



State of the City

Mayor Tim Dunn recently delivered this address at a Town Hall Zoom meeting.

We have much to be proud of, to share, and to disseminate. So, let's begin! We are delighted to see the dynamic changes unfolding before our very eyes, and hope you are as well.

For starters, a project has been awarded at Main Street and Railroad Avenue west of town to revitalize Old Town streetscaping and pedestrian crossings, add a four-way stop, lighting and landscaping. All of this is necessary to manage traffic and to clear out the old to make way for the new. It's also the precursor to new beginnings that include construction of retail space across Main Street from existing businesses on the west side of Main Street, along with sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

Additionally, properties at First, Main, and Velve streets are owned by the Lilburn Downtown Development Authority. The corner at First and Main is being reserved by the DDA for construction of a new restaurant.

And please know that we are focused on areas beyond Old Town. Of particular concern is the U.S. Highway 29 corridor and its potential for commercial growth, notably restaurants.

In 2021, the city, LCID and DDA brought in consultants Retail Strategies to evaluate our existing commercial climate and recommend solutions to capture any dollars of our residents that are leaving Lilburn for goods and services elsewhere.

As a result of the work by Retail

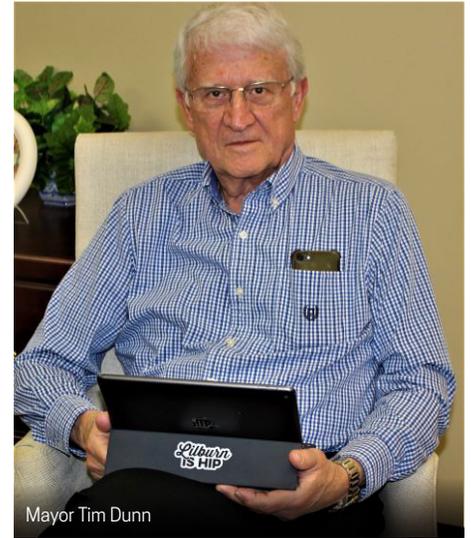
Strategies, the city currently is reviewing plans for a new grocer and a new fast-food, casual restaurant. We expect many more success stories during our three-year agreement with Retail Strategies.

While we pursue these capital projects, rest assured your City Council remains laser-focused on maintaining a safe community with a variety of community assets such as high-quality parks and trails. Businesses thrive when the city thrives, and our city services and assets create an environment that no one (or business) wants to leave.

As for residential growth, well, that's hard to miss, but here are some examples. Main Street Townes at Lilburn will consist of 80 townhomes when completed. The Cottages at Noble Village on Church Street will offer 68 age-restricted duplex units when completed. Elsewhere, we have high-end single-family homes under construction in East Highlands off North River Drive and Parkview East off Arcado Road near Lilburn-Stone Mountain Road, among other locations.

Now here are some projects planned for 2022 that I call quality-of-life initiatives. We plan to:

- Accept designs for expansion of the City Park into the 22-acre city-owned property currently leased to a concrete plant
- Add seating and shade at the new splash pad
- Consider concepts for improving connections between Railroad Avenue and Lawrenceville Highway
- Realign Hood Road with Bryson



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Park to include a new signaled intersection and roundabout.

As you can see, we are well on our way to providing the kind of rooftops and accessibility that attracts restaurants and eateries, something residents have said they have wanted for years.

Now, let's turn to finances. I am proud to say the city stands on stable ground. One of the best economic indicators for our city is the sales tax we collect. We are currently receiving approximately 40% more per month than anticipated.

Moreover, the 2017 SPLOST funds provide critical resources for public safety. They repave local roads and design new connections, and the SPLOST dollars jointly-fund transportation and recreation projects to maximize limited city resources.

Now let's turn to safety. As you know, a safe community is an attractive community. It attracts rooftops and restaurants. Thanks to Police Chief Bruce Hedley and his fine department – as



Meet the City Hall Intern



My name is John Lee and I am a senior at Duluth High School. I am in the Class of 2022 and plan on attending Vanderbilt University this fall and major in Computer Science.

I enjoy swimming, learning new things about programming and engineering, playing the cello, and spending time with my loved ones. At school, I am a part of Duluth's Chamber Orchestra, Boys Varsity Swim Team, Robotics Club, and service clubs such as NHS and Beta.

I am an only child who lives with my mother and father in Duluth. I hope to make them proud by attending college and embarking on a respectable career.

