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Time to Show the Love!

Valentine's Day Events in Norcross



CARRIAGE RIDES

FEBRUARY 13-15
Downtown Norcross
6 - 8:30 P.M.

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



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, renew your vows or 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!

Flip the page to check out more
Norcross Valentine's events!



More Valentine's Events!

FOR THE LOVE OF NORCROSS: TROLLEY TOUR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Board at the Rectory
5 - 6 P.M.

A special, Valentine's-themed edition of our historic trolley tour, this event is part of our 150th anniversary event line up and will begin at the Rectory. *This tour is free of charge but advance reservations are required—call 678.421.2048/2049.*



ART OPENING: FOR THE LOVE OF ART

FEBRUARY, FEBRUARY 14

The Rectory
6 - 8 P.M.

Stroll with your sweetheart through our brand new, love-inspired exhibit, "For the Love of Art," featuring the works of Margaret Evans and David Phillips. You can meet the artists and even enjoy food and music! After the opening reception, admittance to the gallery is available through March 13 by calling 678.421.2048/2049.



FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Norcross Community Center
7 - 9 P.M.

Dads and their girls are invited to a Father-Daughter Dance hosted by the City of Norcross! The event is open to the public, though RSVP is required (visit aplacetoimagine.com). Fathers and father figures can treat the little lady in their lives to an evening of dancing, light appetizers and drinks. Make memories that will last a lifetime as you dance the night away to music provided by a DJ who will be playing songs everyone will enjoy. The event is intended for young ladies between the ages of 5-12.



2020 SUMMER CONCERT

**SERIES TABLES GO ON
SALE MARCH 2!**

The Summer Concert Series table sale will begin on Monday, March 2, 2020 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 is posted online at aplacetoimagine.com. Click on "Concerts" under the "Events" tab.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

This year we are excited to be celebrating 150 years of Norcross! Norcross was officially chartered in 1870. The sesquicentennial will be a year of celebration with many official city observances, special events, concerts, city tours and more! Plans are underway for a wide variety of activities which will bring the community together to celebrate the community and its wonderful history and celebrate Norcross as a wonderful place to live, work and play!

SPECIAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Please help us recognize the following employees who inadvertently were mislabeled or missing from last months' newsletter and we would be remiss to not honor them and thank them for their years of service to the City of Norcross.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mary Beth Bender
Donald Butynski
Beverly Parnell-Vasquez
Johnny Veasley II

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

David Aguilar
Stephen Cousineau
Marvin Rutledge

JOIN THE TREE PRESERVATION BOARD!

The city currently has an opening for citizens to serve on the Tree Board. The members of the Tree Board meet bi-monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in having an active role in the preservation of trees and conservation of tree canopy cover within the city, please contact City Clerk Monique Lang (monique.lang@norcrossga.net) to submit your application to serve. You can learn more, including meeting days, mission and list of other citizens serving on each board and commission on the city website under City Government tab.

Application available under City Government > Boards & Committees at norcrossga.net.



SAFER SCHOOL ZONES FOR OUR KIDS

In 2018, Governor Deal approved a state law that allows police to install license reader cameras in school zones in an effort to make school zones safer. The city has partnered with RedSpeed and they will be installing cameras that can read license plates of any motorist speeding in a designated school zone. RedSpeed has also installed their cameras in other counties and cities, some of which include Henry County, Clayton County, City of Lilburn and City of Duluth.

The city has identified four schools that have higher number of speeding issues and accidents within their designated school zones for this initial installment. These schools are Beaver Run Elementary, Summerour Middle, Baldwin Elementary and Norcross Elementary.

The cameras are expected to be fully installed and operational by February 1st. There will be a 30-day period in which only warnings will be issued and then beginning March 1st, tickets will be issued for any motorists going at least 11 miles over the speed limit and fees will range from \$75-\$125. Any driver that does not pay the issued ticket will not be able to register their vehicle until paid in full.

It is important to note that these cameras will monitor at least one hour before start of school and one hour after school because these are times when our kids are walking to and from the school. The cameras will be programmed around school schedules for the calendar year and will not monitor during non-school times.

HELP US WELCOME A NEW FACE TO THE NORCROSS TEAM!



SHAWN BOND

Shawn Bond joined the Norcross Police Department as a Police Officer on December 5th. He's from Martin, Georgia and enjoys hunting, shooting and deep sea fishing. If you see him around patrolling the city, help us give him a warm Norcross welcome!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

SUSTAINABILITY TIPS FOR A GREENER COMMUNITY

Every decision we make has a direct impact on the environment, the community and our wallets. You can start doing the right thing by making small choices to protect the environment, connect with your community and save a buck or two!

Check out some changes you can make today to start living a more environmentally conscious lifestyle:

LEVEL 1

- Start paying bills online and end paper bank statements
- Turn off the lights, the TV and the computer when not in use
- Invest in a travel-sized metal straw to bring with you while you dine out

LEVEL 2

- Recycle paper, plastic, glass and aluminum! (please make sure these materials are clean and have no food residue; glass cannot be picked up curbside but maybe dropped off at Public Works)
- Reduce plastic use by using shampoo and conditioner bars
- Buy a bamboo toothbrush
- Reduce meat, poultry and fish consumption—more resources are used to provide meat than plants; observe “Meatless Mondays” or go vegetarian!
- Reduce your food waste by composting at home
- Adjust your thermostat—lower in winter and higher in summer

LEVEL 3

- Start walking, biking or taking MARTA more frequently
- Use a refillable water bottle and coffee cup
- Bring your own bags to the grocery store
- Switch to eco-friendly, safe and hardworking cleaning products (and choose glass bottles!) or make your own with vinegar and essential oils
- Shop at local consignment and thrift stores; this is a great way to reuse items rather than sending them to landfills and—bonus!—prices are great
- Donate what you don't use

LEVEL 4

- Stay informed and pass down information to family, friends and coworkers
- Look for the Sustainability Tip of the Month in each newsletter!

