

## 2018: BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

*This annual report offers an overview of some of the city's accomplishments during the past year. Look inside for more facts and figures.*

Development throughout the city flourished in 2018 with many significant projects completed or under construction. Here is a snapshot of some of the activity:

- A wooden boardwalk along Camp Creek Greenway was replaced with 957 feet of precast concrete. The new boardwalk was paid for by SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax), of which the Gwinnett County Recreation SPLOST Program contributed over \$500,000. Other improvements residents will soon see at Lilburn City Park include a new, expanded playground, a new parking area in the park, and a new restroom facility.
- Construction began on the new Lilburn Police Headquarters and Municipal Court building, at 4600 Lawrenceville Hwy. Projected to be completed in fall 2019, the new building will be more centrally located and more visible. Relocation of the police department allows for the continued revitalization of downtown. ►
- Several companies opted to build or expand in Lilburn. One notable project is a 351,340 square-foot office/distribution center currently under construction on Indian Trail Lilburn Road. ▼
- Housing opportunities in the city are growing, including a senior living community to be constructed at the corner of Main and Church streets, across from Lilburn City Hall-Library. A 4.2 acre mixed use development is under construction downtown that will include 55 townhomes with future storefronts along Main Street.
- Several transportation issues were addressed in 2018. A section of Hillcrest Road near the Lilburn Activity Center received new sidewalks and streetlights. In addition, Ripple Water Run and Webb Parkway were resurfaced with over 400 feet of curb and gutter replaced on Webb Parkway. In 2019 a new **High-intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK)** pedestrian signal will be installed on Killian Hill Road at Shelley Lane, and the intersection of Lilburn Industrial Way and Killian Hill Road will receive signalization and improvements.



For more information about construction projects in the city, visit [cityoflilburn.com](http://cityoflilburn.com).

## LILBURN LEADERSHIP TEAM



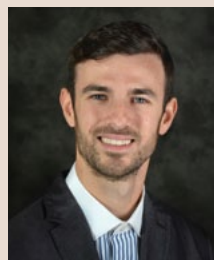
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Mayor



Tim Dunn  
Mayor Pro-Tem,  
Council Post 4



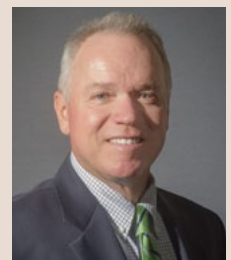
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Brian Burchik  
Council Post 1



Eddie Price  
Council Post 3



Bill Johnsa  
City Manager



# Lilburn Annual Report 2018

## FINANCIAL

The city's fiscal year is July 1-June 30. Therefore the budget year was July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. The general fund is the city's operating budget.

### REVENUE:

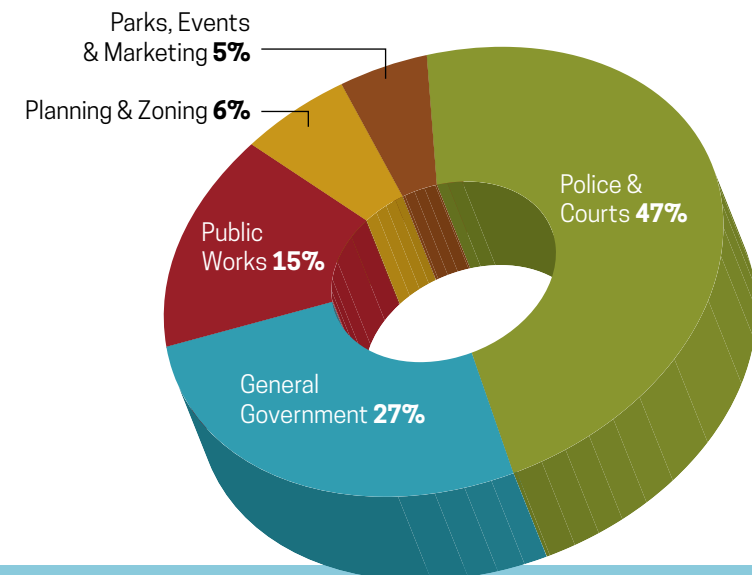
General fund revenue sources include property taxes, charges for services, license and permit fees, court fines, and others.

### PROPERTY TAXES BREAKDOWN:

- Only 25% of the city's total general fund revenue comes from property taxes.
- The City of Lilburn property tax rate (millage rate) is 4.43. This means that property owners pay \$4.43 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in city taxes.
- City of Lilburn taxes make up only 12% of a Lilburn homeowners total property tax bill. Property tax bills also include county and school taxes.

### GENERAL FUND TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$7,094,007\*

Police & Courts	\$3,335,074
General Government	\$1,935,992
Public Works	\$1,066,134
Planning & Zoning	\$440,080
Parks, Events & Marketing	\$316,727



## PUBLIC SAFETY

### CRIME RATE

**DOWN  
25%  
FROM  
2017**

**DOWN  
48%  
SINCE  
2014**

- Community Outreach included: Citizens Police Academy, Women's Self Defense Program, Senior Scam presentations, Coffee with a Cop, and participating in National Lunch Week
- 600+ code enforcement cases were resolved
- Courts had 217 teen court participants. Teen court is designed to educate young drivers and decrease the rate of relapse.

