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## Fairfield Closing

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We got word from a local New Jersey news organization that Fairfield Garden Center in Fairfield is closing after 52 years. The long-time neighborhood retailer was established back in 1967 by the Fernicola family, and was not only a popular place for home and garden goods, but also a community favorite for its events, such as the Tunnel of Terror and the Christmas Ice Caverns. It had also been a stop on any industry garden center tour traveling through the season.

According to the news article, the Fernicola family saw declining traffic over the years. Online competitors along with stiff local competition took its toll. Although Fairfield Garden Center is closing, their popular Christmas Ice Caverns may carry on, the news outlet suggests. They're just in need of a new venue.

Best wishes as you move on to the next adventure, Fernicolas! **GP**