



March 25, 2013

This Saturday, March 30, at 10:30 AM the Easter Bunny is coming to the Chapel for pictures with you and your beautiful babes who will be able to collect the eggs he has left on the lawn for them. Bring your camera, your basket, and be on time. Those eggs get collected pretty fast! Thanks to our BLOSOMS and the Chapel for doing the egg hunt again this year for our city's children.



Thanks also to our BLOSOMS for organizing another **Senior Luncheon** next month. The ladies are cordially inviting all senior residents (65+) of Berkeley Lake to be their lunch guests on Wednesday, April 24 at noon at Berkeley Lake Chapel. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP by Wednesday, April 17, by calling Betty Covington at 770-263-8367 or Lane Shutt at 770-448-4379. They will even give you a ride if you need one.



Our Spring Earth Day Event in Berkeley Lake is Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM at City Hall. Advanced Disposal will be accepting large household items and yard waste (but no trees, wet paint, carpet, construction debris or televisions). Customers can contact Advanced Disposal's customer service department to arrange for televisions to be picked up individually. Touch The Future will be accepting electronics including computers and related computer equipment (CD's, disks, cabling, power cords, etc.), LCD Monitors and CRT Monitors (there is a \$3 recycling fee for the CRT monitors). They accept most consumer electronics EXCEPT TV's. This would include answering machines and office equipment. They are also soliciting for refurbishment smaller durable medical equipment such as walkers, shower seats, bath transfer devices, raised toilet sets, wheel chairs and other similar devices. Crawford Metal Recycling will be accepting scrap metal, appliances, lawn mowers, grills and automotive batteries. There is no cost to citizens of Berkeley Lake but please bring photo identification showing your city address.

Our city continues to work with the outstanding Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful organization to keep our community, both within and beyond our city limits, a beautiful place to be. You can find more and take the **pledge to be an environmental steward** at [Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful](#).

The **Berkeley Lake Conservancy** invites you to two events on our Earth Day, April 27. We will be removing invasive non-natives from the area across from City Hall that morning from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Please come if you can help, wear gloves and long pants. Saturday afternoon at 4:30 PM we plan a walk at City Hall and Henderson Nature Sanctuary (Fowler's Mill) to identify trees and wildflowers. This is an opportunity to learn from an expert about "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." Can you guess which plants go in each category? Bring your own **picnic supper** to eat afterwards in the picnic area as guests of Berkeley Lake Homeowners Association.

Congratulations to **Lesley Pendleton** and her happy helpers who collected over \$2000 for Relay for Life at their St. Patrick's Day O'BLFF. Thanks also to the many community volunteers who came out to work with **Bryan Stuart** and **Steve Seitz** to clean up the lakebed and build fish habitat. (See photo at right.) This was an amazing effort from a lot of folks who also had a good time in the process. It's an ongoing project, so if you'd like to be a part, please contact either of these guys to get involved. And not to be forgotten, thanks to all of you who helped **Diane Cuttino** on the city's CAN-DO spring food drive. I think we collected more for Norcross Cooperative Ministries than ever before. **This city is amazingly generous with both time and resources.**



I was invited to speak last week at a gala reception attended by parents, kids, staff, and alumni of our Berkeley Lake Elementary School which is celebrating **30 Years of Excellence**. To commemorate this occasion, Lori Van Buskirk, seen here at left, who lives in Berkeley Commons assisted in the creation of a beautiful work of art in which every current student painted a little piece. Can you imagine organizing that effort?! Congratulations to all involved in this occasion. Berkeley Lake Elementary School is a great part of our community and has been for 30 years. We're very proud of what goes on there.

In light of tragic events at schools in Connecticut and elsewhere, Berkeley Lake Elementary is highly attuned to **safety issues for students**. I understand that there are quite a few people walking dogs or just walking for exercise through the playgrounds and other parts of the school property during school hours; and the presence of strangers is a concern to parents and staff. Please spread the word to your neighbors not to walk on school grounds during school hours. The school folks don't want to be inhospitable, but we can all understand the concern. The staff only will practice an Evacuation Drill from the school on April 17. They will walk to Peachtree Lakes Drive cul-de-sac, board buses, and ride to Duluth High School. The school has notified me, the Berkeley Lake Patrol, and the parents, but I didn't want our citizens to see this and be worried.

I have an idea that I'd like to share with you all. Since we have BLOSOMS, BLOKES, and BLFFs, I thought we might add **BLESSings – Berkeley Lake Everybody Shares Stuff**. I got the idea when Marty Webb generously shared with me a Pack-and-Play that she no longer needed to contain my errant grandbabies. When I tried to return it she said, "Just pass it on!" So I am about to post on Nextdoor Berkeley Lake this item for free to another Berkeley Lake resident as well as another item, with the request that whoever takes it pass it on eventually to another Berkeley Lake neighbor and add one of their own. Like the idea?

Our featured Berkeley Lake business for this issue is the Mills Floral Company in the Peachtree Lakes business park. They offer home décor and accessories which I thought were lovely and relatively inexpensive when I visited recently. Go by and see for yourself. They are open to the public Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Happy Spring and a joyous Easter to you all!

Lis D. Salter

