

A PLACE TO IMAGINE

MARCH 2018



CELEBRATE THE LUCK OF THE IRISH THIS PADDY'S DAY WITH IRISH FEST NORCROSS

Fáilte (welcome), good people of Norcross! The City of Norcross is excited to announce a collaboration with Taste of Britain and the Drake School of Irish Dance to bring you the FIRST St. Patrick's Day Celebration in our fair city.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 17th, the entirety of S. Peachtree St will be closed to accommodate the festivities. Downtown merchants will each be offering Irish-themed activities and fare to mark the occasion, and outside you will find music, dancing, face painting, demonstrations and more! Free and open to the public and 100% family-friendly, this is an event you do not want to miss.

Start with a hearty, traditional Irish breakfast at the Masonic Lodge at 10 a.m. This will be a delectable feast of eggs, rasher, black and white pudding, beans, grilled tomatoes and toast. Tickets are \$15 for adults or \$10 for children, and may be purchased as of March 1st at any of the following merchants: Taste of Britain, VSOP Taproom, Good Things and Antique Traditions.

Listen to the lilting tunes of the celtic isles with performances by The Gentry (an Irish trio band) from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and a string quartet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tap your feet and clap your hands to the beat as you watch World Champion riverdancers from the Drake School of Irish Dance or learn to jig yourself and join in the fun!

Visit the 'hurling' demonstrations for a look into the fastest field game in the world that has become a fixture of life back in Ireland, and snap a selfie with 'Norcross' Largest Shamrock'—aka, a huge chalk etching decorating the street. And make sure to stop by the face painting station, especially if you forget to wear your green!

The Taste of Britain is giving away gift boxes and door prizes, and will have an Irish Sampling for you to taste many Irish favorites from meat pies and Kerrygold cheese to Irish ale.



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CHECK OUT ONE OF THE MANY DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS OFFERING SPECIAL IRISH FARE ON THEIR MENUS:

45 SOUTH CAFÉ

Irish Potatoes
Reuben on Rye
Corned Beef Plate
(served with Irish potatoes and kraut)
Guinness Beer
Irish Rose Latte
Irish Mocha
Shamrock Mocha

IRON HOURSE TAVERN

Irish Nachos
Irish Spring Rolls
Blarney Sandwich
Irish Bacon Bap
Dublin Coddle
Kilkenny Corned Beef and Cabbage
County Cork Fish and Chips
Limerick Cheesecake

CHASE'S WINGERY

Irish Stew
Corned Beed and Cabbage
Lazy-eyed
Leprechaun Cocktail
Green Beer
(Plus bagpipers at 4 p.m.!)

THE CROSSING

Shepard's Pie

PAIZANOS

Guinness Beer Cheese Dip
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Stromboli

MOJITOS

Guinness Beer

FARMHOUSE 17

Guinness
Green lime-flavored
Champagne



There are so many fun and exciting festivities taking place downtown this Paddy's Day, so put on something green and come on out to Irish Fest 2018! Sláinte Mhaith! (Good Health/Cheers!)

For more information, please visit aplacetoimagine.com.



DOWNTOWN NORCROSS WISHES EVERYONE A VERY 'HOPPY' EASTER!

The Easter Bunny is hopping his way to downtown Norcross for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st at 10 a.m. As long as there is no peeking, the Easter Bunny will be hiding all of his eggs in Rossie Brundage Park, 350 Autry Street. So bring your Easter baskets and celebrate the renewal of spring in Norcross with a FREE Easter Egg Hunt that is sure to be fun for all! Children will also have the opportunity to visit with the Easter Bunny where parents are encouraged to take photos to capture the excitement. This event doesn't last but a few minutes, so don't be late!

The City of Norcross will also be hosting an eggs-tra special Easter Egg Hunt for children with special needs and their families on Saturday, March 31st at 1 p.m. at Rossie Brundage Park, 350 Autry Street. Come out and enjoy this free event designed for children with special needs in an environment that is safe and inclusive. The event will be wheelchair accessible and sensory friendly with special consideration for the visually and hearing impaired. The event will also include scooping nets for children in wheelchairs and a tent with beanbags for sensory-sensitive children. The City of Norcross would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the International Association Bomb Technicians and Investigators and the Atlanta Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which will be providing beeping eggs for the blind and visually impaired. The city would also like to thank the Canine Assistants for their support of a service dog, Spectrum Autism Support Group, and the Georgia Interpreting Services Network for the hearing impaired. **Please visit www.aplacetoimagine.com/events to register. RSVP is required for the special Easter Egg Hunt.**

To ensure that everyone enjoys the hunt, the City of Norcross kindly requests those participating in the egg hunt to be considerate, respectful, and most of all, have fun!

But that's not all! The Norcross First United Methodist Church also invites you to join them for an Easter Sunrise Service in Thrasher Park on April 1st (Easter Sunday) at 6 a.m.

For more information, please visit aplacetoimagine.com.

CITY OF NORCROSS TO HOST CLEAN-UP DAY ON APRIL 14

The City of Norcross is kicking off the spring season with a Neighborhood Clean-up & Recycling Day on Saturday, April 14. Residents can help keep Norcross 'clean and beautiful' by bringing in documents to be securely shredded, hauling in non-hazardous bulk items and recycling electronics.

