



April 2, 2026

We have some pretty important things coming up soon in the city that I want to share with you.

**On Monday, April 20 from 6:30 to 8 PM in City Hall we will have a Town Hall meeting to learn about deer management.** Although some of our citizens enjoy seeing the deer and are happy to coexist with them in this unusual natural space that blesses us all, deer can also present major problems for others. Deer eat their flowers and shrubs, and can be quite dangerous to pets if they are protecting their fawns. A neighbor's German Shepherd was killed recently by a buck within her fenced yard, which was altogether awful. To help citizens manage such challenges on our own properties, we have invited a panel of experts from the USDA, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Georgia Forestry Commission. The goal is for our citizens to be able to learn from these experts by asking questions; and you are asked to bring your questions in writing to facilitate that process. We want to use our time and space well because space is limited at city hall. The maximum capacity in council chambers per the fire marshal is 67 people. If you are unable to attend, fear not: you can listen to the whole meeting afterwards at your convenience on our City website. Remember that we provide this with all of our city council



meetings. Additionally, I am passing on some information here from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Karen Geiger shared it with me and I thought it particularly helpful. Thank you, Karen.

Suggestions for non-lethal management include encouraging residents to avoid feeding and to use deterrence, deer resistant plants, and fencing with exclusionary devices and hazing techniques. **Please**

**remember that our city ordinance forbids feeding wildlife.** Lethal management strategies include regulated archery hunting, which our city council changed its ordinance recently to allow. Culling programs like those being discussed in Peachtree Corners are sometimes conducted by federal sharpshooters in very controlled settings and are described as controversial and expensive. Challenges for implementation include public opposition, and debate over humane treatment of wildlife, as “advocacy groups often push for non-lethal control.” Another quoted challenge is that “non-lethal control methods require years to show results.” Best practices suggested to us include meetings like this one to educate our citizens and regular monitoring with “learning from successful case studies in other cities.” It’s important to note that anything related to hunting is regulated by state law. As Karen has suggested “We should contact our state representatives to advocate for increasing DNR’s budget so they can coordinate efforts across local governments.”

Another important date to prepare for is the City’s **Earth Day on April 25 from 10 AM until 2 PM.** Our city staff has already booked the shredder truck, sponsored by The Rice Settlege Team, Fully Furnished Ministries who repurpose discarded furniture, as well as our usual solid waste hauler, and the metal recycler who will take the following: refrigerators / freezers, washers / dryers, water heaters, microwaves, dish washers, air conditioner units, metal signage, lawn mowers, gym equipment, junk cars, trailers, small aluminum / metal jon boats, car parts,

Saturday, April 18 | 9:00am – noon  
**Gwinnett Place Mall**  
 2100 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth  
 Please enter off of Merchants Way

**Recycle**

- Paper (shredding up to five copier boxes)
- Electronics (\$35 cash fee per projection or console TV, \$15 cash fee per computer monitor or TV, and \$5 cash fee per printer)
- Tires without rims (limit eight; no dealer tires)
- Paint (limit 10 gallons per vehicle)
- Clothing and sneakers

**Come have fun!**

- Touch-a-truck
- Meet your haulers
- Face painting
- Refreshments

Materials should be placed in disposable containers or boxes. Containers will not be returned.  
 This is a rain or shine event.  
**GCSolidWaste.com**  
 770.822.7141

piping, outdoor furniture, grills, car batteries, DVD players, VCRs, gaming systems, sink faucets & fittings, cabinet knobs, miscellaneous metal, computers, wire, old cords / wiring & most anything else made of steel/copper/aluminum/brass.

Here is the NO list: no TVs of any kind, no fluorescent bulbs, paint, or construction materials. Please remember that this is for our citizens’ household waste only, not businesses.

**Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful is accepting hard to recycle stuff at the old Gwinnett Place mall on Saturday, April 18 from 9 AM to noon.** You can get rid of things like tires and paint that day in the Macy’s parking lot.

They are also hosting **Resale Markets on Saturday, April 25 at Shorty Howell Park from 8:30 AM to 2 PM.** Participation is free and there will be fun and food trucks! Learn more at [Bit.ly/ResaleMarket](http://Bit.ly/ResaleMarket).

**April 20 is the voter registration deadline for upcoming state and county elections.** Information about primary and general elections and advanced voting, etc. is available along with sample ballots at [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov).

**April 30 is Adopt a Shelter Pet Day.** Please consider adopting your new best friend from the Animal Welfare Center in Lawrenceville. You can find available pets and learn more at [Gwinnettanimalwelfare.com](http://Gwinnettanimalwelfare.com). Our Berkeley Lake Neighbor **Sue Swanson** continues to gather pet food, toys, and treats and drive them to the shelter in Lawrenceville! You can drop pet food off at her mailbox or house (845 Lakeshore) with a note (saying who it is from or anonymous), or bring it to me in City Hall. This is an ongoing project so there is no deadline, but the need is great, so please help as soon and as often as you can. Thank you, Sue!

The emergency management folks that try to keep us all safe would like me to let you know that **March through May is historically our most active window for tornadoes and damaging straight-line winds in North Georgia.** Now is a very good time to have your trees checked by an arborist to make sure you don't have a dangerous one on your property. One recently fell on a truck near Bayway Circle! If you find that you need to have some trees removed, it's always best to check with City Hall first if you need help with our tree ordinance. You can call 770-368-9484. Our staff is always glad to help.

**Many thanks to Julie Huntington and her valiant volunteers who collected 1983 pounds of food recently in spite of the rain! Julie says, "We were all quite impressed by how innovative our neighbors were at keeping their food dry at their mailboxes! We also collected over \$800**



for the co-ops. My helpers included-Tod and Lee Ann Senne, Amy and John Parker, Susan Hanson, Debbie Peters, Julie Sandman, Kaye and Don Berg, Kayla English, Cindy Purcell, Jim Sheppard, Sue Swanson, Sandy and Bill Lacy, Beena Meshramkar, Rob Jones, and Dan Huntington." Special thanks to all of them!



The **winner of our most recent LENS contest is Gary McBride** of Hermitage with his beautiful picture titled: 'Atsiya hle' which means "fish here" in the Cherokee language. Gary says, "Hundreds of years ago the Cherokee/Creek Indians lived right here in Berkeley Lake; before they were herded off to Oklahoma. In addition to pieces of pottery, arrow heads, and other artifacts, they built and left this magnificent fish

trap/weir/seine." Gary has designated the American Legion, Post 134 for his winner's award, donated as always by Windsor Realty.



Please remember that Hermitage Plantation is offering non-resident membership that will allow you to access their **pool, tennis and pickleball courts, playground, and beautiful green space/walking trail on the river.** If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to [hermitageplantationhoa@gmail.com](mailto:hermitageplantationhoa@gmail.com).



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This month's **Fun Fact about Berkeley Lake:** our city has been certified as a Tree City for 27 years now. This is not just a nice honor; it strongly affects our property values and our quality of life! According to a recent study reported by REI: "**Neighborhoods with more trees have lower energy bills, higher property values, cleaner air and water, and milder heat waves.**" Here members of our Berkeley Lake Conservancy are planting a new tree in observance of Arbor Day.



*Lois D. Satter*