

October 2025  
Newsletter

# Cedar Creek

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### Upcoming CCCA Board Meetings:

October 23, 2025, 7 PM, 160 Spruce Valley Rd

November 20, 2025, 7 PM, 160 Spruce Valley Rd

December 11, 2025, 7 PM, 160 Spruce Valley Rd (Tentative)

**Current Membership: 262 toward our goal of 266 of 657 homes**

**Save the Date: CCCA Members' Annual Meeting - January 25, 2026**

**Consider Volunteering to help your community by serving on the CCCA Board**

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### Halloween Pumpkin Carving Event

*Social Activities Committee*

For many of us, Halloween means carving a pumpkin and placing it on the front porch. The CCCA is hosting a pumpkin carving event at the Cedar Creek swimming pool parking lot (permission pending) on Saturday, October 25 from 10am to noon. We will have carving pumpkins to give away to the first 20 family teams to show up and "kid" friendly carving utensils to use. We will have covered tables and, best idea yet, we will gather up the pumpkin debris and properly dispose of it. Of course, you can bring your own pumpkin to carve and get help from your neighbors to design and create your pumpkin face. Plan to attend, bring the whole family, meet your neighbors and have fun!



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## Volunteer landscape crew to refresh green spaces

*Landscaping and Beautification Committee*



A volunteer Landscape Crew is being formed to help maintain the Cedar Creek green spaces. The CCCA Board noted that the lawn service that CCCA contracts with to cut the grass around some green spaces in the community is inadequate to truly keep these areas looking their best. Organized by Cedar Creek residents Robert Gorman and Cla Allgood, the Landscape Crew is planning to get volunteers together once a month for about 2 hours each time to tackle clean-up of one green space at a time. The first clean-up was held on Saturday, September 27th from 10 am to noon at the Cedar Circle green space where the trail was raked and ivy and debris removed. In addition, a number of exotic-invasive plants were also removed and the edges of the green space raked. Moving forward the crew will be meeting from 10 am to noon on the 4th Saturday of the month, skipping December, June, July and August. Contact Robert Gorman <[rdfgorman@gmail.com](mailto:rdfgorman@gmail.com)> for details and to join.

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## Plantings at the Cedar Springs Dr entrance sign

*Landscaping and Beautification Committee*

The CCCA Board has decided to move forward with upgrading the plantings around the Cedar Springs Dr sign and will notify the adjacent property owner of our plans. Many residential communities are transitioning their sign plantings to native, low maintenance species. Residents have suggested replanting with Eastern Red Cedars since this is the “Cedar” Creek community. The Eastern Red Cedars that were removed last year from behind the sign and along Whit Davis Rd were likely over 40 years old and were falling over, similar to what had happened to the cedars along the entrance at Ponderosa Dr. We also plan to trim down the crepe myrtles on either side of the sign and trim the bushes in front of the sign. Expenses for this replanting will be covered by membership dues. Look for activity this winter.



*Note: Eastern red cedar trees (*Juniperus virginiana*) can grow 1 to 2 feet annually, reaching heights of 40-65 feet and maturing between 10 to 30 years. There are no true cedars in the eastern US.*

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## Power Pole Replacement

*Transportation and Roads Committee*



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Georgia Power (GP) provides electricity to the western half of Cedar Creek and is systematically replacing a number of its power poles. Last year GP contracted to have every power pole in the neighborhood assessed for its remaining life. We assume that this fall's power pole replacement is partly a follow-up to this assessment. GP is paying a contractor to assess and remove trees and branches that endanger power lines - they are active this week. As the new poles come in, the pole-to-wire connections are being strengthened to resist the impact of falling branches. It seems that GP is also rewiring our network to allow for redundancy in power supply to our neighborhood. Instead of the whole community being without electricity, this rewiring should result in fewer homes affected in the event of a tree fall. *Note that the lower and thicker cable is owned by Charter/Spectrum. GP is not moving these cables, leaving it up to Charter to do the final move and then remove the old pole.*

## Handling Zoning Code Violations

Community Affairs Committee

The CCCA Board continues to report zoning violations to appropriate authorities. In the last couple of weeks, ACC Police have been called to ticket a number of vehicles that were illegally parked on the grass in the Ponderosa Drive median. This area is unimproved and unapproved for parking. Short term parking is allowed along the street in front of your home. Parking on the median will get you a ticket!