During the Clean-up Day, residents can bring in items that are not hazardous material to the Public Works Facility, 345 Lively Street (just off Buford Hwy) from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Clean-up event is free and open to City of Norcross residents only (proof of residency required).

The shredding event, which is free and open to the public, will be held from 9 a.m. – noon or until the truck is full at Norcross City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville Street. American Security Shredding will be on-site with their shred truck. Participants can watch on the video display as their materials are shredded securely. Each person is limited to five medium boxes or equivalent.

City of Norcross residents and the general public are invited to participate in the electronics recycling event where they can get rid of old cell phones, computers and keyboards without guilt. Atlanta Recycling Solutions and city volunteers will be available to help unload donated items. For a complete list of recyclables, visit the city website. This event is free except for televisions, which requires a \$20 fee. CRT Monitors are \$10. Please note that console or projection televisions cannot be accepted. The recycling event will be held at the Norcross Community Center, 10 College Street, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The City of Norcross also asks participants to clean out their pantry and bring non-perishable food items to be donated to local food banks and given to community members in need. We are asking all participants to bring canned or non-perishable goods to support the 2018 "CAN" Do for Hunger Campaign. Donations will be accepted at each cleanup/recycling location.

For complete information, visit norcrossga.net or contact Sonya Isaac at 678.421.2027.



NORCROSS OUT & ABOUT

NORCROSS SPOTLIGHT



Norcross management staff learning best practices of collaboration for the good of an organization during a "lunch and learn" tour of the The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir.



On February 10th, the City of Norcross held a Town Hall Fiesta to mix and mingle with Mayor Craig Newton, City Council members and other city officials.



On February 9th, the City of Norcross held its first Father-Daughter Dance for Valentine's and everyone was lovely in their evening finery! These adorable ladies surely had their daddies wrapped around their little fingers as they danced the night away.



Night to Remember in Downtown Norcross on Valentine's Day!

SUSTAINABLE NORCROSS HAPPENINGS THEN AND NOW

THEN

Have you noticed anything different in the city this past year in the name of sustainability? Here's a reminder of a few:

1. Pedestrian crossing at Sunset and N. Peachtree received in-road reflectors and flashing lights (thanks to concerned resident communication on Walk with Council),
2. Numerous sidewalks replaced or repaired,
3. Additional crosswalks added near Veteran's Park,
4. Bushes and trees trimmed from sidewalk rights of way,
5. Glass recycling reintroduced to Norcross,
6. Enhanced recycling efforts at Summer Concert Series,
7. City staff in all departments appoint sustainability leads,
8. Advanced Disposal contract renegotiated with requirement to report % of actual usable recyclable materials,
9. Community Market hosted hundreds each weekend and includes kid's events, cooking demonstrations, music, local produce and meat, and,
10. Collected citizen feedback from months of community engagement opportunities for inclusion in the Norcross Sustainability Plan 2017 (now available online).

This is by no means a complete list but just the start of what Norcross employees and the team of volunteers accomplished in the name of sustainability.

NOW

It is no easy task maintaining the Green Cities' platinum level certification, with efforts needing to continually evolve in order to meet new technologies and practices!

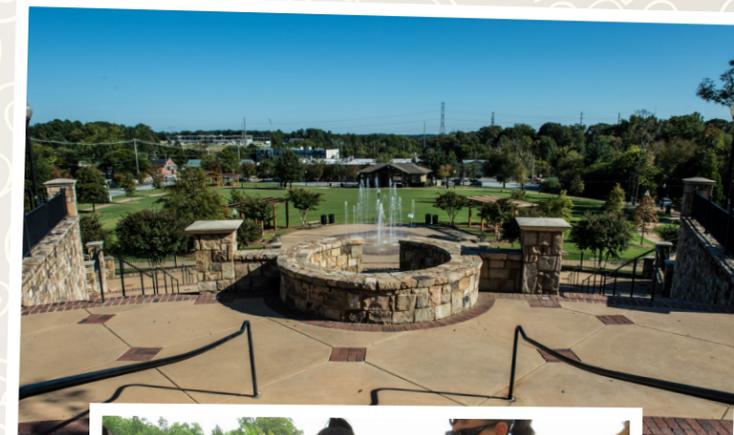
In the coming year you have this to look forward to:

- All the work that has been done, continues,
- According to Tracy Rye, City of Norcross Community Development and Planning Director, "Community Development is looking in to the possibility of implementing electronic plan review for all submitted plans in 2018." (this reduces paper and time from submissions),
- Community Market continues serving the community for a third year,
- Beaver Run Greenway project continues,
- Partnership with Gwinnett County Transit highlighting alternative modes of transit via events for walkers and bikers,
- Volunteer portal for city sponsored events,
- Recycling efforts made at apartment communities

Do some of these efforts intrigue you? Would you be interested in volunteering in some way? Use the city's website for information or contact us at info@sustainablenorcross.net.

COMMUNITY MARKET RETURNS THIS SUMMER!

