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Wynne-Russell House Tours

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Traffic inside circle has right of way

Traffic moves counterclockwise around circle

A new spin

Yield at entry



The two new roundabouts on Main Street are designed to increase safety and improve traffic flow.

Police Chief Bruce Hedley said, "They act as a calming device, because the roundabouts are designed for speeds of less than 25 mph."

The roundabouts are more than traffic calming devices – they are an important focal point for the major redevelopment occurring in downtown. The realignment of Main Street including the roundabouts is the first step, and the new city hall-library project under construction is the next step.

The city and Gwinnett County are building a facility

that will naturally draw more people and businesses to Main Street. The new library branch will double the size of the existing library and have new programming. The new city hall will be more visible to Lawrenceville Highway, serving as a landmark for the city.

The higher energy level downtown will generate a stronger sense of place for Lilburn and draw the community closer together, which is the city leadership's ultimate goal for the redevelopment.

Learn more about landscaping plans for the fall and possible public art for the roundabouts by following CityofLilburn on Facebook.



City Construction Projects

Main Street Realignment: The new intersection of Main Street and US 29 has improved traffic flow and safety. The project is substantially complete. Landscaping of the roundabouts will occur in fall 2015.



Lilburn City Hall/Gwinnett County Library: Grading is under way on this joint city-county facility. Construction is estimated to last 14 months and will end by fall 2016.



Main Street Sidewalks: Five-foot-wide sidewalks with a brick paver strip will be installed on both sides of Main Street, along with decorative street lighting. The project was contracted in August 2015 and will be completed by the end of the year. This will provide connectivity between the new city hall-library and Old Town.

Lula Street: As part of the Poplar Street sidewalk project, Lula will be converted to a one-way street headed toward Main. One lane will become part of a trail for pedestrians and bicycles.

Poplar Street Sidewalks: The bid was awarded in August 2015 for a sidewalk on the east side of Poplar. The project will be completed by the end of 2015. This will connect the greenway and Killian Hill Road sidewalks to Main Street.

Main Street Water/Sewer and Camp Creek Water Projects: Gwinnett County's installation of new water mains and sewer lines is complete and the utilities are in service. Roads have been paved and striped.

Camp Creek Sidewalks: The city is soliciting bids for construction of sidewalks along Camp Creek Road. The work is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

Tethering changes

The Lilburn City Council has adopted the new Gwinnett County Animal Control Ordinance. Gwinnett County is the enforcing agency for animal control in the city limits. The changes are related



to tethering, cruelty, and neglect. If an animal is tethered (roped or chained) outdoors, an owner must be present and able to see the animal at all times. A trolley system (cable run) is the only approved form of tether, and only one animal may be attached to each trolley system.

Vote on Nov. 3

A general election for the City of Lilburn will be held on Nov. 3 for the offices of Mayor and two Council Members (Posts 1 and 2). Qualifying is Aug. 31 through Sept. 4. The last day to register and be eligible



to vote in this election will be Oct. 5. The polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at Lilburn City Hall, 76 Main St. Only registered voters who reside in the city limits may vote in this election. Visit cityoflilburn.com to learn more about the election.

New postmaster

The United States Postal Service has hired a new postmaster for the Lilburn Post Office. David Hinesley was officially installed on Aug. 27 in a ceremony at Lilburn City Hall. A Brookwood High School graduate who grew up in Lilburn, Hinesley's father, Preston, was postmaster from 1993-



2001. They are the second father and son to serve as postmasters. Hinesley is working to improve the building and has already made improvements to customer service, he said.

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

- Remarkable 1 Remodeling Inc,**
4361 Gina Court
- Lilburn Entertainment Inc,**
3907 Burns Road 1
- DGS Network LLC,**
550 Pleasant Hill Road C203
- Paloo1507 Exxon LLC,**
5355 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- Great Price Furnishings Corp,**
4760 Lawrenceville Hwy. A-8
- The Fitness Prescription Corp,**
5400 Lawrenceville Hwy. E1
- Hidden Treasures Thrift Store,**
535 Indian Trail Road #N
- Omson USA Group LLC,**
5464 Lawrenceville Hwy.
- The Hummingbird Mill LLC,**
79 Main St.
- Zam 222 LLC,** 375 Rockbridge
Road NW #154
- Quick Charge Alkaline Water,**
615 Lake Front Drive
- Sasa Vip Taqueria Y Billares,**
475 Pleasant Hill Road #115
- Consumer Auto Sales LLC,**
4574 Lawrenceville Hwy #201

‘Sparky’ finds way home across state lines

On a rainy Tuesday morning in June, Susan Knarr was traveling on Highway 70 to Monterey, Tennessee, when she saw a Golden Retriever wandering along the roadside. She picked up the dog and took it to the Cookeville/Putnam County Animal Shelter where she works. The dog’s microchip identified her as “Sparky” from Lilburn. The phone number included in the records was called but found to be no longer in service.

