



April 12, 2021

Berkeley Lake's Earth Day is this Saturday, April 17 from 9 AM until 2 PM. City staff members will be on hand at City Hall to assist residents with shredding documents, disposal of unwanted items and recycling of others. Waste Management will be accepting yard waste



and large household items such as desks, mattresses, box springs, etc. for disposal. A metal recycler will be accepting scrap metal, appliances, lawn mowers, grills, and other metal items. Iron Mountain will be providing onsite shredding, thanks to Jill Rice and Tracey Settlege who are contributing the cost of the shredder truck. Thanks to the Chapel for allowing us to position the shredder in their parking lot. Please remember that these services are provided by the City of Berkeley Lake at no cost only to citizens, so **bring your identification showing a Berkeley Lake address in**

order to dispose of or recycle items. The following will not be accepted: construction debris, wet paints, entire trees, televisions, microwave ovens, tires, Uhaul-style trucks, panel trucks, commercial or landscaping vehicles. If you need to dispose of a television, please call Waste Management at (678) 495-0058 to make arrangements with them to pick the television up at your home. We are planning to have an electronics recycling event in Berkeley Lake on April 22, and I'll send more information about that once I have it. If you can't make it this Saturday or if you have hard-to-recycle items such as wet paint and tires, [Gwinnett County will hold their Earth Day](#) event next Saturday, April 24 from 9 AM until 12 PM.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at one or more of the cleanup activities we've had recently. The litter cleanup along PIB had 23 volunteers and collected approximately 36 oversized bags of trash and assorted debris. At the Sweep the Hooch event, 20 volunteers collected 60 bags of trash, 3 bags of recycling, 3 tires and other debris like metal and batteries.



Thanks also to Chip McDaniel and all the blood donors he recruited who gave 59 units of blood. That has the potential to save 177 lives! Chip is planning another blood drive for early November.



I met today with one of our Random Acts of Kindness ladies and we talked about some **celebrations** we would like to share for 4 groups in our city: **graduates, educators, first responders, and healthcare workers**. If you or a member of your family or neighbor is one of these, please send me the following information about that person to mayor@berkeleylake.com. Name, address, email, phone number, celebrating because? (graduating from which high school or college, teaching at..., works at....) I hope we can make something good happen for these folks, share their joys, celebrate and support their very valuable work.

As you know I have been working with various elected officials to get some **stronger laws against street racers**, and there is [good news to report as the General Assembly has approved a bill](#) to be signed by Governor Kemp.



Berkeley Lake has received **more recognition as a great place to live!** [According to the Atlanta Journal Constitution:](#)

“In addition to being the No. 3 best place to buy a house, Berkeley Lake was No. 2 of 453 best places to raise a family in Georgia and No. 2 of 164 for best suburbs to raise a family. Median home value, according to Niche, is \$442,000, and median rent is \$1,821. Most people in Berkeley Lake, 96%, own their homes. Niche gave Berkeley Lake an overall grade of A+.”

Each year the **City of Berkeley plants trees for Arbor Day**. Planting trees and education about trees is part of the requirement to be a “Tree City”. Susan Hanson and the Berkeley Lake Conservancy this year chose to plant 3 dogwood trees in the Henderson Nature Park



area near the spillway. Susan shared the following things to remember when planting a tree: Dig a wide hole to give plenty of soft dirt for the tree to grow. If you look carefully at the tree you are planting, you can see where the upper trunk starts and the root section ends. Do not place dirt above the root section. Place mulch 1” thick around the tree, but not above the trunk collar. Water the tree weekly if it does not rain. The best time for planting is during the winter months, because the roots can grow without the extra water needed for leaves. In the

Henderson Nature Park, the trees with the persistent, creamy tan leaves are beech trees. The tall pine stump is for the birds, who may build a nest in it. The large log on the ground, stabilizes the hill. Both provide places for bugs to live, and bugs provide food for the birds. Another thing to observe from the park—leave the leaves on the ground under the trees. They provide mulch to keep the trees healthy, keep weeds from sprouting, and could even provide a place for a butterfly to live through the winter!

If you got your COVID-19 vaccine through the health department in Gwinnett County before they started issuing **CDC Vaccine Record Cards**, you can visit the Norcross Health Dept. branch off Indian Trail Rd. to get cards. You will need your driver's license and copies of the paperwork issued to you when you received your first and second dose. I’m told by a friend

that she was out in 15-20 minutes. It has also been suggested to me that laminating the cards is not a good idea, because you may want to add a booster to them at some point in the future. Here’s more [info about Covid-19 Vaccine Cards](#) if you need it.



Congratulations to the Volino family who have won April’s Yard of the Month award. Thanks to them and to all who work so hard to beautify their homes and our city.



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