



April 6, 2012

Here's an **update on the dam construction**: The contractor has completed clearing and grubbing operations, and is preparing to install the waterline on the north side of North Berkeley Lake Road. The pump system has been installed and is working to draw the lake down to elevation 912. As of yesterday, the water level was at 938.34, and is coming down approximately 1.5 feet per day. Once the lake is down to about elevation 912, the contractor will remove the fish. They will begin excavating the downstream toe of the dam along North Berkeley Lake Road to elevation 908, and will install a dewatering system to draw down the water table. You can get an overall view from this aerial photo taken on April 3.



**Remember our community activities this weekend in the city.** Tomorrow (Saturday) is the **BLOSOMS Easter Egg Hunt** at the Chapel at noon. Many thanks to the ladies for providing this again for our Berkeley Lake kids. Also tomorrow from 10:00 AM until noon our city's Arts Advisory Committee is hosting **A Cup of Jo at City Hall**. Come share a cup of coffee and enjoy the artwork of our own Jo Lackey. Then Sunday morning the Chapel is hosting a **Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM**.

**Berkeley Lake's Spring Earth Day will take place on Saturday, April 14, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM at City Hall.** Advanced Disposal will take yard waste and large household items such as desks, mattresses, box springs, etc. No construction debris, wet paints, or entire trees. No TV's will be accepted at City Hall. If you need to dispose of a TV please call Advanced Disposal and they will pick up at your home. Iron Mountain will provide paper shredding and Roy Crawford will take scrap metal, appliances, lawn mowers, grills, car and truck batteries, etc. ReBoot will take your computer and information technology equipment, cabling and other electronics. They also provide donation forms for tax deduction. There is a \$5.00 charge for each CRT monitor. They do NOT take microwaves, just IT equipment. Please remember that this is a service of your city provided only to you as citizens. You will need to bring identification showing a Berkeley Lake address.

I understand that BLHA is organizing a lake cleanup and I hope other neighborhoods are doing similar projects as well. Some of you have asked if the city has organized a garage sale, but we only do that once a year, and not this time. If you have some things you'd like to donate rather than send to a landfill, there's a **garage sale very nearby on the same day for a good cause**. On that Saturday, April 14 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, the Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church at 5100 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross, GA 30092 is having a garage sale raising money to build a home for a poor family. Anything that you would like to donate to this cause will be greatly appreciated. If you can hang onto it until Friday before the sale, that would be great. If you need to have an item picked up, please email Sam Tapley ([spt404@hotmail.com](mailto:spt404@hotmail.com)) or Ed McDonald ([edmacmo@gmail.com](mailto:edmacmo@gmail.com)) to make arrangements.

**Berkeley Lake Elementary PTA is having a delicious pancake breakfast** to help their Assistant Principal, who recently was diagnosed with Stage 4 Lymphoma. He is undergoing long-term treatment with a positive 90-95% success rate, but he and his wife have six children and are in need of our support. It's **Saturday, April 21st from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM** in the Berkeley Lake Elementary School Cafeteria. Cost is \$5 per ticket, but it's free for children under 3, and there's a maximum \$20 per family of 4 or more. Support our local school and this family while enjoying pancakes, sausages, coffee, juice, and more.

Tom Rozier has been working to get **new street lights for Habersham Lane** since they are now part of our city. Georgia Power has agreed to install new light poles and pay for them and to transfer the cost of lighting to the city going forward. As you know our city taxes pay the lighting costs for all our citizens. As county residents the Habersham folks had been paying this cost to Gwinnett County in addition to their county taxes. The work on streetlights should be complete within the next two weeks. Tom is also working to get refunds from the county for Habersham Lane residents of their 2012 solid waste fees.

**Thanks to Susan Hanson** for organizing the Wildflower Walk through our greenspace. It was a pleasure to enjoy the beauty that we share around us and to hear her descriptions of plants along the way. Susan is a certified Master Gardener as well as chairperson of our Berkeley Lake Conservancy. Here she's showing us one of the spots where the BLC volunteers removed so much privet recently.



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