



July 17, 2025

Our city's recent celebration on July 4 was a joy for all, I think. I want to thank our city staff members who planned, prepared, worked at, and cleaned up after the fun. Thanks to our police and firefighters who came to help with the parade and to let kids explore their exciting emergency vehicles, to Scott Lee for his music, Chip McDaniel for his popcorn, Laura Godfrey who sang our patriotic songs so beautifully, and most especially to Debbie Peters. She and her GASP group provided lunch for us all and wonderful kids' games and entertainment. Berkeley Lake is



the best place to be on July 4, for sure! Next year will be America's 250th birthday, which deserves some extra special celebration, and I'm hoping to find a few folks who are interested to join a planning committee. If you would like to help honor our country in this way, please let me know as soon as possible. Here's a thought: according to the American historian Ken Burns, "The American Revolution is the most important event since the birth of Christ in all of world history."

Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and Gwinnett Co. Dept. of Water Resources are teaming up to host a **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the Gwinnett Co. Fairgrounds, 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway, from 8 AM - 12 PM on Saturday, July 26**. This event provides an opportunity for Gwinnett County residents to responsibly rid their homes of potentially hazardous waste including latex and oil-based paints, pesticides, propane tanks, weed killers, fluorescent bulbs and more. For additional information please check out this [press release](#).

Our police officers have invited us to a **Firearm Safety and Security class on Thursday, July 31** at Gwinnett Police North precinct, 2735 Mall of Georgia Boulevard in Buford. Class starts promptly at 6:30 PM and spots are limited so you have to register in advance, and you can't bring your own weapons to class. Youth who plan to attend must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To secure your spot, visit [Gwinnettcountry.com/FirearmSafety](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/FirearmSafety).

Many thanks to those of you who brought school supplies to support our **police officers** in their back-to-school project for kids who need them. It was **very kind of you to share**, and our officers really appreciated it.

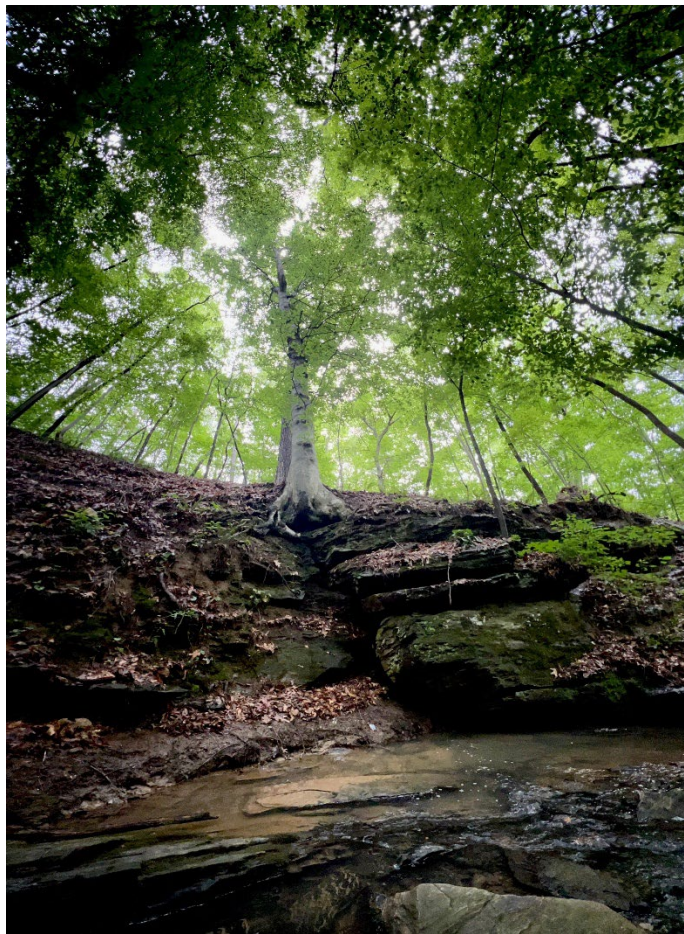
Our city has scheduled both a general and special election for November 4, 2025, to fill the expiring terms of three council members and the unexpired term of one council member. If you are interested in running, please stop by City Hall between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM Monday, August 18 to Wednesday, August 20. There you will be able to pay the necessary qualifying fee a of \$27 and file the necessary paperwork. [Here's the qualifying packet for more information.](#) Advance in-person voting will be available in City Hall from 9 AM until 5 PM on the following dates: October 14-18, October 20-25 and October 27-31. On November 4 the polls will be open in City Hall from 7 AM until 7 PM. If there is a runoff, it will take place on December 2. If you need to register to vote in this election, you need to do that on or before October 6. As you can see, we will need a lot of help to manage all these hours of the election process, so, if you are interested and able to help, please contact Leigh Threadgill who is our election superintendent and absentee ballot clerk. She can answer any questions about the election process.

Our Electronics Recycling Event is scheduled for October 4 from 10 AM until noon at City Hall. We can only take household items on that day, because our guys are not prepared to handle a truckload of stuff from a business. If you need to unload a lot of commercial electronics, you can contact [Tri Star Recycling](#) at (770) 609-2699. They are nearby at 2731 Simpson Circle, Norcross GA 30071.

Our June LENS winner is Kim Berry who submitted this gorgeous photo which she titled 'Always Look Up'. She has designated the Foundation for Fighting Blindness for her winner's award, provided by Windsor Realty.

City Council has voted to increase the **maximum fence height** in side and rear yards to 8 feet and removed time limits on temporary fencing for gardens. This is meant to mitigate the adverse impacts of deer in your garden.

Road improvements recently authorized by City Council will continue next week with milling and resurfacing in Berkeley Field followed by Berkeley Commons. The



contractor, Garrett Paving, plans to start Monday, July 21 on Lakefield Bend. City Council also approved a change order to the project for the contractor to make some small repairs to improve road conditions on Lakeshore Drive, Ridge Road, Berkeley Walk Point, and Frederica Road. The application of High Density Mineral Bond, a pavement preservation technique, in River Mansions was completed in June.



My featured Berkeley Lake business for today is Madison's Restaurant & Bar, 4790 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake. Some of our staff and Council members went by to help me cut the ribbon at their grand opening and stayed for a meal. Good food and such nice people! Go by when you get a chance and try it out.

This month's **Fun Fact about Berkeley Lake:** We have won the Tree City award again, which is a bigger deal than you might think. [According to the National League of Cities](#): "areas with poor tree coverage correlate with higher energy consumption and higher levels of air pollution. For every dollar spent on tree maintenance, \$5.82 were garnered in benefits in the form of energy savings, carbon dioxide

removal, air pollutant uptake and release, rainfall interception and property values."

Enjoy our beautiful Berkeley Lake trees as they increase your property values, slow stormwater erosion, and protect us from pollution and high energy bills. This surely is a beautiful place to be!

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