



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

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MERCHANTS OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, November 16
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

'Tis the season for shopping and the City of Norcross is ready to help you check everyone off your gift list with the annual Norcross Merchant Open House on Saturday, November 16. At this special one-day event, the downtown shops of Norcross will be decked and ready with door prizes, special surprises, sales, new merchandise and refreshments.

After all that shopping, you will surely have worked up an appetite for a bite to eat and something to quench your thirst. Luckily, downtown Norcross is home to an array of delectable dining options that are also joining in the festivities! From authentic Cuban, zesty Italian and classic Americana to street style Mexican dishes and traditional English pub fare, Norcross has it all. So, dig in and enjoy every last bite!

While you are out shopping 'til you drop, help us to further support our merchants by taking a selfie and posting a message to social media outlets that you #ShopNorcross. Be sure to tag the merchant and @CityofNorcross. Happy shopping!



2019 SPECIALS:

45 South Cafe

10% off Bottles of Wine
10% off Desserts
10% off Lattes & Cappuccinos

Anna Balkans Designer Jewelry Gallery

Giveaways and Small Bites

Antique Traditions

Holiday Sip and Shop, serving free Mimosas and breakfast bites from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and warm Mulled Wine with seasonal bites from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. Receive 10% off your purchase up to \$50, 15% off \$51-99 and 20% off purchases \$100 and up! Note extended store hours of 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Carolee's

15% off purchases over \$50
Giving away four (4) \$25 gift cards (no purchase necessary)
Complimentary refreshments

Chalk It Up

10% off on paint and paint sundries
20% off all non-paint items

Chase's Grille & Wingery

\$7.50 Georgia Dog Plate
\$13 Chicken BLT Wrap Plate with side salad
\$5 Magners Pear Cider

Dominick's

\$7 Limoncello Martinis
Free dessert or 1/2 off appetizer with the purchase of 2 entrees

Glitter G

20% off entire store
Jewelry buy two get one free

Studio 87 Yoga

6 classes for just \$60 or
12 classes for \$96

Taste of Britain

Will have a fish and chip truck; spend \$30 and receive a free battered banger meal!

VSOP Taproom

\$5 Mimosas, Beer & Wine by the glass
15% off purchase of \$50 or more
Spend \$30 get a free BBQ lunch plate from Smokin' Low BBQ

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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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SPARKLE!

CELEBRATION



The City of Norcross will host its annual holiday celebration, 'Sparkle! A Celebration of Kids, Creativity and Magic', which includes carriage rides, photos with Santa, a Christmas tree lighting in the park, holiday entertainment and more starting on December 3.

"We invite all of our citizens and visitors to share in the spirit of the season through our holiday celebration," said City of Norcross Mayor Craig Newton. "We guarantee you'll experience all the wonder and delight of your every imagination here in Norcross."

The City of Norcross is pleased to present the following events to celebrate the holiday season:

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m. | Thrasher Park

Join us for the traditional lighting of the Christmas tree in Thrasher Park and enjoy music from Norcross First United Methodist Church. The City of Norcross will once again be honored to have Norcross resident Steven Howington officially light the Christmas tree. For over 30 years, Howington, who has Down Syndrome, has lit the City of Norcross' Christmas tree. Santa will be busy checking his list in his workshop in the park and will be available for photos with all the good little boys and girls. Enjoy free hot cocoa and cookies (while supplies last) courtesy of the Norcross Masonic Lodge and the Norcross Lions Club, and s'mores courtesy of the City of Norcross. "Polar Express" will be playing on the big screen while you wait in line to meet Santa. A local group of Disney princess performers (as well as the one, the only, The Grinch) will also be on hand to add to the Christmas magic. They will be available for photos and to visit with families during the event.

