

# The Lilburn News

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## BRYSON PARK NOW OPEN



BRYSON PARK OFFICIALLY OPENED ON OCT. 23 WITH A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY.

### Upcoming Events & Meetings

November 22 & 23-  
Thanksgiving Holiday

November 26-  
Town Hall Meeting

November 27-  
Zoning Board of Appeals

December 1-  
Lilburn Christmas Parade

December 10-  
City Council Meeting

December 19-Downtown  
Development Authority

December 20-  
Alcohol Review Board

December 24 & 25-  
Christmas Holidays

Please visit [CityofLilburn.com](http://CityofLilburn.com) for a complete listing of upcoming events and meetings.

**Bryson Park is now open to the public, including outdoor basketball and volleyball courts, playgrounds for teens and kids, and football and soccer fields.**

With the opening of this 71-acre park, the City of Lilburn now has nearly 150 acres of park space. That's a lot for a city of six square miles! Municipal parks include Lilburn City Park and Camp Creek Greenway. Bryson Park and Lions Club Park, which is closed for renovations, are operated by Gwinnett County Parks & Recreation.

Bryson Park, like all parks in the city, is patrolled by the Lilburn Police Department. The department

### Bryson Park

**Location:** 5075 Lawrenceville Highway

**Hours:** Sunrise until 11 p.m.

**Info:** Online: [gwinnettparks.com](http://gwinnettparks.com)  
Youth Sports: 770-814-4914  
Rental: 678-277-0860

recently enhanced its patrols by adding four officers to the Bicycle Patrol Unit, making a total of seven certified bicycle officers on staff.

Police Chief Bruce Hedley said, "The bike unit makes officers more approachable and accessible." Officers patrol close to their vehicles, so they can respond to emergencies.

## MOVING OLD TOWN UPTOWN—COMING SOON!



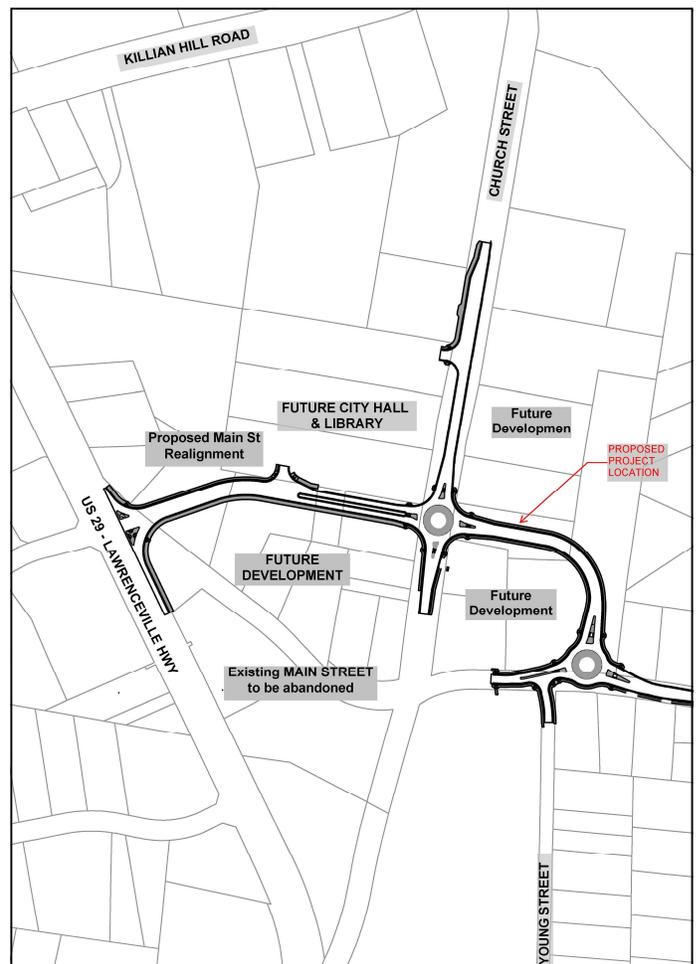
**The City of Lilburn is taking strides toward redevelopment of the city's center with the realignment of Main Street, beginning next year.**

In the spring of 2013, construction is expected to begin on the realignment of Main Street, starting at its intersection with Lawrenceville Highway. The \$2-million road project will create a safer, more traditional intersection with Lawrenceville Highway and allow for smooth traffic flow to Old Town, where the Calvin Fitchett Municipal Complex, City Park, the Camp Creek Greenway trailhead, and the Old Town business district are located. The road alignment creates “new ground,” assemblages of properties ready for development. About 22 acres will front on the new alignment, making it a prime spot for economic growth.

