



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

MARCH 2020

**CELEBRATE THE LUCK OF THE
IRISH THIS PADDY'S DAY WITH**

IRISH FEST NORCROSS

The City of Norcross is excited to announce a collaboration with St. Patrick's Catholic Church (celebrating their 100th anniversary!) to bring you the 3rd Annual Norcross St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 14 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The entirety of S. Peachtree Street will be closed to accommodate the festivities.

Downtown Merchants will be offering Irish-themed activities and fare to mark the occasion and outside you will find music, dancing, face painting and more! Free and open to the public and 100% family-friendly, this is an event you do not want to miss.

TRADITIONAL IRISH BREAKFAST

Start with a hearty, traditional Irish Breakfast—okay, maybe it's more Brunch—at the Norcross Masonic Lodge at 11 a.m. This will be a delectable feast of eggs, rasher, black and white pudding, beans, mushrooms, grilled tomatoes and

toast. The tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children, available in advance at Taste of Britain or at the door. The proceeds are a fundraiser for the Masonic Lodge.

LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING

Tap your feet and clap your hands to the beat as river dancers from the Drake School of Irish Dance as well as the King O'Sullivan School and Carpenter Irish Dance take the stage. You can also learn to jig yourself and join in the fun! Plus, don't miss music from The Gentry and Kathleen Donohue, and of course everyone's favorite emcee, M.C. Lexx.

FACE PAINTING, LEPRECHAUNS AND MORE!

Snap a selfie with Norcross' resident Leprechauns, and if you forget to wear green, don't worry—stop by the face painting booth and ask for a shamrock. Raffles are being held throughout the day by

various downtown merchants as well as St. Patrick's Church, and there will even be a short play this year sponsored by the church. For lunch, check out the food vendors sponsored by St. Patrick's Catholic Church or one of the many downtown restaurants offering special menus featuring Irish favorites and inspired fare such as corned beef and cabbage, Irish coffee, Reuben strombolis, specialty cocktails and green beer.

There are so many fun and exciting festivities taking place downtown this Paddy's Day, so put on something green and come on out to Irish Fest 2020! Sláinte Mhaith! (Good Health/Cheers!)

For more event details and merchant offerings, visit www.aplacetoimagine.com.



Mayor: Craig Newton • **Mayor Pro Tem:** Josh Bare
City Council: Andrew Hixson, 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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NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP & RECYCLING DAY

APRIL 4, 2020



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! 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.**



Electronics 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. *NOTE: We cannot accept console or projection televisions.* **Location: Norcross Community Center, 10 College Street, 9 a.m. - 12 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

2020 "CAN" DO FOR HUNGER CAMPAIGN

Donate canned or non-perishable goods for our local food bank and help support the Norcross 2020 "CAN" Do for Hunger Campaign!

CONGRATULATIONS!

The city would like to recognize Joe Briscoe from Norcross Power for receiving his Public Works Management Certification (90 hours)!



HELP US WELCOME A FEW NEW FACES TO THE NORCROSS TEAM!

Brenda Urbina-Hernandez –
Receptionist / Administrative Coordinator

Austin Roberson –
Equipment Operator in Stormwater

REMINDER!

SCHOOL ZONE SPEED DETECTION CAMERAS

Four school zone locations are now equipped with speed detection cameras. The schools include: Beaver Ridge Elementary, Norcross Elementary, Baldwin Elementary and Summerour Middle. Citations will not only be issued when the school zone flashing sign is active, but the 1 hour before until 1 hour after school and on days students are in attendance.

For more information, visit norcrossga.net.

NEW RECYCLING CHARGE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2020

On January 1, 2020, our solid waste provider began charging the City of Norcross a recycling fee for recycling services. This is due in part to multiple factors: 1) an increase in the processing charge for residential single-stream curbside recycling due to contamination, 2) recycling commodity markets are down on a global basis, and 3) China has a new policy in which they will no longer accept recyclables from the United States. Faced with this issue, a lot of municipalities have elected to eliminate a recycling service to their community all together. The City of Norcross, however, as a Platinum-rated Green Community, is invested in providing sustainable services to its residents. To help share the burden of this new expense, all residents will be charged \$0.72 per month for this service on the resident's tax bill, effective in September 2020.

