

## **Fern Creek Communicator**

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Serving Fern Creek-Highview-Buechel and other Metro Louisville Communities

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## **President's Message**



I wanted to take this time to thank all those involved in the planning and preparation for the Expo. We had so many people step up to help and that really helped to make for a very successful event. Thank you to the sponsors Care Source, Atria Stony Brook, L&N Credit Union, and River City Bank. I also want to thank everyone who set up a booth, donated prizes, or

just came to attend the event as all these things helped make the event a success.

A Big THANK YOU to our
Business Expo
&
Taste of Fern Creek
Sponsors

**Silver Sponsor**:



#### **Bronze Sponsors:**







Our next big event is the golf scramble in September, so get the dust off your clubs and try and get a foursome together or maybe sponsor a hole. We could always use help planning the scramble, so if you are interested in helping let us know.

Sincerely,

Josh Stewart

President FCCACC

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## **FCCACC Member Events**

## **May Luncheon Guest Speaker**



Our May 1 speaker is Craig DeSensi with the Miracle League of Louisville, a national organization dedicated to bringing baseball fields to communities that are safe for kids and adults with disabilities to play in an organized league. He will discuss their plans for a playground and ball field in the Fern Creek Park. Craig, a Louisville native, attended Notre Dame on a Baseball Scholarship where he was a Four Year Letter winner, earning multiple All Conference awards and

was named Captain his Senior year. Craig played one year professionally with the Butte Copper Kings. Luncheon will be at the Woodhaven Country Club.

#### **Luncheon Hosts**



Bardstown Rd Physical Therapy Group 4233 Bardstown Road, Ste 100C Louisville, KY 40218



Sherry Henry - State Farm 5800 Bardstown Rd Louisville, KY 40291

## **June Luncheon Guest Speaker**



Our June 5 speaker is Cynthia Knapek, President of Leadership Louisville Center. Previously, Cynthia was Executive Director of Brightside, was named to Business First's Top 40 Leaders Under 40 in 2001 and was a founding member and the first President the Young Professionals Association of Louisville (YPAL). She will address "Think like a Woman; Leading in the 21st Century" - what does it mean to be a 21st Century leader and why might women be uniquely

qualified to excel in this brave new world. Luncheon will be at the Woodhaven Country Club.

#### **Luncheon Hosts**



Fern Creek Library 6768 Bardstown Rd Louisville, KY 40291



Foushee Orthodontics 9127 Fern Creek Road Louisville KY 40291

## **April Business Expo & Taste of Fern Creek**



A HUGE SHOUT OUT to our business and restaurant/catering community for giving us another successful Business Expo and Taste of Fern Creek. This annual event offers our members an opportunity to network and showcase their products and/or services to the many hundred of visitors in attendance.

Of course we all enjoy tasting the delicious food samples at the local restaurant booths and gathering the great samples at the local business booths, but we wanted to know what the participating vendors were saying. So we asked them:

"I love the Fern Creek Expo and Taste. It's a great way to network with other vendors, meet new prospective clients and learn how I can also help other business owners! This is my 5<sup>th</sup> year doing the expo, and each year I gain something new. I wouldn't miss it!" Amanda Selch Vandervort, PNC Vice President, Branch Manager, Fern Creek Financial Center;

"Always so fun and productive! Great people...good food and wonderful networking! My 3rd year as a vendor" Sherry Henry, State Farm Agent;

"The FCCACC Business Exo and Taste is a wonderful way to be a part of our community. From networking with other business persons to the people of the community, the Taste allows us to sample and trial menu items that people may not have had the opportunity to try. Plus, we get to be a part of a group of people who truly love the Fern Creek community! We look forward to it every spring!" Karen Roalofs, Owner/Operator RLS Enterprises, dba Papa John's Pizza

"L&N has been involved with the Fern Creek Chamber and Expo for MANY years!! It's always great to get out of the office for a while to network and support other local businesses. I always look forward to the lunches, Expo and Golf Scramble!" Jessica Thomas, Assistant Branch Manager, L&N Federal Credit Union.

