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Welcome

to the Pickerington and
Violet Township Community!

GREAT NEWS! The Pickerington Community is emerging! Our businesses are excelling and our community is filled with pride! We have one of the finest school systems in Central Ohio, a unique blend of family-friendly neighborhoods, and a variety of activities from parks, to sports, and more!



While the history of the Pickerington community is still evident, there is always a keen eye looking toward the future, in search of ways to welcome new businesses and amenities that balance small town and metropolitan living.

Whether you are visiting for a short time, relocating, or currently a resident, we believe you will find the Pickerington Area Chamber Community Guide to be a valuable resource. This publication provides a wealth of useful information about the City of Pickerington and Violet Township community, and is organized in a format you can refer to again and again!

The Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce (or PACC as we like to call it) provides a vital link within the community to support local businesses. The PACC continually strives to develop and implement programs and events relevant to the growth of the business community, and we seek partnerships with the City, the Township, the Schools, and local businesses to enhance economic growth and stability.

The PACC is a resource for YOU! Our website (www.PickeringtonChamber.com) provides in-depth information and links for easy access to information about the Pickerington Community. Our convenient membership directory will assist you in finding businesses in the area to meet your every need.

YOUR Chamber, Connecting YOU to Success!

Theresa Byers, IOM
President, Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce



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The City of *Pickerington*

Small town charm but a progressive attitude. That's life in the City of Pickerington. You'll recognize it as soon as you arrive.

Although the population exploded by 86% in the years 2000 to 2010, there's still a sense of small town pride within the City of Pickerington: Pride of the superlative schools, pride of the expanding businesses, pride of the homes and neighborhoods, pride of their history, pride of the community. And it shows. Residents are engaged in the city's progress and increasing vitality.

The Pickerington Parks & Recreation Department keeps families engaged with classes, events, parades and a large community pool. Every Friday night in the summer you will find hundreds gathered on the lawn at Sycamore Creek Park, watching free movies on the side of a rustic barn. A weekly summer concert series attracts some of Central Ohio's finest musical acts to the Pickerington amphitheatre.

The Parks & Recreation Department also offers dozens of classes each year ranging from karate to Zumba to painting and golf instruction. There are seven parks in Pickerington with 150 acres, a disc golf course and six miles of bike path. The City also has a community garden and hosts annual events like Haunted Village, Youth Fishing Derby, Tots Trick or Treat at City Hall



and Breakfast with the Bunny. Arbor Day events celebrate Pickerington's 23 years of recognition as a Tree City USA. "We are pleased to offer a variety of programs, activities and events for the entire community to enjoy throughout the year. There is always something going on in Pickerington," said Rebecca Medinger, Director of the Parks & Recreation Department.

Three parades and a Labor Day Homecoming are on the calendar each year in the City of Pickerington. In 2015, the City celebrated its bicentennial with a year full of events.

In the fall, many residents are under the lights at either Tiger or Panther Stadium. There are two Division 1 high school

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football programs in the community and when the two come together for the Battle of 256, the air is electric. As many as 10,000 fans will pack the host stadium each year.

The City also has a strong, independent sports program for children ages 4-18. The Pickerington Youth Athletic Association (PYAA) is a private, volunteer, non-profit organization that sponsors sports ranging from baseball and football to lacrosse and bowling. Thousands of children participate annually in games and tournaments at PYAA's large athletic complex.

A community with strong churches, Pickerington also has a ministerial association where church leaders come together and plan several outreach events, including National Night Out and ACTS (a day of giving and serving). Additionally, the ministerial association leads a moving prayer walk through the heart of the Pickerington village each year.

Pickerington is a great place to live and work. And residents aren't afraid to share their community with those looking to move in. In fact, they roll out the welcome mat and rally to support new businesses and new neighbors. 🌱



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The Pickerington Police Department

On behalf of Police Chief Michael D. Taylor and the officers and staff of the Pickerington Police Department, welcome to the City of Pickerington. Whether you are a new resident, a visitor, or a business looking for a place to grow, you have come to the right place.



