



October 4, 2023

Our city has scheduled an election for **November 7**. Advance in-person voting will be available in City Hall from 9 AM until 5 PM on the following dates: October 16-21, October 23-28, and October 30 through November 3. On November 7 the polls will be open in City Hall from 7 AM until 7 PM. If you need to register to vote in this election, you need to do that on or before October 10. Our city website shows a sample ballot (seen here) to help you make your choices for voting. Check out the Secretary of State's website for information regarding [acceptable forms of photo ID](#), and be sure to take photo ID with you when you go to vote.

Citizens will have an opportunity to hear from the candidates at a **Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 11 at 7 PM at the Lake Berkeley Chapel**. The Chapel Board is providing the building for the meeting and is not endorsing any candidate. Bill Lacy has worked hard to organize all of this and recruited Barbara Geier to be moderator. Since the Chapel has limited space, arrangements have been made for people to participate through Zoom without leaving the comfort of their homes.

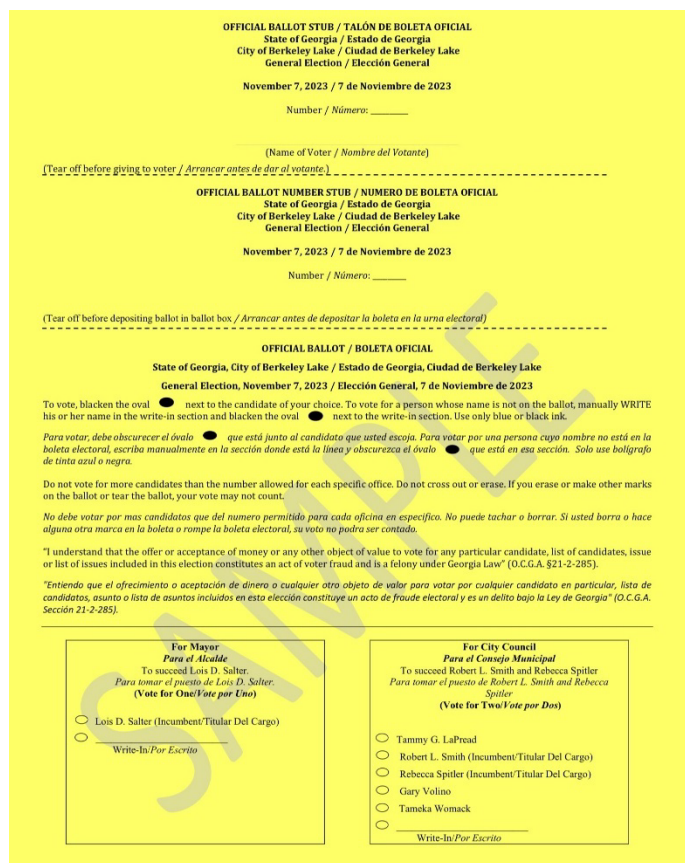
To Join the Zoom Meeting

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Thanks to everyone who came out to our recent **Electronics Recycling and Drug Takeback Day**. We had a good turnout at the same time of citizens who stopped in to share their ideas about our city's Comprehensive Plan. Thank you for your time.

I always look forward to our city's twice-yearly **time change food pick-up**, organized by Julie Huntington, and her great bunch of volunteers. Be sure to have your bags of non-perishable food and household goods out by your mailbox no later than **1**

PM on Sunday, November 5. They will deliver them to the Duluth Cooperative Ministry, which does such good work in our community. Please mark this day and don't forget. For early drop-off there will be a collection tub at City Hall beginning Wednesday, November 1.

During the recent **Great Southeast Pollinator Census (GSPC)** in August our City Hall's garden was found to be hosting dozens of insects, including bees, wasps, moths and butterflies that were especially attracted to the garden's healthy stand of Mountain Mint (seen here). To find out more about how individuals or groups can participate in this fun, educational and useful project, please explore the website: gsepc.org. Our Berkeley Lake Conservancy is looking to partner with school, scout, church or gardening groups interested in attracting and supporting pollinators through our community or backyard gardens. To find out more about hands-on learning opportunities, please contact Susan Hanson, the BLC Chair, at susanchanson@bellsouth.net.



While thinking of gardens, I want also to share that the Gwinnett Tech horticulture department is having their **fall sale of student grown plants on October 17-19 from 9 AM to 4 PM**. You will find cool season veggies, annuals, trees and shrubs, perennials, and houseplants.

With fall coming up, I want to remind everybody please not to rake or blow **leaves and other yard debris** into our drainage ditches and roadways which results in clogged storm drains and possible flooding and property damage. If the leaves do make it through the storm drains, they flow into our streams and lake, which is not a good thing either. You may want to blow leaves and yard debris into natural areas under shrubs and trees in the woods on your property, because they make good mulch, holding moisture for growing plants and preventing soil erosion. Otherwise, please bag your yard debris and set it out for collection and disposal by Waste Management.

As most of you know, about this time every year I send out a call for volunteers who might be willing to serve on any of our **city's committees** in the coming year. If you are interested in serving on the Berkeley Lake Conservancy, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the citizens' Finance Committee, the Park Committee, or the Arts Committee, please let me know. There may be an opening coming up if some of our current folks roll off. The involvement of people who are so generous in volunteering their time is one of the major strengths of our city. There is information about committees on our city's website and I will be happy to discuss options for committee work with any interested citizens. I will be making appointments to committees as usual at the first City Council meeting in January.