CONGRATS SUMMEROUR CROSS COUNTRY TEAM!



Pictured are Dr. Johnson and Dr. Looney of Summerour Middle with Coach Almon and Mayor Newton.

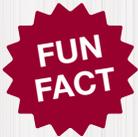
At February's council meeting, the City of Norcross recognized the Summerour Middle School Girls Cross Country Team and their coach, Ken Almon, on their remarkable 2019 Season! The team placed 1st in the Gwinnett County Cross Country Championship, the North Georgia Championships and 5 other prestigious events as well as ranked 7th among all middle school teams in the State of Georgia for two weeks straight. Eight members of the team qualified to represent Team Georgia in the Regional Junior Olympics Cross Country Championship Meet in Tallahassee, Florida, and seven of those eight went on to qualify to represent Team Georgia in the national meet in Madison, Wisconsin!

We are so proud of our Norcross students!!!
National School Counselor Week was also recognized.

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

	HVAC REBATE	WATER HEATER REBATE
TERMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit must be inspected by Norcross Power official • Central HVAC units only on primary dwelling only (outbuildings not eligible) • Heat pump (dual fuel not eligible) • Installed new by qualified contractor in the State of Georgia • Size must be 2 tons or larger to qualify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit must be inspected by Norcross Power official • Electric water heater only in primary dwelling • Installed new by qualified contractor in the State of Georgia • Size must be 40 gallons or larger to qualify
REBATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500.00 per unit for builder installing qualified heat pump in a new home • \$500.00 per unit for new home owner or home owner replacing old gas unit with qualified heat pump 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$150.00 per unit for builder installing qualified water heater in a new dwelling • \$150.00 per unit for home owner replacing old gas unit with qualified hater heater

Rebates should be received within 30 days of inspection.



Out of the over 500 cities and towns in the State of Georgia, only 52 of these public entities actually own and operate an electric utility. Our closest public power neighbors are the City of Buford and the City Lawrenceville. **-Norcross Power**

NEW 4-WAY STOP AT PARK & N. PEACHTREE

As of February 24, 2020, the intersection of Park and N. Peachtree Streets is now a 4-way stop. Motorists should expect to stop in all directions.



The contractors for the new Norcross branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library at Lillian Webb Park have closed Britt Avenue to start mobilization. It will be closed for the duration of the project (24 months).

SUSTAINABILITY TIP OF THE MONTH - HOW TO GREEN YOUR HOME

Just as keeping your car in shape improves your fuel efficiency, keeping your home in shape improves your energy efficiency. Make sure your home has adequate insulation and energy-saving windows, and use a programmable thermostat for more efficient heating and cooling—and, of course, energy-saving light bulbs for more efficient lighting! Many states now offer incentives to help you green your home or rental at low to no cost.



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

2020 CENSUS AT A GLANCE

The U.S. Census Bureau is the federal government's largest statistical agency. We are dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America's people, places and economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses the Census Bureau collects. The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade we take a count—or a census—of America's population.

The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries. Redistricting counts are sent to the states by March 31, 2021.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to determine where to open places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes more than \$675 billion to states and communities based on Census Bureau data.

In 2020, we will implement new technology to make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, you will be able to respond online, by phone, as well as by mail. We will use data that the public has already provided to reduce follow up visits. And, we are building an accurate address list and automating our field operations—all while keeping your information confidential and safe.

