



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

NEWSLETTER • OCTOBER 2019



Norcross Art Splash and Wine Festival

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.

Date & Time

Saturday, October 5
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 6
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wine Tasting

Saturday at 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday at 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Advanced Wine Tickets
\$40 through October 5

On Site Wine Tickets
\$45

For Wine Tasting tickets, please visit
eventeny.com/events/ticket/?id=302

Location

Historic Downtown Norcross:
Thrasher Park

- Kidz Zone and Live Entertainment
- Food and Other Vendors

S. Peachtree Street

- Wine Tasting and Artist Market

Thrasher Street

- Festival Cuisine

Jones Street

- Chalk Art Demonstrations

Parking

Free shuttle and parking are available at Hopewell Baptist Church. For a map of other parking locations including handicap spaces, please visit the event website.

For more information please visit
splashfestivals.com or

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

City Hall: 65 Lawrenceville Street, Norcross, GA 30071
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
770.448.2122 | Fax: 770.242.082
www.norcrossga.net

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

A cemetery clean up has been scheduled for the week of November 4th. Residents and families who would like to keep dead or faded flowers, deteriorating materials, etc. that are currently at gravesites should please pick up these items before November 1st.

SAVE THE DATE! VETERANS PARK RIBBON CUTTING

Please join Mayor and Council, our sponsors and the Veterans Committee as we welcome Norcross' newest park on October 9th at 10 a.m.

JOIN A BOARD!

Looking for a way to better impact your city? Join a board! We have several immediate positions available, including positions on the Architectural Review Board, Sustainable Norcross Commission and the Norcross Public Arts Commission. If you are interested in having an active role in your community, then please contact City Clerk, Monique Lang (monique.lang@norcrossga.net), to submit your application to serve, or apply online at City Government > Boards & Committees > Boards and Authorities Application. You can learn more, including meeting days, mission and list of other citizens serving on each board and commission, on the city website under the City Government tab.

P.S. Feel free to submit an application even for boards with no current vacancies! We keep all applications on file for two years.

MODIFIED SANITATION SCHEDULES

To delay or not to delay, that is the question! Advanced Disposal has six holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. For the week of these holidays, this means sanitation service will be delayed by one day. Monday pick up moves to Tuesday, Tuesday pick up moves to Wednesday, and so forth. When in doubt, the full year's sanitation schedule including all holiday delays has been posted to the website under City Government > Public Works.



LIGHT UP NORCROSS LANTERN & COSTUME PARADE

Thrasher Park
October 19, 2019 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Families and people of all ages can enjoy an evening of lanterns, costumes and music! The New Orleans-style marching band SABOR! will lead the parade through the streets of Downtown Norcross, and MC Lexx will treat us to a hit mix of beats throughout the evening. There will also be food and refreshments.

Be sure to get your best costumes together, as there will be a contest in which the best of the best will receive a grouping of gift certificates from the downtown merchants worth a \$300.00 value. Categories for prizes include Best Family and/or Group Costume, Best Adult Costume, Best Child Costume and Best Decorated Custom Lantern.

Lanterns are available for purchase at the Norcross Welcome Center and various downtown merchants for \$15, or at the park on the day of the parade. The parade and activities are open to everyone, however; no purchase necessary.



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.**

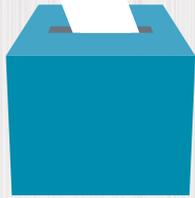
Paint Recycling

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!





EARLY VOTING & VOTER REGISTRATION

Please be advised that on November 5, 2019, a general and special municipal election will be held in the City of Norcross. The registration deadline to vote in this election closes on Monday, October 7, 2019. Advanced voting will begin Monday, October 14, 2019, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each weekday through Friday, November 1, 2019, at City Hall. All duly qualified electors of the City of Norcross are urged to participate.

THE CITY PROPERTY TAX AND STORM WATER BILLS

The City Property Tax and Storm Water bills were mailed out September 14th and are due November 15th (postmark date does not apply - they must be received at City Hall by this date). If you don't receive a bill, you are still responsible for payment.

If you have any questions, please call the General Government Administration Office at 770.448.2122.

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!



DISCOVERY GARDEN PARK FUNDRAISER

The Norcross Discovery Garden Park is dedicated to helping encourage organic and sustainable gardening practices. They strive to educate the public about best practices for planting and maintaining organic vegetable and flower gardens in Georgia.

NDGP uses their funds to help educate the gardening community about organic gardening practices, pollinator gardens, organic composting and other topics throughout the year via speakers and events held in the Discovery Garden Park.

A fundraiser will be held on Sunday October 27th, from 4pm to 7pm, featuring barbecue from Smoking Low BBQ, desserts from Chef Nona Johnson, and music from The Burning Sensations.

You can purchase tickets at the VSOP Olive Oil & Vinegar Taproom, located at 81 South Peachtree St, Norcross, GA 30071. Tickets will be on sale from September 4th through October 12th ONLY. For adults, tickets will cost \$28.00 per person, and for children 12 and under, tickets are only \$10.00 each.

This is the main NDGP fundraiser for the year and it helps them to provide funding for all of their community outreach programs held throughout the year. Come down and help support The NDGP, a place which helps build friendships and community bonds through the common love of gardening and "playing in the dirt".

