



May 1, 2024



You may have heard that there is a serious shortage of blood supplies available to the American Red Cross. That puts all of us at risk if anyone in our families should be in an accident or otherwise needs this kind of emergency help. Please give if you can conveniently in our city at the upcoming **Blood Drive on Saturday, May 11 at the Chapel (10:00 am to 4:00 pm)**. You can usually find a walk-in spot, but it would be very helpful if you would schedule an appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org), Sponsor Code: Berkeley.

We had the **best Earth Day ever** recently. Thanks to our wonderful City Hall staff for making all the arrangements and to Jill

Rice and Tracey Settlege for donating the cost of the expensive shredder truck. This year we recycled 5,620 pounds of metal stuff, filled a whole big truck with furniture for Fully Furnished Ministries, and



shredded 3500 pounds of documents that you no longer needed! We also hauled off 2.31 tons of trash. What a good day!



Here are the next events coming up that we are already working on and have nailed down these dates. Please mark your calendars.

- Memorial Day, May 27 at noon**
- July 4 parade - gather at 11:30 am**
- Electronic Recycling and Drug Takeback on October 26, 10 am to noon**

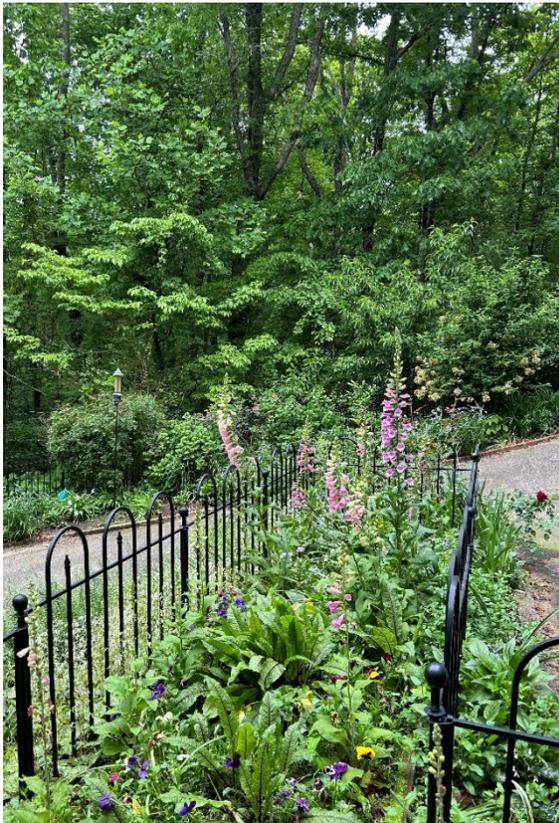
I want to remind everybody about the **May 21 county and state elections** because **early voting for those has already started**. You must be a registered voter and choose either a Democratic, Republican or nonpartisan ballot. I always like to study the sample ballot before I go. You can do that at the state's [My Voter Page](#). It will also give you all kinds of other information about days, hours, and available voting locations.

Our police officers say they continue to see check forgery used to steal funds from bank accounts. These thefts (not specific to our city) can range from several hundred dollars to several hundred thousand dollars! Often the original check is mailed to vendors or family members, then stolen from the mail, altered, and illegally cashed. Below are a few tips you can use to help minimize this form of theft.

- Pay digitally, using peer-to-peer payment services such as Zelle or electronic bill pay.
- If a check must be mailed, make copies of the original.
- Drop off checks in person at the post office or consider using UPS or FedEx with a delivery notification.
- Monitor your bank accounts and report suspicious activity to your bank.

This month's **Fun Fact about Berkeley Lake**: The average commute time for residents of the City of Berkeley Lake is 29.2 minutes. Most residents travel between 20 to 23 minutes to get to work while 17.1% travel between 45 to 59 minutes to get to work.

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful spring weather.



Lois D. Salter