2018

2018 End-to-End Census Test

2020 Census questions sent to Congress by March 31, 2018

Six regional 2020 Census offices and 40 area census offices open

2019

Partnership activities launch

Complete Count Committees establish

Census takers update address list in person

Remaining 248 area census offices open

2020

Advertising begins in January 2020

Public response (online, phone or mail) begins

Census Day — April 1, 2020

Census takers visit households that haven't responded

Apportionment counts sent to the President by December 31, 2020

2021

Redistricting counts sent to the states by March 31, 2021



IN THE KNOW

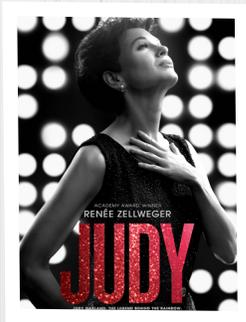
MARCH MOVIE MONDAYS

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

Free popcorn and drinks.

MARCH 9

Judy



APRIL 3

Yesterday



FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

Friday, March 6 - Deb Bowman
Friday, April 3 - Xtreme Party Band
Norcross Community Center • 7 - 9 P.M.

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.



HISTORIC TROLLEY TOUR

MARCH 21, 2020

APRIL 18, 2020

Boards in the Crossing
Parking Lot

11a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

All Aboard! Make your reservation for the Historic Norcross Trolley Tour! Call 678.421.2048/ 678.421.2049 for ticket information and to make your reservation. Discount offers from downtown merchants is included with your ticket!

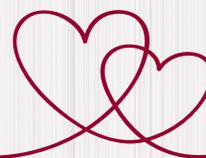
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PANEL & BOOKSIGNING

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 • 3 P.M.
Norcross Community Center

Join this amazing panel of three Atlanta authors as they talk about creating stories that empower women and girls. 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.



THE *Father Daughter Dance* ON FEBRUARY 21ST WAS A BLAST!



SAVE THE DATE!

ITALIAN CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
Downtown Norcross • 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.



SPRING CHARITY CONCERT
JOHNNY CASH NOW
opening for **ERIC DODD**

SUNDAY, APRIL 19
Thrasher Park • 1 - 5 P.M.

Norcross EASTER egg hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Rossie Brundage Park

Easter Egg Hunt at 10 A.M.
Special Needs Hunt at 1 P.M.

Bring your Easter baskets and celebrate the renewal of spring in Norcross with a FREE Easter Egg Hunt that is sure to be fun for all!

The City of Norcross will also be hosting an eggs-tra special Easter Egg Hunt for children with special needs and their families.

Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt -
RSVP REQUIRED
(www.aplacetoimagine.com)



Happy

BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 17

was **Steven Howington's** 50th birthday! He has been lighting the Norcross Christmas Tree at the annual event for over 30 years.

WE'RE EXCITED!

Mayor Newton has been asked to serve on Gwinnett County Public Schools' Civic Engagement Community Advisory Committee! We are always looking for opportunities to create a better community and to pool collective thought processes together in doing so, and are proud to be a part of this important initiative.

About the committee:

Gwinnett County Public Schools is embarking on a district-wide focus to assure our students' understanding of and commitment to the values at the heart of our Constitution and representative republic. We want all of our students to learn about the rights and responsibilities of being engaged members of our community. We want to teach students how to respectfully work across different backgrounds and beliefs to solve challenges that arise in their communities, state and nation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOW THROUGH MARCH 13: "For the Love of Art" Exhibit, The Rectory, Call 678.421.2048/2049 for access

MARCH 6: First Friday Concert: Deb Bowman, Norcross Community Center, 7 - 9 p.m., *Must RSVP, call 678.421.2048/2049*

MARCH 8: International Women's Day Panel & Booksigning, Norcross Community Center, 3 p.m.

MARCH 9: Movie Monday: Judy, Norcross Community Center, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

MARCH 14: Irish Fest, Downtown Norcross, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

MARCH 21: Historic Trolley Tour, Boards at the Crossing Parking Lot, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., *Must RSVP, call 678.421.2048/2049*

MARCH 23: Movie Monday: Yesterday, Norcross Community Center, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.



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