



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

JUNE 2019



The City of Norcross is throwing a pre-Fourth of July block party and you're invited! Make your way to the heart of downtown historic Norcross on July 3rd for food, fun and fireworks during the 2019 edition of Red White and BOOM! The good times start at 5 p.m. with bounce houses (nominal fee), festive face painting and an assortment of food vendors. Stroll the city sidewalks to find Norcross' eclectic collection of shops and restaurants, dance in the park to live music by No Limits or snag a spot on the lawn at Lillian Webb Park for a picnic and mingling with friends before the fireworks light up the night sky (right after dusk, typically around 9:40 p.m.). For those looking to continue the fun and celebration, head over to one of Norcross' local hotspots for live music and libations.

THE SCOOP:

Time: 5 - 11 p.m.

**(fireworks around 9:40 p.m.
or a few minutes past dusk)**

Downtown streets close at 3:00 p.m.

Location: All of downtown Norcross; Kidzone will be on downtown streets, No Limits will be performing in Lillian Webb Park, artists/vendors will be stationed downtown and food trucks can be found at Lillian Webb Park.

HOW TO MAKE NORCROSS' RED, WHITE AND BOOM! A MEMORABLE FOURTH OF JULY:

While it won't be hard to have a good time at Norcross' Red, White & BOOM!, here are a few ways that you can make sure it is a memorable Fourth of July:

1. Snag a spot at Lillian Webb Park for the best view of the **fireworks display**.
2. Don't miss out on the festivities or show while looking for a parking space. **Free parking** will be available at two nearby designated churches with a shuttle running continuously to downtown Norcross. ADA parking will be available at City Hall (65 Lawrenceville Street). City staff will be available to transport seniors or anyone needing assistance that day via golf carts at each of the respective parking locations. A shuttle will also run continuously from the Norcross First United Methodist Church.



3. Be the life of the party by not committing a party foul. Please be mindful of other guests by not blocking the view. To keep the night sky in perfect view of the fireworks, **tents and umbrellas are not allowed**.
4. Remember, Norcross is an **active** railroad crossing location. Train tracks are NOT safe for firework viewing.
5. Take your party with you, but only on foot! **Open containers** are allowed within barricaded areas only!
6. Raise your glass high and cheers your fellow neighbors with a **Red, White & BOOM** signature drink!
7. Celebrate one of the best things about America—**FOOD!** Enjoy fried foods, snacks on a stick, sinful sweet treats and the best tasting creations on four wheels—food trucks!

For more information, visit www.NorcrossGa.net.

Mayor: Craig Newton • **Mayor Pro Tem:** Andrew Hixson
City Council: Josh Bare, Elaine Puckett, Dan Watch, Chuck Paul
City Manager: Rudolph Smith • **Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works,**
Utilities & Parks: Mary Beth Bender • **City Clerk:** Monique Lang

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PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

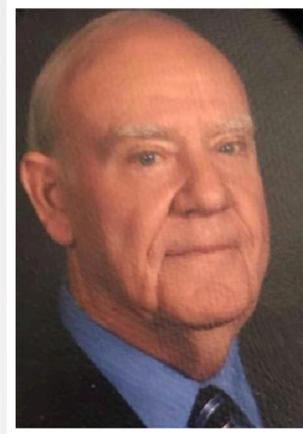
Gwinnett County will be hosting a Public Information Open House for the Jimmy Carter Boulevard/ Buford Highway project to be held on June 3rd from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Best Friend Park (6224 Jimmy Carter Boulevard). Hope to see you there!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER FOR THE CITY OF NORCROSS!



We are devoted to ensuring that Norcross remains "A Place to Imagine" and we can't do it successfully without the help of the community. We strive to make sincere connections with the residents by providing the best services and programs possible. Our volunteers will directly assist their fellow neighbors by contributing to the outstanding quality of life our community has inspired.

Visit www.NorcrossGa.net and visit the volunteer page under the Community tab.



IN MEMORIAM

Former Mayor of Norcross, Carl Garner, passed away on May 7th. During his terms as mayor (1970) he established a planning and zoning board, upgraded the water and sewer systems as well as the city power grid, and was instrumental in preparing Norcross for the rapid growth that would follow in the late 70s and 80s. He also negotiated with the Southern Railroad to preserve the historic Norcross Depot. After leaving the mayor's office, he was appointed to the Norcross Public Housing Authority, serving as chairman for over 25 years. Thank you for your service to Norcross.



