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## What's New In West Chester

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### New Developments

#### **WEST CHESTER RANKS 32ND IN AMERICA'S TOP 100 BEST PLACES TO LIVE**

West Chester was one of only two Ohio communities to make the "CNN/Money Magazine Top 100 Best Places to Live" list, released July 12th. West Chester was ranked 32 on the list, which takes into consideration statistics such as education, employment and crime, as well as quality of life attributes such as parks, housing, shopping and restaurants. West Chester last made this prestigious list in 2005 with a ranking of 45. CNN/Money Magazine completes an exhaustive review of data in order to compile this list each year.



The list begins with all communities of populations between 50,000 and 300,000 nearly 750 in all. To get into the top 100, communities through statistical data, must exhibit qualities, which include fiscal strength of the local government, employment opportunity, affordable housing, excellent educational resources and exceptional quality of life amenities.



**Guardian Savings Bank**, originally chartered in 1895, Guardian has now grown to 9 offices in the Tri-State area. Guardian Savings Bank announced it will relocate its corporate headquarters to the 15,600 square-foot former People's Bank building at 6100 West Chester Road (Union Centre/Downtown District). The new West Chester branch will give the bank a total of 10 branches. The building was purchased for \$1.2 million, and Guardian Savings Bank has about \$700 million in total assets.

[www.guardiansavingsbank.com](http://www.guardiansavingsbank.com)

**Flexi USA, Inc.**, the world market leader and inventor of retractable, cord and belt leashes, announced it will construct a new 50,000 square-foot facility at 8494 Firebird Drive off Union Centre Boulevard. Flexi USA will relocate from its existing West Chester facility to its new location. Schumacher Dugan Construction Company has been selected as the developer. [www.flexiusa.com](http://www.flexiusa.com)

**Intelligrated, Inc.**, an American-owned supplier of integrated material handling systems, services and products, announced it will expand its presence in West Chester Township. Intelligrated



leased an 80,940 square-foot building at 4436 Muhlhauser Road in NorthPark Business Center to house its parts fulfillment business and make available additional production capacity. In 2009, Intelligrated consolidated four existing facilities into three facilities, closing its Kentucky operations. The commitment to West Chester translated into 335 jobs retained. The new facility will bring 40 additional jobs to West Chester Township. Intelligrated contracts with companies such as Amazon.com, the U.S. Postal Service, Federal Express, Procter & Gamble, Sears or more. [www.intelligrated.com](http://www.intelligrated.com)

## Office/Technology



**NVR, Inc.**, specializing in the operation of homebuilding and mortgage banking units, announced it will open a 14,000 square-foot office at 8610 Jacquemin Drive in Schumacher-Dugan Construction's OfficePlex @ Union Centre building (Downtown District). The homebuilding unit sells and constructs homes under the Ryan Homes, NVHomes and Fox Ridge Homes trade names. NVR is slated to open its new facility September 2010 with up to 60 employees. NVR, Inc. signed a 7 year lease valued at \$1.1 million. [www.nvrinc.com](http://www.nvrinc.com)



**Orion International**, a nation's largest military recruiting firm, announced it will relocate its operations to a 2,520 square-foot office at 9100 West Chester Towne Centre Drive in the Towne Square at Union Centre building. Orion International is a veteran-run organization that specializes in placing today's top military leaders,

## Commercial



**Asiatique Bistro & Lounge**, serving healthy, modern Asian cuisine in a contemporary, metropolitan setting, will open its new restaurant mid-July. With a full menu of Eastern-inspired dishes using elements and ingredients from distinctive Asian culture, Asiatique Bistro and Lounge offers the opportunity to explore new flavors without ever stepping foot on a plane. The 8,257-square-foot stand-alone restaurant is located at 9228 Centre Pointe Drive in the West Chester Towne Centre (Union Centre/Downtown district). Asiatique Bistro will have approximately 150 employees. [www.asiatiquebistro.com](http://www.asiatiquebistro.com)

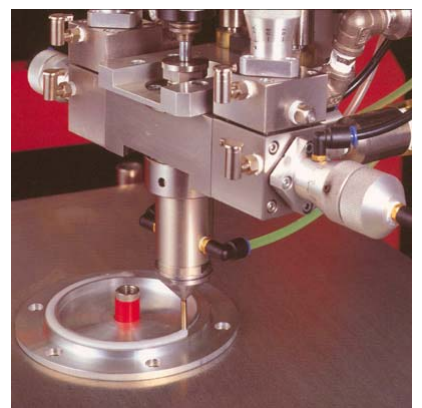
**Noah's Ark Animal Clinic**, providing quality pet care at affordable prices, opened a 12,404 square-foot animal clinic at 8675 Cincinnati-Columbus Road north of Cox Road (Route 42 District). Noah's Ark Animal Clinic is committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life to the animals living in our community. [www.noahsarkanimalclinics.com](http://www.noahsarkanimalclinics.com)

