



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

NEWSLETTER • JANUARY 2020

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS - SPRING SEASON

2019 may be over, but Norcross entertainment sure isn't! First Friday Concerts are still going strong in the Cultural Arts & Community Center. Come 'get down' with the sounds of jazz, rock, Motown and more on the 'First Friday' of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. Seating is limited, so reserve yours now by calling 678-421-2049. Feel free to bring your own food and favorite beverages, or make it a perfect night on the town with dinner to go from one of the great downtown Norcross restaurants. RSVPs are taken up to one month in advance of the shows. Table reservations will only be held until 7:15 p.m. and meet up groups are not permitted.



JOHNNY CASH NOW | JANUARY 3, 2020

Gray Sartin is Johnny Cash! With the sincerest respect for Johnny Cash and the Tennessee Three, Sartin and his band perform both the classic and the modern hits. Get caught in the nostalgia of the moment—it all starts with "Hello, I'm Johnny Cash."



THE BROWN DOG BAND | FEBRUARY 7, 2020

The Brown Dog Band is Atlanta's premier rhythm & blues band for fans of classic blues, featuring Steve Spriggs on vocals and blues harp, jazz-rock guitarist Patrick Donovan, drummer Grant Dawson, bassist/vocalist Ross Master and Bill Tunnell on the piano and organ.



DEB BOWMAN & THE BIG LOVE BAND | MARCH 6, 2020

Whether belting out Broadway and big band ballads or softly seducing you with sultry standards, "Dynamo Deb Bowman" always delivers memorable musical moments that keep people coming back for more. Her "Big Love Band" plays everything from contemporary to Broadway, jazz, swing, bossanova, blues, Motown and Top 40 hits.



XTREME PARTY BAND | APRIL 3, 2020

Xtreme Party Band is a dynamic multi-genre band consisting of a 6 piece ensemble of male and female vocals, sax, keys, drums, bass and lead guitar. The group plays everything from Motown to Beach, 70's, 80's, 90's, POP, Classic Rock, R&B, Blues and 'THE NOW HITS.'

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

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HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

Pick up will be delayed by one day on January 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

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.

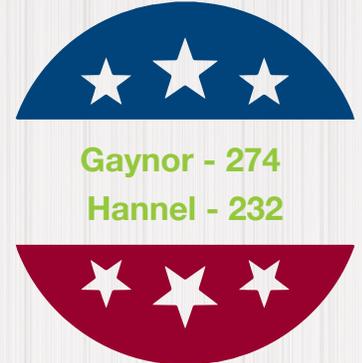
Monday pick up moves to Tuesday, Tuesday pick up moves to Wednesday, and so forth. Delay doesn't begin until the holiday; if holiday occurs on a Thursday, only Thursday and Friday pick up is affected.

When in doubt, the full year's sanitation schedule including all holiday delays has been posted to the website under City Government > Public Works.

2019 CITY OF NORCROSS RUN-OFF ELECTION RESULTS

A runoff election for Dan Watch's council seat was held on December 3rd.

The uncertified results are:



Toasty & Cozy TOES & COATS

We are so thankful to have a community of such giving hearts. Countless donations of socks and coats have been collected for the Norcross Co-Op, but don't let that stop you from continuing to give – the campaign is ongoing! As the weather gets colder in these winter months, please remember those that need help and drop off coats and socks at Public Works when you bring by your glass for recycling.

**HELP A FELLOW NEIGHBOR OUT -
DONATE COATS AND SOCKS TODAY!**



Join

Us!

SUSTAINABLE NORCROSS BOARD OPENINGS

The Sustainable Norcross Commission has two board openings, and is looking for people that are passionate about making Norcross more pedestrian friendly and who want to work to see our weekly farmers market grow and thrive! We have made great strides and want to take these initiatives to the next level.

SNC is a 7-member commission who advises the Mayor and Council regarding sustainability and environmental matters through the development of a measured sustainable city plan and regular communication. We work on several initiatives each year and have recently become a Bee City, USA. We would like to expand our expertise.

