



September 30, 2025

Our Electronics Recycling Event and Drug Take-back is scheduled for Saturday, October 4 from 10 AM until noon at City Hall. If you have unused medications, we want to help you dispose of them safely through our police officers. We can only take household electronics on that day, because our guys are not prepared to handle a truckload of stuff from a business. If you need to unload a lot of commercial electronics, you can contact Tri Star Recycling (770) 609-2699, <https://tristarrecycling.com/>. They are nearby at 2731 Simpson Circle, Norcross GA 30071.

Also, in October, we have some other very important things happening in our city in which I hope all of you will participate. **On Tuesday, October 14 at 6 PM there will be a meeting in City Hall, that has very significant implications for the future of our city.** For a long time, our conscientious, but very small city staff has struggled to respond to challenges regarding development of the commercial and industrial areas of our city. Many of our citizens don't ordinarily think much about those areas, but a cursory glance at the local topography will remind us all that what is above us and very near us runs downhill and into our homes, lake, ponds, and streams. Or heaven forbid we could have a toxic cloud engulf us like the Biolab disaster recently in Conyers. Those properties also affect our tax digest. They can make our city a safe and pleasant place to live, provide services and amenities, or become major problems. Other cities routinely fund major investments in "Economic Development." While we have not yet done so, it's been over a decade since we annexed commercial and industrial properties along and around the Peachtree Industrial Corridor in our city. In order to plan for the future of the city's commercial and industrial areas, the city has included a task to create a redevelopment plan for these areas in the [comprehensive plan](#). Toward that end, and fortunately for us, a contracted planner working on the city's code update project who also runs the Urban Design Studio at Georgia Tech, asked if Berkeley Lake would like to be the subject of a semester-long master's level planning project. We accepted the free master planning services of Georgia Tech master's students, who have already begun their study of the Berkeley Lake commercial and industrial areas.

The Georgia Tech Urban Design Studio is working with the City of Berkeley Lake to create a master plan for the Peachtree Industrial Boulevard corridor of our city. This plan will produce a vision to transform Peachtree Industrial Boulevard into a new and improved thoroughfare complete with new mixed use development, community-serving retailers with goods and services, sidewalks and walking paths, and new parks and open spaces. They have already been

busy throughout our city, studying the area, and interviewing community and business leaders. The October 14th meeting will be an opportunity for them to report their research and analysis findings. They will present high level ideas and concepts to the community for the purposes of obtaining feedback and input to further guide the planning process. **This is Big! I hope you will make arrangements to be there.**



Then at **8 PM on Thursday, October 16, the City Council will hear two important reports on issues relating to deer** within our city. For some years Berkeley Lake has had an ordinance that forbids hunting with bows or guns in our city. The Council made that decision out of concern for the safety of our neighbors in a residential area. At our last meeting the City Council agreed to commission a thorough study by our City Attorney of all the relevant

and overlapping laws (city, county, state) concerning hunting. Council wants to understand all the ramifications so they can consider changing our ordinance in response to citizens who feel there are too many deer. Some citizens want the city to “cull” a significant number of them on a regular basis. The second report that Council will also hear that night is the result of a recent study of our greenspace made by a Certified Forester who has worked for the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) for 30+ years. I know some of you are concerned about the greenspace and will want to attend. Our Council members are doing their best to hear and understand the concerns of all of our citizens.

Also of great importance is the upcoming election for City Council members which I wrote about in the last Mayor’s Message. There’s been one change in that list of candidates. Gary Volino has withdrawn his candidacy for the two-year Council seat leaving only Bill Lacy running for that one. Patrick Bussenius, Skipper Dahlstrom, Dick LoPresti, Bill Lyons and Chip McDaniel are running for four-year terms. Remember also that Kathy Sanders was traveling and unable to be here to qualify to run, but she is offering herself as a write-in candidate. From these 6 folks, you will be able to choose three people to serve four-year terms. [You can read what all of these candidates have to say to you here.](#)

There will be lots of opportunities to vote. Advance in-person voting will be available in City Hall from 9 AM until 5 PM on the following dates: October 14-18, October 20-25 and October 27-31. On November 4 the polls will be open in City Hall from 7 AM until 7 PM. If there is a runoff, it will

take place on December 2. If you need to register to vote in this election, you need to do that on or before October 6.

On Sunday, **October 26, from 5-7 PM** there will be a **Sunday Kind of Groove concert at the Pavilion** featuring the 5-piece Jordan B. Band with a homemade chili dinner. Cost is \$15 adult, 12 & under \$5 and [you can sign up here](#).

On **Saturday, November 15 from 9AM until 3PM** the Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive **at the Chapel**. Please help by donating if you can. You can [sign up or get more information here](#).



We all continue to enjoy the **LENS contest** for the outstanding photographers in our city. Our most recent winner is Kim Berry with her picture 'Kayaking for Gold'. Kim's chosen award charity is Fighting for Blindness. Many thanks to Ginny Nevins and Windsor Realty for sponsoring these awards and to Chris Kimberley and Dov and Judy Jacobson for managing this effort in our city.



Happy Fall, Y'all!

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