



## 2023: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

This 2023 annual report offers an overview of some of the city's accomplishments the past year. Inside, you'll find facts and figures that relate to city finances, public safety and community and economic development.

### THE CITY:

- Completed the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update - a document that serves as a blueprint for how a community shapes and guides growth.
- Awarded a Georgia Forestry Commission grant to complete a tree canopy assessment to guide tree protection and planting ordinances for new developments.
- Received a \$260,000 "Safe Streets and Roads for All" federal grant to develop a citywide comprehensive safety action plan, conduct a roundabout feasibility study and pilot temporary traffic calming measures such as raised sidewalks, chicanes and speed humps. The funding was requested by Rep. Lucy McBath in a letter of support to Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.
- Approved a development agreement with the Downtown Development Authority and Range Water Lilburn for the development of luxury apartments and a shared public-private parking deck on Railroad Avenue.

- Awarded a \$329,000 contract to Garrett Paving Company, Inc., to pave or resurface Pop Johnson Road, Lilburn School Road, Sterling Trace Drive, Sterling Brook Court and Sterling Trace Court.
- Broke ground on the \$4.3 million Hood Rd./Bryson Park project to realign Hood Road, Lilburn School Road and Jennifer Drive. The project will enhance public safety by eliminating the non-signalized intersections of the three roads with Lawrenceville Highway. Lilburn School Road and Jennifer Drive will be realigned into a new roundabout at the Bryson park entrance. The roundabout will provide access to Lawrenceville Highway via a new traffic signal. Hood Road, located south of US 29, will also be realigned to join Lawrenceville Highway at the new traffic signal. Funding resources include a \$1 million grant from the Georgia Transportation's Infrastructure Bank, county and city SPLOST funds, ARPA, stormwater funds and a \$269,067 LMIG grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation.
- Awarded a \$1.2 million contract to North Georgia Network Fiber to install network fiber in four locations – City Hall, Lilburn Police headquarters, Public Works and the City Park Pavilion.
- Renewed the City's stormwater permit.



## FINANCIAL FACTS

The city's fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30. The city's operations are funded primarily by the General Fund. The General Fund revenues equaled \$10,383,754 for fiscal year 2022-2023. Revenue sources included property taxes, licenses and permit fees, court fines, charges for services, etc.

Property taxes make up 29 percent of general fund revenues. The owner of a home valued at \$250,000 with the standard homestead exemption pays \$420.85 in annual property taxes to the city of Lilburn, or \$35.07 per month. For that amount, the homeowner receives top-notch police protection, code enforcement services, planning and zoning services, park development and maintenance, street maintenance and many more services.

# 2023 CITY EVENTS

In 2023, the city organized and hosted 27 events, from March through December, in City Park. The largest event of the year was the July 4th Sparkle in the Park, which featured the wildly popular Glow Band. This year's Christmas Parade was cancelled due to inclement weather, but the Tree Lighting festivities still took place.

For the first time ever, the City added an option to purchase VIP tables during the Rock the Park concert. They sold out in one week! In other news:

- The City worked in conjunction with the Gwinnett County library system and Live Healthy Gwinnett to host "Storytime in the Park" and "Pop-up Play days."
- The ATL Cornhole League played in Lilburn City Park every Thursday from March through October.



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Registered 3023 residential stops and pick-ups for chipper service
- Completed 12 citizen mulch requests
- Maintained 1,500 city street signs and 45 roadside miles by mowing, clearing and removing debris.
- Picked up about 3,041 pounds of roadside trash
- Completed 1,791 citizen sanitation requests
- Conducted 1,135 hours of service and maintenance on the popular Splash Pad.

## MUNICIPAL COURT

The court processed 7,335 citations. The court held:

- Seventy-three court sessions
- Four Teen Court sessions
- Seven bench trials
- Seven RedSpeed hearings.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## 2023 COMMUNITY EFFORTS

### OPERATIONS

The operations division, which is comprised of Patrol Units and Traffic Units, answered 23,883 calls for services. Units have generated 2,136 incident reports and cleared 46 percent by arrest. Units have generated 1,209 accident reports. The total number of reports generated by the Lilburn Police Department was 3,345, which represent 14 percent of all calls answered by the police department resulting in a report being generated.

### TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit issued 4,766 traffic citations. Officers worked 2,334 traffic accidents with five being serious injury/fatal calls. The Unit has completed 37 percent of the reported accidents within the city. The Traffic Unit generated 452 incident reports with 88 percent being cleared by arrest. Traffic Officers received a Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Certification which allows the officers to draw blood during a search warrant in the event of a DUI. The Lilburn Police Department is proud of our Traffic Unit as we currently have two out of seven phlebotomist in the County.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Lilburn Code Enforcement Unit started the year with over 100 active cases. The cases ranged from derelict buildings, illegally parked vehicles, illegal construction to “too tall” grass complaints. The unit was able to hire another experienced Code Enforcement Officer at the end of August and grew to two full-time officers and one part-time officer. The unit worked 1,877 cases and closed 1,389 cases. Code Enforcement has been able to close many active cases which allowed for the year of 2023 to end with only 31 open cases. The Code Enforcement Officers attempted to gain compliance through Notice of Violation and education;

however, Code Enforcement did issue 18 citations with 14 cases having to go to the Lilburn Municipal Court.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

led by Cpl. Mike Johnson, community outreach held 76 neighborhood watch and safety meetings and conducted safety presentations with local schools, pre-schools, Islamic schools, and businesses inside and outside the City of Lilburn. Community Outreach participated in five Neighborhood Watch cookouts and 1 cookout for the Citizen's Police Academy. In 2023, Community Outreach worked to expand the Neighborhood Watch program, which currently has 23 groups. Community Outreach has added Bryson Meadows to the neighborhood watch program.

Moreover, during 2023, Cpl. Johnson taught five Senior Scam presentations, three Internet Safety and three Active Shooter classes. Community Outreach and the Lilburn Police K9 also participated in a Safety Day at Hopkins Elementary School. Community Outreach also did several presentations on distracted driving at different community events. Finally, Cpl. Johnson also taught five Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) presentations this year.

### CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

In 2023, the Operations Division conducted the Citizens Police Academy from February 2023 to May 2023. Classes focused on the general operations of the Lilburn Police Department, Stop the Bleed training and the basics of police work.

### WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE PROGRAM

During the months of June and August, the Operations Division held the Women's self-defense classes with a preference given to those who live or work in the city. This class was dedicated to educating women on ways to reduce victimhood. Participants were taught situational awareness, laws pertaining to self-defense, and tips for defending oneself.

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

CID worked 134 cases this year that included armed robberies, burglaries, sexual exploitation of children, and fraud investigations. The biggest investigation was a road rage murder; the suspect was arrested within two hours.



# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**Garbage & Recycling** ..... 770-279-3703

**Business Services** ..... 770-921-2210  
*Business Licensing, Permitting & Inspections*

**Police Department** ..... 770-921-2211  
*Code Enforcement, Police*

**Planning** ..... 770-921-2210  
*Development Plan Review, Zoning, Stormwater*



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## BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Business Services Department issued:

- 1097 Occupational Tax Certificates/Business Licenses, including 134 new businesses
- 70 alcohol licenses

Total Number of Permits Issued:

- Residential: 115
- Non-residential: 53
- Land disturbance/site development: 6
- Temporary use: 34
- Signage: 41
- Certificate of Occupancy: 105

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- Total valuation of all building permits: \$37,485,459
- Total valuation of residential permits: \$17,325,925
- Rezoning: Three heard; two approved
- Special-use Permits: Three issued/approved
- Change in Condition permits: One heard and approved.