



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

NEWSLETTER • JUNE 2023

BLUESBERRY & BEER FESTIVAL

June 24 • 3:00 - 10:00 p.m. • Betty Maudlin Park

Get ready to have a 'berry' good time at the Bluesberry Beer & Music Festival hosted by the City of Norcross! This event is the perfect opportunity to indulge in all things blueberry, from drinks to treats, while enjoying some soulful blues music.

And it's not just about the blueberries! The festival has partnered with downtown businesses to offer exclusive deals and offers, so keep an eye out for the 'Cool Blue Dude' outside store fronts to make sure you don't miss out on any extra fun.

But the real star of the show is the talented lineup of performers, guaranteed to get you dancing and singing along all night long.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS SPECIALS

45 SOUTH CAFE

- Bluesberry Sangria
- Special Lattes
- Triple Points For Loyalty Members

ANTIQUÉ TRADITIONS & REMINISCÉ

- Complimentary Blueberry Libation
- Sip & Shop Specials and Samples from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

BLEU HOUSE

- Blueberry Cobbler
- Blueberry Watermelon Salad
- Turkey and Blueberry Wrap

MOJITOS

- Blueberry Mojitos
- Blueberry Salad

PAIZANOS

- Blueberry Sangria

SOCIAL FOX BREWING

- Blueberry Sour Beer

STUDIO 87 YOGA

- Four classes for \$35

ZAPATA

- Blueberry Margaritas



FEATURED PERFORMERS



THE CAZANOVAS



FRANKIE'S BLUES MISSION



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ALBERT WHITE

FARM FRESH DAYS POP-UP

Hey there, foodies! Get ready to taste the rainbow with our Farm Fresh Days pop-up at the event. We'll be bringing all things blue to the table, so come and indulge in our selection of fresh and delicious produce and products. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind culinary adventure!

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JULY 3 • 5:00 - 10:00 P.M.
LILLIAN WEBB PARK

Get ready to kick off your Fourth of July celebrations with a bang at Red, White & BOOM! in Lillian Webb Park! The City of Norcross is thrilled to host this amazing event on July 3 from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m., filled with food, music, face painting, bouncy houses and more. Bring your friends and family, and get ready for a night of unforgettable fun.

As the sun sets, get ready to watch an incredible fireworks display light up the sky in shades of red, white and blue. But the excitement doesn't stop there! Before the show, you can enjoy live music from talented musicians, indulge in delicious food from a variety of vendors, and let your kids get their faces painted or jump around in the bouncy houses.

This event is free and open to everyone, so don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to come together and celebrate our country's independence. Be sure to bring your blankets and chairs so you can kick back and relax while you enjoy the show. And remember, no shade structures, tents or umbrellas are allowed, so come prepared to enjoy the festivities under the stars.

Finally, if you or anyone in your group needs assistance getting around, staff will be available to transport seniors and anyone who needs it via golf carts. So come join us for a night of fireworks, food and fun at Red, White & BOOM! in Lillian Webb Park!

**SCAN HERE
FOR MORE
IMPORTANT
DETAILS!**



REMINDERS

- Roads close at 2 p.m;
No parking downtown after 11 a.m
- Parking & Shuttle
available at One Heart Church &
United Methodist Church
- ADA Parking will be
located at City Hall &
in the Library's garage
- Fireworks begin at dusk (~9:40 p.m.)
No access to fallout zone during the
show & 15 minutes before & after
- Please only cross Buford Hwy at
the crosswalks for your own safety
- Please do not place chairs or otherwise
sit on the banks of the railroad tracks,
the speed of passing trains makes
this unsafe

ANNOUNCING A CITY-WIDE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION!



NORCROSS
& studios
gallery

NORCROSS—LIFE THROUGH THE LENS | NORCROSS—LA VIDA A TRAVÉS DE UN LENTE

In partnership with Norcross Public Arts Commission

Take pictures during the 24 hours from sundown July 3 to sundown July 4 and enter them in our city-wide photography competition! You can capture the thrill of fireworks at Thrasher Park on the evening of the July 3, and the camaraderie of family cookouts on July 4.

Make your submissions at our website, norcrossgalleryandstudios.org starting from July 14 through July 24. Entry will be free of charge! But the excitement doesn't stop there, we'll be displaying all the selections throughout multiple locations across the city from September 14 through October 31. Plus, the top chosen photographs will hang in our beautiful gallery at 116 Carlyle Street, Norcross.

