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Upcoming Events & Meetings

September 15- *City Garage Sale*

September 19- *Downtown Development Authority*

September 20- *Alcohol Review Board*

September 22- *Endless Summer-Surf Music Festival*

September 24- *Town Hall Meeting*

September 25- *Zoning Board of Appeals*

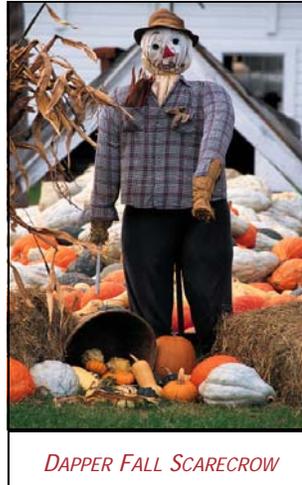
September 27- *Planning Commission*

October 8- *City Council Meeting*

Please visit www.CityofLilburn.com for a complete listing of upcoming events and meetings.

LILBURN DAZE FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

The Lilburn Woman's Club (LWC) invites you to join in the festivities on Saturday October 13th starting at 9 AM through 5 PM in Lilburn City Park located directly behind the Calvin Fitchett Municipal Complex at 76 Main Street.



DAPPER FALL SCARECROW

This year marks the 39th year that the LWC has organized and hosted the Lilburn Daze event in collaboration with City of Lilburn employees. As most of you already know, Lilburn Daze is so much more than an Arts and Crafts festival. It's an opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors, while supporting your local businesses.

Enjoy talented entertainment, munch on great food, and delight the kids with a large variety of age appropriate activities. Then browse and shop for some of the best gifts just in time for the holidays.

You will be delighted at the huge variety of one-of-a-kind items that will be featured this year in more than 200 booths gathered together to celebrate the beginning of the fall

season in historic downtown Lilburn. It will be a great opportunity to find the perfect holiday gift that your friends and family just can't stop talking about.

How about a finger puppet from Peru? Mosaic mirror with a Mediterranean flair? Unique jewelry and pottery? Stained glass garden art? Or simply relax and enjoy the live entertainment while munching on some kettle corn, funnel cakes, or other fabulous festival food.

Members of the LWC Education Program have been collecting children's books all year long so that our local high school volunteers will be able to give children who come to the event a free book to take home with them and enjoy.

In keeping with the LWC's theme of "Community Concern" all proceeds from Lilburn Daze are used to help fund projects and other community improvement activities for the upcoming year.

Free shuttle service will be provided between the festival and our overflow parking lots at the First Baptist Church on Main Street and the Marketplace Shopping Center on Highway 29. Shuttle buses will be running all day. Admission and parking are free.

Be sure to "Like" LWC on our Facebook page for current event information. See you there! 

ENDLESS SUMMER-SURF MUSIC FESTIVAL

The rest of the world may be marking the Autumnal Equinox, but in Lilburn we plan to celebrate Endless Summer in our City Park from 3 PM to 10 PM on Saturday, September 22, 2012.

In late September, the City of Lilburn in conjunction with Jumping Panda and FunFlicks will be hosting a music, food, and fun festival in Lilburn City Park.

Admission is free for everyone, but there are small charges for optional food, beverages, and other items offered by event vendors.

The music starts at 3 PM with five surf instrumental bands going strong all day in the bandshell – The Surge!, Stratogeezer, The Mystery Men?, Moonbase, and The Intoxicators. Bring chairs or a blanket to relax on the lawn and pretend you are beachside as concert-goers toss beach balls and inflatable sealife around the park.

The kids will have a blast in our awesome inflatables section with an obstacle course, tall slide,



*SLIDE ON YOUR FLIP FLOPS AND FROLIC IN THE SUN
AT LILBURN'S FIRST SURF MUSIC FESTIVAL*

velcro wall, and bounce house. Enjoy a snow cone, popcorn, or cotton candy before hitting the rest of the kids' zone. All inflatables and activities for the kids are free.

Throughout the day there will be scheduled family-friendly contests. When was the last time you participated in a sack race? Will you be lucky enough to win a famous homemade cake from one of Lilburn's amazing bakers in the Cake Walk? How long can you keep a hula hoop up? Are

you the best Frisbee tosser in town? Stay tuned to the News section of our website for more details and a complete listing of activities.