Visit the Northside Screen Atlanta
Mobile Mammography Van



October 10, 2023
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Offering Screening Mammograms for the Employees and Residents of Berkeley Lake
Limited Appointments. First Come, First Served.

Lincoln Property Company
1755 North Brown Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30043
(Parking lot)

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
To schedule your appointment contact Marie DeLong at 678.312.8509 or marie.delong@northside.com

SCREENING REQUIREMENTS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Appointment is required.
- Please notify us of any special needs when scheduling your appointment.
- Insurance can be billed, payment will depend on policy coverage.
- Financial Assistance available for qualified applicants.
- A written order from your doctor is required.
- Please refrain from any deodorant, powder or creams on the day of the exam




Northside ScreenAtlanta is an ACR/ACR/ACR/ACR certified, specialty equipped van, providing mammogram screening services on our mobile unit. With the same high quality images as those provided at our outpatient imaging locations, each mammogram is performed by a Northside Hospital Registered Radiologic Technologist (RRT) with advanced training and certification in mammography, and is interpreted by a board-certified radiologist, who has received advanced training in breast imaging.

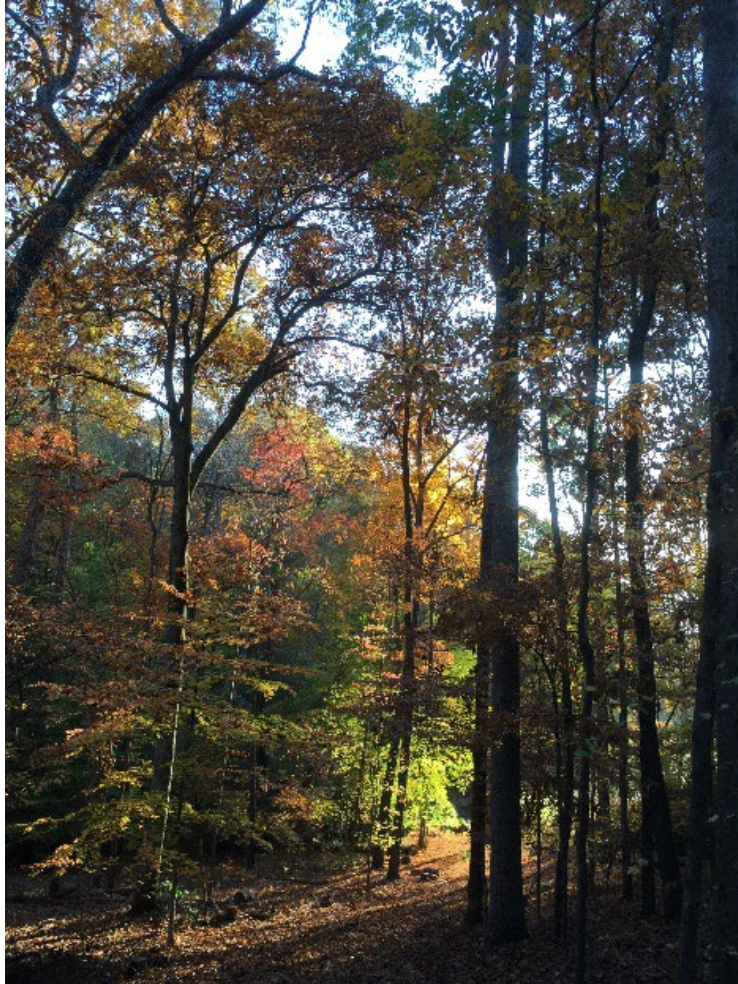
October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and **mammogram** appointments at the hospital often fill up quickly. There will be a mobile mammography unit at 1755 N. Brown Rd. in Lawrenceville near Sugarloaf Mills on October 10. You will need to pre-register for an appointment time and submit a physician's order requesting the mammogram. Anyone requesting an appointment or with questions, please just call 678-312-8500.

I have been asked by the Gwinnett Municipal Association to share some information from Dr. Audrey Arona, who leads our **regional public health** authority. Re COVID-19, the good news is that the majority of the U.S. population has some level of immunity due to infection, vaccination or both. Because immunity wanes over time, coupled with emerging new variants, she highly encourages individuals to receive the recently-approved, newest monovalent COVID-19 vaccine. This vaccine was

recently approved by the FDA, the CDC-ACIP Committee and the CDC Director and is considered highly safe. It is anticipated to benefit all age groups, including the age group for which there is a small risk of myocarditis, and may be given at the same time as any other adult or pediatric vaccine including influenza and/or RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). She says anyone over the age of 65 should consider getting the high-dose flu vaccine. Check out any old [at-home COVID tests for expiration and other information here.](#)

Our Gwinnett County Police officers are offering **firearm safety and security classes** on October 11, November 1, and November 15. Class sizes are limited and registration is required. For more information email PDCommunityAffairs@gwinnettcountry.com or call 678.442.6520.

This month's **Fun Fact about Berkeley Lake**: 950 of our houses are owner occupied, not rented. Of those, 540 have a mortgage and 410 do not.



Happy Fall, Y'all!

Lois D. Salter