

What's New in West Chester!



BARNES AEROSPACE GROWS MANUFACTURING PRESENCE IN WEST CHESTER

Barnes Aerospace West Chester is settling into an extra 3,200 square feet of space at its Crescent Park Drive and stands ready to serve the recovering airline industry.

Barnes Aerospace is a global manufacturer of complex fabricated and precision-machined components and assemblies for turbine engines and other structures for the commercial and defense-related aircraft.

The company's first investment in West Chester came in 2000 when it acquired Kratz-Wilde. The building, first constructed in 1998 by Kratz-Wilde, started at 45,500 square feet and has gone through several expansions through the years.

The newest addition, which opened in March, brings the building to 108,700 square feet and enhances the company's ability to create value for customers with industry-leading quality and delivery performance, according to Bart Weihl, vice president of Barnes Aerospace West Chester.

Several key customers are in the region surrounding the West Chester facility which allows rapid response, Mr. Weihl continued.

Barnes services some of the world's largest airline and aviation original equipment manufacturer companies, including RR, GE, and airlines including American Airlines, Lufthansa and United Airlines. The West Chester facility specifically is a repair station certified by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, European Aviation Safety Agency, and the Civil Aviation Administration of China; and plays a part in supply chain management of aftermarket spare parts.

"West Chester is the perfect location for Barnes Aerospace," said Garth Gabriel who leads human resources for the West Chester location. "Because of the heavy aerospace activity here in the Cincinnati area – in terms of attracting new talent, whether that be engineers, welders or even supply chain expertise – we can look right here in our backyard for the skillsets we need."

Barnes Aerospace is one of many companies in West Chester that make things – a testament to a thriving manufacturing sector within our own community, according to West Chester Township Administrator Larry D. Burks.

"We're thrilled that Barnes Aerospace continues to invest in West Chester and are confident that our access, infrastructure and business-friendly approach will continue to create success for other manufacturers," Mr. Burks said.



CINCINNATI REGION APPAREL AND LICENSING COMPANY ANNOUNCES EXPANSION AMID NEW DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER STRATEGY

Ripple Junction, a designer and distributor of licensed apparel and accessories, announced its plans to add 16 new jobs and invest \$150,000 in the Cincinnati region. Located in West Chester Township, Ripple Junction sells its products to major retailers, such as Walmart, Target, and Amazon, as well as its own e-commerce channels. The company will be hiring graphic designers, web developers, and digital marketing specialists over the next 12 months and expects to have a team of more than 90 at its current location once hiring is completed.

“Ohio continues to be the place that fosters the advancement of our business due to its pro-business mindset and access to a talented workforce,” said Neil Hoynes, Ripple Junction Design Company founder. “Ripple Junction has grown significantly the past several years and we are excited to continue our upward trajectory with the help of organizations such as JobsOhio, REDI Cincinnati, and West Chester Township.”

Ripple Junction began in 1990 as a way for its founders to fund trips to concerts starting with a handful of licensing partners, including the band Grateful Dead. As the company grew, it started expanding its licensed properties and now boasts licensing partnerships with Warner Bros., Universal, and Viz Media, among others. Ripple Junction ultimately chose to focus its hiring at its West Chester location despite the option to hire remote workers because its confidence in available talent in the region and the collaborative nature of the company’s work. Ripple Junction is investing in its online sales platform with the goal of significantly growing its direct-to-consumer business, which currently makes up roughly 7% of its annual sales. One notable property driving the company’s growth is its license of products from Cobra Kai, a hit show on Netflix.

“Consumers are increasingly moving their shopping online, which the pandemic has intensified, leading to a 44% increase in U.S. e-commerce sales in 2020,” said Brandon Simmons, REDI Cincinnati vice president of project management. “Ripple Junction is investing in its future with the creation of 16 new jobs, which will support the growth of its e-commerce platform. I’m grateful for our partnerships with West Chester Township and JobsOhio, which were crucial to bringing this project to realization.”

Ripple Junction received a JobsOhio Economic Development Grant, which will support the company’s hiring and growth initiatives.

“West Chester Township’s diversity extends beyond its residential population to its business community with a wide array of corporate investors finding success here,” said Cathy Walton, West Chester Township Business Expansion and Retention Manager. “Ripple Junction is no exception with its great business success story.”



LOCAL BUSINESSES PLAY ROLE IN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Many of the community’s favorite events will return this summer bringing neighbors together and shining a light on local non-profits and businesses.

West Chester Township partners with non-profits to host the community’s largest summer events, including the Rotary Club of West Chester/Liberty, the Community Foundation of West Chester/Liberty and the Union Centre Boulevard

Merchant Association. These non-profits rely on local business sponsorship to raise money for their respective causes.

The Takeover presented by First Financial Bank returns this summer supporting the non-profits that benefit from beer sales, as well as West Chester's beer business community – Ohio Eagle, Dogberry and Grainworks.

