



September 9, 2025

Some of you may remember that our City Marshal Rob Hiller is a retired firefighter. Last year on September 11 he led a group of Berkeley Lake neighbors on a walk around the lake, wearing his heavy firefighter gear as a way of **honoring the first responders** who gave their lives on September 11 at the World Trade Center. If you would like to join Rob this year, **please meet at City Hall at 7 AM on Thursday, September 11.** Last year I made homemade cookies to thank those of you who made this walk. This year I regret I will be speaking at the Chamber of Commerce meeting that day, but I will leave cookies for you in City Hall.



A General and Special **Election will be held for our city on Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, to elect three at-large council members (four-year terms) and one at-large council member (two-year term). The following candidates have qualified to run for three at-large seats in the general election: Patrick Bussenius, Skipper Dahlstrom, Dick LoPresti, Bill Lyons and Chip McDaniel. The following candidates have qualified to run for one at-large seat in the special election: Bill Lacy and Gary Volino. Kathy Sanders was traveling and was unable to be here to qualify to run, but she will offer herself as a write-in candidate for the general election to fill a four-year term.

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. We are still in need of a Spanish-speaking poll worker if you know of anyone who may be interested in helping. Please contact Leigh Threadgill who is our election superintendent and absentee ballot clerk. She can answer any questions about the election process.

Our Police officers have developed an **innovative community camera sharing program** which empowers residents to actively contribute to public safety. This program strengthens the bond between law enforcement and the community, creating a safer environment for all. You can help keep our community safe by enrolling in [Gwinnett Safe Communities](#) today. By registering your camera or sharing your camera feed, you help police respond more effectively to emergencies. Your privacy is protected and access is strictly controlled and limited to specific situations. Please contact them for more information. And **thanks to all who brought school supplies** to City Hall to support our police officers and the kids they were helping to start the school year off right.



You may remember that I spoke with **Georgia Power** Regional managers a while back about our concerns for power outages in our city. They responded by mounting an “enhanced maintenance” program in Berkeley Lake, which took quite a lot of time and money. They have finished now, and I have thanked them on your behalf because to my knowledge their guys have been very careful and helpful as they moved throughout our city. I’m hoping we will have fewer outages as a result of their work and I appreciate their attention to us.



We all continue to enjoy the **LENS contest** for the outstanding photographers in our city. The winner of the July contest is Rich Tatgenhorst with his picture titled 'Full House'. He has designated Berkeley Lake Chapel for his winner’s award. Rich is seen here with other recent winners, Krystin



George and Kim Berry. Many thanks to Ginny Nevins and Windsor Realty for contributing these awards and to Chris Kimberley and Dov and Judy Jacobson for managing this effort in our city.

Whenever there is a holiday, we all wonder how our trash pick-up will be affected. **Waste management has provided a way for us to stay informed conveniently.** [Please view their information here to sign up if you would like.](#) This will enable you to see pickup schedules and service details, to pay bills and manage payment preferences, and request additional services or report issues.

Our Electronics Recycling Event is scheduled for Saturday, 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.

BLHA is finalizing **plans to lower the lake** in 2026 to facilitate seawall and dock repairs as well as to do some spot de-silting. Starting on **Monday, January 5**, the lake will be lowered approximately six feet. Allowing two weeks to lower the lake, they are telling people to plan for six weeks of making repairs, mid-January through **Sunday, March 1**. Depending upon rainfall, we expect the lake to be at full pool by the end of April. Please contact BLHA if you need more details.

Someone is posing as the city to get folks to pay for variance applications. Several recent variance applicants received **phishing emails** asking for payment of a bogus invoice. Staff immediately notified VC3, the city's IT provider, who said these incidents are **exploiting open, transparent government**. If you'll recall, a few years back the city began posting agenda packets for city council and planning and zoning commission meetings on the city's website, which is where the fraudulent invoices derive their information. Staff plans to revert to posting the agenda without the additional attachments to avoid similar problems moving forward. For any interested citizen who would like to see more information regarding the items on the agenda, email Leigh Threadgill and she will help you find what you need.



On **October 26, from 5 PM – 7 PM, there will be a Sunday Kind of Groove concert at the Pavilion** featuring the 5-piece Jordan B. Band with a homemade chili dinner. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 & under. [Sign up here.](#)

This month's **Fun Fact about Berkeley Lake**: Our 2025 millage rate is 1.194 which is equal to the rollback rate.

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