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INTERNATIONAL NORCROSS

THE BRITISH ARE COMING! to Downtown Norcross on September 7

Festival to feature classic British cars and motorcycles, a car boot sale and of course... tea!

The Atlanta British Car Fayre is the annual gathering of British car and motorcycle enthusiasts in Historic Downtown Norcross. Now considered the largest of its kind in the region, visitors come from miles around to explore the rare, the vintage and the fast. This year's Fayre will be held on September 7th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and marks 18 years of the highly anticipated festivities.

With polished leather, gleaming paint and spot-free chrome, the featured marque of this year's Car Fayre will be Triumph. It will be joined by RollsRoyces, MGs, Jaguars, AustinHealeys, Sunbeams, Aston-Martins, Land Rovers, Lotuses and other iconic British automobiles. With a section for British motorcycles including many rare, vintage models, expect to see over 400 vehicles on display!

"We are excited to once again welcome the Atlanta British Car Fayre to Norcross," states City of Norcross Mayor Craig Newton. "Going on 19 years, the event has become a tradition the city looks forward to each year, and no matter if you're a true car buff or are just here for the fish and chips, we invite you to come out and share in the energy of these time-honored festivities."

New this year, a gleaming red London Double Decker Bus will be joining us at the top of Jones Street in front of Lillian Webb Park, where visitors



can take fabulous British-themed selfies as they hop-on and hop-off. Norcross merchants are also getting into the British spirit, with authentic British meals and novelties available at Taste of Britain, Iron Horse Tavern, Ivy Tea House and more.

The Atlanta British Car Fayre is free of charge and anticipates more than 15,000 visitors. The City of Norcross will close streets in the downtown area for the day, and a free shuttle bus service will be available from two nearby locations.

GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL Coming to Norcross September 14

Festival to celebrate cultural diversity and feature food, dance, music and art from around the world.

Go around the world in one day without leaving downtown Norcross at the Gateway International Food & Music Festival on September 14 from 3 -



7 p.m. at Lillian Webb Park. Held in conjunction with Welcoming America's "Welcoming Week", this event will showcase the region's best multicultural talent and food while highlighting the rich cultural contributions of Gwinnett's diverse communities.

The festival, which was named a Top 20 Event in the Southeast this year by Southeast Tourism Society, will feature a variety of outstanding performers and showcase the area's cultural heritage through food, dance, music and art. The festival will include activities that offers fun for all ages. In addition, international and local food vendors will be selling delectable tastes of their home countries. Cultural performances will begin at 3:10 p.m.

Bring the whole family as we celebrate the cultural diversity of Gwinnett County without leaving the park! Admission to the festival is free.

**For more information, visit
aplacetoimagine.com.**

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FINE ART & FINE WINE



October 5 & 6, 2019
Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Norcross Art Splash & Wine Festival will make a splash on the charming downtown streets this October 5 and 6 as it celebrates year 16 in Historic Norcross! The area will come alive with both colorful artisan booths and lively tents where shoppers can sample wines, drink craft beers and continue to browse the artist displays.

The annual art celebration, always known for its whimsical and happy artist market, will feature the popular outdoor wine tasting venue highlighting 40 wines. Ticket holders will be able to sample food from a variety of restaurants while tasting wines from around the world.

In addition to wine, craft beers will be offered for purchase in the venue. Wine tasting tickets are

available for either Saturday or Sunday and are valid all day. To enhance the experience, tickets are limited, so festival-goers are encouraged to buy tickets in advance for \$40 (plus service fee). All the wines will be on hand for purchase by the bottle or case during the weekend at the downtown shops of VSOP Olive Oil & Vinegar Taproom and 45 South.

New this year, there will be live chalk art demonstrations by acclaimed regional chalk artists. Presented by the Georgia Chalk Artists Guild, portions of the street will become a large 3D patchwork mosaic of asphalt to the amazement of viewers.

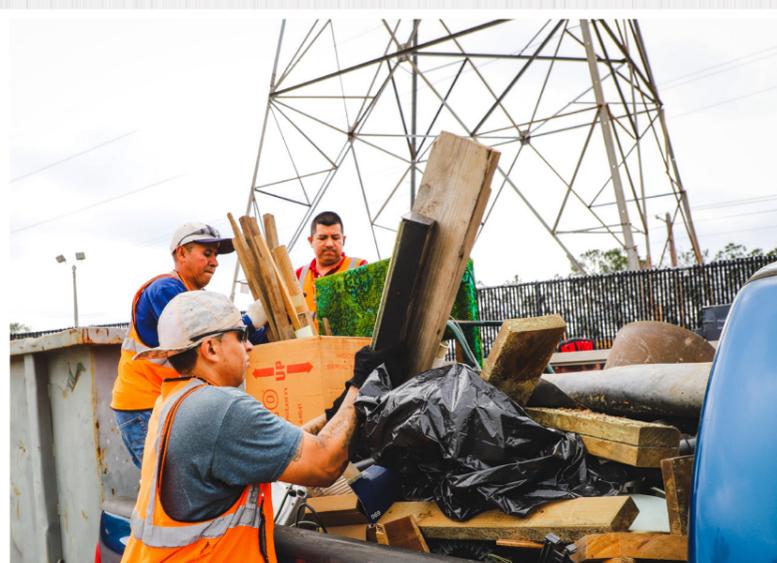
Other festival activities include continuous live entertainment on the Thrasher Park Stage, the energizing Kidz Zone with inflatable rides and other children's activities, the "Chairs for Charity" silent auction event, and plenty of yummy food from local restaurants and festival vendors!