**Planet Dance Uptown**, offering dance instruction by the industry's leading dancers, choreographers

## Industrial



**Shepherd Color Company**, a fourth-generation, family-owned business dedicated to being a world-class producer of Complex Inorganic Color Pigments (CICPs). Shepherd Color Company announced an 8,678 square-foot expansion to its existing headquarters at 4539 Dues Drive off Princeton-Glendale Road (SR747 District). Shepherd Color supplies millions of pounds of high-quality pigments annually to customers around the world. [www.shepherdcolor.com](http://www.shepherdcolor.com)



**ThreeBond International**,

engineers, and technicians into America's Fortune 500 and beyond team. Orion is slated to open its new location July 26<sup>th</sup>.

[www.orioninternational.com](http://www.orioninternational.com)



**Ellison Technologies**, providers of advanced machining solutions to North American metal-cutting manufacturers and their global affiliates. Ellison Technologies, a Japanese-owned company, announced it will relocate its existing West Chester business to a 10,800 square-foot facility at 5333 Muhlhauser Road in The Pointe at Union Centre. Ellison Technologies' new facility will overlook the Downtown/Union Centre district. The new facility opened July 1<sup>st</sup> with 12 employees.

[www.ellisontechnologies.com](http://www.ellisontechnologies.com)

and instructors, announced it will open a 7,066 square-foot satellite dance studio at 9536 Cincinnati-Columbus Road in Dimmick Plaza (Route 42 District). Planet Dance Uptown offers many levels of instruction and education that will prepare a dancer for a career in dance and/or performing arts. Competition teams offer the opportunity for dancers to gain experience performing or dancing at a competitive level. Planet Dance Uptown celebrated its grand opening on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

[www.planetdanceuptown.com](http://www.planetdanceuptown.com)

**DirectBuy**, a home improvement and furnishings club with direct insider prices, announced it will open a 10,000 square-foot showroom and warehouse facility at 9035 Meridian Way in Duke Realty's World Park at Union Centre. DirectBuy has over 150 Clubs in the U.S. and Canada. DirectBuy is slated to open 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2010.

[www.directbuy.com](http://www.directbuy.com)

providers of adhesives and sealants for the automotive, electronic and consumer industries, announced a 13,000 square-foot expansion to its existing 39,890 square-foot West Chester facility at 6184 Schumacher Park Drive in Schumacher Commerce Park (Union Centre District). ThreeBond's expansion will bring 12 new jobs to West Chester. [www.threebond.com](http://www.threebond.com)

**CertiFit**, specializing in high-quality, certified, after-market auto body parts, leased a 25,574 square-foot facility at 7400 Union Centre Boulevard in Industrial Development International's Port Union at Union Centre development. CertiFit has 26 locations across the United States and is open to the public.

[www.certifit.com](http://www.certifit.com)

## Additional New Developments

**A Book Nook**, a brick-and-mortar book store, opened a 1,611 square-foot facility at 7322 Kingsgate Way off Tylersville Road in Kingsgate Plaza (VOA/Uptown District). A Book Nook provides a comfortable atmosphere for clients to browse, relax and enjoy over 20,000 titles in every genre. [www.abooknook.com](http://www.abooknook.com)

**Advanced Auto Parts**, specializing in auto parts, advice and accessories, announced it will open a new 5,987 square-foot retail facility at 4962 Union Centre Pavilion Drive in Union Centre Pavilion at Princeton-Glendale Road/SR747.

[www.advancedautoparts.com](http://www.advancedautoparts.com)



**AmeriCredit**, an independent automobile finance company providing financial solutions indirectly through auto dealers across the United States, announced it will relocate to a 5,157 square-foot office at 9277 Centre Pointe Drive in Duke Realty's Centre Pointe Office Park (Union Centre/Downtown District). AmeriCredit has approximately 800,000 customers and \$9 billion in auto receivables. AmeriCredit will open at its new location August 24th with 30 employees. [www.americredit.com](http://www.americredit.com)

**Arcade Legacy**, specializing in a large selection of classic arcade games, announced it will open a 4,359 square-foot game room at 322 West Crescentville Road off Princeton-Glendale Road/SR747. Arcade Legacy is now open with over 50 arcade games and pinball machines. The facility has a console gaming area with a 106" high definition television

where you can play your favorite console titles. Coming soon, Arcade Legacy will also buy, sell and trade CDs, DVDs and video games. [www.arcadelegacyohio.com](http://www.arcadelegacyohio.com)

