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2026 Calendar

- April 17-18 - Ga State Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale
- April 20- Last day to register to vote in the May 19 primary election.
- April 27 to March 15- Early Voting - General Primary Election.
- May 15-17- Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event
- May 16, 8AM-1PM, Cedar Creek Community Yard Sale - See Note Below
- May 19- Election Day: General Primary Election - See Article Below
- May 21 - CCCA Board Meeting, 7PM, 195 Dunwoody Dr.
- June 16 - Runoff for ACC Mayor (if needed)
- June 18 - CCCA Board Meeting, 7PM, 195 Dunwoody Dr. (Tentative)



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President's Letter, April 2026

Happy springtime neighbors!

Things are certainly warming up, literally and figuratively, here in Cedar Creek. As you'll see below, the Board is planning native pollinator gardens for some of our shared spaces. We hope they'll not only be healthy, attractive additions, but will inspire many of you to build similar gardens in your yards.

We are keeping a careful eye on potential property developments that could affect Cedar Creek. The 4190 Lexington Road proposal is a prime example. Ken Portier and I went before the Planning Commission on April 2 to share our concerns about the proposed zoning change. I was very impressed with how many of our other neighbors attended, and by the comments. We were united in opposing the proposal. Everyone who spoke was thoughtful, reasonable and considerate. While we didn't "win" (the requested rezoning was approved), the developer has many steps to complete before any work begins. We will keep an eye on this and make sure the neighborhood stays informed about our opportunities to make a difference.

-Jack Dominey



[Register Here](#)

Cedar Creek Community Yard Sale - May 16

The CCCA Board approved plans for hosting the Cedar Creek Community Yard sale from 8AM to 1PM on **May 16th**. Registration is open to all Cedar Creek Subdivision residents and can be accomplished online using the form found using the link below. By Registering online your address will be included in a listing and map of homes participating in the yard sale. The listing & map will be made available on the event day on our web site as well is via a QR code posted on signs at our entrances. Questions about the Community Yard Sale should be directed to the CCCA Email at CedarCreekCaAthens@gmail.com.

May 19, 2026 General Primary/Non-Partisan Election Information

This long article is best viewed on a computer screen.

"The ballot is stronger than the bullet" - Abraham Lincoln

"There's no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter. It all matters."— Barack Obama

"Casting a ballot isn't just something you do for yourself — it's for our collective future." - Oprah Winfrey

There are a lot of races and issues to be voted on in the election on May 19. We strongly encourage ALL Cedar Creek adults to exercise your right to vote.

Key information sites

Voter checklist - <https://www.accgov.com/9332/Voter-Checklist>

Dates and location for advanced voting - <https://www.accgov.com/advancevoting>

Rules and application for absentee voting - <https://www.accgov.com/245/Absentee-Voting>

Voter identification requirements - <https://www.accgov.com/247/Identification>

Check or get your precinct card at Ga My Voter Page - <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/>

Key voting district identification

(see <https://www.zipdatamaps.com/atlas/state-level/us/atlas-of-georgia>)

Cedar Creek Subdivision is in the following districts...

ACC Commission District 001

ACC School Board District 8

Ga Western Judicial Circuit

Ga Superior Court District 10

Ga State Senate District 47

Ga House of Representatives District 124

Ga Public Service Commission District 2

US House Congressional District 10

Voting site(s) ... Maps at <https://www.accgov.com/248/District-Maps>

The area west of Cedar Creek votes at site 8B - Cedar Shoals High School

The area east of Cedar Creek votes at site 1B - ACC Tennis Center, Northeast Clarke Park.

Sample ballot(s) ... View a sample ballot at <https://www.accgov.com/sampleballot>

(You need to provide your registered party affiliation to get the correct ballot. At this site, you will be provided with a composite ballot that shows all races that anyone in the County in your party may have on their ballot. Use the district information above to see the races in which you will actually be able to cast a vote.)

Races you will vote on...

Partisan races...

US Senate & US House of Representative

Ga Governor & Ga Lieutenant Governor

Ga Secretary of State & Ga Attorney General

Ga Commissioner of Agriculture & Commissioner of Insurance & Commissioner of Labor

Ga State School Superintendent

Ga Solicitor General

Ga Public Service Commissioner - Our District not this election

Your District -> Ga State Senate & State House of Representatives



Nonpartisan races...

Justice for the Supreme Court of Georgia - 3 seats

Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia - 5 seats

Judge of the Superior Court Western Judicial Circuit - 2 seats

Mayor of Athens

Clarke County Commission member - For our District

(Patrick Davenport is our current commissioner)

Clarke County Board of Education - Our District does not vote on BoE rep this election

Note: If you declare as "Non-partisan", you cannot vote on candidates for partisan races.