CARRY THE LOAD

Thank you local veterans, first responders and the community for coming out to support Carry the Load on Monday, May 13th as they made their way to Dallas.

Carry the Load is a non-profit dedicated to providing active, meaningful ways to honor and celebrate the sacrifices made by our nation's heroes — military, veterans, first responders and their families.



(Just after the goat) Fernando Valencia, Project Manager, Pond. Brad Jones, Senior Project Manager, Pond. Ben Moore, Program Director, Pond. Mary Beth Bender, Assistant City Manager and Director of Public Works, Utilities & Parks, City of Norcross. Andrew Hixson, Mayor Pro Tem. Craig Newton, Mayor, City of Norcross. Rudolph Smith, City Manager, City of Norcross. Sean Murphy, Manager of Planning & Landscape Architecture, Atwell, LLC. Josh Bare, Councilmember, City of Norcross.



NORCROSS' NEW PINNACLE PARK OPEN FOR LEISURE!

The City of Norcross held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, May 13th to mark the opening of the new Pinnacle Park, located off Brook Hollow Parkway adjacent to Pinnacle Center Business Park. Part of the city's overall trail system, the park brings to life a long-held vision to provide equal access to parks and green space to all areas of the city.

"We are ecstatic to bring to you the new Pinnacle Park!" Norcross Mayor Craig Newton said at the ceremony. "We are incredibly committed to providing more opportunities for our community to get outside and play, and we look forward to seeing the residents around Brook Hollow out and about enjoying the new space."

Pinnacle Park is oriented around a small lake which previously functioned as a storm water retention facility. Numerous recreational and green infrastructures have been added, including a playground, fitness circuit course, octagonal grand pavilion and two picnic pavilions, grills, restrooms, nature-inspired landscaped areas, walking trails, as well as additional parking spaces.

During construction, the city famously contracted forty-one goats and two "protector" sheep dogs for five weeks from Get Your Goat Rentals to clear the overgrown vegetation around the property. The use of goats as opposed to harmful chemicals and other methods of clearing vegetation is one of the truly special aspects of this project, as it exhibits the city's commitment to observe sustainability practices as outlined by the ARC Platinum Green Communities Program.

Designed and built by Pond, an architecture, engineering, planning and construction management firm headquartered in nearby Peachtree Corners, the project was funded through SPLOST and cost two million dollars. It encompasses twelve acres of green space as well as a connection to the Beaver Ruin Creek Greenway and the Gwinnett County-wide Trail System.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



THE BRUNSWICK

Situated on a 3.35 acre site at the corner of Holcomb Bridge Road and Buford Highway (directly next to Lillian Webb Park), The Brunswick will rise five stories and feature 184 traditional apartment units in addition to nine Live/Work units, countless amenities and a 280 space parking garage available for residential and public use. The developers behind the project, Gateway Ventures and Centro Development, are aiming to create a “flagship” urban product right in the heart of this historic neighborhood, providing residents with the best of both worlds—urban living in a small town setting. Slated to open Fall of 2020.

HOLCOMB BRIDGE ROAD RAILROAD CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

This project involved road improvements at the intersection of Holcomb Bridge and Thrasher St. in order to provide a safer vehicular crossing over the railroad tracks. The Thrasher Street/Holcomb Bridge intersection raised about 5’ to provide a more moderate grade transition over the railroad tracks while improving visibility for drivers. This project was led by Gwinnett County in coordination with the city and was completed May 31st!



BROADSTONE NORCROSS

Construction of Broadstone Norcross is in full swing with demolition complete and final debris haul off expected to be complete in June. Underground utility installation is progressing and will continue through the summer months. In the coming weeks the garage construction will begin followed by wood framing of the residential units. We anticipate first loft units will be available in the first half of 2020.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

TREE PRESERVATION BOARD



Tree Board members - Linda Gepher, Blake Manton, Charlotte Osborne and Norcross Mayor, Craig Newton

Have you looked for a tree to hug lately? If so, you'll be glad to know that the Norcross Tree Preservation Board (NTPB) is hard at work preserving the older ones and planting many new ones for current and future huggers!

