



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

JULY 2019



We hope you're ready for some magic techniques from artists that certainly know how to sway you smooth—Jazz in the Alley is BACK!

The City of Norcross plays host once again to its much beloved concert series on July 27, August 17 and September 28 at Betty Mauldin Park from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Experience jazz at its ultimate best as the sound of violins, bass guitars, trombones and of course the sax take over the alley. Local eateries will be jazzing things up with some incredible, portable chef specials that will help make Jazz in the Alley the perfect date night or girl's night out. During band breaks, make sure you check out the deals in Norcross' downtown shops.

After a jazz-tastic kick-off with Grammy nominated Rod Harris Jr.

last month, we've got a hot line up of performances coming up:

JULY 27 **GREG ROBBINS & REMEY WILLIAMS**

Greg Robbins is a Jazz vocalist and songwriter based in Atlanta. Greg has a resonant and classy sound rooted in the Bel Canto singing tradition which is compared in style to Johnny Hartman, Harry Connick, Jr., Kurt Elling and Gregory Porter.

Remy Williams is an upcoming talent that has already gained endorsements from Sabian Cymbals, Mapex Drums and Big Fat Snare Drum.

AUGUST 17 **YEMICONGA & THE 4KORNERS**

YemiConga is an exceptional and professional percussionist who has over a decade of experience in recording,

live performances and teachings of the African drums with all kinds of percussions all over the world.

Known for playing with an inimitably high level of energy, The 4Korners play jazz fusion, though they prefer to call their sounds "Journey Music."

SEPTEMBER 28 **UNKNOWN LYRIC**

A fusion of classical Beethoven and urban grooves, Unknown Lyric is an acoustic guitar duo - Kevin Grayson on violin and Jeremiah Turner on acoustic guitar.

Concertgoers are encouraged to bring chairs and a cooler (no glass, please) and come chill.

For more information, please visit NorcrossGa.net.

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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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TOILET REBATE PROGRAM

Gwinnett County water customers are eligible for a \$100 rebate per toilet by replacing old toilets with qualifying 1.1 gallons per flush (gpf) or less WaterSense certified toilets. A \$50 rebate is available for all other WaterSense labeled toilets that are 1.28 gpf or less.

The rebate is a lump sum amount that is credited to your water bill. Program funds are limited, with rebates granted on a first-come, first-served basis. If funds are no longer available and you do not receive a rebate this year, you are encouraged to reapply next year.

For more information about this program, visit www.gwinnettcountry.com.



CONGRATS TO MELISSA ZEIGLER

The city would like to congratulate Melissa Zeigler on her recent graduation and also receiving an award for the highest GPA in her graduating class of 2019.

She attended Belhaven University and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Psychology.

Congratulations, Melissa!



ADOPTION OF NEW UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

The Mayor and Council adopted a new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), which combines zoning and land development regulations into one document. The new UDO was the final piece of a two part project that the City has been engaged in with the consulting team in the Advance Planning Group at Jacobs for the past year.

The first part was the update to and adoption of the City's new Comprehensive Plan, entitled Norcross "Imagine Our Future" 2040 Comprehensive Plan, in March 2019.

The adopted plan lays out the future vision and goals that the community wants to achieve in text, maps and graphics as well as establishing priority needs and opportunities and a five-year work program of distinct activities, initiatives, programs and administrative systems that are recommended to implement the plan.

In the second part, which was the development of a new UDO, all of the tools related to development codes were compiled into one easy to read and understand document with the ability to direct and encourage development in a manner consistent with the city's vision and goals as established in policy documents such as the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

While codification of the new UDO is taking place with the codification service, you may read both the Comprehensive Plan and new UDO at

www.imagineourfuture.org.



WEEKLY CURBSIDE RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING COLLECTION



Advanced Disposal will provide curbside recycling collection on a weekly basis at residential households in the City of Norcross. The city encourages participation in the recycling program as it provides many benefits for our environment including:

1. Reduce the amount of material that is in landfills
2. Conserve natural resources such as timber, water and minerals
3. Prevent pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials

In an effort to maximize the results of our recycling efforts, please read and follow the below guidelines:

Acceptable Curbside Recycling Items:

Cardboard, plastics-water bottles, soda bottles, detergent bottles, milk jugs, aluminum (soda) cans, packing paper (no wax), mixed paper (newspaper, magazine, shredded paper, printer & copy paper, loose-leaf paper, notebook paper)

Unacceptable Curbside Recycling Items:

Glass, juice boxes, batteries, medical waste, styrofoam, electrical wire, light bulbs, plastic strapping, electronics, toner/ink cartridges, food waste, napkins/paper towels, milk cartons, construction debris or waste

Glass: Do NOT put glass in recycling carts. Glass contaminates other acceptable recycling materials. Glass must either be taken separately to Public Works located at 345 Lively Ave, during open hours of M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., or be placed in your trash cart.