Pickerington has a vibrant, family-friendly lifestyle with access to a superior educational system. It has a quality of life that has attracted many families, businesses and skilled professionals to our community.

The Pickerington Police Department is committed to providing exceptional police services and maintaining an excellent quality of life for our community. Our agency is a team-oriented police department that embraces making personal contacts and connections with our neighborhood residents, community groups and businesses so we may foster relationships based upon mutual trust and open communication.

The Pickerington Police Department is staffed by twenty-eight highly skilled police officers and detectives, nine dispatchers and several support staff members. It has been led by Police Chief Michael D. Taylor since 2003. We are a full-service law enforcement agency providing police services such as

uniformed patrol and emergency response, investigations and emergency management capabilities. We also offer additional services to our community such as new resident contacts, vacation and business checks, fingerprinting, a mentorship and ride along program, as well as our child home alone program.

In conjunction with our community, the Pickerington Police Department also provides training and services to the

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Pickerington Police Department
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public. Our self-defense instructors routinely hold several women's self-defense classes each year. We have "Walk with a Cop Day" where officers teach young school aged children about pedestrian safety. We have held programs in conjunction with our partners at the Pickerington Senior Center about elder-scams and identity theft. We have also taught numerous active-shooter response classes with area churches, schools and businesses.

Our department is committed to forming partnerships with the citizens and the businesses we serve. The cornerstone of our department's philosophy is in our community-oriented, grass roots, customer-based service style policing efforts. Our employees strive to fulfill this goal by providing the citizens, visitors and businesses of Pickerington with superior services twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three-hundred-sixty-five days a year. 🌸





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Whether you're a first-time visitor to our area, or are considering moving here to reside, raise a family or open a business, we want you to know that the employees of Violet Township are here to serve you.

Violet Township is an energetic community, filled with committed and caring people who work hard to make their community a great place to work, live and play. With nationally recognized public school districts, a branch of Ohio University, and nearby higher learning institutions, Violet Township offers a learning environment that benefits employees and their children.

The Township's parks, theater groups, concerts, festivals and special events provide diverse entertainment opportunities for residents, employees and visitors with unlimited cultural and recreational opportunities also available in the greater

Central Ohio metro area. Diley Ridge Medical Center and Medical Complex is located in one of our largest business developmental areas. This is a fast growing area that is quickly becoming a destination for businesses.

Violet Township is centrally located for access to the region's transportation network, accessible by Interstate 70; US Route 33, and several major state highways. The Township is only minutes away from Columbus; and just a couple of hours drive from Cleveland and Cincinnati. New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and Charlotte are within an easy day's drive.

The Township is also minutes away from Port Columbus and Rickenbacker International Airport. Violet Township's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of companies that are looking to provide employees and their families with an outstanding quality of life. Violet Township is becoming the place to live, work and play. 🌸



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Profile

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Events/Involvement

The Department hosts an annual Open House each year in October at Station 592 on Refugee Road. This is an opportunity for the community to visit the station, see the trucks and talk to the firefighters. We provide paramedic coverage at various sporting events for the Pickerington Local School District each year. On Halloween, our crews are out in the trucks giving away candy to trick or treaters. We participate in the July 4th and Labor Day parades. 🌸

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- School visits for Fire & Safety talks
- Community Paramedic Program





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Homes & Living

Living in Pickerington, OH is unlike anywhere else when it comes to homes and living. There is an ample amount of reasons why Pickerington has become the second fastest growing community in Central Ohio.

Over time, Pickerington has been able to maintain its small town charm in olde Pickerington while enjoying the immense growth in every area affecting quality of life, including housing. This development has been led by the strong local government provided by the City of Pickerington and Violet Township. In addition to the economic benefits associated with living in Pickerington, there are many resources to be utilized within reach.

