

## Letters From the Mayor of Pine Lake During the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020

Date / Link	Highlights
<a href="#">Dec 10th, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This weeks’ positive case count jumped 53% over last week’s.</li> <li>• December 7th, 2020 marked the 79th anniversary of Pearl Harbor where 2400 souls died. On December 8th, 2020 COVID-19 surpassed that historic number by nearly 200 lives.</li> <li>• Even more vigilance is now required as we slowly move toward the distribution of the vaccine. During the months ahead we still need to wear masks, keep a social distance, and wash our hands to protect our families and community.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Dec 3rd, 2020</a>	Lighting of the Lake
<a href="#">Nov 26th, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Thanksgiving Holiday is about connection and slowing down, even in the midst of tumult. Especially in the midst of tumult.</li> <li>• There’s part of a definition of gratitude I read this morning “ . . . A readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.” it reminds me of the many, many Kindness Activists who live in our midsts.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Nov 16th, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A COVID-safe pop-up drivewaypalooza of local arts and wares held this past weekend. Thanks for all the effort that delivered a special Saturday and Sunday to so many of us—residents and visitors alike.</li> <li>• COVID-19-The third wave is happening as we enter into flu season, the holidays, and winter weather. Protocol remains the same: wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and wash your hands.</li> <li>• Follow-up on facilitated conversations on race, diversity, equity, and inclusion: looking realistically at the time needed to build the process, we have decided to postpone the work until the beginning of next year.</li> <li>• Speaking of diversity—I will be speaking about being one of the only gay Mayors in Georgia tomorrow night on WRFG’s “Alternative Perspectives” with Gregg Bossen at 7pm (89.3).</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Oct 12th, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vote. Vote. Vote. If you can volunteer to help others vote, to protect the vote, to help facilitate a fair and honest election, please do so. Or continue to do so.</li> <li>• There is much concern as the weather returns us to the indoors—not to mention flu season. The flu vaccine is readily available at a number of nearby locations.</li> <li>• We must continue to be vigilant about basic health protections for ourselves, our families, our larger community.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Sept 16th, 2020</a>	<p>There is a lot happening in our community here are a few:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, September 23rd at 7pm we will hold our first ZOOM Town Hall.</li> <li>• We are also working with Ed Lee, EdD, from Emory University to prepare a series of facilitated conversations on race after the November election.</li> <li>• We are working with our engineering consultant on a long-term plan for repairing eroded parts of the wetlands bank, mowing parts of the back berm, and the removal of trees safely so as not to destabilize the earthwork</li> <li>• Census. We are at a 57.5% self-response rate. Please fill it out (if you haven’t yet) or help a neighbor do so.</li> </ul>

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<a href="#">August 21st, 2020</a>	<p>We work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pine Lake, like cities across the nation, is talking about inclusion, diversity, and systemic racism</li> <li>• The elected leaders and community continue to work on these issues in the City.</li> <li>• "In these times, we all require compassion— freely given, to others as well as ourselves. Especially now."</li> </ul>
<a href="#">August 13th, 2020</a>	<p>Some things that make Pine Lake Unique:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three of the last four Mayors are LGBTQI</li> <li>• Our constructed wetlands cleans the water that passes through the City to the downstream residents of Dekalb County</li> <li>• The majority of our commercial district is occupied by minority-owned businesses</li> <li>• Since August of 2016, Pine Lake has had all-female leadership, including Chief Green and Judge Wiggins</li> </ul>
<a href="#">August 3rd, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To date, a total of eleven residents who have tested positive for COVID</li> <li>• 30083 zip code doubled the number of positive tested cases between June 28 and July 26, from 404 to 809</li> <li>• The lake is recovering naturally from an unusually large algae bloom</li> </ul>
<a href="#">July 10th, 2020</a>	<p>This isn't the "second wave;" this is the building severity of the first wave.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our municipal court re-opened for three sessions with many safety precautions and enhancements in place—yet, after consultation with Judge Wiggins, we are closing again effective 7/17.</li> <li>• On Tuesday July 7 Council voted to return to our state of emergency status, given the public health conditions in Georgia.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">July 1st, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The virus hasn't gone anywhere. The virus hasn't abated. So please— wear masks in public, physically distance and wash your hands.</li> <li>• Assistance for COVID and many other federal and state funds are allocated by population.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please complete the census to make sure that we get our fair share.</b></p>
<a href="#">June 19th, 2020</a>	<p>Public health. Public safety. Fiscal responsibility. Who we are to each other? All intertwined in ways we can't begin to address without compassion in the mix. Without relationships.</p>
<a href="#">June 1st, 2020</a>	<p>Mayor's thoughts on the demonstrations of collective grief and rage in communities of color all over our country; focused on our nearby city of Atlanta.</p>
<a href="#">May 31st, 2020</a>	<p>Pine Lake responds to the pandemic with creativity</p>
<a href="#">May 20th, 2020</a>	<p>Council has passed a resolution regarding the opening of the lake and beach for the 2020 season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The beach and the lake will not be opened to the public.</li> <li>• The playground will remain closed.</li> <li>• Diagonal lakefront parking will be reduced by 12 spaces.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">May 15th, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will decide on policy for the lake and beach at next Council meeting - May 19th, 2020</li> <li>• Dekalb County still ranks second in Georgia for COVID-19 cases and zip code 30083 ranks # 2 in the county.</li> <li>• Link to GA and Dekalb status reports</li> </ul>

