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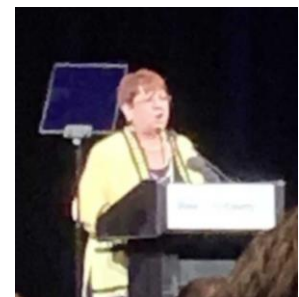
The **Safety Seminar** that we held recently at City Hall was very well attended, and I'm grateful not only to our police presenters but also to Jill Rice and Tracey Settlege for feeding us so nicely. Since folks who came said they got a lot out of it, I asked for a copy of their slide show and if you missed it you can see it [here](#) on our website. I shared some of the positive feedback I got with Charlotte Nash, who chairs our county commission, and she responded by saying, "GCPD takes great pride in



all the communities it does, and we are fortunate to have great leadership at every level in the Department. I am glad to know that the culture of service is recognized and appreciated." I hope we will all take every opportunity to let the officers who protect us know how much we appreciate them on a regular basis. That is not an easy job.

While I'm thinking of **police**, some of you were worried about hearing gunshots a couple of nights ago in the wee hours. Ordinarily I do not disturb the Precinct Commander, especially on his time off, but because this was an unusually disturbing incident I contacted him. I have not and will not be doing that routinely. We have good police officers and we need to communicate with them when we see or hear something and then let them do their job. I would rather they be out catching bad guys than chatting with me. On that evening they responded quickly and in force but found nothing. As always please call 911 if you hear or see anything that concerns you, as people did that night, and our officers will come immediately to help.

Last week I and two of our council members, Rebecca Spitler and Scott Lee, attended Charlotte Nash's **State of the County** address. The county continues to be well managed, but it's growing like crazy. We're expecting another half million people on our already crowded roads soon, so **she urged everyone to study the issues on expanded transit services before the vote on March 19**. You will be asked to approve or reject a [contract](#) with MARTA and a one-cent sales tax for transit. The

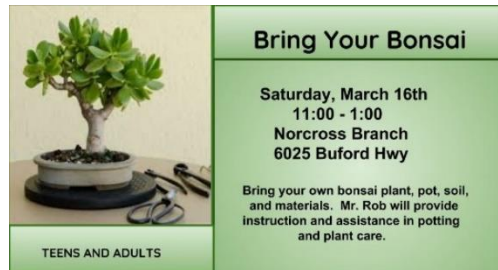


contract provides unusual control to Gwinnett over funds, expenditures, projects, and services. It requires Gwinnett funds to be spent for the benefit of Gwinnett and sets our transit plan, [Connect Gwinnett](#), as the source of transit projects. Early voting starts Monday, February 25 at the main Elections office in Lawrenceville and at Shorty Howell Park on Pleasant Hill Road on Monday, March 4 to March 15, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM daily, including Saturdays and Sundays. On election day, March 19, you will need to go to our usual spot in Pinckneyville Park to vote. March 15 is the last day to have an absentee ballot mailed to you.

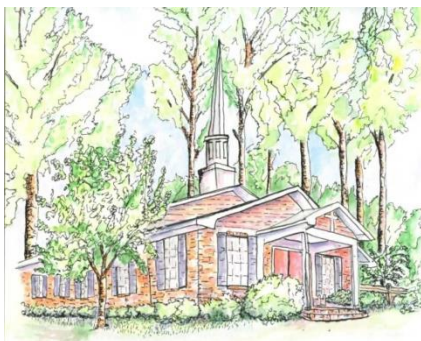
Our Berkeley Lake Conservancy is planning a Pruning Seminar at City Hall on Saturday March 9, at 1:00 PM. The city has hired a noted guest speaker Barbara Dorfman to teach us all about pruning shrubs and small trees in our yards. There is no cost to you, but please make a reservation by emailing Vivian at City Hall (deputy.clerk@berkeleylake.com). Thanks to our own Master Gardener, Susan Hanson, for planning this opportunity for us. She is also organizing some planting to **celebrate Arbor Day in Berkeley Lake on March 5 at 3:00 PM.** If you would like to help Susan and other Conservancy members, please let her know.

The very next day, **Sunday, March 10 is the “spring forward” time change to Daylight Saving Time so Julie Huntington and her crew of volunteers will have their usual food collection for the Norcross Co-op.** You know the drill. Put your nonperishable items by your mailbox and let’s see if we can break the Berkeley Lake record this time for bags of food picked up!