**Audio Advantage**, specializing in home and automobile audio and video product sales and installation, opened a 5,000 square-foot facility at 9850 Princeton-Glendale Road/SR747 just south of Muhlhauser Road. Audio Advantage's showroom showcases its audio and theater equipment systems that help customers *Live the Advantage*. Audio Advantage will open mid-to-late August. [www.audioadvantage.com](http://www.audioadvantage.com)

**Baxter Lane Furniture & Spas Direct**, specializing in quality furnishings at a distributor's cost, Baxter Lane opened a 15,912 square-foot warehouse and showroom at 9677 Cincinnati-Dayton Road (Union Centre/Downtown District). Baxter Lane began as a private wholesale supplier to retail distributors, builders and interior designers. Now, Baxter Lane opens its doors to the general public offering a substantial savings to its customers seven days a week. [www.baxterlanefurniture.com](http://www.baxterlanefurniture.com)

**Beckett Park Boundless Playground**, a playground designed to encourage children of all abilities to play together, will undergo several improvements at Beckett Park. The next phase of Beckett Park improvements includes the restoration of the lake area, new restroom facilities, parking, shelters, playgrounds and walking/bike paths throughout the park. The project is being funded through tax increment financing with additional funding through the State of Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission and Boundless Playgrounds. The Boundless Playground was built in the fall of 2009 with volunteers and funding support from Procter & Gamble and CVS Caremark. The playground is located halfway between the Muhlhauser Barn and the West Chester Baseball Complex off Union Centre Boulevard (Downtown District). Construction is slated for completion in the summer of 2010. Project budget is \$1.8 million.

**Black Lab Ventures, LLC**, an HR management consulting business that focuses on onboarding, training & development, performance management, and health & wellness initiatives. Black Lab Ventures opened an office at 7723 Tylers Place Boulevard off Tylersville Road (Uptown District). Black Lab Ventures' signature service, called Culture Branding, is a form of employer branding designed to help companies attract top talent and retain the employees they already have. Black Lab Ventures offers full-service packages for mid-to-large sized companies and also can act as an extension of their HR department. [www.blacklabventures.com](http://www.blacklabventures.com).

**Budina's Pan Asian Cuisine**, a casual, contemporary fusion restaurant that serves Chinese, Japanese, Thai and Asian dishes, announced it will open a 2,909 square-foot restaurant at 9114 West Chester Towne Centre Drive in the Towne Centre Square building (Union Centre/Downtown District). Budina's will open in July with breakfast, lunch and dinner offerings. Budina's also offers specialty coffee and is famous for their coffee buns.

**Community Montessori School**, a pre-primary preschool program, including kindergarten, that serves children ages 3-6 years old, announced it will open a 1,470 square-foot educational facility at 9035 Cincinnati-Dayton Road in Olde West Chester. Community Montessori School provides an enriching, age-appropriate, and challenging learning environment with hands-on experiences. The teachers at Community Montessori are strong advocates for children and their desire and thirst for learning. Community Montessori School will be open for the 2010/2011 school year. [www.CMontessori.com](http://www.CMontessori.com)

**Cornhole Worldwide**, specializing in the manufacture and distribution of cornhole boards, bags and accessories. Cornhole Worldwide opened a 7,500 square-foot facility at 4858 Provident Drive off Princeton-Glendale Road/SR747. [www.cornholeworldwide.com](http://www.cornholeworldwide.com)

**Decent Ride**, offering a large inventory of pre-owned vehicles, opened a 5,776 square-foot automobile dealership at 9443 Cincinnati-Columbus Road (Route 42 District). [www.decentride.com](http://www.decentride.com)

**Excalibur Technology**, a full-service computer sales and consulting firm with a strong focus on customer service, opened a new office at 8080 Beckett Center Drive, Suite 107, off Princeton-Glendale Road/SR747 (Beckett Ridge District). Excalibur Technology partners with companies such as Microsoft, WatchGuard, Hewlett Packard, Intel and Cisco to develop powerful solutions. <http://Cincinnati.excaltech.com>

**Gen IV Technology**, CCTV installers, integrators and dealers of quality products at competitive prices. Gen IV Technology opened an 8,000 square-foot facility at 5211 Muhlhauser Road in The Pointe at Union Centre. [www.genivtechnology.com](http://www.genivtechnology.com)

