



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

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**Norcross
Art Splash**

NORCROSS ART SPLASH

HAS A NEW HOME AT LILLIAN WEBB PARK!

Let the party begin! Norcross Art Splash, the festival with personality, took a year off (due to COVID-19), but the popular fall event will return on Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, October 3 to its new home, beautiful Lillian Webb Park, in the heart of downtown historic Norcross.

Whimsical and colorful booths await happy art buyers, and the artisans look forward to displaying their paintings, clay, jewelry, woodwork, metal art, fiber, mixed media, folk art, culinary treats, photography, glass and so many unique

finds! Georgia Grown members will showcase their goods during the weekend, and visitors can expect to find some real treats from these welcoming folks.

Fun food trucks will serve up delicious festival cuisine, so attendees are urged to come hungry. Kids will find a wonderland of creative crafts and the always exciting inflatable rides.

If shoppers can't make the event, they can visit many of the artists at the online marketplace beginning September 24 running through October 5. Individuals can purchase unique handmade items when the virtual marketplace goes live at bit.ly/2VdhiQM.

For more information, visit
[SplashFestivals.com](https://www.SplashFestivals.com).

DATES:

October 2 • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

October 3 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LOCATION:

Lillian Webb Park

Following CDC guidelines, organizers will provide extra space between artists' booths, and hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout Art Splash.

PARKING:

Free Parking is available all over the charming downtown area.

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

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ATLANTA BRITISH CAR FAYRE

September 11 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Downtown Norcross

With polished leather, gleaming paint and spot-free chrome, the Atlanta British Car Fayre will be rolling into Downtown Norcross once again this September! Held annually in downtown Historic Norcross, the show can boast that it is the largest British car show in the Southeast, with nearly 400 cars and motorcycles. Included in the show are some very rare and historic examples of British car legends, which transitioned into some of the most exotic sports and sedan cars available today.

The show is an enormous benefit to Historic Norcross. The one-day show and the 15,000 – 20,000 visitors, give the downtown merchants their best single business day of the year. Additionally, many of these visitors have returned to enjoy the restaurants and stores and, some have even decided to make Norcross their home.

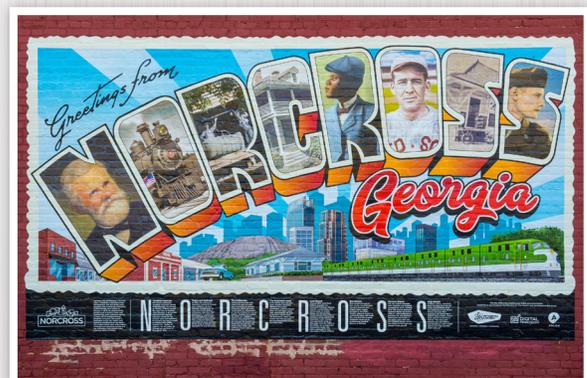
All of the profits that are generated through the show are donated to the Amanda Riley Foundation. This foundation supports hospitalized children who have cancer and their families during their stressful time. A memorable show for a worthy cause.

The Atlanta British Car Fayre had humble beginnings. Twenty-one years ago Edna Berkshire, who at the time owned the Taste of Britain and, as the name implies, was born in Britain, decided to start a British car show. The first show with just 18 cars was located within the small car park next to the Crossing Restaurant in downtown Historic Norcross. Since then, with the help of some very dedicated volunteers and the City of Norcross, it has grown year by year. The event organizers would like to extend their sincerest thanks to the City of Norcross Public Works, Utilities & Parks, the City Police and the Mayor, who have given them 100% support. Most of all, they thank the 40 volunteers who make this run like clockwork. Without their help, there wouldn't be a show.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, September 11!

JOIN THE NORCROSS PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION!

The city currently has an opening for citizens to serve on the Public Arts Commission. The members of NPAC meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in having an active role in the cultivation of a growing, creative arts community in Norcross, 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.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

FEET ON THE STREET STARTS SEPTEMBER 13!

The City of Norcross, the Sustainable Norcross Commission and Waste Management (formerly Advanced Disposal) are working together to bring recycling guidance to your curb! Made possible by a generous grant from The Recycling Partnership (TRP), our upcoming “Feet on the Street” campaign is a four-week effort to help us become the best recyclers we can be. Any unwanted material in our curbside recycling bins poses a safety hazard to workers, damages other recyclable items and threatens the long-term viability of the recycling system. To prevent these problems and increase our

city’s recycling rate, Feet on the Street will be starting in September and provides customized feedback on our recycling habits.

This graphic is a guide for recycling that you will receive in the mail soon if your home has curbside recycling with the City of Norcross. Keep the YES things in your recycling bin and the NO things out. Feel free to put the info card on your fridge for a reminder when you receive it in the mail!

Along with the info card, in the mail you should also receive a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), a letter from Mayor and Council and a new decal you can stick on your recycling bin or cart.

Get ready, Norcross—our feet are soon to hit your street! See you then! If you have any questions, please email communitydevelopment@norcrossga.net.



THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE: GRACIAS POR RECICLAR ESTOS MATERIALES:

YES! Permitidas



Paper Papel



Paper, Cartons and Cardboard
(flattened)
Papel y cartón aplastado



Plastic Plástico



Plastic Bottles and Jugs
(empty and dry)
Botellas y recipientes de plástico (vacíos y secos)



Metal Latas



Aluminum and Steel Cans
(empty and dry)
Latas de aluminio y acero (vacías y secas)

NO! Prohibidas



Do Not Bag Recyclables

No coloque artículos que se puedan reciclar en una bolsa.



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap

(return to retail)
No reciclar bolsas de plástico (devolver a la tienda)



No Glass

(recycle at Norcross Public Works, 345 Lively Avenue)
No reciclar recipientes de vidrio (Llevar a Norcross Public Works, 345 Lively Avenue)



No Food or Liquid

No reciclar alimentos ni líquidos



No Electronics, Batteries or Propane Tanks

No reciclar componentes electrónicos, baterías ni depósitos para combustible



No Cords, Hoses or Chains

No reciclar mangueras, cables ni cadenas





TREE TALK: HIRING A TREE SERVICE COMPANY

When hiring a tree service, ask for certificates of insurance, including proof of liability for personal and property damage and worker's compensation. Contact the insurance company to make sure that the policy is current. In some circumstances, you can be held financially responsible if an uninsured worker is hurt on your property, or if the worker damages a neighbor's property.

Full-service arborists are professionals skilled in planting, pruning, fertilizing, pest management, disease diagnosis, tree removal and stump grinding. Consulting arborists are experts who specialize in tree appraisals, diagnosing problems and recommending treatments but do no removals or pruning. Tree care work is among the most dangerous jobs and should only be performed by those trained and equipped to work safely. Poorly implemented tree work can be deadly to tree workers.

DO:

- Get multiple quotes
- Ask for references
- Get a contract in writing
- In Norcross, a tree permit is required and effective September 1, 2021, a fee of \$125 will be charged per application for both residential and commercial
- You should not pay in full up front; full payment is usually due when the work is done

CAUTION:

- Be careful of tree companies knocking on your door looking for work; they may tell you a tree needs to be removed unnecessarily.
- The low bid is not always the right choice; extremely low prices may mean inexperienced workers or companies without insurance.
- Carefully review the contract before signing to make sure you are getting the services you want.

*Excerpted from Circular 1098, UGA Extension
October 2016*

2021 CITY OF NORCROSS MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The upcoming general election will take place Tuesday, November 2, 2021, to elect the Mayor and two Councilmembers. The polls are located at Norcross City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville Street, Norcross GA, in the second floor Community Room, in accordance and in conformity with the laws of the State of Georgia. The advance voting polls for the November 2 General Election will open on Tuesday, October 12, through Friday, October 29, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday advance voting will be held on October 16 and 23, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sundays are excluded. The polls for the General Election will open on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at the Norcross City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville Street, 2nd Floor Community Room, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., in accordance with the State's laws of Georgia. Computation of votes cast in the November 2 election will be conducted at the time the poll closes. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a run-off election will be held on Tuesday, November 30, between the candidates receiving the two highest numbers of votes.

Should a run-off election be required, the advance voting poll for the run-off election will be held daily from Monday, November 22 through November 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THE CITY PROPERTY TAX AND STORMWATER BILLS

The City Property Tax and Stormwater bills will be 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 email the Administrative Services Department Office at taxes@norcrossga.net.

NORCROSS DDA CONTINUES TO PARTNER WITH BIA CHARTER SCHOOL

Over the past two years, the City of Norcross Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has played a significant role in assisting Brookhaven Innovation Academy (BIA Charter School/BIA) with two key projects—the purchase and renovation of their facility as well as obtaining accreditation.

In 2019, the DDA agreed to issue \$11.35 million of economic incentives in the form of revenue bonds to BIA Charter School for the purchase and renovation of a 48,000 square foot school building and 4,000 square foot gymnasium. The school building and gymnasium were both located on the campus of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church near downtown Norcross.

DDA board member Jim Eyre played a lead role in facilitating the deal and is pleased with the outcome. “The Norcross Downtown Development Authority is open for business and can provide financing for a multitude of projects in Norcross,” Eyre said.

Julie Tolbert, Head of School at BIA, agreed. “The purchase of our school building would not have been possible without the support of the Norcross DDA,” said Tolbert. “...and for that, we are very grateful.”

Since finding their new home, BIA Charter School has been making concerted efforts to become more embedded in the local community and exist as another

educational option for Norcross residents with school-aged children.

ACCREDITATION

As part of their required accreditation efforts, BIA leadership recently coordinated and hosted a community partner focus group. One of the goals of the focus group was identifying different ways the school can support the City of Norcross and vice versa.

DDA board member Lauren Summers represented the DDA at the focus group session. “We are happy to have partnered with the newly accredited BIA Charter School to give additional options to our students,” said Summers. “Being a part of the focus group gave us insights to the parents’ feelings towards BIA and we are pleased to hear how appreciative our parents are of the teaching staff, their communication efforts, hands-on project-based learning style, and the level of care the school provides.”

