

Candidate Statement

Chip McDaniel

My wife LeAnne and I have lived in Berkeley Lake for 24 years. For the last 12 of those years, I've been honored to serve on the Berkeley Lake City Council. I humbly ask for your continued support in the upcoming election.

Looking Forward: As a city, we will always face challenges. Two prominent issues confronting the city include (1) the perennial, essential need to manage stormwater and (2) the seemingly never-ending explosion in the deer population. As your representative, I promise to study the issues, listen to my constituents, and use my inherent optimism to help develop creative solutions - while being a good steward of your tax dollars. We also need to complete our ongoing effort to update our city codes and ordinances to form the foundation to guide responsible management of future growth and development.

Fiscal Stewardship: I am pleased to say that our taxes have been maintained at the rollback rate during my tenure on City Council—which has kept our local taxes relatively level, even as the values of our houses have grown markedly. Our city has no debt, and we have even managed to rebuild modest reserves for emergencies like the September 2009 “500-year rain event,” which critically damaged the Lake Berkeley dam.

Serving Our City: I have a long history of community service. Prior to serving on City Council, I was part of the Berkeley Lake Homeowner's Association (BLHA) Board for six years, including as Communications Director, then Membership Director (achieving record membership levels at the time), and ultimately as BLHA President. I helped oversee the building of the beach pavilion and bathrooms and led the BLHA Board as we partnered with the city during the lowering of the lake and the planning to rebuild the dam. I also coordinate the city's flag and cross memorial display for the weeks around Memorial Day and Veterans' Day – *(thanks to all the other neighbors who help with this!)*.

Education and Work: I grew up in Jackson, Mississippi and graduated from Georgia Tech in 1990. I've worked in the field of industrial automation for my entire career, starting as a co-op student while at Tech. To encourage middle and high school students to choose a scientific and/or technical education, I've volunteered with *FIRST* Robotics for many years. I'm President Emeritus, and still serving actively on the board of directors for the state arm of the international *FIRST* organization.

Contacting Me: I would love to hear from you and would be happy to answer any questions. My city email is Council5@BekeleyLake.com, and personal email is only1chip@gmail.com – or feel free to call or text me at 404-358-2447.

I also coordinate blood drives in the city during May and November (***the next one is Saturday, November 15 at the Chapel, please join us as we save some lives!***). You can register [here](#).