And as always, A BIG Thank You goes to Woodhaven Country Club for the great facilities and especially for providing the marvelous Grand Prize - a Woodhaven Country Club Social Membership. A Big Thank You, and our gratitude, also goes to the FCCACC Program Committee for putting in the time and effort to organize this great event.



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#### **FCCACC** Member Activities

## **January-February Meetings**

The March speaker was Louisville icon, gardener, author, Bob Hill. Bob spoke about his days with the Louisville Times and the Courier-Journal. His main topic covered his current role as the historian for The Parklands of Floyds Fork. Not only was his presentation entertaining, but it also brought back fond memories of the Floyds Area area before the Parklands. Needless to say there were many follow-up questions about the pre-Parklands and current Parklands area.



The April speaker was John Walczak, Director, Louisville Zoo. John gave a very informative assessment on the latest happening at the Louisville Zoo.



## FCHS - Mayor's Give A Day of Service



Every year Barbara Grumblatt, Career Planner, Fern Creek High School, receives a request from department Director Linda Witt to participate in the Mayor's Give a Day of Service.

Barbara and Cheryl Gilbert, FRYSC, make arrangements with the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries for the volunteers. Barbara has teachers with the FCHS Environmental Club notify the students of this opportunity to give back to

the community and she selects 7-10 students to walk to the Ministries and volunteer for 3 hours. The students help stock the Dare to Care food bank, help with the exterior landscaping and tour the facility. Barbara stated they had amazing students participating this year and she was very proud of their work ethic. She also said "we have incredible teachers who are always willing to offer their services and provide leadership to our students."

Barbara has been with FCHS for the past 19 years and "feels so fortunate to have these opportunities to give back to the community". I think we, and FCHS, are fortunate to have Barbara in our community.

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## **Cedar Centers Shopping Area Clean-up**



Councilman Engel's office has received several calls about the trash around the Cedar Center shopping area ditch. Leslie Curneal, Legal Assistance, Metro Councilman Robin Engel, reached out to Pete Flood, Louisville Metro Department of Public Works,

Compliance & Enforcement Manager, for assistance. Pete discovered most of the litter comes from the parking lots of the various stores and many people throwing trash into the ditch. Although this is a common problem, what sets this one apart from others is the fact it's a large ditch and no one wants to enter because it's unsafe.

Pete made the following recommendations on ways to reduce the trash needing removal:

- 1. Meeting with businesses or the ones generating most of the litter on ways to prevent/reduce litter
- 2. Adding litter baskets in the parking lots
- 3. Investigating some type of barrier to keep litter from blowing or being thrown into the ditch
- 4. Hiring a company to keep the lot and ditch clean on a periodic basis

While cleaning the ditch on his own one Sunday, Pete encountered a group of people picking up litter on Bardstown Road. He stopped to thank them and learned they are cleaning 2 miles of Bardstown Road four times a year (adopt a highway) in honor of a family member (Michael Tungate). A Big Thank You goes out to this group.

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## **Brightside Adopt-A-Mile**



Leslie Curneal, Legal Assistance, Metro Councilman Robin Engel, is working with FCCACC regarding the Brightside Adopt-A-Mile program. The Brightside Adopt-A-Mile program allows FCCACC to adopt a one-mile stretches of Bardstown Road and pledge to keep it clean for a one-year adoption period. There are several benefits to becoming a Brightside Adopt-A-Mile Partner.

The most obvious, to all traveling within the area, it shows our commitment in helping keep the Fern Creek community clean and green. Also, FCCACC will be:

- be listed on Adopt-A-Mile webpage acknowledging partners
- included in the Adopt-A-Mile layer on the interactive One Bright City Map
- recognized on an Adopt-A-Mile sign to be displayed within our mile
- receive a certificate of recognition to display within FCCACC



#### **Member Announcements**



On Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 4:00 pm, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz will join Father John A. Schwartzlose, pastor of Saint Gabriel Parish in blessing the first natural playground at any of the 110 archdiocesan parishes or 49 schools of the Archdiocese

and one of the first of its kind in Jefferson County. This event will take place on the Saint Gabriel the Archangel campus at 5505 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Ky. 40291. Activities include music, food trucks, a petting zoo, face painting and a Gaga ball tournament. The parish worked with Booker Design Collaborative and E-Z Construction, a team of educators from the school and parish staff to design an all-age, environmentally-friendly, and aesthetically beautiful Playpark where kids can create, innovate and engage in over 18 unique natural experiences. The Playpark will be open to the parish and the broader Fern Creek community.