Lilburn's National Night Out event was nationally ranked 25th in its population category

**6,200**

citations issued

**75**

court sessions held

**138**

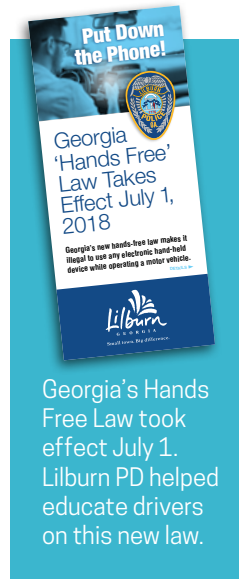
neighborhood functions attended

**36,000+**

calls answered

**17,000+**

Business & Residential checks



Georgia's Hands Free Law took effect July 1. Lilburn PD helped educate drivers on this new law.



## COMMUNITY

**42,000**

people attended city events

- Chipper service for residents averaged 30 stops per day
- Niche.com rankings for Lilburn include:

**#1**

Most diverse place to live in Georgia

**#5**

Most diverse suburb in the U.S.

- 448 open records requests were processed
- New playground, parking, and restroom currently under construction at Lilburn City Park!



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## DEVELOPMENT

- The City of Lilburn completed its Local Comprehensive Plan update. This document sets the direction and focus for future planning for Lilburn for the next five years. A steering committee of citizen volunteers, along with city staff and the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) worked for approximately ten months to develop the plan. Visit [cityoflilburn.com](http://cityoflilburn.com) for more info.

**471**

**OPEN**

businesses licenses were issued in Lilburn in 2018



**500+**

residential units currently planned or under development in the city

- Agavero Cantina Parkside signed a multi-year lease with the Lilburn Downtown Development Authority to operate at Lilburn City Park.



New boardwalk on Camp Creek Greenway

### JANUARY

City Council honored Council Member and former Mayor Scott Batterton for his many years of service. January 8 of each year shall be observed as Dr. S. Scott Batterton Day.

### FEBRUARY

Former Mayor and Lilburn City Council member Diana Preston was honored for her dedication and service to the community. Each year, December 12 will be observed as Diana Preston Day in the City of Lilburn.

### MARCH

Investigator Cody Belcher and Senior Patrol Officer Andy Blimline of the Lilburn Police Department received the Gwinnett Chamber's Lifesaving Award for their heroic actions that helped save a person's life.

### APRIL

The Gwinnett County Bicentennial Torch and historical display panels left Lilburn City Hall-Library. The city was honored to have been a part of the Gwinnett 200 celebration.

### MAY

The police department hosted another successful Women's Self Defense Program. This popular program empowers women with knowledge and practical self defense techniques.

### JUNE

Mother's Finest opened the 2018 concert series, Rock the Park, in Lilburn City Park.

### JULY

On July 4th the City of Lilburn hosted one of the best fireworks displays in Gwinnett County at Sparkle in the Park!

### AUGUST

Officials broke ground on the new Lilburn Police Headquarters & Municipal Court building. The facility is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2019 and will be located at 4600 Lawrenceville Highway.

### SEPTEMBER

"Remembering Our Fallen," a traveling photo memorial wall, was displayed at Lilburn City Hall-Library. This photographic memorial honors more than 210 Georgia-based service members who died while serving our country during The War on Terror (9/11/2001-Present).

### OCTOBER

The 45th annual Lilburn Daze was held in Lilburn City Park! This annual arts and crafts festival is organized by the Lilburn Woman's Club and co-sponsored by the City of Lilburn.

### NOVEMBER

The city's annual tree lighting at Lilburn City Hall featured live music, crafts, and a photo opportunity with real reindeer!

### DECEMBER

Work continues on construction of 55 townhomes and storefronts across Railroad Avenue from Lilburn City Park. At the end of 2018, 500+ residential units were planned or in development in the city.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### CITY OF LILBURN

EMERGENCY .....	9-1-1
Building Inspections/Permits .....	770-279-3710
Business Licenses .....	770-279-3708
Code Enforcement .....	770-279-3710
Court Services .....	770-921-2505
Lilburn City Park/Pavilion Rental .....	770-921-2210
Planning/Economic Development .....	770-279-3710
Police Administration .....	770-921-2211
Police Non-Emergency Response .....	770-513-5700
Public Works (Streets) .....	770-638-2196
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### 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
Taxes – Property .....	770-822-8800
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



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Monday through Friday

770-921-2210 City Hall  
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## Remembering Diana Preston

**Former councilwoman, mayor, and longtime public servant passed away on November 5**

**M**rs. Preston served on the Lilburn City Council for 22 years and was elected Mayor of the City of Lilburn in November 2007, becoming the first woman in city history to hold that position. That same year, she was recognized as one of Gwinnett County's most influential women. During her time at the city, Mrs. Preston was instrumental in the creation of Camp Creek Greenway Trail and helped form the Lilburn Community Improvement District. She also served as a charter member of the Lilburn Planning Commission and as a member of the Lilburn Merit Board.

For her many years of service and dedication, in February 2018 the City of Lilburn signed a proclamation declaring December 12th of each year to be observed as "Diana Preston Day." On February 1, 2019, the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce will honor Diana Preston with the R. Wayne Shackelford Legacy Award. This award honors the memory and legacy of an individual who has made a difference in the history and progress of Gwinnett County.

Diana Preston is remembered fondly and greatly missed.