

A Letter to the Chief

Lilburn Police Chief Bruce Hedley is sharing this letter, which came across his desk early in February.

Sir,

My father, Kevin Moloney, and mother, June Moloney, have lived in the City of Lilburn for well over fifty years. They have always been proud supporters of the Lilburn Police Department. Growing up, they taught me police officers should always be respected, and always be obeyed. They also said police officers were there to help, and if I was ever in trouble to always go to one.

As a child, this never made sense to me. How could a person whose job it is to arrest people, also be someone who is safe and there to help me? Growing up, I watched how my mother and father interacted with police. I saw how my father would go up to any Lilburn Police Officer that was unlucky enough to be near him and minding their own business, and my father would start up a random conversation. It always ended with laughter and a handshake goodbye. I also saw my mother working for the City of Lilburn, and how the highlight of her job was working with the police officers. I still didn't understand what was to me, a strange dichotomy of enforcer yet friend.

As I got older, all of this caused me to one day strike up a conversation with a Lilburn Police Officer who just happened to be unlucky enough to be near me and minding their own business. I had no idea what it would lead to. Long story short, this person who has since

retired, paved the way for me for what is now close to a 24-year career in law enforcement.

My parents couldn't be prouder. Even though my current law enforcement career took me out of Georgia for 14 years, I would still hear embarrassing stories of my Dad going up to police officers and asking if they knew his son.

As the years went on, I saw my father physically decline. First, it was cancer. Luckily, I was transferred back to Georgia so that I could be there for him when he had his first stroke. I watched him slowly decline, but always trying to make the best of it. Dad always responded and seemed to "get better" when he had something to look forward to and focus on.

This caused me to reach out to the Lilburn Police Department. My father had always wanted to tour your new headquarters. I made contact with Officer Mike Johnson, who took care of everything.

A tour was set for Thursday 12/02/2021. My mother couldn't make it that day, so it was just me and Dad.

By that time Dad was pretty much confined to a wheelchair, wasn't hearing too well, and his cognition was slipping. Officer Johnson met us and gave us a great tour.

I soon found myself not paying attention to your new multi-million dollar



Lilburn Police Officer Mike Johnson

building, but to the way Officer Johnson was talking to my Dad. He treated my father like an extreme VIP. He answered all of my Dad's questions, and some of those questions were bizarre and repetitive. Officer Johnson never skipped a beat. He just carried on as if it were the first time he heard it, and he was asked such things every day. My Dad was alert, engaged, and thoroughly enjoyed himself. At the end of the tour, he told my father how much of an honor it was to show him around, and gave my Dad a Lilburn Police Department challenge coin. My father talked about that tour for months. My mother was jealous she wasn't able to go.

Watching Officer Johnson reminded me of that dichotomy I experienced as a child. As I grew older and interacted with police officers, I began to form an understanding and knew this was the job for me. Officer Johnson showed me something I had forgotten. To wear a badge is to be there for the community. You can't help the community if you

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Keeping the City Clean

Keeping Lilburn clean and healthy is quite important and has more to do with storm drains than you may think! Storm drains direct rainwater into nearby waterways. When contaminants such as motor oil, cleaning chemicals, paint, soapy water, or pet waste enter storm drains, waterways can become polluted.



This is referred to as an "Illicit Discharge," which includes anything other than rainwater entering a storm drain. To prevent this from happening, consider these simple tips:

- Recycle motor oil at auto parts businesses
- Rinse paintbrushes in your sink
- Wash your car on the grass
- Clean up after your pets

These steps all work hand in hand to keep Lilburn beautiful. Our residents can work together to make sure that illicit discharges do not occur. If you see someone pouring something down the storm drain call Gwinnett Water Resources at 678-376-7000 to report it. Lilburn partners with Gwinnett County to respond to illicit discharges, eliminate sources of pollution, and educate the public.

So, let us work together to make a big difference in our community!

Wanted: "Lilburn Stars!"

Maybe you have a neighbor who picks up trash on his or her daily walk. Perhaps you know someone who does an elderly resident's yardwork.



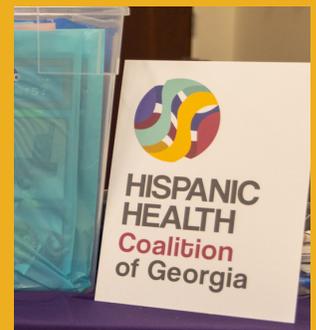
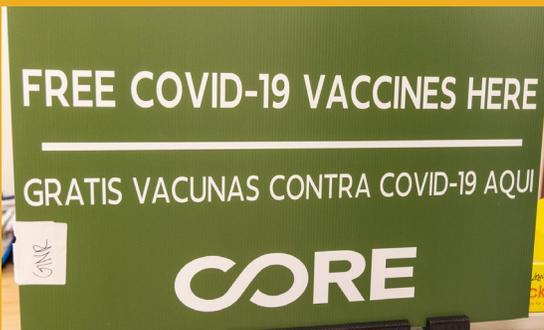
Soon, we will launch a feature on our city website called "Citizen of the Month." If you know someone who's committed to our community and who works to improve it or uplift others, please let us know! They are our "Lilburn Stars," our unsung heroes, and we'd love to share their good deeds with the community at large.

