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## Building a safer city

### Violent crime has gone down in Lilburn. The new culprit? Distracted driving.

In the past four years, the Lilburn Police Department has taken steps to increase enforcement. As a result, serious crime has decreased by 26 percent.

Residents play an important role in deterring crime, Police Chief Bruce Hedley said. Anyone can report suspicious activity by calling the non-emergency number (770-513-5100) or visiting [cityoflilburn.com](http://cityoflilburn.com). This helps the police stop crime before it happens.

While the number of violent crimes has gone down, the number of traffic accidents has gone up — by 27 percent in 2015. More than half of all accidents were caused by following too closely. “We are seeing more and more distracted drivers,” Chief Hedley said. “People are looking at their phones instead of at the road, and it’s causing more crashes.”

Police wrote 47 percent more tickets in 2015. In addition to citations written for traffic accidents, the increase in traffic enforcement is an effort to create safer drivers.

“Lawrenceville Highway is particularly known as a high-speed area. Because of the large amount of businesses and traffic on that highway, we encourage drivers to slow down, pay attention, and drive safely,” Chief Hedley said.

#### How to beat crime



**Be visible.** Officers map criminal activity daily, so patrols are increased in areas where crime is likely to occur. The department also conducts house checks for residents who are out of town; visit [cityoflilburn.com](http://cityoflilburn.com) to sign up.



**Work together.** Patrol officers partner with investigators to identify and arrest offenders before they can commit more crimes. The department helps local businesses come up with a solution to deter recurrent crime, like shoplifting.



**Set the bar high.** The department has achieved state certification by upholding rigorous standards. During 2015, officers received an average of 122 hours of specialized training, much more than the state-required 20 hours.



**Build relationships.** The police department has developed a close relationship with the community through neighborhood watch groups, business watch groups, school visits, public events like National Night Out, and more.

# A look at the road ahead...

Get regular updates on city projects by visiting [cityoflilburn.com](http://cityoflilburn.com) or @CityofLilburn on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest.

**Lilburn City Hall/Gwinnett County Library:** Construction began on this joint city-county building in June 2015 and is expected to be completed by November 2016. The new city hall will be 24,000 square feet, which includes offices, a large meeting room, and council chambers. The 20,000-square-foot replacement library will nearly double the size of the existing Lilburn Library. The location near US 29 will improve customer service and increase the visibility of the downtown area.

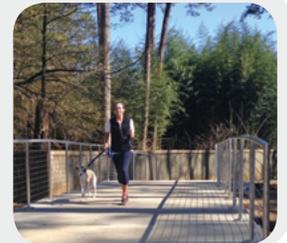


**Future Police/Courts Location:** The city has plans to move the Lilburn Police Department and Municipal Court to 9.73 acres at 4572 Lawrenceville Highway. The property has been cleared to prevent tree growth, because construction is not planned in the near future. This site was chosen because it is vacant, all utilities are in place, and it is centrally located on the busy Lawrenceville Highway corridor. Moving the police headquarters to the main highway will allow for quicker police response to emergencies, and it will open up space in Old Town for the community.

**N. River Drive Annexation:** The city accepted 53.2 acres on N. River Drive at Arcado Road into the city limits. A swim-tennis neighborhood is planned with homes starting at 2,000 square feet.

**Main Street Sidewalks:** Sidewalks on Main Street and Poplar Street are nearly complete. Once the remaining utility poles are removed, the sidewalks can be finished. Mailboxes have been installed at Main Street homes to maintain Old Town character and appeal. By improving appearance and pedestrian access, the city hopes to attract more businesses and residents to the city center.

**Greenway repairs:** A new maintenance-free concrete bridge has replaced an aging wooden boardwalk on the Camp Creek Greenway Trail. Future boardwalk upgrades are being planned to take place over the next five years. The city will add drainage improvements to the trail, as well, and will ramp up day-to-day efforts to clear the trail of mud and debris after heavy rainfall.



## CITY COUNCIL

### 'Millennials' invited to meet

Mayor Johnny Crist will host a special town hall meeting for the "Millennial Generation" on Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. All 18-32 year olds in Lilburn are invited to share their thoughts about the city and its future.

"This would be a listening session for me to hear what their needs, wants, and desires might be," Mayor Crist said.

Councilman Brian Burchik, who is a millennial, will assist with the meeting. This is intended to be an open forum for discussion led by the group. Topics could include parks and trails, housing needs, city events, social media use, and diversity.



## GWINNETT COUNTY

### Help Gwinnett beat the traffic

Gwinnett is updating its Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The plan serves as a roadmap for how a community would like to see transportation

networks develop to serve their current and future needs. It will focus on all modes of transportation, including roads, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and truck routes, as well as the Gwinnett County Airport.

