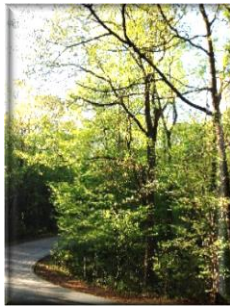




April 19, 2017

This weekend don't forget **our city's Earth Day is Saturday, April 22 from 9 AM until 2 PM.** Remember that we are currently planning for this to be our only Earth Day this year, and that it's only available to our citizens with proof of residency in Berkeley Lake. Advanced Disposal will be there to take yard waste and large household items such as desks, mattresses, box springs, etc. Crawford Metal Recycling will be accepting scrap metal, appliances, lawn mowers, grills, car and truck batteries, and other metal items. The following items will not be accepted: construction debris, wet paints, entire trees, tires, televisions, or microwave ovens. There will also not be anyone accepting small durable medical equipment, and technology items for reuse or recycling. If you need to dispose of a television, please call Advanced Disposal at (678) 495-0058 to make arrangements with them to pick the television up at your home. We will have a shredder truck for you. **Special thanks for the donation of a shredder truck by Jill Rice and Tracey Settlege, our neighborhood Keller Williams Realtors, along with Susan Slack from our local Fidelity Bank.**



This will be a busy weekend because on the next day our Berkeley Lake Conservancy is leading a **Spring Walk in the Greenspace on Sunday April 23 at 4 PM.** Meet in the parking lot beside Patton's Meat Market. If you haven't signed up for the walk, please email City Hall to make a reservation deputy.clerk@berkeleylake.com. Susan Hanson, Certified Master Gardener and chair of our Berkeley Lake Conservancy, will tell us all about the trees and plants that we see.

Congratulations to the first Berkeley Lake Yard of the Month honoree, Jane Burke, who lives in Hermitage Plantation. Jane's gardening skills are legendary in our city and you can see her five tips for gardening in [this video](#). The contest to recognize and encourage beautiful yards in our city is sponsored by Jill Rice and Tracey Settlege, our local Keller Williams Realtors.



"Officials: Rely on mobile alerts, not sirens in case of tornados" This is the headline of a recent article in the Gwinnett Daily Post sharing advice from one of the county's Emergency Management specialists. Tom Rozier and I are in communication with them often and they have told us the same thing, urging that we direct our citizens to download the Ready Georgia mobile app on your cell phones. Quoting Doug Nurse in the GDP article: " 'We recommend something like that as opposed to sirens,' Nurse said. In part, that's because electronic media alerts easily reach more Gwinnett County residents than sirens do. As of now, six of Gwinnett's 15 cities have

tornado sirens. That includes Berkeley Lake, Dacula, Duluth, Norcross, Sugar Hill and Suwanee.” I have written to you before about this in a previous Mayor’s Message, but this time of year is most prone to storms, so I’m passing on the article to you as well. You can read the whole thing [here](#). We want everybody to stay alert and safe!



I know that some of you enjoy the Turkey Trot every year supporting our Berkeley Lake Elementary School. You may also enjoy the **Wildcat 5K Fun Run/Walk on April 29** which will benefit the public middle and high schools in our area. For further information please go to [this link](#) or contact Marshauna Graves at marshauna@mindspring.com or (678) 697-6033.

It’s time again for Berkeley Lake’s **Senior Luncheon, given each year by the BLOSOMS** and always enjoyed by all. The ladies do this for those citizens of Berkeley Lake who are 65 years or older; and this year it’s at the Chapel on **Tuesday, May 16 at 11:30 AM**. They will even provide car service if you need a ride! Anyone in our city interested in attending the lunch or helping with it please contact Jill Rice, Jill.Rice@me.com, (770) 330-7477. Many thanks to Jill and all the others who do this for our seniors!

Celebrate Mother’s Day with a concert benefitting our local public schools. Atlanta Dance Party will be playing on Sunday, May 14, 6-8 PM. You can bring mom and a picnic to the Chapel picnic grounds or just pull up your boat and enjoy. Advance tickets at \$10 per person, \$30 for a boat of 4 or family ticket for 4 are available at [this link](#).



For information or off-line tickets contact Debbie Peters, 770-368-2076; ak509@bellsouth.net.

Save the date for these other concerts:

- June 18 - Father’s Day -- Classic Recall - Timeless Classic Rock Hits!
- August 20 -- Atlanta 17 - Big Band Dance Music!
- September 17 -- Grits Hits - Top 40 Gold Records of the South!
- October 15 – Up on the Roof - A Magnificent Carole King Tribute!

Support our Berkeley Lake businesses!

MAK Beauty Institute’s cosmetology program teaches students all the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to be a great stylist - hair color, haircut, make-up artist, manicures, pedicures, facials, waxing, highlights, and ombre style - as well as salon management. Team work gives them the ability to provide excellent service at lower, more affordable prices to clients who leave satisfied with the results. 3980 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Ste. 300, (770) 680-2953.

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