



**SQUARE MILES**  
7.0

**POPULATION**  
13,000

**HOUSING UNITS**  
4,293

**MEDIAN AGE**  
36.5 years old

**MEDIAN INCOME**  
\$51,140

**MEDIAN HOME VALUE**  
\$157,900

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADS**  
77%

**POPULATION GROWTH**  
8.5% in past 5 years

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, ESRI

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## 2016: The beginning of a new chapter

This annual report offers an overview of what the City of Lilburn accomplished during the past year. Take a look inside for more facts and figures.

### Highlights

- The Lilburn City Hall and Gwinnett County Public Library — Lilburn Branch opened at 340 Main St. on Oct. 18, 2016. The project was a cooperative effort funded by SPLOST, the one-cent sales tax approved by voters for special projects. Once an abandoned subdivision site, this corner of downtown is now a thriving center of activity. The unique, environmentally friendly building won the Partnership Gwinnett Imagination Award and was a finalist for the Metro Atlanta Redevelopment Summit's Community Redevelopment Award.
- Old Town sidewalk construction was completed in early 2016. Main Street now has sidewalks on both sides of the street, connecting Old Town with the new City Hall-Library. With the addition of sidewalks on Poplar Street and a multi-use pathway on Lula Street, Lilburn now has a walkable downtown.
- In December 2015, the Council accepted a property owner's request to annex 46 acres, expanding the city's boundary along N. River Drive and Louis Road. During 2016, the city permitted and inspected construction on that property for a 146-home subdivision by CalAtlantic. This is the largest development the city has seen in more than a decade.



\$0  
Debt incurred during construction of new City Hall-Library

### Leadership

The City of Lilburn government was established in 1955 by state charter. The legislative body, the City Council, is comprised of a mayor and four council members who are elected at-large (by the whole city) and serve

four-year staggered terms. The mayor and council appoint the city manager to oversee the city's daily operations, hire staff, and implement ordinances and policies approved by City Council.



**Johnny Crist**  
Mayor



**Brian Burchik**  
Council Post 1



**Scott Batterton**  
Council Post 2



**Eddie Price**  
Council Post 3



**Tim Dunn**  
Council Post 4



**Bill Johnsa**  
City Manager

# 2016 Annual Report

## The Basics

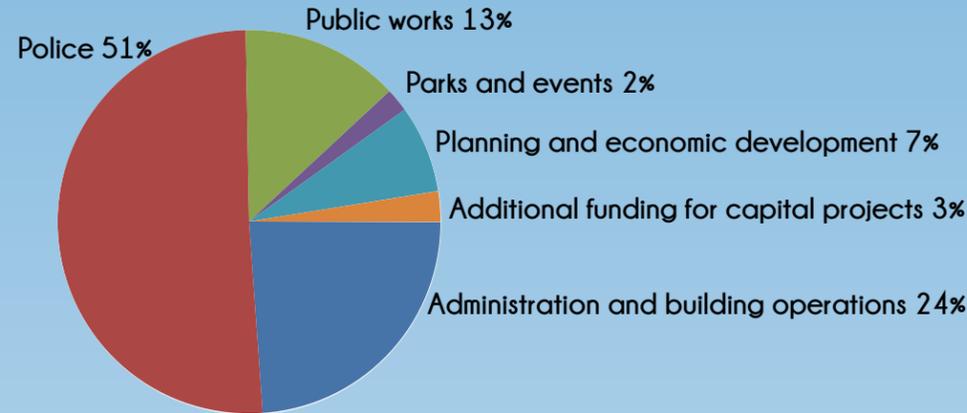
The city's budget year is July 1 - June 30. Property taxes are 24% of the city's operating revenue. The city's operating budget is also supported by utility franchise fees, fines, permit fees, and other resources.

The Council approved a 2016 millage rate (property tax rate) of 4.43, the same as 2015. The owner of a \$150,000 home pays \$243.65 per year in city taxes.

