

November 2025

Newsletter

# Cedar Creek

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION

ATHENS, GEORGIA

### Upcoming CCCA Board Meetings:

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

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

**2025 Membership: 262 - 2026 membership goal: all 657 homes**

**CCCA Members' Annual Meeting - January 25, 2026**



**Call for Volunteers to the CCCA Board** - We are now actively looking for volunteers to serve on the CCCA Board for 2026. Healthy community boards rotate out long term members to bring in new voices. We need new voices. Consider sharing your time and talents to making the Cedar Creek community one of the best places to live in Athens-Clarke County. If you are interested, contact any Board member or email us at [CedarCreekCAAthens@gmail.com](mailto:CedarCreekCAAthens@gmail.com).

**Reminder:** As mentioned last month, it is never permissible to park vehicles on any of the Cedar Creek green spaces. Each of these spaces are designated "parks" by the county and most are also considered a "right of way" under county road ordinances. Utility vehicles have some rights to park there when addressing utility needs. If you see a vehicle parked on a green space, call 911 with the location information and ask that a citation be issued.

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## Thanksgiving - Thoughts on gratitude and community

A Message from your CCCA Chair



Thanksgiving is a great time of the year! If we are lucky, we gather with family and friends to share a delicious home-cooked meal. There is lots of food, conversation, noise, and laughter. Thanksgiving is also a day to express gratitude, to give thanks for all we have, what we have been able to accomplish in the past year, and to celebrate with the people who mean the most in our lives.

But Thanksgiving is also a day to reflect on what we do with all the talents we have. We ask ourselves "How do I support and give back to my family, my friends, my neighbors, and my community?" Consider offering your talents and time during and after the holidays. Participate in drives to collect food, clothing, and/or non-perishables, either at your house of worship, your children's school, or one of the many community organizations dedicated to serving the needy. If you have the time, consider actually helping to deliver these services. If you know of someone who is in need, help point them to local services. As Helen Keller once said, "**Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.**"

1. If you want to volunteer but you are unsure of where to start, access the **ACC Community and Services Portal** ([www.accgov.com/158/Volunteer-Opportunities](http://www.accgov.com/158/Volunteer-Opportunities)) to view the many local volunteer opportunities available.
2. If you know of someone in need, connect them to the **United Way of Northeast Georgia** by calling their **211 number** or visit their web site at <https://www.unitedwaynega.org>. They connect families to the community-based resources needed to thrive. They also have opportunities to volunteer.
3. We mentioned last month that the **Food Bank of Northeast Georgia** - <https://foodbanknega.org/>. They are always in need of donations to continue their support to our community. For every \$2 you donate, the Food Bank distributes 5 balanced meals to our neighbors in need.
4. As a example of talent sharing opportunities very close to home, check out those at Covenant Presbyterian Church on Gaines School Rd by clicking on this list - **[We have provided a list here.](#)**

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"I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new." —Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: It must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all." —William Faulkner

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." —Charles Dickens

## Halloween Pumpkin Carving Event A Success!

*Social Activities Committee*

As you can see, your neighbors had a great time at the Halloween Pumpkin Carving Event. You should plan to participate next year.



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## Volunteer landscape crew completes two work days

*Landscaping and Beautification Committee*



The CCCA Volunteer Landscape Crew met on Saturday, September 27th from 10 am to noon and worked to clean up the edges and trails in the Cedar Circle green space. The Crew met again on October 25th to plant three cedars at the Cedar Springs Drive entrance and trim back the bushes that were obscuring the sign. The Crew will be meeting from 10 am to noon on November 22nd. Contact Robert Gorman <[rdfgorman@gmail.com](mailto:rdfgorman@gmail.com)> if you are interesting in working that morning.

One benefit from having this Crew working in our green spaces is that they can identify things that need to be addressed. We were able to show the county arborist an oak tree in Mockingbird Circle that has a fatal fungal infection (see image). The CCCA through its Landscaping Group continues to look for and deal with these kinds of issues.

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## Bow Hunting for Deer in Residential Communities

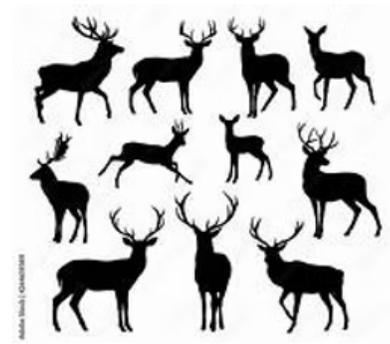
*Community Affairs Committee*

Recently a Cedar Creek resident asked whether it was allowed to bow hunt deer in Cedar Creek, or any subdivision in Georgia for that matter. We researched this, and here is what we found.

Georgia law (OCGA 28-3-1) assigns the authority to regulate hunting specifically to the Department of Natural Resources Board, and this authority excludes county or local board control ordinances. Local ordinances on irresponsible discharge of firearms that may limit hunting in some communities, does not seem to limit bow hunting. Bow hunting of deer is allowed in residential communities in Georgia but with some restrictions.