Everyone can come share the joy, looking for pictures of the people they love and what they love to do celebrating our nation's anniversary!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Hello, Norcross community! As members of the Code Enforcement Team, we want to remind you that our mission is to keep our community safe and healthy by upholding city ordinances. Our goal is to work with homeowners, tenants and businesses to achieve compliance, ultimately creating a beautiful and safe environment for everyone.

Maintaining an attractive and healthy environment not only benefits our residents and visitors but also helps homeowners improve their appearance and property value. It's a win-win situation! That's why our Code Enforcement Officers undergo yearly training with the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement, accumulating hours and earning certifications at different levels to stay up-to-date with the latest knowledge and techniques.

In order to help us maintain a high quality of life in Norcross, we wanted to bring some common violations to your attention. Let's work together to keep our community safe and beautiful!



OPEN & OUTDOOR STORAGE

As a reminder, outdoor storage of items that don't belong outside is against city code. That means items like tires, sofas, recliners and non-patio furniture must be stored indoors. If you have any large items that won't fit in your trash bins, don't worry! Waste Management is here to help. Just give them a call at 678-495-0058 to schedule a bulk pick-up.

HOME MAINTENANCE

Now is the time to prioritize your lawn maintenance routine. Both your front and back yards should be well taken care of, regularly mowed and free from unsightly trash, weeds and overgrown vegetation.

BUILDING PERMITS

Planning any construction work? Don't risk it, call us first to find out if you need a permit. Even re-roofing your home requires a permit in our city. For any alterations, repairs or demolition, get in touch with Community Development at 678-421-2027 to ensure compliance with codes and regulations.

PROHIBITED VEHICLES AT RESIDENTIAL HOMES

As a reminder, certain vehicles are prohibited within residential zones. This includes limousines, flatbed trucks, dump trucks, tow trucks and more. It's important to note that these vehicles cannot be parked on the street for more than 24 hours.

ANIMAL CONTROL

In our community, we take animal control seriously and adhere to Gwinnett County's regulations. As a responsible dog owner, it's important to keep your furry friend on a leash and clean up after them to ensure a safe and hygienic environment for all.

STREET PARKING

To ensure the safety and convenience of all, please make sure to park in the direction of traffic flow when parallel parking or pulling into a diagonal space. Additionally, keep an eye out for any posted "No Parking" signs in the area. Whether you're a resident of the building or a tenant in one of the nearby apartments, we're happy to provide any necessary guidance and direct you to the appropriate agencies for assistance.



CHAMPION ELM TREE ART CONTEST

Norcross is home to the most beautiful, magnificent, Champion Elm Tree in the state of Georgia and we are long overdue for a portrait of this tree. To honor and celebrate our Champion Elm Tree, the Norcross Tree Preservation Board is hereby sponsoring an art contest for a portrait of the elm tree with a \$1,000 prize going to the winning entry.

The requirements are an original realistic 2-D vertical artwork that when finished, less matting, is 18" wide by 24" height artwork. Submissions in any media will be accepted as long as the artwork is a 2D representation of our Champion Elm Tree that is residing next to City Hall. All entries must be matted, when appropriate, and ready for display and judging at The Rectory by June 20, 2023.

The Norcross Tree Preservation Board members have observed framed heritage tree portraits around our state displayed and awarded to Tree Boards for meritorious achievements at various conferences and seminars. In fact, the Georgia Forestry Commission has awarded a couple of these framed portraits to the Norcross Tree Preservation Board. It occurred to us, that since we have the ultimate Champion Elm Tree in the state of Georgia, that we must have a tree portrait of our own to commemorate and honor this remarkable tree!

Artist eligibility is open to all local artists in the Norcross, Georgia area. Entry forms are available by scanning the QR code below. So, Norcross artists, fill out and submit your entry form!

SCAN HERE FOR CONTEST RULES AND SUBMISSION FORM!



SUSTAINABILITY

TIP OF THE MONTH

NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

Get ready to 'buzz' with excitement because June 19 - 25 is National Pollinator Week! As a certified Bee City, Norcross is all about protecting our precious pollinators and their habitats. We've even hosted three workshops to help our community learn how to make space for these important creatures. Check out norcrossga.net/BeeCity to see how you can join the hive and support pollinators in your own backyard!