The award-winning art show will open Saturday, October 5 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday, October 6 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free parking and shuttle are easy to find and closer in than ever.

For more information, please visit splashfestivals.com or aplacetoimagine.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP & RECYCLING DAY

OCTOBER 26, 2019



Shredding Event

Shred-it will be on-site with their shred truck. Watch on the video display as your materials are shredded securely. This event is open to the public and is FREE. Limited to five medium boxes or equivalent. **Location: Norcross City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville Street, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or until the truck is full.**

Clean-up Day

Get a jumpstart on your spring cleaning this fall! Bring us anything that is not hazardous material. Open to City of Norcross residents (proof of residency required). This event is FREE. **Location: Public Works Facility, 345 Lively Avenue (just off Buford Hwy), 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Electronic Recycling

Get rid of old cell phones, computers and keyboards without guilt! Atlanta Recycling Solutions and City volunteers will help you unload. For a complete list of recyclables, visit the city website and view the flyer. This event is open to the public. This event is free except for televisions which require a \$20 fee. CRT Monitors are \$10.00. **NOTE: We cannot accept console or projection televisions. Location: Norcross Community Center, 10 College Street, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Paint Recycling

New this year, the city is partnering with Atlanta Paint Disposal to help residents dispose of leftover paint. The proceeds collected will go towards initiatives of the city, like the new Age-Friendly Community initiative and our annual Mayor's Angel Giving Tree. Pricing ranges anywhere from \$1 to \$15 per item, depending on its size. We will accept both oil and latex-based paints, including spray cans and up to 5 gallon buckets. A complete list is available on the city website. **Location: Norcross City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville Street, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



For complete information on these events and what materials are allowed at each event, please visit www.norcrossga.net or contact Sonya Isaac at 678.421.2027

Donate canned or non-perishable goods for our local food bank and help support the Norcross 2019 "CAN" Do for Hunger Campaign!

BIG NEWS FROM THE NORCROSS COOPERATIVE MINISTRY!

Norcross Cooperative Ministry is excited to announce their move to a new facility early next year at Pinnacle Park. This new facility will allow them to continue current services as well as expand programs to Norcross residents. Please consider supporting their "Beyond the Building" Campaign.

For more information, please call 770-263-0013, email shirley@norcrossco-op.org, or visit norcrossco-op.org/beyond-the-building.

LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO STAY IN THE KNOW ABOUT NORCROSS?

The City of Norcross offers several platforms for communication where we can share news like events coming soon, construction updates, policy announcements and more.

Check out these resources and learn how you can receive real time alerts so you are always in the know!

WEEKLY EBLAST

A weekly email detailing upcoming events for "the week ahead"!

Topics Covered:

Events

When Available:

Every Monday morning

How to Get It:

Sign up at www.norcrossga.net/subscribe.

NEWS FLASH

Get real time alerts from the City of Norcross straight to your inbox or phone.

Topics Covered:

Notices, Reminders, Emergency Alerts

When Available:

Real-time; frequency varies

How to Get It:

Sign up at www.norcrossga.net/notifyme and select email and/or phone alerts under the "News Flash" category.



ZODIAC DATA SYSTEMS CHOOSES THE CITY OF NORCROSS FOR EXPANSION MOVE

We are thrilled to welcome Zodiac Data Systems, Inc., now a subsidiary of the international company Safran Aerosystems, to the Norcross community! Zodiac Data Systems has opened their new office at 3005 Business Park Drive, a \$500,000 expansion which will significantly enlarge their service capability as they grow from a 7,500 square foot area to 20,000 square feet. They estimate the new operations will require 31 additional employees, with 20 working at the Norcross location and 11 in customer support across the country.

Zodiac Data Systems, Inc. has been in operation for 40 years, and joined with Safran Aerosystems in February 2018 to become one of the largest aerospace companies in the world. Zodiac provides flight test telemetry equipment, telemetry tracking antennas and low earth orbit satellite tracking antennas.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Looking for an update on construction of new developments in Norcross, like Broadstone and The Brunswick? We now have a page where you can sign up for alerts and review most recent postings relating to construction activity in the City of Norcross.

Check it out at www.norcrossga.net/949/Construction-Updates!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

NORCROSS PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION



ART IS FOR EVERYONE

The mission of the Norcross Public Arts Commission (NPAC) is to cultivate a creative, growing arts community and to promote continuous growth and development of our neighboring cultural resources. Public art is one of those things that is more than the sum of its parts. Realizing that Norcross is known for its diversity in ages, cultures and economic backgrounds, NPAC has evolved into a board that believes that art can also shape the social, physical and economic characters of our community.

