



June 10, 2020

Please remember that we will be having a **different kind of Earth Day this Saturday, June 13 between 9AM and 2PM. You will still be checked for proof of residence in our city, but this time also for masks.** Everyone who enters will need to be wearing one of those to protect our staff and your neighbors. Also, I have asked the Chapel board to let us use their parking lot so we can spread out and keep some distancing to protect people. They have kindly consented for this occasion, so you can go there first to stop by the shredder truck and another truck from a charity collecting things for victims of domestic violence. I invited them to come and take whatever is reusable to help someone before you exit and go on over across the street to our city parking lot. There the trash trucks will be waiting to take yard waste and large household items for disposal. As usual, no construction debris, wet paints, entire trees, televisions, microwave ovens, or tires. If you need to dispose of a television, please call Advanced Disposal at (678) 495-0058 to make arrangements with them to pick the television up at your home. There will be no metal recycling this time. Ordinarily our city staff has been happy to help you by taking things from your car and depositing them into the truck. This time I'm asking that you be prepared to put your own stuff into the truck to minimize impact on our small staff. If you are elderly or feel physically unable to do this, please contact me in advance and I'll try to make special arrangements to help you. I hope by now you have all found a mask to wear, because protecting our staff and your neighbors is surely worth the extra effort. **Ginny Nevins** will be on hand giving out coffee and homemade biscuits. **Jill Rice and Tracey Settlege** are contributing, as always, the cost of the shredder truck for us all, for which we are very grateful. Also, in the spirit of Earth Day there will be **free boat inspections** to help prevent gas and oil leakage into the water. Randy Knoell will provide initial inspections. If more is needed than some minimal work, he'll give the boat owner an estimate and do the work on the spot if desired. If you have questions, check with Scott Brown.



Thanks to the BLOSOMS for making such a joyful **Graduation Celebration** last Saturday in our city. It was a lot of work to make that happen and I hope our graduates who have had such a strange end to their school year felt the support of our neighbors. We all wish you



well! Thanks also to Paul Accetta, the very nice manager at Home Depot who donated supplies for the festivities.

All of our City Council deeply regrets having to cancel our city’s usual July Fourth parade and lunch this year in response to concerns for citizen safety and the COVID 19 risks. All cities in Gwinnett as well as Marietta and various other cities made the decision to cancel some time ago. We delayed, hoping somehow it would become safe, but of course it hasn’t. In fact, Gwinnett was discussed by state officials on my conference call yesterday as a “hotspot” now due to rising rates of positive test results. We are being urged again to stick with the social distancing and wearing masks, as “a matter of personal responsibility.” I hope we will all enjoy the day and celebrate our country safely within our family groups.

We have had a lot of people **walking for healthy exercise** in our beautiful city, especially around Lakeshore Drive. It is so hilly and curvy that if you’re walking in the street without careful attention you could be hit by a car or bicycle. Please remember to walk facing oncoming traffic, stay alert, and consider wearing bright clothing.



Speaking of walking, you may have seen some of your **neighbors walking along South Berkeley Lake Road in front of City Hall with signs supporting racial equality and harmony.** Other Gwinnett cities have had thousands of people gathering peacefully with the same goal. Small and friendly groups of Berkeley Lakers are meeting every day

from 10AM to 11AM, so if you would like to join them, you would be welcome. Bring a mask and be prepared to social distance.

The **paving work on South Berkeley Lake Road will begin on June 22nd.** This operation includes milling and repaving the road and will last a minimum of three weeks. I am asked to remind residents not to park or store anything on the street during this time. Remember that if you have any concerns or questions about the project, you can call them at (678) 376-7027 or email DWRConstruction@gwinnettcountry.com.

The Rice Settlege Team would like to announce **Karen and Bob Geiger as the June 2020 Yard of the Month!** The Geigers live at 630 Lakeshore Drive and have some beautiful plants in their yard! Coneflowers, hydrangeas of all colors, columbine, and black & blue salvia are a few of the flowering shrubs and flowers you can enjoy when walking by on Lakeshore! The fox babies in their backyard enjoy playing under their hostas when the deer are not eating the leaves for dinner. If you have a beautiful yard, reach out to them! They would love to see your pretty garden and they will give you a tour of theirs! Thank you to Scott and Dory Brown for choosing our June Yard of the Month!



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