



# Fern Creek Communicator

FERN CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
& CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

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FCCACC  
Board of Directors

## President's Message

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“Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?  
Should old acquaintance be forgot, and the days of auld lang syne?  
For auld lang syne my dear. For auld lang syne. We’ll drink a cup of  
kindness yet, for the sake of auld lang syne.”

The Scottish poet Robert Burns wrote these now famous poetic lyrics way back in 1788. As Scots immigrated around the world, they took the poem/song with them. Over time, North Americans translated the original lyrics to the common ones we know today and in 1929 Guy Lombardo and his band began performing the song on his New Year’s Eve show. Interpreted into English, it means “old times, especially times fondly remembered, or “an old, long friendship.”

To this day, the lyrics and the sentiment ring true. We ring out the old as we recall the past year adventures with good friends. We celebrate the old and look forward to the new year. Boy oh boy, what a year 2021 was. It was another year of pandemic and variants. Loss. And some gains. It was a year of relearning, adapting and reassociating in our lives. It was a year of exploring and hopefully finding new ways to live this “new normal” successfully. We will continue figuring it out in the new year.

As we continue to figure our new dynamics, the Fern Creek Chamber of Commerce continues to be here for you. It is our mission to represent a cooperative and collective effort to maintain and enhance the business and social climate of our combined communities. Our goal is to continue advancing the welfare and prosperity of the Fern Creek area, so our citizens and businesses prosper. We continue to partner with the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries, local area churches, Fern Creek and Mercy High Schools, Fern Creek Fire, Metro Council District 22, Fern Creek Women’s Club, and a variety of local community groups. Our Zumba, Jazzercise and Yoga classes are held weekly. Fern Creek residents are once again able to rent the community center for their events. If you are a reader, and need a book for yourself or your child, the Little Library is available to you. We may be a smaller Chamber, but we are full of opportunities and ready for the growth that is on the horizon in 2022.

This year’s board is comprised of 12 individuals who are volunteering their time and talents to help us fulfill our mission. Returning to the board are me, Karen Roalofs, (Independent member) President, Mary Henry (State Farm Insurance) Secretary, Josh Stewart (Edward Jones) Vice President, Gene McManaway

(Independent member), Steve Costelle (Costelle & Associates) Treasurer, Carmen Ellington (Autotruck Financial Credit Union), Dave Bales (Bales Insurance Services), Laura Spalding (Liberty Mutual Insurance), Joshua Abell (Fern Creek HS teacher and football coach) and Josh Cooper (Fern Creek Christian Church). Please welcome Renee Bryant, Executive Director of The Fern Creek Highview United Ministries and Dewayne Hutchins, Fern Creek Fire Assistant Chief to the Board. The irreplaceable, Jean Henle continues to be our Chamber Coordinator. Please help us thank Sheryl Webb and Carol Antle for their years of service on the Board of Directors. Their service and dedication have been priceless.

The planning committee will begin working on our annual Business Expo in the next few weeks. If you have thoughts and ideas on how to make this event better, please join us on the committee. We want it to be a valuable event to our members and community. If planning isn't your talent, we welcome you on one of the committees where you feel your strengths will be most valuable.

Happy New Year 2022! Here's to new friendships, business relationships and adventures with a cup of overflowing kindness.

Karen Roalofs,  
President FCCACC  
[Rlsenterprises1987@gmail.com](mailto:Rlsenterprises1987@gmail.com)

## FCCACC Member Events

### January Business Luncheon Guest Speakers



Our January speaker is Kimberly Greenwell with KAG consulting, LLC, producer of the regional television show "My Southern Home". As a media consultant for the Home Builders Association of Greater Louisville from 2011-2016, Kimberly grew a passion for the home-related industry and quickly became an expert in the field. That experience led to a local television station asking her to host and produce a local home show in 2015. Luncheon will be at the Woodhaven Country Club.

### Luncheon Hosts



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6104 Bardstown Rd.  
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### February Luncheon Guest Speaker



Our February speaker is Curtis Carman, Education Director with The Parklands Floyds Fork. Curtis oversees The Parklands Outdoor Classroom, promoting STEAM-based education through engaging, hands-on learning both outdoors and inside the classroom. Each year, his team of Education Specialists, Interpretive Rangers and Camp Counselors guide nearly 20,000 participants of all ages through school field trips, camps, Parklands Explorer, Junior Explorer and Wednesday

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Wonders. Prior to his promotion to Education Director in May of 2018, Curtis first joined The Parklands team as an Interpretive Ranger and led the department as Education Coordinator for three years. A native of Louisville and a graduate of Ballard High School, Curtis returned to his hometown after having worked as an environmental educator in Maine and Colorado at Acadia and Rocky Mountain National Parks. Luncheon will be at the Woodhaven Country Club.

