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As always, I think everyone had a great time at our city's Fabulous July 4th celebration! When you see these folks who worked so hard to make this happen, I hope you will join me in thanking them.

-Mayor Lois D. Salter



Debbie Peters & GASP

The phenomenal organizer was Debbie Peters. She recruited not only her staff of work colleagues from GASP, but also her son James, my hero, who jumps in to help with any and everything. They painted faces, blew up water balloons, handed out hula-hoops, and led games that children of all ages enjoyed.



Ginny Nevins & Donna Jacobson

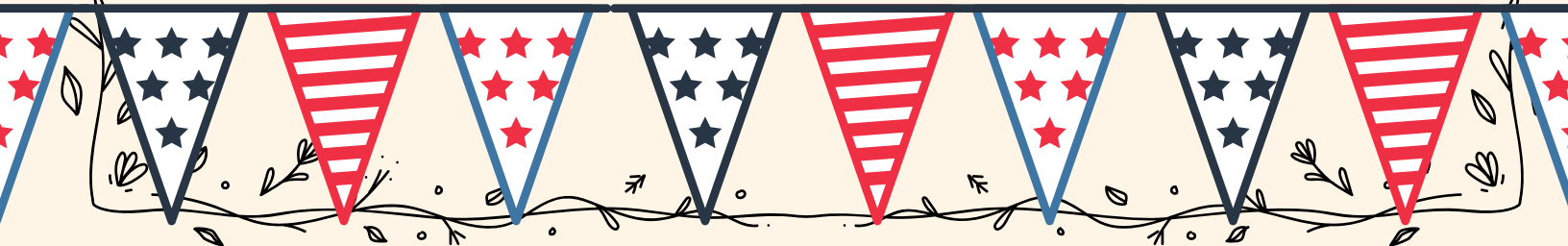
A really major contribution came from **Ginny Nevins of Windsor Realty** and **Donna Jacobson of Jacobson Interiors**.

Cooking on a hot day for that many people is a true labor of love! Thank you Ginny and Donna and all your cheerful, tireless helpers. Gotta love the hot dog hats!



Scott Lee & the Music-Mobile

And how could we have a parade or a limbo contest without **Scott Lee** and his music-mobile? Scott is wonderful with the kids, and so generous with his time and musical equipment!





I loved passing out cookies, and the City provided ice, drinks and chips for everybody, but as you can see most of this marvelous day was the work of your volunteering neighbors. I'm sure I have not listed everyone here who helped, so please forgive me for that. So many people just joined in helping that it's hard to even keep up with them. What a joy!



Chip McDaniel & the Volunteering Crew
We always enjoy **Chip McDaniel's** popcorn. He hauls this big machine in, sets it up and patiently feeds us all for hours. **John Purcell** and **Gene Hutchinson** showed up early just to be available to do anything that was needed. A lot was needed, and they did it all cheerfully. We enjoyed the Patriotic Sing-Along led by **Laura Godfrey** and **Rich Tatgenhorst**, and the kids loved the firetruck manned by **our Station 19 guys**.

School Supply Drive - Drop off by July 17th

Now let's pass some of that Berkeley Lake joy on to **our police officers** and the kids they help with **school supplies**. Please drop off notebooks, crayons, etc. in my office as soon as possible.

Berkeley Lake LENS Photo Competition

Here is our latest LENS contest winner, **Karen Huppertz**, of River Mansions Parkway with her picture *Bluebirds Enjoying the Feeder*. Her winner's check is donated as always by Ginny Nevins, and Karen has directed it to the International Dyslexia Association of GA.



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Have You Read the New Unified Development Ordinance Yet?

If I didn't manage to chase you down at our July 4 celebration to hand out infocards and talk about our potential ordinance changes, **please listen up now!** We have had multiple meetings with stakeholders groups, citizen groups, and community leaders to get input from everyone about these changes. A lot of work has gone into putting your suggestions into a very important new document which you can read **here**. What I think is really cool is that now you can put your comments directly onto the document so that the folks who have prepared this for you can see your response, and your neighbors can see your thoughts as well.

Please please please do this now because after all this work and effort to get your input, it will be tacky for anyone to complain later that they didn't know about the changes that were made. These are the rules we are all going to be living by. They will affect you in the future, so heads up! ***Now is the time to be heard.***

UDO Open House

Monday, July 13th
6:00PM-8:00PM
City Hall

Come ask questions, learn what the draft means, and share your feedback before its finalized.

Your input truly matters.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Join the Arts Committee - LENS Volunteer Opportunity

I mentioned earlier in this message what a huge difference volunteers make in our community. Here's a new opportunity that has come open for someone to work with the Arts Committee picking our LENS winners every month! This is the perfect way for someone to be involved in the community with almost no time commitment. There are no meetings, so you just look at the photographs submitted every month (which are presented to you anonymously) and pick one online. Easy peasy! If you think you'd like to join this group and help this way, please **call me** (I'm in the City Directory) or **email** mayor@berkeleylake.com.

What's Happening on Your Streets?

Paving is tentatively expected to begin next week. **Habersham and Miramont** will be repaved and there will be several areas of repair on Little Ridge.

The sidewalk repair project in **Miramont** is underway and expected to be finished within the next week.

**Thank you, Berkeley Lake,
for being such a wonderful
community.**

Lois D. Salter