



April 15, 2024



Please remember our city's **Earth Day is this Saturday, April 20 from 10 AM to 2 PM**. Besides the usual two trucks from Waste Management and the shredder truck sponsored by Jill Rice and Tracey Settlege, we will also have Fully Furnished Ministries here to take reusable furniture and the metal recycling guy who will take a lot of stuff you might not think of - see below. It's good to keep all of this stuff out of the landfill.

- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners
- Washers, dryers, water heaters
- Microwaves and Metal signage
- Lawn mowers, gym equipment
- Junk cars, trailers, small aluminum / metal Jon boats
- Car parts and batteries
- Piping, sink faucets & fittings
- Outdoor furniture and grills
- DVD players, VCRs, gaming systems
- Cabinet knobs
- Metal, computers, wire, old cords /wiring, steel/copper/aluminum/brass
- No TVs of any kind or furniture unless it's all metal

From our Police Precinct Commander, who is always very attentive and responsive to our needs: "Since January we have had a sharp increase in both commercial burglaries and car break-ins in the area. For the most part they have avoided Berkeley Lake. We started a Crime Suppression Task Force last month to address this and it has been very successful. We will get these suspects in custody; hopefully sooner than later." I know you appreciate him and his officers as much as I do. He would like me to remind you to keep our cars locked and belongings always out of sight, to get to know and watch over our neighbors, and to call 911 as soon as you can with possible crime concerns giving as much information as you can. Some of you feel more comfortable calling or texting me with those kinds of concerns, which is fine because I want

to be helpful when I can, but **understandably, and this is important, the police want to hear directly from a witness ASAP, not from someone who heard something secondhand.** If you can give descriptions, tag numbers, time of day, and any other information, they will want to hear that directly from you, so don't be shy about calling 911 or the Police Nonemergency number which is 770-513-5700. And remember please to bring children's books to my office to help our officers on their book drive for kids who need them.

I'm so pleased to tell you that **Andy Anderson is now serving as our new Deputy City Marshal!** Many of you already know him and his wife Bonnie, who live in our city. Andy grew up on a farm helping from a young age, hunting and fishing the Mississippi River with nets and baskets, so he has a lifelong appreciation for our beautiful natural environment. At 18 he left home for Los Angeles and had a range of experiences in jobs and volunteer work. He is glad to have "found Bonnie" and they are very happy to be part of our BL community. He says he thinks it's "rare and wonderful to find such a kind group of people. We want to be part of this community that helps and accepts one another." Gotta say "Amen" to that!



Thanks to our hard-working City Marshal Rob Hiller, who stayed on the city of Duluth officials to get their **sign removed from North Berkeley Lake Road near Miramont.** That was confusing to a lot of people, and it took a while to be resolved, but Rob stuck with it.



I think we all love the **Berkeley Lake LENS contest winner** from February - a picture caught by **Rachel Clark** when Rich and Phyllis Tatgenhorst took their joyful leap together. The 501(c)(3) that Rachel chose to receive her \$50 prize is the Frontline Policy Council.

Many thanks to Dov Jacobson, our technical wizard, without whom the BL LENS program would not be happening. He is seen here with **Kim Berry** who won again in March, and I got to play with Enzo! Her picture "Daffodil Field with Grandson" was taken at



the home of Bubba and Dawn Murphy in Miramont which Kim says rivals Gibbs Gardens in the springtime. The charity that Kim has chosen to receive the prize (courtesy of Windsor Realty) is the Berkeley Lake Chapel. You can enter your own photos on the LENS website: <http://berkeleylakelens.com/>. The winning photos are proudly displayed in City Hall.



Last month, I urged you to be careful about snakes as the weather gets warmer. Not to be a buzz kill, but now I'm also cautioning you about **ticks**. There is a particular type that the [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) describes as "**aggressive**" and carries a whole lot of pathogens, some of which could cause you to have a permanent and "deadly allergy to red meat and dairy products." I know that sounds weird, but I urge you to check out this picture and check yourself after time outside, because I have a friend who was bitten and contracted this syndrome.

Thanks to Julie Huntington and all the Berkeley Lakers who contributed to the recent food drive that she organizes twice yearly for our city. She reports that they collected about 180 bags of food and at least \$500 in donations. "As Dan and I, along with Bill and Sandy Lacy, drove up with our overflowing trucks, some of the volunteers at the Co-op came out to offer their thanks for what our city does. As always, I had great help this weekend!" So we join her in thanking these helpers: Nancy and Jim Sheppard, Lee Ann and Tod Senne, Kayla English, Kaye and Don Berg, Debbie Peters, Susan Hanson, Beena Meshramkar, Amy and John Parker, Cindy Purcell, and Julie Sandman.



While Julie and Dan Huntington are working hard for the humans, **I want also to thank two other Berkeley Lakers who have founded a group to help the animal contingent.** Stay Together Forever (STF) is a newly launched nonprofit that provides short-term fostering for pets whose owners are experiencing a temporary life crisis. STF's service area includes Berkeley Lake, and two of its cofounders, **Kay Smarr and Don Rorabaugh**, are proud Berkeley Lake residents. STF is currently in search of foster families willing to open their homes and their



hearts to well-socialized dogs and cats. The nonprofit will provide all needed vetting, food and supplies. For information about fostering, please visit staytogetherforever.org or follow them on Facebook. See here pictures of Baby and Millie who need homes.

I mentioned the new **yoga classes** in the last Mayors Message and wanted to offer this update. The instructor is the founder of To Each Is Om and works with all skill levels, ages 18 and up. The cost is \$13 per class at nearby Shorty Howell Park and you can go on either of the next two Saturdays from 9 AM to 10 AM.

April 20- Shorty Howell Park Activity Building

April 27- Shorty Howell Park Pavilion

We are really fortunate to have such good recreational facilities so near us. I and several of your neighbors splash around at the **Aqua Zumba classes** at 9:10 AM on Tuesday and Thursday mornings right here in our city at the Aquatic Center on Peachtree Industrial. The cost is only \$5 a session and I really enjoy it. Drop in some morning and see what you think.



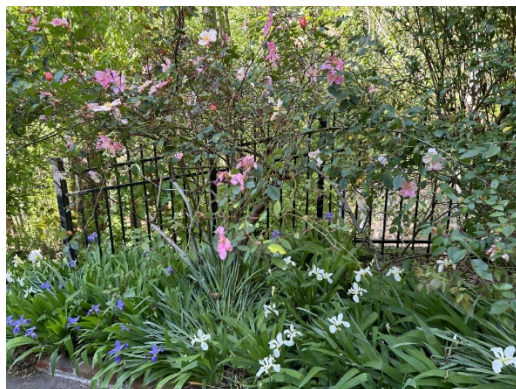
There's a lot of good information on this [handy chart](#), which can be found on the City website, regarding our removal of **garbage, recycling, yard waste and bulk items**. Please take a minute to read through this; I think you'll find it helpful.

Lakeshore Drive will be repaved from Ridge Road to Little Ridge Road in the coming months. Garrett Paving was recently awarded the contract to mill, patch and resurface this portion of Lakeshore Drive following a pavement assessment that found this section of roadway to be in the poorest condition. Stay tuned for more information regarding the project as it becomes available.

Remember to **check with city hall before beginning projects** that may require a permit or otherwise be regulated by the city's ordinances. Obtaining approval from your HOA does not constitute city approval, so be sure to ask the city in addition to your HOA.

This month's **Fun Fact about Berkeley Lake**: more of our residents who are employed work in the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services job sector than any other.

Enjoy our Spring in Beautiful Berkeley Lake!



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