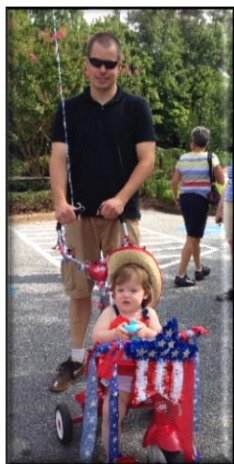


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Here's your reminder about our Berkeley Lake **July 4th Celebration** coming up on Monday. Decorate your cars, kids, pets, and people and join the parade at Berkeley Lake Elementary on **Monday, July 4 at 11:00 AM**. We will begin to march about 11:30 AM. When the parade concludes at the Chapel, there will be games and prizes for the kids and face painting as well. Hot dogs, drinks, and other goodies will be available for purchase. Scott Lee will be playing music for us and other council members will be providing boat rides. In case of



rain, check the Nextdoor website for info about possible changes. I look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate our country's Independence Day!

Perhaps because the Fourth is coming up, I've had quite a few questions about **fireworks** and have asked your city council to consider some divergent citizen opinions. Some of you love fireworks and some of you hate the noise and risk to yourselves and your property. Your council is working to meet concerns as best they can and finding that we're very restricted by your state legislature. That body has disallowed municipalities from limiting fireworks hours beyond the following: any day from 10:00 AM until 9:00 PM except on July 3-4 and December 31 when the hours are extended until 11:59 PM and on January 1 until 1:00 AM. They do specify that no fireworks can be ignited on public property without a special use permit. That means nobody can shoot fireworks in streets or right-of-ways or on the dam or city hall and park property. While people have occasionally tried to do this in streets, reasoning that it's the farthest they can get in their neighborhood from people's homes, we have already had an instance of someone igniting fireworks in the street which landed on and set fire to someone's yard. It could easily have landed on someone's house and we're all grateful that hasn't happened - so far! Few of us are able to control exactly where fireworks go and I very strongly urge you to be extremely cautious if you choose to use them.

I also urge you to be considerate of your neighbors who will probably not appreciate being awakened by them very late at night or in the wee hours of the morning, regardless of what the

legislature allows. Although they have limited municipal restrictions, there are no such restrictions on homeowners associations; and I know that some of those leaders in our city are already discussing new restrictions in their neighborhoods. Meanwhile, I hope you will all enjoy this holiday safely and with consideration to others. Also, please protect your pets by keeping them inside, perhaps with music to mask the sound of explosions outside. July 5 is routinely the highest day of the year for reported lost animals because many of them panic and run away. Remember to take care of your furry family members.



I have very good news to report about a **safety grant that City Administrator Tom Rozier won for our city**. It is getting harder and harder to win grants and Tom’s efforts saved our taxpayers \$10,000. The money has already been spent on the safety installation at a curve on Lakeshore Drive which had been the site of several accidents and on the stop-bars at the intersections in Berkeley Walk, Berkeley Field and Miramont. When you see Tom, thank him for his efforts in holding your taxes down. He does that diligently and often in many ways that go unreported.

Here’s another reminder to “Tip and Toss” anything in your yard that collects water and breeds mosquitoes. I’m also including some ideas here about plants that **repel mosquitoes** and other pests from your yard:

Marigolds contain a natural compound used in many insect repellents. Plant some near windows and doorways where mosquitoes might enter. About the only insects you see around **lavender** are bees. They love the flowers, but other bugs stay away. Hang some dried lavender in your closet and you won’t have to worry about moths eating your clothes. It’s a drought resistant perennial. **Lemon grass** contains citronella, a common natural ingredient in many mosquito repellents. The plant itself does even better at deterring mosquitoes than citronella candles and torches because it has a stronger smell. Lemon grass tolerates heat and drought but not frost. **Garlic** and **mint** repel bugs, and **catnip** is 10 times more effective than DEET, the chemical found in most commercial insect repellents. **Rosemary** and **basil** are used for cooking but double as bug repellent. **Petunias** have pretty flowers and also a licorice-like scent that most bugs don’t like. Get rid of your English ivy and plant some of these in its place. I got this information for you from 11 Alive News.



Congratulations to Zoë Gadegbeku, who earned Girl Scout’s highest award, the Gold Award, as well as the Presidential Volunteer Service award. She was named a "National Young Woman of Distinction" by Girl Scouts of USA (awarded to only 10 nationally every year), a “Technopreneur” by Ford Motor Corporation, and a "Young Futurist" by The Root magazine as a young African-American leader to watch. This young lady, who lives in Berkeley Lake, is the founder and president of W.I.S.H- The Women In Science & Health Careers Network For High

School Girls. W.I.S.H. is an internationally recognized program to educate and encourage young women into health and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers. The WISH Careers Network offers an engaging and informative website at wishcareers.org, as well as

science clubs for schools, and hands-on career seminars with female STEM professionals. Zoë is currently a senior at Washington University in St. Louis, majoring in African-American Studies and Pre-Med. Congratulations also to her parents Philippe and Lesley, who have raised a phenomenal young woman.

Thanks to **Nick Lore and family who routinely pick up trash along our city roadsides**. Nick says **Donna Gawlas** removes even more trash than they do and I tremendously appreciate all their efforts. I have even been known to put my grandchildren to work on trash detail. They each get a special basket and think it’s fun. I regret I have no pictures of Lores or Gawlases but here’s one of my crew. Join them when you’re walking on our roadsides and help to keep our city clean. It makes a difference to us all.



Good news regarding our **Berkeley Lake Chapel’s community activities**: They are beginning a Berkeley Lake Toastmasters group which will meet Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Chapel starting July 13. For more info: debbie.bochenek@yahoo.com



The Chapel awarded three Community Scholarships to Duluth High seniors this year based on grades, community participation and financial need. Two of the recipients are pictured here with Debbie Peters, Chapel Board President.

The Chapel is beginning a new non-denominational ministry and community outreach that will hold services at 11:00 AM every Sunday starting July 17. All are welcome.

My featured Berkeley Lake business this month is Zaxby’s which truly supports our community. Greg Sampson of Zaxby's has generously donated gift cards to the city as prizes for the 4th of July festivities. Let’s thank him by buying some of his chicken when in a hurry for supper!

Happy Fourth, everybody! See you at the parade.

Lis D. Salter