



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

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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.

Table sales for the Summer Concert Series will be live on Monday, March 7th at 9 a.m.

**Link will be provided at norcrossga.net*



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CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER CONCERT BANDS!



May 27 Atlanta Pleasure Band

The smooth sound and extreme energy of this band will leave you wanting more! From Motown to Downtown, Atlanta Pleasure Band's performances will get you out on the you on the dance floor.



June 10 Color the Night

Color the Night brings a youthful energy and curating a vast and impressive selection of modern hits and timeless classics from over six decades, the band flows effortlessly between genres, always playing the best next song.



June 24 The PettyBreakers

The PettyBreakers is the #1 touring tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. The band will perform legendary songs combining sounds of country, classic, grunge and of course, anything rock 'n' roll!



July 8 The Bee Gees Gold Tribute Band

Backed by a top-notch rhythm section, Bee Gees Gold: The Tribute recreates the look and sound of the Bee Gees from the 60's through their late 70's prime, spotlighting the unique falsettos that made them legends.



July 22 All in One

All In One will sing and dance their way into your heart while providing top-notch entertainment! All In One performs your favorite contemporary Top -40 dance, R&B, Motown, rock, country and Carolina Beach songs.



August 5 The Breakfast Club

Their mission is to create an entertainment group that embodies the enigmatic, creative and buoyant spirit of the music and live performances from the original MTV generation of the 1980's. That mission remains today.



August 19 Liverpool Legends

With their love for The Beatles and love for performance, the Liverpool Legends will present a show-stopping performance of all the classic hits.



September 2 Voltage Brothers

The Voltage Brothers' repertoire consists of your favorite R&B, swing, Carolina beach music, disco, funk, hip hop, jazz, Motown, pop and even classic rock hits.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

SUSTAINABILITY



The City of Norcross is proud to announce that it is a re-certified Platinum Green Community! Certified as a Green Community in 2010 and earning the Platinum Level Certification in 2016, this award reflects hard work and dedication stretching across a decade. Thank you, Mayor and Council, Sustainable Norcross Commission (SNC), staff and community members for pursuing green initiatives that are grounded in thoughtful action and meaningful partnerships.

From “Feet on the Street” to the installation of a Pollinator Habitat at City Hall, Norcross pursues sustainability projects that provide continuous education to Norcross residents and facilitate community involvement. Whether they are building raised beds at local schools, manning bi-annual recycling and cleanup days or providing weekly education at the Norcross Community Market, Norcross’ sustainability team supports initiatives that serve the needs of local residents.

Sustainable Norcross Commission (SNC) and staff actively partner with local organizations and global sustainability experts to ensure that sustainability is woven into operations throughout the city. Partnerships with Waste Management, Norcross Garden Club, Gwinnett County Public Schools and more expand the vision of a sustainable city and integrate it into the daily lives of our residents.

In addition to community activities, Norcross is committed to investing in green infrastructure



that will support current and future residents. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, the Norcross Library and policies such as the LEED Building Policy and the newly adopted Deconstruction Ordinance, are just a few of the sustainable building investments in Norcross!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming green events:

- March 26 | Gardening for Pollinators Workshop**
- April 9 | Spring Neighborhood Cleanup & Recycling Day**
- April 22-24 | Earth Day Events**
- May 4 | Norcross Community Market**
- June 20-24 | National Pollinator Week**

...and more at norcrossga.net!

To ask questions and get involved, email sustainable@norcrossga.net.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP & RECYCLING DAY

APRIL 9, 2022



Recycle & Cleanup Event

Drop-off collections available for Single-stream Recycling, Glass Recycling, Hard-to-Recycle Materials and Bulk Material Disposal. Hazardous material (batteries, paint, large car parts, motor, tires, oil, anti-freeze, concrete, household chemicals and similar items) **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED**. Items must be of reasonable size and environmentally safe to be disposed of properly. **8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Norcross Public Works (345 Lively Avenue)**

Shredding Event

Shred-it will be on site with their shred truck! Watch on the video display as your materials are shredded securely. Limited to 5 medium boxes or equivalent. **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (or until truck is full) at Norcross City Hall (65 Lawrenceville Street)**



Electronics Recycling Event

Recycle old cell phones, computers, keyboards and more! City volunteers will help you unload. **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Norcross City Hall (65 Lawrenceville Street)**

This event is open to Norcross Residents (proof of residency required). For more information on these events and what materials are allowed, visit norcrossga.net, or contact communitydevelopment@norcrossga.net.

