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## What's new at the library?

The new Lilburn City Hall and Gwinnett County Public Library building is now open at 340 Main St.

The new library space is double the size of its former location and features new technology and programming for patrons.

Lilburn Branch Library has approximately 36 computers for customer use. This includes six computers for short-term use and for using the library catalog, 16 PCs, eight iMacs in the adult area, six children's Mac computers for concept learning, and an Xbox in the teen area with teenage-specific programs for use in the library.

The Lilburn Branch also is gathering additional equipment for use in the Learning Lab, where customers will be able to have sessions for creating podcasts, 3D printing, audio projects, and more. Once all items are available, customers will be able to reserve this space for their projects.

Lilburn Branch Library offers lots of new programming, as well: bilingual storytimes and conversation groups, character visits (meet Pete the Cat on Dec. 10!), kids' robotics activities, adult resume writing classes, and much more. Visit [gwinnettpl.org](http://gwinnettpl.org) for a complete list.

Please contact the library staff at 770-985-7641 or 770-985-7642 or 770-985-7645 for tours or for additional information.

The former Lilburn Branch Library location at 788 Hillcrest Road will be converted to a community center by Gwinnett County.



A father and son enjoy reading at the new Gwinnett County Public Library - Lilburn Branch on its opening day, Oct. 18.

### City Hall and Library hours of operation

- Lilburn City Hall: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Offices will be closed Nov. 24 - 25 and Dec. 23 and 26, and Jan. 2 for the holidays.
- Gwinnett County Public Library: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. All library branches will close at 6 p.m. on Nov. 23 and remain closed Nov. 24 - 25, Dec. 23 and 26, and Jan. 1-2 for the holidays.

*\*The Police Department and Municipal Court are still located at 76 Main St. next to Lilburn City Park. Go there Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to pay a traffic ticket, attend court, request a back-ground check, obtain a serving permit, and conduct other business. Call 770-921-2211 for more info.*

# Building projects in Lilburn

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

**Mercado:** A building permit has been issued at the former Lowe's building at 733 Pleasant Hill Road near Ronald Reagan Parkway. The developer is building an interior shopping mall with retail spaces, food court, and grocery store.

**The Branded Barrel:** In front of the former Lowe's building, a separate development is under way for a package store and retail space.

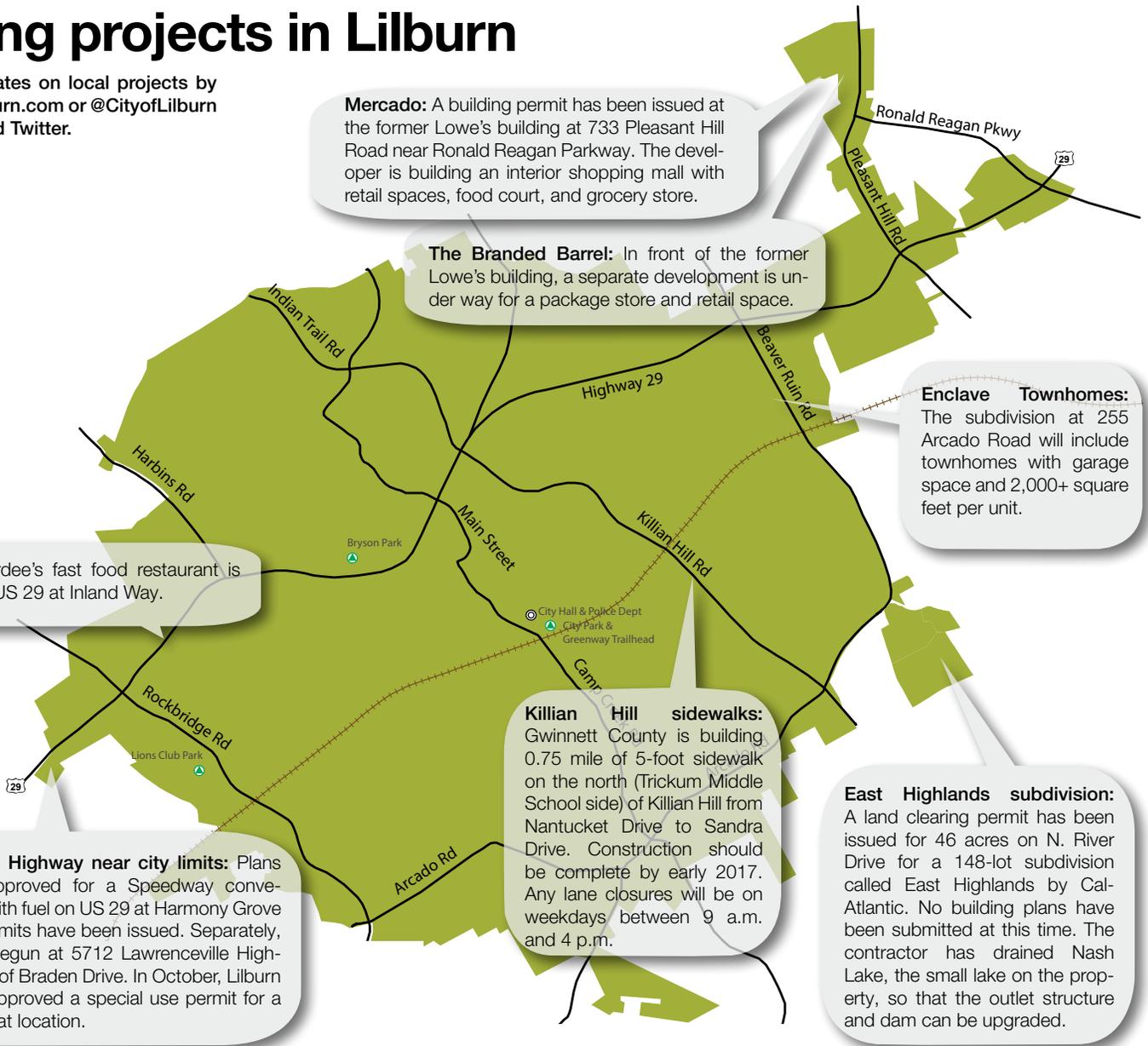
**Enclave Townhomes:** The subdivision at 255 Arcado Road will include townhomes with garage space and 2,000+ square feet per unit.

