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## Letter from the President

Happy Holidays from the Friends of Five Points! Thank you for your continued support and membership. We have had a fantastic fall. We held our first ever "Five at Five" community 5K Fun Run in conjunction with our Annual Picnic. The event was a huge success – we had over 180 runners and an additional 40+ people attended as spectators and picnickers. Thank you to all of our organizers, volunteers and participants. I would also like to welcome our new board members: Sara and George Schramm of Hall Street, Larry and Carol Jones of West Cloverhurst Avenue, and Charlotte and John Waters of Milledge Circle. It is often the case that a couple will share a board seat. It's a win-win situation for everyone – the board gets two minds, and the couple can share the load with each other. I would also like to welcome our many new members and street captains. Thanks for joining us! We now have 95 streets represented by a captain. Have a wonderful holiday season and our best wishes for 2008! Keep in touch.

Sara Beresford  
President



Friends of Five Points Annual meeting was held September 27th at the Presbyterian Student Center on Lumpkin.

## FOFP Annual Meeting

As many of you know, Friends of Five Points holds their annual meeting in September of each year. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The meeting was held at the Presbyterian Student Center on September 27<sup>th</sup>. In addition to reports from each committee, new board members and board positions are announced and voted upon.

This year, several speakers rounded out the agenda, including David Clark, the director of the ACC Department of Transportation and Public Works, who spoke about the proposed expansion of the existing street parking permit program. Amy Kissane, the Executive Director of the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation and FOFP member, spoke about Milledge Avenue and the need for ACC residents and government to stay connected and involved to protect future of this historic corridor. John Spagna, Director of the ACC Community Protection Division, spoke to the group about ordinance enforcement and led a discussion about opportunities to increase ordinance awareness among Five Points residents.

Each meeting also consists of an Issues Forum during which FOFP members can raise issues, announcements, and questions. This year, Toby Chapeau reported on the neighborhood traffic management program. Full meeting minutes can be found on the FOFP website:

[www.friendsoffivepoints.org](http://www.friendsoffivepoints.org)

Sara Beresford  
President

## From Cedar Shoals to Athens, the Classic City

Athens was only a village in Jackson County when the *Senatus Academicus* changed its name from Cedar Shoals. On land donated by one of the members, John Milledge, and prepared by a Presbyterian minister Josiah Meigs, and a young graduate from the University of North Carolina James Camak, the University of Georgia began its classes in 1801. Some well-off families moved to Athens to live while their sons received an education at the University.

Rev. Hope Hull, and Gen. David Meriwether brought their families to Athens where their sons Asbury and Henry Hull, and Dr. James Meriwether attended the University. A Methodist minister, Hull was one of the University's Trustees, and it has been said that both Hull and Gen. Meriwether taught classes at the University. Rev. Hope Hull had given up the "itinerancy" when he moved to Athens, so the Methodists in this area had the advantage of a resident minister. Rev. Hope Hull's grandson wrote in ANNALS OF ATHENS, page 47:

The first Methodist meeting house [built by 1804] on this side of the Oconee [River] was built of small logs with the bark on. It was about 22 x 24 feet, covered with pine boards, and without a chimney. There was a door on one side, and opposite it a box made of the kind of boards that were used to cover the house, served as a pulpit.

The floor was made of split logs smoothed somewhat on one side by a broad ax and laid on the ground. The seats were of the same material set on four legs. This meeting house was on the land of Josiah Freeman, near a spring about 500 yards east of Mr. Barwick's house [255 Milledge Heights].

In this miserable cabin, two of the most eloquent men of the time used to preach sometimes to a dozen, never to more than a hundred hearers.

No deed or plat shows the exact location of this primitive church building, but it must have been erected along the branch which lies between Pinecrest, and Milledge Avenue, somewhere near present Milledge Avenue Baptist Church.

Mary Bondurant Warren  
Columnist



*With Autumn upon us and Winter knocking at the door,  
the Holiday season is here—'tis the season of MORE...*



## Get the Word Out...

### ...the FOFP Listserve

Did you know that you can post an e-mail to the FOFP listserv? If you are a listserv member, you can post messages about issues, upcoming events, yard sales, etc. to our listserv. Just send an e-mail (no attachments allowed) to [fofp@friendsoffivepoints.org](mailto:fofp@friendsoffivepoints.org).

If you are not a listserv member, but would like to become one, please send an e-mail to [sarab@uga.edu](mailto:sarab@uga.edu).

## FOFP Volunteer Needed

We are seeking a member (or two) with Excel experience who would be willing to maintain our membership and street captain databases. Both databases already exist; most updates would happen in the fall of each year with occasional updates throughout the year. Please be in touch with the FOFP President if you are willing to help us out ([sarab@uga.edu](mailto:sarab@uga.edu)).



## Holiday Season Green Tips

During the winter holidays, we Americans generate a lot more waste and consume more products than at other times of the year. Here are some tips to help you reduce your holiday season impact on the environment and your community.



### Green Tip

1. Shop locally whenever possible and support neighborhood shops. You will drive less and support your local community and economy. Try to purchase locally-made items as well to further support the Athens-area economy.

2. When in doubt, give a gift card instead of an unwanted trinket. Or, consider purchasing a service or tickets to a concert or movie. You can also

make a donation to a charity or environmental group in the gift recipients' name.

