

December 2024

E -newsletter

Seasons Greetings!



Just a reminder to have your Christmas lights up and on for the Cedar Creek Civic Association annual **Community of Lights** event on Saturday, December 21st from 6-10pm. We encourage you to drive through the neighborhood on this evening to appreciate the efforts of our Cedar Creek neighbors to raise spirits during this season of thanksgiving and joy. If you wish to showcase your own home decorations, then request to be added to the digital map by signing up no later than December 15th using this link: <https://forms.gle/hvHn9XSCBrZrP7dQ6>. A link to the map will be posted on the Cedar Creek Nextdoor and Facebook social media pages on December 20th.

The CCCA **Annual Meeting & Dinner** is scheduled for 5:30PM on Sunday, January 26 in the community hall of St Gregory the Great Episcopal Church, 3195 Barnett Shoals Rd. As in recent years we are limited to 100 participating members. The CCCA is providing the food (sandwiches, potato salad, dessert, etc) and drinks, so there is nothing to bring and nothing to pay. To participate please RSVP to Ken Portier with your name and the number of attendees either via email to kenneth.portier@gmail.com or by text message to 678-644-9724. If you call, simply leave a voice message with your name and the number of expected attendees.



Still time to get your **unique seasonal gifts** consider the following Athens area gift shops:
 ✓ The State Botanical Garden of Georgia gift shop, open every day except Monday, 9AM to 4PM.
 ✓ The Sandy Creek Nature Center gift shop, open every day except Monday, 8:30AM to 5:30PM.
 If you are attending the State Botanical Garden Winter WonderLights show (botgarden.uga.edu/wonderlights), stop in at their Holiday Market for unique seasonal gifts.

Calendar of Events

- ✓ Nov 24 - Dec 30: Winter Wonderlights, State Botanical Gardens of Georgia, ticketed event, see botgarden.uga.edu/wonderlights/
- ✓ Dec 21: Cedar Creek neighborhood, Community of Lights event, see notice this newsletter.
- ✓ Dec 25: Christmas (on a Wednesday this year)
- ✓ Jan 2-5: Wonderlights Disco Nights, State Botanical Gardens of Georgia, ticketed event, see botgarden.uga.edu/wonderlights/
- ✓ Jan 25: Classic City Marathon, see classiccitymarathon.com
- ✓ Jan 26: CCCA Annual Meeting & Dinner: see above note.

The CCCA **Nominations Committee** is looking for volunteers for the following CCCA leadership positions: Secretary, Community and Government Affairs Committee Chair, Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair, Social Activities Committee Chair, Editor of the Association's newsletter and manager of the Association's website (see position descriptions below). **Contact Ken Portier (kenneth.portier@gmail.com) or text to 678-644-9724) if you are interested or simply curious!**



Secretary: The CCCA Secretary's primary task is to take minutes at all meetings of the Association Board of Directors and at the annual meeting of members. The Secretary is also responsible for maintaining past and current records of the Association and archiving Association records with the University of Georgia Libraries Special Collection. *Note: Archival of Association records has not been performed in the last number of years and needs to be a primary task for the Secretary for 2025.*

Community and Government Affairs: This Committee monitors activities of the Athens Clarke County Commission and the Athens Clarke County Planning Commission to identify and report on issues related to land use, zoning, and community development that could potentially impact residents of Cedar Creek subdivision. The Committee also reviews communications from the Neighborhood Notification Initiative (NNI) to identify construction and/or development that could impact our community. The Committee Chair along with the CCCA President present the sentiment of Cedar Creek residents to the ACC Commission or Planning Commission on issues impacting our community.

Neighborhood Watch: Members of this Committee are responsible for encouraging Cedar Creek residents to identify and report suspicious activities in Cedar Creek subdivision to the ACC Police Department. Members of this committee are "block captains" who are responsible for keeping their immediate neighbors informed of suspicious and criminal activities in our community. The Committee Chair is responsible for maintaining communications between the ACC Police Department and Cedar Creek block captains. *[Note: in recent years, the CCCA Board has not been able to maintain the block captain structure and has depended on social networking to keep Cedar Creek residents informed on suspicious activities in our community. This has meant that the Committee Chair needs to be active in social networking communities to fulfill the tasks assigned to the committee.]*

Social Activities Committee: This Committee is responsible for developing and implementing activities that foster a sense of community among Cedar Creek residents. Currently the Social Activities Committee supports hosting the annual member's meeting, the spring neighborhood yard sale, the fall festival and the Christmas festival of lights.

Editor of the Association's Newsletter: While the CCCA President is responsible for the CCCA Newsletter, the actual editing and electronic distribution of the newsletter is often assigned to a volunteer who reports back to the CCCA Board on issues. The newsletter editor may participate at Board meeting to ensure articles in the newsletter accurately reflect the issues and the positions of the CCCA Board. *The Board is moving editing and delivery of the newsletter to the Constant Contact digital marketing app. Candidates for the Editor of the Newsletter should be willing to learn and work in this system.*

Manager of the Association's Website: While the CCCA President is responsible for the CCCA website, maintaining and updating the website is often assigned to a volunteer who reports back to the CCCA Board. The website editor may participate at Board meeting to ensure information on the website accurately reflects the issues and the positions of the CCCA Board. *The Board is moving the web site to the WIX website design system (wix.com) to hopefully make the website easier to update and manage. Candidates for the Manager of the Web Site should be willing to work in this system*

Special thanks to Ross Watson, Heather Sitler and Dave Forker for coordinating and installing the lights and bows at our Cedar Creek subdivision entrances.