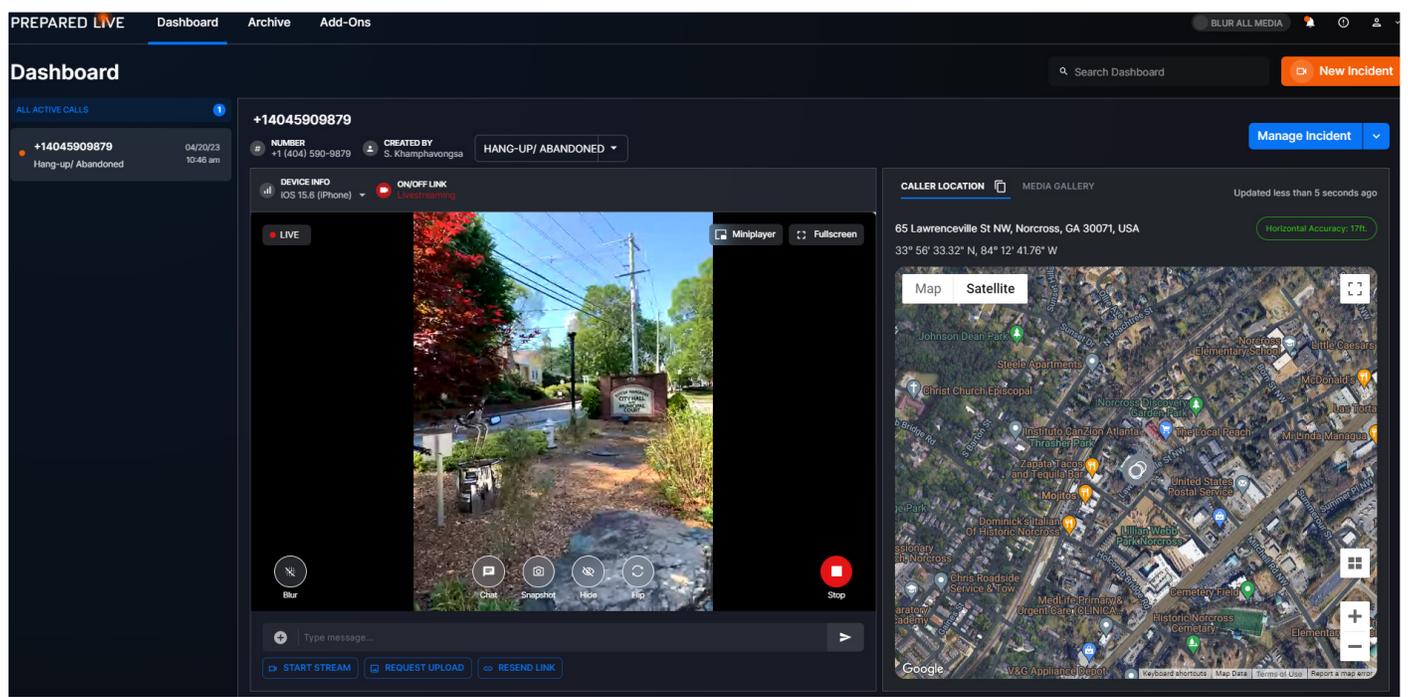


PHYSICAL SECURITY

By Dr. James Trent, IT Director

If you're one of those people who leave their passwords on sticky notes on their desk, you may want to throw them away. Though many attacks are likely to happen through digital mediums, keeping sensitive physical documents secured is vital to the integrity of your company's security system.

Simple awareness of the risks of leaving unattended documents, computers and passwords around the office space or home can reduce the security risk. By implementing a clean-desk policy, the threat of unattended documents being stolen or copied can be significantly reduced.



NORCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT'S INTRODUCES PREPARED LIVE

The Norcross Police Department recently adopted a new software in our dispatch center called Prepared Live. This software enables our 9-1-1 dispatch center to livestream, receive multimedia and receive location data from cell phone callers in real-time. This addition to our technology suite will improve our ability to respond to emergencies in the community. It has been shown to add essential data to the 9-1-1 process while also improving efficiency for various incident types, including 9-1-1 hang-ups, traffic accidents and more!