Norcross’s mayor told me about some interesting programs that are offered in their library and I went to one recently to **learn about bonsai.** They are offering it again if you’re interested on **Saturday, March 16 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**



Our Berkeley Lake Chapel has lots going on right now that will benefit our community. Each year, they award three \$1,000 **scholarships to help pay for college expenses for hometown individuals** who have a proven sense of community and academic responsibility. The Chapel’s intention is to brighten and strengthen our community through our future leaders with these scholarships. Who can apply: current Duluth High School seniors and past DHS graduates. You can apply [here](#). If you have questions, email them to board.outreach@blchapel.org.



They are also raising funds for a **building campaign to enlarge the Chapel.** To honor or remember someone, you can buy engraved bricks that will be installed from the gazebo steps through the entire path in the lakeside garden. An improved Chapel facility will be great for our community gatherings so thanks to Sandy Lacy and our Chapel leaders!

Speaking of community activities at the Chapel, the **BLOSOMS are planning their yearly luncheon for seniors in our city on Tuesday, April 30, 11:30 AM.** Ginny Nevins and Debbie Peters are coordinating this year so watch for more news from them soon.

Berkeley Lake’s Earth Day will be Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. City staff will be on hand at City Hall, along with vendors and volunteers to assist you with shredding documents, disposal of unwanted items and recycling of others. Advanced Disposal will be accepting 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. Iron Mountain will provide on-site shredding. The Rice Settlege Team will sponsor this event for the 3rd year in a row, so please thank Jill and Tracey when you see them. Please remember that this service is provided by the City of Berkeley Lake at no cost and only to city residents, so **bring your identification showing a Berkeley Lake address** in order to dispose of or recycle items. The following items will not be accepted: construction debris, wet paints, entire trees, televisions, microwave ovens, tires. 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.

Jill and Tracey are also sponsoring our city’s **Yard of the Month** recognition again this year. If you want to nominate your yard or your neighbor’s, please contact one of these ladies. Let’s make Berkeley Lake even more beautiful this spring!

The **state legislature is currently in session** and I hope you find time to keep an eye on their deliberations. Our senator, Zahra Karinshak, was elected by her bipartisan colleagues to speak for our whole county as head the Gwinnett County Senate Delegation, and our representative Beth Moore to be secretary of the Gwinnett House Delegation. Both of these ladies, who attended our Safety Seminar and several council meetings, have been unusually attentive to our city’s needs and issues, so feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with them. They are both working to pass a bill that I submitted to them that will make auditing more accurate, and our staff and council members appreciate that. Zahra has proposed a bill that would benefit veterans and Beth is promoting our Chapel’s brick fundraiser in her newsletter.



The **Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy** is now accepting applications for the 2019 spring cohort which runs from April 12 through June 26 and the fall cohort which runs from August 30 through November 27. Gwinnett 101 is a 12-week program offered twice each year that aims to develop and nurture informed and engaged residents, students, and business owners in our county. Participants will get a behind-the-scenes look at how Gwinnett County Government works, meeting leaders and visiting various facilities. The deadline to apply for the Spring term is **March 1**. The deadline to apply for the Fall term is **July 1**. [Apply Here](#)

If you’re particularly interested in the police you can apply for the upcoming **Citizens Police Academy**. The Spring 2019 session will run from March 26, 2019 – May 16, 2019 and meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. The CPA is open to all Gwinnett County residents 18 years of age or older who successfully pass the application process and a driver and criminal history check. There will be police unit demonstrations and practical exercises, all free of charge. Applications must be submitted no later than Monday, March 18, 2019 and can be found on the [volunteer opportunity page](#) of the GCPD website. Applicants may also submit for the Fall 2019 session with dates to be determined.

City of Berkeley Lake – Mayor’s Message

Some of you enjoyed the Duluth **Wildcat Walk 5K Fun Run** last year and it’s coming up again on May 4. Here’s the information if you’d like to participate.

Lois D. Salter



**WILDCAT WALK
5K FUN RUN**

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SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

A Duluth Community Event & Fundraiser | \$20 Registration Fee
Duluth High School – 3737 Brock Road, Duluth, GA 30096
On-Site Registration – 7:45 a.m. | Warm-Up/Pep Rally – 8:30 a.m. | Race – 9:00 a.m.
Early Bird Registration Online by April 20, 2019
www.duluthwildcatwalk.com
For More Information Call: 470-251-CATS (2287)