

Cedar Creek Civic Association Newsletter



November 2022

Announcements

- The Nominations Committee are having trouble identifying candidates for open CCCA Board positions to be voted on at the annual meeting in 2023. Please, if you know of anyone who might be interested in serving or know of someone who might be convinced to serve, contact Rick Rose at rrrose@uga.edu.
- The next Board meeting is November 28 at 7 pm. Join us on Zoom at this link: [Link to CCCA Board Zoom Meeting](#)
- The CCCA Board does not meet in December, but schedules a meeting in early to mid January prior to the annual meeting. Check the CCCA website for the date and time of the January meeting.
- There is to be a runoff election on December 6. Early voting in this race begins November 28. Runoff election voting details can be found at [Georgia.gov/election-2022 website](https://www.governor.gov/election-2022) and for Athens-Clarke County at the [Elections Office website](#).



Calendar

- **November 23** – Opening Winter WonderLights @State Botanical Gardens.
- **November 24** – Thanksgiving Day.
- **November 28** – CCAA Board meeting, 7pm via Zoom - link below.
- **November 28** - Early voting begins.
- **November 29** – National Day of Giving, Giving Tuesday
- **December 6** - Georgia Runoff Election 2022
- **December 17** – Cedar Creek Community Parade of Lights (see below).
- **December 25** – Christmas Day, a Sunday this year.
- **January 8** - Closing Winter Wonderlights @State Botanical Gardens.

Remember to periodically check the Association website at cedarcreekathens.org. The CCCA Board and committee chairs regularly post on Next Door and in the Cedar Creek Neighborhood, Athens, GA group on FACEBOOK. Join us there.

Board Minutes

Income from the Fall Festival cake sale and concurrent Plant Sale was \$540 against \$489 in expenses. Community non-profit organizations were nominated by participants to receive donations from the income. The Board voted to send \$100 donations to the following eight community organizations on behalf of the Cedar Creek Community:

- Food Bank of Northeast Georgia
- Athens Area Humane Society
- Athens Area Homeless Shelter
- Athens Area Emergency Food Bank
- Athens Area Habitat for Humanity
- Athens Parent Wellbeing - Pregnancy support
- Sweet Olive Farm - Animal rescue
- Project Safe - Domestic violence prevention and intervention

A formal audit of CCCA finances has not been performed in recent years. At the request of the Treasurer, the Board will discuss how an audit would be done at the November meeting.

The CCCA Annual Meeting will take place in person in late January or early February. The Board is considering two meeting spaces that can accommodate the up to 150 participants who might attend a sit down meal. Adequate and lighted parking spaces is another consideration. Rick Rose and Pete Nicholls will talk to staff at Gaines Elementary School and St. Gregory the Great Episcopal church (3195 Barnett Shoals Rd) about costs and availability and report back to the Board at the November Board meeting.

The Board discussed the Membership committee's request to move management of the CCCA web site to some other group. It was suggested that this job be combined with producing the monthly newsletter (currently produced by the Treasurer) and assign this to a *Communications Committee*. The Association bylaws charge the president with the task of producing a newsletter each month but the Board feels this needs a more technically competent group. This topic will also be discussed in November.

The Board discussed and approved sponsorship of a *Cedar Creek Winter Parade of Lights* community activity as proposed by the Social Activities Committee. The Board tentatively approved the proposal. See the Social Activities Committee report for more information.

The Landscape and Beautification Committee chair pointed out that the south side of the Ponderosa Street entrance that is adjacent to the EMS office needs work. Who is responsible for this area is uncertain. The Board requested that ACC Landscape Management be consulted as to whether the county is responsible for this area. In addition, Dave Forker will attempt to talk to the owner of the EMS building to determine if they will clean up the area. As a backup, the Board voted to allocate up to \$1000 for this clean-up and beautification project - not all of these funds will necessarily come from the 2022 budget.

The Board was made aware that some community residents were concerned that mail had not been delivered on Monday, October 24 to a number of streets on the west side of Cedar Creek. The Board was not sure what to do about this. *Mail was finally delivered very late in the evening of October 25. It was concluded that this is likely a sign that the Post Office is having the same issues with maintaining an adequate workforce as many other organizations are having.* The Board will continue to monitor this issue.

Committee Reports

----- Membership Development and Services Committee

The Committee is focused on plans for the in-person 2023 Annual meeting. Late January or early February dates are being explored along with potential meeting sites. Plans should be far enough along for date, time and location details to be posted in the December newsletter. Details will also be posted on Nextdoor and the community Facebook page.

The Board approved the purchase of supplies to replenish the contents of the new member bags. These *gifts* from the community have been shown to be very effective in getting new residents to join the CCCA.

----- Social Activities Committee

The CCCA will host a *Parade of Lights* event on Saturday, December 17th from 6-9 pm. Families are encouraged to participate by decorating the exteriors of their homes in such a manner that neighbors may walk or drive by to admire the holiday splendor. Additionally, participants are encouraged (but not required) to host something fun and social in their driveways or front yard. This could include live or recorded music, hot beverages or snacks to hand out, sales of handmade artisan crafts for sale, etc. -- you name it! Participating homes will have their addresses included in both a printable and digital map that will be available after December 1st on the [CCCA website](#). Printed maps will be available near the four main entrances of the neighborhood on the day of the event, while the digital map will be made available on Nextdoor, the Cedar Creek Facebook group, and the CCCA website.

If interested, sign up by no later than November 30 using the link here: [Cedar Creek Parade of Lights Sign-up](#). For further information, please contact Heather Sitler at heathersitler@gmail.com.

----- Landscape and Beautification Committee

See discussion of Ponderosa Street Entrance project above.

----- Traffic and Transportation Committee

Nothing to report.

----- Neighborhood Watch

Nothing to report.

CCCA Recipe Exchange Group

Group Contact: Annette Bergins at bergins.annette@aol.com

For December our recipes will address the question: *What did we do with the leftovers from our holiday meal?*

November Recipe: Zucchini Chocolate Chip Gluten-Free Muffins

Contributed by Cathy R. Payne

This recipe makes 12 delicious gluten-free muffins that are low in sugar and need no frosting. You can also serve them for dinner or tea without the chocolate chips if you prefer.

Ingredients

- 21 oz. Zucchini, grated
- 3 large eggs
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 Tbsp. ground cinnamon
- 2 cups blanched, finely ground almond flour
- 4 tsp. aluminum-free baking powder
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips (my favorite is Hu Brand No-Added-Sugar Keto Baking Chocolate Chips)
This can be omitted for a plain zucchini muffin.

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Place paper liners into each pan.
3. Combine the cinnamon, almond flour, and baking powder in a small bowl. Stir to mix. Add the chocolate chips.
4. Grate clean, unpeeled zucchini. Weigh out 21 oz. Use a clean kitchen towel, cheesecloth, or thick paper towel to wrap the grated zucchini and absorb moisture. Pat or squeeze gently.
5. Whisk the wet ingredients—vanilla, honey, and eggs in a medium-sized bowl.
6. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ones with a rubber spatula.
7. Fold in the grated zucchini to combine. Add a tiny bit of water if needed to make a thick batter.
8. Fill each muffin-liner 3/4 full.
9. Bake in the oven for 23-25 minutes. The tops should be firm.
10. Cool on a cooling rack before serving. Butter is optional.