

# The Lilburn News

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## Upcoming Events & Meetings

- March 24-Garage Sale
- March 26-Town Hall Meeting
- March 31-Easter Egg Hunt
- April 9-Council Meeting
- April 18-DDA Meeting
- April 21-Garage Sale
- April 23-Town Hall Meeting
- April 27-Relay Rally
- May 7-Idol Audition
- May 19-Garage Sale

Please visit [www.CityofLilburn.com](http://www.CityofLilburn.com) for a complete listing of upcoming events and meetings.

## DATE NIGHT & AN INVITATION FROM MAYOR CRIST TO TOWN HALL MEETING

**Because life moves at such a fast pace for us, my wife, Anne, and I made a decision to have a weekly date night.**

Trying to keep up with the activities of our eight children, being faithful at my job, and simply living life sometimes makes connecting a little tough. So, to stay current with each other, we have designated Friday night as our date night.

Every Friday night, we're alone connecting, communicating, catching up, listening, and talking. Sometimes we go to a cheap movie, sometimes Starbucks, or at times it's dinner out. Sometimes we share our dreams or our biggest fears. It doesn't matter what we do. For us, all

that's important is being together. It's been our rhythm for the past twenty years.

Like a loss of contact between two people, it is also possible to lose contact with our city. Do you want to stay connected to the people, the issues, and the events of Lilburn? I do. Beginning Monday, March 26, I would like to meet with you for a Mayor's night out at an event called *Town Hall Meeting*.

We'll meet on the fourth Monday of every month in the City Hall Auditorium at 7 PM. Other members of the City Council and some staff members will be present too. I trust you'll be able to join us for this time of connecting. 

## NEW MAN ON THE STREETS

**Perry Miller joined the Street Maintenance Department on July 1, 2011. After 20 years of service, Perry retired from Publix, then joined our staff at the City of Lilburn.**

He is responsible for maintenance and repair of Lilburn's streets and right-of-ways. Perry resides in Lilburn with his wife and four children, who keep him on the move.

He is also involved with the athletics program at Parkview, where his sons are on the wrestling and football teams. 



## SENIOR SCAMS USING SOCIAL MEDIA

**Seniors are often the targets of scam artists who view this demographic as particularly vulnerable and trusting.**

Scams range from phony lotteries to prize offers or business opportunities. One old scam has taken on an alarming new twist.

The so-called *Grandparent Scam* generally worked like this: the grandfather receives a distressed phone call from his supposed grandchild. The "grandchild" typically explains that he/she is travelling abroad, has been arrested or involved in an auto accident, and needs wired money fast to post bail or pay for damages - usually totaling a few thousand dollars.

The scammers' basic tactic is to pose as a grandchild and let the unsuspecting grandparent fill in the blanks. For example, the scam caller might say, "It's me, your favorite grandchild," to which the grandparent will guess the name of the grandchild and then the call proceeds from there.

In the updated scam, callers identify themselves by the name of the grandchild or other family member. They say they are being held in jail in Mexico and they need bail money wired immediately. They lace their conversation with accurate references to other family members, increasing their credibility. One caller even knew that the person they were impersonating had a twin who was born two minutes later.



BE CAUTIOUS ONLINE  
WHILE STAYING CONNECTED

There are many ways that scammers can get this kind of detailed information. One is through social media, where people update their status on Facebook or send a message on Twitter announcing details of their travel plans. A quick Google search on the user can yield a lot of information for scammers to take advantage of an individual's name, hometown, employment, and even relatives.

To protect people from this nefarious scam, and other scams that may use a distressed loved-one tactic, law enforcement advises that you remain calm and confirm the status of the caller. Get their phone number so you can call them back directly, or verify

the story with other family members before taking any further action. Even developing a secret code that is known only within the family can save lots of heartache and distress.

We would also encourage people to limit the amount of personal information shared on social media sites, and to only "friend" people they know personally.

Contact Captain Ben Haynes of Lilburn's Police Department at 770-921-2211 or via email at [bhaynes@cityoflilburn.com](mailto:bhaynes@cityoflilburn.com) for more information about how to protect yourself from scam artists. 

## KEEPING OUR STREAMS CLEAN

**Brian Sterner and the Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center staged two stream clean ups in Lilburn during October 2011.**

On October 15th, Gwinnett Adopt-A-Stream held a cleanup at Lilburn Park along Camp Creek. Nine volunteers collected 324 pounds of litter including 251 pounds of trash and 73 pounds of recyclables.

Included in the cleanup were 2 tires, 15+ plastic bottles, 3 plastic bags, 21 aluminum cans, a dozen toys, 5 tarps, countless glass bottles, a high chair tray, and a motor for a washing machine.

On October 22nd, Gwinnett Adopt-A-Stream held their cleanup adjacent to Camp Creek off Killian Hill Road. Twelve participants from Lilburn Middle School braved dense foliage to collect 134.5 pounds of litter consisting of 8 pounds of recyclables and 126.5 pounds of trash. Items found included 1 tire, a giant plastic pot, 16 plastic bottles, 12+ tennis balls, glass bottles, an entire plastic bowling set, and 11 other toys.