Tell Gwinnett County your transportation needs. Take a survey at [destination2040gwinnett.com](http://destination2040gwinnett.com) or attend one of these public meetings: March 21, 6-8 p.m., Lucky Shoals Park, 4651 Britt Road, Norcross; March 29, 6-8 p.m., Snellville City Hall, 2342 Oak Road SW, Snellville (more dates listed at [destination2040gwinnett.com](http://destination2040gwinnett.com)).

#### Resources

- [gctransit.com](http://gctransit.com) — Local and express bus routes
- [gcsmartcommute.com](http://gcsmartcommute.com) — Live traffic cams
- [gacommuteoptions.com](http://gacommuteoptions.com) — Find a carpool

**NEW BUSINESS LICENSES**

- 3D's Furniture,**  
79 Main St. #D
- A Best Dry Waterproofing,**  
661 West Johns Road NW
- Armeen Inc.,**  
5474 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- ATC Tax Services,**  
4485 Lawrenceville Hwy. #202
- Auctions Unlimited,**  
313 Luxomni Road
- Ceci's Pets Paradise,**  
5377 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- Deleone Investments,**  
4705 Lawrenceville Hwy #C
- E-Contax,**  
3907 Burns Road #10
- ESQ,**  
495 Indian Trail Road #102
- Flo Beauty Supply and Braiding,**  
5321 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- Global Tire Plus,**  
621 Indian Trail Road #A B C
- iPhone Solution Repair Service,**  
510 Pleasant Hill Road #I
- J&J Inc.,**  
3629 Lawrenceville Hwy. #B
- Kindtouch Healthcare Services,**  
331 Arcado Road #A-102
- Liberty Tax Services,**  
5289 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- Nature We Belong Natural Food,**  
5570 Lawrenceville Hwy. #C
- Pink Rabbit,**  
4805 Lawrenceville Hwy. #105
- Retamex Auto Sales,**  
465 Pleasant Hill Road #105
- Segovia Enterprises,**  
4566 Lawrenceville Hwy. #220
- Shampoochie's,**  
3629 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- SSK Wireless,**  
3907 Burns Road #13
- Tax Services of America,**  
4004 Lawrenceville Hwy. NW
- Taylor Made Financial Solutions,**  
660 Hillcrest Road #200
- White Sail Retail Holdings,**  
5570 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- Yellowstone Landscape,**  
4386 Lilburn Industrial Way

*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.*

# Spring cleaning: Great American Cleanup

It's time to do some spring cleaning in Lilburn neighborhoods! The City of Lilburn's annual Great American Cleanup offers an opportunity for the public to dispose of unwanted items. Neighbors are encouraged to help each other transport large items, such as tires, to be recycled.

The event will be Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Greenway Trail parking lot (across from City Hall, 76 Main St.). Visit [cityoflilburn.com](http://cityoflilburn.com) to learn more.

The following items will be accepted at no cost:

- Secure paper shredding (up to 5 boxes)
- Electronics recycling
- Bulk trash (limited space, no construction materials, no batteries)
- Cell phones
- Tires (no businesses)



TVs and CRT monitors will be accepted for a fee of \$15 (cash or check only). Paint will be collected by Parkview Christian School as a fundraiser. Fees will be listed at [cityoflilburn.com](http://cityoflilburn.com). Latex, oil, and spray paints are accepted. Do not mix paint with anything, including other paint.

**GWINNETT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES**

## Help keep roadsides and rivers clean

The Adopt-a-Road (AAR) program is a litter prevention initiative sponsored by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful (GC&B) and by the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation (GC DOT). The program aims to safely reduce the amount of trash and illegal signage cluttering county roadways.

Removing litter from the roads helps keep our waters safe and clean by preventing the trash from being washed into rivers and streams through the stormwater drainage system. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 80 percent of the trash that ends up in our streams and oceans comes from roadside litter.

Lilburn residents have many opportunities to participate in the Adopt-a-Road program. Adopting a road is an easy process that involves 5 simple steps.

1) Choose which road you would like to adopt. The ideal road has safe access to the litter you

will remove and is close to where you work or live.

2) Read the "Official Adopt-a-Road Agreement" to learn more about the program.

3) Submit your preferred road and a signed AAR Agreement to GC&B, and start your cleanup activities. You will perform four cleanups during a 12-month period. Free garbage bags, safety vests, and signs are available for each cleanup. If you find large amounts of litter and debris, GC DOT can send staff to pick it up.

4) Submit a "Post Cleanup Report," which leads to the fifth and final step of the process...

5) Recognition! AAR volunteers will have their section of adopted road marked by two street signs bearing the group's name. Outstanding Adopt-a-Road partners are awarded annually.

Visit [gwinnettcba.org/programs/adopt-road/](http://gwinnettcba.org/programs/adopt-road/) or call Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful at 770-822-5187 to learn more about the program.



