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

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Holiday Greetings from Your Chamber!

Thank You for being a part of the FCCACC. We appreciate your commitment as we all hope for continued success!

As another year comes to a close we welcome the sights and sounds of the Holiday Season and plan for the New Year with fresh ideas and of course we realize that the winter season is upon us. Cold, windy, snow and ice will greet us during this time. I will say that the majority do not welcome the Winter season.

We still have several events to finish the year. Join us for the November Luncheon where we honor all Veterans and Thank them for their service. Our December Luncheon is very special for all of us. We will be asking our members to bring a book/books to help our "Friends of the Fern Creek Library" as they continue to build their resources for the great community of Fern Creek. Our December Holiday Party is one you don't want to miss. This event is in a more relaxed atmosphere where you can get to know other members and build relationships.

This is the time of year that we are looking for Board Members to help guide us and Committee Members to move things forward in 2020. Consider making a New Year's Resolution to get more involved with your Chamber. You won't regret it!

Happy Holidays!

Until Next Time.

Carmen Ellington

President FCCACC

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# FCCACC Member Events

## November Luncheon Guest Speakers



Our November speaker is Marj Graves. Marj joined the Army Nurse Corps during her final year of nursing school in 1961. Marj volunteered for Vietnam where she served as a head orthopedic nurse with the 24th Evacuation Hospital in Lons-Binh. During her tour of duty, she was selected as the nurse for a two-person medical team to accompany both the Bob Hope- Christmas Tour in 1971 and the Sammy Davis, Jr, USO Show in 1972. Marj has been featured in Heather Stur's book, *Beyond Combat: Women and Gender in the Vietnam Era*, and in the KET documentary, *Kentucky Veterans of the Vietnam War: In Their Own Words*. She was selected as Kentucky's Vietnam Veteran for USA Today's 2012 Veterans Day issue, is a recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Distinguished Citizen Medal. She has also been inducted into both the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame and the **Fern Creek High School Hall of Fame**. Luncheon will be at the Woodhaven Country Club.

### Luncheon Hosts



Right At Home  
500 Executive Park  
Louisville, KY 40207

Support the "Fern Creek Library Day" effort - bring a new or slightly used book (adult or children's) to donate to the Friends of the Fern Creek Library!



Sherry Henry State Farm Insurance

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5800 Bardstown Rd  
Louisville, KY 40291

## December Luncheon Guest Speaker



Our December speaker is Stacey Blakeman, Director of Community Engagement for The Louisville Ballet. Stacey is a dance education and arts integration specialist who holds a M. Ed in Integrated Teaching Through the Arts from Lesley University. She has taught dance and movement integration strategies in a variety of settings including studios, after-school programs, community centers, public schools and performing arts institutions. Stacey worked for the San Francisco Ballet Center for Dance Education for over ten years as a program manager, curriculum specialist and teaching artist. In 2015, Stacey returned to her hometown and continues to provide her community access to dance education. Luncheon will be at the Woodhaven Country Club.

### Luncheon Hosts



All-In-One Security  
6421 Bardstown Rd  
Louisville, KY 40291

Due to increase in our cost, we will raise our monthly luncheon cost to \$20.00 effective January 1, 2020. With an increase to the Chamber, unfortunately this means passing that cost down to our members. We look forward to continuing to provide a quality program during our luncheons and will be looking for ways to add more value in 2020.



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# FCCACC Member Activities

## September - October Meetings



Our September speakers were Louisville Metro Council Members: Keisha Dorsey, Dist. 3; Robin Engel, Dist. 22; Paula McCarney, Dist. 7; and Tony Piagentini, Dist. 19.

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Our October meeting was a networking event. Each member in attendance was allotted time to describe their business/company products and services to all in attendance. FCCACC is a great place to meet local business owners who are interested in promoting each other's businesses.



Host



## FCCACC Activities



The 2019 FCCACC Golf Scramble, on the Wildwood Country Club Golf course, was another huge success. It could not have been possible without the help of all involved. Special thanks to Ed Bowles, with Chick-fil-A – Glenmary for providing our golfers with boxed lunches, always a special treat! Also, we would like to thank Reza Abitorabi, for hosting this year's tournament. Also, thanks to Wildwood's Head Golf Pro Blake Watts, and all of the Wildwood volunteers for helping this scramble go off flawlessly.

