

# Cedar Creek Civic Association



September 2022

*As fall draws nearer and calendars start to fill up, please consider adding **Cedar Creek's Fall Festival** to your list of family-friendly fun. We will have live music, food, craft activities, games, and prizes at the Community Swimming Pool. The CCCA is also hosting a **Plant Sale** just up the street at Cedar Creek Court. We are also collecting canned goods for the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank at these events.*

*We are looking for neighbors who would like to volunteer to bring baked goods to sell and/or who would like to volunteer to work the event. Please see the following sign-up link for more information: [www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094EAAA92EA5FB6-ccca](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094EAAA92EA5FB6-ccca). You can also contact Heather Sitler at [heathersitler@gmail.com](mailto:heathersitler@gmail.com) for more information about the bake sale or volunteering.*

## Calendar

- **September 15 to October 15** –Hispanic Heritage Month.
- **September 26** – CCCA Board meeting, 7pm – via Zoom
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89851698838?pwd=amRQdHR5R1lQSnhySktEVXJyZGY2dz09>
- **October 1 – Cedar Creek Fall Festival and Plant Sale.**
- **October 10** – Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day.
- **October 14 to November 4** - Early voting at 155 E. Washington Street, Athens.
- **October 24** – CCCA Board meeting, 7pm – via Zoom.
- **October 29 to November 4** - Six additional early voting sites open.
- **November 8 – Elections Day**

## August CCCA Board Meeting Highlights

### General Discussion

- The Board often hears concerns from CC residents about homes/yards in the community that appear to be poorly maintained. While these issues also concern the Board, the fact that the CCCA is NOT a homeowner's association (HOA) means it has no say in how homeowners maintain their property. Concerns need to be directed to the Athens-Clarke County Code Enforcement Division at [www.accgov.com/253/Code-Enforcement-Division](http://www.accgov.com/253/Code-Enforcement-Division).
- The Board continues to explore venues for the 2023 CCCA Annual meeting. We are currently exploring whether we might hold an in-person meeting in the cafeteria at one of the schools on Gaines School Road.
- The CCCA President is forming a nominations committee to identify candidates for open CCCA positions. Interested in serving, contact Rick Rose at [rrose@uga.edu](mailto:rrose@uga.edu).

## CCCA Board News (continued)

### Membership Development and Services Committee

- The 2022 Membership Directory is now in layout with on-line availability expected around the end of September. Check the CCCA website ([CEDARCREEKATHENS.ORG](http://CEDARCREEKATHENS.ORG)) for final availability. Thirty residents have requested printed directories.
- Starting October 1, all payments for membership will be credited to 2023.

### Social Activities Committee

- Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> is the CCC **Fall Festival and Plant Sale**. See attached flyer.
- **Plant Sale details** – 10am to 4pm on 10/1, Cedar Creek Court greenspace, parking on Cedar Creek Drive, no parking on Cedar Creek Circle or resident lawns please. Plant list and prices will be posted on the CCCA website at least one week prior to the sale. Only plants appropriate for outdoor fall plantings. Andrews Nursery provides the plants and will handle financial transactions.
- **Festival details** – 1pm to 4pm, swimming pool parking lot, parking on Cedar Creek Drive, residents encouraged to walk over, children's activities (5 games planned – volunteers needed to help run), music from resident musicians. Bake sale proceeds to go to a local nonprofit. If you are interested in volunteering to help or to participate, contact Heather Sitler at [heathersitler@gmail.com](mailto:heathersitler@gmail.com).
- **Recipe Exchange Group** – September focus is DESSERTS. Please send your recipes to share with the group to Annete Bergins ([bergins.annette@aol.com](mailto:bergins.annette@aol.com)).

### Landscape and Beautification Committee

- Dave Forker ([dave.nomad@gmail.com](mailto:dave.nomad@gmail.com)) assumed the chair of this committee.
- The Committee and CCCA Board discussed places where residents having difficulty maintaining their homes and yards might find support. Available services of the ACC government include general Resident Resources (see [link here](#)) and Hands On Athens (see [link here](#)). Neither provide the support we were looking for. The search continues.
- Note Clarke County has placement regulations for **election signs in residential yards** – see [Codes of Ordinances Section 7-4-5 Signs](#).

### Traffic and Transportation Committee

- The issue with sinking of the roadway on Honeytree has been again referred to the county for repair. This is an ongoing issue of which the County is aware.
- Report any safety issues with community roads to the committee chair Pete Nicholls at [pistolpete007@gmail.com](mailto:pistolpete007@gmail.com).
- ***If you note any acts of graffiti or inappropriate markings on Community streets, don't hesitate to notify ACC Police at 706-546-5900 or 706-613-3345.*** For other suspicious activities, call 911.

### Neighborhood Watch

- No property crimes reported this month.

Remember to periodically check the Association website at [CEDARCREEKATHENS.ORG](http://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.

## **Focus on upcoming elections by Lisa McGaun, CC resident and elections staff**

Nationwide, the focus on elections continues to increase. The [Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections](#) (the ACC BOE) considers this increased interests as a positive change. Locally, this focus means more enthusiasm about “back of house” processes that make elections happen. It means a more engaged public turning out to vote, more volunteers to serve as poll watchers, and to staff precincts and early voting locations. It means ***democracy in action***.

This increased focus also brings **challenges** for county election officials in the form of an overwhelming volume of open records requests, many more phone calls from concerned voters, and the need to correct misinformation in social media and other public information sources. The ACC BOE staff welcomes these new tasks. Helping voters and concerned groups understand how elections are performed in a secure and professional environment is one of the most important jobs of an election administrator. The ACC BOE office is THE place to call for reliable information about anything related to Georgia elections. **If you have a question, call the ACC BOE office at (706) 613-3150 or email your questions to [Lisa.Mcglau@accgov.com](mailto:Lisa.Mcglau@accgov.com).**

When thinking about how elections are run, it helps to know that county election offices are filled with **dedicated professionals** who are also your trusted neighbors and friends. Charlotte Sosebee, ACC BOE Director of Elections and Voter Registration, has over 30 years of experience running safe and secure elections and is dedicated to her profession. She is a graduate of the Election Center, a national certification program for US election administration. She requires all full-time staff to continue their professional education, and by fall two additional election assistants will be certified. It is a source of pride for Ms. Sosebee and quite rare to have three Certified Election and Registration Administrator (CERA) graduates in one county office.

Coming up, the 2022 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The ballot is full containing choices for 14 Federal and State races, 2 Constitutional Amendments and 2 Statewide Referenda. Early Voting begins on Monday, October 17, at the ACC BOE offices located at 155 E. Washington Street. Starting on Saturday, October 29, six more locations will open.

Early voting ends on Friday, November 4. UGA Tate Center will host an early voting site for three days - November 1 to November 3. For all locations, dates, and times see the ACC BOE webpage at <https://www.accgov.com/160/Elections-Office> or the [Advanced Voting Dates, Times and Location page](#). [Absentee voting details can be found here](#).



CEDAR CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD

# Fall Festival

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OCTOBER 1ST FROM 1-4PM

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Food And Live Music With  
**Biggum's BBQ & Custom Concern**  
Crafts-Games-Bake Sale

Pool Parking Lot  
410 Cedar Creek Dr.

Plant Sale: 10-4pm  
Cedar Creek Ct

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*PLEASE BRING A CANNED GOOD TO DONATE*

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