



October 30, 2014

Excitement is building for our **Berkeley Lake Fall Festival next weekend!!** Our whole city celebrates together on **Saturday, November 8 from 11 AM to 3 PM.**

There will be **four live musical performances**, two bouncy houses, a trackless train for you to ride around on, homeless pets for adoption, food for sale, pontoon boat rides, popcorn, and s'mores to make over a firepit. We are expecting visits from a firetruck, a police car, and the Atlanta Hawks Fan Force.



The Norcross Cooperative Ministry will be there collecting nonperishable food and household goods which I hope you will all bring. We are doing this in lieu of the time change collection that we usually do, but if you have food that you can't get to the festival, please drop it by City Hall or my house as soon as possible. We will hold raffles for an electric guitar, smart phones, bluetooth speakers, restaurant gift cards, and a 50/50 raffle where you could win half the money collected. There will be children's games, face painting, bubble making and lots of fun for little persons. Most importantly, please come and bring a bag of food for NCM. It will be a great day!



If you would like a table spot to promote your business or group, please contact Lou Mitcham at (678) 221-7591.

Because we are expecting so many people and we have so many attractions coming, there will not be space for much parking at the Chapel. This year we will have a van shuttling people between the school and the Chapel. It will be marked with the Berkeley Lake Ordinance Enforcement signs on the doors. Please park at Berkeley Lake Elementary School and let us whisk you to the festivities. The shuttle should be moving quickly between both ends of its very short route so there will be little if any waiting for you. You can park in either their upper or lower lots and the van will meet you in front of the school’s main entrance.

I have two goals in planning this festival. One is for our citizens to come together and have a great time. The other is to raise funds for local charities as we did last year. After consultation with the Berkeley Lake Compassionate City group, we have chosen the following charities for this year.

[Animal Companion Rescue Foundation](#)

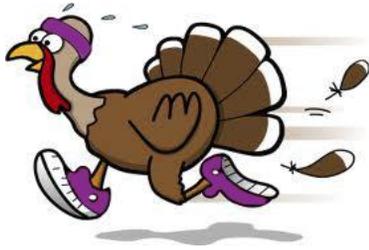
[Georgia Piedmont Land Trust](#)

[Norcross Cooperative Ministries](#)

[Rainbow Village](#)

The Berkeley Lake Compassionate City group has started us off with a contribution of \$200 to each of the four charities. They are challenging the BLOSOMS, homeowner associations, and other community groups to contribute similarly. I want also to challenge each of you as individuals to pick one or more of the groups and support it yourself with a generous contribution. I have put links above so you can investigate all of the charities and pick one or more that most appeal to you. They are all very worthy of your attention and support and I know this is a generous community. You can bring a check to any or all of them and add it to the collection we will have going on at the Festival. You can drop a check or checks by City Hall, or place them in my mailbox. We want to keep an account of how much we raise for each group, and I’ll share that with you in a subsequent *Mayor’s Message*. Sharing is a joyful thing, and I look forward to seeing our city come together in this way to help the many around us who are so much less fortunate than we are. There are homeless dogs like this one and homeless humans, too. Please join us and help as much as you can.





Also please remember earlier that morning to come out and support Berkeley Lake Elementary School at the **Berkeley Lake Turkey Trot**. Join a 4 mile run or a 1.5 mile fun run through the beautiful streets of Berkeley Lake. All funds raised will be used for playground improvements at the school. Be there at 8:30 AM. You can get further information and register here:

[Turkey Trot information](#)

[Registration Link](#)

Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday, November 8!

Lois D. Alter