Thanks, also, to all businesses who contributed a door prize, and particularly to Rick and Dr. Pat Kennedy-Arrington with **Jefferson Animal Hospital**, who donated 2 round trip Southwest airline tickets, congrats to Brian Stickler, who was the lucky winner! We appreciate everyone who put in a team; we hope you will be back next year. We could not have put this together without the help of our volunteers and program committee, thanks for all of your contributions to this effort. Also supporting the Scramble was Thomas Batliner of **Minuteman Press**, who graciously provided the printing of our golf program, Randy Coulter with **Crown Trophy** for the prizes, Ray Grinestaff with **Graphic Ad Signs** for the hole-signs and Tammy Haury, with **Mark's Feed Store** for feeding our hole sponsors!

Although it was record heat day, the winning golf teams had a hotter game. The winners of this year's scramble are as follows:

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| 1st Place: Lance Dudley Team at Heartland Payment Solutions | <u>Special Reward Hole winners:</u> |
| 2nd Place: Matt Hoagland Team at Re/Max                     | Straightest Drive: Dan Henle        |
| 3rd Place: Lindsay Ratterman Team at Republic Bank          | Closest to the pin: Chad Hasch      |



A very special thank you goes to our Gold Sponsor, Autotruck Financial Credit Union. With Autotruck's NetBranch Online Banking, you have access to your accounts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With Bill Pay you can pay recurring bills and make one-time payments. There is no limit to the number of bills you can pay each month. With Bill Pay you will save money on stamps and not have to worry about writing a check. It's fast, easy and best of all - there is no monthly service charge or per-payment fee.

A thank you also goes to our Silver Sponsors.



And of course, our Hole Sponsors.

				
				
				
				

## FCCACC Community Fall Festival



This year's successful Fall Festival was co-hosted by FCCACC members: Fern Creek Christian Church, Fern Creek Fire Dept. and Fern Creek High School. It was a fun-filled family night of trick or treating, pumpkin decorating and face painting and all sorts of spooky activities. There were pony rides, bounce houses, crafts and games, a fire truck from the FCFD, LMPD Helicopter along with many other attractions!





We owe a great deal of gratitude to the Fall Festival sponsors for making it a tremendous success.

A really big Thank You goes to our Platinum sponsors:



A thank you also goes to our Gold sponsors:



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And thank you to our Silver sponsor, District 29 State Representative, Kevin Bratcher.

## Selected Library Services Coming Back To Fern Creek



With the closure of the Fern Creek Library this summer, Metro Councilman Robin Engle District 22, Stuart Benson Dist. 20 and James Peden Dist. 23 began focusing on a long-term solution to restore library service to Fern Creek/Southeast Jefferson County region. While seeking a future solution, they also began working with the Friends of the Fern Creek Library and the FCCACC for a near-term work around.

In an October news conference, Councilman Robin Engle and Stuart Benson, the Friends of the Fern Creek Library (spokespersons Lyn Dean and Betty Strange) and the FCCACC (President Carmen Ellington) announced the start of a new monthly program “Fern Creek Library Day” to be held the first Thursday of each month beginning Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The selected library activities will be held in the FCCACC building, which once housed the Fern Creek library, and include:

Book exchange 10am – 4pm	Toddler Storytime 10 – 11am
Preschool Storytime 11 – noon	Book Club Meeting 1 – 3pm

You can participate in this effort by donating book, etc. To learn more, contact the Friends of the Fern Creek Library at:

Phone (815) 644-1423; email [ferncreeffriends19@gmail.com](mailto:ferncreeffriends19@gmail.com); Facebook page (@ferncreeklibrary).





## KY Governor Matt Bevin Held News Conference In FCCACC Center



Gov. Matt Bevin held a news conference at the FCCACC center with Republican lawmakers from the Louisville area to announce his support of a bill that directs state and local agencies to come up with a plan to get rid of reformulated gas, also known as RFG. Supporters of the bill believe with more hybrid and electric cars on the road, and with regular gas now burning cleaner, RFG is no longer needed to meet EPA clean air standards.



## Member Announcements

### Groundbreaking Ceremony Set for First-of-its-Kind Senior Living Facility



Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc. (PHSK) announces a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., for Westminster Apartments, Kentucky's first large-scale implementation of affordable senior housing with the pioneering FlourishCare Model of medical and support services. PHSK, in collaboration with the UofL Trager Institute, will draw on an extensive network of partnerships to provide in-house supportive services through the institute's Republic Bank Foundation Optimal Aging Clinic based on the FlourishCare Model.