SNC meets the second Wednesday of the month from 6 - 8 p.m. at City Hall. Other time commitments will include assistance with projects and volunteering at events.

To apply online, visit www.norcrossga.net/boardapplication. If you have questions, please call 678-481-9698.

Congratulations

to the many city employees who were recognized at our annual holiday appreciation dinner last month!

ABOVE & BEYOND - Larry Dennis, Henry Sanchez, Alesia Daniel, Maurice Shepard, Sharon Morrow, Laura Smith, Camille Washington, Joan Heckert

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR - Leisa Grace

OFFICER OF THE YEAR - Bernard 'BJ' Hill

BEST LEADERSHIP - Evan Furby

TOP GUN - Jerod Kazemba

ROCKSTAR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - Amirah Morris

5 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES - Robert Braud, Larry Dennis, Larry Heckert, Joan Heckert, Yesenia 'Jenny' Irizarry, Michael Jones, Cameron McDonald, Billy Parks, Nikolaus Swancott

15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY - Christopher Massey

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY - Jeremy Anderson

25 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES - Mary Beth Bender, Donald Butynski, Beverly Parnell-Vasquez, Johnny Veasley II



2020 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES TABLES GO ON SALE MARCH 2!

The Summer Concert Series table sale will begin on Monday, March 2, 2019 at 9 a.m. The rule is the same as last year; Norcross residents who purchase all eight concerts will have the first shot between 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. After 11 a.m. it will be open to the general public.

Individual Concerts, Table of 6 - \$70 each concert
Individual Concerts, Table of 8 - \$80 each concert

The complete 2020 line-up will be posted to www.aplacetoimagine.com late January/early February. Be on the lookout!



SPARKLE!

CELEBRATION



The Sparkle Celebration once again lit up the nights of Downtown Norcross! The event included carriage rides, photos with Santa, a Christmas tree lighting in the park, holiday entertainment, Mayor's motorcade, and more between December 3rd and 20th. Thank you for making Norcross sparkle this holiday season!

Bring on the new year!



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NEW DEVELOPMENTS COMING 2020

S. PEACHTREE SIDEWALK

Construction 52 was awarded the construction contract for a sidewalk along the railroad side of S. Peachtree Street, from Rowan/Stevens Road past Veterans Park and ending at Holcomb Bridge Road. Their work will begin at the southern end of the project and move toward downtown. The last phase of the project will include renovation of the concrete parking spaces near Holcomb Bridge to reflect the streetscape on the opposite side of S. Peachtree Street. Their work will require daily lane closures from about 9am-4pm in the area of immediate work. The project is expected to be finished in early Spring 2020.

BROADSTONE NORCROSS

Over the course of the next month, the Thrasher Street final sidewalks will be completed and the internal roads will be installed. Site retaining wall installation will also be completed while the park pergola structure framing begins. At the renovated buildings, interior finishes (such as cabinets, countertops, tile, paint) are being installed. At the new buildings, wood framing will continue around the new parking garage with window installation to follow right behind.

THE NEW LIBRARY

The long awaited Norcross Library project received bids on November 19th! The contractor's submittal was approved during the December 10th Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners meeting. Construction will start in February or March 2020 and will last for about 18-24 months.

THE BRUNSWICK

Site work at the Brunswick is complete as is the parking deck and stormwater facility. There are four multi-family buildings under construction and buildings 2 and 4 are adjacent to Lillian Webb Park and the future Gwinnett Library. On the top floor of building 4, drywall has just been installed along with bath tubs and showers. Along Buford Highway, the first 'live-work' units are taking shape and will offer Norcross residents a unique retail rental opportunity. The project will begin leasing this spring and deliver first units in August of 2020. Site work, the pool/amenity spaces and landscape/hardscape will finish in late October 2020 along with the remainder of the buildings. For more information visit thebrunswicknorcross.com.



Learn more at
[www.norcrossga.net/949/
Construction-Updates!](http://www.norcrossga.net/949/Construction-Updates!)