TREE TALK

By Tree Preservation Board

How To Best Preserve Johnson Dean Forest

Johnson Dean Forest Preserve, in addition to protecting mature forest lands, was created to provide a safe haven for wildlife to thrive while mitigating habitat loss to Norcross and surrounding community development. Mitigation includes implementing measures that reduce or eliminate stress on Johnson Dean Forest's natural environment and wildlife.

Pets, mainly dogs, are one the greatest contributors of environmental harm. When unleashed, most dogs rush off to dig, forage, chase, bark or a myriad of other activities. While perhaps enjoyable to a dog and owner, the sight of a dog and the smells and sounds they emit are disruptive to the natural rhythm of Johnson Dean Forest's life.

Dogs can also fatally injure or kill wildlife with a bite or by transmitting diseases. Johnson Dean Forest's



wildlife can also become ill by coming in contact with natural streams and stormwater conveyance systems contaminated by E.Coli born in the feces of dogs allowed to leave designated trails.

Recent visitors to Johnson Dean Forest have hopefully seen and read the newly installed sign. Its message is clear in stating, "Please leave nature as you found it." It also lists important considerations to help ensure Johnson Dean Forest remains intact and thriving for generations.

The greatest contribution dog owners can make to protect Johnson Dean Forest is to keep pets leashed and on designated paths. Alternatively, if an off-leash dog park is what you seek, consider visiting one of the nearby established dog parks.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Saturday, June 10 • 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Summerour Bus Parking Lot

The City of Norcross is hosting its first Household Hazardous Waste Event on June 10 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Summerour Bus Parking Lot. This is a great opportunity for residents to dispose of hazardous household waste safely. Bring your old paints, pesticides, solvents and cleaning products to this event, and our trained professionals will handle them in an eco-friendly manner.



For more information and a list of accepted materials, visit aplacetoimagine.com

WASTE MANAGEMENT SAFETY TIPS

Waste Management is an essential service that keeps our community clean and healthy. However, it's important to remember that safety should always come first. Here are some waste management safety tips to keep in mind:

#1 Keep Children Safe Around Collection Trucks: Children are naturally curious and may be fascinated by the collection trucks. However, it's important to keep them at a safe distance to prevent accidents. Teach your children to stay away from collection trucks and always supervise them when they are playing outside.

#2 Prevent Trash Fires in Your Community: Trash fires can be dangerous and can cause a lot of damage. To prevent trash fires, make sure to properly dispose of flammable items such as batteries, chemicals, and gasoline. Also, keep your trash cans away from heat sources such as barbecues and fire pits.

#3 Hidden Household Hazards: When disposing of household items, it's important to be aware of hidden hazards. For example, sharp objects such as broken glass should be wrapped in newspaper or placed in a sturdy container to prevent injury. Chemicals such as cleaning supplies and batteries should be disposed of properly to avoid pollution and harm to the environment.

#4 Cool Your Coals: If you're disposing of charcoal from a barbecue or fire pit, make sure to let the coals cool completely before throwing them away. Hot coals can ignite other items in the trash and cause a fire.

Remember, Waste Management is a shared responsibility. By following these safety tips, we can all do our part to ensure a safe and healthy community.

For more information on safety tips, visit wm.com/recycleright.

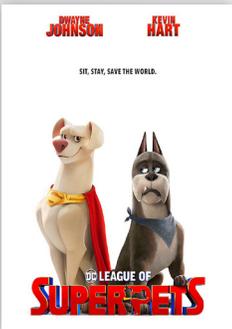
SPLASH

PAD OPEN

The Lillian Park Splash Pad is the perfect place to cool off and beat the sun! Come join us every day from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., for some splash-splashing fun. Be sure to follow the City of Norcross on Facebook for updates on any potential closing due to weather or maintenance.

IN THE KNOW

SUMMER MOVIES



June 12

DC League of Super-Pets



June 26

Lightyear

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

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:



BOGEY AND THE VICEROY

Friday, June 9 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Thrasher Park



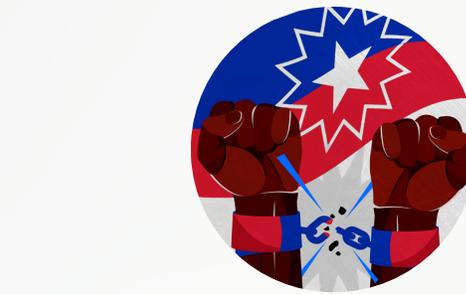
PURPLE MADNESS

Friday, June 23 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Thrasher Park

Get ready for a sizzling summer with not one, but two incredible concerts coming your way this month! On June 9, join Bogey and the Viceroy for a night of soulful R&B, rock, and pop that will have you dancing all night long. And on June 23, don't miss the ultimate Prince tribute with Bobby Miller and his crew of Purple Madness.