PHSK will renovate the currently vacant Westminster apartment building on Buechel Bank Road to create 51 new rental apartments for low-income seniors. In addition, a number of units will be provided at market rate to students who work with the healthcare providers at PHSK. This way an intergenerational housing community will be created. The community is encouraged to attend the groundbreaking on Wednesday, November 20, at 4:00 p.m., at 2116 Buechel Bank Rd, Louisville, KY 40218 to learn more about this important project and meet the community partners and the collaborating service providers.

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## Tracy's Holiday Open House

**THE PINK DEPOT!**  
9607 Newbridge Road  
Next to Hometown Pizza in Fern Creek



**Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019!**

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
(502) 314-8696

Take care of all your Holiday shopping while enjoying Tasty Treats and Special Deals!

RSVP to get your name into a drawing for a **FREE SONIC SKIN CARE SYSTEM!** \$75 Value



Glen Ridge Health Campus invites you to join us at our holiday event!

**Saturday, December 07**

**9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Glen Ridge Health Campus

Complimentary Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Bazaar

Join Santa for breakfast followed by holiday shopping from local artisans and vendors

A Trilogy Health Services Community  
6415 Calm River Way - Louisville, KY 40299  
(502) 297-8500 - glenridgehc.com



York Homes Realty and Century Mortgage will be at Jeffersontown High School Winter Craft Show 2019  
Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 9:00am-3:00pm

Are you interested in buying or listing your home soon, maybe waiting until Spring? Chat with Redi Estate professionals and let us show you how we can help.

Stop by and pick up some goodies!



## Fern Creek Library Days

FRIENDS OF THE FERN CREEK LIBRARY

1st Thursday of the month  
10am - 4pm  
6104 Bardstown Road



Councilman Robin J. Engel  
Councilman Stuart Benson

10am - Toddler Story Time  
11am - Pre-K Story Time  
1pm - Book Club

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](mailto:info@ferncreek.org), or you can give us the information and we will get it done for you!

Watch your email for the latest information on the December -

**2019 FCCACC**

**Holiday After Hours**

## Membership News

### Welcome New Members

#### DDD Storefront Cleaning Service Plus

David Doepke  
9408 Fairground Road  
502-888-3185

[dddcleaningservice@twc.com](mailto:dddcleaningservice@twc.com)

David provides lawn mowing and window cleaning.

#### Pet Suites of America

Alisha Crutcher  
9420 Seatonville Road  
Louisville, KY 40291  
502-200-1389

[acrutcher@petsuitesofamerica.com](mailto:acrutcher@petsuitesofamerica.com)

#### Pro Rehab

Leigh Ann Bivins  
6610 Bardstown Road  
Louisville, KY 40291  
502-762-1243

[labivins@prorehablou.com](mailto:labivins@prorehablou.com)

#### Town Money Saver

TJ White  
502-744-7610

[tjwhite@townmoneysaver.com](mailto:tjwhite@townmoneysaver.com)

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: [info@ferncreek.org](mailto:info@ferncreek.org) or contact Jean at 239-7550.

#### Renewed Your Membership.

2020 Membership invoices are due upon receipt.

<http://www.ferncreek.org>

Annual Invoices will soon be in the mail. Renewing your Chamber membership is an investment in your business and an investment in the community. Your membership provides benefit from Monthly Networking Opportunities, Free advertising for your business, Access to workshops, participation in various chamber committees and many more events! Mail your renewal to:

FCCACC

P.O. Box 9156

6104 Bardstown Road

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Or renew your membership online by selecting "Join!" at:

<http://www.ferncreek.org>



Joshua Abell has been with Fern Creek High School for a decade now, serving in a variety of roles. Since his arrival in 2010, Joshua has served the school as a Social Studies teacher, Senior Class Sponsor, Best Buddies Mentor, KTIP Mentor, Dean of Student Behavior and Discipline, Assistant Athletic Director, and several other minor roles. He currently is the Head Football Coach (since 2014) and Behavior Interventionist.