Pickerington is now home to over 18,000 residents living in over 6,500 households and has been the number one city for homeowners in Ohio for a number of years. Homebuyers are offered a wide variety and affordable selection on homes in many appealing neighborhoods. Whether one is searching for single family homes, apartments, condominiums, or senior assisted living residences, all are available and reasonably priced.

Sound business and commercial growth has paved a way for strong residential growth, as well. As the number of jobs



and population continues to grow, Pickerington proves to be a positive and reliable choice for potential buyers. Local residents are confident they have invested wisely when they choose to live in Pickerington.

The best part of calling Pickerington home is its "livability." Every aspect correlated with quality of life is within our grasp...outstanding quality of education, safety, family/youth activities, prestige, housing stock, retail, dining and entertainment, job opportunities and easy access to major transportation and downtown Columbus.

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Celebrate, Play & Do!

Annual Events

Tyler's Light 5k

May . . . The Tyler's Light 5k was created to bring community awareness and raise funds in a continued effort to equip the community of Pickerington, Fairfield County, Central Ohio and State of Ohio with information and resources to help people choose a drug-free life.



Chocolate Hop

May, 6-8:30 PM . . . For a \$5.00 donation, obtain a map and enjoy a chocolate treat at each participating business. Proceeds benefit the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society and OPVBA Community events.

Food Truck Frenzy

June . . . The Food Truck Frenzy will not only feature amazing food provided by area food truck vendors, but also include activities and entertainment for the entire family to enjoy.



The Frenzy is both a fundraiser for the Food Pantry and an opportunity to raise hunger awareness in and around Pickerington while providing a family-oriented event for the Pickerington Community.

PetFest

June, 6-8:30 PM . . . Free annual, family-friendly event. Food and pet-related vendors line West Columbus Street in Olde Pickerington Village. People bring their leashed pets and can be part of the 7:30 PM Pet Parade! Olde Village shops and restaurants are open. There will be a Yard Sale on the Museum lawn.



Summer Concert Series

June-July . . . Bring a blanket and chairs to enjoy music in the park with family and friends.



Friday Night Flicks

June-July . . . Bring a blanket and chairs to enjoy a movie on the white barn with family and friends.

July 4th Celebration

July . . . Bring out the whole family for an evening to enjoy the parade, rides, food, live music and, of course, the fireworks display.



Pickerington Violet Festival

July . . . The Pickerington Violet Festival is a four-day celebration of the community that offers a variety of fun and entertainment. Whether it is the carnival rides, the more than 15 food vendors, the national entertainment line-up, the 5k dash and kids' fun run, or the car and bike show, the Festival has something for families and individuals of all ages.



Pickerington Lions Labor Day Parade & Fish Fry

Labor Day . . . Since 1949, the Pickerington Lions Club has sponsored Pickerington's annual Labor Day festivities. Bring the kids and enjoy a great parade, a fabulous fried fish dinner, family-friendly entertainment, FREE inflatables and more!

Haunted Village

October . . . Halloween fun for all ages! Ghost tours, story-telling, hayrides, Trick-or-Treating through the Olde Pickerington Village businesses, Haunted Garden, Haunted Museum, Haunted House, entertainment, food and more!



Holiday Gathering

December . . . Enjoy a family-friendly event featuring children's crafts and storytelling, Christmas lights and luminaria, strolling carolers, horse-drawn carriage rides, Pickerington's Merry Mile fun run/walk at 6:00 PM, indoor Holiday Gift Market, Gingerbread House Contest, visit with Santa, lighting of Pickerington's Christmas tree & the Plaza of Lights at 7:00 PM, and much more. Shops, restaurants and the Historical Society Museum are also open!



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Olde Pickerington Village

Business Association

The **Olde Pickerington Village Business Association** (OPVBA) is a group of dedicated business leaders and community organizations who work together to promote and support fellow members and the historic Olde Pickerington Village. Originally formed in 1996 as a non-profit corporation to spearhead downtown redevelopment, the OPVBA remains involved in economic development and zoning/aesthetic issues within our downtown. We work closely with officials of the City of Pickerington and Violet Township.

