



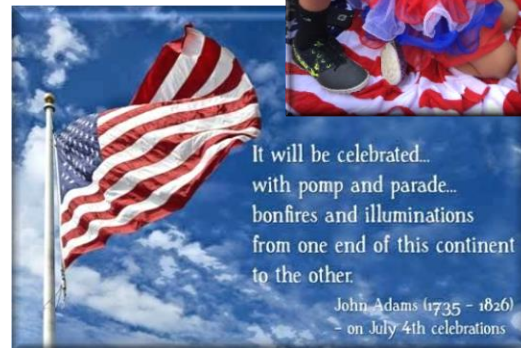
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We are preparing for another fabulous Berkeley Lake **July 4th Celebration!** It is always a joy to see the decorated cars and kids, pets and people. As always, we will convene at Berkeley Lake Elementary on Monday, July 4 at 11:00 AM and begin to march about 11:30 AM. When the parade concludes at the Chapel, there will be games and prizes for the kids and food for purchase. I have some volunteers who have agreed to help in all



this, but if you would like to help also, please let me know. It is always a lot of fun, and we have much to celebrate. In case of rain, check the Nextdoor Berkeley Lake website for info about possible changes.



There have been some questions again recently about **door-to-door solicitors**. Most of you know that we have an ordinance requiring them to have a city permit [Door-to-door Soliciting Ordinance](#) unless they are legitimately expressing their constitutionally protected religious convictions. I continue to be convinced that many of the people ostensibly selling magazine subscriptions for school sports, etc. may in fact be looking to see who's home during the day. I urge you not to open your door to them or reinforce their coming into our community by buying things you don't need. You may wish to speak to them through the door to let them know you are there but not open to solicitations. Call city hall (770.368.9484) and ask for our city marshal who can cite them for soliciting without a permit or call the police nonemergency number (770.513.5700). Give them as much of a description of the people as you can so they can find them in the neighborhood. I appreciate and share your desire not to bother our police officers unnecessarily, but I assure you that I have talked with our Police Precinct Commander who is not only willing but wants his officers to respond to this kind of thing. He knows and appreciates how we watch over our community, and supports us in that endeavor.

Many thanks to the **scouts** who give their time to keep our city beautiful and free of roadside trash. We especially thank the scout leaders who work with young people tirelessly and support not only the kids, but also our city. From Girl Scout Troop 2660, thanks to Sophia Tomey, Mia Ibarra, Bianca Hernandez, Allegra Cape, and A.J. Boseman led by Heather Tomey and Indhira Ibarra. From Boy Scout Troop 26 thanks to Marcus Galloza, Nick Trujious, Luis Guenara, Kyle Achtenberg, Sergio Ibarra and their leaders David Wilson and Louis Martin. We love our girl and boy scouts!



Some of you already enjoy the **Western Gwinnett Bikeway** along Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Now there is a new effort to repair the old Rogers Mill bridge north of us to connect this bikeway that runs through our city to similar trails on the other side of the Chattahoochee in Fulton County. The bridge was built around 1900 and closed to traffic in the 1970s for safety concerns. It will remain closed to automotive traffic but you may soon be able to enjoy walking or riding your bike from Berkeley Lake to Johns Creek and beyond.



I was recently asked to speak to the **Southwest Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce** with the Mayor of Peachtree Corners and the Mayor Pro tem of Norcross. It is always a pleasure to talk with people outside our community and hear the positive regard in which they hold our city. If you would like to participate in the chamber’s activities to learn more about local events and businesses or to network and meet people, I recommend their website to you.

<http://www.southwestgwinnettchamber.com/> Explore what’s available to you through this organization and I think you’ll be glad you did.

Our featured Berkeley Lake business this month is Starfire LEDs, LLC. Starfire is a women owned business enterprise specializing in LED lighting and services with their business office located at 21 Lakeshore Drive in Berkeley Lake. They offer high quality, cutting edge products and services at competitive prices. Please check with them to meet your lighting needs. www.starfireledsus.com, 214-738-1987

Our city has been proactive for many years about combating **mosquitoes**. Some of you may be tired of hearing me on this issue since I wrote about it again only 3 months ago, but our awareness is heightened by the Zika virus threat now. Our city council has considered the problem and created a new policy to guide and clarify our city’s response to mosquitoes. Our wonderful city staff have done some very thorough research to help our citizens which you will find on our city website. I urge you to check this [Mosquito Control webpage](#) out. There is not only information about mosquitoes and the city’s efforts, but links to all kinds of other helpful information, like how to talk to your kids about Zika, bite prevention, and finding the best insect repellent. And

please, please remove even small amounts of standing water from your property and get rid of English ivy. I have found out more about mosquitoes than I ever expected to know, and one of the things is that, I’m told, they are not great flyers. That means that you can make a real difference for your family with attention to your own property, because they’re not likely to fly a long way to get to you. I wish you and your family a happy, healthy, summer, unmolested by mosquitoes.

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