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I know y'all just got a Mayor's Message from me a week ago, but there's so much happening in Berkeley Lake this weekend that I needed to send out a special edition.

First up is the **Berkeley Lake Garden Tour**, to benefit the Chapel's Legacy Expansion Project. **On Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM, rain or shine, you can tour 7 beautiful gardens** in River Mansions, Hermitage Plantation, Miramont, and Berkeley Lake Estates and get lots of ideas for your own landscaping projects. Begin at the Chapel where you can buy a ticket for \$20 (cash or check, no credit cards). If you need further information, please see [here](#).



Then on **Saturday** after your tour, join us over at **Henderson Nature Sanctuary** between Bay Way Circle and Berkeley Lake Road to celebrate the resurrection of the water wheel. At **4:00 PM**, John Homonek and Mark Jacobson will, with all appropriate pomp and circumstance, pull the plug to restart what they're calling "**Big Wheel Keep on Turning**" - although I don't think either of them wants to dress up like Tina Turner and sing "Proud Mary". One never knows around here.



Mark and John headed the project and organized the tasks, sourced parts, scheduled labor, and pulled it all together. They want to thank the following who volunteered hands-on during the project, which began in September of 2018:

Rob Hiller ● Mike Simmons ● Chris Kimberly ● Wayne Hitt ● Mike Martin ● Steve Seitz ● Jim Gawlas ● Chip McDaniel ● John Cochran ● Bill Lacy

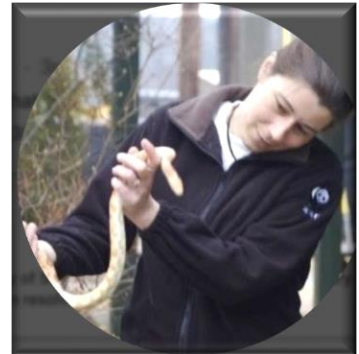
Wynn Barton provided a generator and Chris and Kristen George gave power for saws and equipment. Many of our neighbors contributed money, and any excess funds will be presented to Susan Hanson, Chair of our Berkeley Lake Conservancy, for horticulture projects and maintenance of the area – a very nice thought.

It's important to note that this will all take place in a tightly confined area, so we are not advertising this very local celebration to the world, and we hope Berkeley Lakers will car pool or walk over.



As many of you know, ours is a city that loves and enjoys its wildlife. As with all other good things there are sometimes challenges. Sometimes we struggle to find the best ways to coexist with snakes, deer, foxes, beavers, and the myriad other creatures who live with us in Berkeley Lake. To help with that, I have invited the Wildlife Director of the Chattahoochee Nature Center to come and lead a **Wildlife Seminar on Sunday, May 19, at City Hall at 3:00 PM.**

Kathryn Dudeck is certainly an eminent authority having earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Zoology, Ecology, and Marine Sciences, all with an emphasis on the southeastern US. She taught at UGA and studied at the International School of Duesseldorf. She holds wildlife rehabilitation permits from the GA Department of Natural Resources and US Fish and Wildlife Services for raptors, reptiles, and amphibians, and has been the Wildlife Director at Chattahoochee Nature Center since 2002. She and her husband also farm a small organic permaculture setup and produce the Piedmont Report, a podcast focusing on blues music and agriculture of the Piedmont region. I was referred to her by Liz Nicholas, a former Berkeley Lake resident until she got tired of Atlanta traffic and moved to the mountains. Some of you may remember Liz because she has advised our city in the past on wildlife issues and continues to be licensed by the state of Georgia for her work with wildlife.



The format for this seminar will be familiar to you because it’s the same as for the horticultural seminars we have had. That means the focus will be on our visiting expert who will speak to us and then take questions from our Berkeley Lake citizens. Although we all value advice and shared experiences from our neighbors, this will not be a venue for that. Opinions can be shared on Nextdoor Berkeley Lake or in private conversation with our neighbors but on Sunday we are coming to hear from our visiting expert. Join us to learn more about any of our Berkeley Lake wildlife. I hope to see you there.

And before I stop talking about events, I’d like to put in a plug for our much-loved **Independence Day Celebration**. We need volunteers. If you are able to help paint children’s faces, play games with them, cook hot dogs, etc. on July 4th, please let me know or call City Hall to volunteer.

Looking forward to a great weekend!

Lois D. Satter