



# 2019: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

*This annual report offers an overview of some of the city's accomplishments during the past year. Inside are facts and figures relating to city finances, public safety, and community and economic development.*

What a difference a year makes! Here are some of the projects completed this past year and what residents can look forward to in 2020.

- Residents now have a new and larger playground to enjoy in Lilburn City Park! The playground has separate areas for younger and older children. The new equipment includes linear arches, webbing, interactive panels, and climbers. Swings accommodate a variety of ages and abilities and include traditional swings as well as a two-person Friendship Swing. Padded artificial grass provides a softer playing surface and improved accessibility. A small pavilion is currently being added at the playground, and there is a designated area for stroller parking.
- A new park restroom was completed in 2019. The building was designed to better accommodate larger events, and it is a great addition for daily park users. Visitors to the park also have more parking options with the new 90+ space parking lot located on Railroad Avenue.
- A variety of housing opportunities have become available in the city. Several new neighborhoods have been established including senior housing, individual homes, and attached townhomes.
- A new 350,000+ square foot office/distribution center on Indian Trail Lilburn Road opened for business in 2019.
- Several commercial projects are expected in 2020, including new commercial buildings on Main Street between Railroad Avenue and First Avenue.
- Construction of the new Lilburn Police Headquarters and Municipal Court Complex, at 4600 Lawrenceville Highway, will be complete in early 2020. The building at 76 Main Street will be removed to make way for an open air pavilion at the park (rendering below). The pavilion will be approximately 3,000 square feet with restrooms and other public amenities.
- Several road resurfacing and repair projects were completed in 2019. Areas included portions of Poplar Street, Indian Lake Drive, Indian Lake Court, and Dogwood Drive. In 2020, a traffic signal will be installed at Killian Hill Road and Lilburn Industrial Way. Construction will also begin on a new HAWK pedestrian signal (High-intensity Activated Crosswalk) on Killian Hill Road at Shelly Lane.



## LILBURN LEADERSHIP TEAM



Johnny Crist  
Mayor



Tim Dunn  
Mayor Pro-Tem,  
Council Post 4



Scott Batterton  
Council Post 2



Eddie Price  
Council Post 3



Lindsay Voigt  
Council Post 1



Bill Johnsa  
City Manager



Jenny Simpkins  
Assistant  
City Manager

# Lilburn Annual Report 2019

## FINANCIAL

The city's fiscal year is July 1-June 30. Therefore, the budget year was July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019. The city's operations are funded primarily by the General Fund.

### REVENUES:

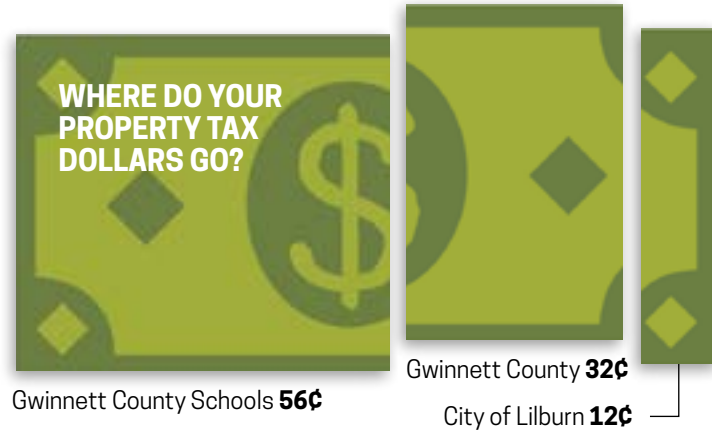
General Fund revenues equaled \$8,099,065 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and sources included property taxes, licenses and permit fees, court fines, charges for services, and others.

### PROPERTY TAXES:

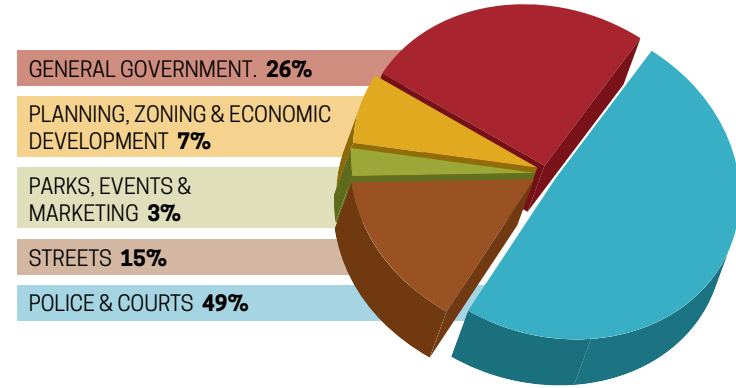
- Property taxes make up only 29% of general fund revenues.
- City taxes make up 12% of a Lilburn homeowners total property tax bill, which also includes county and school taxes.

**Property tax rate** - The City of Lilburn property tax rate (millage rate) equals \$4.43 per \$1,000 of the assessed property. The owner of a home valued at \$169,000 with the standard homestead exemption pays \$255.17 in annual property taxes to the City of Lilburn, or \$21 per month. For \$21 a month, the homeowner receives top-notch police protection, code enforcement services, planning and zoning services, park development and maintenance, street maintenance, and many more city services.

