



May 11, 2012

Leigh Threadgill, Deputy City Administrator will be moving to LaGrange with her husband and three children at the end of May. For almost six years, Leigh has been an invaluable asset to us all in bringing the city to where it is today. I cannot begin to tell you how important her contributions have been; and we will all miss her. **Lane Shutt and Kay Lee are planning a “Going Away Gathering” to give us all a chance to thank Leigh and tell her goodbye.** It is scheduled for **Thursday, May 17th, from 5-7 PM** at city hall prior to the regular city council meeting. Join us for refreshments and help give Leigh a warm Berkeley Lake send-off.



Take a *Walk on the Wildside* at the Blue Heron Art Gallery in City Hall. The theme is all that is wild in nature – from fish to fowl, from wild waters to animals that roam at night. This 3-D exhibit features artwork by resident artists and proud fishermen. So, come take a *Walk on the Wild Side* at the **Grand Opening of Berkeley Lake’s Wildlife Exhibit on Saturday, May 19** from 3 to 6 PM. The exhibit will be displayed throughout the summer. Many thanks to our Art Advisory Committee: Carol Seitz, BJ Barrett, Diane Cuttino, Patty Green, and Sandy Lacy for putting this together for us.

The dam repair is on schedule. We are close to finishing the water line and are continuing to excavate as I described in my last *Mayor’s Message*. When that’s complete we’ll install a “dewatering system” to lower the water table in the area temporarily which will facilitate good reconstruction of the dam. This will be localized to the dam area. We won’t be pulling down the water table in any way that would affect your gardens at home. Both pumps will stay to keep water from building up behind the dam as we’re working on it. We’ll probably be able to move one of the pumps in October.

Senator David Shafer will be my guest at the BLHA Low Boil on Saturday, May 19. If you are there that evening, please thank him personally for his efforts in our behalf, or you may email him at david@votedavid.com.



Thanks to Jo Lackey and Marilyn Suriani who have recently contributed their artwork to the permanent collection at City Hall. Jo's watercolor and Marilyn's photograph are both beautiful; and staff and visitors enjoy them daily. Many thanks to both ladies. We are also grateful to **Tom Kitchens** who built and installed a beautiful coat rack at City Hall. Few have contributed as much to our city in so many ways over the years as Tom.



On Tuesday, July 31, voters will decide if they want to support the "T-SPLOST" for transportation improvements. If approved a one-cent sales tax for the next 10 years would be devoted exclusively to local and regional transportation projects. Funds collected in a district could only be spent in that same district and only to move forward projects chosen by local elected officials. More than 1,600 such local projects throughout the state have been selected by city and county leaders. For further information on the important Transportation Referendum, please visit the [Department of Transportation website](#). If you'd like to ask questions about this directly from an expert, one will be available at the BLHA Low Boil on Saturday, May 19. If other homeowner associations would like a similar visit, contact Jon Richards at 770-823-2724.



Mudfairies & Happy Hogs Coming Soon to Berkeley Lake

The Berkeley Lakeside Market is set to begin on **Thursday May 24th** in the Chapel parking lot from 4-7 PM and continue every Thursday throughout the summer. The following is a list of expected vendors:

MudFairy Farm –fresh produce	Freshly Milled Bread –breads, grains, soup mixes
Happy Hogs –all natural premium pork cuts, sausages, bacon	HeavenMustBeLikeThis –cakes with all natural agave sweetener
CalyRoad Creamery –small batch cheese	QBella – spreads, sauces, tapenades
Goodness Gracious Granola –whole grain bars, cereal, nut mixes	GrassRoots Farm –pasture raised poultry, quail, eggs
The Barn –pastry chef, pies	Elsa Liebenberg –oil paintings, cards, jewelry
Sugar Tree Farm –fresh produce, honey, asian pears	Jo Lackey –art in many forms, including market bags
Phoenix Gardens –fresh produce, eggs	Theo Art & Jewelry –art, jewelry
Watsonia Farms – peaches, nectarines	NaturaSimply Essential Oils –aromatherapy

I encourage you to **BUY BERKELEY LAKE** and support the commercial enterprises that now share our tax base. I'll be featuring those in future *Mayor's Messages* so that you'll know who they are. For this issue, I'd like to introduce you to Greg Sampson, the manager at **Zaxby's** at 4850 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Please go by when you can and welcome Greg. If you bring proof of residency in Berkeley Lake, he will give you **10% off of any purchase from now through June**. Greg is also going to contribute food for our Girl Scout troop to enjoy when they dedicate the butterfly garden they've recently created at the Chapel. Thanks, Greg.

Lois D. Salter