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“Game changing” project approved



The Lilburn City Council has approved a proposed development for businesses and residences on the southwest corner of Main Street and Lawrenceville Highway (US 29). The project will be located across the street from the future City Hall/Library.

City Council held a public hearing and approved the special use permit on Jan. 12.

Nacoochee Corporation’s plans show retail, offices, and condos fronting Lawrenceville Highway and Main Street, and multi-story residential buildings fronting Church Street and Main Street. A parking deck would be constructed in the center of the square, designed to blend in with businesses and homes.

The final architectural renderings will be approved

by Council when completed. “This is the biggest game changer for the city in perhaps 100 years. We have to get this one right,” Mayor Johnny Crist said.

The proposed apartments are limited to up to 325 one- and two-bedroom units. “We are targeting millennial and the parents of millennials,” said Gary Furrow, representative of Nacoochee Corporation. “The key is getting more people and more dense development into the city.”

The total project cost is \$50 million, Furrow said. Nacoochee is under contract to purchase 7.7 acres from the Downtown Development Authority by May 31. The old Main Street runs through the property and will be abandoned once the new Main Street opens.

A look at the road ahead...

Get regular updates on city projects by visiting cityoflilburn.com or @CityofLilburn on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest.

Lilburn City Hall/Gwinnett County Library: The first joint city-county building in Gwinnett is in final design stages. Construction is estimated to begin in May 2015. The new City Hall will have 24,000 square feet, including offices, a large meeting room, and council chambers. The 20,000 plus square foot replacement library will nearly double the size of the existing Lilburn Library. Building cost is estimated at \$10 million in special-purpose local-option sales tax (SPLOST) funding, the countywide 1% sales tax approved by voters for special projects.



Rosestone Sewer Rehab: Gwinnett County began rehabilitation of sewer lines on Rosestone Drive in October. Work will last six months. Work will typically take place Monday - Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Multi-Use Trail: Trail along Hwy. 29 from Killian Hill to Postal Way. Under design. Construction slated for 2015. Joint project by City of Lilburn and Lilburn Community Improvement District (CID).

Main Street Water/Sewer and Camp Creek Water Projects: Gwinnett County began installing water and sewer lines in summer 2014. Work includes Main Street and side streets. Crews will patch potholes as they go. Camp Creek will be paved in February. Paving of other affected roads will occur at the end of the project in March.

Killian Hill Greenway Extension: Camp Creek Greenway Trail will be extended along Killian Hill, with sidewalks all the way to Arcado. Project is under design. Construction to begin in 2015.

Main Street Sidewalks: Once the Main Street water/sewer project is complete, Georgia Power will be relocating power poles so that 5-foot sidewalks with 1 1/2-foot paver strips can be installed on both sides of Main Street.

Main Street Realignment: Continue to watch for lane closures on Main Street. Church Street and a portion of the new Main Street are open. The second round-about opening has been delayed by utility relocation. The project should be completed by March 2015, and a road opening celebration will be scheduled.



CITY COUNCIL

Drop boxes eliminated in city limits

At the January meeting, City Council approved an ordinance amendment that prohibits drop boxes in the city limits.

There are approximately 20 drop boxes for clothing and other donations in parking lots throughout the city. Last year, the Council addressed the issue of unmarked drop boxes appearing in parking lots without the property owner's approval. The owner and nonprofit status of the drop box was not verifiable in many cases. In October 2013, Council passed an ordinance limiting the number and size of drop boxes and requiring a \$100 permit, so that the box's owner could be tracked.

The City has found that this ordinance has not had the desired effect of reducing the number of unclaimed drop boxes appearing around the city. Therefore, the Council has prohibited all drop boxes. A notice will be placed on the drop boxes, and the owners will have 30 days to collect the structure before city code enforcement disposes of it. The City Council encourages people to donate to one of the many charities in Lilburn.



NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

- Bojangles' Restaurant #929,**
5625 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- China Wok Restaurant,** 4155
Lawrenceville Hwy.
- Elad Signs Printing LLC,** 5337
Lawrenceville Hwy.
- Holly Bishoff Goodman Agency,
Inc.,** 96 Main St.
- Jesani Accounting Services,**
4574 Lawrenceville Hwy. #101
- Little Adorables Childcare
Center,** 5378 #A
Lawrenceville Hwy.
- Procomm Wireless LLC,** 4098
Lawrenceville Hwy.

An Occupational Tax Certificate is required for any business in the City of Lilburn, regardless of the size of the business or whether it is operated at a residence or commercial location. Licenses must be renewed January 31 each year.



**Remember to
renew your
Business License
or
Alcohol License
by Jan. 31!**

Visit the "Doing Business" tab at cityoflilburn.com for a renewal application, or come to City Hall, 76 Main St.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code enforcement helps property value

In an effort to make Lilburn a cleaner, safer, and healthier place to live and conduct business, we are seeking the cooperation of business owners in maintaining and preserving their property values.