In addition, we are constantly inventing creative ways to showcase Olde Pickerington Village to area residents and out-of-town visitors. OPVBA events such as Chocolate Hop, PetFest, Farmers' Market, and Olde Village Holiday are designed to bring people to Olde Pickerington Village to enjoy the area; to discover the shops, restaurants and professional service providers; and to return again and again! 🌸



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Arts & History

Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society *Museum* and *Carnegie Library*

Through a \$10,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation, our community's Carnegie Library opened its doors on Labor Day, 1916.

The historic building, at 15 E. Columbus Street in Olde Pickerington Village, is one of 104 Carnegie Libraries funded in Ohio and one of only three Carnegie Libraries in the Columbus metro area.

When a new library was built on Opportunity Way in 1993, the Carnegie Library became the keeper of our community's history – overseen by the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society. The Museum is open Saturdays, April through mid-December, from 10:00am to 1:00pm; during special community events; and for group tours by appointment. Admission is free.

The Pickerington Public Library and the Historical Society are making plans to celebrate Carnegie Library's 100th birthday through special summer programs culminating with a Sunday afternoon celebration at the Carnegie Library/Historical Museum on August 28, 2016. Everyone is invited!

For celebration details,
check these websites:
PickeringtonPublicLibrary.com or
PickeringtonHistoricalSociety.org
or phone 614-382-5989.

Discover items from our community's past at the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Museum, including prehistoric tools and arrowheads found by the Messenger and Dovel families on their farms. These artifacts are showcased by donors Bill and Earlene Corban in photo at right.

The Carnegie Library's circa 1940 "Bullwinkle" still welcomes visitors – now to Museum exhibits instead of books; while an 1879 Victorian style Tabor pump organ awaits funding for repair and restoration to its former melodic sounds. See photos below. 🌸





Pickerington Community Theatre

Pickerington Community Theatre (PCT) was founded in 2006 with the goal of preserving, promoting, and performing all types of live theatre in the community.

PCT is a non-profit organization, run entirely by volunteers and a proud member of the Ohio Community Theatre Association (OCTA).

Each season PCT produces 4 productions. Historically, we have produced one comedy/drama, two musicals, and one children's production. The theatre has also formed a traveling improv & sketch comedy troupe. PCT has continued an on-going educational program called PAWS (Performing Arts WorkshopS) to help foster theatre education in children in first through twelfth grade. 🌸

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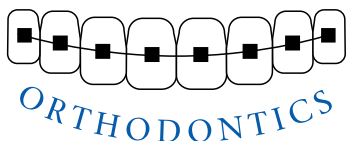
Visit www.PickeringtonCommunityTheatre.org to find out how to get involved with your theatre.

Perhaps you've always wanted to be on stage? Come out and audition for one of our productions. Maybe you can play an instrument? We may need pit musicians. We are always in need of volunteers to help as rehearsal accompanists, stage & prop crew members, set builders, painters, stage managers, directors and many others.

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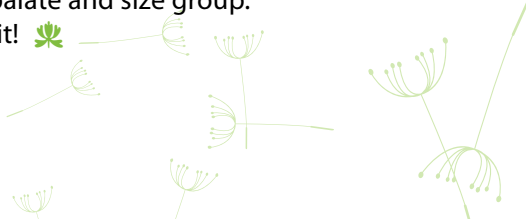
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Business & Industry

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Successful companies are recognized for their growth and prosperity. When a company decides to locate a new facility or consider expansion, prospering and growing communities are where these entrepreneurs look. Pickerington and Violet Township is one of these communities and that is reflected in the more than 1000 businesses that have chosen us as their home.

The reasons for locating in Pickerington are plentiful. With easy access to major roadways and airports, the availability and construction of new retail and office facilities, and the willingness and support of local leadership and access to incentive programs make starting and sustaining a business very promising.