As the sun goes down, the big screen goes up while FunFlicks inflates their 26 foot screen for a movie on the green at 8 PM. What's showing? Check our website to see results of the vote for our feature movie!

For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering for this event or hosting an activity or table, please e-mail or call Leslie Edwin, Events Coordinator, at ledwin@cityoflilburn.com or 770-638-2204. 

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2012 LILBURN IDOL WINNERS

For the ninth year in a row, Lilburn Idol 2012 showcased the talents of local singers from age 5 through 71. A total of 62 contestants performed in three shows throughout June. 21 made it to the Finale on July 20.

Competition was fierce, but in the end we had six winners:

- Youth Division – Willy Neaime
- Tween Division – Claire Armitage
- Young Teen Division – Madison Breda
- Teen Division – Jordan Adam
- Adult Division – Valda Harrison
- Senior Adult Division – James Griffin

All first, second, and third place winners at the

Finale received a certificate for time to record a one-track demo CD from our Title Sponsor, Virtual Adrenaline Productions Recording Studio. Ronnie Winstead and Donald Price from Virtual Adrenaline chose Cheyenne Knight from the Teen Division for a special extended studio session awarded to the Jury Selection winner.

The City would like to congratulate all contestants and thank everyone who helped present this program to the community. Lilburn Idol would not happen without the commitment of our volunteers, emcees, judges, and crew.

Proceeds from this and other programs go directly back into future community events as we strive to provide free and low-cost activities for our families to enjoy. 

2012 PROPERTY TAX BILLS DUE OCTOBER 15

Tax Commissioner Richard Steele announced in August that 2012 property tax bills will be due October 15.

Taxpayers who prefer to pay in two installments may choose to make an earlier partial payment as long as the total due is paid by the deadline.

Payments made by check can be mailed to P.O. Box 372, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. Checks can be delivered to drop boxes 24 hours a day or you may pay in person during business hours at all Tax Commissioner offices. Online payments can be made by check or credit card at www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com.

Paying by check is free; however, convenience fees apply for credit card transactions. For property owners with an escrow account, tax information will be made available to the mortgage com-

pany; however, it is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner to ensure taxes are paid by the due date. If there are questions about who will pay the taxes, homeowners should contact their mortgage company directly, especially if their mortgage company has recently changed.

The Tax Commissioner of Gwinnett County is a constitutionally-elected official responsible for billing and collection of property taxes and for administering homestead exemptions.

Serving also as an agent for the State of Georgia, the Tax Commissioner registers and titles motor vehicles and collects all associated revenue.

Learn more at

www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com.

For more information, contact the office at

Tax@gwinnettcountry.com or 770-822-8800. 

SALE SHOPPING SAFETY

It is that time of year again with Back to School and End of Summer sales at several, if not all, department stores.

The bigger story may be that more people are out looking for door-buster shopping deals and other deep discounts. And where there are many people shopping, thieves are also busy at local malls shopping for their targets.

Shoppers should be aware that 80 percent of all crimes related to shopping occur in the parking lot. Shoppers are more vulnerable in the parking lot than when they are inside the mall. A split second is all a thief needs to make any shopper a victim.

One ploy thieves may use is when a shopper is too focused on getting inside the car and unloading all the packages. The shopper starts the car engine and shifts into reverse to back out of the parking space. That is when he/she may notice a piece of paper or something blocking the view in the middle of the rear window.

The shopper shifts into park and gets out of the car to remove the obstruction from the rear window. The moment the shopper reaches the back of the car is also the moment thieves pounce. They

get into the car and speed off — with everything in it, quite possibly including the shopper's purse, home address, keys, identification, credit cards, and all other important information.

Here are some suggestions to enjoy safe shopping:

- Avoid being overloaded or bogged down with too many things to carry. If you look like an easy target, you may attract a criminal's attention. Stay alert and make sure you have clear visibility all the time.
- Park as close as possible to the store entrance and under or near lights.
- Avoid parking beside or near cars longer or larger than your vehicle.
- Check the rear window and other parts of the car as you approach. Remove any possible obstruction before starting the car engine.
- Avoid parking close to a tree line or other possible hiding places.
- Once inside your car, immediately lock the doors.

