



May 25, 2021

I am looking forward to our **Berkeley Lake remembrance of Memorial Day** this coming Monday. John Cochran has kindly consented to produce a special musical **Tribute at noon** that I think will be really beautiful and moving. I hope you will be able to hear it from all around the city, but you can also come on boats or park at City Hall. Thanks also to the group I call "The Anonymous Good Guys" who manage the City's flags and crosses. That is always a lot of work, and they are very committed to continuing this honor. While we're honoring, I hope we will also find ways to help. I found a lot of info on [resources supporting both current military and veterans' families](#) and how to volunteer to help either or both groups effectively.

We will also be having our usual celebration of **July 4th** with the parade gathering at 11:00 AM at the school and marching down the hill together to the Chapel. Debbie Peters and her GASP group (Georgia After School Program)



will be leading kids in games and activities and I will be giving out drinks and treats. Scott Lee will, as always, provide music; and Chip McDaniel will be handing out popcorn. I will invite some local dignitaries that you may want to talk with, and I hope all will enjoy this time together. It's on a Sunday this year and I hope those of us who go to church can make it to an early service. Check Nextdoor and Facebook if the weather looks bad that day as I will post any change in plans there.

As you know our Random Acts of Kindness ladies are working hard to **celebrate graduates, educators, first responders, and healthcare workers**. You should be seeing 2 banners go up shortly in front of City Hall recognizing graduates. Additionally, special individual tokens of our gratitude are going out this week to the others listed here who were reported to me as having served our community well through a long and difficult year. We are all as Berkeley Lakers deeply appreciating you and celebrating with you. Special thanks to Ginny Nevins and Page McAleese who have coordinated this big and multifaceted project!

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One of the First Responders whom we celebrate is also one of our City Marshals, **Rob Hiller**. He and his family live in our city and he works nights and weekends for us. His day job is with the fire department and his hobby is photography. I love seeing his pictures taken around our city, especially pictures of his adorable dogs. Here is one of Rob on one of his regular visits to a local children’s hospital with his therapy dog in his fire truck outfit! If that doesn’t make some sick kids feel good, I can’t imagine what could. Many thanks to Rob for all he does, in so many ways.



One of our neighbors in Berkeley Walk was kind enough to share with me some helpful info about **vaccine cards**. The CDC recommends you take a picture of your card front and back as a backup copy. You may also want to email yourself a copy to be safe, but don’t laminate the card or post it on social media. It has your date of birth and other info on it that is personal which the Federal Trade Commission says could be used for identity theft. Laminating may smear the ink, and you may need to add a booster to the card later.

In my last Mayor’s Message, I mentioned that I was hoping for an **electronics** recycling event in our city, and also shared info on an upcoming one done by Gwinnett County. I hope if you needed that you made it to the county one, because the business which usually does our local electronics recycling has been bought by another company and won’t be doing this event right now as they transition. I will let you know if we can schedule one at another time.

[Here is some history about our city that you may find interesting.](#)



Congratulations to the McCleskeys, our May Yard of the Month winners! Their favorite flowers to plant in their River District garden are gardenias and hydrangeas. We appreciate John and Joy for their efforts in beautifying their lovely home and our city! Thanks also, as always, to the Rice Settlege Team who sponsor our Berkeley Lake yard of the month recognitions.

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