

August/September 2025
Newsletter

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Upcoming CCCA Board Meetings:

September 25, 2025, 7 PM, 160 Spruce Valley Rd

October 25, 2025, 7 PM, 160 Spruce Valley Rd (Tentative)

November 20, 2025, 7 PM, 160 Spruce Valley Rd (Tentative)

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

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

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**Think safety now that
schools are back in
session.**

In case you missed it, schools and UGA are back in session. This means more vehicle traffic during the day and more people, especially students, out and about.

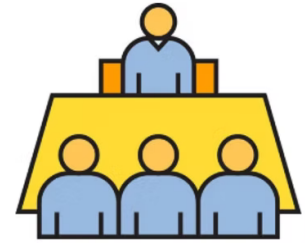
Drivers, please slow down and give yourself a little more time getting to your destination. Be more aware of pedestrians and cyclists - many of whom are children who may be less aware of their surrounds than you would wish. Despite what you may want, they have the right of way.

Parents, please watch your younger children and keep them from playing in the street. We know that being cooped up in class all day means they want to be out and about once they get home. But, at the same time, there are more vehicles on our streets, especially on Cedar Creek Dr, Ponderosa Dr and Cedar Springs Dr, and they aren't typically driving the 25 mph speed limit. Residents have noticed more children playing in the streets and associated unsafe behaviors. Students walking back from school (and adults and dog walkers) are reminded to walk facing on-coming vehicles and be more aware of traffic. Bicyclists are to ride with vehicle traffic. Think safe! Be safe!

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CCCA Board News

Membership: One new member joined in August. Total membership is now 260, five less than the total membership in 2024. The cut off date to pay your 2025 membership is September 15th.



Community and Government Affairs:

Read more to see reports on:

- Power outages
- Leaf & Limb Department new staff
- Eastside TSPLOST 2026 Project updates
- Stormwater management rate increase

Power outages have continued sporadically in the neighborhood. It is always a treat when the power can stay on during a rain, much less a storm. GA Power sent trimmers through the neighborhood in July (Kendall Vegetation Services). They trimmed and removed limbs that were close to the high voltage wires, but did not remove limbs that only threatened the low voltage wires. According to the foreman, this was all they were contracted to do.

The Leaf and Limb Program has been short 3–4 employees, which has made it challenging to stay on schedule, especially with storms adding to the workload.

Over the last two months, the Collections Division has filled three of the four vacant positions in the leaf and limb program. While new staff are still in training, they are already making great progress. Hopefully crews will get ahead of the backlog and start to maintain its normal schedule through the pick-up areas.

Three Eastside TSPLOST proposals are on the TSPLOST Advisory Committee's recommended list. These are the Eastside Complete Streets proposal (#13) submitted by Eastside Neighbors, Improved Safety and Crossings and Intersection on Barnett Shoals (#37) submitted by Commissioner Myers, and Separate Bike Lanes with Barriers on College Station (#23) submitted by Commissioner Davenport. The list is expected to be pared down from \$90 million to \$60 million, however additional funding may be found by the Mayor and Commission to allow all projects on the list to be funded. Cedar Creek residents are encouraged to express their support for these projects by sending an email to the Mayor and entire Commission sometime in the first week in September. Public comments and feedback on the selected projects will again be solicited at other Board sessions in the fall. The final approval vote by the Mayor & Commission on the final selected TSPLOST 2026 projects will be taken at the December 2 meeting. Carol Myers is planning a Town Hall meeting on September 11 - details not available at this time. The Eastside Neighbors Group will draft and send an email supporting all 3 Eastside projects.

Storm water fees for 2025 have increased 3.75% from last year's rates. Billing questions should be via a call to 706-613-3989 or via email to stormwater@acc.gov. Additional information can be

found at www.accgov.com/stormwater. The brochure that was included with the storm water bill is informative and offers resources regarding storm water management.

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Landscaping and Beautification: This Committee plans to beautify the Cedar Springs Dr entrance are still in development, with the chair looking into what the County will allow us to do.

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Fall Festival update



The CCCA Board discussed the Fall Festival at its August meeting and decided to change the format of the fall social event for this year. We are planning to host a carved pumpkin contest on Halloween evening. The idea is to close off one of our streets to vehicle traffic – one that surrounds one of our green spaces (for example Cedar Circle) – for a couple of hours on Halloween evening and have residents bring and display their carved Halloween pumpkins along the street. We will have judges award prizes for the best-of-the-best within categories such as most traditional, scariest, funniest, etc. Details will be worked out in the next couple of weeks and sent to you via email as soon as available. Plan to participate and/or simply come by to see your neighbors artistic endeavors.

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Ponderosa Drive entrance sign light

We have been busy! The solar panel was installed around the 7th of August, the battery box on August 15th, and the light installed on August 27th. We have ordered a metal pole for permanent support for the light and that should be installed by September 7. We will monitor the light over the next several months and make minor changes to the intensity of the light and the on-off timing to optimize the use and expected lifetime of the batteries. With all the costs in and the Georgia Power charges ended, savings should pay for this project in about 40 months.



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More on TSPLOST 2026

As mentioned in the CCCA Board Government Affairs report above, we have three projects on the list of proposals that are being considered for funding in the 2026 TSPLOST. If these





projects are to move forward, we need Cedar Creek residents to send emails to the Mayor and Commissioners in support of these proposals. To help you with this, below we have drafted an example message and have provided you with a contact list for all Commissioners and the Mayor. To have the most impact, please consider sending your email on or around the first week in September.

TSPLOST 2026 Proposals

Mayor and Commission email addresses -Copy and paste to the TO line in your email app:

patrick.davenport@accgov.com, melissa.link@accgov.com, tiffany.taylor@accgov.com, allison.wright@accgov.com, dexter.fisher@accgov.com, stephanie.johson@accgov.com, john.culpepper@accgov.com, carol.myers@accgov.com, ovita.thornton@accgov.com, mike.hamby@accgov.com, kelly.girtz@accgov.com

Example Letter:

Dear Commissioner/Mayor,

As a resident of the Cedar Creek subdivision and of Eastside Athens, I strongly support including projects #13, #23 and #37 for funding in the 2026 TSPLOST. As the Eastside has grown, so have concerns about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists along our major streets. Project #13 will address K-12 student use and safety along Gaines School Rd and Cedar Shoals Rd. Projects #23 and #37 are important to improve bicycle path safety along the major corridors of Barnett Shoals Rd and College Station Rd. Together these projects support connectivity to the soon to be built Eastside library, to the county green ways, UGA, and downtown while helping to reduce vehicle traffic in the area.

Sincerely,

--Your name and address here--

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10 things that require zero talent!

1. Being on time
2. Making an effort
3. Being high energy
4. Having a positive attitude
5. Being passionate about something
6. Using good body language
7. Being teachable
8. Doing a little something extra
9. Being prepared
10. Having a strong work ethic



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