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Thanks to all who came out for our Earth Day recently to donate furniture to veterans and battered women, to give blood, to contribute old towels for animal shelters, and to recycle stuff. We collected just under 3,000 pounds of scrap metal, 800 pounds of shredded stuff, and 11.95 tons of “big trash”. Our **U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn Bordeaux** came as announced and talked with all who had thoughts to share. It was a good day!



Our next BL event will be **Monday, May 30, Memorial Day at noon**. We will gather at lakeside as we usually do to respectfully and quietly honor those who were lost or harmed while serving our country. **BJ VanGundy** is pictured here with John Cochran at our remembrance last year. This year John has a prior commitment so BJ will be playing “**Taps**” for us solo. He is kind to contribute his time and talent, as he does in other community work, serving as the Ga. GOP 1st Vice Chairman and Boy Scout leader among other things. Many thanks to BJ. You can come out to thank him yourself on Memorial Day at noon at the Chapel. I hope to see you there. I thought you might like to see the simple and beautiful words to “Taps”: “Day is done. Gone the sun. From the lakes. From the hills. From the sky. All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh. Thanks and praise. For our days. Neath the sun. Neath the stars. Neath the sky. As we go. This we know. God is nigh.”

Each year Berkeley Lake’s Chapel awards \$1,000 scholarships to help pay for college/technical school expenses. Awards are given to Duluth High School seniors and/or Berkeley Lake residents who are high school seniors (any school) who have a proven sense of community and academic responsibility. The Chapel’s intention is to brighten and strengthen our community through our future leaders with these scholarships. This year, there will be a total of four awarded. Three awards will be from the Chapel and one will be given in memory of Ashley DesRoches by her mom, long-time resident Lane Shutt and Ashley’s sister, Leah Shutt Smith. The application is at blchapel.org/scholarship and the deadline is May 15.



If you’re interested in fresh food and fun, I want you to know about the **Norcross community market happening every Wednesday through August in Thrasher Park between 4:00 -7:00 p.m.** You’ll enjoy live music, chef demos, and children’s activities while shopping. Peaches, blueberries and tomatoes are in season now among many other summer crops. They’ll also have prepared food vendors and the Power of Produce Children’s Tent helping kids to interact with farmers and learn about produce. Kids will receive \$2 Market Money to buy fruit & veggies.

For more fun, **Berkeley Lake kids can learn to fish on Tuesday mornings, beginning May 31, from 10:00 a.m. - noon behind the Chapel.** Brought to you by GASPI!, Great American Summer Program at Berkeley Lake Elementary, and BLHA. All are welcome for fishing, games, fun & snacks. Ages 3-12. A parent must accompany.



I’m told that very few people are **early voting at Pinkneyville Park Community Center. It will be open 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. every day (including Sat. And Sun.) through next Friday May 20.** This makes me think of a quote I saw recently from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy: "I really don't want my photos in your offices, because I am neither a god nor an icon, but rather a servant of the nation. Instead, hang the photos of your children and look at them every time you want to make a decision." We have some important decisions to make here in our country, too. Please make the time to go vote.

I have two **featured Berkeley Lake businesses** today.



Karl Drake, a native of Dublin, founded the **Drake School of Irish Dance** in 1990 at 4790 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Fifteen of their students recently competed at the World Competition in Belfast, with many finishing in the top 40 spots. The school offers a month of free beginner lessons. If you are interested, please call (404) 524-6986 to inquire.

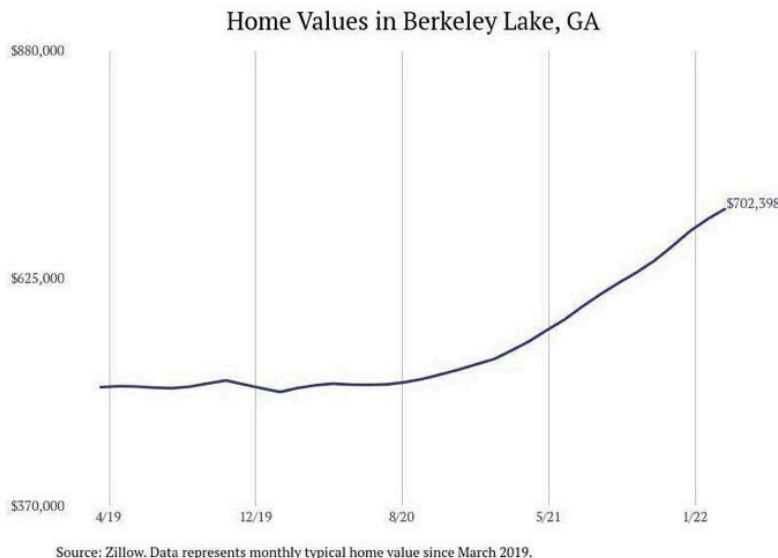
Many of you already know of **Andre Satterthwaite and his Quench Fit Studio** at 4530 South Berkeley Lake Road. If not, find out more at <https://www.quenchfit.net/>. He has helped so many Berkeley Lakers (including me) and is trusted and appreciated by all of us. Andre, a U.S. Air force Veteran, is a National Association of Sports Medicine certified Personal Trainer and also a certified Senior Fitness Instructor. Berkeley Lake residents can get a complimentary workout. Call today for an appointment - (770) 873-0807.



This month’s **Fun Fact about Berkeley Lake**: It was just published this week that our city has the **3rd most expensive homes in the metro Atlanta area**, after Milton and Druid Hills.

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expensive homes in the metro Atlanta area, after Milton and Druid Hills. [Average home price is \\$712,638 and there’s a lot of other interesting info in this article.](#)

Happy Spring, everybody!

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- Typical home value: \$712,638
- 1-year price change: +28.6%
- 5-year price change: +56.2%

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