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White Elephant Sale
Learn more at cityoflilburn.com.

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Lilburn Lyrics

Take a walk through Lilburn City Park, and you just might find yourself humming a familiar tune. Local artist Sonny Franks recently installed a public art project featuring Lilburn residents' favorite song lyrics. The "Lilburn Lyrics" signs are placed in the park and Camp Creek Greenway.

"As a city, we want to do more than provide municipal services. We want to help people feel connected to the place they call home," Mayor Johnny Crist said. "Music is a universal language that touches people on an emotional level. These signs are a creative way for people to connect with each other as they walk through City Park."



The idea originated with a group of citizens assembled by the Mayor to brainstorm ideas for public art. Residents submitted their favorite songs on Facebook and Instagram. Franks assembled the lyrics and graphics in Photoshop and then digitally printed them on aluminum. Franks, who is the owner of Sign Creations, donated his artistic ability and time to create the signs at cost — \$25 each. The signs were installed on trash cans and benches at the end of May.

Building projects in Lilburn

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

Wynne-Russell Drive: Providence Christian Academy will install 3 speed humps on Wynne-Russell and Shady drives. Lilburn City Council approved on June 13.

Former Lowe's: An interior demolition permit has been issued for the former Lowe's building on Pleasant Hill Road. The developer intends to build an interior shopping mall. Separately, plans for clearing have been approved for a package store and retail space on an outparcel of this property.

Kroger: The city planning department has approved plans for an interior remodel of the grocery store.

Gas Station: Demolition of old gas station at corner of Indian Trail and Hillcrest. New convenience store and tenant space under construction.

Hardee's: Demolition of former We Buy Gold building on US 29 at Inland Way (near Goodwill shopping center). Hardee's restaurant is moving forward with plans to rebuild.

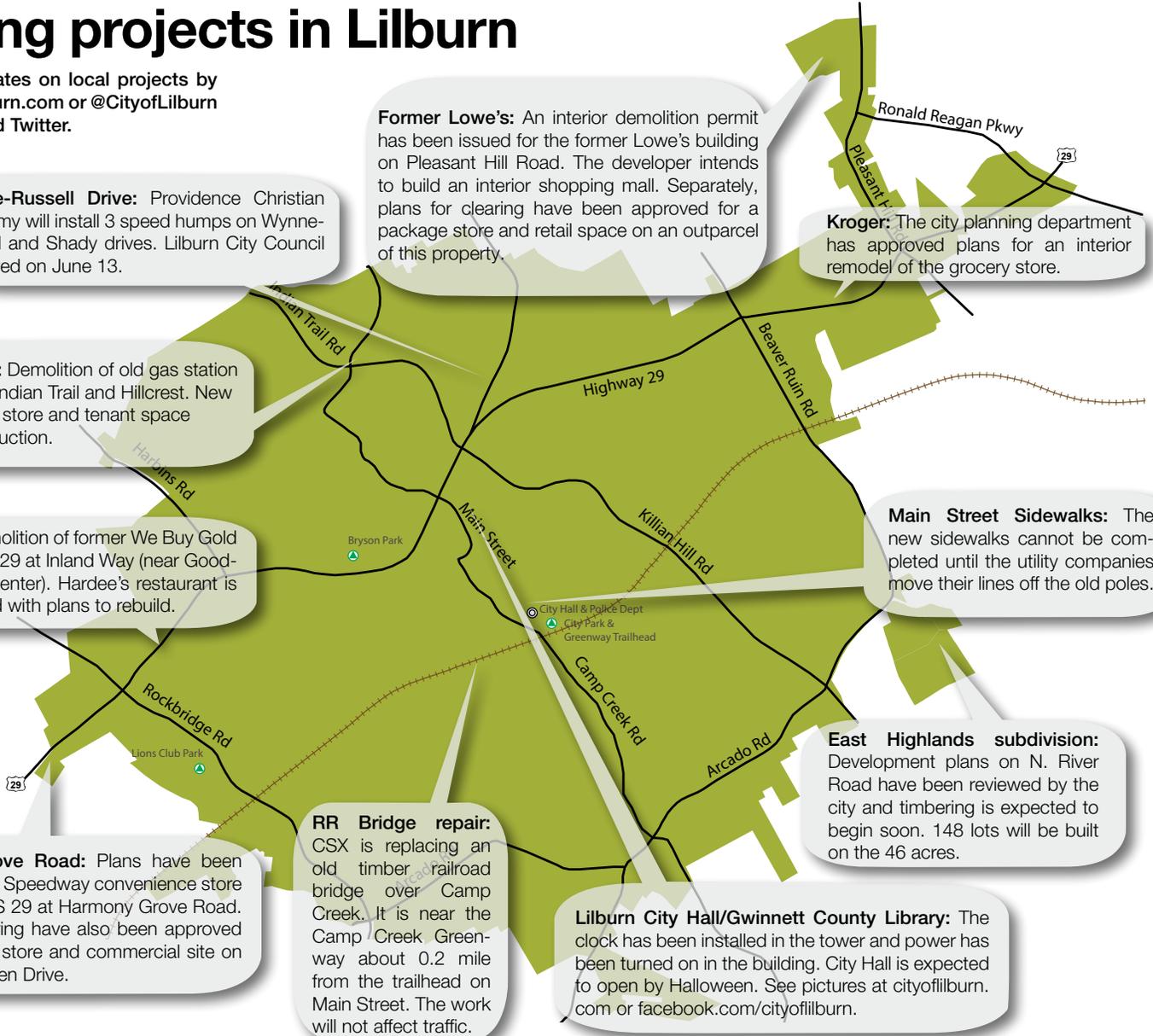
Main Street Sidewalks: The new sidewalks cannot be completed until the utility companies move their lines off the old poles.