The city is requesting that businesses allow an inspection of their property by a City of Lilburn code enforcement officer. The primary purpose of the inspection is to ensure that all vehicles have a current work order and are not being used for parts, and to ensure that all emergency and

accessible lanes are clear.

If you own a business and have not scheduled an inspection, please contact Code Enforcement Officer Reggie Andrews Sr. at 770-638-2228 or randrews@cityoflilburn.com.

To learn more about city ordinances, visit the Code Enforcement page on the Your Government tab at cityoflilburn.com, or pick up a City Code Guide at City Hall (76 Main St.) or the City Hall Annex (98 First Ave.).

Take down holiday lights to prevent fire

The city code limits the amount of time holiday lights may be displayed outdoors, because the wires degrade and become hazardous when exposed to the elements and natural light. Low voltage lights may be installed on Nov. 1 and must be removed by Jan. 31, according to the city code. The law is based on the National Electric Code, which states that outdoor holiday lighting is only good for 90 days.

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that there are 240 home fires involving Christmas trees and another 150 home fires involving decorative holiday lighting each year.



GWINNETT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES

Reduce septic system impact on streams

Both of the main waterways in the city of Lilburn, Jackson Creek and Camp Creek, are considered impaired due to fecal coliform bacteria. This type of bacteria will not necessarily make you sick, but it is an indicator of the possible presence of other disease-causing bacteria. The city is required by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to monitor these streams to track the concentration of these bacteria in the city's waterways.

There are multiple sources of fecal coliform bacteria, including pet waste, sewer overflows, septic systems, and wildlife. Lilburn has some areas with a high density of septic systems, and many of these septic systems are getting old. Old, poorly maintained systems have a higher likelihood of failure, which can result in untreated sewage surfacing and flowing to creeks and streams during wet weather.

Having your septic system serviced every three to five years is the best way to prevent your system from failing. Preventing a failure can

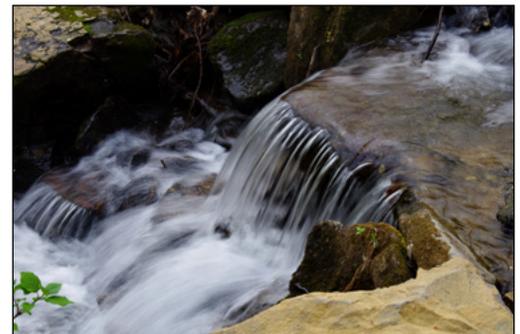


Photo by Steve Bach Help protect Camp Creek, pictured here, by having your septic system inspected every three to five years.

help save you money and also protect Lilburn's streams.

If you are unsure about your home's wastewater treatment method or have questions about septic tanks, visit gwinnettstormwater.com and scroll to the bottom of the page for the link titled "Septic Tank Maintenance Information."



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Meet your police department at Citizens Police Academy

The Lilburn Police Department invites Lilburn residents to join the Citizens Police Academy. CPA is a 10-week program that meets once a week on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This program is designed to provide members of the Lilburn community with additional knowledge about their police department. It allows citizens of Lilburn to become more educated on Lilburn Police Department procedures and the pressures associated with law enforcement. We seek and invite applicants from a diverse group of people who either live in or work in the City of Lilburn. There is no cost to attend the Citizen Police Academy.



The purpose of the Lilburn Police CPA is to accomplish three goals:

- To educate community members in Lilburn Police Department procedures and the pres-

ures associated with law enforcement

- To allow the citizens of Lilburn to meet the men and women who serve them
- To provide Lilburn Police Department officers the opportunity to meet and hear from the citizens they serve.

Presentations consist of lectures, demonstrations, videos, computer presentations, and “hands on” participation. Each participant is given the opportunity to ride with an officer for one shift. Lilburn Police Department CPA members are given a realistic view of the department.

Some of the topics presented include:

- Community Policing
- “Meet the Chief”
- Gwinnett County Jail Tour
- Laws of Arrest
- Search and Seizure
- Crime Scene Processing and Forensics
- Use of Force Training

Who Can Apply?

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Preference given to those who work or live within the city limits of Lilburn
- Must have no prior felony arrest
- Must have no misdemeanor arrest within the last three years of application
- Must be able to attend 9 of the 10 classes
- Must possess a valid Georgia Driver’s License
- Must sign ALL consent and waiver forms

Download the application on the Police Department page at cityoflilburn.com.



Tree Planting Lunch & Learn
Saturday Feb. 21, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Learn about tree maintenance & planting from Gwinnett Master Gardener Kate Pittman.



Rain Barrel Workshop
Saturday, Feb. 21, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Each participant will make a rain barrel to take home. \$25 fee for materials.



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.
Sponsored by Lilburn Downtown Development Authority. Bunny at 10, hunt at 11 a.m.