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SUMMER CONCERT ★ SERIES ★

Get ready to enjoy the sweet sounds of summer at the City of Norcross' Summer Concert Series which runs May through September from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Thrasher Park. Enjoy tunes from a lineup of talented performers while you eat at a local restaurant or picnic in the park. It's the perfect way to spend a summer evening!

And to make it even better, 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. See a list of suggested items at aplacetoimagine.com/Can-Do-Food-Drive. Donations of canned food and non-perishable items can be dropped off in bins during each concert, so you can dance the night away and do some good for your community at the same time!

**Summer Concert Table Sales will be available
Monday, April 17 at 9:00 a.m.**

***Link will be provided at aplacetoimagine.com**



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CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER CONCERT LINEUP!



MAY 26 Creedence Revived

Creedence Revived is the kind of tribute band that makes you forget you're not actually watching the original band. With their exceptional musicianship and dynamic performances, they'll have you dancing like you're back in the 60s. You might even catch yourself yelling out "CCR forever!" by the end of the night.



JUNE 9 Bogey And The Viceroy

Get ready to dance the night away with Bogey & the Viceroy, the masters of soul, r&b, rock, and pop! This groovin' crew never fails to turn any event into a party, with their infectious energy, smooth vocals and tight musicianship.



JUNE 23 Purple Madness

Get ready to party like it's 1999, because Purple Madness is in town! Bobby Miller and his crew bring the ultimate tribute to the one and only Prince, complete with all the hits and iconic dance moves. Trust us, this is a show you won't want to miss - it's a Prince party and everyone's invited!



JULY 7 Az IzZ

With their infectious energy and ability to get everyone on the dance floor, Az IzZ is known as one of the best dance bands not just in Georgia, but maybe even in the entire country! From jazz and swing to motown, beach, 80's, 90's, and even top 40 hits, this band has something for everyone.



JULY 21 Canelita Sabrosa

From Latin jazz to pop and r&b, Canelita Sabrosa is the perfect blend of sweet and spicy music. Enjoy the band that brings together different cultures, flavors and rhythms to create something truly unique and delicious!



AUGUST 4 The New Royals

From classic soul and r&b to modern chart-toppers, The New Royals has got it all covered to keep you moving and grooving. With their irresistible energy and genuine chemistry on stage, their performance creates a vibe that is both inclusive and uplifting.



AUGUST 18 The Ray Howard Band

The Ray Brown Band is your go-to for cross-generational music that'll keep you dancing all night long! From motown classics to epic tribute covers, their live performances are the perfect addition to any good time.



SEPTEMBER 1 Black Jacket Symphony

The Black Jacket Symphony has got you covered with their faithful recreation of classic albums. Get ready to experience the ultimate tribute to classic rock, where every note, every sound and every memory is faithfully reproduced for your enjoyment!



Easter

EGG HUNTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8 • 10:00 a.m. • Rossie Brundage Park
Get ready to hippity hop with the Easter Bunny in Norcross! On Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m., head over to Rossie Brundage Park for a totally free Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny promises to hide his eggs well, but no peeking! The hunt is super quick, so make sure you arrive a few minutes early with your Easter baskets in hand. After the hunt, stick around to meet the Easter Bunny himself and snap some pics to remember the moment. It's the perfect way to celebrate the renewal of spring in Norcross, so hop on over and join in the fun!

EGGS-TRA SPECIAL NEEDS EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8 • 1:00 p.m. • Rossie Brundage Park
Hop on over to Rossie Brundage Park on Saturday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m. for an Egg-stra Special Egg Hunt just for kids with special needs! The hunt is super quick, so make sure you arrive a few minutes early to catch all the action. Best of all, it's totally free and designed to be safe and inclusive for everyone. We've got special scooping nets for kids in wheelchairs and other accessories for additional assistance.

Plus, we're thrilled to announce that the International Association Bomb Technicians and Investigators and the Atlanta Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are providing beeping eggs for our blind and visually impaired friends! A big shout-out to the Spectrum Autism Support Group and the Georgia Interpreting Services Network for supporting our hearing impaired friends too.