Be on the lookout for Sustainable Norcross' new Recycling Video, soon-to-be-posted on the Norcross Facebook page and starring your very own councilmember, Andrew Hixson! A BIG shout out goes to Norcross High School's film class students and staff for creating the video.

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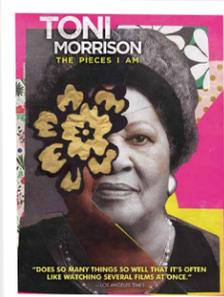


IN THE KNOW

FEBRUARY MOVIE MONDAYS

Norcross Community Center
1:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 10
Toni Morrison -
The Pieces I Am



FEBRUARY 24
Harriet

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

Norcross Community Center • 7 - 9 P.M.

Friday, February 7: The Brown Dog Band
Friday, March 6: Deb Bowman



RSVP to reserve your seat! Call 678.421.2048/2049.
Table reservations will only be held until 7:15 p.m.;
no meet up groups permitted.



ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21



Pinnacle Park
10 A.M.

Community partners, families and friends will be joined together as the City of Norcross, along with the Tree Preservation Board, celebrate Georgia Arbor Day with a Tree Planting at Pinnacle Park at 10:00 a.m. on February 21st. There will be goodie bags for any kids in attendance!

Save the Date!

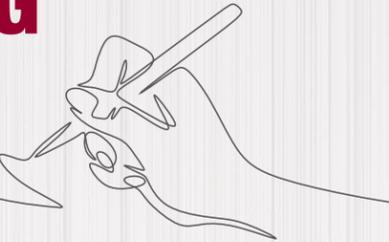
IRISH FEST

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
Downtown Norcross



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PANEL & BOOKSIGNING

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
Norcross Community Center



Stories have the power to inspire our imagination, open our minds to new possibilities and make us happy. Join this amazing panel of three Atlanta authors as they talk about creating stories that empower women and girls. Speaking from their own experience, they will recount how their lives helped shape their books and how they use the power of story to carry a message of hope, love and joy.

Appearing on the panel will be Norcross resident Mayra Cuevas, talking about her debut young adult novel, *Salty, Bitter, Sweet*. Mayra will be in conversation with young adult Atlanta author and Emory University Scholar-in-Residence, Marie Marquardt. The event will be moderated by CNN anchor, author, and women's advocate, Christi Paul.

They will take questions from the audience and sign books after the event. Books will be available for sale.

LIONHEART THEATRE PRESENTS

Their Greatest Hits

Join us at Lionheart in 2020 as we celebrate our **20th season!** To honor our history, this season is devoted to some old audience favorites and some important shows in our past.

MARCH 6 - 22, 2020

"THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER"

By Moss Hart & George S. Kaufman • Directed by Scott King

"The Man Who Came to Dinner" was the first large production Lionheart ever produced in conjunction with the County Seat Players. Sheridan Whiteside, having dined at the home of the Stanleys, slips on their doorstep, breaking his hip. When Maggie, his secretary, falls in love with the reporter, Bert Jefferson, Whiteside summons a glamorous actress, Lorraine, to win the affections of the young man, ultimately taking over the house with his demands and visiting Broadway luminary friends.

More dates:

MAY 1 - 17

"Dearly Devoted"

JUL 17 - 26

"A Year with Frog and Toad"

SEPT 11 - 27

"Radio TBS, Trailer Park Broadcasting Scandals"

NOV 6 - 22

"The Good Doctor"

DEC 11 - 22

"A Charlie Brown Christmas"

MAKE NORCROSS COUNT!

A message from our 2020 Census Complete Count Committee:

The goal of the CCC is to SIGNIFICANTLY improve the census response rate in the City of Norcross—but we need YOUR help to do it! We're partnering with Norcross High School students, who are either bilingual or taking upper level Spanish language classes, to canvas the two census tracts in our area that had the lowest response rate to the last census, those east of Buford Hwy. We'll be walking with neighbors, handing out census flyers in English/Spanish at each residence, encouraging our neighbors to answer the census, and answering questions with translation help from our bright Norcross High students! We have LiveNorcross t-shirts for adult volunteers and raffle tickets will be provided to students after each canvassing session they complete for a chance to win prizes at the end of this campaign. We're using SignUp.com to organize our Norcross neighborhood canvassing sessions—here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) View this link to see our SignUp: signup.com/go/KfRQFJT
- 2) Review the date/time options listed and choose the spot(s) you like. Sessions locations and meetup sites for the following weekend will be added each Sunday.
- 3) Sign up and show up!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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First Friday Concert: The Brown Dog Band, Norcross Community Center, 7 - 9 p.m.
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FEBRUARY 24

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



For more event information: www.aplacetoimagine.com