



# A PLACE TO IMAGINE

NEWSLETTER MAY 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR NEWTON

*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

Despite the challenges and uncertainty of past weeks, I know the future holds great promise for our city. I know this, because I've been watching you, and what I have seen makes me proud to be your mayor.

I have seen residents leave signs and cards for their sanitation crews. I have seen children draw uplifting messages in chalk on driveways. I have seen restaurants converting their kitchens to feed the hungry, and regulars making an effort to support them in return with curbside and online orders. I have seen our police officers spread a little birthday cheer to residents, and I have seen residents and businesses donating much needed supplies to our officers. I have seen an influx of lunchtime

treats being dropped off for our hardworking staff, and I have seen neighbors take to social media in support of one another. Donations to food drives and relief funds are pouring in, and every day I am asked the question, "how can I help?"

In addition to this rallying of the community, I have also had the privilege of seeing our incredible staff at work and have been following the progress of several projects which are still moving forward despite the current situation. Construction on our brand new, state-of-the-art library by Lillian Webb Park continues, along with developments like The Brunswick, Broadstone, The Kelly and more—including our very first brewery! We have a solicitation out for the design of the Police Administration Building, and a new residential project on Buford Highway is under review. Improvements are still being made to roads and other infrastructure like the N. Peachtree Sidewalk project, and of course all of our day-to-day operations are still going on such as utility service, public works and parks maintenance, customer service, permit applications and more. While we remain vigilant and have taken every precaution to stay socially distant and follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC for essential businesses, progress is still moving forward. WE are still moving forward.

While there is still much to overcome, I know we will see the other side because as each of you have shown, we're in this together. When that day comes, we will watch our children head off to school, play on the sidewalks and even share snacks and hugs. We will plan a date night at one of our restaurants and stroll between our favorite shops. And we'll know that when it mattered most, we stepped up, we cared for one another, we did what was right and we endured. This year marks the 150th anniversary of our city. Hang in there! With grace as our power and spirit as our fuel, we will see Norcross flourish for another 150 years!

With gratitude,  
Craig Newton, Mayor



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# CHECK OUT SOME GOOD NEWS

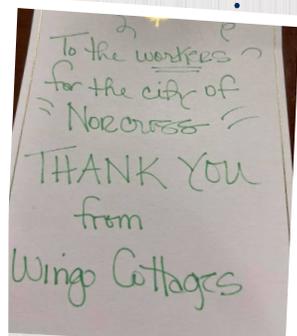
## SOME INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES AROUND TOWN

We have found some happy and inspiring messages around town! A local family created a wonderful inspirational sign, and the Galmich family drew on their driveway thanking those for their service! Make your own sign or leave happy messages where you can! We can do this together!



## THANKS FOR CATERING!

We'd like to thank Judy Bowers, John B., Paizanos, Tucker's Catering, Explore Gwinnett, Beth Tynan, Wingo Cottages and more for bringing our staff lunch and special treats during this challenging time! The Norcross community takes care of those serving it, and we'd like to thank you for thinking of us!



## YOU CAN HELP! JOIN THE FOOD DRIVE

Please help the Norcross Cooperative Ministry help those in need in our community. They are holding a Food Drive and will be accepting donations from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at a trailer parked at Piedmont Bank located at 5100 Peachtree Pkwy. Please contact Shirley Cabe to find out how you can help at 770-263-0013 or [shirley@norcrosso-op.org](mailto:shirley@norcrosso-op.org). You can also drop off donations at any time at Public Works or in the Police lobby and we'll take them to NCM.

# LIBRARY UPDATE

Despite the economic slowdown caused by the coronavirus, construction on our new library continues! In the meantime, enjoy GCPL's digital offerings including new access to Tutor.com and Ancestry.com. If you don't already have one, you can get a temporary library card online at [gwinnettpl.org](http://gwinnettpl.org) for immediate access to the online hub.



## TRIBUTE SIGNS AROUND NORCROSS

John Barber and his team at SpeedPro Imaging of Norcross have installed tribute signs in front of City Hall and Public Works in appreciation of our front line workers. Thank you so much for acknowledging our Norcross Team!



## GOES CURBSIDE

The times are a changin', and so is Norcross Community Market! Order food, bath and body and other products from your favorite vendors and some new ones, too, for convenient pickup at our Drive-through Farmers Market opening soon. You'll be able to place your order online each week and pick up your consolidated, pre-packaged bag of local items each Saturday between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in City Hall's parking lot. All CDC safety protocols will be observed, and SNAP is accepted and doubled on qualifying food purchases. Subscribe to the Norcross Community Market newsletter and follow on social media for further details.  
[bit.ly/3bh4Ths](https://bit.ly/3bh4Ths)



## PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

National Public Works Week is May 19-25, 2020. Public works provides, maintains and improves structures that assure a higher quality of life for our community. The city salutes and thanks our public works staff working tirelessly to keep us all connected!!



# TRIVIA

1. The City of Norcross was the \_\_\_\_\_ city in Gwinnett County

- A. First
- B. Third
- C. Fourth
- D. Second

2. College Street was the site of the town's original \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Football Field
- B. Baseball Field
- C. City Hall
- D. Hotel

3. What was the name of the first car manufactured south of the Mason-Dixon line, in Norcross?

- A. NorX
- B. NorTurbo
- C. The Rider
- D. Quik Speedster

4. \_\_\_\_\_ major leaguers came out of the City of Norcross.

- A. Six
- B. Five
- C. Three
- D. Four

5. In the late 1800's, Norcross became known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Atlanta's Summer Resort
- B. The Best City in Georgia
- C. Nation's 5th Best City
- D. Georgia's Most Exciting Place

6. Which family owned The Old Cotton Gin on Lawrenceville Street?

- A. Smith
- B. Lexington
- C. Summerour
- D. Williamson

Answers: 1. D • 2. B • 3. A • 4. D • 5. A • 6. C

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