The Board discussed purchasing and placing NO PARKING ↔ ANY TIME signs in those areas that have frequent violations. Cla Allgood suggested that instead, the CCCA look into getting boulders to line the area. Boulders are very effective at controlling illegal parking without looking too "unneighborly". The Board decided to first ask ACC Traffic and Roads department to put up additional no parking signs. If you know someone who can provide no-cost/low-cost boulders for this project, please email anyone on the Board.

Zoning codes for Cedar Creek limit families residing in one home to contain at most one unrelated adult. Zoning code violations of this type are worrisome to the Board and to residents, since allowing a few owners to get away with renting to multiple unrelated adults encourages others to follow suit and eventually our "single family neighborhood" is no longer a single family neighborhood. The Board received reports of two homes where it is suspected that multiple unrelated adults reside. Athens Clarke County Codes Enforcement was notified and asked to investigate. Codes enforcement reported back that the investigation continues, but warns that "proving" a code violation of this type is very difficult.



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## November 4th Local and State Elections

Community Affairs Committee



In the November 4th elections in Athens Clarke County, you will be voting for TWO MEMBERS of the Georgia Public Service Commission. This is important since the Georgia Public Service Commission regulates the state's utility services, such as electricity, phones, and natural gas, and in particular decides on the rates utilities set to use their services. Every registered voter in the state gets to vote for who they want in these two district races.

Incumbent Tim Echols (R) and Alicia Johnson (D) are running against each other in District 2, which covers the eastern part of the state and includes the cities of Athens and Savannah. Incumbent Fitz Johnson (R) and Peter Hubbard (D) are running against each other for the District 3 position. District 3 covers much of the Atlanta metropolitan area, including Fulton County and DeKalb County.

Locations for advance voting in Athens Clarke County can be found at <https://www.athensclarkecounty.com/advancevoting>. Your precinct card contains your voting district and the precinct location where you must vote on election day. You can view and download your precinct card online at the My Voter Page website at <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/>.

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## It's That Time of Year - Charitable Giving

### *A message from the CCCA Chair*

For many of us, the desire to give back to our communities and the world is what gives our lives a sense of purpose. Fall is the time of year when most of us identify causes that align with our personal values, and then contribute to an associated charity. Charitable giving is something one learns, and something that becomes a part of who you are. While you may have your own list of charities you give to, this year consider supporting a local cause. Below are just two examples you may not have considered. There are many more, you just need to ask around.

**Food Bank of Northeast Georgia** - <https://foodbanknega.org/> - For every \$2 the Food Bank receives, they distribute 5 balanced meals to our neighbors in need.

**DonorsChoose** - <https://www.donorschoose.org/> - Find and donate to teacher-initiated projects in our neighborhood schools. Support a project in our community so every class has the tools needed to help students succeed.



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## Calendar - Updated October 6, 2025

- October 23 - CCCA Board Meeting, 7 PM, 160 Spruce Valley Road
- October 25 - CCCA Fall Community Event - Pumpkin Carving 10AM to Noon
- October 25 - Landscape Group Workday - 10AM to Noon - see newsletter for details.
- October 27 - Eastside Town Hall Meeting - 6PM, Vet School Fire Station
- October 31 - Halloween
- November 2 - Daylight savings time ends, Turn clocks back 1 hour.
- November 4 - Election day, remember to go vote.
- November 10 - District 8/Eastside Town Hall, Fire Station #7, 5:30PM
- November 11 - Veterans Day.
- November 20 - CCCA Board Meeting, 7 PM, 160 Spruce Valley Road
- November 27 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 11 - CCCA Board Meeting, 7 PM, 160 Spruce Valley Road
- December 25 - Christmas Day (a Thursday this year)
- January 25, 2026 - CCCA Members' Annual Meeting - Details in November Newsletter



*The CCCA Board and Committee Chairs regularly post on the Cedar Creek Neighborhood groups on Next Door and Facebook. Join us there.*

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