**Grace Tree Yoga & Growth Studio**, a shala, or sanctuary created for cultivating growth in the community of the

heart. Grace Tree announced it will relocate its existing West Chester studio to 2,000 square-foot studio at 8933 Cincinnati-Dayton Road in Olde West Chester. Grace Tree offers yoga and movement classes, workshops and professional wellness and growth services designed to nurture the body, balance the mind and liberate the soul. [www.gracetreestudio.com](http://www.gracetreestudio.com)

**Grand Ole Pub**, a patriotic, American-themed pub, will open mid-to-late August at 8177 Princeton-Glendale Road/SR747 in West Chester Village Retail Center (Beckett Ridge District). [www.grandolepub.com](http://www.grandolepub.com)

**Grange Insurance**, offering valuable insurance products and superior, hassle-free services that meet the customers' changing needs, opened a 9,708 square-foot claims office at 9277 Centre Pointe Drive in Duke Realty's Centre Pointe Office Park (Union Centre District). [www.grangeinsurance.com](http://www.grangeinsurance.com)

**Guy Brown Express LLC**, an Ohio certified MBE/EDGE company, announced it will open a 4,972 square-foot facility at 4890 Duff Drive off Princeton-Glendale Road/SR747. Guy Brown Express is an office supply distribution company that provides office products, imaging solutions, medical supplies, MRO supplies, promotional/marketing items, managed print solutions and business furniture. The company was formed to facilitate a multi-million dollar office products contract under the Inter-University Council (IUC). The IUC is a council formed by the State of Ohio to facilitate the buying of office products for the universities, community and technical colleges in the State of Ohio. Guy Brown Express is slated to open August 1st. [www.guybrownexpress.com](http://www.guybrownexpress.com)

**Hauser Air**, a family-owned and operated heating and air conditioning service provider, will relocate its existing West Chester business to a 5,000 square-foot facility at 9114 Cincinnati-Columbus Road north of Cox Road (Route 42 District). Hauser Air will celebrate its grand opening at the new facility in August 2010. [www.hauserair.com](http://www.hauserair.com)

**Hunter Development Group**, specializing in due diligence, permit expediting tenant coordination and development services to private and corporate sector clients across the continental United States. Hunter Development Group relocated its existing West Chester business to a 1,728 square-foot office building at 8913 Cincinnati-Dayton Road in Olde West Chester. [www.hunterdevelopmentgroup.com](http://www.hunterdevelopmentgroup.com)

**Masala's Restaurant**, specializing in Indo-American cuisine, announced it will open a 1,018 square-foot restaurant at 9100 Cox Road and Cincinnati-Columbus Road (Route 42 District). Masala's Restaurant features cafeteria-style food, sells packed foods and offers catering services.

**Paint n Play**, a craft-oriented play center, announced it will relocate its existing West Chester business to a 2,616 square-foot facility at 7671 Cox Lane in The Pointe (anchored by Graeter's and Dewey's Pizza). Paint n Play offers pottery, silk screening and tie-dying t-shirts, as well as organized activities for birthday parties, showers, scout troops, field trips and corporate outings. [www.paint-n-play.com](http://www.paint-n-play.com)

**Perfection Gymnastics School** announced it will open a 13,547 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility at 5637 Union Centre Drive in the Union Centre/Downtown District. Perfection Gymnastics will offer classes for pre-schoolers as well as recreational gymnastics for Level 4 through Elite. Children and their parents can enjoy development activities, recreational sports and also pursue the highest level of competitive gymnastics. Perfection Gymnastics will open its doors September 2010.

**Positive Paws**, a full-service pet training center, expanded its existing West Chester business and relocated to a 2,340 square-foot facility at 8651 Cincinnati-Columbus Road south of Butler-Warren Road (Route 42 District). Positive Paws offers behavior modification training, underwater treadmill, energy balancing and more. [www.positivepaws.net](http://www.positivepaws.net)

**Powerhouse Athletics**, home of the Rebels All-Star Cheer and Dance team, opened a 7,040 square-foot facility at 44 Carnegie Way off Crescentville Road. Powerhouse Athletics offers unlimited recreational tumbling, recreational dance, All-Star dance and cheerleading teams, Ben-Gal prep classes, private lessons, fitness classes, boot camps, and personal training. [www.powerhouseathleticsohio.com](http://www.powerhouseathleticsohio.com)

**Premium Blendz**, offering a higher grade haircut, announced the opening of its upscale studio at 8467 Cincinnati-Columbus Road in West Chester Office Park (Route 42 District). Premium Blendz specializes in scissor cuts, tapers, fades, shaves, beards, razor lines and more.