**Hardee's:** Hardee's fast food restaurant is now open on US 29 at Inland Way.

**Killian Hill sidewalks:** Gwinnett County is building 0.75 mile of 5-foot sidewalk on the north (Trickum Middle School side) of Killian Hill from Nantucket Drive to Sandra Drive. Construction should be complete by early 2017. Any lane closures will be on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**East Highlands subdivision:** A land clearing permit has been issued for 46 acres on N. River Drive for a 148-lot subdivision called East Highlands by Cal-Atlantic. No building plans have been submitted at this time. The contractor has drained Nash Lake, the small lake on the property, so that the outlet structure and dam can be upgraded.

**Lawrenceville Highway near city limits:** Plans have been approved for a Speedway convenience store with fuel on US 29 at Harmony Grove Road. No permits have been issued. Separately, clearing has begun at 5712 Lawrenceville Highway just north of Braden Drive. In October, Lilburn City Council approved a special use permit for a car wash at that location.



## Sales tax to fund police station, park projects, and more

With the Nov. 8 general election, Gwinnett County voters renewed the one-cent special purpose local option sales tax, or SPLOST.

The current SPLOST program ends in March 2017. The new program could raise an estimated \$950 million over six years to be used county-wide for transportation improvements along with public safety, parks and recreation, library relocations and renovations, civic center expansion, senior service facilities, and city administrative, parking, and cultural facilities, plus city water and sewer capital improvements.

The county and all 16 Gwinnett cities will share the proceeds. Gwinnett County will receive 78.76 percent of the proceeds and the cities will receive 21.24 percent. The City of Lilburn will receive about 1.2 percent of the total amount collected, based on population.

Before the election, the county and cities had to determine how they would spend the SPLOST, if it was approved by voters. The Lilburn City Council designated the funding as follows: \$6.4 million for city public safety facilities and equipment; \$4.4 million on city streets and bridges;

\$811,542 for recreation facilities; \$509,228 on city/county recreation projects; and \$1.4 million on joint city/county transportation projects.

The city's largest public safety expenditure will be a new facility for the Lilburn Police Department and Municipal Court on Lawrenceville Highway. In 2015, the city purchased 9.73 acres that became available next to Lilburn Commons office complex. That location will increase police presence on the city's major thoroughfare and business corridor. Also, the vacated Calvin Fitchett Municipal Complex next to Lilburn City Park could be redeveloped for the community.

Gwinnett County has determined that 65 percent of its share of the 2017 SPLOST, or an estimated \$486 million, will be dedicated to transportation projects such as roads, streets, bridges, and sidewalks, including \$30.3 million for joint city/county transportation projects. The County has also agreed to set aside approximately \$3.7 million for joint parks and recreation improvements.

# It's s'more season! Questions to ask before you burn.

## Is outdoor burning OK today?

The Gwinnett County Fire Marshal provides a daily update of outdoor burning conditions at 678-518-4979 or [gwinnettfiremarshal.com](http://gwinnettfiremarshal.com). The fire marshal is urging all citizens to follow the Georgia Forestry Commission's suspension on outdoor burning until drought conditions improve and the suspension is lifted by forestry officials.