While location and services are crucial components that contribute to a choice between otherwise comparable settings, a final decision is based upon people. A combination of a strong work force, collaborative leadership, and a

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Pickerington Local School District

Educating for tomorrow. They are three simple words that convey the promise of Pickerington Schools.

Educating for tomorrow is the foundation upon which we are preparing today's students to be tomorrow's leaders and responsible, productive citizens. This core idea is integral to Pickerington Schools being a school district of choice for residents and businesses.

These words reflect the promise that our curriculum is designed with the future in mind, and that we will continue to invest the resources our community provides to us in highly trained teachers, educational technology, and a holistic, integrated approach to education.

In short: We are forward focused.

The children in our 14 schools represent more than 10,000 points of pride, and make Pickerington Schools the 17th largest school district in Ohio. We are proud that more than 96 percent of our students graduate within four years, and that the class of 2015 was offered more than \$17.5 million in college scholarships. Approximately 92 percent of our graduates from the Class of 2015 attend college or are continuing their education through a technical or trade school.

Pickerington Schools consistently invests in programs designed to prepare our students for college and careers.

For example, through our College Credit Plus program, students in Grades 7-12 can receive both college and high school credits for taking the same classes, many of which are taught by Pickerington teachers in Pickerington schools. In 2015-16, students worked to earn 1,441 college credits, which would have cost an estimated \$623,000 at a school such as The Ohio State University.

For 2015-16, the district expanded the number of colleges and universities it is partnering with for the program. In addition to its original partner school, Columbus State Community College, Pickerington now has agreements with Central Ohio Technical College and Ohio University. Students can take advantage of off-campus work at The Ohio State University and Ohio University, and online classes via Rhodes State College and the University of Toledo.

We seek and nurture partnerships that help us provide innovative and unique educational opportunities. A shining example is our partnership with OhioHealth's Pickerington Medical Campus, which is providing our Biomedical Sciences program a unique learning space and giving students access to working medical professionals.



The district has a strong focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). One of our junior high schools has been designated a STEM school. We also have a partnership with Innovation Generation, which has helped the district create a distance learning lab, high school biomedical innovation lab, and mobile materials fabrication lab.

We will continue to invest in the kinds of vital technology that allows us to provide a 21st-century learning environment. Our priorities in the coming years will be to increase the use of data to drive instruction by our teachers and to explore new opportunities for digital learning. We will continue to enhance our technology infrastructure and expand access to instructional technology for all students and staff, all with a goal of increasing communication, collaboration and critical thinking.

We take equal pride in our outstanding, future-focused educators. Our teachers have an average of almost 14 years of classroom experience, and more than 80 percent have master's degrees. They participate in hundreds of hours of professional development each year to ensure they are current on the latest educational teaching methods, standards-based education, and technology.

Pickerington Schools are focused on more than just academics. We work to ensure every student has the opportunity for a well-rounded educational experience through our highly regarded athletic and extracurricular programs. Our Division I sports teams, music and theater programs are huge sources of community pride and involvement.

The district also invests in its facilities. Most of the district's buildings are less than 20 years old, and our more mature buildings are in excellent condition. Several of our schools have received LEED Certification for being environmentally friendly.

Financially, the district is in a strong position. Our five-year forecast shows an end-of-year cash balance of more than \$15 million through at least June 2020, and the district has not placed an operating levy on the ballot since 2011.

Our community recognizes and supports the great things happening in our schools. In our most recent community survey, 88 percent of respondents said they believe the district is doing an excellent or good job. More than 87 percent of



parents said our teachers are doing an excellent or good job of educating their children. And 78 percent of taxpayers say they are getting a good value for their money.

We do not rest on our past successes, though. Our educators continuously look ahead, always asking one critical question: What can we do better?

Educating for tomorrow. It's a philosophy that we will not just prepare our children to succeed in today's complex and competitive environment, because we know today is fleeting. Instead, we will prepare Pickerington's students to succeed tomorrow, to tackle whatever changes and challenges the future presents.