The NTPB is accountable to city council and the community for forming and promoting good policy for the maintenance and expansion of the city's valuable tree canopy. This involves getting developers to take positive steps to preserve large trees during construction, preventing unnecessary removal of older trees by homeowners, planting new trees to replace lost canopy, and promoting the value of trees to our community. We don't hear much about the NTPB, but in fact for the last two-plus years the board has been very active under Charlotte Osborn's chairmanship, and board members Linda Gepfer, Blake Manton, Mack Cain and Charlie Riehm's contributions, with Sonya Isaac from the Community Development Dept. coordinating our efforts.

The board last year initiated a Tree Master Plan for the city, starting with a tree inventory which details the condition of all large trees along rights of way and in parks and public areas. As diseased trees fall or have to be removed, several new trees will be planted in their place. You may have seen an example of this along N. Peachtree Street recently. There was also an aerial survey taken of the city tree canopy to serve as a future benchmark.

Most know that NTPB holds Arbor Day celebrations each year, planting new trees and engaging schoolchildren and the community in promoting the value of our trees. An updated tree walk tour of Betty Mauldin and Thrasher Park's notable trees was added to the city website with an interesting narrative of each tree's history and characteristics as well as an aerial video tour of our trees and parks. Also an

easy-to-use tree walk brochure with photos of each tree and its narrative is now available at the Visitors Center and City Hall.

The board spends a lot of effort on additions and amendments to the Norcross Tree Preservation ordinances to enhance tree protection. These amendments include increasing the measures to be taken during any land disturbance activity, such as requiring developers to take extra steps to ensure survival of the older trees and protecting boundary trees. The NTPB has also taken steps to ensure that any large-scale tree removals are truly a necessity and will be replaced with trees of equal or greater canopy.

City Council approved NTPB's request to hire a landscape architect and arborist consultant, Hayne Thompson, who now scrutinizes new construction plans to ensure tree canopy requirements are met and also makes recommendations for the best choices of trees and planting techniques. Also, he helps city staff actively enforce our tree ordinances during construction activities.

Finally, NTPB was given stewardship over Johnson-Dean Forest Preserve by City Council and they have taken on the responsibility of initiating and developing improvements, overseeing park maintenance and promoting the park to the community. To date, a walking trail through the forest marked with wood chips has been added by volunteers, brush and invasive plants have been cleared and water runoff improvements made. City Council has received a proposal for the development of a new front entrance to the park, which includes removal of the old Water Works building and upgrading the historic well house. Efforts continue to expand this unique natural forest preserve and extend the trail all the way to Holcomb Bridge Road.



Please help the NTPB to preserve and care for our precious trees which enhance and beautify our environment in so many ways. Plant new trees wherever possible!



IN THE KNOW

GET READY FOR THE 2019 SEASON OF THE NORCROSS COMMUNITY MARKET!

The market is open every Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., June through August. Rain or shine, this market will bring live music, activities, and a wide variety of local vendors selling their sustainably sourced goodies.

JUNE 1:

Season Opener

JUNE 8:

Flag Day - We accept tattered and worn flags for proper retirement and/or recycling in partnership with Advanced Disposal. Be sure to check on our website and social for additional items we accept for recycling, reusing and/or repurposing.

JUNE 15:

Father's Day, Grillin' and Chillin'

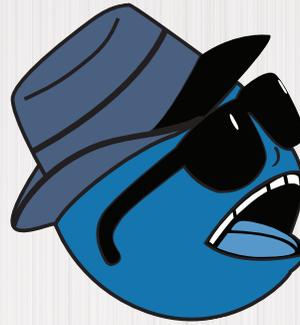
JUNE 22:

National Pollinator Week

JUNE 29:

Independence Day - Many Cultures, One Community

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BLUESBERRY & BEER MUSIC FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019
BETTY MAULDIN PARK | 3-10 P.M.

Bring a chair or blanket and a friend, then kick back as this group of great musicians entertain you with their funky vibes! And don't forget to check out what bluesy specials our merchants have to offer by looking for the special "Bluesberry" decal in store windows.