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<a href="#">May 8th, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Furlough of selected staff. Approximately 20 % saving.</li> <li>• Pine Lake’s Public Health State of Emergency, running concurrent with Governor Kemp’s Executive Order.</li> <li>• Chief Green and I are currently working to mitigate density of gatherings in public spaces and in the park areas.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">April 29th, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extending and clarifying State of Emergency in Pine Lake.</li> <li>• Ranking of GA, Dekalb County and 30083 zip in testing and number of cases.</li> <li>• Phone number to schedule a test .</li> </ul>
<a href="#">April 23rd, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easing of restrictions in Georgia.</li> <li>• Link to Unemployment info.</li> <li>• Report on status of four positive cases in Georgia .</li> </ul>
<a href="#">April 19th, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• two additional cases COVID-19 in our community.</li> <li>• Update on Council Activities.</li> <li>• Thanks to community volunteers and everyone pitching in wherever they can .</li> </ul>
<a href="#">April 13th, 2020</a>	"...time for more patience"
<a href="#">April 10th, 2020</a>	Prepare For Severe Weather
<a href="#">April 9th, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our resident who had tested positive for COVID-19 is out of the hospital.</li> <li>• The craft services trailer in the PD lot continues to feed first responders every weekday: 1100+ lunches served as of today.</li> <li>• We are preparing for possible severe weather this weekend.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">April 6th,2020</a>	One of our residents has tested positive for COVID-19
<a href="#">April 5th, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Support Team Established - offering research and resource support as our small business owners try to navigate the chaos.</li> <li>• PLAIN has set up a Food Pantry, which began delivery this week.</li> <li>• Stephanie Morales’ craft services trailer has provided 500 first responder lunches to</li> </ul>
<a href="#">April 1st, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor Kemp will sign a shelter in place order for the state of Georgia effective Friday April 3rd. Details to follow, along with any impact on the City.</li> <li>• Monday CEO Thurman created a COVID-19 Task Force. Mayors of Brookhaven and Pine Lake are representing the municipalities of Dekalb County.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Mar 28th, 2020</a>	What does Dekalb County's shelter in place order mean for Pine Lake residents.
<a href="#">Mar 26th, 2020</a>	Facts that help support your common sense decisions to shelter in place, observe the
<a href="#">Mar 24th, 2020</a>	Elected officials pass ordinance declaring a state of emergency in the city
<a href="#">Mar 23rd, 2020</a>	Basic advise: Wash your hands; stay inside if you are unwell; observe social/physical distancing. If you have the ability to shelter in place, do so.
<a href="#">Mar 19th, 2020</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the interest of encouraging social distancing and helping to mitigate an ongoing health crisis, we are closing the beach for public use until further notice. We are also removing the picnic tables and swings.</li> <li>• As Emory infectious disease expert Dr. Carlos del Rio said this morning, “To limit the spread in the community we need to spread the community</li> </ul>
<a href="#">March 17th, 2020</a>	Mayor reports on conference call with Governor: Governor Kemp declared a public health state of emergency over the weekend, ratified by

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<a href="#">Mar 11th, 2020</a>	Describing the discussion of the COVID-19 situation at the March 9th Council Meeting
<a href="#">Mar 10th, 2020</a>	Discusses suspension of use of facilities, introduces COVID-19 webpage and other methods of communication and announces preliminary planning for a Wellness Check Network.
<a href="#">Mar 3rd, 2020</a>	Explaining the steps being taken by the City to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.