

Creekwood Commons News Holiday Edition

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Newsletter Purpose

Newsletter is designed to inform the residents of upcoming events in the neighborhood and our local area, As well as update you on HOA matters and provide friendly reminders regarding the association rules. This newsletter is published on a quarterly basis and distributed to each homeowner and tenant. **Tenants who have any questions should contact their landlords and they will contact the board.**

Should you have any items you feel would be important to include in the newsletter, please e-mail the HOA to request inclusion in future newsletters. Please make sure your subject reads "Creekwood Newsletter"

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For those that just moved in since July (last newsletter), **Welcome to Creekwood Commons!!** We hope you enjoy living here as much as we all do.

To find community information (& archived newsletters) the neighborhood website is www.creekwoodcommons.com.

Did you know that you can sign up to receive community e-mails on our community website. Visit www.creekwoodcommons.com and the form (shown below) is at the bottom of the screen.

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For those that are selling your home, please make sure that your real estate agents contact the association at cartercommunities@gmail.com right away, so pertinent information can be shared to assist with the sale and closing process.

*Drainage Solutions started work sooner on the drains behind units 141-163, their work will be wrapping up very soon.

*Gated access to Creekwood from the trail is complete! Please check your mailbox for your key & important information regarding the key.

*The mandatory fire sprinkler inspection was completed on Saturday November 4th if your unit was not completed, you will be contacted.

Getting board approval for exterior projects

As a reminder, if you are planning on making any exterior changes to your unit, you will need to submit your plan to the board for approval **PRIOR** to making the changes. This includes (*but not limited to*) changing the house numbers on the front door, changing the outside lights, front door, storm doors, changes to your back patio, changes to your landscaping, having a yard sale, etc.

This is to ensure our neighborhood continues to look nice and uniform for future buyers and tenants.

So if you need an approval, contact your HOA through our management company Carter Communities. cartercommunities@gmail.com

...when in doubt, send an e-mail!



2 Vehicles per unit!

Per the community bylaws, **no more than two (2) vehicles per unit** are allowed full time. Also the declaration states that **no inoperative vehicle shall be parked on any lot in excess of 14 days**. The association will begin taking enforcement actions to this rule. For any resident's who have more than two vehicles need to contact the board immediately! There are limited parking spots for guests and also an increased amount of street parking that has become a result of resident's not obeying this rule.

For the residents who continuously park in the guest parking, violation fines will be issued and consistent abuse to this will result in towing at owners expense.

Parking/Guest Parking



Parking: DO NOT PARK IN THE GRASS OF ANY LOCATION OF OUR COMMUNITY-YOU WILL GET TOWED! Also please do not park directly across the street from another car, do not park near or in front of a stop sign, do not park in front of mailboxes or fire hydrants. Also please be considerate of your neighbors and do not block their driveways. If any driveway is blocked, cars will be towed at the owner's expense. Also if you or your visitors are parked on the street, please be aware of how much room is left between you and any other cars parked on the street. If there isn't enough room for an emergency vehicle to get through you could be ticketed or even hit at your OWN expense.

Creekwood Holiday Light Competition



Prizes

- 1st Place \$75
- 2nd Place \$50
- 3rd Place \$25



Rules

- *Board Members and judges are not eligible to win an award.
- *Every resident in Creekwood is eligible for the contest.
- ***Do not nail anything on the roofs of the units**
- *No outdoor music, sounds, etc are allowed.
- *Judging will be done from the outside of the residence only. Judges will not enter the property to view back or side yards.
- *Those interested in participating in this competition, needs to send the information listed below **12 hours before judging.**

Criteria

Judging will be based on “curb appeal” as viewed from the street only. Therefore only those decorations located in the front will be judged.

The judging criteria's are:

- (1) Unique design and creative use of lights and decorations;
- (2) Storyline or theme;
- (3) Display and placement of decorations; and
- (4) Overall presentation.

Judging will be completed on December 9th at 615pm. The winners will be announced at the block party December 10th (refer to Miracle on Creekwood Drive section).

