



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

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Get ready for Jazz in the Alley, the ultimate summer soirée at Betty Mauldin Park! On various Saturdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., immerse yourself in the vibrant rhythms of top-notch jazz artists from Atlanta and beyond.

Bring your picnic basket and lawn chair for a night of toe-tapping tunes under the stars. With savory snacks, cool beverages and local downtown specials, it's the perfect outing for date night, family fun or a girls' night out. Celebrate the art of jazz and join in the fun—it's an experience you won't want to miss!



SAVE *the* DATE
for the upcoming lineup!

JUNE 22
JUSTIN RUFF, ADRIENNE WOOD
& THE HEADLINER BAND

JULY 27
JUSTICE MICHAEL & FRIENDS

AUGUST 17
TERESA KAY WILLIAMS & TIFFANY GOODE

SEPTEMBER 28
THE BLACK GOLD ORCHESTRA

Scan here for more
information and
to view the
artist lineup!



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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

NORCROSS PARKS DEPARTMENT

Welcome to the vibrant world of Norcross Parks Department, where summer comes alive with endless fun and community spirit! Our mission? To create safe, affordable and enriching spaces for all to enjoy, and boy, do we deliver!

Picture this: winding sidewalks, lush landscapes and majestic trees, like the legendary American Elm in Betty Mauldin Park—over a century old and still standing tall! But that's just the beginning of the adventure.

EVENTS

Summertime in Norcross means non-stop excitement with concerts, festivals and more! Kick back at the Summer Concert Series in Thrasher Park or sway to jazzy jams at Betty Mauldin Park. Bring your blanket, grab some snacks and immerse yourself in the joy of community. Check out aplacetoimagine.com for the full event lineup!

RENTALS

Whether you're planning a cozy cookout or a lively birthday bash, we've got the perfect spots for making memories. From weddings to family reunions, our variety of venues suit every occasion and budget. Contact Michael.Jones@norcrossga.net to reserve your space and don't forget to review our Rental Rules & Usage Policies for a smooth-sailing event!

SPLASH PAD

Calling all water lovers! Dive into summer fun at Lillian Webb Park with our interactive splash pad. Open from May onwards, splash pad hours are 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bring the whole family, pack your towels and get ready to make a splash! Stay updated on maintenance, closures and more by following us on socials.

UPDATES

We're always striving to make our parks even better. Keep an eye out for shade structures coming to Thrasher Park and Summerour Park by the end of May. Beat the heat and stay cool under our new additions! So whether you're seeking adventure or simply craving some relaxation, Norcross Parks Department has got you covered. Follow us on socials for the latest updates, and get ready to make memories that'll last a lifetime. After all, in our parks, every day is a new adventure waiting to unfold.



GET INVOLVED

Hey there! Just a quick heads-up from the City of Norcross' Parks Department. Don't forget about all the exciting progress and implementation happening with our Parks, Greenspace & Trails Master Plan.

Your input is crucial in shaping the future of our community's outdoor spaces! Scan here to view the project website and stay involved.



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MORE INFORMATION**



SHAPING A GREENER NORCROSS

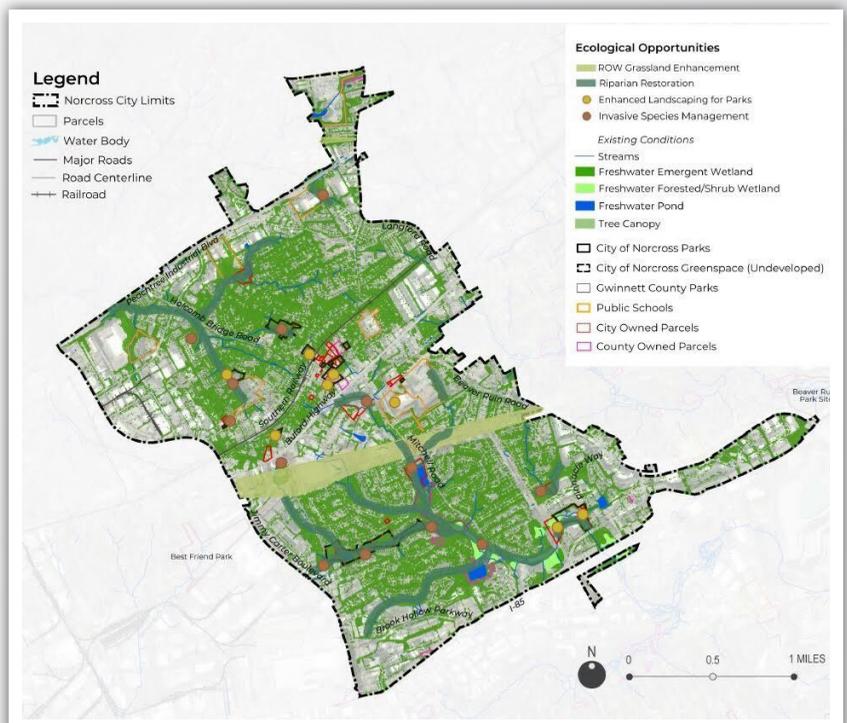
By Tixie Fowler, Parks, Green Spaces & Trails Commission Chairperson