For complete information on these events and what material are allowed at each event, please visit aplacetoimagine.com to view informational flyers.

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TREE TALK

Right Tree, Right Place!

Selecting a tree to plant involves several considerations beyond simple aesthetics and desire to do good for the community. Careful consideration of location, growth habit and eventual size will ultimately determine the success of the tree's longevity.

Location

As a mature tree's roots likely extend 2.5x the width of the canopy's drip line, the location in which a tree is planted will be the most limiting factor. While native shade trees provide the most essential benefits, they are not appropriate for small growing spaces and certainly not within 20 feet of structures.

Utilities

To avoid outages and utility pruning, power companies ask that overstory trees not be sited within 50 feet of

overhead power lines and mid-canopy trees no closer than 25 feet. No trees should be planted within 5 feet of underground water, fiber or gas lines. Although buried utilities should be at least 18 inches deep, this is not always the case. If in doubt, call 811 before you dig! Usually within 3 days, underground utilities will be located – avoid devastating mistakes and costly repairs!

With the above duly noted,
LET'S PLANT TREES!

*City of Norcross Tree Preservation Board Member,
Terry Sutton*

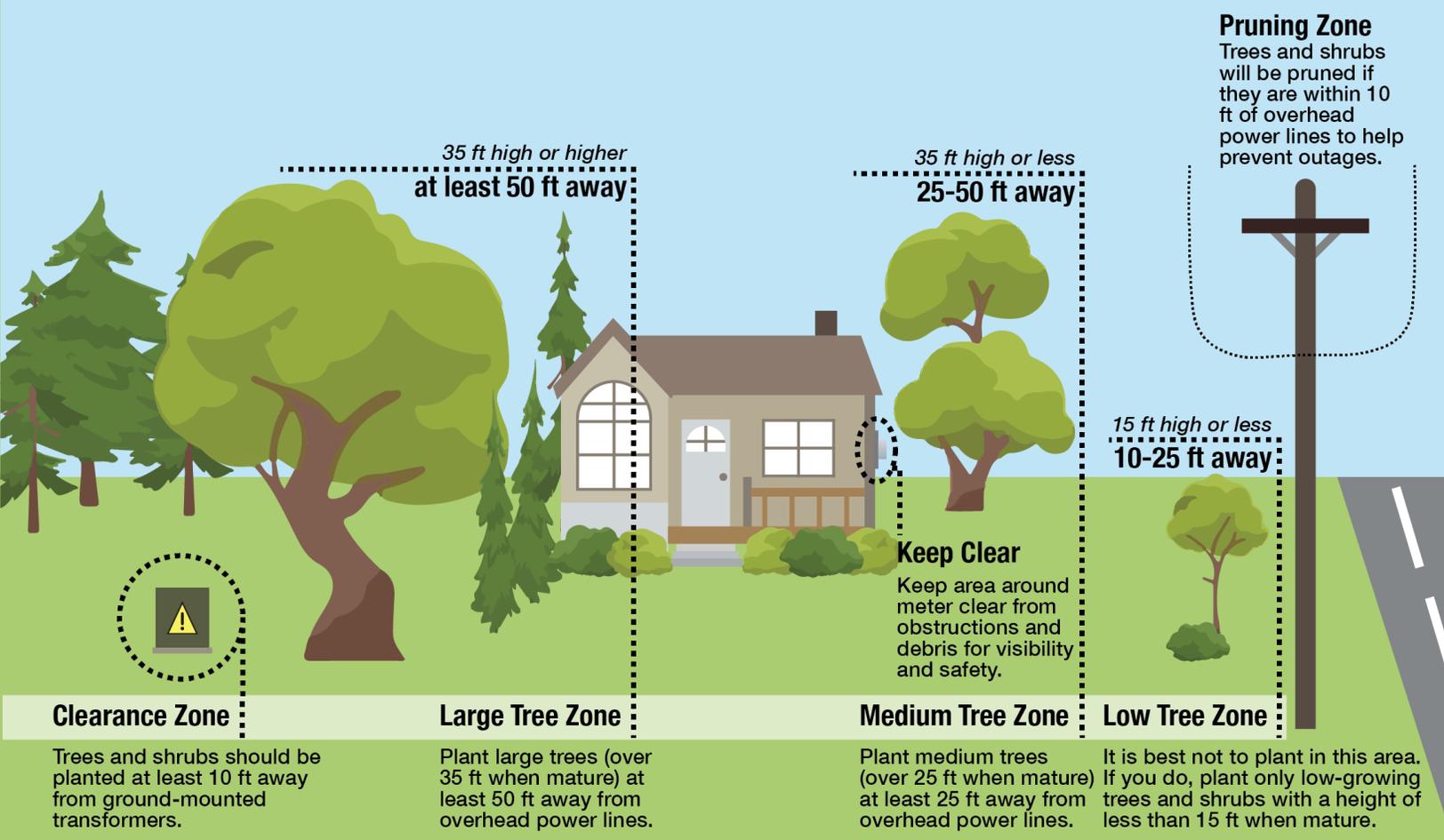
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RIGHT TREE, RIGHT PLACE!