The city's financial policy requires that an amount equal to operating expenditures incurred over a 6 month period be kept in the General Fund reserves. This goal was reached in 2018 and maintained since that time.



### GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES FY 2018-2019 \$7,062,710



## COMMUNITY

**30,000** people attended city events

Processed **469** open record requests

**32** park & **58** pavilion rentals in Lilburn City Park

Ranked **#1 Most Diverse** Place to Live in Georgia by niche.com



## DEVELOPMENT

More than **510** construction permits issued with value exceeding **\$66 MILLION**

**1,384** **OPEN** business licenses issued

More than **560** residential units currently planned or under development in the city + **10** commercial sites in the works

Completed more than **1,000** building inspections



Additional parking and new restroom building at Lilburn City Park completed



## PUBLIC SAFETY 5 YEARS

**PART 1 CRIME DOWN 40% SINCE 2014**

Maintained state certification

**8,748** citations processed

**26,000+** directed calls (more than 71 every 24 hours)

**800+** Code Enforcement cases and **430+** compliance concerns resolved

**121** neighborhood functions attended

**76** court sessions held

- JANUARY** The Mayor and City Council appointed members to Commissions and Boards. These, along with other appointments, are done each calendar year at the January council meeting.
- FEBRUARY** Construction began on the Gateway Monument located at Hwy 29 and Pleasant Hill Rd. This impressive monument, completed in April, is the first of two planned for the city.
- MARCH** The event season kicked off with the first ever Lilburchaun Parade in Lilburn City Park! The event included a bagpipe player, stilt walker, parade around the park, and costume contest.
- APRIL** The Lilburn Police Department hosted a free car seat check event at Lilburn City Hall. Free car seat safety checks are available at the police department Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or other times by appointment.
- MAY** The city worked with Habitat for Humanity to help bring five new homes to the city. By the end of the year, construction was complete on all of the homes.
- JUNE** Lilburn police officers participated in the annual Cops on Donut Shops, raising \$7,686.88 for Special Olympic athletes. This was the most money raised in the state of Georgia in one day!
- JULY** The Summer 2019 issue of Newcomer Magazine listed Lilburn as one of Atlanta's most popular communities!
- AUGUST** The Lilburn Police Department hosted their 10th annual National Night Out event, that was ranked 23rd in the nation!
- SEPTEMBER** The public was invited to tour the Wynne-Russell House. The home was built in 1826 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.
- OCTOBER** The city hosted its last food truck night of the season. The trucks and live entertainment will be back in Lilburn City Park starting in May 2020!
- NOVEMBER** The Lilburn Police Department hosted the Women's Self Defense Program. This free program is offered several times a year. Visit cityoflilburn.com for more information.
- DECEMBER** The city finished out the 2019 event season with the Lilburn Christmas Parade. This popular event draws thousands of people to downtown Lilburn each year!



# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

## CITY OF LILBURN

EMERGENCY .....	9-1-1
Building Inspections/Permits .....	770-279-3710
Business Licenses .....	770-279-3708
Code Enforcement .....	770-279-3710
Court Services.....	770-921-2505
Lilburn City Park/Pavilion Rental .....	770-921-2210
Planning/Economic Development.....	770-279-3710
Police Administration .....	770-921-2211
Police Non-Emergency Response.....	770-513-5700
Public Works (Streets) .....	770-638-2196
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## OTHER CONTACTS

Gwinnett County Government .....	770-822-8000
Animal Welfare .....	770-339-3200
Fire Department .....	678-518-4800
Library.....	770-978-5154
Parks and Recreation.....	770-822-8840
Taxes – Motor Vehicle.....	770-822-8818
Taxes – Property .....	770-822-8800
Water Resources .....	678-376-6700
Voter Registration and Elections....	678-226-7210
Gwinnett County Public Schools .....	678-301-6000
Georgia Dept. of Driver Services .....	678-413-8400



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Monday through Friday

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# Special Election on May 19

The City of Lilburn will hold a special municipal election on May 19 to fill vacancies for Lilburn Mayor and City Council Post 4. The mayor and council members serve four-year terms and are elected at large, meaning that each member serves all city residents. All persons desiring to run for office must qualify in the office of the City Clerk, beginning March 2 at 8:30 a.m. and ending March 4 at 5 p.m.

The municipal special election will be held at Lilburn City Hall, 340 Main St. from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. The advanced voting period begins April 27 and ends May 15, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Direct questions about the municipal special election to Melissa Penate, 770-638-2226, mpenate@cityoflilburn.com.

Voters must come to Lilburn City Hall to vote in the municipal special election, which is separate from the presidential

primary election conducted by Gwinnett County Voter Registrations and Elections Office. Visit [registertovote.sos.ga.gov](http://registertovote.sos.ga.gov) for more information about registration. The City of Lilburn has posted public notices regarding this election in English and Spanish to satisfy the requirements of the Voting Rights Act, 52 United States Constitution §10503.