If you would like to discuss safe shopping or other safety issues, contact Ben Haynes at 770-921-2210 x 218 or email bhaynes@cityoflilburn.com. 

Welcome to Our New Businesses!

The City of Lilburn would like to welcome the following new businesses:

- **ZED Autos**
4265 Lilburn Industrial Way
- **Atlanta Used Cars**
4450 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite K
- **Game Star**
440 Pleasant Hill Road, Suite 111
- **Dream Wings III**
490 Pleasant Hill Road, Suite D
- **The Neighborhood Thrift Store**
535 Indian Trail Road, Suite D
- **Dominican American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia**
3870 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Lifeline Primary Care**
4025 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite A
- **Games and More**
5299 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Wild Impulse Smoke**
4180 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Tire Ready**
4275 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Chelo's Dominican Shop**
4805 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite 108
- **Grace Venture Enterprises**
4254 Lilburn Industrial Way

LILBURN TIRE—LEGEND LIVES ON

PHOTOS ON THE WALLS TELL A LONG STORY

Even though he's retired and recently sold Lilburn Tire to longtime employee Brett Moulder and even though two knee replacements have curtailed his outdoor adventures, Larry Lutz really hasn't left Lilburn.

Larry the Legend, as he is known after 36 years in his business, holds a degree in Industrial Management from Georgia Tech. After some restaurant and sales jobs that didn't seem to suit him, he was looking for another way to earn a living.

One day, he opened a flier from his mailbox and saw the name of what he believed to be a high school classmate on a tire ad. Lutz went to see if he was the same guy.

Not only was he a classmate, but he just happened to need help and asked if Lutz could work for two weeks. Those two weeks led to Lutz buying the business. It was the first job he ever had that didn't require a coat and tie, but it didn't take long to settle into the casual look.

It also didn't take long to settle into decorating his workspace. One wall is filled with pictures of him in

the wilderness, living in lean-tos he built from fallen trees. Another wall holds pictures of his scuba diving feats.

Behind the counter, Lutz displayed World War II pictures from his family and those of employees Moulder and Mike Rust, whose fathers fought in that war. From the early aughts, rows of plaques depict his support for the Lilburn T-Birds, a girls' softball team.

"These pictures are conversation starters, especially the ones from the war," Lutz said. "And customers bring their kids in here to see the pictures and tell them about how their parents brought them here when they were kids."

Even though Lutz is supposedly retired and his life in Lilburn is enshrined on the walls, he still makes a live appearance a couple of days a week. It seems there are some people who refuse to have anyone but the Legend balance their tires. But he's happy to do it. It's not like he has to go to the bother of putting on a coat and tie.

Call Lilburn Tire at 770-923-4400 or drop by 4945 Highway 29. 

BUSINESS LICENSING NOW AT CITY HALL

In order to provide full service to new and renewing businesses, the City has now dedicated an employee to the issuance of Occupation Tax Certificates.

Change begets change. The process of submitting and filing applications was dramatically different these last three years. Federal and State government regulations increased application paperwork and

the City amended the assessment of taxes to a system based upon gross receipts.

Due to these and other changes, City administration determined that our businesses will receive full attention from an employee entirely devoted to the licensing process.

Contact Kaleigh Frederick at 770-921-2210 x 243 to renew or apply for a 2012 business license. 

SMILE CLIENTS ARE SMILING

ST. MARY'S INDEPENDENT LIVING EXTENSIONS

A few years ago, Planning staff members got to know Paul Pieper, the Executive Director of St. Mary's Independent Living Extensions, when he found a property that suited the needs of his clients.



SMILE IS LOCATED ON MAIN STREET
IN A LILBURN DDA PROPERTY

The program is located at 336 Main Street in a building owned by Lilburn's Downtown Development Authority. SMILE provides services to developmentally delayed adults and their families. SMILE's vision is to help clients maximize potential and to live full, integrated lives within the community.

What happens to developmentally delayed adults after they age out of local school systems a day before turning 22? What happens if an independent living arrangement is the best fit? What happens when parents or guardians for the developmentally delayed die? During an August visit with SMILE staff members, we found out the answer to such questions: If these adults are fortunate, they become clients of SMILE.

