



Special Edition - March 25, 2020

My dear friends and neighbors,

Today I signed an **Emergency Declaration for Berkeley Lake** in response to the very unusual circumstances in which we currently find ourselves. I have been working for days with 15 other mayors in our county and with our very able county commission chair, Charlotte Nash, to craft something that will give clarity for all in our county. If one city has different requirements from an adjacent one or from the unincorporated county area, it becomes very confusing for our citizens to know when they cross some invisible line between jurisdictions. I am most grateful, not only for the genuine servant leader who is our county commission chair, but for all the mayors who have worked so hard together to fashion something that was the best we could do for our citizens, without regard to politics or self-interest. [Please read the document here.](#)

As you know we have closed City Hall although our staff still works inside to be available to you by phone, email, and if necessary, in person with appointments. We have now also closed the children's park until further notice, and **I am regretfully canceling our Earth Day collection, shredding, recycling, etc.** We will hope to get that back at some point, but I can't foresee that now. Some businesses like bars, fitness centers, etc. will now be closed and others like restaurants will be limited in the service they can offer. All businesses that remain open for the public must do whatever is necessary to maintain at least 6 feet of distance between people.

Resurfacing of streets from Ridge Road to North Berkeley Lake Road on Lakeshore Drive, Hermitage Plantation and Bayway Circle should begin mid-April to early May. Once paving starts, it shouldn't take more than 2 weeks, weather permitting. For the associated concrete and shoulder work which started today, there could be short single-lane closures during concrete pours in the areas of Little Ridge Road at Lakeshore Drive and Lakeshore Drive locations near Hilltop Lane and Valley View Drive. This concrete work should be completed next week, weather permitting.

The decisions we made are not without controversy. They were not made lightly. They may change, as the situation changes. I can't know with any certainty what is coming, but I am confident that my Berkeley Lake neighbors will continue our strong tradition of working together and caring for each other. You really are remarkable in that regard, and I am grateful to be in this struggle with you.

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