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Ohio University

Pickerington Center

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OUP also works with local high schools by offering Post-Secondary Enrollment Options, allowing students to take college courses for credit while in high school without leaving the community.

The Center, which opened in 2000, has 15 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, a computer lab, a student success center and testing center.

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Through the Lancaster campus, students are able to be involved at a greater level by participating in one of the 15 clubs and organizations or one of 7 athletic teams. The opportunities are endless for students who choose OU Pickerington.

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The public is welcome seven days a week throughout the year.

The library began as the Violet Township Library in two small alcoves in the school building. The Library Board of Trustees, Violet Township Trustees and Pickerington Village Council passed a joint resolution and received a grant from the Carnegie Library Commission in the amount of \$10,000. The building at 15 E. Columbus Street was built. The name changed to the Pickerington Public Library in 1961, better reflecting the location. The Carnegie Building now houses the Pickerington-Violet Historical Society. The library took up residence at the current location in 1993. The Pickerington Public Library is classified as a school district library serving the Pickerington Local School District service area. Part of the Central Library Consortium, the catalog can tap into items that can be shared with 14 other library systems.

The library has a wide and varied book collection for children, teens and adults and in formats that fit every lifestyle; audio, e-audio, eBooks, large and regular print. There are also DVDs, music CDs, and magazines.

Featuring an electronic classroom with a Smartboard where technology classes are offered, this room also doubles as the Homework Help Center. The HHC is open during the school year in the afternoons Monday through Friday. Meeting rooms are available for the public to reserve when not in use for library programs.

The Adult Services Department provides test proctoring, technology support for e-readers, and computer help in the library's computer lab. The reference librarians are experienced and knowledgeable in servicing the public's reading needs offering Readers Advisory suggestions for both fiction and non-fiction.

The library offers many different online databases available to library patrons. Hoopla for Streaming movies, television shows, music, and audiobooks to your computer and mobile devices, Zinio for instant digital access to favorite magazines and Overdrive is utilized to download eBooks, eAudiobooks and more, just to name a few.

The library programming team offers programs throughout the year for ages 9 months and up. On-going Storytimes, Summer Reading Program, Santa Saturday, Teen Author Fest, Big Comic Show, Lunch and Learn Professional Series, and the popular Self-Reliance Series. Many of these programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Pickerington Public Library through their bi-annual book sales and other fundraising endeavors.

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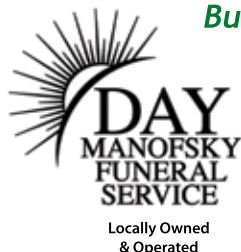
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OhioHealth

OhioHealth has a strong, committed relationship with the Pickerington community and is dedicated to supporting the well-being of its citizens.

As Pickerington has grown and developed, so has OhioHealth's presence in the area. This growth and OhioHealth's involvement in the community demonstrates how truly committed OhioHealth is to making Pickerington a better place to live and work.

From primary care to outpatient services, 24/7 emergency care and surgery, OhioHealth provides families in Pickerington with a variety of convenient and accessible healthcare options, and so much more.

Whether they visit the new OhioHealth Pickerington Medical Campus, OhioHealth Sleep Services or OhioHealth Primary Care Physicians, Pickerington residents are sure to receive the same level of care and expertise as they would at OhioHealth hospitals, right in their backyard. The OhioHealth facilities in Pickerington offer a variety of services in areas such as OB/GYN and Women's Health, Sports Medicine and Orthopedics, Heart and Vascular Care, Imaging, Physical Therapy and more.

Many OhioHealth employees live and work in Pickerington and are invested in the community, allowing them to better understand the needs of those visiting the OhioHealth care sites in the area. OhioHealth's commitment to the Pickerington community can be seen through the valuable partnership it has with the Pickerington Local School District. OhioHealth Sports Medicine provides athletic training services and team physician coverage to both Pickerington North High School and Pickerington Central High School. In



addition, the Pickerington Medical Campus provides 2,000 square feet of space for Pickerington Schools' Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program, allowing students on the biomedical track to gain face-to-face interaction with real medical professionals. STEM students also have access to resources at the medical campus that are not available in a traditional classroom setting.