Last year, NPAC began their "Art at the Heart" quest at the Community Market with an interactive neighbors project that has led them to host various projects and platforms such as the Gwinnett Bookfest and the Mobile Butterfly Monarch mural by Yehmi Cambron. These projects define the "Arts at the Heart" goals of putting art at the heart of our community to enhance our lives through inspiring hard-to-articulate feelings and challenging us to look beyond what we believe to be possible so that we may imagine a more vibrant, exciting future.



In the News

Congratulations to our very own Mayor Newton for being named to the Georgia Municipal Association's Advisory Council! The role of the Advisory Council is to provide ongoing guidance to the GMA staff on the service needs of the membership and recommend new or expanded services that can help cities operate more efficiently. The council is made up of approximately 35 city officials, including a mix of elected officials and staff from cities of all sizes throughout the state. We are proud that our Mayor Newton will be a part of this council representing Norcross.



IN THE KNOW



THRASHER PARK
7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 6
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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.



9/11 REMEMBRANCE

BETTY MAULDIN PARK

8:30 A.M. - 9 A.M.

Please join the City of Norcross, Norcross Masonic Lodge, Norcross Police Department and Gwinnett Fire Department as we pay tribute to those who were impacted by this tragedy.



COLORISTS TIMES TWO:

OIL AND GLASS

ART EXHIBIT

Opening Reception
September 13, 2019
The Rectory • 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Meet the artists and enjoy food and music!
Artists include: Bonnie Brown and Laura McKellar

After the opening reception, admittance to the gallery is available through October 11 by calling 678.421.2048/2049.



HISTORIC TROLLEY TOURS ARE BACK!

11 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 21
OCTOBER 19
NOVEMBER 16

Hurry and make your reservation now! The tour costs just \$5!
Meet at The Crossing Parking Lot.

Reserve your seat by calling The Welcome Center at 678.421.2048/2049.



MERCHANT'S BLOCK PARTY

ONE NIGHT...

TWO GREAT EVENTS!

SEPTEMBER 28
SOUTH PEACHTREE STREET

Norcross Merchant's Block Party kicks off the night of fun and festivities at 5 p.m. where party-goers will enjoy great merchant sales, face painters, outdoor dining from the downtown restaurants and music and entertainment by New Orleans style brass marching band, Sabore! MC for the event will be MC Lexx.

Then, stay for the ever-popular Jazz in the Alley, featuring Unknown Lyric! The show runs from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Bring friends, chairs, and a cooler (no glass, please) and come chill.

PEDAL GWINNETT NORCROSS

OCTOBER 12, 2019
DOWNTOWN NORCROSS
10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Come join the City of Norcross in their annual bike ride event! All bike skill and pace levels welcome! This year we will be riding a total of 6 miles starting from the Norcross Welcome Center to the brand new Pinnacle Park that opened in May of 2019.

Register at: www.eventbrite.com/e/pedal-norcross-pedal-gwinnett-norcross-tickets-68165965237

2ND ANNUAL LIGHT UP NORCROSS LANTERN PARADE

OCTOBER 19
THRASHER PARK
5:30 P.M.

Get your best costumes together and be ready to march!

Categories for prizes will be Best Family Costume, Best Adult Costume, Best Child Costume and Best Decorated Custom Lantern.

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.

SERVICE LINE WARRANTIES OF AMERICA

You may have recently received a letter from Service Line Warranties of America regarding a voluntary warranty program that is now available to you as a resident of the City of Norcross. The program was introduced to and approved by Mayor and Council in October 2018, and is a legitimate opportunity should you wish to take part in it.

Because of our membership with National League of Cities, we are afforded the opportunity of offering this benefit to our citizens. Many homeowners purchase warranty packages for their home, and in the event of an emergency, such plans can save a significant amount of your money.

The Service Line Program is offered nationally on a voluntary basis to help cities assist their residents by providing an affordable solution for sewer and water line repair or replacement, as well as an educational aspect to homeowners to notify them of their responsibility for the utility lines on their property.

All homeowners will receive additional information via mail in the next few weeks.



Please review the press release and brochure from Service Line Warranties of America located on our website home page, and if you have any questions feel free to contact us or SLWA customer service at 844-257-8795

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 6

Summer Concert Series: A1A, Thrasher Park,
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7

British Car Fayre, Downtown Norcross,
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 9

Movie Monday: The Upside, Norcross Community
Center, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 11

9/11 Tribute, Betty Mauldin Park
8:30 - 9 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 13

Colorists Times Two: Oil And Glass Art Exhibit -
Opening Reception, The Rectory, 6 - 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 14

Gateway International Festival, Lillian Webb Park,
3 - 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 21

Historic Trolley Tour, Boards at the Crossing
Parking Lot, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Call 678.421.2048 or 678.421.2049 for ticket
information and to make your reservation

SEPTEMBER 23

Movie Monday: Dumbo, Norcross Community
Center, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 28

Jazz in the Alley and Merchant's Block Party,
South Peachtree Street, 5 - 9:30 p.m.



For more event information: www.aplacetoimagine.com