**Primrose School of West Chester**, providing the right foundation for active minds, healthy bodies, and happy hearts. Primrose School opened a 10,565 square-foot

educational facility at 8378 Princeton-Glendale Road/SR747 (Beckett Ridge District). Primrose is committed to excellence in early childhood education. Primrose is now enrolling with the first day of school scheduled for August 16th. [www.primrosewestchester.com](http://www.primrosewestchester.com)

**Romeo's Pizza**, home of the award-winning pizza, opened a 1,200 square-foot pizzeria at 9536 Cincinnati-Columbus Road in Dimmick Plaza (Route 42 District). Romeo's Pizza competes in national and international pizza competitions. In 2008, Romeo's finished in second place at the "Best Pizza in North America" contest. [www.romeospizza.com](http://www.romeospizza.com)

**Shalimar Grill**, offering fine Pakistani and Indian cuisine, announced a 2,685 square-foot expansion to its existing West Chester restaurant at 7741 Tylers Place Boulevard off Tylersville Road (Uptown District). Shalimar Grill features a beautiful collection of Indian and Pakistani audio and video on high-definition television, live and recorded sporting events, free wireless internet, and more. [www.shalimargrill.com](http://www.shalimargrill.com)

**Shoot Rite Sporting Arms**, specializing in the sales of new and used firearms. Shoot Rite announced it will open a 1,200 square-foot retail store at 9536 Cincinnati-Columbus Road in Dimmick Plaza (Route 42 District). Shoot Rite Sporting Arms also offers notary public services. The grand opening is slated for early September.

**Stone Creek Dining Company**, blending elegance and comfort with incredible food and excellent customer service, is now open for lunch or dinner at 6200 Muhlhauser Road in the West Chester Towne Centre (Union Centre District). [www.stonecreekdining.com](http://www.stonecreekdining.com)

**Thunderbird Auto Wash & Detail Center**, a family-owned, full-service auto cleaning center, announced a nearly 1,000 square-foot expansion to its existing West Chester facility at 7873 Kingland Drive off Tylersville Road (VOA/Uptown District). Thunderbird Auto Wash is adding on a year-round express detailing service center. [www.thunderbirdautowash.com](http://www.thunderbirdautowash.com)

**Trivium Global**, a worldwide provider of IT infrastructure solutions from concept through life cycle. Trivium Global opened an office at 9100 West Chester Towne Centre Drive in Towne Centre Square building (Union Centre/Downtown District). Trivium Global has successfully provided IT services at more than 300,000 sites in over 100 countries. [www.triviumglobal.com](http://www.triviumglobal.com)

**Twisted Concepts**, a one-stop custom paint and airbrush shop, opened a 4,050 square-foot facility at 10188 International Boulevard off Muhlhauser Road. Twisted Concepts also specializes in body and upholstery work, powder coating, and detailing services. [www.twistedconceptspaint.net](http://www.twistedconceptspaint.net)



**U.S. Bank**, helping you bank smarter with checking, savings, loans, banking packages, free Internet banking, Bill Pay, and more, announced a 6,600 square-foot expansion to its existing facility at 9334 Union Centre Boulevard (Downtown District). U.S. Bank will relocate its training department to the second floor of its Union Centre banking facility. Minneapolis-based U.S. Bancorp, with \$282 billion in assets, is the parent company of U.S. Bank National Association, the 5th largest commercial bank in the United States. The company operates 3,025 banking offices, 5,312 ATMs in 24 states, and provides a

comprehensive line of banking, brokerage, insurance, investment, mortgage, trust and payment services products to consumers, businesses and institutions. [www.usbank.com](http://www.usbank.com)

**Union Savings Bank**, a state-chartered savings association headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, announced it will open a new 15,000 square-foot branch at 7615 Voice of America Centre Drive (VOA/Uptown District). Union Savings Bank was founded in 1904 on the premise that a savings association should serve the community by encouraging savings and promoting affordable home ownership through prudent lending of deposits. Union Savings Bank now operates 25 full-service savings branches in Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis. Union Savings acquired the former People's Bank building for \$1.7 million. The Union Savings Bank is a subsidiary of US Bancorp and has about \$2 billion in assets. The new branch is slated to open 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2010. [www.unionsavings-bank.com](http://www.unionsavings-bank.com)



*West Chester Academy of Music & Dance*, offering music programs for all ages, announced a 2,200 square-foot expansion to its existing West Chester studio located at 8374 Princeton-Glendale Road in Beckett Towne Center off of Princeton-Glendale Road/SR747 (Beckett Ridge District). West Chester Academy of Music specializes in a wide variety of motivational and educational music programs for beginners through advanced. The expansion will enable West Chester Academy of Music to add dance lessons and musical theater to its repertoire. This is the Academy's third expansion in West Chester Township. [www.wcaom.com](http://www.wcaom.com)

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