
51. **Youth Playfields (Soccer) (D5)**
4920 River Road

Historical Sites

52. **Benzing Farm (G8)**
3051 Mack Road
53. **Elisha Morgan Mansion (H9)**
6181 Ross Road
54. **Fairfield's Oldest House (G3)**
6089 John Gray Road
55. **Former Fair Play School (E3)**
at bend on E. River Road where it extends from the western
56. **Fernside Farm (E5)**
(now Village Green area)
57. **Miami Chapel Mill (D5)**
6111 Nilles Road
58. **Former Resor Site (D5)**
59. **Original Village Park (H9) (Pleasant & Nilles) (D5) Corner**
5103 Pleasant Avenue
60. **Former Resor Site (Cincinnati at 5103 Pleasant Avenue)**
61. **Former Slade School (C7)**
1900 Resor Road
62. **Symmes Courthouse (E6) on Rt. 4**
(across from Hicks Manor)
63. **Niles Road to Black Bottom School (D4) Bike/Hike Path behind YMCA on Bibury Road)**
64. **Original Symmes Tavern Building (D6)**
corner of E. River Road & Nilles Road
65. **Valley Chapel & Former Stockton School (F9)**
(now Bank One) – 5200 Pleasant Avenue

School Facilities

- PUBLIC:**
67. **Board of Education Offices (C7)**
211 Donald Drive
 68. **Central Elementary School (D7)**
5050 Dixie Hwy.
 69. **East Elementary School**
6711 Morris Road, Fairfield Township - not shown
 70. **Fairfield High School (D8)**
8800 Holden Blvd.
 71. **Fairfield Stadium (D7)**
Stadium Drive (255 Donald Drive)
 72. **Freshman School (D7)**
5050 Dixie Hwy.
 73. **Intermediate School (C8)**
255 Donald Drive
 74. **Kindergarten Center (C7)**
4641 Bach Lane
 75. **Middle School (D7)**
1111 Nilles Road
 76. **North Elementary**
6116 Morris Road, Fairfield Township - not shown
 77. **Options Academy (D7)**
1111 Nilles Road
 78. **South Elementary (E6)**
5460 Bibury Road
 79. **West Elementary (D5)**
4700 River Road

- PRIVATE:**
80. **Cincinnati Christian School (H11)**
7350 Dixie Hwy.
 81. **La Valle School (F8)**
3200 Woodside Drive
 82. **Sacred Heart School (D5)**
5183 River Road



Important Phone Numbers in Fairfield, Ohio:

City Council	867-5383	Parks Department	867-5348
City Manager	867-5350	Police Department	867-6030
Development Services Department	867-5345	Public Works Department	867-4200
Finance Department	867-5315	Water Division	858-7775
Fire Department	867-5379	Waste Water Division	858-7764
Municipal Court	867-		

Historic Fairfield

52. **Benzing Farm**
"First Lady of Fairfield" Esther Benzing and husband George purchased the farm in 1929. Esther's father, John Rudder, and grandfather, George Rudder, Sr., had farmed the land for 75 years prior to John's retirement in 1924, which was owned by the Mack family for 99 years. Eratus Mack constructed the original farmhouse in 1831 "due North and South to be right with the world." Construction of the barn began in 1836 on a foundation of field stone found on the site.

53. **Elisha Morgan Mansion**
Truly a mansion in its era, the Elisha Morgan Mansion was built in 1817, just 23 years after the Symmes Purchase and 14 years after Ohio was recognized as a State, when typical homes were but log cabins. After a series of owners and vacancies, the building was in need of major restoration. The treasured landmark is now owned by the City, and opened to the public, completely restored, in 1998.

54. **Oldest Residence**
Built in 1818 by Joseph Hough, the oldest standing residence today is located at 6089 Gray Road. The residence started as a one-room log structure, located on the rear of the dwelling today. Hough owned the farm until his death in 1853. There were ten or more owners, with additions and modernization through the next ninety years, when Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baumann purchased the property in 1942. More than sixty years later, the property remains in the Baumann family.

The bald cypress tree on the site made history in 1967 when its measurements proved it to be the largest in Ohio. A marker erected by the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce recorded the official statistics. The tree had a height of 94 feet, crown spread of 75 ft. and a girth of 140 inches. The tree lost its first place spot years ago; Mr. Baumann speculated that a lightning strike slowed down the continued growth to the point where other trees overtook the lead.

55. **Fair Play School**
The former Fair Play School stands as a reminder of the flourishing industrial village along the raceway of the Great Miami River devastated by a major flood in 1860. Ben Groh, Fairfield's longest serving councilmember, attended the one-room school, which operated until consolidation in 1929.

