



September 28, 2020

This Saturday, October 3, from 10 AM until noon is our Berkeley Lake Flu Shot Party! Dr. Arona has arranged for us to get our flu shots quickly and easily in a drive-thru, and the weather is supposed to be nice. I originally envisioned this in City Hall's parking lot but it's too small to accommodate all the people who are telling me they want to come, so it's now scheduled for the office park on PIB just south of Berkeley Commons. Come to **The Commons at Berkeley Lake**. Address is **4711 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.** and we'll try to get you in and out fast. You must be 19 or older and please wear a mask. **Regular shots are free** but if you are 65 or older and want the recommended high-dose vaccine you will need to pay or show your health insurance card. We'll be prepared to process insurance quickly on site. If large numbers of you want shots, they will just bring extra nurses, but I need you to [sign up by Thursday, October 1](#), so I can know how many to plan for. Thanks to Beena Meshramkar for making this signup thing for me.

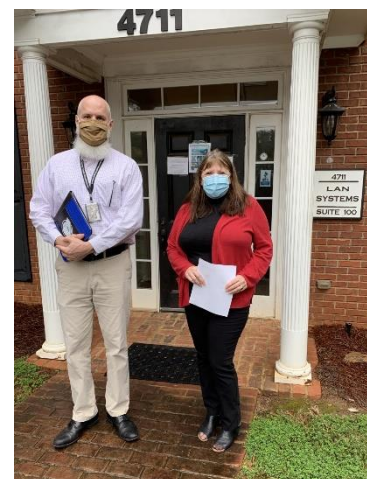


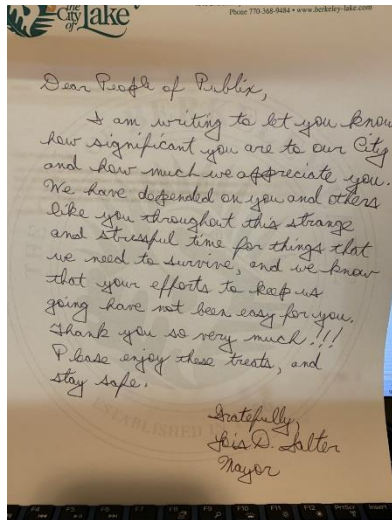
Here are some documents to check out before you come. **You will need to complete the consent form before you get your shot.** We'll have blank copies available on site, but if you want to zip through, you can download and print yours beforehand to complete and bring with you. We'll send you off with a sweet treat, and the first 25 who come will also get an arrangement of flowers from my garden.

- [Inactivated Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Consent Form – English](#) and [Spanish](#) (should be completed in advance to aid in expediting the process)
- [Vaccine Information Statement for the Influenza Inactivated or Recombinant - What you need to know – English](#) and [Spanish](#)

I am especially grateful to Mary Hester of LAN Systems and Frank Simpson who have arranged for us to use this office park space. Here's Mary with Gerald Gifford of the Department of Public Health who will be with us that day. I look forward to seeing you there!

I got a letter from the **Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency** that said in part: "We commend the City of Berkeley Lake for the development of a solid and workable mitigation plan ... that will ultimately make your community a safer place to live and be sustainable even through times of disaster." Nice to hear.





Berkeley Lake citizens have provided meals, treats, and thank-you notes on multiple occasions to our police, firefighters, hospital staff and public health workers. **Our city is unique in its support for these folks who take care of us in these difficult times.** Karen Huppertz has taken the initiative to organize a similar project for **grocery essential workers**, on whom we have all depended. Thanks so much to her and to all of you who contributed to the effort. Here’s my thank-you note on behalf of all of us and a picture from the Publix breakroom.



Thanks also to Alan Chapman of Gwinnett DOT and Chief Brett West of Gwinnett Police who responded quickly to a concern about a spot on PIB where deer cross a lot. Mary Hester, CEO of LAN Systems, one of our Berkeley Lake businesses, pointed out that this was a hazard not only to the deer but to drivers, so we have now gotten **deer crossing signs** there and extra enforcement of speeding (heads up!) by our police in that area. Hopefully this will be safer for all.

Speaking of Mary, she and LAN Systems have invited us to their **pandemic-proof Tech or Treat drive-up eRecycling and charity drive on Thursday, October 22 from 10 AM until 2 PM.** They’ll be rounding up old



technology to be recycled, free of charge* as you drive through their parking lot to make your drop-offs. Proper disposal and destruction of hard drives** is a critical step in protecting data security. Laptops and phones—and anything else with a rechargeable battery—will be especially important to recycle due to their harmful chemicals. **Due to environmental concerns of handling specific compounds, CRT monitors and TVs can be accepted with a \$25 fee. **A certificate of destruction can be provided.* On that day Mary will also be collecting and donating household items to the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services. They need nonperishable food, diapers, toilet

paper, soap etc, as well as early learning books for children (ages 0-8). The address is 4711 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. (same place as our flu shot party). I hope to see you there. Grab some canned goods on the way.

Advance in-person voting will begin October 12 and go through October 30 at Shorty Howell Park from 7 AM to 7 PM every day, including weekends. They will also have ballot drop boxes available for you there, and at each of the county’s 15 libraries, to return ballots sent to you by mail. [Here’s an article](#) I found that may be helpful for you in **voting by mail**. You can also sign up to receive text messages, emails or phone calls to track your ballot’s progress through the Secretary of State’s [new program called BallotTrax](#).

The State Road and Tollway Authority is seeking public input on the **2020 ATL Regional Transit Plan (ARTP)** through Monday, October 19. You can request information by phone by dialing 404-893-2100, or text “ATLTransit” to 474747, or connect on Social Media using #ATLTransitPlan and #PublicComment. You can also [check out this District Download](#).



News from Berkeley Lake Conservancy: Have you seen these bright magenta berries on a shrub in front of Fowler’s Mill? Robins love these berries. The plant is the American beautyberry. There are many native trees, shrubs, and vines that provide food for birds.



Some provide fruit in early summer (alternate leaf dogwood), late summer (beautyberry and Virginia creeper), and early winter (winterberry). Non-native plants provide “junk food” for birds. The most harmful shrub for birds is the nandina. Nandina berries are toxic to birds.



The most important trees for birds are the oak trees. Baby birds need caterpillars and caterpillars live on oak trees. Hummingbirds get spring nectar from crossvine and red buckeye. Summer is the time they need the most nectar. Red flowers from red honeysuckle, red bee balm, and cardinal flower bloom as the little hummers prepare to make their long trip south.

News from Berkeley Lake Chapel: Love Berkeley Lake Life? Sunsets? Flowers? Wildlife? Winter scenes? Lake Berkeley Chapel has a magnificent set of **note cards** just for you! Be on the lookout for ordering info on these beautiful photo cards, by our generous neighbors & Windsor Realty. Funds go to help the Chapel which has supported our city for years. Available mid-October. Who likes **cheesecake**? EVERYONE! Such an easy holiday/corporate/host gift, and the Chapel is selling the BEST from Atlanta Cheesecake Company. Pre-orders of assorted varieties will start mid-October, with pick-up in early November, in time for your holiday merriment. Stay tuned for more info to come.

See you Saturday at the Flu Shot Party!

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