Thus began an extensive search for Sparky’s owner. Several members of the Cumberland Cove residential community near Monterey began searching locally, then across state lines. After local resources were exhausted, Sheryn Ward began an Internet search for the owner in Lilburn. She also contacted veterinarian offices in Lilburn and was able to locate Sparky’s former vet, but the dog had not been seen at the office since 2009. June Hawkins posted information about Sparky on the City of Lilburn’s Facebook page, and 93 people shared the post. Gene Richardson submitted a police report on the Lilburn website. An officer drove by the address to attempt to locate Sparky’s owner, but the woman no longer lived at the home.



Finally, Sheryn located the owner, who had relocated to Tennessee, on LinkedIn and sent her an email. Sparky and her owner were reunited at the animal shelter three days and many emails and phone calls after she was found on the roadside.

“We would just like you to know that there are people out there willing to go above and beyond to reunite lost pets with their owners regardless of state boundaries,” Sheryn said, adding that she hopes pet owners will take a lesson from this story and update their microchip contact information.

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.

Protect stormwater drains from fall leaves

Fall is almost here! We all love the beautiful colors, but the leaves piling up in your lawn can just be a nuisance. When you are raking or blowing your lawn this season, remember that yard debris can add an extra burden to the stormwater drainage system if improperly discharged into a drain.

When it rains, leaves and other yard waste get washed into storm drains by runoff and are then deposited into our rivers and streams. When excessive amounts of leaf litter, beyond what naturally falls from creek-side trees, enters our surface waters, a process called “nutrient enrichment” can occur. Nutrient enrichment may sound good, but when there are too many nutrients, it can deplete oxygen levels that fish and other aquatic organisms require to survive. Nutrient enrichment can also lead to harmful algae blooms that further reduce oxygen levels and can even release toxins.

In addition to the harmful effects of nutrient enrichment, leaves and other yard debris can clog stormwater pipes, leading to underperformance or even localized flooding.

So what can you do to help keep our streams healthy? Make sure not to rake or blow your leaves into the street. Instead, try composting them. Not only will this keep our water safe by preventing the leaves from entering the stormwater system, but compost is a cheap way to keep your garden healthy and beautiful. If you notice leaves or yard debris being discarded in the street or storm drain, please report it to Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources by calling 678-376-7193.



The City of Lilburn offers free removal of small trees, limbs, and shrubbery for city residents. The Public Works Department picks up visible debris piles left at the curb. If you have debris that has not been collected after two weeks, please request removal online using the Citizen Request Tracker at www.cityoflilburn.com.

Pick-Up Requirements:

- Logs, limbs, and shrubbery must be a minimum of 4 feet from the curb.
- Tree logs must be less than 10 inches in diameter and less than 24 inches in length.
- Limbs must be a manageable length. Place trunk ends toward the street.
- No grass, straw, leaves, dirt-encrusted stumps, bamboo, or building materials will be accepted. These items must be collected by your sanitation provider.

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770-279-3710 Annex



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Lilburn Daze brings new arts and crafts

A Lilburn tradition for over forty years, Lilburn Daze Arts and Crafts Festival features more than 200 arts and crafts vendors. There will also be a variety of food vendors and a kid zone featuring free art activities, a train ride, pony rides, and lots of other fun for the children! With an estimated 12,000 attendees, this family-friendly festival is one of the most popular in the area. We look forward to having

a lot of our favorite vendors returning along with some exciting new vendors.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lilburn City Park. Come on out and find your favorite jewelry, pottery, and baskets along with funnel cakes and fudge! Hosted by the Lilburn Woman's Club and co-sponsored by the City of Lilburn. Visit lilburndaze.org for more information.



Lilburn International Festival
Sept. 12, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., City Park
Food and music from around the world.



Food trucks and live music
Sept. 15, 5 - 8 p.m., City Park
facebook.com/lilburnfoodtrucktuesdays



White Elephant Sale
Sept. 19, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., City Hall
Community garage sale. Booths available.



Classic Cars in the Park
Sept. 26, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., City Park
Cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more!



Costume Swap
Oct. 17, 12 - 3 p.m., Music on Main Street
Trade in an old costume at the fall festival.



"Hotel Transylvania"
Oct. 24, 6 - 9:30 p.m., City Park
Events begins at 6 p.m., movie at dusk.