



April 15, 2022

Remember our city's **Earth Day on Saturday, April 23 from 10 AM - 2 PM**. Please go first to the Chapel parking lot where **Jill Rice and Tracey Settlege** have committed again to sponsor the shredder truck. Many thanks to them! There you will also find a **truck from Fully Furnished Ministries**, a faith-based furniture bank run by volunteers who collect and deliver furniture to veterans needing housing, women fleeing abuse, refugees, hurricane and fire victims, and others who need help. If you have any furniture or household goods that could help someone, please offer it to these folks before moving on to our City Hall parking lot where you will find our own Waste Management guys waiting for **"big trash"** and a **metal recycling guy**. We will also be collecting **towels or washcloths and flat sheets,**



not fitted ones, for animal shelters. These need to be clean and have no holes, fringe

or strings which can choke some of the animals. If you have **American flags** that are worn or faded, you can leave those with me, and I will get them to a Scout troop that will respectfully retire them with honor. I appreciate the Chapel opening their parking lot for us and remind you all that **someone will check**

your proof of Berkeley Lake residency at the entrance to both parking lots. They will not be taking yard trash, paint cans or chemical liquids, construction debris, propane tanks, tires, or large metal appliances and poles. Also, nothing that contains lithium batteries, is combustible, or anything over 8 feet long. That won't fit in the truck.





Berkeley Lake

American Red Cross Blood Drive
4043 S Berkeley Lake Road NW Duluth, GA 30096

Saturday, April 23, 2022

9am – 3pm

Lake Berkeley Chapel

To schedule an appointment to donate please visit
www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter
sponsor code: **Berkeley**

I need to share a little information about **city rights-of-way** because most of us don't know about them or fully understand. We normally think of our front yard as extending to the street, but if you look at your plat or property survey you will see that there's an area along the streets that belongs to the city. That's necessary for us to maintain streets, traffic signs, stormwater infrastructure, power and communication lines, etc. People have the right to park in front of your house on the ROW, although overnight parking there is not allowed for anyone. The city has ordinances that control signage, so if you need to put a sign in front of your house, please be sure that it is at least 10 feet back from the edge of the pavement. We understand that some of the older streets in the city have kind of wonky rights-of-way, so if you can show the City Marshal a certified survey showing your property to be closer than 10 feet from the edge of the pavement, we will, of course, honor that. We are just using 10 feet as a rule of thumb to help everybody figure this out as best we can.

On that same Saturday there will also be a plant sale and a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Chapel. As you are probably aware, we have a significant and at times dangerous blood shortage, so please come help if you can. If you can share in this way, it may save the life of someone you know or care about. See info here.

Speaking of plant sales, there is also one at Gwinnett Tech on April 19-21. I have bought stuff from them for several years that their students have grown. See info here.



GWINNETT TECH HORTICULTURE DEPT.

- Annuals
- Perennials
- Veggies/Herbs
- Trees/Shrubs
- Houseplants

(common to semi-rare)

ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE
APRIL 19th-21st
9AM-4PM

Lwalls@gwinnettech.edu
678-226-4566



Thanks so much to **Julie Huntington and her volunteers** who helped in our recent food drive! Julie says, “it is encouraging and so special how the people in our little town come together to help so many people that they don’t even know. As I looked through the bags, I could see that our families went out and intentionally shopped and purchased items that they knew someone else needed. It really is wonderful.” They collected approximately 250 bags of groceries and \$400 in donations (from the David B. Quin Fund). Thanks to these great volunteers: **Jim Sheppard, LeeAnn and Tod Senne, Debbie Peters, Susan Hanson, Beena Meshramkar, Wendy and Tim Shaw, Sandy and Bill Lacy, Amy and John Parker, Joy McCleskey, Cindy Purcell, Amy and Tim Rider, Daniel, Jamie, Chris, and Anna Huntington.**

As you know I maintain a continuing contact with the **leaders of the 2 largest area bicycle groups** and appreciate their efforts to coexist peacefully with all of our walkers and drivers. Here is a recent communication I got from one of them for which I was most grateful: “One thing I wanted to mention regards a situation that came up in another area we ride in. In that case a walker was approached and then followed by a suspicious vehicle. It reminded me that we can also be observant for things that are “not quite right” and report suspicious activity if necessary. I’m not aware of anything like that which has happened at Berkeley Lake, but we will be watchful.” Thank you biker guys!

My featured Berkeley Lake business today is Premier Martial Arts. They say they don't see themselves as just a martial arts studio. They see the teenage girl whom they are helping to regain her self-confidence, or the overly energetic child, confused by his ADHD diagnosis who is now learning with them the power of focus. For more information visit 4895 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suite 107 or call Program Director John Dressel at 470-289-1700.



City of Berkeley Lake – Mayor’s Message

This month’s **Fun Fact about Berkeley Lake:** 25% of residents hold a master’s degree or higher, and 41% a bachelor’s degree.

Enjoy our beautiful Spring!



Lois D. Satter