BIA, which is authorized by the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia, opened in August 2016 and serves students in grades K-8. The school recently received accreditation from Cognia (formerly AdvancED), an Alpharetta-based non-profit organization that has accredited and served more than 36,000 institutions including primary and secondary schools throughout the world since 2006. According to Summers, BIA has been working on accreditation since September 2020 and performed extremely well with their accreditation efforts, scoring 386 points out of a total 400 possible points (the average school score is 280).

For more information on BIA, or to learn how to apply, visit biaschool.org. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to registration@biaschool.org.



IN MEMORIAM: GREGORY MCFARLAND

Resident Greg MacFarland, son of former councilmembers John and Faye McFarland, passed away in July; his family accepted a proclamation in his honor at the August City Council meeting. Greg was a long time member of Norcross First United Methodist Church and a 1990 graduate of Norcross High School. Pictured is his mother, Faye, accepting the proclamation.



IN THE KNOW

MOVIE MONDAYS



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

September 13
Knives Out

September 27
Midway

Enjoy a free movie and light refreshments at Norcross Movie Mondays held at the Cultural Arts & Community Center every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month! Movies start times are at 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

September 3 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
The Downtown Band
Thrasher Park

Enjoy the “sweet sounds of summer” in downtown Norcross and get ready for some serious fun at the Summer Concert Series, which runs May through September in Thrasher Park from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. The concerts are free and local restaurants are happy to create the perfect picnic for concert goers. So grab a chair, a cooler (no glass, please) and a few friends and come enjoy Downtown Norcross and the sweet sounds of summer!

Don't Forget! Each event in the Summer Concert Series will serve as a collection site for the CAN Do food drive, a county-wide effort to fill the shelves of local food pantries. Donations of canned food and non-perishable items can be dropped off in bins during each concert.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

September 11 • 8:30 a.m.
Betty Mauldin Park

The City of Norcross will hold a short 9/11 remembrance ceremony. The event will begin at 8:20 a.m., and will include a ringing of the bell at 8:45 a.m. to mark the time the first tower was hit along with some words from Mayor Newton and bagpipe music. Norcross' own Police, Fire and Masonic Lodge will be in attendance.

LIONHEART THEATRE PRESENTS

**Musical Comedy “Nunsense”:
September 10-26**

The hilarious hit musical “Nunsense” is coming to Lionheart September 10 - 26. Friday and Saturday evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors/students/military. For more information, visit lionhearttheatre.org.

Interested in Lionheart’s Auditions and Classes?

Visit lionhearttheatre.org for up-to-date information about auditions and classes. Lionheart released their fall class schedule in August, so visit the “Classes” page on their website to see what’s on offer!



JAZZ IN THE ALLEY

**September 25 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Shena Renee
Betty Mauldin Park**

Jazz at its best will be taking over Betty Mauldin Park late summer thru early fall from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Local eateries are jazzing things up with some delish chef specials to-go that make it a perfect date night or girl’s night out. During the band breaks, take an easy stroll and check out the deals in our downtown shops! Bring chairs, a cooler (no glass, please) and come chill.

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS ARE BACK!!

**October 1 • 7 - 9 p.m.
Norcross Community Center
Legacy Music**

First Friday Concerts run from October to April and are always a popular night out in the Cultural Arts & Community Center. Come ‘get down’ with the sounds of jazz, rock, Motown and more on the ‘First Friday’ of every month October through April, from 7 to 9 p.m. Seating is limited; no more than six at a table. One reservation per person. No meet-up groups. RSVP required, link to Eventeny coming soon! (Check the city website and social media for updates.)

NEW EXHIBIT AT NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS

Norcross Gallery and Studios, formerly known as Kudzu Art Zone, is bringing yet another great exhibit to Downtown Norcross! Their new show opened on August 30 and runs until October 21 at their location at 116 Carlyle St. Featuring the work of a diverse group of eight local artists, the exhibit spotlights Lucy Brady, Kathy de Cano, Joyce English, Jeannie Fortin, Caroline Hernandez, Kathy Kitz, Aldridge Murrell and Chitra Ramanathan. There will be an opening reception on Friday, October 8, from 6 to 9 p.m., featuring wine, food and lively discussion of art, a wonderful social and cultural occasion. The gallery has chosen this limited format to show more of each artist’s works and allow collectors and viewers to have the opportunity to know each on a more personal level. The gallery is free to visit, and open on Fridays from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 770.840.9844 or visit norcrossgalleryandstudios.org for more information.

JOIN OUR TEAM

Looking for a way to better impact your city? Come work for us! Keep an eye on our website for all job opportunities; we have many immediate positions available.

norcrossga.net/Jobs.aspx.



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October 1

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October 2

Art Splash Festival, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Downtown Norcross

October 3

Art Splash Festival, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Downtown Norcross

October 11

Movie Monday: TBA, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m., Norcross Community Center

October 25

Movie Monday: TBA, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m., Norcross Community Center

October 30

Deutsche Klassik Car Show, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Downtown Norcross



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