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If you are interested in being a **Spotlight Business** in the Communicator, please give Jean a call at the Chamber office 239-7550.

You write up your own insert for the newsletter and send it to [info@ferncreek.org](mailto:info@ferncreek.org) – don't forget to include a photo!

## November Meetings



Our November speaker was Brig. Gen. (Army, Ret.) Benjamin F. Adams III. General Adams served in the military for four decades and was deployed numerous times throughout his career. Gov. Matt Bevin appointed Gen. Adams as the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs in 2018. The Fern Creek High School MCJROTC presented colors to begin the meeting. There were numerous dignitaries attendees, including: State Senator Jimmy Higdon; State Representative Kevin Bratcher; and District 22 Metro Councilman Robin Engel. The meeting Host was the Exit Realty Green Team.





## December Meetings



Our December speaker was Kathy Fehder, co-founder with husband Steve of non-profit Blanket Louisville. Blanket Louisville collects new and gently used blankets and distributed them before Thanksgiving to over 20 shelters and homeless organizations in the Louisville area in conjunction with Louisville's Coalition for the Homeless. District 22 Metro Councilman, Robin Engel, recognized two of our outstanding community members, Rev. Ron Loughry and Roger Roalofs. Both had successful careers in their organizations, but Robin recognizes them for their “give back” to the community.



## FCCACC Events

### Board of Directors Elections Results



Voting began in November for the 2022 through 2024 FCCACC Board of Directors and the results were announced in December. Incumbents Dave Bales, Mary Henry and Josh Stewart were reelected and two new Members were elected to the Board of Directors. The two new Board members are Renee Bryant, FCHUM and Dewayne Hutchens, FCFD.

We want to express a Special “Thank You” to the outgoing Board Member, Sheryl Webb, past Chamber President, her service on the Board and the time she dedicated to serving on various committees are immeasurable. We also want to thank Carol Antle for her commitment as a candidate for the Board. We have been very fortunate to have such leaders serving our community while volunteering their time to maintain and improve our Chamber. When you see them at the next Chamber event be sure to express a “thank you” to them as our Chamber would not be as successful without their Chamber service.

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## The 2022 Fern Creek Chamber of Commerce Executive Board



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*President*

Papa John's - Fern Creek



**Josh Stewart**

*Vice President*

Edward Jones



**Mary Henry**

*Secretary*

Henry State Farm Agency



**Steve Costelle**

*Treasurer*

Costelle & Associates



**Jean Henle**

*Chamber Coordinator*

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## New Member Networking Event



The Chamber New Member Networking Event has been in limbo because of the COVID virus, but was revived on November 4 at the Fern Creek Community Center and contained a good mixturer of both new and longstanding members. Chamber President Karen Roalofs kicked off the meeting asking all attendees to introduce themselves. The new members described their business services and/or products while the longstanding members demonstrated the value of membership in the Fern Creek Chamber. A light breakfast was provided by Chick-fil-A.





### **Renew Your Membership.**

2022 Membership invoices are due upon receipt.

<http://www.ferncreek.org>

Annual Invoices are 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! Renew your membership TODAY - USPS, or online:

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P.O. Box 9156

6104 Bardstown Road

Louisville, KY 40291

Online: <http://www.ferncreek.org>

And

Select: Join

## Scholarship Award

### *The Fern Creek Chamber of Commerce*

#### **2022 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Some of our fundraisers, particularly the Golf Scramble, allow us to offer this scholarship opportunity to the community. Applications are now being accepted for the 2022-23 school year. We have attached our FCCACC Scholarship application and criteria, plus a checklist for your student's convenience. the FCCACC will be awarding a \$1,500.00 scholarship.

The purpose of the scholarships is to aid and recognize those individuals who have limited or no form of tuition or financial aid available to them. Students already accepted who definitely expect to receive full scholarships or full forms of financial aid, not contingent upon repayment, are asked not to apply.