Recycling Guidelines:

- Place cart at curbside by 6:30am on scheduled collection day
- Place cart within 3 feet of the curb with the handle facing the residential unit and away from the street
- Place cart at least 3 feet away from other objects such as carts, mailboxes, other carts





EVENT REMINDER

Please do not set up chairs, tents or blankets on the gravel area around the railroad tracks during events. This is not city property and is very dangerous around the railroad tracks. The city wants to ensure all residents and visitors are safe during events.

THANK YOU, ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH!



The city would like to recognize St. Patrick's Catholic Church for their efforts in helping with beautification projects throughout Norcross' neighborhoods. Each year, volunteers from the church help fix up a few homes in local neighborhoods identified by City of Norcross Code Enforcement as struggling. Work on the properties has included anything from landscaping and painting to pressure washing, debris removal and small repairs. This work is important for local morale and pride, and we know our residents will join us in saying "Thank you!" to St. Patrick's for helping make Norcross "A Place to Imagine."



QUALIFICATIONS REMINDER

The qualifying period for the November 5, 2019 election will run from Monday, August 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. through Friday, August 23, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Individuals intending to qualify shall complete a qualifying packet on the website and remit the sum of \$310.50 or \$243.00 respectively.

Visit www.norcrossga.net for more information.

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](#).



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

ADA PLAYGROUNDS IN NORCROSS PARKS

ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL!

Did you know that the playgrounds in our city parks are ADA-friendly?

In Norcross, we strive to create park experiences that can be enjoyed by everyone, no matter your age or physical ability. To that end, we have ensured every park playground has some sort of element that has been adapted for the enjoyment of children with special needs. If you know a child that has a visual, sensory, auditory, physical or other impairment, make sure to bring them to one of these Norcross parks this summer:



SUMMEROUR PARK

ADA amenities include:
Zero "G" Swing Chair
Jazz Chimes



THRASHER PARK

ADA amenities include:
Zero "G" Swing Chair
Merry-Go-All



PINNACLE PARK

ADA amenities include:
Explorer Dome

ROSSIE BRUNDAGE PARK

ADA amenities include:
Sensory Wave Spinning Seat
Sensory Wave Climber
Color Wheel
Beat Club
Jam Box
Bells
Bongos



PLEASE NOTE: All of our playgrounds have transfer stations for children with a wheelchair that have the capability to get on and off.

MORE ON ROSSIE BRUNDAGE'S ADA PLAYGROUND

Last August, the City of Norcross installed a brand new, entirely ADA-friendly outdoor play-zone in Rossie Brundage Park, the location of the city's annual special needs egg hunt each spring.

In addition to 6 ground-level activities, access points have been installed for children in wheelchairs to allow and encourage all children to play together throughout the different obstacles. Auditory, visual and tactical components are also incorporated in the design. The Sensory Wave Climber and Sensory Seat, for example, each incorporate a high backset and neck support, as well as an additional seat belt. A spinning motion is utilized as well, which is well-known to be beneficial for children with autistic characteristics.

SPLOST funding approved \$62,385 to go towards the new Rossie Brundage installation, and the city is thrilled to see it being enjoyed by Norcross children these past months.



**IN THE
KNOW**



**JULY 3
DOWNTOWN
NORCROSS
5 - 11 P.M.**

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!



**SATURDAYS • LILLIAN WEBB PARK
9 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

JULY 6

Art in the Park, Lionheart Theatre Children's Camp previews *The Princess and the Pea*

JULY 13

Dog Days of Summer Dog Parade

JULY 20

Christmas in July, Artisan and Gift Market

JULY 27

Homegrown, Handmade - Shop Local

MOVIE MONDAYS FOR JULY!



JULY 8: MAMMA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN

JULY 22: A DOG'S WAY HOME

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



THRASHER PARK • 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

JULY 12

**BOB SEGER TRIBUTE BAND
"THE SYSTEM"**

JULY 26

THE BEE GEES GOLD

2019 CAN DO FOOD DRIVE

Each event in the 2019 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.



**NEW EVENT THIS SUMMER
INDIE GREEN VEGAN FESTIVAL**

August 24, 2019

Lillian Webb Park | 2 - 8 p.m.



Save the Date
9/11
REMEMBRANCE
BETTY MAULDIN PARK
8:30 A.M.



OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2019

Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.





Opening day of the Community Market was on June 1st. Make sure to check out the market EVERY Saturday through Aug 31st, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lillian Webb Park.



Thank you to all who came out on Memorial Day to remember those who have served our great country!



Gwinnett Symphony Jazz Ensemble performed on June 1st in Thrasher Park!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 1-26 - Variations on a Divergent Theme Art Exhibit, The Rectory, Admittance throughout show available by calling 678.421.2048, 678.421.2049 or 678.421.2025

JULY 3 - Red, White & BOOM!, Downtown Norcross, 5 - 11 p.m.

JULY 6 - Norcross Community Market, Lillian Webb Park, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

JULY 8 - Movie Monday, Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

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For more event information: www.aplacetoimagine.com