Harmony Grove Road: Plans have been approved for a Speedway convenience store with fuel on US 29 at Harmony Grove Road. Plans for clearing have also been approved for a package store and commercial site on US 29 at Braden Drive.

RR Bridge repair: CSX is replacing an old timber railroad bridge over Camp Creek. It is near the Camp Creek Greenway about 0.2 mile from the trailhead on Main Street. The work will not affect traffic.

East Highlands subdivision: Development plans on N. River Road have been reviewed by the city and timbering is expected to begin soon. 148 lots will be built on the 46 acres.

Lilburn City Hall/Gwinnett County Library: The clock has been installed in the tower and power has been turned on in the building. City Hall is expected to open by Halloween. See pictures at cityoflilburn.com or facebook.com/cityoflilburn.



Zoning map, code updated

Following a public hearing on June 13, the City Council approved changes to the city's zoning ordinance and map, which specifies requirements for development activity within the city limits. The zoning map assigns each parcel in the city to a specific zoning category and outlines overlay districts.

The US 29 Corridor Overlay is a set of additional development regulations along the city's main thoroughfare, such as architectural and landscaping requirements. The new map expands the overlay boundaries to include more properties along the city's other major corridors, including Pleasant Hill Road, Beaver Run Road, Indian Trail Road, and Rockbridge Road.

The zoning map and ordinance is available to the public online at cityoflilburn.com.

29 improvement district grows

On June 13, City Council consented to a significant expansion of the Lilburn Community Improvement District, following prior approval by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners.

The Lilburn Community Improvement District gives private property owners the ability to control change and make improvements in the area surrounding their property, beyond their individual property lines. Property owners who join the district pay an additional tax that will fund improvements along the US 29 corridor.

The new additions include properties on Lawrenceville Highway, Rockbridge Road, U.S. Highway 29, Pleasant Hill Road, Beaver Run Road, Lester Road, Luxomni Road, Arcado Road, Harmony Grove Road and Royal Woods Parkway.

For more information about the CID, contact Emory Morsberger, Executive Director, at 770-409-8100 or lilburncid.org.

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

- Atlanta Auto Parts,**
175-B Arcado Road NW
- Baron America, LLC,**
4671 Arcado Road
- E & K Logistics,**
440 Pleasant Hill Road, Ste. 115
- El Norte Auto Repair,**
75 Arcado Road, Ste. A-1
- Georgia Homecrafters, LLC,**
293 Camp Creek Road
- International Recycle Co.,**
174 Rockbridge Road
- JN Auto Repair, LLC,**
4545 Lawrenceville Hwy, Ste. #3
- LV Attic,**
550 Pleasant Hill Road, Ste. C20
- New Image Hair Salon,**
5375 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- TLA Consulting Group, Inc.,**
550 Pleasant Hill Road, Ste. C204
- Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC,**
5505 Lawrenceville Hwy NW
- Y & S Recovery,**
4304 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.