3. Battery operated items such as small electronics and toys are popular gifts. Rather than purchasing single-use, disposable batteries, consider buying rechargeable batteries and a charger instead. Disposable batteries contain all sorts of toxic chemicals that are damaging to the environment. Rechargeable batteries are economical and will save money in the long run.

4. Avoid using plastic or metallic bows and ribbons in your gift-wrapping. These products are usually not recyclable and take decades to decompose in a landfill. Instead, use cards and wrappings made of fabric, recycled paper, or natural products such as raffia. Rather than wrapping a gift, you can always use a nice gift bag that the recipient can re-use in the future.

5. If you're going to purchase Christmas tree lights this year; consider buying LED tree light sets - they'll last far longer, are safer to use, and use a great deal less electricity. Use a timer for your lighting decorations.

6. Don't forget to take your live Christmas tree to one of several locations around Athens that will recycle the tree into mulch after the holidays. Many of the recycling locations will even give you a free sapling to plant in your yard. Barrow Elementary School is a local spot that will recycle your trees after Christmas.

Enjoy the Holidays and remember to think about your impact on the environment and your local community. For more details on these and other Holiday green tips, go to [www.greenlivingtips.com](http://www.greenlivingtips.com)

Kevin Barnes  
FOFP Board Member



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**Five Points 5k Fun Run/Walk**

We want to thank our business sponsors for their support of our first annual Five Points 5k Fun Run/Walk.

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## Material Matters

Historic windows are one of the most misunderstood and maligned elements in a renovation project. Usually covered with multiple coats of peeling paint and caulk, deteriorated sash glazing, and always drafty, these old house elements rank as the most often replaced of all old house materials.

Unfortunately, replacing historic windows almost always accounts for a large and unnecessary expense. Most of the windows' inefficiency and loss of function can be traced to lack of maintenance, while the ugly paint and glazing are easily remedied. In fact, with the addition of a well designed interior storm window, greater energy and acoustical efficiency can be achieved than is possible with a complete window replacement. So, restoration of the windows to a condition of attractive energy efficiency is neither complicated, nor unreasonably expensive. AND, it goes a long way towards preserving the houses' historical integrity and charm.

The photographs reveal a common problem with historic window units... rotting of the window sill due to moisture infiltration between the various jamb components. Often this type of damage prompts the homeowner to consider complete replacement, when, as the AFTER photo shows, the repairs can be made easily even when extensive damage has occurred.

If you'd like to ask a renovation question about your older home, please email me at [TheOldFriends@bellsouth.net](mailto:TheOldFriends@bellsouth.net).

Tim Reilly  
Guest Contributor

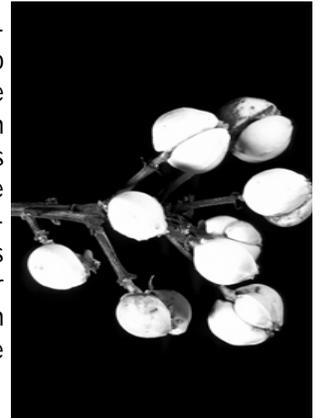


## Popcorn Tree

You may have seen this tree in your neighborhood...have you ever wanted to know more about it?

The Chinese Tallow Tree or Popcorn Tree (*Sapium sebiferum*) is not a show stopper but an unusual tree. Further south, however, it is considered a weed tree and is highly invasive and problematic.

It is related to the poinsettia. It has leaves similar to poplar, which come out late in spring and turn reddish purple in fall, but the leaves may not turn all at the same time. What I see as interesting besides the leaves, is its waxy white seeds in October that hang around through the winter, therefore the name Popcorn Tree.



The name, Chinese Tallow Tree, comes from the fact the Chinese used the wax from the seed in candles and other wax products. The seeds in the right environment, germinate easily.

The tree will take a variety of soil conditions from moist, dry, acid and alkaline, but it must have full sun. The plant is wispy and has a pyramidal-rounded shape and will reach a height of 30 to 40 feet. It is not a strong tree and can be harmed by freezes such as zero degrees Fahrenheit.

There are some trees located at Lumpkin and Westview on a rental property. I've been watching these trees as long as I've lived on this side of town and they are not in the best condition—but they are okay. I imagine if they had not had so much competition they would look better.

Christine Hoffman  
Guest Contributor  
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The first-ever Friends of Five Points "Five at Five" 5K Fun Run and Annual Picnic were a huge success. We had over 180 runners and walkers come out to participate, and an additional 40-60 spectators, volunteers, and picnickers joined us for a wonderful day in Five Points.

The event attracted a lot of locals (over 130 people from the Athens metro area), and some out-of-towners. We had 16 new members sign up as a result of the event and raised over \$1,500. FOFP is proud to bring members of our community together for a positive, healthy, and fun event. We

would like to thank our business sponsors for their support. Please see a complete listing of our sponsors on page three of this newsletter.

Our sincerest thanks go out to Kasi Carvell for pre-race planning activities, Carol Goerig and Griff Eldridge for organizing and transporting the food and drinks for the picnic, and several FOFP members and Board members for donating food, time, and support for the event. We couldn't do it without you! If you have any feedback about how we can improve this event if we do it next year, please let us know!