1. Georgia law requires hunters to have a current Georgia hunting license in their possession while hunting in Georgia. The type of license needed depends on state residency, age, type of game hunted, and other factors.
2. Hunting on private lands is allowed only WITH the signed permission of the land owner.
3. Hunters are required to wear 500+ square inches of blaze orange or fluorescent pink above the waist.
4. Bow hunting in Clarke county is from Sept 14 to Jan31, and either sex deer can be taken.
5. Legal hunting hours are from one half-hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
6. Deer that are standing in streams or open water cannot be taken.



While not specifically required in Georgia, it is good hunting practice to limit hunting to no closer than 150 yards (1 and 1/2 football fields) from residences. Since Cedar Creek lots are typically less than 1 acre, very few lot lines will be longer than 150 yards meaning anyone adhering to good hunting practices would NOT consider bow hunting deer in our neighborhood. In addition, since deer move around, even after getting shot, permission to access neighboring properties would be needed to follow injured deer. Finally, if you examine ACC property maps, you find that private property does include creeks, ditches and power line cuts, meaning there is little non-private property in which to hunt.

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If you choose to permit bow hunting on your property, know that Georgia law (OCGA 51-3-20 through 51-3-26) explicitly shields landowners from civil liability for injuries to persons who use their land for recreational purposes without charge unless the landowner willfully or maliciously fails to guard against or warn of a dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity. Landowners will not be liable unless they violate this standard of care. Georgia law (OCGA 27-3-1) further extends this same protection to landowners, lessees of land, or lessees of hunting or fishing rights who give permission to another to hunt or fish on their property with or without charge.

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## Christmas Luminary Challenge

Last year the CCCA sponsored a home decoration contest for Christmas decorations that saw poor participation. This year, residents from one of the major streets in Cedar Creek have challenged the community to line its streets with luminaries on December 20-th from 6 to 9 pm as one way of demonstrating our Christmas spirit. We are suggesting you put out luminaries using brown or white paper lunch bags (6"x4"x12"), folded at the top, then filled with a couple of cups of sand or bird seed into which an LED tea light is placed. If the weather is poor, plan to put out the luminaries on December 21-th. Place bags 6 to 10 feet apart and then remember to remove them after the event. Get with your neighbors and lets make this a great event for our wonderful Cedar Creek community.



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## Calendar – Updated October 6, 2025

- 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 20 – 6-9PM Christmas Luminary Challenge
- December 25 – Christmas Day (a Thursday this year)
- January 25, 2026 – CCCA Members' Annual Meeting – Details in November Newsletter

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### Local Opportunities to Share Your Talents

Rev. Amy Baer, Covenant Presbyterian Church of Athens  
1065 Gaines School Rd, Athens, GA, (706) 548-2756



#### 1. DONATIONS NEEDED (By Nov. 20):

Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive for families in need of food from Gaines Elementary School and Cedar Shoals High School. We are collecting \$25 Walmart Gift Cards for distribution to families most in need of food during the Thanksgiving break. Please drop your donations of \$25 Walmart Gift Cards off to Karen or Amy in the church office by Thursday, November 20. If you prefer to help by check, please label the envelope for "Gaines/Cedar Thanksgiving Gift Cards" and the church will purchase gift cards on your behalf.

#### 2. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Athens Free Clinic @ Covenant

Volunteers are needed to welcome the medical team into the church building and to sit at the front desk to greet clients as they arrive for their appointments. We specifically need one volunteer for this coming Monday, Nov. 17 for the 4-7 p.m. clinic. Sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-athens#/>

#### 3. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Covenant Cooks "First Tuesday" Dinners

(Alternating between Athens Area Homeless Shelter for children and families and The Table)

Our December date is coming up right after Thanksgiving, so please sign up now if you are available during the first week of December so we are sure to have this meal covered! Sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>

#### 4. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Covenant Food Pantry (Every Thursday)

Sign-up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/>

#### 5. COMPOSTING HELP NEEDED: Delivery of compost materials

We need help delivering our composting materials to collection sites. So far we have had zero volunteers sign up: Please sign up at this link if you can help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-59916058-covenant#/>

#### 6. MEAL PROVIDERS NEEDED: Covenant Youth Group

Please sign up below if you are able to bring dinner to the Covenant Youth Group on a Sunday evening (approx. 15 people). Sign up at this link if you can help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-54091633-covenant>

#### 7. BAKERS NEEDED: Covenant Birthday Brigade

The Covenant Birthday Brigade makes birthday cakes for children with a birthday while living at the Athens Area Homeless Shelter. Please email Amy at [abaer@covpresathens.org](mailto:abaer@covpresathens.org) if you are interested in joining the Covenant Birthday Brigade!

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*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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