The City extends special thanks to the Heritage Center crew, the volunteers, and the Lilburn Middle School Environmental Club! 

## A FUN-TASTIC FOURTH

### SPARKLE IN THE PARK SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**The second annual Fourth of July event is now being planned and sponsors are sought to help make the day a real blast!**

Liberty, justice, and freedom for all — these are ideals to celebrate and the City has decided to make the 2012 celebration a day to remember.

Lilburn is planning a spectacular, fun-tastic, and fun-filled afternoon and evening in City Park.

Sponsors are needed to help make this event happen in a big way. We are seeking sponsor-



HELP US LIGHT UP THE SKIES  
JULY 4TH IN CITY PARK

ships to support the festivities, which will include music, children's activities, and will conclude with a fabulous fireworks display.

It is our intent to put Lilburn on the map with this event and make this a family tradition for many years to come.

Interested businesses are asked to please contact Debbie Adam, Event Specialist, at 770-722-2335.

*Be sure to visit the City's website, [www.cityoflilburn.com](http://www.cityoflilburn.com) for more information about this event in the near future.*



## GET READY FOR RELAY RALLY 2012

**This year, the Relay Rally will be held in City Park on Friday, April 27 from 5 PM to 10 PM.**

Lilburn's rally draws hundreds of participants focused on fighting cancer, who are also intent on supporting each survivor. Every April, the evening is set aside to raise community awareness and to champion the cause. Our rally event consistently raises many thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society, while honoring cancer survivors.

After the welcome and the Opening Ceremony, the event traditionally begins with a dedicated lap for survivors. A portion of the program engages rally members and encourages everyone to fight cancer with their contributions. After dusk falls, there is a poignant Luminaria Ceremony, when hundreds of illuminated bags line the track during the final lap.



WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS GET READY  
FOR LILBURN'S RELAY RALLY

Many are moved to tears during the evening when remembering the family members and friends who survived or those who have fought a good fight. Cancer symptom recognition and cancer prevention information is provided during the event. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Lilburn's 2012 Relay Rally will again raise good money for a good cause. The event

has been organized and co-sponsored by the Lilburn Woman's Club, since the inaugural ceremony several years ago. Come and help Lilburn raise money to help find a cure. You are sure to experience a touching evening filled with promise, music, and candid memories of those who have fought the disease.

*Please visit [www.lilburnrelayrally.org](http://www.lilburnrelayrally.org) for more information about relay teams and fundraising efforts or call Pat Swan at 770-923-6550.*



**Welcome to Our New Businesses!**

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

- **Creative Learning Development Christian Center**  
4654 Wynne Russell Drive
- **Nail Spa 1**  
4805 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite 240
- **Run Hard Play Hard Sports Performance**  
4281 Wayside Court, Suite F
- **Sears Authorized Hometown Stores**  
4030 Lawrenceville Highway
- **DFC CrossFit**  
95 Main Street
- **Tax Excellence Services**  
5375 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Addis Appliance Sales**  
5333 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Metro PCS**  
5289 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Main Street Market**  
79 Main Street, Suite D
- **C&C Weaving & Beauty Salon**  
5309 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Holiday Motors of Atlanta**  
4925 Lawrenceville Highway

**HOW WILL OUR GARDENS GROW?**  
COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING

**The City of Lilburn is exploring the possibility of launching a Lilburn Community Garden.**

Lilburn is deeply interested in the development of a community garden. If some of our citizens and neighbors from the surrounding communities would like to embrace the idea and work towards making this vision a reality, we ask you to roll up your sleeves.

Individuals who are new gardeners, experienced gardeners, good organizers, and those who enjoy digging in the dirt are



*A SUNLIT GARDEN PATH  
EVERYONE MAY ENJOY ONE DAY*

encouraged to meet with others who have similar interests. All are welcome.

Take time to join a group of people devoted to making a community garden happen! Together, we can make our gardens grow.

If you would like to be a part of the exploratory committee, please contact Mayor Crist.

Leave him a phone message at 770-921-2210 or contact him

via email at his newly established email address,

[johnny.crist@me.com](mailto:johnny.crist@me.com) 

**EVERYWHERE A SIGN - TEMPORARY SIGN REGULATIONS**

**Many temporary, smaller signs were allowed to help locate existing businesses whose signs, driveways, and access points were temporarily removed during road construction last year.**

Some of these signs may be legal, others are not. The City's Code Enforcement Officers will be canvassing the City giving courtesy notices to remove illegal signs or displays.

For a period of twenty-one consecutive days, for up to four times per year, a temporary sign permit may be issued for signs or advertising devices provided a temporary sign permit meets criteria established by code, is approved by, and obtained from the Planning and Economic Development Department.

No sign shall be located within the public right-of-way nor closer than ten feet to the back of the curb along a public roadway.

The City's Sign Ordinance allows nonilluminated freestanding signs, banners, and air or gas-filled devices. The fee for a Temporary Sign Permit is \$25 per permit. If your business currently has signage that is not permitted, please be expecting a visit. If you have detailed questions about signage, please contact us.