The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is a penny sales tax implemented county-wide by voters. It may be used only to build special projects, such as the new City Hall-Library. Voters approved continuation of the SPLOST program in November 2016.

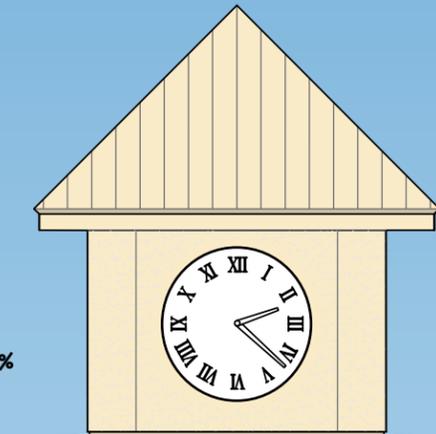
## New City Hall-Library

The Lilburn City Hall and Gwinnett County Public Library - Lilburn Branch opened on Oct. 18, 2016 at 340 Main St. after 16 months of construction. The building is jointly owned and operated by the City of Lilburn and Gwinnett County. It consolidated city administrative offices and doubled the library's size.



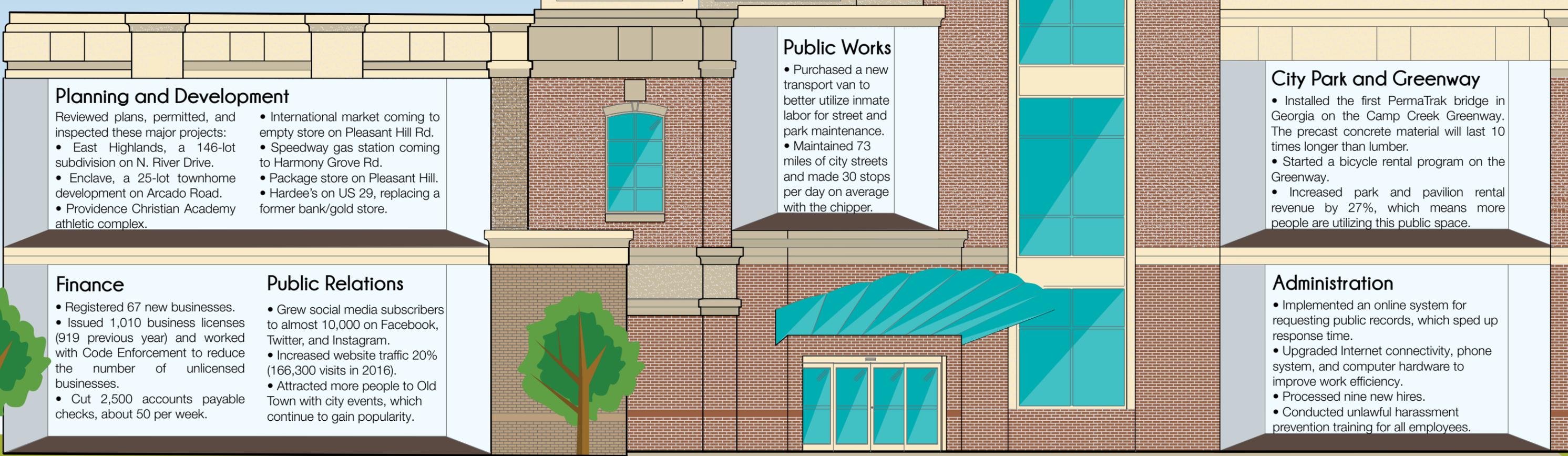
**\$8.06M**

2016-2017 Operating Budget



## Police and Court Services

- After the new City Hall opened, the Police Department was able to spread out into the entire Calvin Fitchett Municipal Complex at 76 Main St., which has enough office space for police and court personnel.
- Violent crimes decreased by 25% over the past year and 45% over the past five years.
- Patrol officers saved two lives in 2016 from opiate overdoses by administering Narcan, which each officer carries thanks to the Davis Direction Foundation.
- Police and citizens mourned the loss of JD Ferguson, a security guard killed at Walmart. Within 24 hours, the suspect was identified and within 36 hours, he was in custody. This was the only homicide in Lilburn in 2016.
- Lilburn joined the Mobile Field Force Task Force that is made up of the Gwinnett County Police Department and all municipal police departments, to assist with civil disturbances.
- Court Services processed over 10,000 citations, managed 44 court sessions, and processed hundreds of at-risk children through Teen Court. Court also adopted a new computer software, cutting hundreds of hours of administrative work.



### Planning and Development

Reviewed plans, permitted, and inspected these major projects:

- East Highlands, a 146-lot subdivision on N. River Drive.
- Enclave, a 25-lot townhome development on Arcadio Road.
- Providence Christian Academy athletic complex.
- International market coming to empty store on Pleasant Hill Rd.
- Speedway gas station coming to Harmony Grove Rd.
- Package store on Pleasant Hill.
- Hardee's on US 29, replacing a former bank/gold store.

### Finance

- Registered 67 new businesses.
- Issued 1,010 business licenses (919 previous year) and worked with Code Enforcement to reduce the number of unlicensed businesses.
- Cut 2,500 accounts payable checks, about 50 per week.

