



April 15, 2026

I know that many of you are looking forward to our **Earth Day event on next Saturday, April 25 from 10 AM until 2 PM**. I am so sorry to let you know that the **metal recycler** who had committed months ago to be here that day **has bailed on us at the last minute** and now is not coming. We have tried unsuccessfully to find someone else to come and take those things. Remember that Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful is taking hard to recycle items at Gwinnett Place Mall on this Saturday, April 18 from 9 AM to 12 PM. That may help, so here's [more information](#). As you know, we have for many years had a separate day in the fall for electronics recycling and the safe disposal of unused prescriptions. I am hopeful that we can find a reliable metal recycler who can come to us on that day in the fall as well. Meanwhile, we are still expecting on next Saturday April 25 to have Waste Management, a shredder truck (thank you Jill Rice!), and [Fully Furnished Ministries](#). Please remember that this event is for city residents only. Staff will be on hand to verify city residency, so please bring a valid ID with a current Berkeley Lake address.

I also want to remind everybody of the **Town Hall Meeting about deer management this Monday April 20 from 6:30 until 8 PM in City Hall**. I refer you to more information and a fuller description of our goals for that meeting in my [most recent Mayor's Message \(April 2 issue\)](#). Some of you tell me that you really enjoy the deer, but for those of you who don't, this is an opportunity to learn about ways individual citizens can manage unwanted deer visits in their yards. You will be able to get answers to brief questions from some visiting experts, so if you would like to do that, please bring your question in writing. Remember that you will be able to listen to this meeting afterwards via a recording on our website. We provide recordings for all City Council meetings in this way to help you keep up with everything that is going on. I also want to share with you that other information about deer is available from some of your neighbors who have formed an independent interest group. The Berkeley Lake Wildlife Advisory Council has been active in our community over the past year. These volunteers want "to educate, advise, coordinate and recommend steps to city residents on key wildlife (deer) management issues, to protect our residents and natural environment." They plan to provide information to their neighbors through the Berkeley Lake Community Forum Facebook Page, and a new community website - <https://www.blbeacon.com/wildlife>

I know that many of us are frustrated by the **frequent loss of power** in our city of beautiful trees. I have recently been told by the Georgia Power Area Manager that they would like to do some "reliability work" within our city along Lakeshore Drive. This would include some tree work as well as replacing some old equipment and hardware. Additionally, they say there would be some tree trimming and removal in order to get this work done. I really hope this will make things better; and I will try to keep you informed as I learn more about their plans.

Partnership Gwinnett is a group of community leaders whose meetings I attend from time to time. Here is some of their **recent information** that I thought might be interesting for you: Gwinnett's population is projected to increase from 1,020,513 in 2025 to 1,067,626 by 2030 which is close to a 5% increase in population. Alongside population gains, median household income is expected to rise from \$88,110 in 2025 to \$100,350 by 2030 which is close to a 14% increase. This increase signals strengthening purchasing power, creating expanded opportunities for businesses across a range of industries.

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