Since 1988, Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries (FCHUM) has faithfully and effectively served in uniting the community (church, civic, and corporate) in serving the community. Founded by 11 supporting congregations as a 501(c)3 charitable, not-for-profit organization, FCHUM is now supported in part by 22 congregations representing 11 denominations, as well as numerous civic and corporate community partners. Through the decades, FCHUM has united the community (church, civic, and corporate) in fighting hunger, preventing homelessness, caring for the elderly, and

stabilizing lives. Through programs such as:

- The Individual & Family Assistance Center (IFAC), operating Monday Friday from 10:00 -1:30, now serves well over 1,000 people monthly, distributing over 25,000 pounds of food, and over \$20,000 in financial assistance, while leveraging \$50,000-\$60,000 in utilities assistance through participation in the Association of Community Ministries.
- Our Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) Equipment, such as wheelchairs, portable toilets, shower stools, and walkers has been donated.
- The Adult Day Health Center (ADC) provides over 23,000 hours of activities and personal care FCHUM's programs are often singled out for special recognition. In 2013, IFAC was recognized as the Dare To Care Jefferson County Food Pantry of the Year. In 2018, IFAC was recognized as a Center of Excellence. The ADC has become a model not only locally, but regionally, and at the national level. Its staff has been awarded numerous accolades through its 25 years. The Executive Director received the ElderServe Champion for Aging Award in 2015. FCHUM keeps its management and general administrative expenses very low, generally below 25%, most often between 10-15 % of overall budget.



# GRAND OPENING

of the Archdiocese of Louisville's First





#### "PENNIES FROM HEAVEN" ANNUAL 2017 GALA AUCTION & DINNER

Saturday, May 12, 2018 6:30 pm St. Gabriel Catholic Church 5505 Bardstown Road



Fighting Hunger - Preventing Homelessness - Caring for Elderly - Stabilizing Lives

Limited seating available, purchase tickets and reserve tables early!

Call 762-9608 or e-mail execdir@fchum.org
for tickets\_and/or donation information or
yisit our website: www.fchum.org

FERN CREEK/HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES

30th Anniversary 1988-2018 30th Anniversary

Raising Our Ebenezer!

Stone of Help

Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-12:00 9300 Beulah Church Rd, Louisville, KY 40291

Cavalcade of Churches & Community Partners
Proclamations
Summer Cans for Kids Food Drive
Blessing Ceremony
Unveiling of Ebenezer Rocks

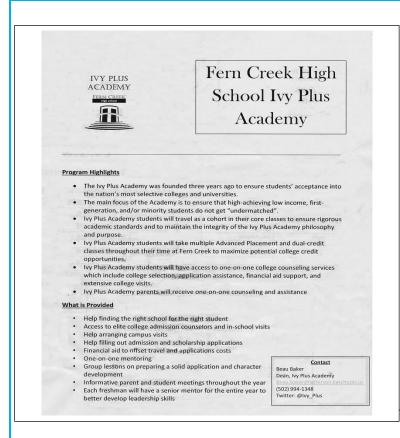
Important Announcements regarding Legacy Campaign & Future of FCHUM

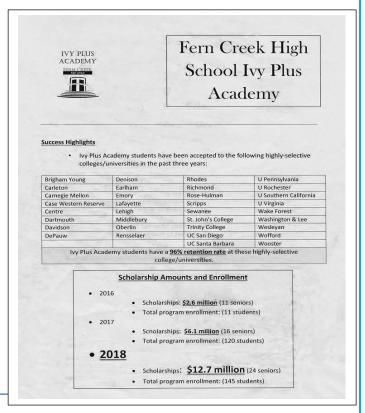
Historically rooted, foundationally solid, and planning for the future.