Local Option Sale Tax approval... Voters will be asked to again approve the one percent (1%) Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax or TSPLOST for 2026. The list of

projects funded was approved in late March by the Mayor and Commissioners after over a year of public discussion. This tax has been approved twice in the past, and if this tax passes, the Athens Eastside will benefit directly from three projects to improve its major streets and intersections as well as support maintenance on many of our roads, sidewalks, public use trails and intersections. This does not raise current sales taxes, just extends the additional 1% tax on sales to fund needed transportation projects over the next 5-6 years. *Note that TSPLOST funds can only be used for transportation-related projects and that funds for social services and/or affordable housing, for example, must come from other sources.*

The Ballot includes questions asked by political parties...

Democratic Ballot - 2 questions ---- Republican Ballot - 8 questions

Where to find information on candidates... Finding information on candidates running for **national or state offices** (their names are on the sample ballots) is easy. Simply search their names online and their candidate home page will be among the first links. Information on candidates for **local or nonpartisan office** may be a little more difficult to find. A search for their name may bring up a lot of unhelpful links, and you will have to scroll down the page to actually find the candidate's home page. Below are three local sites that contain consolidated links to candidate information.

Athens Politics Nerd - <https://athenspoliticsnerd.com/voter-info/candidates/>

Ballotpedia.org - https://ballotpedia.org/Georgia_elections,_2026

The Red&Black - <https://www.redandblack.com/election/>

Note: scroll down this site to see interviews with local candidates.

Where to go if you have questions... Finally, if you have questions about the upcoming election, contact the Clarke County Election Supervisor - Pamela Long via Email: pam.long@accgov.com or contact her office at <https://www.accgov.com/160/Elections-Department>.



Notes from the CC Volunteer Landscape Crew

The Cedar Creek Landscape Crew began spreading new mulch onto the Cedar Circle trails on Saturday, March 28. Thanks to Crew members Hanke van der Wel, Marcus Fechheimer, Ellene Reeder, Rob Gorman and Kenneth Portier. Thanks also to New Urban Forestry for donating and dropping off two loads of mulch at each trailhead. the next workday is scheduled for the last Saturday in April. To find out the when and where to meet, contact Rob Gorman (rdfgorman@gmail.com). **Additional volunteers are needed to help the Landscape Crew finish distributing the mulch on the Cedar Circle trail.**



In May, the Landscape Crew will prepare sites to install Bee and Butterfly Sanctuary Gardens in select Cedar Creek green spaces. Our partner in this endeavor, Shoal Creek Sanctuary, is donating native pollinator plant seedlings which the Crew will plant at 3 garden sites in the fall. Cedar Creek is the first Athens community to install these gardens, but hopefully not the last. The ultimate goal is to increase local populations of bees and butterflies which are in decline nationally.

Renew your CCCA Membership Now!



Thanks to the many of you that have already renewed your CCCA Membership. We are still looking to enroll about 45 more members before the end of April. So, if you have not already done so, please renew now. Your \$45 - less than the cost of a large pizza and two drinks - will make a difference in our neighborhood and community! **Click on the JOIN/PAY button above** to choose your payment options, and please remember to fill out the membership form, including your email address. Wishing to pay by check, make it out to "CCCA" and mail to (or drop off at) "**CCCA Treasurer, 190 Mockingbird Circle, Athens, GA 30605**". Remember to include your home address so we know which residence to credit the membership. Providing your email allows you to stay connected with our community by receiving our monthly email updates.



Follow-up on ongoing issues

ATT fiber optic cable placement --- At least one Cedar Creek resident was not satisfied with the ATT contractor's clean-up following the fiber placement. If you also have issues, she advises contacting Jacob Banks, Field Supervisor for ANSCO, the contractor at 470-475-4037 or via email at jacob.banks@anscollc.com. Alternatively you can contact Steve McDaniel the utility inspector for Clarke County at 762-400-6703 or via email at Steve.McDaniel@accgov.com. Just remember that it takes a little time for replanted grass to fill in the disturbed areas - especially with so little rain!

Cedar Point PDU Construction - The six (6) two-story buildings going up next to the physical therapy building on Gaines School Road are "work-live" homes approved as part of the Cedar Pointe PDU back in 2004. Each structure has an office on the first floor that can support a small business with a 3 bedroom, 1600 sq ft home above. Many in our community oppose developments like this that so change the character of Gaines School Rd. Unfortunately, once approved, PDU plans cannot be challenged unless what is planned to be built deviates greatly from what was originally approved. This is why the CCCA has tried to keep you informed on planned developments in our area.