56. **McCormick Farm**
William A. McCormick began farming in Symmes Corner in 1922 when he leased 138 acres known previously as the Beatty Farm. He and wife Rachael purchased the land in 1946, making the McCormick's the only "owner-farmers" of the site, as prior owners were investors who never lived on, nor farmed the land. The first recorded sale including the McCormick parcel was in 1796 to Cornelius Hurley at 33-1/3 cents per acre. During the years that McCormick leased the farm, 7 acres were sold in 1943 to the U. S. Government for a well and a storage and maintenance building. The McCormicks sold 10 acres of road frontage property for commercial development, retaining 121 acres that would be developed as Village Green, beginning in the late 1990s.

57. **Miami Chapel Cemetery**
The cemetery contains the remains of many of the first settlers of the area, one or more veterans from the Revolutionary War, and at least four veterans from the Civil War. Interments began a few years after the first mill on the Black Bottom mill race opened in 1810. It was known as Black Bottom Cemetery, then Fair Play Cemetery, before carrying the name of a church built on the land around 1843. Probably only about half of the gravesites are still marked by tombstones. The last burial was that of Miss Etta Thomas around 1941.

58. **Milders Inn**
(Where CVS Pharmacy currently stands, Northwest corner of Nilles Road & Pleasant Avenue) Milders Inn was renown for hospitality for over a quarter of a century, as patrons from Cincinnati, Columbus and Lexington traveled by horse and buggy, and later by traction car, for the "best chicken and steak dinners in the

Midwest." Jacob and Mary Milder purchased the 100 year old frame building in 1914 known as the Village Café and Summer Garden and they, followed by their son, Ray, operated the tavern/restaurant until closing in 1943. Milders Inn was a favorite hang-out of the Cincinnati Reds, many who became close friends of the Milders. Ray Milders hosted weddings for two Reds in his Shady Lane home where team members often slept on the cool porch to escape the heat of the Cincinnati hotels.

59. **First Fairfield Municipal Building & Fire Station**
(Now Lawyer's Title of Cincinnati at 5103 Pleasant Avenue)
The first permanent home for city officials and administration was dedicated in September 1958, sharing the site with a 200 year old oak tree. The meeting place replaced the former township hall, a small frame two-room building. Rapid growth found these quarters too cramped within a few years, and the administration offices relocated to the current municipal building 1965. Fire Station #1 remained in the building until moving into new headquarters in 1990. Today the building is owned by Lawyer's Title.

60. **Resor Road School**
The 1909 red brick schoolhouse is the third known structure on the site, the first being a frame house built in 1839, then school in 1869. The schoolhouse closed with consolidation in 1929. Gus and Betty Hanges purchased the property in 1956 from the Hoelle family who had been using it as their summer home. The Hanges' began restoration, and continued with many remodeling and addition projects. The original school bell is displayed in the yard. Early documents record both "Reisor" and "Riesor" as the early landowners.

61. **Slade School**
The school bell is all that remains of the former Slade School which once stood on the site of Wendy's Restaurant on Dixie Highway. Efforts to preserve the Slade School in 1980 were abandoned due to the high cost to move the building. The schoolhouse was constructed in 1908, replacing the former Furmandale/Snaptown School constructed in 1868.

62. **Symmes Cemetery**
Hidden behind trees, on the hilltop overlooking Pleasant Run Creek and Nilles Road, just steps from the Town Center, is the final resting place of many of the areas earliest settlers, including Celedon Symmes, his wife Phebe, and seven of their children.

Celedon Symmes offered the parcel of land for burial purposes, and his infant son was the first interred in 1797. It is thought that as many as 125 early settlers rest on these grounds, but after 200 years, headstones are missing or graves were never marked, thus the total number cannot be confirmed.

63. **Symmes Corner School**
Located just a short walk from the bustling hamlet of Symmes Corner, this schoolhouse is today a private residence. This school, like all the original township schools, with the exception of Stockton School, closed in 1929.

64. **Former Symmes Tavern**
Originally built in 1852 by Benjamin Symmes, the building, known as Symmes Tavern, served as an overnight rest stop for travelers between Cincinnati and Dayton. The structure served as a residence beginning in 1870, until Otto and Louise Kuehthau purchased the building in 1940 and restored the building back to its original use, reclaiming the original name, Symmes Tavern, in 1946. Later, their son, Hans Kuehthau, oversaw the business, until it closed in 1980. Savings of America purchased the building, and after extensive remodeling, opened their bank offices in 1986. After a series of mergers or sales, this 150 year old building is today home to Bank One. The original 1852 name plaque remains on the front of the building

65. **Valley Chapel Church**