



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

NEWSLETTER • JUNE 2022



July 3 • 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Downtown Norcross

GET READY FOR THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!

The City of Norcross is throwing a pre-Fourth of July block party and you're invited! Make your way to the heart of Downtown Norcross on July 3 for food, fun and fireworks during the 2022 edition of Red White and BOOM! The good times kick off between 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. with bounce houses (nominal fee), festive face painting and an assortment of food vendors. For those looking to continue the fun and celebration, head over to one of Norcross' local hotspots for live music and libations.

Please note: Absolutely no shade structures (tents or umbrellas) are allowed and will have to be dismantled. ADA parking will be available at City Hall and the library deck. City staff will be available to transport seniors or anyone needing assistance that day via golf carts.



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Event Details!

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

City Hall: 65 Lawrenceville Street, Norcross, GA 30071
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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BLUESBERRY & BEER

FESTIVAL



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Specials!



SATURDAY
JUNE 18, 2022
Betty Mauldin Park
3-10 p.m.

FEATURED PERFORMERS



SANDRA HALL



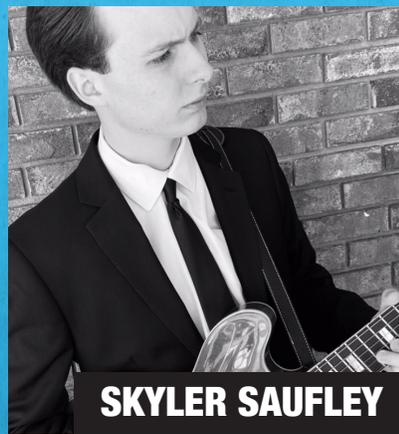
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REAL DEAL



CODY MATLOCK



SKYLER SAUFLEY



CAZANOVAS

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

CODE ENFORCEMENT: A DIVISION OF THE NORCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Committed to the Health, Safety and Welfare of All

It takes a village to keep Norcross 'a place to imagine.' Part of that village is the Code Enforcement Division of the Norcross Police Department. The mission of the Code Enforcement Division is to enforce the codes of the city in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community, and to work with the citizens of Norcross to achieve compliance through an efficient and fair process where violations occur.

The goals of the Code Enforcement Division are to:

- Maintain an attractive, safe and healthy environment in order to provide a high quality of life for our residents and visitors
- Improve both the appearance and value of residential and business property
- Provide prompt, courteous and professional service to the citizens of the City of Norcross
- Encourage responsible property maintenance
- Seek voluntary compliance with the provisions of the City Code
- Maintain open communications and continuing education with the community

While these goals may sound simple, cooperation and support from businesses, property owners and residents are necessary to make them attainable.

Here are a few simple reminders and helpful tips from the Code Enforcement Division:

TRASH CAN STORAGE

Refuse bins and carts must be stored or placed only in the rear yard or inside enclosed structures where they are not visible from the street, with the exception of the regularly scheduled pick-up day hours permitted.

OUTDOOR STORAGE

If it doesn't belong outside, then putting it outside is against code. Tires, sofas, recliners and other non-patio furniture or goods must be stored indoors.

HOME MAINTENANCE

Homeowners are responsible for providing regular maintenance of home's exterior and landscaping. Front and back yards should be well maintained, mowed regularly and free from trash, weeds and overgrown vegetation.

INOPERABLE VEHICLES

Vehicles that are rendered inoperable due to any reason are not permitted on the property of businesses/residents. Keep your license plate current and your vehicles in good operating condition (not wrecked, tires not flat).

LEAF BAGGING

Leaves should be bagged from February 1 - October 31. From November 1 - January 31, leaves can be left at the end of each property in bundles to be vacuumed.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING MANAGEMENT

No more than four vehicles (including trailers) per home shall be parked, stopped, standing or stored. Parking of any vehicle on grass or dirt is prohibited.

STREET PARKING

Parking must be with the flow of traffic. If you are going to parallel park or pull into a diagonal space, your car must be facing the direction of traffic on that side of the street.

TREE CUTTING

If you are planning to cut a tree six inches or larger in diameter within the City of Norcross, you must first obtain a tree permit from the Community Development Department at City Hall.

BUILDING PERMITS

Most repairs or renovations on buildings and houses in the city require a permit. If you plan to enlarge, alter, repair, demolish or change a building or house, contact Community Development at 678-421-2027 before you start the job. This includes roof repairs.

FIREWORKS & CELEBRATORY FIREARMS

Under no circumstances, is it **never** legal to shoot celebratory firearms. Firing gunshots is highly illegal, dangerous and puts other lives at risk. The use of fireworks is legal on these 7 days/times in Georgia: In all cases except New Year's, fireworks may only be used until 11:59 p.m.

- Memorial Weekend (Fireworks may be used on Saturday and Sunday, but not Monday of Memorial Day)
- Independence Day (July 3rd and 4th)
- Labor Day (First Monday in September)
- New Year's Eve (Dec. 31st through 1 a.m. on Jan. 1st)
- For the safety and courtesy of the community, please be responsible and follow the guideline when using fireworks.

For more information on code violations, visit municode.com

IN THE KNOW

MOVIE MONDAYS

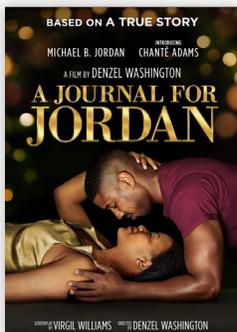


June 13

Spiderman-
No Way Home

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.