Below is valuable information regarding this program. To apply:

- 1) You, the **Applicant** must be a high school senior who is either
  - a) a dependent of a member in good standing of the Fern Creek Community Association & Chamber of Commerce **or**
  - b) a graduating senior at Fern Creek High School or Mercy Academy
- 2) The maximum scholarship for the student selected for the current school year will be \$1,000.00. Only those individuals who are registered or will be registering as a full-time student at an Accredited Post-Secondary Institution/College/University need apply. Scholarship money will be paid directly to the Accredited Post-Secondary Institution College/University and is to be used for tuition and books only.
- 3) Scholarship money received may be considered taxable income under the current IRS guidelines.

Students must complete the application form and submit the following information:

- 1 Official transcript with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 including SAT/ACT test results. Transcript must have the official school seal or be initialed by a Counselor or someone within the Registrar's Office.
- 2 A signed Letter of Recommendation from a high school teacher, counselor, college professor or administrator, community or church leader or any non-family member.
- 3 Essay of 500 typed words answering the following question: **How do you define success?** Number of words outside of this range will cause a deduction of points.
- 4 List of all extracurricular activities such as school activities, organizations, church and volunteer work. Provide the name of the organization, the type of work and the time involved in the organization.
- 5 Copy of the Acceptance Letter from the Accredited Post-Secondary Institution/College/University.
- 6 Provide a copy/list of any assistance received from other sources and current cost of tuition.

All Scholarship entries must have the completed application and all required documentation to FCCACC postmarked no later than **January 31, 2022**. Please drop the materials off at the FCCACC Office, 6104 Bardstown Road or mail to: FCCACC Attn: Scholarship Committee PO Box 91564 Louisville, KY 40291.



*The Fern Creek Chamber of Commerce*  
**ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ FCCACC Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Present High School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ 2021-22 ACT/SAT score \_\_\_\_\_

Accredited Post Secondary Institution/College/University you plan to attend:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT CHECKLIST**

Applicants not sending all required documentation will be disqualified. This application becomes complete and valid only when you have mailed:

- Completed Application
- Official Transcript including SAT/ACT test results
- Signed Letter of Recommendation (Maximum 10 Points)
- Letter of Acceptance from the Accredited Post Secondary Institution/College/University
- Letter of Academic Achievement (Maximum 15 Points)
- List of all Extracurricular Activities Maximum 15 Points)
- List of Community Involvement (Maximum 15 Points)
- Based on the need of Applicant (Maximum 5 Points)
- A Typed 500-word essay (Maximum 40 Points)
- Copy/list of any assistance received from other sources & current cost of tuition

**POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR MISSING OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION**

**Entries must be postmarked no later than Monday, January 31, 2022**

Please drop the required documentation off at the FCCACC office or mail to:

FCCACC Attn: Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 91564  
Louisville, KY 40291

Result Letters will be mailed no later than February 28, 2022

I certify that all of the information contained in my application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all submitted materials become the property of the FCCACC. If selected as a winner, I agree to allow FCCACC to use my name and photograph in any materials deemed necessary. I further understand that any scholarship money received may be considered taxable income under the current IRS guidelines.

## 2022 Economic For Metro Louisville

### Louisville Forecast 2022

The following article by Uric Dufrene, Ph.D., Sanders Chair in Business and Professor of Finance, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, appeared in the Indiana Business Review (IBR).

The Louisville metro appears to be heading toward the recovery of almost all job losses by year end 2021. As of September 2021 (year-to-date), the Louisville metro added approximately 17,500 jobs. National economic growth is expected to decelerate, and this should lead to a deceleration in Louisville payroll growth from 2021. Consequently, the Louisville metro will see payroll growth in the 2%-3% range for 2022. Key to this outlook is that employers are able to successfully fill job openings. Growth in manufacturing, robust consumer activity, and an expanding leisure and hospitality sector all contribute to this favorable outlook.

Manufacturers should expect a strong year. Materials shortages and supply chain challenges that have plagued manufacturers this past year should show some improvement, although they will not be entirely resolved. This will provide a boost to local area manufacturing. Expected increases in labor market participation and a growing labor force will also support manufacturing payroll growth. Louisville area manufacturers added approximately 2,300 jobs, as of September year over year, and should expect to exceed this amount in 2022.

Leisure and hospitality: convention activity in Louisville should also continue to rebound, providing a boost to leisure and hospitality employment. Remote work arrangements will likely be a permanent fixture with some employers, but in-office activity should also show increases in 2022. A return to office will provide support to leisure and hospitality employment, particularly in downtown Louisville. Leisure and hospitality added 6,700 jobs (September year over year). While it might be difficult to match this level of growth in 2022, we should expect additional gains in leisure and hospitality employment.