****Participants should ensure their decorations are in place and activated for the judging time. ****

If you would like to be considered for the competition, please e-mail loreb52@gmail.com, by 615am on 12/9 and make sure the e-mail subject reads “Creekwood Light Competition”. The following information is required for competition registration:

Name:

Unit#:

Ph#:

Story line/theme:

Miracle on Creekwood Drive

Christmas Block Party

O come all ye Creekwood Commoners... It's a Creekwood Christmas block party!!! Complete with Hot chocolate, Cookies, a Christmas movie on the green, along with a meet and greet. Also a **celebration/announcement** of the winners of the light competition.

Bring your lawn chair and please come and join us!

Ugly Christmas Sweaters are encouraged!

When: 12/10/16 @ 5pm. Movie will start at dusk ~6pm.

Where: Meet in the community park/pond area.





Some helpful tips and fun kid/family activities below for you to be Thankful for (smile).

Thanksgiving CHEAT SHEET

	PER PERSON	8 GUESTS	12 GUESTS	20 GUESTS
appetizers				
SMALL APPS	2-3	16-24	24-36	48-72
DIPS	3 oz	1.5 lb	2.25 lb	4.5 lb
CHEESE	2 oz	1 lb	1.5 lb	3 lb
SALAD	1 cup	8 cups	12 cups	24 cups
main dish & sides				
TURKEY	1.5 lb	12 lb	18 lb	36 lb
STUFFING	3/4 cup	6 cups	9 cups	18 cups
MASHED POTATOES	3/4 cup	6 cups	9 cups	18 cups
ROASTED VEGGIES	1/2 cup	2 lb	3 lb	6 lb
GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE	1/2 cup	2 lb	3 lb	6 lb
SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE	1/2 cup	2 lb	3 lb	6 lb
PEARL ONIONS	1/2 cup	4 cups	6 cups	12 cups
CRANBERRY SAUCE	1 cup	8 cups	12 cups	24 cups
CORNBREAD	1-2 pieces	1.5 box	2 boxes	4 boxes
MAC & CHEESE	1/2 cup	6 cups	9 cups	18 cups
GRAVY	1/3 cup	2.75 cups	1 quart	2 quarts
dessert				
PIE	1 slice	1-2 pies	2-3 pies	6-7 pies
beverages				
WINE	3 glasses	4-5 bottles	7-8 bottles	14-15 bottles
BEER	3 beers	1 case	1-2 cases	3 cases
COFFEE	1 cup	8 cups	12 cups	24 cups

↖ MULTIPLY THIS COLUMN BY THE NUMBER OF GUESTS FOR YOUR TOTALS!



Ingredients:

- *16oz elbow macaroni
- *3cups milk
- *8 oz Velveeta or cream cheese cut into chunks
- *1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, cut into chunks
- *3cups shredded cheddar cheese
- *1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Instructions:

1. Cook pasta in boiling water 3 minutes short of being al dente.
2. Place the cooked macaroni along with the rest of the ingredients into Crockpot. Set heat to low and cook 2-3 hours.

What are you eating for Thanksgiving?



I am THANKFUL for...

Start



Finish

Write a Fall or Thanksgiving word that starts with each letter below:

T
H
A
N
K
S
G
I
V
I
N
G

Gobble Gobble



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

STOCKING STUFFERS

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GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

- Bottle of Bubbles
- Mini Play-Doh Packs
- Crayons & Coloring Book
- Fruit Snacks
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Stickers
- Bath Toys
- Craft Supplies
- Plush Toys
- Small Books
- Card Games
- Slipper Socks

GIFTS FOR TEENS

- Multi-Pack of Gum
- Travel-sized Hair Products
- Nice Pens or Pencils
- Body Spray
- Lotion or Hand Sanitizer
- Flash Drive
- Costume Jewelry
- Lip Gloss or Chapstick
- Ear Buds
- Mini Kleenex Pocket Packs
- \$5 iTunes Gift Card
- Favorite Magazine

