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I've always thought we should have a **Berkeley Lake Garden Tour**, since so many of you work so hard on yours. Happily, one has now been organized to benefit the Chapel's Legacy Expansion Project (updating our 60-year-old Chapel). **On Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM, rain or shine, you can tour 7 beautiful gardens** in River Mansions, Hermitage Plantation, Miramont, and Berkeley Lake Estates and get lots of ideas for your own landscaping projects. Begin at the Chapel where you can buy a ticket for \$20 (cash or check, no credit cards). I'm looking forward to this! If you need further information, see [here](#).

Speaking of gardens, **Faye Harwell is this month's Yard of the Month winner**. Congratulations to her and former mayor Bernie Cohen who enjoy this wonderful space year-round. Faye told me regarding this honor, "I'm sending announcements to all the deer who help me with pruning chores. They have certainly helped when it comes to plant selection!" She has a sense of humor to go with her sense of beauty, as well as hard work, deer notwithstanding.



As most of you know, our neighbor Lesley Pendleton is the outstanding principal at our local elementary school. She updated us recently on the **construction project going on at the school** and hopes that the noise will not be so loud as the exterior walls go up and work moves inside. The entire addition is slated to be finished by December and work out front will be finished at the end of the summer. Lesley does not have direct control over the project but is happy to pass along concerns as they arise. You can email her at lesley_pendleton@gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

Many thanks to our city staff for organizing a **great Earth Day event** and to Jill Rice and Tracey Settlage for sponsoring the shredding truck. We are all a little further along now with our spring cleaning!



Our next big city event will be our much-loved **Independence Day Celebration**. If you are able to help paint children's faces, play games with them, cook hot dogs, etc. on July 4th, please let me know or call City Hall to volunteer.



City Council member Rod Hammond and his wife Andrita are sponsoring a musical event at our Chapel on **Sunday May 12, at 5:00 PM**. Come and enjoy the music of **The Bonaventure Quartet** by the lake. Picnic table seating is available. Guests may also bring lawn chairs and coolers. Smoking isn't

allowed. In case of inclement weather, the concert will take place in the chapel. Read more about the concert [here](#).

Our State House Representative Beth Moore attended our most recent city council meeting to report on House Bill 379 which, at my request, she sponsored in the recent legislative session. With the help of our State Senator Zahra Karinhak this bill passed both chambers and has now gone to the Governor. Conceived and authored by our little city’s staff, this new law will make things better for cities throughout Georgia by providing for uniform annual reporting for SPLOST expenditures. **Our city council is most grateful for the efforts of Representative Moore and Senator Karinhak for their responsiveness and hard work on our behalf.** Some of you met them when they attended our Hometown Heroes Day with our police officers, seen here.



At a recent meeting of Gwinnett mayors, I was asked to share information about **the Gwinnett Stripers baseball team group tickets**. It sounds like fun to me, for homeowner associations, or whatever party people you may want to gather. See [here](#) and contact them for a fun evening with your friends and neighbors.

Thanks to the BLOSOMS for the senior luncheon they put on yearly. I went last week and had a great time. The theme this year was 50s music (thanks to Scott Lee) and dress (note Ginny Nevins’s poodle skirt). The third charmer in this picture is John Cochran who provided the entertainment – an astonishing 3-minute performance of The Wizard of Oz, including singing, dialog, the works. If you missed it, I hope you can prevail upon him to do it again some time. Indescribable!



Since I have a picture of **Ginny Nevins** here, I’ll make her our **Hometown Hero** for this issue. As most of you know, Ginny works hard in our community, not only selling real estate, but volunteering in all kinds of ways, as she was in organizing, with Debbie Peters’s help, the Senior Luncheon featured above. Ginny also sponsors the Christmas Lights Extravaganza each year for our city. She loves Berkeley Lake because: “People take care of each other. Nobody asks what you do for a living. They want to know you as a person.” Ginny enjoys traveling, cooking and night cruises around the lake with husband, John. Thanks for all you do, Ginny!

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