But that's not all - the Summer Concert Series is also a drop-off site for the Can-Do Food Drive, so bring along your canned food and non-perishable items to help those in need in our community. It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy great music while making a positive impact. So gather your loved ones and get ready for a summer filled with unforgettable memories!

For more information and to see what's next in the concert lineup, visit aplacetoimagine.com



JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 17 • 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Thrasher Park

The City of Norcross, in partnership with the Gwinnett NAACP and RevUp, invites you to celebrate Juneteenth with us on Saturday, June 17 from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Thrasher Park. Join us for a day of community, history and celebration as we honor the end of slavery in the United States. There will be live music, food, vendors and activities for all ages. This event is free and open to the public, and we encourage everyone to attend and learn more about the history and culture of Juneteenth!

JAZZ IN THE ALLEY

Saturday, June 3 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Betty Mauldin Park

Get ready to swing to the beat at the first Jazz in the Alley concert of the season! On Saturday, June 3 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., join us at Betty Mauldin Park for a night of jazzy fun with Adrienne Woods and The Headliner Band. And as if that weren't enough, get ready to be blown away by Grammy-nominated trumpeter Terence Harper. So grab your dancing shoes and come on down for a night of unforgettable music!

For more information and to see what's next in the concert lineup, visit thejazzinthealley.com



NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS

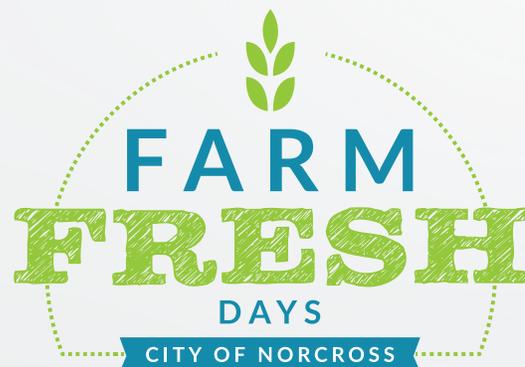
'Pigments of Imagination' Art Exhibit Open
June 8 - July 22

Come check out the second juried member exhibition, 'Pigments of the Imagination,' available from June 8 - July 22. Come see what the talented artists have dreamt up by visiting from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday or schedule an appointment by contacting ngstudios116@gmail.com.

Bill Davidson Workshop July 14 -17

Renowned landscape painter, Bill Davidson, visits for a three-day workshop from July 14 - 17 that is sure to be highly informative and motivational. A self-described "recovering attorney," Bill has not only studied how to paint landscapes beautifully, but how to teach powerfully and effectively. To register, visit norcrossgalleryandstudios.org/workshops.

For exhibit schedules and workshops, visit norcrossgalleryandstudios.org.



Every Wednesday • 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Thrasher Park

Head on down to Farm Fresh Days every Wednesday from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Thrasher Park! Get your fill of fresh, locally sourced produce and delicious treats that are sure to make your taste buds "corny" with delight. And don't forget to "lettuce" keep you updated on our vendors and their mouth-watering products by following the City of Norcross on social media!

THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY



Lionheart's Summer Shakespeare Camp

Registration is still open for Lionheart's Summer Shakespeare Camp. Running June 12 through June 16, this camp for ages 11-18 is designed to help campers understand and perform the works of Shakespeare. Register and learn more at lionhearttheatre.org.

"The House at Pooh Corner" Runs July 13 - 16

Join us for the adventures of Winnie the Pooh and Friends! Tickets are now on sale for Lionheart's July production of "The House at Pooh Corner." This family friendly show is \$12 per ticket, which includes cookies and punch with the cast after the show. Thursday and Friday performances are at 7:30 p.m. There will be three shows on Saturday at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinee begins at 2:00 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit lionhearttheatre.org.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**



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