Joshua has always loved Fern Creek HS because of the community feel it provides, despite being in a district that theoretically does not encourage community schools. He has always felt supported from the community in each and every role he has held in his tenure there. As football coach, he has requested sponsorships and partnerships from many businesses. As the lead in Positive Behavior Interventions, he petitioned many members for donations in all methods to use in his HERO program, a positive reinforcement program to encourage appropriate conduct. Most recently, as the Work Based Learning Coordinator, he has reached out to many members of the FCCC to look into his students as potential employees. And many have answered the call.

One element of the FC community that he loves is that many of the members of the FCCC, members of the local Churches, owners of FC businesses and the like have all graduated from Fern Creek High School OR have a child or relative that has. Because of this, there is always a lot of excitement for football season. Many people who have spent their time in Louisville know how good the teams of the 90s were and he and his staff aim to get back to that kind of consistent level.



Currently, he has a few projects in the works. For football, this season is all about recognizing the alumni, as FCHS celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> year playing football. At halftime of each home game, they are commemorating and acknowledging players from the past. The team sits at 5-2 and starts district play soon. For his role in school, Joshua is seeking help from the Chamber of Commerce in many fashions: first, he is seeking donations (in any form but specifically gift cards or vouchers) to use as incentives for both teacher and student engagement in the HERO program. He is also seeking business partners to serve as “Official Pathway Partners” for FCHS, much like Mark’s Feed Store, Maeser Plumbing and FC Fire Department have done recently. Lastly, he is always seeking job placement for his WBL Seniors who are looking to leave school early daily so they can work, as opposed to spending time in classes not required for graduation. If you can help with any of these things in any way, please contact him at [Joshua.abell@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:Joshua.abell@jefferson.kyschools.us)



## Better Ingredients. Better Pizza. Papa John's.



My name is Karen Roalofs, my family and I are the proud owners of RLS Enterprises, a franchisee of Papa John's Pizza.

At the age of 15, I remember coming home from school and my parents announcing to our family that they were going to take a second mortgage on their house to open their own Papa John's restaurant. I spent the spring break of my sophomore year of high school scraping wallpaper off an old tanning salon, laying tile floors and hanging drywall with my entire family. I began working for our Fern Creek store at 16 years old by answering phones, taking orders and making pizzas, the Papa John's Way. In the early days Papa John's wasn't known yet, so my brothers and sisters and I spent our days in the summer of 1987, going door to door throughout neighborhoods hanging marketing and coupons. It was a very grass roots campaign, as there was no money for radio or tv in those days for advertising. After high school, I paid my way through college, at UofL, as a Papa John's delivery driver. Upon graduation, I went to work for the marketing department at the Papa John's Corporate Office while continuing to work as a delivery driver and took on the role as our franchise local store marketing manager.

In 2017, my dad Roger was ready to retire from the day-to-day operations. I became part owner of the company and took over the day-to-day office operations from him while overseeing the human resource aspects of our business. To this day our Papa John's locations, including our Mt. Washington store, are still our family business, and I have the pleasure of working side-by-side with my brothers each day. We are extremely proud to be the first Papa John's franchisee. Opening our locations in Fern Creek, Highview and Mt. Washington has blessed us with more than we could have ever imagined. It is a joy to be involved with and support our local area ministries, churches, schools, ball clubs, Chamber of Commerce and of course our customers!

I just finished organizing the FCCACC Annual Family Fall Community Festival with Jean. It is so much fun to get to work with all the different businesses around us. And it is an opportunity to pay it forward. It is a give-give relationship-every piece that you give out will come back to you whether in business or in just wonderful relationships within your community. Our community has been part of our extended family for 32 years. Plus, being a family business with Papa John's as our parent company is an outstanding place to be.

For me, one of the best parts of what we do is giving a 16- year old their first job and watching them grow, figure out where they want to go in life and how to treat customers with respect, the way they would want to be treated. Hopefully instilling in them a solid work ethic and values. Our past employees have become teachers, doctors, coaches, nurses, accountants and business owners of their own. Knowing that we may have had a part in their development, is quite fulfilling. We have kids begin with us as a first job at 16, all the way up to 66-year old delivery drivers. Our team members span all walks of life, all religions, all creeds, all races.

As always, my family and store team, thanks you for being our customers and we hope to serve you soon.



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## 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 business and community needs.
- ★ Interaction with other business associations.
- ★ Become part of a unified voice to utilize the services of government and public agencies.
- ★ Business associations are eligible for matching 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 proposed development activities in our area.
- ★ An annual online Membership Directory.

### 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>**

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