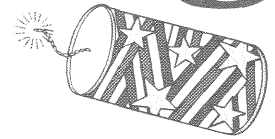


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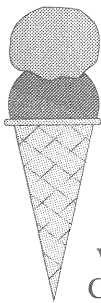
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## Lilburn Idol Grand Finale

The Lilburn Idol performances continue on July 13th at 7 p.m. and will end with the grand finale featuring the winner of the contest on July 27th at 7 p.m. You don't want to miss these final fun events at Lilburn City Park. Support your favorite performers. Come for the day and enjoy an evening of great music. For information, call 770-921-2210 or visit [www.cityoflilburn.com](http://www.cityoflilburn.com).

## Ice Cream Social and the Environment



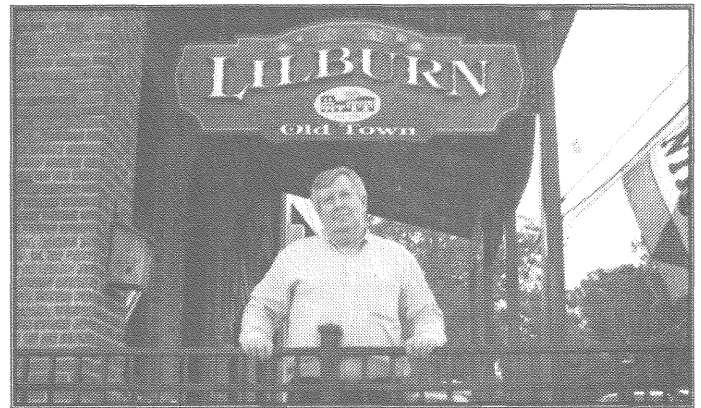
The Sierra Club, Gwinnett Group will be hosting an Ice Cream Social for their July 19th meeting. Instead of the usual speaker or presentation, enjoy a leisurely stroll around the lake and then a delicious summer repast complete with ice cream. Bring your favorite salad and they will provide the main dish and ice cream. The club meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, at the Willowrun Condos Clubhouse, 1015 Country Ct., off Club Dr., 1 mile north of Pleasant Hill. Meetings are free and open to the public.

The Gwinnett Group is currently working on two projects, Cool Cities and improved transit. A Cool City has made a commitment to stopping global warming by signing the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement. The Cool Cities campaign helps cities turn their commitments into action by pushing for smart energy solutions. These solutions include such energy saving (and money saving) projects as replacing traditional traffic lights with led lights, using florescent light bulbs instead of incandescent in buildings, increasing the energy efficiency of public buildings, and encouraging people to use transit, walk or bike instead of driving cars. For more information about Cool Cities, go to the Sierra Club website, [www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org), and click on the link to Cool Cities.

## Brown Bag Concert on the Courthouse Lawn

Enjoy a free family friendly concert on the lawn of the Historic Lawrenceville Courthouse on July 13. The concert starts at 11 a.m. and features a performance by the Bugaboos. Bring a brown bag or pick up lunch at one of Lawrenceville's fine restaurants. For more information call 770-822-5450.

## One Man's Efforts to Preserve Lilburn's History



Hugh Wilkerson, shown above, is a man who appreciates history and understands the importance of preserving it.

Both as a commercial realtor, and as the owner of Antiques in Old Town, Wilkerson puts his love of old things to very good use. His 6,000 square-foot store on Main Street is "crammed full of all sorts of things," from Victorian beds to Hoosier cabinets to Coke memorabilia. Customers as well as dealers from all over the country visit his store, perhaps as much to solicit his advice as to browse through his merchandise.

Wilkerson has been one of a number of Lilburn residents instrumental in the creation of the Lilburn Historical Society by being an advocate for the historic district and bringing attention to the tragic loss of a large number of old homes in the area. The mayor and city council have recently created an "old town overlay district" to encourage homeowners to fix up and maintain their older homes, and to ensure that new construction incorporates the same Victorian feel as the existing homes.

Wilkerson has lovingly maintained the building which houses Antiques in Old Town. Built in 1910, it is the only surviving commercial building from that era. A fire in 1920 consumed much of the rest of the Lilburn business district. Without residents like Wilkerson who work hard to preserve what is left, much of Lilburn's past would be lost forever.

"It's hard to appreciate where you are unless you know where you've been, in my opinion," said Wilkerson.

Antiques in Old Town is open from 10-5 Monday through Saturday, and is closed on Sundays. Located at 93 Main Street. Call 770-279-1300

- Beth Rice