

# Cedar Creek Civic Association



December 2022



*Seasons Greetings*



*Drive or Walk the Cedar Creek Community for the Parade of Lights, December 17. See information on the web site, NextDoor, FaceBook and the maps posted at the community entrances.*

## Calendar

- **December 17** – Cedar Creek Community Parade of Lights (see Social Activities Committee report).
- **December 25** – Christmas Day, a Sunday this year.
- **January 1** – New Years Day & begin National Blood Donor Month
- **January 7** – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Orthodox Church Christmas
- **January 8** – Closing day, Winter Wonderlights @State Botanical Gardens.
- **January 9** – CCCA Board Meeting via Zoom. [Link to Meeting](#)
- **January 16** – Civil Rights Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **January 27** – National Blueberry Pancake Day
- **January 29** – **CCCA Annual Meeting**, Plan to be there (see Membership Report for details)
- **February 2** – Groundhog Day
- **February 4** – World Cancer Day – Prevent cancer, make an appointment with your doctor to get screened.

## Community Notice

The Athens Lions Club is now accepting donations of hearing aids and eyeglasses. Eyeglasses or hearing aids to be donated can be left in the newspaper box at 479 Sandstone Drive and Annette Bergins will forward them to the appropriate person with the Lions Club.

## November 28, 2022 CCCA Board Meeting Highlights

### General Discussion



- ***The CCCA Nominating Committee has been unsuccessful in finding community members willing to serve on the CCCA Board.*** Everyone who was asked to serve turned the invitation down.
  - ✓ The most important position to be filled in January is the Membership Chair. The Board is looking at ways to lighten the responsibilities of the Membership Chair, by assigning the following tasks to other individuals or groups - updating the web site as needed, delivering welcome bags to new residents, printing the monthly newsletter and coordinating delivery to the 12 community members without email). **Anyone interested in this position please contact Rick Rose at [Rick.Rose@uga.edu](mailto:Rick.Rose@uga.edu).**
- The Board discussed a member's request to consider cleaning out other green spaces in Cedar Creek, in particular the greenspaces in Ravenwood Court and Sandstone Court. This topic was referred to the Landscape Committee for consideration as a project for 2023.
- A previous Board decision to plant one or two clusters of understory flowering trees (e.g. dogwoods) in Mockingbird Circle and to plant a native tree (e.g. a Southern Magnolia) at the eastern end of the first island on Ponderosa was referred to the Landscape Committee for consideration as a project for early 2023.
- Changes have been made to the CCCA website to add an archive of newsletters. Currently there are only the newsletters from this year. Eventually newsletters from past years may be uploaded to the site.
- The Board discussed the poor state of the surface of certain roads in Cedar Creek. Issues with Honeytree Drive and Ponderosa Drive were discussed. The Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair was asked to contact appropriate persons in ACC government to determine which Cedar Creek roads might get attention in 2023 and to report back to the Board on this at the January Board meeting.

### Scams Warning:



This is the season for giving - **just don't give your hard-earned money to scammers.** Major focus for scammers are PayPal account owners and Social Security recipients.

**PayPal:** If you have a PayPal account, which many of you use to pay CCCA memberships, you should read the article on this webpage ( <https://www.aura.com/learn/paypal-scams>). Nearly half of on-line scams involve PayPal accounts.

**Social Security:** Scammers call SS recipients to get their account details in order to steal their income. Remember, Social Security does not need your account details, they already have this. COLA adjustments are automatic; no verification is needed. If you receive a call, text or email, hang up or don't respond and report the event at [oig.ssa.gov/report](https://oig.ssa.gov/report).

## CCCA Board News (continued)

### Membership Development and Services Committee

- The date, time and place for the CCCA Annual Meeting has been set. The annual meeting will be in-person on Sunday, January 29, 2023, in the church hall at St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church, 3195 Barnett Shoals Rd. Parking is available at the church and next door at the Montessori School. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Meeting presentations after the meal.
- Look for post card reminders of the annual meeting in your January mail. All CCCA members should receive one by mid-January. We are requesting an RSVP for attendees.
- We are looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up the hall. Contact [Rick Rose](#).
- Local restaurants are being asked to donate food, and the Board has allocated funds to purchase other food and supplies as needed for the expected 100 attendees.
- Directions and program details will be posted on Next Door, the community Face Book page and on the CCCA website.

### Social Activities Committee

- The CCCA will host a ***Parade of Lights*** event this Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM. Many families in the community have volunteered to decorate the exteriors of their homes and to host something fun and social in their driveways or front yard on this day. Community residents are encouraged to walk or drive by these decorated homes to admire the holiday splendor. A list of participating homes is on the [CCCA website](#) and printed maps are available near the four main entrances of the neighborhood as well as on NextDoor, the Cedar Creek Facebook group, and the CCCA website.

### Landscape and Beautification Committee

- The Board approved funding of this Committee's proposal to pay Tim McGough (our landscape contractor) to clear out trash trees, grind stumps, cut ivy, and install mulch at the southern edge of the Ponderosa entrance. The Board added a stipulation that use of herbicide on this project be avoided if possible and if not, that use be limited to spot treatments.
- Cost to light the signs at the Cedar Creek entrances continue to rise, especially for the Gaines School entrances. The Committee is exploring solar alternatives. We will be testing the effectiveness of inexpensive commercial solar products in lighting the entry signs over the next couple of months. Let us know what you think.

### Traffic and Transportation Committee

- 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. Stay vigilant. Call 911 to report anything suspicious.

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.

## ***Recipe from the CCCA Recipe Exchange Group***

### **Garbanzo Salad**

Provided by Jane Noe. Adapted from "One Dish at a Time: Delicious Recipes from My Italian-American Childhood and Beyond" by Valerie Bertinelli © Rodale 2012. Provided courtesy of Valerie Bertinelli. All rights reserved.

#### **Salad Ingredients**

4 fresh or frozen ears of corn, husks removed  
One 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained  
One 15-ounce can chickpeas, rinsed and drained  
1 cup loosely packed fresh cilantro leaves, chopped  
1 green bell pepper, chopped  
1 red bell pepper, chopped  
1/2 red onion, chopped  
1/2 jalapeno or serrano chile pepper, seeded and finely chopped  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper

#### **Dressing Ingredients**

1/2 cup freshly squeezed lime juice (from about 2 large or 4 small limes)  
1 tablespoon sugar  
2 teaspoons kosher salt  
1 teaspoon red wine vinegar  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
Pinch chili powder  
2 cloves garlic, pushed through a press  
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

#### **For the Salad**

Preheat a grill on high for 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium high and grill the corn, with the cover closed and turning occasionally, until some kernels are black, about 12 minutes. Remove and allow the corn to cool slightly. Using a sharp knife, cut off the kernels into a very large, deep serving bowl. (Hold the narrow end of the cob, point the other end into the bowl and cut downward, so that flying kernels are trapped by the bowl itself.) Add the black beans, chickpeas, cilantro, green and red bell peppers, onions, chile peppers, salt and pepper to taste to the bowl and toss.

#### **For the Dressing**

Whisk together the lime juice, sugar, salt, vinegar, cumin, chili powder, garlic and olive oil in a small bowl. Season to taste with hot sauce.

#### **Combine and Serve**

Pour the dressing over the salad and toss to thoroughly coat. Let sit at room temperature for 20 minutes, toss again and serve. The salad can be made a day in advance, covered and refrigerated. Bring to room temperature before serving.

The Recipe Exchange Group will discuss "after the holidays" best casserole recipes in January. Send yours to [Annette Bergins](#).