HOLIDAY FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT - JOE GRANSDEN

Dec. 6 from 7 - 9 p.m. | Community Center

Don't miss out on a special holiday jazz performance by trumpeter and vocalist Joe Gransden, brought to you by the First Friday Concert Series. Renowned for the hard bop approach of his trumpet, Gransden's singing voice has been compared to that of Chet Baker and Frank Sinatra. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the performance is free, but seating is limited. Make your reservation by calling 678-421-2048.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA AND CARRIAGE RIDES

Dec. 3 - 20 (Tues/Wed/Fri) from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. |

Downtown Norcross

We hope you have been nice this year, because Santa himself will be visiting downtown Norcross! You can catch him at 45 South Café on South Peachtree Street for a free photo. Also, carriage rides will be dashing through Norcross in the month of December, boarding in front of Taste of Britain. Joe Watkins has provided carriage rides to the city for the past 20 years—come be a part of a Norcross Christmas Tradition!

SANTA IN THE GARDEN

Dec. 14 from 1 - 3 p.m. | Discovery Garden Park

Join Santa in Discovery Garden Park for marshmallow roasting and hot cocoa around the fire pit! Free family fun.

United States Census 2020

Let's make Norcross count! By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 United States Census. You will have three options for responding: online, by phone or by mail. (The 2020 Census marks the first time you'll have the option to respond online—exciting!) Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year, including funding for health clinics, schools, emergency personnel, roads and more. So, when you see the invite come through, please take a moment to submit your response and help us make Norcross count!

P.S. The Census Bureau is hiring!
Visit 2020census.gov/en/jobs to learn more.

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.

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE SURVEY

The Age-Friendly Communities Initiative is conducting a survey to ensure the initiative reflects community preferences, as well as to establish a baseline to measure the changes that result from the initiative. The survey will close on November 21st, and results will be revealed and presented to Mayor & Council in the spring of 2020 upon analysis and incorporation into the Age-Friendly Communities Initiative Action Plan.

If you are interested in participating, please visit norcrossga.net and look for a link in the Homepage News.

Also, be on the lookout for the community listening sessions soon to be announced!

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



We'd like to give a special welcome to our new Economic Development Director, **Will Corbin**! Previously, Will held economic development roles with Clayton County, the City of Duluth and The Beacon Council (Miami-Dade County's economic development agency). He also spent time at Market Street Services, an economic development consulting firm in Atlanta where he began his career, and is excited to begin his new role recruiting, retaining and expanding business opportunities in the City of Norcross.

Highlights of Will's accomplishments include being project lead for the development of downtown Duluth's 22-acre, \$53 million walkable residential community, which connects with the city's restaurant/retail district. He also played an integral role in two of Duluth's major downtown redevelopment projects: District at Duluth and Parsons Alley. The \$13 million, modern commercial restaurant and retail district features more than 30,000 square feet of space and a public plaza for residents and visitors to congregate and enjoy.

We are thrilled to have him on our team and look forward to seeing what he does for our community!

Meet Other New Faces on the Team:

Allison Thomas joined the Norcross Police Department as a Communications Officer back in June. She was born in Alabama but has lived in Georgia all her life and currently resides in Duluth. She enjoys hanging out with friends and family, watching football and traveling.

Sabrina Meza joined the Norcross Police Department as a Communications Officer on October 3rd. She's from Fayetteville and for the last 12 years has lived in Peachtree Corners. She enjoys reading in her spare time.

Harold Armstrong joined the Norcross Police Department as a Police Officer on September 5th. He comes from the City of Riverdale, has two children and loves soccer.

Janea Crank joined the City of Norcross as the IT Helpdesk in August. She's from Washington, D.C. and currently resides in Stockbridge with her daughter. Though an "IT girl" by trade, she loves cosmetology, too.

