

Fairborn – Tradition and Innovation

A Family-Friendly Community

Written by the City of Fairborn, Fairborn City Schools and the Fairborn Area Chamber of Commerce

Location

Fairborn is located northeast of Dayton and provides an ideal location for business development. The city's modern infrastructure takes advantage of four interchanges along I-675, giving businesses and residents easy access to I-70, I-75, SR 444 and SR 235. Fairborn is adjacent to the eastern parameter of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and includes the 24-hour gates for both Areas A and B. Wright State University defines our southern border. The collaborative opportunity for Air Force personnel to work with University students/faculty fosters a spirit of innovation and growth.

Housing



From patio and historical homes to residential estates and condominiums in a wooded setting, our mix of housing choices has never been better. With several active housing developments, ranging in price from \$120,000 to \$400,000, Fairborn offers a dream home for everyone.

Education



Learning is a voyage for life, and nowhere in Ohio does that journey offer more choices than the City of Fairborn. From preschool to Ph.D.

programs, education is the golden thread that binds our community together.

The Fairborn City School District is approximately 5 minutes from WPAFB and serves our military families living on base. The Fairborn City Schools is proud to offer "*Project Lead the Way, Inc*" a **STEM** curriculum at both the Middle *and* High Schools.



Fairborn has an outstanding teaching staff which includes 12 National Board Certified teachers. The school offers students the benefits of a large district in a small district environment. Within the classroom, and in extra-curricular activities, children have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities including: Gifted, outstanding ROTC; College Prep; Special Education; Academic Clubs; Student Groups/Clubs; Music programs; Athletic programs.

As students pursue career opportunities, Wright State University offers more than 100 undergraduate and nearly 50 graduate degree programs focusing on all aspects of academic and professional excellence. Hondros College and Aeronautical Institute provide specialty courses. Students will be prepared for a successful career in a competitive job market.

Shopping

The City of Fairborn is fortunate to have a traditional downtown area that has over 70 locally owned businesses offering excellent shopping opportunities for antiques, books, interior

décor, gourmet coffee, live theater, as well as eclectic dining. Known for its Halloween spirit and great customer service, Fairborn's downtown is home to many unique shops that attract patrons from



throughout the region looking for that something special you can't buy anywhere else. Additionally, we offer the convenience of being just minutes from the Mall at Fairfield Commons.

Parks & Recreation



With 686 acres of parkland, Fairborn has a special commitment to recreational areas and preserving green space. Take advantage of the numerous walking paths and trails in our parks, spend time on our bikeways, or just go fishing. Join one of the many spring/fall adult softball leagues and summer tennis leagues. Try your hand at Ohio's first competition-level Disc Golf Course

which opened in Community Park in 2010. In addition to park activities, there is



Little League, Babe Ruth Baseball, Wee Hawk Football, S.A.Y. Soccer, and YMCA organized sports programs for our youth. Our

military families are always welcome and encouraged to join in the fun and to make Fairborn their home, if only for awhile.



Fairborn hosts the US Air Force Marathon 5K at Wright State University and is the Mile Ten station for the full Marathon. Runners feel the hometown spirit with live music and a gaggle of spectators along the route for encouragement.

Fairborn is proud to be the home of the Ervin J. Nutter Center, an internationally-known 11,000 seat arena.

The Nutter Center offers a variety of



entertainment ranging from Wright State Raiders basketball to the nation's top entertainers. There is an evening of fun waiting for everyone at the Nutter Center.

History

Fairborn was once two villages, Fairfield and Osborn, Fairfield developed in the early 1800's. The first log house, standing at the southwest corner of First and Middle Streets, is still used; much the same as when it was built in



1799.

Osborn was platted in 1860 as a result of the "new" railroad

coming to town. After a devastating flood hit Dayton in March 1913, the Miami Conservancy District implemented a plan to protect the area from flooding. They began purchasing land in Osborn subject to flooding. About the same time, a new flying field was emerging, now known as WPAFB. The Wright Brothers began to develop their new flying machines in Fairfield.



"Just as Osborn has boomed in 1850 with the coming of the railroad, Fairfield was now booming with the "coming of the airplane". However, the first soldiers arrived on June 2, 1917. These early arrivals were soon followed by officers and civilian personnel from every state in the Union. The main depot building, designated as Building Number 1, on Wright Avenue inside the gate near Fairfield Cemetery, became the first building at the Fairfield Air Depot, with occupancy in September of 1918. Fairfield, because of its importance in supply and air training, soon became known the world over." (Cleo Wilson Hodgkins)

New Opportunities



Sixty years later, Fairborn becomes home to the National

Center for Medical Readiness Tactical Laboratory at Calamityville. A project of the Department of Emergency Medicine in the Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University, Calamityville is a state of the art collaborative training and research facility that will provide unique training opportunities for the world's medical, public health, public safety, civilian and military disaster responders and decision makers. The facility is located on 54 acres at the site of the former CEMEX plant, an international supplier of cement. Just minutes from WPAFB Medical Facility and WSU research labs, the Facility offers a unique combination of classroom training with realistic simulated environments such as confined spaces, underground tunnels, and flood situations, just to name a few.

Business Climate

While military and government related businesses are a vital part of Fairborn's economy, there are many others that provide economic support and add to the diversity of our business community. Our city's redevelopment and growth has resulted in a broad array of businesses and retail services. Fairborn's favorable location, business advocacy groups and involved citizens have made it a vibrant culture and economic center that affords endless opportunities. Visit us at www.ci.fairborn.oh.us to find out more about our great community.