# Christian Lake Newsletter

*Strengthening Community Through Communication*

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*The Christian Lake HOA Board of Directors is pleased to present a community newsletter. The newsletter provides an opportunity to keep residents informed. Please send your comments, contributions, and suggestions to c.lake.board@gmail.com. The newsletter is produced and distributed free of charge.*

## The biggest event of the year in Watkinsville is back!




**Oct 17, 2026, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**
**Rocket Field, Watkinsville, GA 30677**

The 52nd annual Oconee Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival will be held Saturday, October 17th at Rocket Field in downtown Watkinsville.

The festival runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features more than 200 vendors from arts and crafts to foods.

The festival, which began in 1974, features a food alley with a wide variety of foods.



# Don’t Forget Wire Park!

The Farmer’s Market is still going strong every Saturday in October. Harvest Fest at Wire Park

Wire Park will be celebrating throughout the complex, including trick-or-treating! Our vendors will be getting into the spirit too, so bring the family and come enjoy a fun fall Saturday.

**October 31** — Our Final Regular Saturday Market
We're going out with a little Halloween fun! Look for decorated tents, costumes, candy, and plenty of Market spirit as we celebrate the final Saturday of our regular 2026 season.

## Your Saturday Morning Starts Here

OCONEE farmers market

Cooler weather. Fall vegetables. Fresh bread. Local Honey. Homemade cakes. Local gifts. Farmers and makers who are happy to see you. We really can't ask for much more!



# Halloween in Christian Lake is a big deal.

Every year, Christian Lake Subdivision hosts a wonderful, kid-friendly Treat-or-Treat experience. On October 31st (Saturday this year) hundreds of children and their parents and siblings come to our subdivision. Neighbors decorate their houses and welcome the crowd. The Board hires a police officer to patrol to keep our kiddies safe. Below are some photos from years past.



## Pumpkin Carving Contest

Share a photo of your carved pumpkin in the comments section on our Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/groups/580281388679458/search/?q=gil

Multiple entries per household are acceptable, please enter each as a separate comment. All residents are invited to review entries and to indicate "likes" for specific entries.

The deadline for submitting your entry is 6:00 PM, Friday, October 30. All entries will be judged by a neighborhood committee after the deadline. The winner and two honorable mentions will be announced on Monday, November 2.

Winner will receive a $50 gift card. Each honorable mention will receive a $25 gift card.



*Last year's winner!*

# More Area FUN!

### Trick or Treat Trail at Oconee Veterans Park




- **Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 28, 2026 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- **Venue:** Oconee Veterans Park, Watkinsville,
- **Description:** Family-friendly afternoon featuring costumes, trick-or-treating along the trail, and activities presented by Lavender Pest Control and local sponsors.
- **Cost:** Free to attend
- **Website:** [Oconee County Trick or Treat Trail]



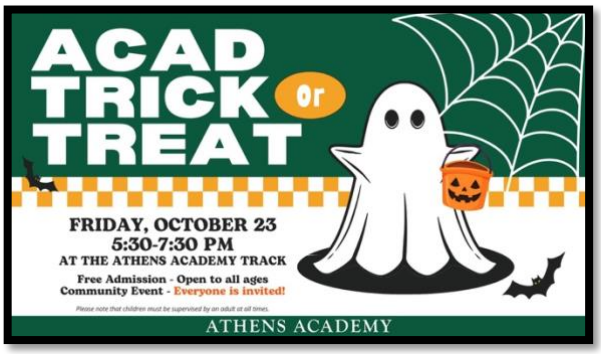



### Trick or Treat on Main Street in Downtown Watkinsville




- **Date & Time:** Saturday, October 31, 2026 from **4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**
- **Location:** Main Street, Downtown Watkinsville, GA
- **Description:** Families can walk door-to-door in costumes along Main Street as local small businesses and shops hand out candy.
- **Cost:** Free to attend

# Don’t forget Athens!




- **Date & Time: Friday, October 23, 2026** from **5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**
- **Location:** Athens Academy Track
- **Cost:** Free and open to all ages / the general public (no registration required)
- **Details:** Children are encouraged to wear costumes to collect treats in a family-friendly environment.

## The 18th Annual Wild Rumpus in Downtown Athens



Athens, GA welcomes ALL who wish to howl at the Moon, and stomp to the beat of primal drums, in one of the Southeast USA’s most celebrated holiday parades- The Wild Rumpus!! Dress in costume and BE IN THE PARADE. The Wild Rumpus and all who attend transform beloved downtown Athens, GA into a spectacular fantasyland of costumes, stages with music, massive dance parties in the street, food, drink, performers, and more. The event is FREE to attend, and all ages (21+ ID and wristband required for open container drinking in the festival zone)

**Date:** Halloween weekend, Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026

**Parade Time:** 8:00 pm SHARP

**Location:** Intersection of W. Hancock St. and Pulaski St. in downtown Athens, GA

The Wild Rumpus Parade will start on West Hancock Ave. in downtown Athens adjacent to Creature Comforts Brewing Co. The parade winds through downtown Athens, with parade artists ending on W. Washington St. from Lumpkin St. to Pulaski St. for a massive spectacle with multiple stages, sound & lights, trapeze and pole performers, fire performers, dance and step troupes, installations, and a MASSIVE DJ THROW DOWN in the street*!!! The Dance Party and Spectacle goes on until 11 pm