BULK ITEM PICK-UP

There have been some questions recently seeking to clarify policies on bulk item pick-up. Please note:

- Bulk items are items that are too bulky to fit into the 95 gallon cart.
- Bulk items are household items only, and do not include construction/demolition debris or automotive parts.
- You may schedule one item per week. The easiest way to schedule a bulk pickup is to visit our website at www.norcrossga.net and click the green "Citizens Requests" tab or go directly to www.norcrossga.net/requesttracker.aspx. You may also call 770-448-2122 to schedule a pick up or if you have questions whether an item can be scheduled. Bulk item requests that are received before 4 p.m. can be scheduled for your next normal collection day.
- There is a limit to one item per week on regular pick-up day. (Box spring/mattress considered one item, sofa is one item, recliner is one item, etc.)
- No construction wood items will be picked up.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Senior Planner Robert Patrick on his election to the Georgia Planning Association Board of Directors. The mission of the Georgia Chapter of the American Planning Association is to provide leadership to plan and build vibrant communities throughout Georgia; advocate support for sound planning; and provide its members with tools, services and support that advance the art and science of planning.

CITY OF NORCROSS GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 5, 2019

A general municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Norcross City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville Street - 2nd Floor Community Room, to determine the expired terms of Mayor, held by Craig Newton, and Councilmember, held by Dan Watch and Chuck Paul.

NATIONAL PLANNING MONTH



Jim Summerbell, President of the Georgia Chapter of the American Planning Association, received a proclamation from Norcross Mayor Craig Newton on Monday, October 7th recognizing October 2019 as National Planning Month in Norcross. Our Planning & Zoning Board (Hoyt Hutcheson, Chair; John Hollon, Vice Chair; Kenneth Anderson; Joey D. Clayton; and Jim Poteete) and Zoning Board of Appeals (Don Thompson, Chair; Alvie Killingsworth; David Butsko; Jack Bryant; and Dwaine Clarke) work tirelessly alongside city staff to ensure city planning follows regulations and the vision of the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Ordinance. We'd like to say a special thank you to the entire planning team for their service, as well as to Carl Howington, who recently retired after 40 years serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals!

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

THE SEASON OF GIVING

MAYOR'S MOTORCADE

The City of Norcross is holding its annual giving campaign with the Georgia Mayors' Motorcade, and is asking for your help to make the holiday season special for residents of the state's mental health hospitals! For 60 years, cities across Georgia have participated in the Mayors' Motorcade, bringing the joy of the holiday season to patients all over the state, many of whom have lived in these hospitals for most of their lives and have little, if any, contact with friends or family. Without the motorcade, many patients would go without any type of gift or recognition during the holidays.

During this holiday season, please consider providing the gift of sharing and caring. Donations may be delivered Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. to Public Works and City Hall, or 24/7 to the Police Station. Norcross residents or business owners may also call for pickup of donations no later than December 9th.

Simply contact: Melissa Zeigler at melissa.zeigler@norcrossga.net or Torrence Jackson at torrence.jackson@norcrossga.net. You may also call 678.421.2069.

GIFT LIST EXAMPLES

PLEASE REMEMBER, MOST PATIENTS ARE ADULTS

CLOTHING:

(M - 4XL Women; M - 3XL Men) Jeans/Pants, T-shirts, Sweaters, Shorts, Long Sleeve Polo Shirts, Gloves, Winter Hats, Baseball Caps (No Metal), Socks/Underwear/Bras (No Underwire), Sport Bras, Pajamas (Men & Women), Slippers / Shower Shoes

Please note: We are in particular need of men's pants, any size.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:

Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Wash, Body Lotion, Deodorant (No Aerosol or Spray Cans), Toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Elastic Hair Bands (No Metal Pieces)

MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS:

Drawing pads/Composition Books (No Wire Bound), Stationary, Radios (No antennas, no hanging straps), Playing Cards, Calling Cards, Puzzles, Word Search/Crossword Books, Watches (No Metal), Wallets (Men & Women; no metal zippers)

UNIT/PROGRAMMING ITEMS:

