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As most of you who read the [Nextdoor Berkeley Lake](#) messages already know, we had some significant crime very recently in Miramont. A car was stolen and two others and a back porch entered by someone apparently looking for something to steal. Although I understand that nothing was broken into, it leaves all of us, particularly our affected neighbors, feeling very vulnerable and thoroughly distressed. The car was found by police and returned, but they feel that they will have a difficult time prosecuting the two young men caught in the car because they had the keys which they found in it and claim it was loaned to them. Through all this I have been talking frequently with our **Police Precinct Commander** who has been more attentive to our concerns and needs than anyone we've had before. **I've asked her to come this Thursday, July 18, to City Hall at 7:30 PM to talk with interested citizens about this incident and how to protect ourselves better in the future.** I urge you all to be vigilant in protecting your property and that of your neighbors whenever possible. We live in a beautiful and unusually safe place relative to most other areas, but unfortunately we are not immune to this kind of crime. No place is, and we must take precautions. Our police officers will help us prepare to do that on Thursday evening. Please come if you can.

Also on the same Thursday evening at 7:15 Carol Seitz, chair of our Arts Advisory Committee, will be welcoming visitors to the Blue Heron Gallery in City Hall to see our latest exhibit. It is a combination of creative works from the BIG FISH Fundraiser Events. Come and see art works done by everyone from kids at "Fish Camp" to featured artists like Jo Lackey, Deb Love, Britt Collins, and BJ Barrett. A lot of work goes into these exhibits, not just by the artists, but by our Arts Committee in preparing and displaying things for you to enjoy. I hope to see you there.

Whether you come to City Hall for these events on Thursday or at any other time in the near future, I hope you'll **remember to bring some school supplies for needy kids**. We have a bin available for you to drop off pencils, paper, notebooks, etc. Please help if you can.

The outstanding leader of another of our “helping projects” is leaving us soon. We will all feel the loss of **Diane Cuttino** when she moves to New Jersey to be near her family. Diane has led our **“Can Do” Project** for years with joyful enthusiasm and creativity. She has asked me to find someone to take her place in coordinating our city’s collection of canned goods for the Norcross Cooperative Ministry. Diane has created a well run and fun program that we all hope will go on when she leaves, so if you’d like to continue her legacy, please let me know. Diane wants to give you all her know-how and get you off to a good start. Many thanks, Diane!



It isn't often that one of our own becomes the Valedictorian of his graduating class, so please join me in congratulating **John Kaffezakis, Valedictorian of Duluth High School, 2013!** We all know what a remarkable achievement that is, both for this outstanding young man and his proud parents George and Becky Kaffezakis who supported him all the way. John is off to Georgia Tech in the fall. We wish him and all our city's graduates the very best.

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