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The new modernized campus will bring comfort and confidence to Columbus' east side communities through advanced patient care, including the introduction of level II trauma care to treat critical and complex emergency cases. The renovation and modernization of MCE will lead the way for continued success in caring for central Ohio communities for generations to come. 🌸

Project Highlights

- An all-private 381-bed campus with full reconstruction of four floors of the original 1969 structure; including the creation of 112 new private rooms to ensure comfort and safety with more space for families to be with patients during treatment and recovery.
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- The new, more prominent main entrance and expanded parking will create a more convenient and easier path to access our main entrance or ED.
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Nationwide Children's Hospital, the only area hospital on the U.S. News & World Report Best Children's Hospital Honor Roll, brings expert urgent care services to Pickerington families at two convenient locations – Diley Road in Canal Winchester and East Broad Street in Columbus.

Nationwide Children's knows kids best, delivering care backed by special training and expertise. Each Close To HomeSM Center with Urgent Care is staffed by experts ready to provide the most advanced care.

All urgent care centers are not the same. Choose any topic related to urgent care and you'll see why taking a child to the right place makes all the difference:

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For more information, visit NationwideChildrens.org/Urgent-Care-Services.

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For hours, maps and other urgent care locations, visit NationwideChildrens.org/Urgent-Care-Services.



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Fairfield Medical Center

At Fairfield Medical Center, we deliver outstanding healthcare for our patients, their families and our community. Nearly a century ago, we opened our doors as the first non-private hospital in Lancaster. Over time, our services have expanded considerably to include numerous affiliates and off-campus locations that offer greater accessibility and enhanced services for residents outside of Fairfield County.

In 2010, we partnered with Mount Carmel to open Diley Ridge Medical Center in Canal Winchester, which provides 24-hour emergency treatment, as well as imaging, primary care and internal medicine services, to patients in northern Fairfield County. We are passionate about giving our patients the opportunity to receive the care they need – whether it be cardiovascular, surgical, cancer, orthopedic or heartburn – without having to travel far from home.

Currently, Fairfield Medical Center is the largest employer and charity in Fairfield County. FMC also is the recipient of the 2016 Large Business of the Year award from the Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce. 🌸



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Larry Bell wasn't sure what to expect when he started cardiac rehab – but he never thought it would transform his life.



“I’m back in the swing of things”

When Larry Bell started cardiac rehab at Fairfield Medical Center, he was at his heaviest weight and so tired, he could barely play a round of golf. The past two years had been challenging ones for Larry, who had battled Legionnaires’ disease before undergoing open heart surgery. He wanted to start feeling good again.

It didn't take long. A month into his rehab, Larry, 61, says he lost 20 pounds and fully regained his energy. With the help of the cardiac rehab staff, the Lancaster resident made exercise and eating right a priority. He now starts off his mornings with a healthy protein shake and spends his afternoons and evenings completing the tasks he was once too exhausted to tackle. “The rehab staff has been great – there has not been one bad moment,” Larry said. “They are very organized and they watch you carefully. If my heart rate is too high, they’re on it right away.”

Larry is eager to get back on the golf course this spring, where he plans to spend more time on the green and less time sitting, tired and weak, in the golf cart. At Fairfield Medical Center, we’re committed to helping all patients feel their very best.

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A small, but mighty band of senior citizens had a dream of having a building where they could meet, have parties, enjoy meals together, hold educational seminars and serve others of Pickerington and Violet Township. Today, that dream is a reality far beyond the hopes of that first group.

As Pickerington has grown, so has the Senior Center. Today, there are activities for a variety of interests. Educational seminars are held frequently on topics related to health care, financial planning and legal issues for seniors. Card parties, fellowship dinners, Bingo games, crafts and quilting are some of the activities going on weekly. A membership luncheon with a program, is held the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon. The Senior Center sponsors trips all around the world and a wide variety of local day trips.