# SMALL BUSINESS ESSENTIALS

*The 'On The Road' program, hosted throughout Gwinnett, introduces the many resources available to small businesses.*

- Date: March 23, 2016
- Location: Lilburn City Hall
- Register at [GwinnettChamber.org/events](http://GwinnettChamber.org/events)



76 Main Street  
Lilburn, Georgia 30047  
Hours: 8:30am to 5:00pm  
Monday through Friday

770-921-2210 City Hall  
770-921-2211 Police  
770-279-3710 Annex  
cityoflilburn.com



Johnny Crist **Mayor** • Tim Dunn **Mayor Pro-Tem** • Brian Burchik **City Council** • S. Scott Batterton **City Council** • Eddie Price **City Council**

## March



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Mar. 19, 10 a.m. (hunt at 11 a.m.), City Park  
with Lilburn Downtown Development Authority

## April

**White Elephant Sale**  
Apr. 16, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Greenway Parking Lot

**Taste of Lilburn**  
Apr. 23, 2 - 5 p.m., Pavilion  
by Lilburn Community Partnership

**Great American Cleanup**  
Apr. 23, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Greenway Parking Lot

**Lilburn Relay Rally**  
Apr. 29, 5 - 10 p.m., City Park  
by American Cancer Society and Lilburn Woman's Club



**SMILE 5K**  
April 30, 7:30 - 11:30 a.m., City Park  
by St. Mary's Independent Living Extension and St. John Neumann

## May

**Food Truck Tuesday**  
May 10, 6 - 9 p.m., City Park

**Moonlight Movie**  
May 27, dusk, City Park  
"Aladdin"



## June



**Rock the Park**  
June 3, City Park, DEPARTURE (Journey Tribute)

**Food Truck Tuesday**  
June 14, 6 - 9 p.m., City Park

**Sprinkler Days begin**  
June 15, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., City Park  
Each Wednesday in June & July

**Hiking & Hotcakes**  
June 18, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., City Park  
by Scleroderma Foundation GA Chapter

## July



**Sparkle in the Park**  
July 4, 5:30 - 10 p.m., City Park

**Food Truck Tuesday**  
July 12, 6 - 9 p.m., City Park

## August



**National Night Out**  
Aug. 2, 6 - 8 p.m., City Park  
Lilburn Police with SafetySmart Lilburn

**Rock the Park**  
Aug. 5, City Park, 20 Ride (Zac Brown Band Tribute)

**Food Truck Tuesday**  
Aug. 9, 6 - 9 p.m., City Park

## September

**Small Town Big World:  
Lilburn International Festival**  
Sept. 10, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., City Park  
with Lilburn Community Partnership



**Food Truck Tuesday**  
Sept. 13, 5 - 8 p.m., City Park

**Classic Cars in the Park**  
Sept. 24, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., City Park

## October

**Lilburn Daze**  
Oct. 8, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., City Park  
with Lilburn Woman's Club

**Food Truck Tuesday**  
Oct. 11, 5 - 8 p.m., City Park

**Moonlight Movie**  
Oct. 21, dusk, City Park  
"Hotel Transylvania 2"

## November

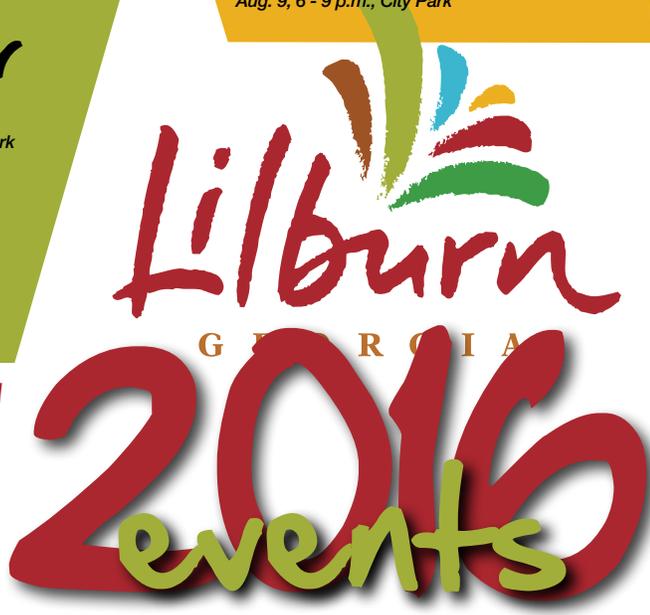
**Veterans Day Celebration**  
Nov. 6, 2 p.m., First Baptist Church  
of Lilburn

**Tree Lighting**  
Nov. 29, 7 p.m., Main St. & Railroad Ave.

## December



**Christmas Parade**  
Dec. 3, 10 a.m., Main St.



Visit [cityoflilburn.com](http://cityoflilburn.com) for a complete list of events.