Want to be a part of the local food movement and help create community around food? Your local farmers market, Norcross Community Market, returns June 2 and continues every summer Saturday through August at Webb Park. Act now to become a vendor, volunteer, sponsor or supporter. For details contact norcrosscommunitymarket@gmail.com



NORCROSS IN THE KNOW



STEP INTO SPRING WITH BOTH FEET

Cooped up this Winter? Then it's time to get out and walk. All levels invited to join the weekly walking group. The group celebrates 1 1/2 years of walking on weekends. Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m., starting at Thrasher Park Pavilion. Questions? Want more times? Contact Jolyn at susnorbp@gmail.com or text at 770-851-0571. Get up, get out, get walking!



PEDAL GWINNETT
Biking for the HEALTH of it

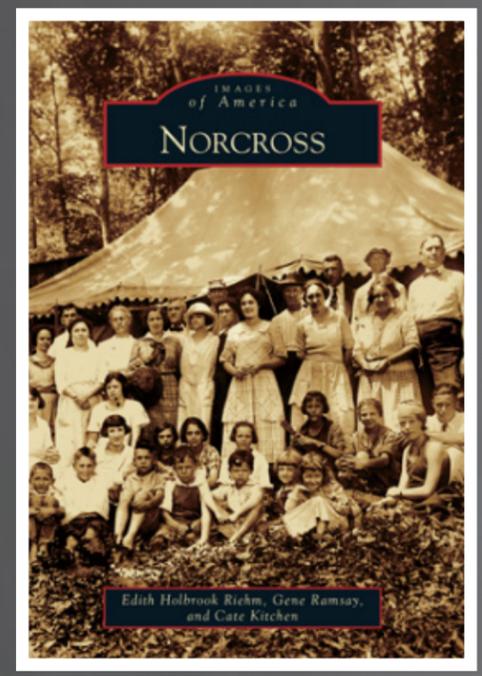
WHEELS IN THE WIND

Sustainable Norcross Bike/Ped and Gwinnett Co. Transit are pleased to announce the first of numerous 2018 events featuring biking and walking. Please join us Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Thrasher Park at 10 a.m. to start a very short recreational bike ride to Best Friend Park. For more info and to reserve a place, please visit: <https://wheelsinthewind.eventbrite.com>. Let's get riding!!!

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT

MARCH 2 2018 | LEGACY MUSIC
7-9 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m.
Norcross Community Center

Food and drinks are welcome!
Call 678.421.2048/2049 to make your reservation.
Tables will be held until 7:15 p.m.



GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BICENTENNIAL SERIES PROGRAM - MEET THE AUTHORS

March 11 • 3-4 p.m.
Norcross Community Center

The rich history of the City of Norcross includes pioneers, Civil War veterans, former slaves, railroaders, baseball players, US presidents and more. Authors Edith Holbrook Riehm, Gene Ramsay and Cate Kitchen have come together with fabulous historical stories of our local city in their book *Images of America: Norcross*, which tells of the town's founders, residents and visitors, combining everyday life with historical events that stretch over 140 years.

Join Gwinnett County Public Library to hear the stories of *Images of America: Norcross* and meet Riehm, Ramsay and Kitchen. This event is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing for \$20 or \$15 for students with student ID.

MARCH MOVIE MONDAYS

MARCH 12
Movie Monday:
Moonlight

MARCH 26
Movie Monday:
Lion

Free movie showing at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
at the Norcross Community Center.

Free popcorn and drinks.



COMING TO LIONHEART IN MARCH

Hammered Dulcimer virtuoso Ted Yoder will make a one-night only appearance at Lionheart Theatre, Friday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. His cover of the Tears for Fears hit "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" became one of the most-watched Facebook Live posts in 2016 when the song received more than 101 million views from music fans around the world. Tickets are \$25 and available at www.lionhearttheatre.org.

The hilarious comedy "Don't Dress For Dinner" runs at Lionheart March 30-April 15. Tickets are \$15 or \$12 for students/seniors at www.lionhearttheatre.org

NORCROSS DID YOU KNOW?



The Federal government recognizes Public Works as official First Responders! While the police and fire departments are usually the ones associated with this designation, Public Works is also always on the scene ready to help and since 2003 has been recognized federally for their daily service. Let's show them our appreciation by thanking them in person when we see our Public Works staff out and about.



Spectacular EVENTS

MARCH 2

First Friday Concert -
Legacy Music
Norcross Community Center
7 - 9 p.m.
Call 678.421.2048 RSVP

MARCH 11

Gwinnett County Public Library Bicentennial
Series Program - Meet the Authors
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Wheels in the Wind Bike Ride
Norcross to Best Friend Park
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Irish Fest Norcross
Downtown Norcross
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

MARCH 26

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MARCH 30 - APRIL 15

Lionheart: Don't Dress for Dinner
by Marc Camoletti,
adapted by Robin Hawdon

MARCH 31

Easter Egg Hunt /
Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt
Rossie Brundage
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WEEKEND WALKS

Thrasher Park Pavilion
9 a.m.



For more event information: www.aplacetoimagine.com