



October 9, 2012



Remember that our [Fall Earth Day](#) will be this **Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM at City Hall**. Please remember to bring proof of city residency since this service is not for others beyond our city. Advanced Disposal will be there to take yard waste, large household items such as desks, mattresses, box springs, etc. but they will not be taking construction debris, carpet, wet paints, entire trees or televisions. You can contact Advanced Disposal to arrange for televisions to be picked up individually. Iron Mountain will be providing secure paper shredding services. The Friends of Disabled Adults and Children will be here to take a variety of home medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, shower and toilet supports, therapy aides, canes, specialized mattresses, etc.) They also need gently used household items for their thrift store, so clean out the attic! You can bring electronic and computer items as well as scrap metal, appliances, lawn mowers, grills, and car/truck batteries.

There will also be a [City-Wide Garage Sale](#) on **Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13 from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM** with advertising in the newspaper and on Craig's List provided by the city.

It's going to be a busy weekend around here because there will also be a big **ArtFest in our city** from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM Saturday and noon to 6:00 PM Sunday. You may have been confused by signs appearing like this.



What has happened is that after much work to prepare for a Peachtree Corners art festival, the organizer (one of their new city council members) found that it would not be allowed where they had planned it. He contacted me to ask for help and we found a place for him on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Your council and staff have held an extra meeting and worked hard to make arrangements that would be good for the festival organizers as well as Berkeley Lake. Our goal is to become good neighbors with this new city. Come out and enjoy food, art, and lots of other vendors plus a Kidz Zone with face painting, balloons, slides, bull ride and much more. A beer/wine garden will be presented by our Berkeley Lake restaurant GABBA. Sheriff's deputies will be providing security. Some of the funds raised at this event will be given in grants to community organizations, and we have been promised some decision making participation in awarding those. For more information, visit the [festival website](#).

Last week I spent some time reading to the kids at **Berkeley Lake Elementary** and met the new principal there – Dr. Bearse. She is as enthusiastic about the school and community as her predecessor and I believe she will do a great job. We can all congratulate **Candy Steventon** of Lakeshore Drive who is the school's Teacher of the Year! That is quite an honor. I urge you to support the **Duluth Cluster Schools**

Foundation Gala this Friday evening, October 12, at the Duluth Town Green at 7:00 PM. It will be a night of live music, food, and drinks, raising money for the public schools in our area. I do believe that strong local schools foster strong local property values. Our own Correy Herb is one of the leaders of this effort and you can contact her for further information or make your reservation at the [foundation website](#).



And if that isn't enough to keep you busy this weekend, **all are welcome at the BLHA's October 13th Fall Festival on the Chapel grounds**. Children's games (inflatables, pumpkin painting, apple bobbing and various other contests) will begin at 12:30 PM on Saturday. Hot dogs and drinks will be available for purchase (\$2.00 for a combo with a hot dog, chips and a drink, \$1.25 for the dog alone, \$1.00 for drinks). Cotton Candy will be available free of charge. A **Pie and Chili Cook Off** will be held at 5:00 PM and BLHA will be providing beer (donations suggested).

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Our contractors continue to work hard on the **dam** in spite of some difficulties. As you will recall I was hoping to get permission from Safe Dams to begin refilling the lake at least in the deep part before the actual final finish of the dam, perhaps as early as November. To that end, we had Tom Woosley of Safe Dams out to visit recently, but did not get a good answer to this question. Our plans have always been to build some extensive testing mechanisms into this new dam that will remain within it for future ongoing safety monitoring. Tom is, understandably I guess, reluctant to release us to accumulate any significant amount of water until all of

those monitoring devices are completely installed, and that won't be done in November. We are going to invite him back in another couple of weeks and discuss it further, but early refilling is not looking good. We are struggling to keep on schedule to finish up in January, now bringing in tested and approved fill material and continuing to build blanket and chimney drains.

I have received notice from the state that our city's **Stormwater Annual Report** has been reviewed and is acceptable. What this means to you is that the city can continue to deal effectively with stormwater infrastructure while shielding you from the county's Stormwater Utility Fees, and without charging you a separate fee like Duluth, Norcross, and many other cities do.



This year's **Turkey Trot fun run**, a collaborative effort of the Berkeley Lake Elementary School PTA, the City and the Chapel, will be held on Saturday, November 10th. Please save the date. You can register now by clicking [here](#). Sponsorships are available.

I continue to promote businesses within our city and hope you will **Buy Berkeley Lake** whenever possible. Here are 3 to consider:

[Remler Tillman Law Group, P.C.](#), 404-365-6565 — A highly respected law firm with over 60 years combined experience, provides full civil representation for individuals and businesses, including bankruptcy services. They maintain offices at 3331 N. Berkeley Lake Road, Suite 110. Partners Al Remler and Grace Tillman assure that their clients are treated not only professionally but also on a personal basis.

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[Berkeley Woodworking](#), 770-449-9614 — Richard and Carmen Webb, owners of Berkeley Woodworking, have been manufacturing custom cabinetry since 1978 in the Berkeley Lake area. They also handle complete remodeling projects for their customers.

[Progressive Plumbing](#), 404-644-9734 — Owned by Daniel Liebenberg, is a family owned and operated business focusing on all residential plumbing work from service calls to bathroom remodeling.

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