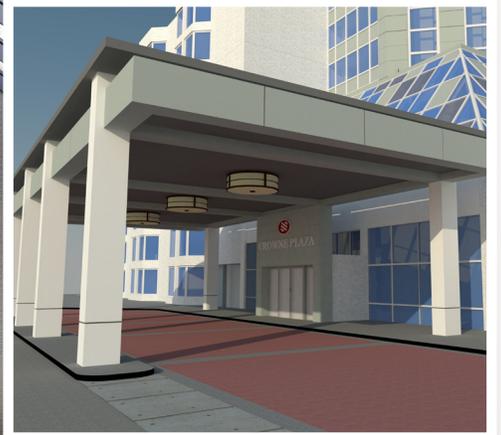
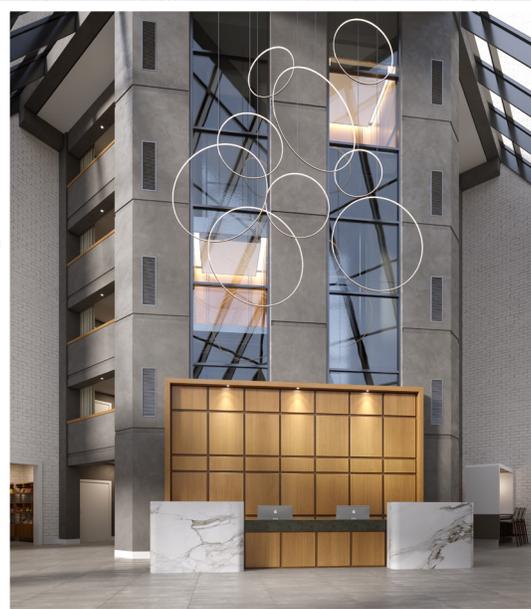


COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

CROWNE PLAZA NORCROSS

\$20 Million Renovation is Underway for City of Norcross' First Four-Star Hotel



Apsilon Hotel Group is currently renovating one of Norcross' oldest hotels, the Garden Plaza, built in 1989. This renovation, a \$20 million investment, is the latest major renovation and technological modernization by the Apsilon Hotel Group. Upon its completion, the hotel will become a Crowne Plaza flagship, Norcross' first full-service, four-star hotel that will cater to business travelers.

The hotel is conveniently situated at the junction of Georgia State Routes 140 and 141 (Peachtree Industrial Boulevard). Its features include 235 rooms (122 king bedrooms, 108 queen bedrooms and 5 luxury suites), 3 ballrooms, an indoor and outdoor pool, a fitness center and a business center. Other popular amenities will include a 55" flat screen television, in-room coffee maker, hair dryer and iron with ironing board. Like all Crowne Plaza hotels, it will be ready for business 24 hours every day. Much attention has been given to the quality of rest guests receive. The hotel will offer aromatherapy kits, premium bedding, Quiet Zones and guaranteed wake-up calls.

The design plans call for a mix of history with the technology of the future. The aesthetics of the redesign are a specifically tailored curation for the City of Norcross. The Apsilon Hotel Group is spearheading the transformation of this Norcross staple with an innovative theme created by DesignOne Studio. Together the Apsilon Hotel Group and DesignOne Studio plan to "merge the history of train commuting to the present day, modern traveler," helping guests to enjoy their memorable stay at the property and "take a piece of history with them."



**IN THE
KNOW**

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

**NORCROSS
COMMUNITY CENTER
7 - 9 P.M.**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
LEGACY MUSIC**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
BREEZE KINGS**

RSVP to reserve your seat! Call 678.421.2048/2049.
Table reservations will be held until 7:15 p.m.

COLORISTS TIMES TWO: OIL AND GLASS ART EXHIBIT



**Available for viewing at
The Rectory through October 11.**

Call 678.421.2048/2049 for access.

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

OCTOBER MOVIE MONDAYS!



OCTOBER 14: LITTLE OCTOBER 28: A DOG'S JOURNEY

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

HISTORIC TROLLEY TOURS

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

OCTOBER 19
NOVEMBER 16

Hurry and make your reservation now! The tour costs \$5 for a ticket and includes the tour as well as a booklet of discounts to participating shops and restaurants. Meet at The Crossing Parking Lot.

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

LIONHEART THEATRE PRESENTS

LAWLESS SPIRITS TOUR
Directed by Tanya Caldwell
October 25, 26, 27, 28, 29



Wander through the streets of Historic Norcross and see the past come to life. Gun fights, bank robbers, family feuds, train wrecks and more. This guided walking tour is a must for history buffs as well as those who love a good story.

Get tickets at www.lionhearttheatre.org.

THE CEMETERY TOUR IS BACK!

110 South Cemetery Street
October 27 • 2 P.M.

Please join us on October 27 at 2 p.m. for a tour of Norcross' historic cemetery. Local historian and tour guide Gene Ramsay will tell of the life and times of a number of Norcross area residents. Meet at the cemetery entrance.

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.





Remember

NORCROSS 9/11 TRIBUTE

Thank you to everyone who came out on 9/11 to pay tribute with us to those who lost their lives on that tragic day. We will always remember.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 4

First Friday Concert: Legacy Music, Norcross Community Center, 7 - 9 p.m. *Must RSVP*

OCTOBER 5

Art Splash & Wine Festival, Downtown Norcross, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

OCTOBER 6

Art Splash & Wine Festival, Downtown Norcross, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 12

Pedal Norcross, Norcross Welcome Center, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

OCTOBER 14

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

OCTOBER 19

Historic Trolley Tour, Boards at the Crossing Parking Lot, 11a.m. - 12:30 p.m., *Must RSVP*

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Light Up Norcross Lantern and Costume Parade, Thrasher Park, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 26

Neighborhood Clean Up & Recycling Day, Downtown Norcross, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

OCTOBER 27

Historic Cemetery Tour, Cemetery Entrance, 110 South Cemetery Street, 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 28

Movie Monday: A Dog's Journey, Norcross Community Center, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.



For more event information: www.aplacetoimagine.com