Movies (DVD; G, PG only), Compact Discs (No Parental Advisory), Paperback books (No Romance Themes, Multicultural books welcome), Board games (No travel games, no games with dice), Crayons/Markers (Thick markers only, No colored pencils), Wii Games (No violence or Parental Advisory), Manicure items—Nail Polish, Nail Art pens, Polish Remover (No acetone)

GIFTWRAPPING ITEMS:

Gift Bags, Gift Tissue Paper, Christmas Cards, Christmas Bows, Christmas Ribbon (No wrapping paper)

THE MAYOR'S ANGEL GIVING TREE



The motorcade isn't the only way to celebrate the spirit of giving this season! There is also an Angel Giving Tree at Norcross City Hall, where you will find gift tags containing three (3) gift suggestions for a boy or girl 12 years of age and under. By choosing a tag and purchasing a toy or toys, you are helping a local child whose parents are struggling to make ends meet—a child who might otherwise go without this Christmas.

**Starting November 18, 2019,
tags will be on the tree.**

**Please bring your new, unwrapped gift back
to City Hall on or before December 13.
Gift tags should be taped to the gift.**



IN THE KNOW

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

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

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
BREEZE KINGS**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
JOE GRANSDEN**

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

LIONHEART THEATRE PRESENTS: **INTIMATE APPAREL** by Pulitzer-Prize Winning Playwright Lynn Nottage Directed by Myrna Feldman November 1 - 3, 8 - 10 and 15 - 17

The time is 1905; the place: New York City. Esther, a black seamstress, lives in a boarding house for women and sews intimate apparel for clients who range from wealthy white patrons to prostitutes. Her skills and discretion are much in demand, and she has managed to stuff a goodly sum of money into her quilt over the years. One by one, the other denizens of the boarding house marry and move away, but

Esther remains, lonely and longing for a husband and a future. Her plan is to find the right man and use the money she's saved to open a beauty parlor where black women will be treated as royally as the white women she sews for. By way of a mutual acquaintance, she begins to receive beautiful letters from a lonesome Caribbean man named George who is working on the Panama Canal.

For more info, visit lionhearttheatre.org.



HISTORIC TROLLEY TOUR 11 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. 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.

NOVEMBER MOVIE MONDAYS!



NOV. 18*: ROCKETMAN

NOV. 25: THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2

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

***Due to Veteran's Day on November 11, Movie Monday will occur the following week.**

Santa **IN THE GARDEN** December 14, 2019 Discovery Garden Park 1 - 3 P.M.

Join Santa in Discovery Garden Park for marshmallow roasting and hot cocoa around the fire pit on December 14. Free family fun!

Contact Barbara Kohlhausen for more information at barbara.kohlhausen@gmail.com.



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.

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VETERANS PARK

RIBBON CUTTING

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Ribbon Cutting of Veterans Park! We are excited to have a space the community can enjoy while honoring those who have served our country.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1

First Friday Concert: Breeze Kings, Norcross Community Center, 7 - 9 p.m.

Must RSVP, call 678.421.2048/2049

NOVEMBER 16

Merchant Open House, Downtown Norcross, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER 16

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

Must RSVP, call 678.421.2048/2049

NOVEMBER 18*

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

**Note change from Nov. 12th due to Veterans Day*

NOVEMBER 25

Movie Monday: The Secret Life of Pets 2, Norcross Community Center, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 3-20 (TUES/WED/FRI)

Carriage Rides, Boards at Taste of Britain, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 3-20 (TUES/WED/FRI)

Photos with Santa, 45 South Café, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 6

Christmas Tree Lighting, Thrasher Park, 5:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 6

First Friday Holiday Concert: Joe Gransden, Norcross Community Center, 7 - 9 p.m.

Must RSVP, call 678.421.2048/2049

DECEMBER 9

Movie Monday: The Little Mermaid (2018), Norcross Community Center, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 14

Santa in the Garden, Discovery Garden Park, 1 - 3 p.m.

DECEMBER 23

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

For more event information: www.aplacetoimagine.com