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I'm sending a separate Mayor's Message this time to feature our LENS contest winners. I thought you might like to see all the winners from last year and where their prize money went.

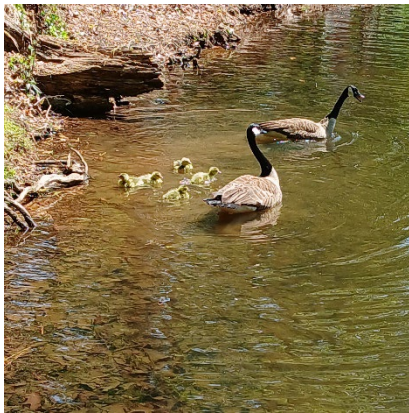
<i>2024 Lens Winners</i>		<i>Title</i>	<i>Charity Donation</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>Kim Berry</i>	<i>After the Rain</i>	<i>Berkeley Lake Chapel</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Rachel Clark</i>	<i>Leap of Love</i>	<i>Front Line Policy Council</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Kim Berry</i>	<i>Daffodil field and Grandson</i>	<i>Berkeley Lake Chapel</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Kim Berry</i>	<i>Berkeley Lake Pickleballers</i>	<i>Berkeley Lake Chapel</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Karen Quinn</i>	<i>The Golden Hour</i>	<i>Berkeley Lake Chapel</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Jill Rice</i>	<i>Peace be with you</i>	<i>Canine Pet Rescue</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Resa Mechling</i>	<i>Proof through the night that the flag was still there</i>	<i>Planned Pethood</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Christy Mahon</i>	<i>Abundance</i>	<i>Fully Finished Ministries</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Krystin George</i>	<i>Goodnight moon and goodbye summer</i>	<i>Samaritans Purse</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Donna Jacobson</i>	<i>Leaves kissing the beach</i>	<i>American Diabetes Association</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Cindy Purcell</i>	<i>Fall has begun</i>	<i>Duluth Hands of Christ</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Kim Berry</i>	<i>The wonder of Christmas</i>	<i>Foundation for Fighting Blindness</i>

I also want to take a moment for a very special thanks to the volunteers in our community that make the LENS contest happen for all of us. Many of you tell me how much you enjoy it, and I hope you will find an occasion to personally thank the following folks: Chris Kimberley chairs the committee which includes the following members - Greta Agnew, Ann Carpenter, Tom Merkel, Jason Ouimette, and Carol Seitz. These people study all the pictures submitted and pick a winner each month without knowing who took each photo. Chris doesn't vote, but he organizes and follows up with everything.

The one who really makes it all work is Dov Jacobson who created and manages the whole website. That is such a large and technical task! His wife Judy assists in printing out each winner's enlarged photo **and** framing it to hang in City Hall. After a year there, the photos are given to the original photographer to hang in their own home. Ginny Nevins of Windsor Realty donates the prize money every month to the charity chosen by the winner. The Berkeley Lake Chapel has been the most frequent choice for donations.



It was hard to get all the pictures into the regular Mayor's Message, so here are our last three months winners: First is 'Barred Owl Sighting' by Sarah Bigorowski of Berkeley Walk Point. Sarah has chosen BarkVille Dog Rescue as her choice to receive the award.



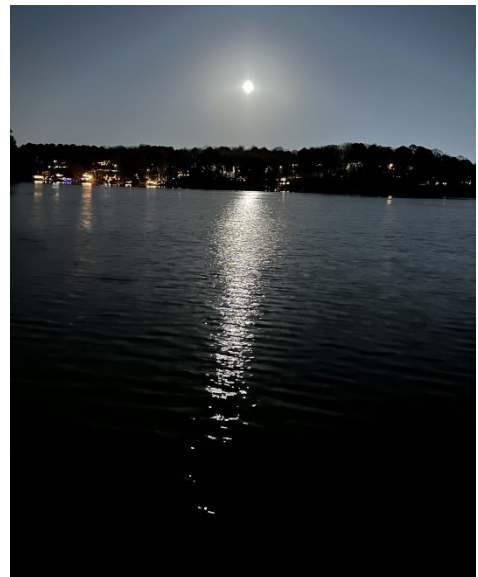
Kay Lee of Lakeshore Drive also won with 'Spring Goslings, First Day in the Water' and chose the

Atlanta Community Food Bank to receive her award.



Most recently Krystin George of Bayway Circle won with 'Moondance' and chose Berkeley Lake Chapel for her donation. Thanks to all of these ladies, to all who work to manage the LENS contest, and of course, to Ginny Nevins, who funds all the awards.

To share your own photos with your neighbors, you can enter them into the competition by visiting the [LENS website](#).



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