Spots are limited, RSVP is live starting March 6 at <http://bit.ly/3KNfS6T>.

SHOP HOP EGGS-TRAVAGANZA

**Saturday, April 8 • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Downtown Norcross**

Mark your calendars for an egg-citing event at the Eggs-travaganza Shop Hop hosted by the Heart of Norcross on April 8 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Join in on the fun with face painting and balloon art from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., stilt walkers from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., and the Easter Bunny making an appearance throughout the event. Don't miss the chance to collect hidden eggs filled with candy and discounts at participating shops and restaurants!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

PUBLIC WORKS, UTILITIES AND PARKS DEPARTMENT



STORMWATER PIPES 101: UNDERSTANDING THE LIFELINE OF OUR COMMUNITIES

The City of Norcross' Stormwater Division is currently undergoing city-wide storm pipe relining projects. Stormwater comes from precipitation, and can either seep into the ground or flow over surfaces. Proper maintenance of stormwater pipes is crucial for effective stormwater management. Without the proper maintenance, the pipes lose their functionality and no longer operate as designed.

Pipe relining is an innovative and environmentally friendly method of repairing failed pipes from the inside, without the need to dig out roadways and yards. This approach minimizes disruption to Norcross citizens. One popular method of rehabilitation is Cured-In-Place-Pipe, also known as CIPP, pipe relining. After inspecting and cleaning the pipe, a decision is made on whether it fits the criteria for relining. If so, composite resin liner is inserted into the pipe's interior, followed by the curing process to restore the structural integrity of the existing pipe improving the pipe's overall strength and the flow of stormwater runoff, thereby extending the pipe's lifespan. Pipe relining is generally more convenient,

cost-effective, and simpler for citizens than digging, repairing, and replacing pipes.

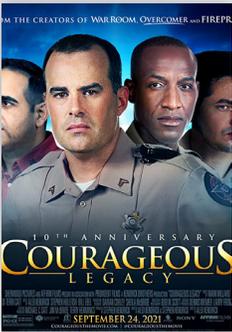
Fortunately, the City of Norcross has secured funding through the American Rescue Plan Act, also known as ARPA, to address the necessary stormwater repairs and replacements for the city's infrastructure. This funding will enable the city's stormwater division to carry out critical repairs and replacements to the stormwater system, ensuring the continued safe and efficient management of stormwater runoff.

With the ARPA funds, the city will be able to upgrade and maintain its aging stormwater infrastructure, providing the necessary protection against flooding and other stormwater-related issues for the city's residents and businesses.



IN THE KNOW

MOVIE MONDAYS



April 10
Courageous Legacy



April 24
Redeeming Love

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! Movie start times are 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



Calling all market enthusiasts and community champions! Get ready to roll up your sleeves and dive into the excitement of Farm Fresh Days - coming soon next month! We're on the lookout for passionate volunteers who want to make a difference. So why wait? Drop us a line at communitydevelopment@norcrossga.net and join the team today!



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP & RECYCLING DAY

April 22 • 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Norcross Public Works • 345 Lively Avenue
(Entrance via S Cemetery Street)

We're making it easy to do your part by accepting single-stream recyclables, glass bottles and jars, electronics, and scrap metal.

Plus, this year we're partnering with Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, also known as FODAC, to collect gently used medical equipment. Let's work together to keep Norcross beautiful and sustainable!

For more information or volunteer opportunities, contact communitydevelopment@norcrossga.net.

SUSTAINABILITY



TIP OF THE MONTH

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!

Let's give our planet some love this Earth Day! While it's great to celebrate on April 22, we can keep the party going all month long by living sustainably and protecting our home. Take action by reducing waste, shopping local, recycling, and joining a community clean-up.

And don't miss out on these awesome events: Storytime at the Norcross Public Library on April 20 at 11:00 a.m. and Planting for Pollinators Workshop on April 15. Let's show the Earth some appreciation!

PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS WORKSHOP SERIES



Saturday, April 15 • 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
City Hall Pollinator Garden

Together with master gardeners, we'll define the garden beds and start planting. Don't miss this 'un-bee-lievable' opportunity to gain hands-on experience and contribute to our award-winning community project!

Gardeners of all ages and skill levels are welcome, and we'll provide water, snacks, and gardening tools - just bring your own work gloves. To reserve your spot, buzz on over and email us at communitydevelopment@norcrossga.net.

THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY



"The House at Pooh Corner"
Auditions Runs April 22 & 24

Lionheart will be holding open auditions for our July production of "The House at Pooh Corner" on April 22 and 24. Roles are available for actors ages 10 to 40.

"Jeffrey" Runs May 5 - May 21

Lionheart's May production of "Jeffrey" by Paul Rudnick runs March 5 through March 21. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors/students/military. Dessert is included and served at intermission. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Recommended for ages 16+ due to mature themes and sexual content.

Lionheart's Summer Drama Camp Registration

Registration is now open for Lionheart's June Summer Drama Camps. Lionheart offers two-week camps for children and teenagers aged 8 to 18. One camp focuses on Dr. Seuss themed musical theatre with puppetry, while the other camp is designed to help participants understand and perform the works of Shakespeare.

For more information, visit lionhearttheatre.org.

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS SURVEY

The City of Norcross is always looking for ways to enhance and improve our events, and we need your help! We would love to hear your feedback and opinions about our beloved First Friday Concert Series. Your valuable insights will help us tailor this event to fit your preferences and make it the best it can be.

We want to know which performers you love, which genres you prefer, and any other feedback you have about the concert series. The survey will be open from April 9 through April 30 and all responses are anonymous.

Don't miss the Xtreme Party Band - the final concert of the season! Friday, April 7 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Cultural Arts & Community Center.



SCAN HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY

NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS

Art Exhibit 'For the Love of Art' Now - April 15

Come see the gallery to experience a member exhibit juried by Chin-Cheng Hung.

Art Exhibit 'Georgia Spring' Opens April 20

Visit the gallery to experience a member collaborative exhibit.

Artist of the Month Opens Now - April 30

Congratulations, Cynthia Corbin for being featured as the 'Artist of the Month!' All month long, 45 South Cafe will be showcasing a collection of her work.

Here to Help you Learn About Art!

For exhibit schedules and workshops, visit norcrossgalleryandstudios.org.



MATURE TREE CARE

Think of tree care as an investment. A healthy tree increases in value with age; paying big dividends, increasing property values, beautifying our surroundings, purifying our air, saving energy by providing cooling shade from summer's heat and protection from winter's wind.

Providing a preventative care program for your landscape plants is like putting money in the bank. Regular maintenance, designed to promote plant health and vigor, assures their value will continue to grow. Preventing a problem is much less costly and time-consuming than curing one once it has developed.

An effective maintenance program, including regular inspections and the necessary follow-up care of mulching, fertilizing, and pruning, can detect problems and correct them before they become damaging or fatal. Considering many tree species can live as long as 200-300 years, including these practices when caring for your home landscape is an investment that will offer enjoyment and value for generations.

Tree Inspection: By providing regular inspections of mature trees suggested once a year, you can prevent or reduce the severity of future disease, insect and environmental problems.

Mulching: Mulching can reduce environmental stress by providing trees with a stable root environment that



is cooler and contains more moisture than the surrounding soil. Mulch can also prevent mechanical damage by keeping machines and weed whips away from the tree's base.

Fertilization: Trees require certain nutrients to function and grow. Fertilizing can increase growth, reduce susceptibility to diseases and pests and can even help reverse declining health. Be sure to apply wisely – mature trees achieving satisfactory growth may not require fertilization.

Pruning: Pruning is often desirable to remove dead, diseased or insect infected branches, improve tree structure, enhance vigor or maintain safety.

For more information on mature tree care, contact your local ISA Certified Arborist, garden center, county extension agent or city arborist.

Courtesy of International Society of Arboriculture Brochure "Mature Tree Care"

INTRODUCING OUR 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR!



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