GIFTS FOR MOM

- Candle
- Face Mask
- Nail Polish
- Small Picture Frame
- Paperback Book
- Wine Glass Charms
- Specialty Tea or Coffee
- Earrings
- Decorative Cupcake Liners
- Chocolates
- Shopping List Notepads
- Mirror Compact

GIFTS FOR DAD

- Money Clip
- Travel-sized Cologne or Aftershave
- Breath Mints
- Eye-Glass Repair Kit
- Personalized Keychain
- Golf Balls
- Mini Bottle of Liquor
- Shoe Polish
- Playing Cards
- \$5 Coffee Shop Gift Card
- Beef Jerky Pack
- Pocket Notebooks

GIFTS FOR ANYONE

- Ornament
- Luggage Tag
- Candy
- Stationery
- Book of Crossword Puzzles
- Stress Ball
- Scented Car Freshener
- Coffee Mug
- \$5 Amazon Gift Card
- Portable Back Scratcher
- Reusable Shopping Bag
- Journal



DEAR SANTA,
FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR...

I WANT _____
I NEED _____
I'LL wear _____
I'LL read _____

... AND I'D REALLY LOVE
YOU TO BRING ME

LOVE, _____

Local and/or Association Events



Just a few local fun events to help support our community. For a calendar of Woodstock Events, visit. www.woodstockga.gov

Nov

2nd-9th Downtown Woodstock Restaurant week

4th: Friday Night Live-Hollywood 6p-9p in Downtown Woodstock

11th: Veterans Day Ceremony 7pm, Park at City Center

12th: **The new amphitheater grand opening, free concert @ 6pm featuring Mark Willis.**

Dec

1st-18th: Santa's Mailbox. Located in the Gazebo at the Park at City

2nd: Friday Night Live-Christmas in Downtown Woodstock 6p-9p

3rd: Christmas Jubilee & Parade of Lights 530p-8pm

8th-23rd Lights of Hope at Hobgood Park. (see below)

10th: **Creekwood Community block party @ 5pm**

31st: New Years Eve (be safe everyone!)

Jan

Date **TBD**: Annual Creekwood Commons Association Meeting (*usually the 2nd or 3rd Saturday of January*).

Creekwood

Trash /Recycling pick up: Mondays

Landscaping day: Tuesday

Days may change due to holidays or weather.

Things to do this Holiday Season

Christmas in Castille neighborhood lights @ 4220 Tivoli Way Alpharetta, GA 3004. Month of Dec, Thurs-Sat 6-9pm (they have a facebook page, check them out).

Lights of Hope at Hobgood Park Dec 8th-23rd

Features a huge walk-through Christmas light display with more than 1,000,000 lights, concessions, vendors, games, bounce houses, Santa and so much more! Benefiting the the Anna Crawford Children's Center.



Garden Lights, Holiday Nights at Atlanta Botanical Garden Nov 12-Jan 7

The annual electrical extravaganza features spectacular light displays throughout the Garden.

Stone Mountain Christmas at Stone Mountain Park Nov 12-Jan 4

Enjoy the glow of more than two million lights, festive music and visits from some your favorite holiday characters.

Fantasy in Lights at Callaway Gardens Nov 12-Jan 7

Eight millions lights, 15 dazzling scenes, one magical night. It's the South's greatest holiday light-and-sound show.

Holiday in Lights at Centennial Olympic Park Nov 19-Jan 1

The Park transforms into a winter wonderland with thousands of lights that make up the sparkling display.

Fernbank Museum of Natural History Winter Wonderland Opens Nov 18

Recognizing celebrations including Christmas, Hanukkah and the Festival of Lights, as well as traditions and practices like origami, indigenous art and national symbols.

Peach Drop - New Year's Eve Celebration at Underground Atlanta Dec 31st

The Southeast's largest New Year's Eve Celebration, Peach Drop boasts more than 100,000 visitors each year, with millions more tuning in across the country.