After getting out of the car, a neighborly greeting committee of several SMILE clients sitting on the front porch extended a chorus of warm hellos and generous welcomes. Once inside the front door, yellow walls and leather furniture made the main area inviting and comfortable. A hand painted tray ceiling with blue skies and puffy clouds gave the impression of being

outside on a bright day. Clients with sunny dispositions were occupied by private conversations or working on laptops. SMILE is a cozy, engaging, and supportive environment for clients, when they are away

from home.

The day program runs Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM. SMILE provides employment support, recreational activities, cultural field trips, plus art, music, and cooking classes. The grounds include a deck, patio sets, a grill, a garden area, a kitchen/cafe, and a Bocce court. The next goal at SMILE is to create a woodshop inside the garage that will allow clients to repair and restore wood furniture for a modest fee that will cover the cost of supplies and materials.

SMILE is an independent Catholic charity open to all. Clients are a diverse group of developmentally delayed adults who benefit from skilled services and knowledgeable advocates. Grants and private donations fund SMILE with help from the Knights of Columbus, St. John Neumann, and other organizations.

To learn more about the program and to find useful links for the developmentally delayed, visit <http://www.comlivesmile.com>. Call 770-279-5115 to donate or to volunteer. You are sure to have a happy face when helping the clients of SMILE.



New Business List continued...

- **Elite Signature Enterprise**
850 Indian Trail Road
- **Botanica Los Misterios**
5378 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Nicole's Gift Boutique**
102 Main Street
- **Centro Los Amigos**
5333 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Euro Auto Pro**
5280 Webb Parkway, Suite A
- **S&W Towing**
175 Arcado Road
- **Snap Fitness Lilburn**
375 Rockbridge Road, Suite 148
- **Fred Loya Insurance Agency**
4140 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite 3
- **Panaderia Jalisco Bakery #2**
440 Pleasant Hill Road, Suite 100
- **Gaby's Mexican Bakery**
660 Indian Trail Road, Suite 100
- **Extra Space Storage**
4400 Lawrenceville Highway
- **The Phix**
529 Indian Trail Road, Suite 2

...we wish you a prosperous first year in Lilburn and many years of success to come!



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76 Main Street
Lilburn, GA 30047
Hours: 8:30 to 5:00
Monday to Friday

770-921-2210 City Hall
770-921-2211 Police
770-279-3710 Annex

Regular Monthly Meetings

@ Calvin Fitchett
Municipal Complex

City Council Meeting—
2nd Monday @ 7:30 pm

Alcohol Review Board—
3rd Thursday @ 6:30 pm *

Town Hall Meeting—
4th Monday @ 7 pm

Zoning Board—
4th Tuesday @ 7:30 pm*

Planning Commission—
4th Thursday @ 7:30 pm*

DDA—3rd Wednesday @
6:30 PM-Annex

* If scheduled business

Johnny Crist
Mayor

Tim Dunn
Mayor Pro-Tem

S. Scott Batterton
Eddie Price
Thomas Wight
Council Members

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IS THIS A CODE VIOLATION?

A few residents seem to think they can park a huge truck cab in front of their home. Wrong!

The owners were asked to find another storage site for this vehicle because there are restrictions on commercial vehicles parking in residential areas.

The City set size limits on commercial vehicles to avoid problems like excessive wear on tax-supported paved roads and the disruptive sounds of idling diesel engines.

This cab was parked partially on the pavement and partially on the lawn. Our 2011 Zoning Ordinance states the parking of any vehicle shall be on a concrete, asphalt, brick paver, or decorative stone surface within a confining border.



IS IT OKAY TO PARK A TRUCK CAB ON THE FRONT LAWN?

Also, not more than 35% of the front yard shall be used for parking under any circumstances. One reason we are concerned about parking on vegetation is because we depend on it to keep our Georgia red clay and other

soils out of storm drainage systems. When soil accumulates in those underground pipes, it causes backups and flooding.

Any vehicle over 22 feet in length, 8 feet in height or 7 feet in width is prohibited in residential areas, with some exceptions that would keep such vehicles out of public view.

The full article by our Building Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer is posted at www.cityoflilburn.com and Lilburn's Zoning Ordinance can be found at www.municode.com.