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Message from JCA CEO, Courtney Bernardi



We celebrated National Small Business Week a couple of weeks ago and it got us thinking.

Small businesses are a vital piece of not only Johns Creek's economic landscape, but of the nation's economic landscape as well. These businesses truly shape a community; providing a uniqueness that can't be found elsewhere. Residents and visitors share in their love of finding hidden gems within a community, finding something that speaks to them, finding people that can share a story. Small businesses provide a unique experience, a chance for others to learn, build relationships and create memories.

With all that said, as you plan your vacations this summer, make a conscious effort to look for those hidden gems in the communities you visit. There may be a Starbucks in every community, heck on every corner, but take an extra couple of minutes to locate the local coffee shop. But don't just grab a coffee; take time to enrich your life by taking advantage of a new experience. Ask questions, find out a little more about the stop you make and truly immerse yourself. After all, a community is more than a stop along your journey, it is a place filled with history, life and stories.

We ask that you take a moment to veer from your interstate path to a road less traveled. Take a moment to learn from those small business owners who have decided to take a risk in a place they love, a place there are committed to and a place that fuels their success and their soul.



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY is JUNE 10th!!!!

We look forward to seeing everyone from 11am—2pm!

The trucks that will be attending this Food Truck Friday are:

- **The ATL Burger Truck**
- **Nana G's Chicken & Waffles**
- **VietNomies**
- **King of Pops**
- **C'est Tout Bon**

[Click here for more information & the location.](#)

FDI: The Importance of Going Global!



Johns Creek's own, Rob Meyers, General Manager, Atlanta Site Manufacturing for Alcon, a Novartis Company, was among five highly esteemed business professionals asked to speak on the importance of a true strategy and plan for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) during the launch of Atlanta's FDI plan on May 3, 2016.

Rob mentioned several reasons why Alcon chose Johns Creek as their southeastern home for research and development, manufacturing and

distribution. Alcon, the world's leader in contact lens manufacturing, is a vital piece of Johns Creek's economy and chose our community because of the access to a qualified workforce, access to international logistic hubs like Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and the Savannah Port, while also offering a high quality of life for employees and opportunity for Alcon's continued growth.

Cultivating international trade and development is an integral part of the economic development strategy for metro Atlanta, Johns Creek plans to support this plan in conjunction with all of our regional partners

Having a strong business leader like Rob, and the entire Alcon team, in our corner shows what a truly exceptional community Johns Creek is and what a strong leader Atlanta and the entire State of Georgia is in regard to economic development. Read the [full story here](#).



THANK YOU to the

businesses assisting the city on the development of their noise ordinance! It is so important that our business community provide their feedback on new city initiatives, ensuring that businesses are heard.

Alcon, Abbotts Bar & Grill, Ebix, Emory Johns Creek Hospital, Gaddis Partners RE/MAX Center, Marlow's Tavern, St Ives Country Club

Food Trucks at Emory Johns Creek Hospital!



From 11 am to 2pm
Friday, May 20th
Friday, June 3rd
Tuesday, June 14th

Trucks include: Bandora, BrookeLynn's Own, Cape Pies, & Spiedie Zone

Look Out!

The City will be beginning the Comprehensive Plan process in July or August of this year!

During this process the city & JCA will be asking business leaders to attend public information sessions so that you all can provide feedback on what you would like see in the future around Johns Creek.

Be on the lookout for those emails, which will be coming shortly!

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