Transportation and warehousing was one of the strongest growth sectors in employment for the Louisville metro in 2021. Employers added 3,800 jobs (September year over year), amid labor shortages.

Strong hiring will continue into 2022, and we can expect transportation and warehousing to be one of the leading sectors with respect to payroll growth, fitting for the logistics and warehousing hub of Louisville.

Retail trade added 2,200 jobs (September year over year). This outlook expects a good year for Louisville area retail, but a continued trend away from goods to services will continue. With the shift from goods to services spending, the consumer is still positioned for retail activity. Household balance sheets are quite strong, and net worth is at the highest level in history. Savings rates remain elevated, and the consumer debt service ratio remains lower than the pre-pandemic level. While retail sales gains have been the strongest on record, current supply chain challenges will also serve as a boost to subsequent goods spending. As we move past the supply chain issues impacting auto sales, demand will be sustained due to delayed purchases.

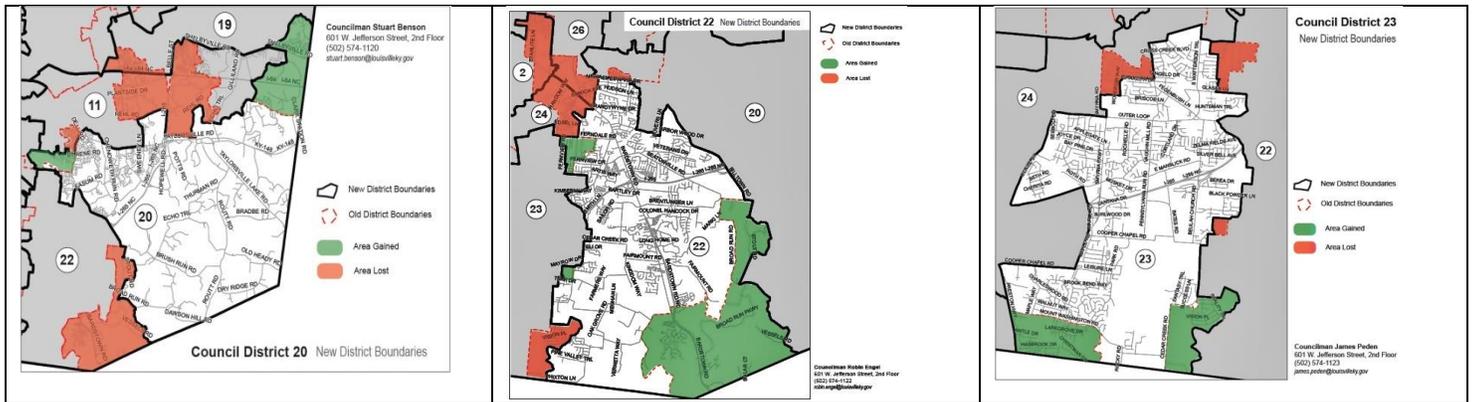
Overall, the outlook for the Louisville metro economy is quite favorable.

Need A Meeting Place for Your Event or Activity, call Jean at:  
Fern Creek Community Center  
239-7550.  
FCCACC members receive a 10% discount.

## From District 22 Metro Councilman Robin Engle



District 22 Metro Councilman Robin Engle reported they have finished the redistricting process and shared the three maps of the new Districts for Councilmen Engel, Benson and Peden. Most Chamber members will live in Districts 20-23, so this will be helpful. The Maps will detail the old district boundaries and show the new boundaries.



If you would like a larger “pdf” copy of District 20, 22 or 23, contact Jean at the Chamber Office.

## Member News

### Trilogy Holiday Open House



The Franciscan Health Care Center on Fern Valley Road held a holiday open house on December 9. It was well attended with several Seniors business services represented including: Brightwell Behavioral Health, American Senior Communities and Oasis Senior Advisors. It was great to be out and about again and, as always, the Trilogy arrangements and facilities were outstanding.





## Member Announcements

Send your business events information to [info@ferncreek.org](mailto:info@ferncreek.org), or contact Jean at 239-7550. Don't forget, coming events for the newsletter's covers the upcoming two months.



### Facility Rentals

The **Community Center** is a great meeting resource for anniversary parties, weddings, bridal and baby showers and meetings or events of any kind.

