



Patrick "PJ" Bussenius – Candidate for Berkeley Lake City Council

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Overview

- **Former U.S. Marine and financial risk management expert**
- **Berkeley Lake resident since 2017; active at Free Chapel Church in Gainesville**
- **Committed to integrity, transparency, and responsive leadership**
- **Prioritize input from Berkeley Lake residents in addressing wildlife concerns—especially deer management—through collaboration with Georgia DNR and neighboring municipalities**
- **Improve city processes—citations, planning, zoning—with common-sense policies that protect the environment and serve residents**
- **Promote transparency through a full review of city operations, including financial oversight**
- **Support traffic safety measures, security technology, and pedestrian infrastructure**
- **Partner with the Berkeley Lake Homeowners Association to preserve and enhance lake health**

Statement

I'm Patrick Bussenius, a proud Berkeley Lake resident since 2017, running for City Council with a focus on faith, fairness, and efficiency. As a former U.S. Marine and financial risk management professional, I bring discipline, strategic thinking, and a deep respect for service.

I earned a political science degree from Georgia State and have built a career grounded in thoughtful leadership. My wife Hope, an Associate Clinical Professor at Emory Nursing, has inspired both of our children to pursue nursing careers at Emory—one a proud graduate, the other just beginning. Our family's shared commitment to education and compassionate care reflects the values I'll bring to city leadership. Together, we've also participated in medical missions to Haiti, joining teams of nurses and doctors to provide free mobile clinics in remote communities near Cap-Haïtien, Haiti. These experiences shaped our belief in community-driven service and broadened our perspective on what it means to care for others.

If elected, I'll work to:

- Prioritize input from Berkeley Lake residents in addressing wildlife concerns—especially deer management—through collaboration with Georgia DNR and neighboring municipalities**
- Improve city processes—citations, planning, zoning—to protect our environment while prioritizing residents' needs**
- Promote transparency through a full review of city operations, including financial oversight, to ensure accountability**
- Support traffic safety through signage and control devices, and advocate for security measures like cameras and license plate readers, informed by my own experience as a break-in victim**
- Partner with the Berkeley Lake Homeowners Association to preserve, maintain, and enhance our lake's health**

Berkeley Lake deserves leadership that listens, acts, and serves with integrity. I welcome your input and invite you to connect at pj4berkeleylake@gmail.com. Let's strengthen Berkeley Lake together.