### Public Relations

- Grew social media subscribers to almost 10,000 on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- Increased website traffic 20% (166,300 visits in 2016).
- Attracted more people to Old Town with city events, which continue to gain popularity.

### Public Works

- Purchased a new transport van to better utilize inmate labor for street and park maintenance.
- Maintained 73 miles of city streets and made 30 stops per day on average with the chipper.

### City Park and Greenway

- Installed the first PermaTrak bridge in Georgia on the Camp Creek Greenway. The precast concrete material will last 10 times longer than lumber.
- Started a bicycle rental program on the Greenway.
- Increased park and pavilion rental revenue by 27%, which means more people are utilizing this public space.

### Administration

- Implemented an online system for requesting public records, which sped up response time.
- Upgraded Internet connectivity, phone system, and computer hardware to improve work efficiency.
- Processed nine new hires.
- Conducted unlawful harassment prevention training for all employees.

# 2016: The Year in Pictures



City Hall-Library site, January



City Hall-Library Ribbon Cutting, October



Artist Peggy Sullens unveils painting of city namesake, Lilburn Trigg Myers



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

770-921-2210 City Hall  
770-921-2211 Police

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



## City of Lilburn

City Hall	770-921-2210
Code Enforcement	770-279-3710
Court Services	770-921-2505
Park Rental	770-921-2210
Planning/Economic Development	770-279-3710
Police Administration	770-921-2211
Police Emergency	9-1-1
Police Non-Emergency Response	770-513-5700
Public Relations	770-638-2223
Public Works (Streets)	770-638-2196

## Gwinnett County

Gwinnett County Fire Department	678-518-4800
Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office	770-822-3140
Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner	
Motor Vehicle Taxes	770-822-8818
Property Taxes	770-822-8800
Gwinnett County Water Resources	678-376-6700

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## 2017 City Events

**April**  
Easter Egg Hunt  
White Elephant Sale  
Great American Cleanup

**May**  
Food Truck Tuesday  
Classic Cars in the Park

**June**  
Rock the Park  
Food Truck Tuesday  
Sprinkler Day

**July**  
Sparkle in the Park on July 4th  
Food Truck Tuesday  
Sprinkler Day

**August**  
Food Truck Tuesday  
National Night Out  
White Elephant Sale

**September**  
Lilburn Beer Fest  
Rock the Park  
Food Truck Tuesday

**October**  
Lilburn Daze Arts & Crafts Festival  
Food Truck Tuesday

**December**  
Christmas Parade