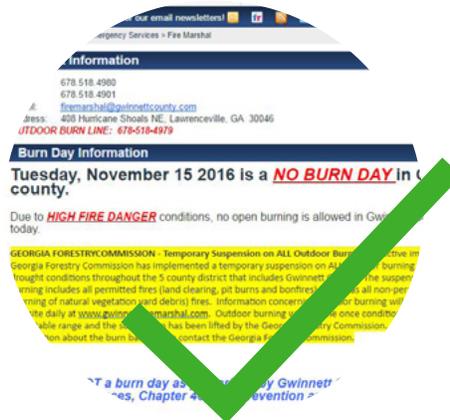


### Do NOT burn yard debris in the Lilburn city limits

Burning piles of leaves and limbs is never allowed in Lilburn. Instead, place your pile next to the curb, and the city chipper will pick it up.

## What type of fire is allowed?

Though the state-issued suspension does not include recreational fires, the Gwinnett County Fire Marshal recommends that outdoor fires be limited. Due to low humidity, dry ground-cover, and wind conditions, a grass or woods fire could spread out of control quickly and endanger nearby people and property.



### DO check outdoor burning conditions first

The Gwinnett County Fire Marshal provides daily outdoor burning information at 678-518-4979 or [gwinnettfiremarshal.com](http://gwinnettfiremarshal.com).

Recreational fires include fires in a store-bought outdoor fireplace, and cooking fires in charcoal/gas grills. These types of fires are allowed year-round and require a bit of common sense in order to be conducted safely. Outdoor fires for any purpose should always be conducted with safety in mind and in accordance with the County's Fire Protection Ordinance ([gwinnettfiremarshal.com](http://gwinnettfiremarshal.com)).



### DO use a chiminea or screened outdoor fireplace

Place your store-bought fireplace on a non-combustible surface at least 25 feet from a house or shed.

## NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

- American Deli**, 4030 Lawrenceville Hwy., Suite 8
- Automotive Solutions**, 4925 Lawrenceville Hwy., Suite 3
- Brookvalley Thrift Store**, 4880 Valleydale Road
- Dominican Barbershop**, 3865 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- El Torito Western Wear**, 5373 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- Elevated Envy Salon & Beauty**, 670 Hillcrest Road, Suite 500
- Hardees**, 5335 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- Legacy Motor**, 4275 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- Table Top Communications**, 3907 Burns Road, Suite 13

*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.*

## Business support

- Lilburn Business Association, [lilburnbusiness.org](http://lilburnbusiness.org)
- Lilburn Community Improvement District, [lilburncid.com](http://lilburncid.com)
- Lilburn Community Partnership, [lilburncp.com](http://lilburncp.com)
- Lilburn Downtown Development Authority, [cityoflilburn.com/DDA](http://cityoflilburn.com/DDA)

## Volunteers create new pollinator garden

Walkers, runners, and cyclists on the Camp Creek Greenway have a new garden to enjoy, thanks to the Ladybugs gardening club. A host of insects and animals will also benefit from this special garden designed to attract pollinators.

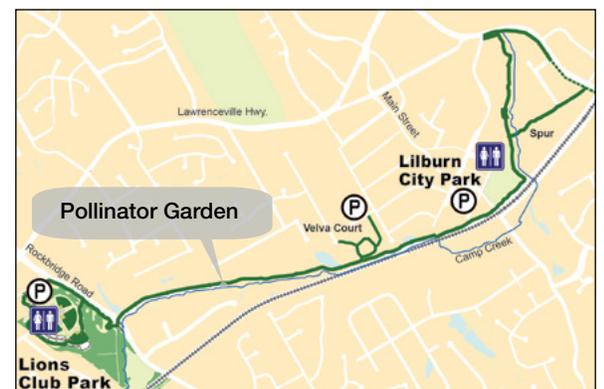
In October, Ladybugs and other volunteers installed 60 plants that will provide nectar and pollen sources for bees, butterflies, birds, and other insects or animals called "pollinators." Pollinators transfer pollen from one flower to another, enabling them to reproduce. Such insects and animals are disappearing due to loss of habitat, improper use of pesticides, pollution, and invasive species, according to the Pollinator Partnership at [pollinator.org](http://pollinator.org).

In 2014, the Camp Creek Greenway was dedicated as a National Wildlife Federation® Certified Wildlife Habitat®, thanks to the efforts of the GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club Conservation Program.



Photo by Debbie Hoaks

A bee does his job at the new pollinator garden on the greenway.





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# *Celebrate the holidays on Main Street!*



Buy a commemorative ornament for \$12 at these events or at City Hall!

## Tree Lighting Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.

Holiday music and hot cocoa in front of the Christmas Tree in Old Town (76 Main St.).



## Christmas Parade Dec. 3 at 10 a.m.

A Lilburn tradition! Music, mascots, floats, and candy. Santa photos after parade.



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