FREE Septic Tank Maintenance Workshop

Hosted by: Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources

Buford Human Services Center
2755 Sawnee Avenue, Buford, GA
August 11, 2016 • 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Learn how your system works, how to prevent problems, and how to determine when a repair is necessary. Attendees may qualify for a 5% credit towards their Stormwater Utility Fee. Pre-register by sending an e-mail to DWRworkshops@gwinnettcounty.com (include name, address, and phone number) or by calling 678-376-7193 and pressing 5.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Games, food, and safety info at free event

The Lilburn Police Department and SafetySmart Lilburn Inc. are proud to host Lilburn's 2016 National Night Out in City Park on Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. This year marks the 7th anniversary for this free event, which has grown to be one of the largest in Georgia!

National Night Out is a nationwide event designed to generate citizen support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and build police-community relationships. Also, it's FUN! Kids get to take a peek inside a patrol car, crawl through the smoke house, and play games with officers.

Lilburn's 2014 National Night Out was awarded 27th place out of 220 similarly-sized cities nationwide by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). The national awards program honors registered cities, military bases, and various communities on participation and success of their National Night Out efforts.

The event is organized by the Lilburn Police Department and SafetySmart Lilburn Inc.



Photo by Richard Ferris

The canine demonstration begins at 8 p.m. Pictured, the Lawrenceville Police Department's K-9 Unit demonstrates how the dog can sniff out drugs and detain a suspect.

SafetySmart offers training, resources, and organizational support to neighborhoods and businesses interested in starting watch groups in the 30047 zip code area. The event is supported by the generous donations of area businesses.

Visit cityoflilburn.com for more information.

Council approves budget with police K-9

Each year, the city creates a plan for revenues and expenses expected in the coming year. The Lilburn City Council approved a budget for 2016-2017 following a public hearing on June 13. The new fiscal year begins July 1, 2016.

A K-9 unit for the Lilburn Police Department, along with associated equipment and services, was funded in the budget using \$73,747 from the 2014 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). SPLOST is the voter-approved penny sales tax that is used for special projects.

"Anyone who's been following the epidemic in this country knows that opiate addiction is a serious problem. The K-9 unit will help us detect these dangerous drugs," Police Chief Bruce Hedley said, adding that the department currently has to rely on the availability of dogs from other jurisdictions. "The dog is also a very effective tool for community outreach," Hedley said.

City Manager Bill Johnsa said Lilburn is working toward its goal of becoming the safest city in Georgia, a mission that was begun by local nonprofit SafetySmart Lilburn Inc. "This will be accomplished by a strong, well-equipped police force, as well as superior community policing. The addition of a K-9 unit will bolster this effort," Johnsa said.

By the numbers

Fiscal year: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Total budget: \$12,363,674

Decrease from last year: 4.2%

Millage rate: 4.43 (to be approved July 11)

City taxes on a \$150,000 house: \$265.80

More info: cityoflilburn.com or 770-921-2210

Overall, the budget decreased over the previous year, but there were some staff additions. A part-time municipal court clerk position was changed to full-time, to facilitate processing of cases. A planning clerk position was increased from part-time to full-time, to handle increased permit requests. Two seasonal workers were added to help with the grass mowing season.

The budget also includes funds to reconfigure the city-owned parking lot on Main Street between Music on Main Street and 1910 Public House, to provide more downtown parking.



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



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Sparkle in the Park

Annual fireworks and concert on July 4, 5:30 - 10 p.m.

Join the City of Lilburn for our biggest event of the year, Sparkle in the Park. We will light up the park with spectacular fireworks, and GLOW will perform. Enjoy a variety of concessions, food trucks, bounce houses, and more!

- Monday, July 4, 5:30 - 10 p.m. in Lilburn City Park, 76 Main St.
- Coolers are welcome, but no outside alcohol. Beer and wine will be sold in the park by the Oyster Barn, and on Main Street at 1910 Public House.
- Parking lots with shuttle service:

- Lilburn Middle School
- Nam Dae Mun Farmers Market
- Corner of Young and Main streets
- Corner of Killian Hill Road and Poplar Street

- Accessible parking is available at City Hall and in the lot on Railroad Avenue.
- Lawn chairs or blankets are recommended. No tents, please, so everyone can see the show!
- Due to the noise and large crowd, we recommend that pets be left at home.

More info at cityoflilburn.com.

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Reject 10K/5K
 July 2, 8 a.m., Camp Creek Greenway
 Sponsored by Ruppert Landscape.



Rock the Park with 20 Ride
 Friday, Aug. 5, City Park
 Zac Brown Band tribute, free concert.



Food trucks and live music
 July 12 & Aug. 9, 6 - 9 p.m., City Park
facebook.com/lilburnfoodtrucktuesdays