The Pickerington Senior Center is unique among senior centers in the manner with which it is funded. The majority of its budget is gained through fund raising done by the members of the Senior Center. It is governed by a Board of Trustees that operates under a constitution. Most of the work of maintaining the building/grounds and fundraising is performed by the members themselves.

Membership fee is \$12.50 per year for anyone 50 years and over. That fee gives members use of the senior center building, a monthly newsletter and access to a number of programs and activities, including lifeline screenings, health seminars, flu shots and educational workshops. 🌻

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday – 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Phone: 614-837-3020

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Community Profile & Vital Information

DEMOGRAPHICS

19,334 - Population (2013 Census, City of Pickerington)
20,785 - Population (2013 Census, Violet Township)
36 - Median Age (City of Pickerington)
39.8 - Median Age (Violet Township)
66.7% - Population over 18 years old (City of Pickerington)
6.8% - Population over 65 years old (City of Pickerington)

HOUSEHOLDS

6,680 - Number of households (City of Pickerington)
26,732 - Number of households (Violet Township)
\$183,200 - Median home value (City of Pickerington)
\$195,500 - Median home value (Violet Township)
\$81,540 - Median household income (City of Pickerington)
\$86,355 - Median household income (Violet Township)

TAXATION

1% - Municipal income tax rate
6.75% - Sales tax rate
Assessed value = 35% x Appraised Value

TRANSPORTATION

25 minutes from Port Columbus
International Airport

27 minutes from Rickenbacker
International Airport

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SR 256, I-70, US 33

EDUCATION

Pickerington Local Schools
7 elementary schools, 3 middle schools,
2 junior high schools, 2 high schools
Ohio University- Pickerington Center

BUSINESS INCENTIVES

Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)
City of Pickerington Revolving Loan Fund
CDBG & EDA Revolving Loan Fund Programs
Fairfield County Enterprise Zone
Tax Increment Finance Districts (TIF)

UTILITIES

American Electric Power
Columbia Gas
Northeast Ohio Natural Gas
South Central Power Co
Volunteer Energy Service, Inc.

PARKS

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Olde Pickerington Village
Preston Trails Park
Shawnee Crossing Park
Simsbury Park
Sycamore Creek Park
Victory Park
Willow Pond Park

Worship Directory

BAPTIST

Sycamore Creek Community Church
8100 Refugee Rd
Pickerington Ohio 43147
(614) 920-4020

Violet Baptist Church
8345 Blacklick Eastern Rd
Pickerington Ohio 43147
(614) 833-0171

Berean Baptist Church
12985 Tollgate Rd
Pickerington Ohio 43147
(614) 837-5204

First Baptist Church of Pickerington
521 N Center St
Pickerington Ohio 43147
(614) 837-3628

Pickerington Free Will Baptist Church
609 W Columbus St
Pickerington Ohio 43147
(614) 837-7890

BIBLE

Victory Bible Church
100 N East St
Pickerington Ohio 43147
(614) 833-0330

BRETHREN

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(614) 577-1805

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115 N Center St
Pickerington Ohio 43147
(614) 833-4009

CATHOLIC

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Pickerington Ohio 43147
(614) 833-0482

CHURCH OF GOD

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(614) 837-6841

Sacred Heart Parish Anglican Church
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(614) 893-2829

EVANGELICAL

Pickerington Christian Church
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(614) 833-4900

International City Christian Church
128 Rolling Meadow Ct
Pickerington Ohio 43147
(614) 837-1863

LUTHERAN

Epiphany Lutheran Church
268 Hill Rd. N
Pickerington Ohio 43147
(614) 837-2826

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8950 Refugee Rd
Pickerington Ohio 43147
(614) 834-3122

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Pickerington Ohio 43147
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Pickerington Ohio 43147
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