The realignment will lead to the centerpiece of the city's plans for revitalization: a new City Hall and library off Church Street. The L-shaped, brick building will be perched atop a hill that is highly visible from Lawrenceville Highway – effectively bringing Old Town uptown. The nostalgic architecture and prominent clock tower will convey the city's small-town feel, while the state-of-the-art quality of the facility will communicate the type of service residents and businesses can expect to find in Lilburn.

Made possible through the cooperative efforts of the City of Lilburn and Gwinnett County, the two-story City Hall/Library building is unique in that it is a joint project under one roof. The new City Hall will have 24,000 square feet, including administrative offices, a large meeting room, and Council Chambers. The current Municipal Complex will be occupied by the Lilburn Police Department and Court. The 20,000+ square foot

*ABOVE, PROFILE OF THE FUTURE CITY HALL AND LIBRARY, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 2014. BELOW, SKETCH OF THE MAIN STREET REALIGNMENT, WHICH WILL BEGIN IN THE SPRING OF 2013.*



replacement library will nearly double the size of the existing Lilburn Library.

The expected completion date is Fall 2014. The building cost is set at \$10 million in SPLOST funding, the countywide one-percent sales tax approved by voters for special projects. 

## LEGACY STATION SPIKES INTEREST WITH TRAIN LOVERS

By Susan Larson

**Lilburn has always been known as a railroad town.**

In fact, it was even named after Lilburn Trigg Myers, who was general superintendent of the Seaboard Airline Railway, which ran through Lilburn. So it seems only fitting that Lilburn should have a train shop where kids of all ages can buy into that legacy. And what better name for that shop than Legacy Station?

Located behind Kroger on Lawrenceville Highway, railroad signs point the way from the corner of the shopping center to a huge warehouse filled with toy trains and accessories. In business since 1997, Legacy Station is the largest Lionel train dealer in the Atlanta area. They carry the full line of MTH trains along with track, buildings and accessories. Legacy Station also carries a full line of Thomas the Tank and Chuggington Trains products. And for beginners, historians or anyone interested in trains, shelves are stocked with books and information.

Shop owner Brian Sheffield and his wife Valerie keep the store kid-friendly with an overhead train that can be operated by pushing a big red button. Art is incorporated into the scenery with a mural painted by Elaine Mae Oye of UGA. Signed train paintings by local artist Robert West are available



*DON'T MISS THE DEPT. 56 CHRISTMAS VILLAGE DISPLAY IN THE BACK ROOM AT LEGACY STATION ON LAWRENCEVILLE HIGHWAY IN LILBURN. KIDS WILL ENJOY PUSHING THE RED BUTTON TO SET THE DISPLAY IN MOTION. BELOW, 21-MONTH-OLD KATIE SHORES IS A FREQUENT STORE VISITOR WITH HER FATHER, RYAN SHORES, WHO PRODUCES INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS FOR THE STORE.*

for purchase. And not to be missed is the Dept. 56 Village display that Sheffield changes with the seasons, providing entertainment all year long.

The appeal of Legacy Station doesn't stop with trains. They also carry educational toys and hobbies such as Breyer model horses and accessories, Carrera Slot cars, Erector, and Science kits, including supplies for Science Fair projects. Sheffield loves sharing train lore by both showing and telling and appears to be on track to create a Lilburn legacy of his own.