Contact: execdir@fchum.org or 762-9608 for more information.







### Fern Creek Library May/June Programs

### **Adult Programs**

#### **Afternoon Book Discussion**

Wednesday, May 09, 2018 - 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Please join us in discussing, The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon.

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 - 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Please join us in discussing, The Dinner, by Herman Koch.

#### **Computer Courses**

#### **Internet Basics**

Tuesday, May 08, 2018 - 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 - 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM

This class explores the very basics of the internet. Learn about web browsers, how to enter an internet address, and how to use a search engine. Please call 502-231-4605 to register.

#### Microsoft Word I

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 - 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM

This is an introductory class to Microsoft Word. Microsoft Word is a program used to type newsletters, resumes, letters and much more. Topics include how to format, edit and save your documents on a flash drive. Please call 502-231-4605 to register.

#### **Computer Basics**

Tuesday, June 05, 2018 - 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM

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Never used a computer before? Then, this is the class for you! Learn the basic components of a computer, how to use a mouse and operate in a windows environment. Please call 502-231-4605 to register.

#### Children's Programs

#### **Magic Tree House Book Club**

Thursday, May 10, 2018 - 04:45 PM - 05:45 PM

This month we are reading Blizzard of the Blue Moon. Join us for a book discussion, related activities and a snack! Copies of the book can be picked up at Fern Creek. To register, call 231-4605. Age 5-11

#### **STEAM Stations with Snapology!**

Tuesday, June 05, 2018 - 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Does your child love LEGO®, building, motion or robotics? Our STEAM stations will keep their hands and minds engaged and entertained through a variety of educational activities, using LEGO® bricks, technology and K'Nex toys. Builds include robotic animals and machines, motorized rides and vehicles, science stations and free-expression brick art. Limit 40. To register, call 231-4605. Ages 4-12

#### Mr. Moustache Magic Show!

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 - 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Fun, silly and thoroughly entertaining! Please call 231-4605 to register. All ages

#### **Movement & Mindfulness**

Saturday, June 16, 2018 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Explore mindfulness through moving stories. This program includes breathing exercises, stretching, dramatic play and music. We will share a story, discuss the characters' emotions and learn new ways to show compassion. Today's featured story will be Otis. Ages 5-8

#### **Raptor Rehabilitation**

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 - 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Become familiar with some birds of prey from our area. Please call 231-4605 to register. Ages 5-12

#### **Sock Puppet Workshop**

Tuesday, June 26, 2018 - 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Kids and adults get crazy creative designing their own puppet characters out of recycled materials and fabric scraps. To register, call 231-4605. Ages 3-12

#### **Children's Storytimes**

Every Wednesday- Toddler 10:15AM, Pre-School 11:00AM

Send your business events information to info@ferncreek.org, or contact Jean at 239-7550.



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**FCCACC** 

**Office Hours:** 

10:00am - 3:00pm

**Monday - Friday** 

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## **Membership News**

## Welcome New Member(s)

OWEN FUNERAL HOME	NATURE'S HERBS TO WELLNESS	DIGITAL PROMOTIONS
Rachel Barr, Toby Larkins	Robert Rice, Janice Rice	Kevin Franke
9319 Taylorsville Road	7813 Beulah Church Road	3231 Ruckriegel Parkway, Ste. 111
Louisville, KY 40299	Louisville, KY 40291	Louisville, KY 40299

Thank you for becoming a member of the FCCACC.



Want to be an Active Member? Then become a volunteer. If you're a member that enjoys the monthly luncheons, please think about what else you can do. We need you and your ideas, Join a committee and contribute your skills and talents. Anyone can volunteer for an event or committee.

To volunteer for an event or Committee (Building & Maintenance, Membership/PR, or Programs), please send your contact and availability information to: <a href="mailto:info@ferncreek.org">info@ferncreek.org</a> or contact Jean at 239-7550.