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IN THE KNOW

MOVIE MONDAYS



March 14
RESPECT



March 28
Jungle Cruise

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

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.

THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY

From March 4th to 20th, Lionheart is pleased to present the classic play "A Streetcar Named Desire." Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors/ students. Visit lionhearttheatre.org for tickets. Dessert is included. This play is recommended for ages 16+.



FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT Deb Bowman and the Big Love Band

Join us on March 4th between 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Norcross Community Center! 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.

PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS

Workshop Series

Making Norcross a place where pollinators thrive is something we can all do. Whether you have a tiny spot for a pot on a balcony or back deck, a corner of your lawn or a whole yard to dedicate, this gardening series will help you successfully support pollinators!

Join Sustainable Norcross' Bee City Committee on Saturday, March 26th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to begin preparing the site of the new City Hall pollinator habitat! During this hands-on workshop, you will work with master gardeners and learn how you can start a garden in your own space. We will meet in front of City Hall (65 Lawrenceville Street) at 10:00 a.m. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring gardening tools (gloves, rakes, shovels and hoes) to share!

Pre-register for this Planting for Pollinators Workshop by emailing communitydevelopment@norcrossga.net.

For more information on Bee City USA and the Planting for Pollinator Workshop Series, visit norcrossga.net/bee-city.



APRIL 1

First Friday Concert: Xtreme Party Band, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Norcross Community Center

APRIL 09

Neighborhood Cleanup & Recycling Day, Various Times & Locations

APRIL 16

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m., Rossie Brundage Park

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Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt, 1:00 p.m., Rossie Brundage Park

APRIL 23

Queen Jubilee Street Party, Skin Alley, TBA

SUSTAINABILITY



TIP OF THE MONTH

RECYCLE LOCALLY

Don't forget to recycle where you shop! Items like plastic shopping bags and plastic bread bags are NOT acceptable in your curbside recycling bin. Instead of throwing them away, you can recycle those items at your local grocery store. Thanks for recycling right, Norcross!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Indoor events are subject to cancellation due to COVID-19 restrictions.

March 4

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March 7

Table Sales for the Summer Concert Series, 9:00 a.m., Online

March 14

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

March 26

Gardening for Pollinators Workshop, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Norcross City Hall 2nd Floor Community Room

March 28

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



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recibir le boletín
en español!