*Susan Larson is a writer from Lilburn.*



### Legacy Station

**Location:** 4153 Lawrenceville Hwy. (Kroger Shopping Center)

**Hours:** 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

**Info:** [legacystation.com](http://legacystation.com)  
770-339-7780



Now on Facebook! News, photos and information about the **City of Lilburn.**

## Welcome to Our New Businesses!

The City of Lilburn would like to welcome the following new businesses:

- **Anne Youngsue Na DMD**

4574 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite 120

- **B&J Auto Repair**

4445 Business Park Court, Suite D

- **Zahra Dollar Planet**

510 Pleasant Hill Road, Suite B

- **Arcado Used Appliances**

145 Arcado Road

- **Julio Enriquez**

4376 Lilburn Industrial Way, Suite H

- **Sur Auto Care**

4310 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite B

- **Zoom Time Motors**

650 Hillcrest Road NW, Suite 100

- **Consultorio Medico Hispanio**

3997 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite 230

- **Wireless Works**

440 Pleasant Hill Road

- **Legacy Station Toys, Trains, and Hobbies**

4153 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite 12

- **Old Town Buffet**

4800 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite 1

- **D&P Auto Body Collision Repair**

4450 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite H-I

- **Firehouse Subs of Lilburn**

4145 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite 16

# HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION

## TIPS TO PRACTICE YEAR-ROUND

**With the holidays rapidly approaching, our thoughts turn to buying, giving and receiving gifts, visiting friends and family, and sharing delightful culinary experiences.**

However, there are others whose thoughts are occupied with unattended houses or apartments, distracted shoppers with extra cash in a purse or wallet, or the next con job in the name of Christmas charity.

Statistics show that crime usually increases during and after the holiday season. The reason is very simple: more people with more cash, gifts, gift cards and other valuables are out and about, which presents more opportunities for the criminal looking for an easy score.

Even though the routine and structure of work, school, appointments, and meetings have altered somewhat, now is the time to be especially mindful of personal safety, online safety, and to practice crime prevention measures.

Here are some general tips to keep you and your property safe during and after the holiday season:

### ***If you are traveling...***

- Put an automatic timer on your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to check your home.
- Remember to have your mail and newspaper delivery stopped.

### ***If you are out of the house...***

- Make it look like someone is home by turning on lights and music or the TV.
- Be sure that your doors and windows are locked.

- Keep gifts out of sight from outside the house.

### ***If you plan to have packages delivered to your home...***

- Make sure you are home to accept them or have the package sent to the nearest post office.

### ***If you are shopping online...***

- Shop with companies you know and trust.

### ***If you are shopping at the mall or a store...***

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Park in a well-lighted space.
- Be sure to lock your car, close windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers by carrying a purse close to your body in the front.
- If you are carrying a wallet, place it inside your coat or in a front pants pocket.

### ***If shopping with kids, have a plan before you go...***

- For older children designate a central meeting spot and teach younger children to seek help from a store clerk or security guard.
- Be sure they know your name (not just mommy and daddy), cell phone number, and address.
- Review the dangers of strangers with them, so they know who to avoid, who not to talk to, and who not to follow.

*For more information about safety during the holidays, contact Capt. Ben Haynes at 770-921-2211.* 

## POLLUTION SOUP

### ARE YOU IN THE MIX?

**In the fable “Stone Soup,” a hungry traveler happens upon a village that claims to have no food to spare.**

The traveler tells villagers that he will make everyone stone soup for dinner with a special stone he has acquired during his travels. As the villagers watch the traveler boil his stone, they begin to offer meat and vegetables to make the soup taste better. By the time the soup is finished, the villagers’ individual contributions have created a tasty meal for everyone.

Nonpoint source pollution could be considered the ingredients in the City of Lilburn’s pollution soup. Nonpoint source pollution occurs when runoff from rain carries pollutants into waterways such as rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, and even groundwater. The term “nonpoint source pollution” is derived from the concept that there is no single point from which the pollution originates. It comes from everyone and everywhere, and is the state and nation’s number one threat to water quality.

