

March 1, 2021

Please don't forget the community litter cleanup this coming Saturday, March 6, 9am to 12pm! Please bring a face mask and water to keep hydrated. A limited quantity of gloves, safety vests, and trash grabbers will be available. Meet in the Berkeley Village parking lot at the southeast corner of PIB and North Berkeley Lake Road. I think we've got 9 people signed up so far. For further information, [visit the event's facebook page](#).

Berkeley Lake is also hosting a **stream cleanup** for the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper's annual Sweep the Hooch event. Meet in that same Berkeley Village parking lot at the southeast corner of PIB and North Berkeley Lake Road on **Saturday, March 27, 9 am to 12 pm**. Come and show your support for our beautiful lake by helping collect trash and debris from the waterways leading to the lake. There were 5 spots remaining last I checked. To register, visit <https://chattahoochee.org/sweep-the-hooch/> and choose the Berkeley Lake team.

And while I'm signing up your Saturdays, please **keep April 17 on your calendars for our city's Earth Day**. We are planning it as usual to be held from 9am to 2pm at City Hall; and have already made arrangements for a shredding service.



**Meet Ellie Redfearn, outstanding Berkeley Lake citizen who is giving back to our first responders!** She asked if I could deliver some of her Girl Scout cookies to them and I was, of course, delighted to do so. I took boxes to our local fire station, to Dr. Arona's mass vaccination site, and to our local hospital (pictured Jay Dennard, Chief Operating Officer and Cheryl McMillian, Director of Nursing). They were all so grateful! Haven't made it to the police yet, but they're next! Thank you, Ellie!



I know that you have been concerned as I have about **street racers** in our area. I have been talking with our County Commissioner Ben Ku and our Police Precinct Commander, Major Eddie Restrepo about this growing problem. To quote a smidgin of what I wrote recently to them: "Thanks to both of you for your

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attention to this matter. When my citizens see large numbers of these cars moving rapidly along our hilly and curvy streets with all lights off, they are strongly aware that it's just a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt or killed as in the recent death in DeKalb. I will continue to be interested in any efforts to prevent that kind of tragedy, whether through enforcement of current laws or through changes that strengthen them.” They have both been responsive and are working to help.

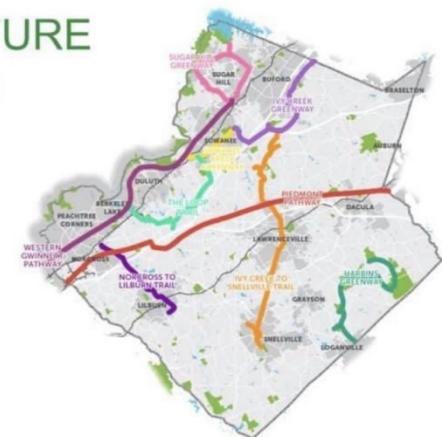
I thought about how fortunate we are that our city has virtually no crime when I was reading Major Eddie’s recent report to me **comparing BL crime in 2019 to 2020**. “During this reporting period (a year, 2020) Homicide, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Sexual Assault, Commercial Burglary, Arson, and Motor Vehicle Theft have remained the same at zero incidents. Residential Burglaries and Theft from Autos have decreased from 1 incident to zero. Thefts have stayed the same at 3 incidents. Two incidents were off S. Old Peachtree Rd. and involved thefts of catalytic converters/vehicle tag. The last incident involved theft of tires from a business.”

Since we’re all trying to enjoy outdoor activities in what I hope are the waning days of the pandemic, I thought you might like to know about some **nifty trails for hiking in our area**. Gwinnett County has done a great job and won national awards for its recreational amenities which are really a great legacy to us all. Check out [www.GwinnettTrails.com](http://www.GwinnettTrails.com) for more info.

## COUNTYWIDE TRAILS MASTER PLAN



## SIGNATURE TRAILS



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The city has been working hard on stormwater infrastructure recently and on at least one occasion a homeowner was understandably concerned about a strange guy wandering around near his house. We require our city engineering staff to wear identifiable shirts, but this was a cold day and the guy's coat covered it. The company we use is **Keck and Wood** and they have now been instructed to wear a safety vest with their logo over whatever else they have on and will be coming in identifiable vehicles. Hope that helps.



Thanks to the members of our Berkeley Lake Conservancy who planted trees in our city to celebrate **Arbor Day**. The tree planting will help meet Arbor Day Foundation standards and maintain the city's Tree City USA designation.

One of our BL restaurants was recently featured in the Atlanta Journal Constitution- Best Takeout in Atlanta. [Here's the article about our Rice and Pie](#). If you haven't tried it, you're missing out! Here's Siri making some of the pizzas we took to the hospital recently to feed the COVID staff.



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I have sent out a bunch of stuff lately trying to help our citizens get a **COVID vaccination** if they want one. Next Monday on March 8 the rules change to include educators and school staff among others. Please check out these changes from the Governor.

### VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

(AS OF 3/8/21)

## GEORGIA IS NOW VACCINATING

- **Healthcare workers** (physicians, nurses, lab technicians, EMS)
- **Law Enforcement**
- **Fire Personnel**
- **First Responders**
- **Residents and staff of long-term care facilities**
- **Individuals aged 65+ and their caregivers\***
- **Educators and staff** (Pre-school, K-12, DECAL licensed or exempt childcare)
- **Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their caregivers\***
- **Parents of children with complex medical conditions**

\* Caregivers provide care to people who need assistance with everyday tasks. Care recipients can live in residential or institutional settings, range from children to older adults, and have chronic illnesses or disabling conditions.

[dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine](http://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine)



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