# February/March 2025 CCCA Newsletter



Next CCCA Board Meeting: April 17, 2025 Current Membership: 163 of 657

March is when most CC residents join or renew their CCCA memberships. Remind your neighbors to join and help us keep serving the Cedar Creek neighborhood.

#### Visit the new CCCA Website

### **New CCCA Board Elected at Annual Meeting**

Jack Dominey agreed to be the Vice President and Edie Roche will coordinate Neighborhood Watch for 2025 along with returning members from the 2024 Board. We are still searching for someone to handle the Secretary position and coordinate Social Activities for the Association.

Georgia Non-Profit Required Officers	
President	Kenneth Portier
Vice President	Jack Dominey
Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Carolyn Gorman
Past President	Kenneth Portier
Committee Cha	irs
Membership Development & Services	Leslie Myers
Neighborhood Watch	Edie Roche
Social Activities	Open
Landscape & Beautification	Dave Forker
Traffic & Transportation	Pete Nicholls
Community & Government Affairs	Martha Davis
Web Design & Maintenance	Open

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# **Highlights from the Annual Meeting**

- The Association completed 7 community safety projects and 6 social events in 2024. See the website for the full list.
- President Kenneth Portier reported on the status of the new Eastside Library, a multi-use paths and safety proposal for the Gaines School Rd/Barnett Shoals Rd/Cedar Shoals Dr corridors, and the Cedar Ridge PD (see below).



- Lieutenant Blair of Athens county police department reported county crime is down 4.5% in the last year.
- The CCCA Treasurer reported that the Association ended the year with about \$9,000 in the bank but we still need 250 paid members for 2025.





#### **New CCCA Stickers**

It has been a number of years since the CCCA provided stickers for its members. With your 2025 membership you will get sticker(s) to place on your vehicle. Volunteers are delivering them to your door, usually within a couple of weeks of you signing up. If you don't get yours, keep checking the website for instructions on how to let us know. And again, Thanks for Joining.



# **Solar Lighting**

Our electric meter pole at the Ponderosa Dr exit has fallen over. Instead of replacing it at \$1,800, the Board has purchased a solar-panel-powered sign lighting kit for \$1,475. We have requested approval to install from the county, so hopefully it will be installed by sometime in April. This new light will save the Association about \$47 per month on our electric bill.

# **Eastside Happenings**



### **Cedar Ridge Planned Development**

On March 6, the ACC Planning Commission voted 6 to 1 to recommend to the Mayor and Commissioners the approval with conditions of the proposed Cedar Ridge development on Gaines School Road across from our Ponderosa Dr exit. The Mayor and Commissioners will vote on April 1 to approve or deny the proposed 69 town homes, 10 additional dwelling units and 9,700 square foot commercial space at 450/460 Gaines School Road. As a result of a meeting with Cedar Creek and Eastside Athens residents, the developer agreed to include a 10-foot-wide multi-use path in place of the 5-foot-wide sidewalk.

CCCA President Kenneth Portier and 2 other Cedar Creek residents spoke at the Planning Commission meeting on how extending Woody Lane through to Gaines School Rd and directly across from our Ponderosa Dr exit increases accident risk at this intersection, and how the proposed buildings along Gaines School Rd are set closer to the road than most other buildings along the corridor leaving little room for trees. The proposed development seeks waivers for most conditions of the Gaines School Rd Corridor Overlay district that was created back in 2001 to provide development protections to this rare-for-Athens road. This project asks to reduce minimum lot sizes from 25,000 square feet (roughly two houses per acre) to 1,500 square feet (roughly 24 houses per acre) so that the the 2- and 3-story townhouses can be sold to individual buyers. The commercial space has 8 services and retail businesses.

We are concerned with how this development could substantially change both the safety and look of Gaines School Rd over the next 25 years. If you are also concerned, consider calling, emailing, or writing the commissioners and asking them to reject this project. The button below will send you to information on how to contact commissioners. Reminder that we are in District 1 and Patrick Davenport is our commissioner. Commissioner Davenport has expressed his disapproval of this project as currently presented.

### **Urgent Care Facility**

The Mayor and Commissioners have approved the replacement of the building at the corner of Gaines School Rd and Cedar Shoals Dr (955 Gaines School Rd) with a soon-to-be-built urgent care facility. The building measures 81' by 46' (3,725 square feet) and will have 25 parking spaces. Access will be from both Gaines School Rd and Cedar Shoals Dr. This facility will make medical care more accessible to the large number of residents of the Athens Eastside and in particular to students at the three neighboring schools.

#### **ACC Commissioners' Contact Information**

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