#### Community Center Rental (8 hours)

- Accommodates up to 100 people.
- Weekend & Holidays: Rental \$495.00, Damage Deposit \$300.00

#### Annex Rental (4 hours)

- Accommodates up to 45 people
- Weekends & Holidays: Rental \$210.00, Damage Deposit \$200.00
- Weekday: (Mon-Thurs) Rental \$90.00 per day, Damage Deposit \$100.00
- Weekday for non-profits: (Mon – Thurs) Rental \$50.00 per day, Damage Deposit \$100.00

Find more info at: <http://www.ferncreek.org/rentals.php> or call 239-7550.

# Membership News

## Welcome New Members

<p><b>Hamilton Martin Insurance</b> Matthew Rodgers 1491 Old Preston Hwy N Louisville, KY 40229 502-957-6500 <a href="mailto:mrogers@HamiltonMartin.com">mrogers@HamiltonMartin.com</a></p>	<p><b>Medicare Hub</b> Brenda Dannelly 8700 Sanctuary Lane Louisville KY 40291 502-718-3737 <a href="mailto:btdannelly@aol.com">btdannelly@aol.com</a></p>
<p><b>SGT Junk It</b> Ronnie Knuckles 6904 Deep Spring Court Louisville, KY 40228 <a href="mailto:Ronnie.knuckles91@gmail.com">Ronnie.knuckles91@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Speed Wash Car Wash</b> Lindsay Garrett 8102 Old Bardstown Road Louisville KY 40291 502-614-6928 <a href="mailto:Lindsey@SpeedWash.com">Lindsey@SpeedWash.com</a></p>

Join us in welcoming our new members to the Fern Creek Chamber of Commerce. Supporting our members is crucial to our/their success and ensures we are a community that continues to grow.

Do you know someone who would like to:

- increase the awareness of their business
- interact with local business, community and government leaders
- have a voice in the community

Tell them about the Fern Creek Chamber of Commerce, and share this newsletter, and the membership information included on the last page, with them.

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The Fern Creek Community Center and Annex is operated by the Fern Creek Community Association & Chamber of Commerce (FCCACC). Find more info at: <http://www.ferncreek.org/rentals.php> or call 239-7550.



# Kentucky Legislative Report

## KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS TO STARTS 2022 SESSION

The Kentucky General Assembly kicked off its 2022 session January 4 as lawmakers in the House and Senate gathered in Frankfort to start the 60-day session. During this 60-day session, the General Assembly's main focus is to draft a two-year budget plan for the Commonwealth. The first week typically consists of procedural duties, such as introducing bills and resolutions, the General Assembly wasted no time passing legislation the first week. Bills passed during the first week include:

**House Bill (HB) 172** moves the candidate filing deadline for this year only from January 7 to January 25 in 2022 due to redistricting. The majority voted to waive the second and third readings of HB 172 by a vote of 22-9. HB 172 passed in the Senate by a vote of 28-4. The bill was signed by the Governor and will now go into law.

**Senate Bill (SB) 2** establishes new state senatorial districts based on data from the 2020 census. It passed the Senate by a vote of 28-4. It now goes to the House for further consideration, where if passed, will go to the Governor for further action.

**SB 3** establishes new United States Congressional Districts in Kentucky following the data of the 2020 census. The proposal passed by a vote of 28-4 and now goes to the House for further action.

**SB 20** establishes that a constitutional challenge of the newly created legislative districts should be filed with the Circuit Court of the plaintiff's residence. The legislation passed the Senate by a vote of 31-1. It now goes to the House for further consideration.

Click [here](#) to view the new Kentucky House district map. Click [here](#) to view the new Kentucky Senate district map.

On January 5, Gov. Beshear delivered his annual State of the Commonwealth address to a joint session of the Kentucky State Senate and House of Representatives. He noted that despite the recent tornado outbreak and ongoing surge of COVID-19 cases, the state of the Commonwealth is "strong." The Governor acknowledged that our economy is booming, and we are witnessing record investments. He also mentioned working with the legislature on fast-tracking legislation for a relief package for impacted communities in western Kentucky.

To keep up with the legislative action, you can view the Kentucky Legislature Home Page, [www.legislature.ky.gov](http://www.legislature.ky.gov). To share feedback on an issue, you can call the General Assembly Message Line at 1-800-372-7181.



## Join the Fern Creek Chamber of Commerce!

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### 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 — **\$175.00** per/yr.
- Individual membership dues — **\$50.00** 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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[www.facebook.com/FernCreekChamber/](http://www.facebook.com/FernCreekChamber/)**