Ohio Eagle Distributing, based on Allen Road in West Chester, distributes domestic, imported and craft beers to nine southwest Ohio counties selling about 4.5 million cases of beer annually. Ohio Eagle's beer truck can be found at every Takeover concert serving several brews to concert attendees. Learn more about Ohio Eagle at www.OhioEagle.com.

West Chester's two craft breweries can also be found at The Takeover each week.

Grainworks Brewing Company operates a taproom and event space at its Service Center Drive location in West Chester; and throughout the summer joins the fun on The Square. Grainworks started as a home brewing project among friends and became a business with specialty brews that celebrate Cincinnati's rich brewing heritage and honor great community organizations like the VOA Museum and Lakota Schools. Learn more about Grainworks at www.Grainworks.beer.

The summer isn't complete without DogBerry Brewing. A bunch of guys who love what they do started brewing beer and opened a small taproom and gathering spot on Crescent Park Drive in West Chester. The owners brew a variety of craft brews to enjoy in their taproom or take home and operate an "organic" space with customers/family stopping in to enjoy food trucks and beer. DogBerry is also a supporter of the community with various fundraisers and they are often present on the Square for The Takeover. Learn more about the DogBerry story at www.DogBerryBrewing.com.

The Takeover is a free concert series hosted each summer on The Square @ Union Centre. Concerts are on Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Watch for 2021 concert start dates and schedules at www.WestChesterOH.org. Concerts will likely begin in July.

Local businesses wanting to be a part of community events, should contact Monica Dexter at MDexter@westchesteroh.org.



THE WEST CHESTER-LIBERTY CHAMBER ALLIANCE ANNOUNCED THE REGIONAL BUSINESS EXPO WILL RETURN IN 2021! THIS IN-PERSON EVENT WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 13 FROM 12-4 P.M. AT LAKOTA WEST HIGH SCHOOL.

"Our Chamber's popular Regional Business Expo has been the largest showcase of businesses along I-75 between Cincinnati and Dayton for years. This year will be no exception, as we are excited to welcome back our members and other business professionals to in-person events," said Joe Hinson, President & CEO of the West Chester • Liberty Chamber Alliance. "Our community is ready, our members are ready and we're ready to officially say 'we're open for business,' and thrilled to, once again, connect people and possibilities."

The Regional Business Expo is the premier regional venue for businesses to showcase their services and products. More than 100 exhibitors from West Chester and Liberty Townships and the surrounding areas are expected to participate, including service providers, financial institutions, retailers, health-related industries, non-profits, restaurants, hotels, educational institutions and a variety of other businesses and organizations.

The Chamber Alliance is working closely with the Butler County Health Department to follow all applicable guidelines to ensure the event is both safe and enjoyable for everyone in attendance. Admission is no cost with a business card.

The Chamber's first Regional Business Expo took place on September 13, 2001, at the Cincinnati Marriott North at Union Centre and featured 56 exhibitors. In the course of the next two decades, the event grew to include 120 exhibitors and more than 1,800 attendees when it was moved to Lakota West High School in 2019.

The 2021 Regional Business Expo is presented by Kemba Credit Union, Prosource, and West Chester Township. Event Sponsors are Butler Tech, Lakota Local Schools and Liberty Township; and the 45th Anniversary Sponsor is Mercy Health – Fairfield Hospital.

To inquire about purchasing a booth, please contact Jillian Wiesner at 513-777-3600 or jwiesner@thechamberalliance.com.

West Chester: Built With You in Mind

West Chester is a proven destination for corporate investment displayed by the expansive growth over the past two decades, yet development opportunities still exist throughout the township with commercial sites of 1 to 60 acres still available. Office, manufacturing, research and properties with accessible infrastructure, frontage on I-75 or within two miles of an interstate interchanges are available. Contact Cathy Walton, Business Attraction and Expansion Manager for personalized assistance at 513-759-7325 or cwalton@westchesteroh.org.





Pridestaff

Pridestaff, a local and national staffing agency providing temporary staffing and recruiting for multiple industries, opened a 3,225 square-foot office at 8738 Union Centre Boulevard in the Lakota West Professional Building. Pridestaff offers professional services for small and large clients in light industrial, clerical and administrative markets. Pridestaff offices are managed by experts who are familiar with job opportunities and available talent in the region.



Pharmcare USA of Ohio

Pharmcare USA of Ohio, providers of ancillary services to long-term care customers, leased a 7,843 square-foot facility at 5207 Muhlhauser Road near International Boulevard. Founded in 1999, Pharmcare USA of Ohio developed partnerships with other healthcare professionals to provide the communities it serves with a variety of healthcare resources. Pharmcare USA of Ohio currently operates 16 pharmacies that specialize in servicing the long-term care industry.



First Title Agency

First Title Agency, providing title insurance, escrow, account servicing, trustee sales and more, opened a 4,908 square-foot Class A office at 9100 Centre Pointe Drive in Centre Pointe Office Park. Founded in 1988, First Title Agency's knowledgeable and friendly staff serves realtors, lenders, mortgage brokers, builders, developers, home sellers and buyers, with competitive prices and outstanding customer service.



