

Walden's Ridge Civic League Report to the Town of Walden January 11, 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to report on activity at the Walden's Ridge Civic League.

We have been concentrating on needs and wants to bring the property up to par. Of concern are the auditorium's deteriorating siding and damp basement, among other things. All the board members are working on their special areas of interest to get bids for labor and materials to make improvements to the buildings and grounds. This is a serious and concerted effort so that we can determine exactly where we are and where we need to go as we seek funding from all sources available.

Some interesting events are coming up soon. On Thursday, January 20, you are invited to enjoy bright music to light a dark winter's night at a free concert by the **Chattanooga Symphony and Opera String Quintet** at 7:00 PM. A reception will follow at 7:45. The String and Wind Quintets of the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera are composed of principal members from the orchestra who perform regularly in community centers like ours.

At 8:00 PM following the reception, the **Quarterly Meeting** of the Civic League will update members and guests on the preceding quarter's business. We will be delighted if the concert-goers stay to learn more about the Civic League and its activities and perhaps become members.

On Saturday, January 29, come and listen to **Warm Stories** while you sip **Hot Cider** from Fairmount Orchard and snack on gingerbread. Award-winning storytellers will entertain with some of their best family-friendly tales. Storytelling is an art that is always popular and is especially appreciated in these days of ever-present electronic devices. This is an opportunity for parents and kids alike to see and hear real, live performers in a small intimate setting of theater-in-the-round with music interludes. **Warm Stories and Hot Cider** is 3:00 – 5:00 PM. with concessions available for purchase at 5:00. There is no admission charge. Donations are always welcome.

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