Just as the villagers chose to add



their meat and vegetables, Lilburn citizens can choose their contribution to our waterways. When leaking vehicles are not repaired, pet waste is left in the yard, pesticides are improperly applied, or septic systems are not repaired, Lilburn’s waterways become pollution soup. By taking action to prevent these nonpoint source pollutants from entering our bodies of water, you are

helping to protect our most precious natural resource – water.

There is a direct link from our streets and yards to the surface waters in our community – the stormwater drainage system. Lilburn works cooperatively with the Gwinnett County Stormwater Management Division to respond to the discharge of pollutants into the stormwater drainage system. Remember ... our streams begin in your driveway!

*Be watchful for polluters in your area. Report problems by calling 678-376-7193. Provide as much information as possible by answering the questions Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How.* 

## WATER LINE INFO FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners in the City of Lilburn are served by the Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources. Please note that any water and sewer lines built on your property to serve your home or business belong to you. You are responsible for making any needed repairs or maintenance either inside your building or outside on your property between your

building and the water meter or sewer main. Many private companies offer services and insurance coverage for such repairs. Gwinnett County policy does not allow the Water Resources Department to recommend or endorse any particular company.

For more information, call 678-376-6700 or visit [gwinnettcounty.com](http://gwinnettcounty.com). 

### *New Business List continued...*

- **The Nail Boutique**  
3629 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite B
- **Glamour Beauty Supply and More**  
440 Pleasant Hill Road, Suite 115
- **Matou Hair Braiding**  
5309 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Best Deal**  
3880 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Snazz Hair**  
5550 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite 103
- **Mr. T Home Care**  
3855 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Appliance Solutions**  
4340 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite A
- **America’s Sign & Printing Solutions**  
4485 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite 205
- **Life Care and Wisdom Center**  
630 Hillcrest Road, Suite 300
- **Versatile Beauty and Nail Salon**  
465 Pleasant Hill Road, Suite 114
- **Moment With Christ**  
550 Pleasant Hill Road, Suite 207

*...we wish you a prosperous first year in Lilburn and many years of success to come!*



Small town. Big difference.

76 Main Street  
Lilburn, GA 30047  
Hours: 8:30 to 5:00  
Monday to Friday

770-921-2210 City Hall  
770-921-2211 Police  
770-279-3710 Annex

**Regular Monthly Meetings**

@ Calvin Fitchett  
Municipal Complex

City Council Meeting—  
2nd Monday @ 7:30 pm

Alcohol Review Board—  
3rd Thursday @ 6:30 pm \*

Town Hall Meeting—  
4th Monday @ 7 pm

Zoning Board—  
4th Tuesday @ 7:30 pm\*

Planning Commission—  
4th Thursday @ 7:30 pm\*

DDA—3rd Wednesday @  
6:30 PM-Annex

\* If scheduled business

**Johnny Crist**  
Mayor

**Tim Dunn**  
Mayor Pro-Tem

**S. Scott Batterton**  
**Eddie Price**  
**Thomas Wight**  
Council Members

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**SANTA'S ELF PARACHUTES INTO PARADE**

**How do Santa's elves get from the sleigh to City Park?**

With a parachute, of course.

Join your friends and neighbors Dec. 1 on Main Street for the annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the City of Lilburn and Lilburn Business Association. The grand finale will be a drop-in from Santa's Elf at City Park.

Bryan Shephard, owner/operator of the Lilburn Chick-fil-A, will serve as grand marshal. Marching bands will be featured along with more than 100 decorated floats, tractors, and classic cars. Bring your camera for free photos with Santa in the park.



**Christmas Parade — Sat., Dec. 1**

**Location:** First Baptist Church on Main Street ending at City Park.

**Hours:** Parade begins at 10 a.m.

**Info:** About 11 a.m. Santa's Elf parachutes into City Park, followed by activities, music, refreshments and photos with Santa.

More at [www.lilburnparade.org](http://www.lilburnparade.org).



**Bring One For The Chipper!**

Dec. 26—Jan. 31  
City of Lilburn Maintenance Shop  
107 Railroad Ave., Lilburn

Over 20 Years of Treecycling