IN THE KNOW

JANUARY MOVIE MONDAYS

Norcross Community Center
1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY 13

Spider-Man,
Far From Home



JANUARY 27

The Peanut
Butter Falcon



NORCROSS GARDEN CLUB & THE NORCROSS TREE BOARD

– PRESENT –

TREES FOR THE GEORGIA LANDSCAPE

JANUARY 11, 2020

Norcross City Hall • 11:15 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Speaker: Wayne Juers, “The Plant Doctor,” a garden specialist with 40 years of hands on horticulture experience. Limited seating; must RSVP at norcrossgardenclub.org/events.

SAVE THE DATE

FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
NETWORK 2020

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Chase’s Grille & Wingery • 5 - 7 P.M.*

**Note the change in time & location from December Newsletter*

Take an opportunity to mix, mingle and network with Norcross Young Professionals at the Norcross Cultural Arts and Community Center, 10 College Street. There will be entertainment by Justin Monday (the Obeast Violinist) with his associate, another electronic violinist. Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP to Cate Kitchen at 678.421.2048/2049.

FOR THE LOVE OF ART EXHIBIT – OPENING RECEPTION –

FEBRUARY 14, 2020

The Rectory • 6 - 8 P.M.

Meet the artists and enjoy food and music!
Artists include: Margaret Evans, Erin Lanier and David Phillips

After the opening reception, admittance to the gallery is available through March 13 by calling 678.421.2048/2049.



NORCROSS

— Night to Remember —

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Downtown Norcross
5 - 9 P.M.

This Valentine's Day, the city is pulling out all the stops for those with love in their eyes. Cozy up in a carriage ride, or take an opportunity to look in your significant other's eyes and renew the vows you exchanged on your wedding day. You can also take a romantic photo, all at no charge. And if that doesn't meet your idea of a night out with your sweetie, Downtown Norcross restaurants will be offering romance specials for those who would like to wine and dine!

CARRIAGE RIDES

FEBRUARY 13, 14 & 15!

Downtown Norcross
6 - 8:30 P.M.

Your chariot awaits! For the second year in a row, we have extended our free carriage ride service to include the weekend of Valentine's so that all of you lovebirds can have more time to share a special moment together. Climb aboard in front of Taste of Britain.

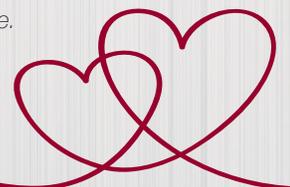


Save The Date!

Annual Father-Daughter Dance Returns

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Norcross Community Center
7 - 9 P.M.

RSVP is required; be on the lookout for the registration form to be posted on the city's website.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

We are excited to welcome **Bruce Gaynor** and **Matt Myers** to Norcross' City Council, and the return of **Craig Newton** as Norcross' Mayor! Our new council members will be sworn in on January 6th. A lot lies ahead for 2020, so stay tuned for updates and don't forget the public is always welcome to attend council meetings, held every first and third Monday at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 3

First Friday Concert: Johnny Cash NOW, Norcross Community Center, 7 - 9 p.m.

Must RSVP, call 678.421.2048/2049

JANUARY 13

Movie Monday: Spider-Man, Far From Home, Norcross Community Center, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY 23

Young Professionals Network 2020, Chase's Grille and Wingery, 5 - 7 p.m.

Must RSVP, call 678.421.2048/2049

JANUARY 27

Movie Monday: The Peanut Butter Falcon, Norcross Community Center, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 7

First Friday Concert: The Brown Dog Band, Norcross Community Center, 7 - 9 p.m.

Must RSVP, call 678.421.2048/2049

FEBRUARY 10

Movie Monday: Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am, Norcross Community Center, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 13-15

Free Carriage Rides, Downtown Norcross, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 14

Norcross Valentine's Night Out, Downtown Norcross, 5 - 9 p.m.

FEBRUARY 14

For the Love of Art Exhibit - Opening Reception, The Rectory, 6 - 8 p.m., *Show runs through March 13;*

Must RSVP, 678.421.2048/2049 for access

FEBRUARY 21

Valentine's Father/Daughter Dance, Norcross Community Center, 7 - 9 p.m.

FEBRUARY 24

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



For more event information: www.aplacetoimagine.com