Nominations for this honor may be sent to me - Rick Badie, Public Information Officer, at rbadie@cityoflilburn.com. Include their contact info. First though, please check with the person you plan to submit to ensure that they are fine with a little publicity. I will arrange a time I can take their photographs and learn more about their love for Lilburn and sense of community.

Let's make this a "must-read" feature on our website!



The Lilburn Police Department hosted a free vaccinations and car-seat check event on Feb. 4, along with the Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia, Gwinnett County Fire Department and Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE).



2022 Events

CITY OF LILBURN

Lilburchaun Parade

March 12 • 3–5p.m.
Lilburn City Park

Great American Cleanup

April 23 • 8–11a.m.
City Hall Parking Lot

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

Food Truck Tuesday

July 12 • 6–9p.m.
Lilburn City Park

National Night Out

Aug. 2 • 6–8:30p.m.
Lilburn City Park

Food Truck Tuesday

Aug. 9 • 6–9p.m.
Lilburn City Park

Rock the Park

Sept. 10 • 6:30–9:30p.m.
Lilburn City Park

Food Truck Tuesday

Sept. 13 • 6–9p.m.
Lilburn City Park

Community Yard Sale

Sept. 24 • 9a.m.–1p.m.
Railroad Parking Lot

Lilburn Daze

Oct. 8 • 9a.m.–5p.m.
Lilburn City Park

Splashpad Season Closing

Oct. 8 • 11a.m.–7p.m.*

Food Truck Tuesday

Oct. 11 • 6–9p.m.
Lilburn City Park

Monsters and Movie on Main

Oct. 29 • 5:30p.m.
Lilburn City Park/Main Street

Parade and Tree Lighting

Dec. 3 • 3–7p.m.
Lilburn City Park/Main Street

**The Splashpad is closed on Monday & Tuesday for maintenance*

Cornhole Leagues at Lilburn City Park

Spring League

Thursdays
March 24–May 19
6:45–9p.m.

Summer League

Thursdays
June 9–July 28
6–8p.m.

Fall League

Thursdays
Sept. 1–Oct. 6
6–8p.m.

A Letter from the Mayor . . .

Lilburn Mayor Tim Dunn wrote the following letter to the organizers of the 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

The city of Lilburn has come to expect great music and showmanship from Berkmar High School's Marching Patriots during our annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting events.

This hardworking, dedicated group always delivers!

Year in and year out, the Marching Patriots show their growth, unyielding spirit, and a command of their repertoire wherever they perform.

The band has participated in a variety of local and regional contests, as well as performances in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee.

Some events include the Anniston Alabama Marching Festival, the Disney Performing Arts Festival, the Clark-Atlanta Homecoming Parade, and a pre-game performance at a Fort Valley State University homecoming football game.

An invitation to participate in the 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Parade would further cement the band's reputation as a team that embraces "playing in the moment" and learning teamwork, discipline, and leadership skills.

Valerie Reyes, a sophomore who plays alto sax, summarized the band's sentiments when asked about the possibility of performing in New York City.

"I think it would be a great experience for the band," she said. "This will also be good exposure for us and the Lilburn community."

I wholeheartedly agree!

Respectfully,

Mayor Tim Dunn



For the most up-to-date event information, visit
www.cityoflilburn.com

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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

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

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
770-921-2211 Police



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can't talk to them. To talk to a community, you first have to be able to talk to one person. You may not know who you will come in contact with, people of different cultures, different backgrounds, and with physical challenges. But no matter who you talk to, you have got to make that person know that they matter, that they are worthy and deserving of your attention, and you want to help. For a moment in time, my father wasn't thinking about his failing health or the

challenges that were ahead. He was all about the time, attention, and respect this officer was showing him. I have to believe if an officer can connect and make such a positive change with one person like that, then that officer, and hopefully others like him, can connect and make a positive change in the community. I left your headquarters that day with a happy Dad, and me feeling energized about being in law enforcement.

Chief, my Dad passed away Friday 02/04/2022. My mother and I were at his bedside when he died. It was tough, but I'm blessed I was able to be there

for him. The next day, I went through his personal belongings that were in the bedside table and drawer. There wasn't a lot there. He kept things simple. But there was that challenge coin Officer Johnson gave him that day.

I just wanted you to know the type of officer you have working for you and the impact he made on one elderly man's life.

Thank you so much for all that you and your department do for this community.