*To obtain a temporary sign permit, contact Alex Mitchem at 770-638-2197. To report illegal signage inside city limits, **Request a City Service** on our website, [www.cityoflilburn.com](http://www.cityoflilburn.com).* 

# GARAGE SALES ARE BACK

OPEN REGISTRATION POSTED ON CITY WEBSITE

**The City of Lilburn will again begin our much loved Saturday event: the City Garage Sale!**

Set the alarm early to join us and other local bargain hunters for our first garage sale of 2012 on Saturday, March 24.

Garage Sales are held on Saturdays during fair weather and are not cancelled unless weather conditions prevent the continuation of

the sale. If the event is rained out, a rain check is issued that is good for one calendar year. Dates for 2012 Garage Sales are March 24, April 21, May 19, June 23, September 15, and October 20.

There have been changes to the procedure for reserving a garage sale space, which we expect to help eliminate any confusion. Applications and a site map of the garage sale layout are located on our website, [www.cityoflilburn.com](http://www.cityoflilburn.com). People who wish to rent a space may mail their applications to Kaleigh Frederick, who coordinates our garage sales.

The City has eliminated the application deadline and will announce the beginning of registration for specific sale dates on our website, well before the date. However, reservations cannot be made for anything but the most current Garage Sale. Renters set-up in the overflow parking lot located on Main Street near the entrance of Camp Creek Greenway Trail. Set-up and organization of tables begins



GARAGE SALE BARGAINS —  
FILL UP YOUR SHOPPING BAGS!

at 8 AM, to be ready for the public to arrive at 9 AM for the Sale. The Garage Sale ends promptly at 2 PM.

Choice spaces are guaranteed to sell out fast! Hurry to City Hall and reserve your space to display all the treasures cleaned out of the attic, garage, and basement during your spring cleaning marathon.

If you want to rent a space via mail, send your completed application to Kaleigh Frederick, City of Lilburn – City Hall, 76 Main Street, Lilburn, GA 30047. Feel free to contact Kaleigh Frederick at City Hall with any questions via 770-921-2210 or her email address: [kfrederick@cityoflilburn.com](mailto:kfrederick@cityoflilburn.com).

Otherwise, you may wish to visit City Hall and reserve a space in person. Please be advised that applications sent via mail for a favorite space will be honored, as long as that space was not already reserved. If your preferred space is booked, you will be notified by phone to discuss an alternative spot. Payments can be made with a check, cash, or money order only, payable at \$15.00 per space.

*We look forward to seeing you at our next garage sale! Check out the News section of our City website, [www.cityoflilburn.com](http://www.cityoflilburn.com), for postings and forms related to open registration and current information about each sale.*

## New Business List continued...

- **Favour Unstoppable**  
4805 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Buffalo House Café**  
4299 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Stonebrooke Properties**  
4562 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite 201
- **Progressive Healthcare of Gwinnett**  
670 Indian Trail Road, Suites B, C & D
- **Arcado Collision**  
35 Arcado Road
- **Five Star Alteration**  
4030 Lawrenceville Highway, Suite 3
- **Akshar Grocery**  
475 Rockbridge Road, Suite 101
- **Shamrock Group Amusement**  
620 Hillcrest Road, Suite 100
- **Casablanca Super Mercado**  
5343 Lawrenceville Highway
- **Bread Biryani House**  
535 Indian Trail Road, Suite L
- **New for You Boutique & Consignment**  
96 Main Street

*...we wish you a prosperous first year in Lilburn!*



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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 \*

Merit Board—  
3rd Thursday @ 7 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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## WATERSHEDS LINK COMMUNITIES

**Did you know you live in a watershed? We all do! In this way, communities and neighbors are connected by water.**

Our individual actions are not so individual if they result in water pollution. Within a watershed, all the stormwater runoff drains to one body of water. Pollutants originating from different locations within one watershed are carried by stormwater runoff and combine in one river. This is the very nature of *Non-Point Source Pollution*.

It isn't just one person's behaviors within one watershed that results in water pollution. It is important to remember that stormwater drainage structures are a direct link from the runoff originating in your yard and neighborhood to the streams that receive runoff from other neighborhoods. The impact on water quality is collective and includes the entire watershed.

In order to reduce your impact on Lilburn's water quality, make sure that

your automotive fluids, fertilizers, car wash water, and anything else other than rain water, do not reach the stormwater drainage structures nearby. Keeping small bodies of water clean is the best way to ensure that our larger lakes and rivers stay clean.

The City of Lilburn works cooperatively with the Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources, Stormwater Management Division to investigate water quality concerns in the city.

If you see someone discharging a pollutant into a storm drain or any component of the drainage system, or if you have a concern about water quality, call 678-376-7193 and choose option two to submit a service request.

For more information about water quality and stormwater drainage systems, visit [www.cityoflilburn.com](http://www.cityoflilburn.com) and [www.gwinnettstormwater.com](http://www.gwinnettstormwater.com). 