4190 Lexington Road - The ACC Planning Commission voted to approve zoning to RM1 for two of the three parcels in this controversial development at its April 2, 2026 meeting. Several Cedar Creek residents spoke against the project which had prior ACC Planning Department approval but Utilities Department sewer concerns. The next opportunity to comment on this development is when the zoning change comes up for Mayor & Commissioner discussion at their Tuesday, April 21 work session. If you have concerns about this development plan to attend and voice your concerns.

155 Whit Davis Rd - A previous concept plan to build a 4-story 80 bedroom senior residence on 2.06 acres just behind the gas station was rejected last year by the Mayor & Commissioners. The Planning Commission and Planning Department have approved a new plan that looks very similar to last year's rejected plan. The Mayor & Commissioners will discuss this plan at their meeting on April 21st at 6 PM in City Hall. While not adjacent to Cedar Creek, this development seems out of character for Whit Davis Rd, will add traffic to Whit Davis Rd that impacts our exits there and will tie into the sewer system to services part of our community. If this concern you, plan to attend and speak up.

450 Gaines School Road - The contractor, SPG (<http://www.onespg.com/about>), has been asked

by property owners to try again to develop this property on Gaines School Road across from the Ponderosa Dr entrance. Three CCCA Board members met with these planners in February to discuss what we liked and did not like about the previous plan that was rejected by the Mayor & Commissioners last year. This group has also met recently with Commissioner Davenport to get his input. SPG seems committed to listening to local residents' input before seeking county approval. We expect to see plans soon and will keep you posted.



What we are keeping an eye on...

Safe Streets and Roads for All Initiative ... Athens-Clarke County has partnered with the U.S. Department of Transportation's **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)** program to explore ways of reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries on county streets. The program focuses on making streets safer for everyone – people walking and biking, people in cars, transit riders, children, older adults, and individuals with mobility challenges. See <https://www.accgov.com/safestroads>

The SS4A Action Plan for Clarke County, the first step in hopefully bringing in federal funds for improving county streets, was recently approved by the Mayor & Commissioners. We are excited that additional federal funds could accelerate many of the projects proposed in TSPLOST 2026. In particular, the SS4A Action Plan for Clarke County identifies Gaines School Road as a location needing safety upgrades, some of which we identified in our Eastside Athens Complete Streets TSPLOST 2026 project. Of course, federal funding is always uncertain, but we will explore whether this program can be used to shorten the timeline to Gaines School Road safety upgrades.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity

May 15-17,
UGA Stegeman Coliseum,
Feed My Starving Children Food
Packing Event
Contact: Rob Gorman via
CedarCreekCaAthens@gmail.com

Join the Cedar Creek Team
Volunteer For Just a Single 2-Hour Shift!
Athen's 4th Annual
Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event
May 15 - 17 in UGA Stegeman Coliseum





The 2026 Athens Feed My Starving Children Event is now set for **May 15 - 17**. Once again, this successful event will partner with the UGA Athletic Association which has provided Stegeman Coliseum for the event. Sign up now for just two hours to fill meal packs and feed children around the world who are dying of hunger. In two hours you will create enough packs to feed a child for SEVEN MONTHS! Nationally, 450 million meals packed in 2025! Family teams are welcomed. Organizations, groups, or individuals needed.

Goals: **255,000 meals packed by 1,375 volunteers**. This is an increase over last year. Donors contribute \$114,000 to pay for the ingredients. The event also includes collecting food donations for a local food pantry to address food insecurity in the Athens area.

To join the Cedar Creek Team
Contact Rob Gorman
190 Mockingbird Circle
rdfgorman@gmail.com
985-805-0372 (C)

WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

- GIVE TWO HOURS DURING ONE SHIFT OVER THE WEEKEND
- WORK WITH A TEAM TO FILL MEAL PACKS
- FEED STARVING CHILDREN



Q and A: Ask the CCCA Board a question and we will try to find an answer.



Q: Why is it that every new housing development seems to start with all the trees being cut down?

While this seems to be the case, in reality, the issue of trees and development is much more complicated. Athens Clarke County has a Community Tree Management Ordinance, (see <https://accgov.com/273/Tree-Ordinance>) that requires the conservation and replanting of the tree canopy and street and parking lot trees during development. The county's goal is to retain at least 45% of tree cover. Developers are required to have tree replacement plans approved by county staff prior to any construction. To aid this planning and implementation, the county has provided detailed instructions on what kinds of and sizes of trees are acceptable/appropriate for different situations, how they should be planted, maintained and replaced if the initial planting fails. Questions and comments about trees and the tree ordinance should be directed to the Athens-Clarke County Arborist by calling the Planning Department at [706 613 3515](tel:7066133515).

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