I obtained this internship through my school's QUEST internship program. At my internship, I hope to learn skills that will help me in college and in the workforce. I want to learn how to work as part of a team, promote the professionalism of the organization, and learn more about maintaining the city website. I hope to not only learn these skills to better myself but also to try and teach others in both my school and clubs. Thanks, City of Lilburn, for this opportunity.



What we do with our lawn clippings is an important part of keeping our landscape and our environment healthy. Grass clippings are a valuable source of nutrients. However, those same nutrients can cause harm to local waterways if they are raked, blown, or otherwise discharged into storm drains.

In the city of Lilburn, storm drains are separate from the sewer system and lead directly to creeks and streams. Excess nutrients from grass clippings can lead to algae blooms which can have a negative effect on water quality.

This summer, be sure to leave your clippings in place, compost them, or use them as a mulch. You can save money on fertilizer, protect water quality, and still have the green grass that we all enjoy.

2022 Events

CITY OF LILBURN

Splashpad Season Opening

May 7 • 11a.m.–7p.m.*

Food Truck Tuesday

May 10 • 6–9p.m.
Lilburn City Park

Community Yard Sale

May 14 • 9a.m.–1p.m.
Railroad Parking Lot

Splash Bash with DJ Matt

May 21 • 12–3p.m.
Splashpad

Rock the Park

June 4 • 6:30–9:30p.m.
Lilburn City Park

Food Truck Tuesday

June 14 • 6–9p.m.
Lilburn City Park

Sparkle in the Park

July 4 • 5:30–10p.m.
Lilburn City Park

for up-to-date event information visit

www.cityoflilburn.com

Up Close with Lilburn Police Department

Lilburn's Citizens Police Academy is a 13-week program that provides area residents with a first-hand glimpse and a better understanding of law enforcement and community policing in general. Each CPA session consists of 13 consecutive, two-hour Thursday night classes.

The instruction is comprehensive and covers a separate area of the department each week. Topics include crime prevention, community-based policing, drugs, K9 use, life-saving techniques and other valuable information.

The academy is an outstanding way to educate the public on crime prevention and public safety. Think about signing up next year! <https://www.cityoflilburn.com/281/Citizens-Police-Academy>

The 2022 Citizens Police Academy participants will wrap up their training with a graduation ceremony on May 19. Here are photos of sessions with this year's participants.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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| Garbage & Recycling | 770-279-3703 |
| Business Services..... | 770-921-2210 |
| Business Licensing | |
| Permitting & Inspections | |
| Pavilion Rental | |
| Police Department | 770-921-2211 |
| Code Enforcement | |
| Police | |
| Planning..... | 770-921-2210 |
| Development Plan Review | |
| Zoning | |
| Stormwater | |

OTHER CONTACTS

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| 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 |
| 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 |

COVID-19 RESOURCES

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| Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: cdc.gov | 800-232-4636 |
| Georgia Department of Public Health: dph.georgia.gov | 404-657-2700 |
| Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale County Health Department: gnrhealth.com | 770-339-4260 |

For additional information, www.coronavirus.gov



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Monday through Friday

770-921-2210 City Hall
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well as buy-in from you, our citizens – Lilburn is blessed to have a crime rate that has declined 30 percent since 2016 and a noticeable 9 percent between 2019 and 2021.

It takes dedication from the police department and our remarkable community policing spearheaded by Senior Police Officer Mike Johnson to maintain such an outstanding low-crime record. Officer Johnson spends countless hours speaking to senior living communities, churches, schools – wherever there’s an audience to teach and promote preventative crime measures and safety

initiatives. He’s arguably the face of the Lilburn Police Department and, I might add, of the city of Lilburn as well.

Lilburn has a long history of visionary leaders who have remained focused and steadfast in their decisions. Next month, we will experience a transfer in leadership, but no loss whatsoever of our vision and pursuits related to quality-of-life.

After 14 years, Bill Johnsa is retiring as City Manager, but will remain on board to manage our capital projects, which he has advocated and envisioned his entire tenure with the city. He laid the groundwork for many of our successes, and for that, we thank him.

Assistant City Manager Jenny Simpkins will step into Bill’s former role. She has been with the city nearly two years so, rest assured, the City of Lilburn will continue its legacy of strong, ethical responsible leadership.

We often say that Lilburn is a 30-year “overnight” success story. The renewal of a city takes a focused leadership with decades of continuity and purpose.

Lilburn continues to attract the attention of families, young professionals and folks just looking to relax and have fun. Your city staff and elected remain committed to ensuring that your hometown continues to be a place you are proud to call home.