Athletico Physical Therapy

Athletico Physical Therapy, a leading provider of orthopedic rehabilitation services, opened a 1,909 square-foot facility at 7903 Crossings of Beckett off Princeton Glendale Road/SR 747. Athletic Physical Therapy offers physical therapy, occupational therapy, sports medicine, work rehabilitation and more. This will be Athletico Physical Therapy's second West Chester Township location.

INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS



Membrane Specialist

Membrane Specialist, suppliers of membrane equipment and process-development services to clients in the industrial, bio fuels/bio products, food and beverage, nutraceuticals and water treatment markets, will relocate to a 13,472 square-foot facility at 9354 Sutton Place. Membrane Specialists develop customized process solutions using microfiltration, ultrafiltration, nanofiltration and reverse osmosis and all available membrane geometries.

United Automotive Enhancements

United Automotive Enhancements (UAE), automotive customizing specialists, relocated and expanded to a 12,000 square-foot facility at 9325 Sutton Place off



Princeton Glendale Road/SR 747. United Automotive Enhancements is the leading automotive restyling and installation facility in the Cincinnati and Dayton areas. UAE takes pride in providing high quality installations and excellent customer service to its customers in the Tri-state area.



McCormick Trucking

McCormick Trucking, a family-owned and operated full-service trucking company, will construct a new 2,460 square-foot building at its existing facility at 2792 East Crescentville. McCormick Trucking was established in 1977 as a sole proprietorship with two trucks. Today, the company is still family-owned with a fleet of hundreds of trucks dedicated as mail carriers. McCormick Trucking also utilizes its facility for truck parking and maintenance of mail trucks and trailers.



Ultimate Home Services

Ultimate Home Services, independent contractors providing quality installation services, opened a 29,470 square-foot facility at 9372 Sutton Place. Ultimate Home Services is exclusively under contract with Lowe's in 10 states, serving more than 170 stores to provide measurement services, installations and post installation support.



Best Way Logistics

Best Way Logistics, a national freight shipping brokerage firm, purchased a 9,250 square-foot facility at 4710 Ashley Drive off Sutton Place. Best Way Logistics provides reliable transportation with easy access to more than 1,500 trucks and trailers to coordinate its customers shipping needs. The priority at Best Way Logistics is to get the freight to its destination on time and within budget.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS



Circle Storage

Circle Storage, offering a variety of storage options and moving supplies, will construct a new 82,119 square-foot building at its existing location at 7679 Monarch Court near Tylersville Road. Circle Storage offers climate-controlled space with a multitude of unit sizes, as well as outdoor parking, office space, and a variety of moving and storage supplies to serve its customers.

Humblebee Childcare



Humblebee Childcare, providing structured educational opportunities in a state-of-the-art learning center, began a 1,988 square-foot expansion to its existing West Chester educational facility at 72 East Crescentville Road. Humblebee Childcare's star-rated program provides day care services including preschool, homework assistance, tutoring for all ages, and summer programs. Humblebee Childcare's daily lesson plans are carefully developed to teach children cognitive and social skills, physical development, literacy and more.



T. Bowman Furniture Traders

T. Bowman Furniture Traders, a full-service, family-owned furniture store, opened a 4,800 square-foot shop at 8140 Princeton Glendale Road/SR 747 in Beckett Commons. T. Bowman Furniture Traders buys furniture from overstock, returns, close outs, scratch and dents, and auctions. Well-built, current styles, and great buys in furniture are passed along to customers.



Flavortown Kitchen

Flavortown Kitchen, celebrity chef Guy Fieri's new virtual kitchen concept, opened a ghost kitchen in the existing Bravo Italian Kitchen restaurant at 9436 Waterfront Drive in the Streets of West Chester. Flavortown Kitchens are rapidly popping up across the U.S. and are operating as delivery-only ghost kitchens instead of stand-alone establishments. Flavortown Kitchens feature real-deal flavors from a special menu created by the famous Food Network chef.



Chao Phraya Thai Cuisine

Chao Phraya Thai Cuisine, specializing home-made Asian cuisine, opened a 2,400 square-foot restaurant at 9536 Cincinnati Columbus Road/SR 42. Chao Phraya Thai Cuisine offers appetizers, noodles, soups and more.



Signature Roastery

Signature Roastery, offering a variety of high quality coffee beans, will open a 1,854 square-foot shop at 7967 Cincinnati Dayton Road in Lakota Plaza. Signature Roastery specializes in chocolate beans, spices, nuts and more.



The Jewelry Art Studio

The Jewelry Art Studio, handcrafted jewelry designers, opened an 873 square-foot studio at 9621 Cincinnati Columbus Road/SR 42 at Dimmick. The Jewelry Art Studio specializes in custom orders, engraving, repairs and more.

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