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Two things that are not related to COVID-19 which has been monopolizing my attention lately:

First, I am reminding and asking everyone who has not completed their **census form online** to please do so immediately. You should have received something in the mail within the last week or so telling you how to do it. It's so easy that one of my daughter's friends who, like many of you is suddenly homeschooling, asked on Facebook, "Does it count for social studies that my 10-year-old completed the census form?" Rueful jokes aside, this is important not only because of the federal funds that may come to us which keep your city and state taxes lower, but also because if you don't complete it online, they will send census workers to your house.

Also, the Berkeley Lake Homeowners Association has requested, and City Council has approved a plan to **lower the lake to 6 feet from full pool beginning on January 4, 2021**. When that level is achieved, the level will then be allowed to return naturally. Allowing for some rain this is expected to provide at least 3 weeks at a 4-foot lower level. This has been requested to give lakeside homeowners an opportunity to clean shoreline areas and to repair or build seawalls, docks and boathouses; things that would be very difficult to do at full pool. It will also facilitate sand replenishment and clean-up of the bottom area at the beach. Historical rain patterns suggest full pool should return in March or early April. If needed, take advantage of this unique opportunity to schedule contractors as early as possible. [Contact BLHA](#) for further information. They will be sending out a series of notifications and guidance in the coming weeks and months.

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