Newsletter Deadlines		
<u>Issue</u>	Info Due	
Jan-Feb	December 15	
Mar-Apr	February 15	
May-Jun	April 15	
Jul-Aug	June 15	
Sep-Oct	August 15	
Nov-Dec	October 15	

If you are interested in being a **Spotlight Business** in the Communicator, please give Jean a call at the Chamber 239-7550. You can write up your own insert for the newsletter and send it to info@ferncreek.org, or you can give us the information and we will get it done for you!

Renew your membership.

Annual Invoices are due now.

#### FCCACC BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



## "Fighting Hunger – Preventing Homelessness – Caring for the Elderly – Stabilizing Lives"

#### What does FCHUM hope to accomplish this year?

Each year, Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries (FCHUM) unifies the community (church, civic, & corporate) in serving the community. Through our various programs, providing vital social services, we seek to fight hunger, prevent homelessness, aid the elderly, and stabilize lives for our neighbors in need.

In the upcoming year, through our **Individual & Family Assistance Center (IFAC)**, we estimate that we will assist 4,000 to 5,000 families, totaling over 16,000 people, by providing food, securing utilities, obtaining medications, assisting with clothing needs, securing rent/mortgages, assisting with transportation needs, providing back to school supplies, distributing Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, and facilitating Christmas gifts. Our **Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP)** generally provides assistance to between 25 – 50 people annually. We estimate that, in partnership with the Louisville Metro Nutrition Office, we will deliver over 3,000 nutritious lunches accompanied by a friendly, compassionate daily visit to homebound older adults. That is all a part of the **Meals On Wheels (MOW)** program. Through the efforts of our **Adult Day Health Center (ADC)** we project that our staff will provide 23,000 to 24,000 hours of activities and personal care, over 2,000 hours of nursing services, 1,400-1,500 breakfasts, and 2,500-2,800 lunches to frail older adult enabling them to stay in their own homes or with family, relieve caregiver stress, and help many caregivers remain in the work force.

Additionally, **FCHUM** will continue to play a leading role in various community events and efforts such as the Highview Community Fall Festival, the Highview Holiday Fest, various church picnics and events like the James O. Leach Hunger Awareness Dinner, Dare to Care's Community Hunger Walk, the EAGLES Chicken dinners, Summer Friday Fests, and the actions of such groups as the Fern Creek Community Association and Chamber of Commerce, the Highview Business Association, TRIAD, HSPN, the Fern Creek/Highview Ministerial Association's Choir Festival and Community Thanksgiving Service, and the Association of Community Ministries.

Finally, as FCHUM celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in 2018, we hope to complete our Investing to Serve: Legacy of Caring Sustainability Campaign. With the development of this \$250,000 sustainability fund, FCHUM, being good stewards of fiscal resources, will be able to secure and sustain the operations of our facility into perpetuity. Monthly dividends will cover the costs of operating the facility. Currently around \$213,000 has been raised.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A MEMBER OF THE FERN CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER & CHAMBER OF COMMERCE!



## JOIN THE FCCACC!

The FCCACC is comprised of individuals, businesses, civic and civil servants, volunteers, retirees and students who live, work and play in the Fern Creek, Highview and Buechel areas. Together we represent a cooperative and collective effort to maintain and enhance the business and social climate of our combined communities.

#### MEMBER BENEFITS

As a member of the FCCACC you'll participate in many benefits, of which the following are a few:

Participation in a forum for addressing your Third Interaction with other business associations. business and community needs.

Become part of a unified voice to utilize the Business associations are eligible for matching services of government and public agencies. grants and technical assistance through NCD.

Increase the awareness of your business services.

Regular monthly events such as luncheons and other social activities.

Involvement in zoning actions, land and other An annual online Membership Directory. proposed development activities in our area.

#### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

- Business or Organization Annual membership dues \$150.00 per/yr.
- Individual membership dues \$40.00 per/yr.

As a first time member, you may join at any time of the year. Our membership year is January through December. Dues are pro-rated based upon the joining month! Beginning in July your dues are the remainder of the current year, and a full membership for next year.

Complete the Application on our web page at: http://www.ferncreek.org/join.php

Like us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/FernCreekChamber/

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