June 27

A Journal
for Jordan

GWINNETT SYMPHONY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

June 4 • 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Thrasher Park

Come dance the night away as Gwinnett Symphony Jazz Ensemble, presents the exciting sounds of Summer Latin Spices under the direction of pianist, Jose Garcia! For your listening and dancing pleasure, this free concert will take place Saturday, June 4 between 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Thrasher Park. Bring your food, favorite beverages and chairs to enjoy a great summer evening!



June 10 • Color The Night
June 24 • The PettyBreakers

7:30- 9:30 p.m.
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 - 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.



JAZZ IN THE ALLEY

June 11 • 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Betty Mauldin Park

Jazz in the Alley is a live outdoor music concert series that features some of the most talented jazz artists from Atlanta and surrounding cities. The concert was created as a platform for up-and-coming artists. It generates exposure and keeps the art of jazz alive by sharing music with cities around Georgia. The annual summer series has gained local notoriety from artists and jazz enthusiasts of all ages!

Attendees are encouraged to bring their picnic baskets, lawn chairs, savory snacks and beverages. Also, local eateries and food trucks/vendors will be jazzing things up with some to-go chef specials that will help make Jazz in the Alley the perfect date night, family night or girl's night out!

THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY

Lionheart's Staged Reading & Talk Back June 11

Lionheart will host a staged reading and talk back session for a new play in development, "Lookout Girl" by Calvin Bernardo, on Saturday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. This event is free, but donations are appreciated.

"Cinderellie-Mae" July 14 - 17

Lionheart is pleased to present the fun, family-friendly comedy, "Cinderellie-Mae." Tickets are \$12, which includes lemonade and cookies with the cast after the show. Come out and enjoy this fun spin on the classic fairytale.



The Paris Dancers: Senior Moments Tour July 28 - 31

Tickets are available at lionhearttheatre.org for The Paris Dancers: Senior Moments Tour. Join us at Lionheart July 28 - 31 for a show stopping evening of dance. All tickets are \$15.

To view full schedules, to register, or see more information, visit lionhearttheatre.org.

TREE TALK

With the hiring of a full-time arborist, the Tree Preservation Board (TPB) is looking to propose updated changes to the Tree Preservation Ordinance and present them before the Planning and Zoning Board and Mayor and Council this coming summer.

Changes that are being considered include the following:

Removing the current individual residential exemption for meeting a Tree Density Unit (TDU) of 16 TDUs per acre. For reference, unit values are assigned based on a tree's size. Instead, the TPB proposes that individual developed lots should meet a basic number of TDUs. Current consideration is for a minimum of 1.6 TDUs per lot.

Providing for an exemption from meeting the TDU when removing a dead, diseased, infested or dangerous tree when a certified arborist or

forestry professional provides a report describing the subject tree is dead, diseased, infested or dangerous.

Invasive species and nuisance species are also proposed to be addressed. Tree-of-heaven, Mimosa, Chinaberry, Princess Tree, Chinese Tallow Tree, Bradford Pear and Leyland Cypress can be exempt from the tree removal fee but are subject to a \$25 assessment fee by the Community Development designee.

The city is losing quite a number of healthy specimen trees. The TPB is also considering recommending ways to encourage retention of healthy specimen trees. One way is to charge enhanced fees for removing otherwise healthy specimen trees. However, we are also interested in hearing how we could positively encourage the retention of healthy specimen trees. Contact us with your thoughts at treeboard@norcrossga.net.

The Tree Preservation Board and the City of Norcross hope to ensure our tree canopy will continue to thrive and benefit all of Norcross.



SUSTAINABILITY



TIP OF THE MONTH

PLANTS SEEDS... SAVE THE BEES!

Now is a great time to start a container or in-ground garden...especially with pollinator-friendly plants! Plants such as Marigolds, Coreopsis, Echinacea (Purple Cone Flower), Rudbeckia and several others are great plants that attract pollinators such as bees, butterflies and beetles that help the world's food production.

The week of June 20 - 26 is National Pollinator Week where we recognize the contributions of pollinators and share ways to protect them. Check the City of Norcross Facebook page for more ways on how you can celebrate, and if you need a little more inspiration, you can visit the Norcross City Hall Pollinator Garden!



Join us **every Wednesday through August in Thrasher Park between 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.** for live music, children's activities and local shopping with our many farmers and producers. Peaches, blueberries and tomatoes are in season among many other summer crops. Grab dinner from our prepared food vendors and enjoy a picnic in the park. Come discover something new each week.

NCM's Power of Produce Children's Tent for elementary aged children encourages kids to interact with our farmers and learn about produce. The POP Tent will be at every market from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Kids will receive \$2 Market Money to buy fruit & veggies.

NCM is a Wholesome Wave Georgia Fresh for Less partner market! That means that SNAP recipients can double their benefits at each visit to the market, doubling their buying power for fresh fruits and veggies, all while supporting local farmers. Swing by the info booth to use your SNAP/EBT card at the market.

Follow Norcross Community Market on Facebook and subscribe to our Newsletter for updates and events.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION!

June 19 • 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Thrasher Park

This event, hosted by the City of Norcross in partnership with Gwinnett NAACP, RevUp and OneDayOnTheNawf, is intended to educate and inform the public about the rich African American culture and history found in Gwinnett County! On Sunday, June 19th, join us at Thrasher Park to celebrate the African American spirit triumphing over slavery.

Two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 freed enslaved people in slave-held states, those who were held captive out west and beyond did not receive the news. General Order No. 3 arrived in Texas on June 19, 1865 to inform the enslaved people that they were no longer property.

Juneteenth was established. We celebrate the strength, endurance and perseverance of African American people and their connection to the African Diaspora. Learn about the culture, traditions, music, art and food and come have some good ole family fun. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join in making all of us "Better Together!"



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

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

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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