2019 LINE-UP

The Cazanovas • Beverly "Guitar" Watkins
Real Deal • Red Sugar Blues • Cody Matlock
Frankie Lee's Blues Mission

BOOKFEST GWINNETT

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019
NORCROSS CULTURAL ARTS & COMMUNITY CENTER | 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Join us for a "Celebration of Diversity" with keynote speaker Kenny Leon, best-selling authors such as Tayari Jones, workshops for aspiring writers, free books and MORE! RSVP is required. Visit www.BookFestGwinnett.org for more information or to RSVP.

***Please note: The Norcross Community Market will be in Lillian Webb Park from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For those who would like to attend both events, the commercial-size refrigerator will be available in the Norcross Community Center to keep your items cool and fresh.*





VARIATIONS ON A DIVERGENT THEME

OPENING RECEPTION
FRIDAY, JUNE 21 | THE RECTORY | 6 - 8 P.M.
with musical entertainment
and light refreshments

Highlighting the works of Kim Crowe, Kathy de Cano, John R. Duke, Vickie McCrary, Pam O'Sullivan, Patty Stokes and Betty Juodis, the show will run from June 21st - July 26th. For admittance, call 678.421.2048, 678.421.2049 or 678.421.2025.

SUSTAINABLE NORCROSS COLLECTING ITEMS AT COMMUNITY MARKET TO RECYCLE, REUSE AND REPURPOSE

Starting with the June 8th farmers market, celebrate Flag Day by dropping off your tattered flags at the Welcome tent. Flags will be collected each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Norcross Community Market in partnership with Gwinnett Recycles, the following will also be accepted throughout the season which ends August 31st:

- Eyeglasses
- Hearing aids
- Cell phones
- Unopened hotel toiletries
- Clean plastic grocery bags
- Empty medicine bottles with caps on and labels removed
- Clean towels and blankets

NEW THIS YEAR:

- Natural wine corks
- Empty toothpaste tubes, floss containers
- Empty haircare product tubes, bottles, spray triggers
- Empty cosmetics packaging such as lipstick cases, mascara tubes, eyeshadow cases
- Empty deodorant containers and caps



JUNE 7
LIVERPOOL LEGENDS

JUNE 21
RUPERT'S ORCHESTRA

Thrasher Park | 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.



Don't Forget! Each event in the Summer Concert Series will serve as a collection site for the CAN Do food drive, a county-wide effort to fill the shelves of local food pantries. Donations of canned food and non-perishable items can be dropped off in bins during each concert.



JAZZ IN THE ALLEY
JUNE 22

GRAMMY NOMINATED
ROD HARRIS JR.

Betty Mauldin Park from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.



GOOD SAMARITAN - JAIRO FLORES

On Monday, May 6th, Norcross officials honored Jairo Flores for stepping in on April 3rd when 45-year-old Juan Rodriguez threatened a group of teens with a knife.

According to a Norcross Police Department incident report, Flores was at the Bruster's Ice Cream shop on Jimmy Carter Boulevard with his family when he saw Rodriguez approach the teens, asking them for money.

Norcross Police Chief Bill Grogan called Flores a "brave citizen" at the ceremony.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 1 - Norcross Community Market, Lillian Webb Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

JUNE 1 - An International Music Celebration Concert by The Gwinnett Symphony Jazz Ensemble, Thrasher Park, 7 - 9 p.m.

JUNE 7 - Summer Concert Series: Liverpool Legends, Thrasher Park, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

JUNE 8 - Norcross Community Market, Lillian Webb Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

JUNE 10 - Movie Monday: Green Book, Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 15 - BookFest Gwinnett, Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



JUNE 15 - Norcross Community Market, Lillian Webb Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

JUNE 15 - Bluesberry Beer & Music Festival, Betty Mauldin Park, 3 - 10 p.m.

JUNE 21 - Art Exhibit - "Variations on a Divergent Theme" Opening Reception, The Rectory, 6 - 8 p.m.

JUNE 22 - Norcross Community Market, Lillian Webb Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

JUNE 24 - Movie Monday: Spiderman: Into the Spider-verse, Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 29 - Norcross Community Market, Lillian Webb Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more event information: www.aplacetoimagine.com