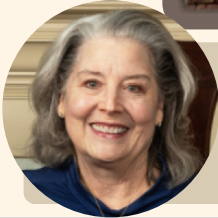




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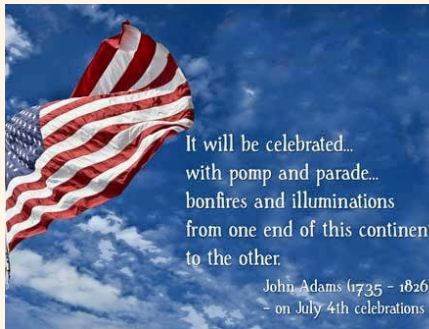


Our city is always one of the best places to be on July 4<sup>th</sup> and will be especially so this year as our country celebrates 250 years. I am also excited to share wonderful community news this month - including a new addition to our City Hall team. As always, there is much to celebrate in Berkeley Lake.

-Mayor Lois D. Salter

## JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> - AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

### Independence Day Parade & Celebration



The parade gathers at Berkeley Lake Elementary at 11:30am, then follows Scott Lee and his music-mobile down to the Chapel. Activities include a Patriotic Sing-Along led by Laura Godfrey and Rich Tatgenhorst. Station 19 brings their firetruck. Windsor Realty and Jacobson Interiors provide hot dogs; the city provides drinks and chips.



GASP-sponsored kid games: face painting, hula hoops, water balloon toss, and limbo!

### Limited Edition 250<sup>th</sup> T-Shirts

Many of us will be sporting our Berkeley Lake 250<sup>th</sup> T-shirts! There are only about 10 left for sale. Funds raised benefit local families in need.



Order:  
[blchapel.org/presale](http://blchapel.org/presale)

**Happy Fourth to All!**

### Meet Michela Monteiro - New City Staff Member

For some time our city has desperately needed another staff person. Our tiny staff has been genuinely heroic in managing all the things a city has to do (in spite of size) with only 3 1/2 people. The Georgia Municipal Association has cautioned that the average city employee in our state is approaching retirement age with no significant pool of applicants coming up through the ranks. I am grateful and happy to tell you that I believe we have finally found someone who can be a worthy addition to our already stellar team. **Meet Michela Monteiro.** I will let her introduce herself to you and hope you can meet her in person at some point soon.



- I earned my Bachelors in Political Science in 2024 from the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega.
- I just finished my masters degree this May in Public Administration from the University of Georgia. Go Dawgs.
- I have had the pleasure of interning with various nonprofits such as Downtown Ministries and Family Connection.
- I love animals and I have two sweet doodles of my own, Ruby and Scooby
- I enjoy weightlifting and held/earned a national title in 2025 for Powerlifting America.

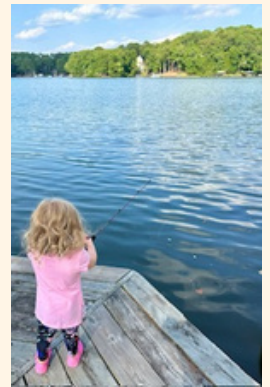
### UDO Public Meeting Open House | From City Administrator, Leigh Threadgill

The first draft of Berkeley Lake's new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) is now available for public review and comment until July 31st. The UDO combines zoning, subdivision, environmental protection, and other development-related regulations into a single, user-friendly document. To learn more, please join us at the upcoming open house: **Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM-8:00PM at City Hall.**

# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

## LENS Photo Competition

Our most recent LENS winner is Lisa Ribeiro with her picture titled "First Time Fishing." She has chosen Happy Tails Pet Therapy as the charity to receive her prize money, kindly contributed as always by Ginny Nevins. Many thanks to Chris Kimberley who leads the committee, and to Dov and Judy Jacobson, our technical experts and photo framers.



## Hike Around the Lake in Full Gear

September 11<sup>th</sup> - Gather at City Hall by 7:30am

Rob Hiller, one of our City Marshals who is a retired firefighter, is planning to repeat his yearly hike around the lake on September 11<sup>th</sup> in gear, which is quite heavy. He has done this for the last three years in memory of the 343 firefighters that died on 9/11. It has been meaningful for others to join him, so if you would like to walk, please gather at City Hall that morning before 7:30am. As always, I will have homemade cookies waiting for walkers when they return to City Hall.



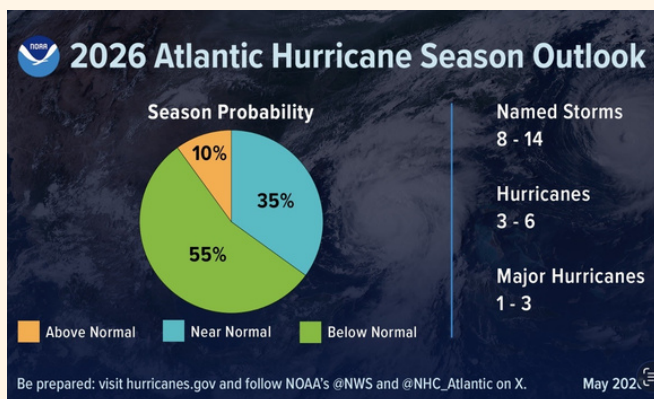
## School Supply Drive - Drop off by July 17th

Our city supports the police officers' annual School Supply Drive. Help ensure every child starts off the school year prepared and confident.

**Drop supplies in the Mayor's office through Friday, July 17th.**

- Bookbags/backpacks
- Colored pencils & markers
- Safety scissors
- Tissues
- Paper
- Crayons
- Pencils and erasers
- Glue sticks
- Pencil pouch
- Calculators & flash drives
- Pens
- Index cards
- Highlighters
- Pocket folders
- Rulers
- Notebooks

## 2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season Forecast



## Overnight Parking Reminder

City code does not allow on-street parking overnight. City Marshals enforce between **2AM and 6AM**. Please park in your garage or driveway overnight to avoid a fine.

## Deer Reminder

Please remember that now is the time when fawns are born; and their moms may become dangerous to pets or even humans in protecting them. Further information is shared by some of your neighbors in the [Berkeley Lake Beacon](#).

~ FUN FACT ABOUT BERKELEY LAKE ~

**The city was incorporated in 1956!**

*Berkeley Lake has been a community for 70 years!*

*Lois D. Salter*