



November 28, 2016

Thanks to those who volunteered to help out at **our city's fall festival**. It was a beautiful day and we had three live bands, a train for kids to ride, food, games, a bouncy house and slide, boat rides, etc. but very few of you attended. It may be that there are so many fall festivals in our area now



that our busy citizens don't have much time for another one. Attendance has declined in recent years in spite of



our having put on some really good events. I have talked with our homeowner association presidents and our city council about possible changes. If you have ideas, share them with your council members. It may be that there are better ways to spend your tax dollars.

There was a question recently from someone who had moved to Berkeley Lake regarding why our city doesn't have its own zip code. I spoke with postal officials some time ago and was told that they are not creating new zip codes unless it's made absolutely necessary by overwhelming growth in a preexisting one. I was able, by meeting with our U.S. Congressman, to arrange that regardless of zip code our citizens would be able to use their **address as Berkeley Lake**. Our staff worked with the postal service then and continues to maintain a listing of every address in our city so that it will read in the postal service's database as Berkeley Lake. The old addresses (Norcross or Duluth) will still work also, but if you prefer to use Berkeley Lake, please feel free to do so.

More recently I went to the post office to represent your **concerns about mail** being delivered late or to the wrong address in our city. I'm told regarding late delivery that sometimes when there is a lot of mail to deliver, the carrier may come back to the post office, get another load, and run the whole route again. Apologies were made for deliveries to the wrong persons. In future when this happens, please notify the postmaster in writing, noting the date on which this occurred. That way he'll know which carrier was at fault. The Duluth postmaster is Charly Nicius whose email is [charly.nicius@usps.gov](mailto:charly.nicius@usps.gov). Here is a phone number that's not the one on their website which is often busy. [\(770\) 814-9085](tel:7708149085). If we consistently contact them in writing, I believe

it will help them to make things better. You can email, hand deliver a letter to the post office (ask for any supervisor), or write to:

Postmaster  
3470 McClure Bridge Road  
Duluth, Ga. 30096-9998

Thanks to Julie Huntington and her **Berkeley Lake food drive** volunteers who collected over 170 bags of food recently for the Norcross Cooperative Ministry. Folks from every subdivision in the city participated, and the David Quin family donated \$500 for the ministry to use as needed. As you know, for years our city has been making this joint effort twice a year to help those less fortunate than we. It’s surely a blessing to us as well as to those we seek to help. Thanks to all who make it happen!



Everyone please remember that the **greenspace** belongs to us all and changes should not be made to it by individuals. Sometimes pruning or other things are done by people with the best intentions, but we have the Berkeley Lake Conservancy to advise us about that, and of course our city council and staff make the final decisions. Use and enjoy this beautiful area, but if you have concerns or suggestions, contact Susan Hanson who leads our Berkeley Lake Conservancy. That group is always glad to involve others who want to help.

**Congratulations to LAN Systems** which was recently chosen by the Atlanta Business Chronicle as the Number One Best Place to Work in the small business category. At LAN Systems, they implement SMART IT to maximize the productivity and success of clients. They deliver world-class IT support through a powerful combination of onsite, HelpDesk, 24/7 monitoring and best practice review. This company, with offices in Berkeley Lake since 2013, designs systems that are simple, updated and mobile. We’re proud of this business neighbor, the work they do, and the recognition they have received as an outstanding workplace.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Now **Christmas lights** are already starting to show up throughout the city. Again this year Windsor Realty is sponsoring a contest for the best light show in Berkeley Lake! Go to this [link](#) for details.

Enjoy, and happy holidays to you all!

*Lois D. Salter*