To support our community's health and resiliency goals, Norcross' Parks, Greenspaces & Trails Commission, also known as PG&T, is dedicated to enhancing its green infrastructure through the development of the Parks, Greenspaces, Trails & Green Infrastructure Master Plan. With guidance from consultants at Perez Planning and Design, and Biohabitats, the plan will seamlessly integrate Norcross' ecological assets with ongoing development.

The top map to the right highlights areas of varying ecological suitability, indicating potential for green space enhancement. Through detailed geospatial analyses, we have identified zones ideally suited for the development of new parks, expansion of green corridors and enhancement of existing green spaces. These ecological suitability zones pinpoint areas offering opportunities to support both the natural environment and community recreation.

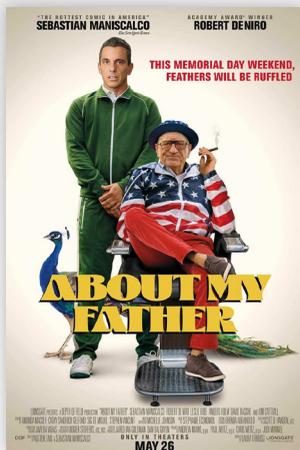
The second map shows ecological opportunities, which have been identified to support Norcross' sustainability and resilience goals. With new development underway, opportunities for improved stormwater management and the restoration of stream corridors and forested areas will be integrated into city planning. These initiatives aim to foster a stronger connection between all Norcross residents and their natural surroundings. Together, these maps chart a course for a sustainable and vibrant Norcross, integrating nature into our urban fabric and nurturing the city's living ecosystem.

Data shows that integrating nature more fully into community landscapes and programming supports property values and attracts innovative developers. It's a healthy way for residents to grow and thrive - naturally!



IN THE KNOW

MOVIE MONDAYS



May 13

About My Father



May 28

Wish

Lights, camera, action! Dive into the magic of cinema with Norcross Movie Mondays at the **Cultural Arts & Community Center**.

Join us every 2nd and 4th Monday for a free movie screening and light refreshments. With showtimes at **1:30 and 6:30 p.m.**, get ready for double the fun! Grab your popcorn and settle in for a reel good time!



MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

Monday, May 27 • 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Thrasher Park

Join us on Monday, May 27, for a solemn Memorial Day Remembrance at Thrasher Park from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This special event will feature a small program including heartfelt words from Mayor Newton, a stirring bagpipe performance and more.

Plus, join us for a complimentary cookout, generously provided by the Norcross Latino Lions Club, where they will be serving delicious tacos. It will be a moment of camaraderie as we honor the brave souls who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Let's gather with reverence and gratitude to honor their unwavering commitment and selfless service.

SUSTAINABILITY



TIP OF THE MONTH

Did you know? The Georgia Environmental Protection Division bans outdoor burning of yard debris in Gwinnett County from May 1 to September 30.

Instead of burning leaves, try mulching or composting them! You can also opt for your city's yard waste material to pick up or share with a neighbor. Let's keep our community green and clean!

THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY



May 3 - May 19 • 'Breaking Legs'

Lionheart presents the comedy 'Breaking Legs' by Tom Dulack in May. Tickets are priced at \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors, students and military personnel. Dessert is included and served during intermission. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m.

June 3 - June 14 • Summer Drama Camp Registration

Lionheart offers three amazing summer camps this June, 'Where the Wild Things Are,' 'Treasure Island' and 'Film Class.' Students will learn about memorization, character building, design, props, costuming, writing and more. Family and friends are invited to attend the final performance on the last day of camp. The cost is \$125 per student. For more information visit, lionhearttheatre.org.

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



NORCROSS BIKE RODEO



Saturday, May 11 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Summerour Middle School Parking Lot

Hop on your wheels and pedal over to the Norcross Bike Rodeo, co-sponsored by the Sustainable Norcross Commission! Get ready for a wheelie good time as kids rev up their biking skills through exciting activities.

Discover the ins and outs of bike and helmet fitting, along with maintenance tips and safety rules. Grab your bike and your buddies for a day filled with pedal-powered fun.

To register your young rider, email sustainable@norcrossga.net.

PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS WORKSHOP SERIES

Saturday, May 4 • 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
City Hall Pollinator Garden

May the 4th be with you as we embark on an epic journey to support our pollinator pals! Join us for our Planting For Pollinator Workshop and discover the force behind creating thriving garden spaces.

Learn proper planting practices and how to convert turf lawns into buzzing havens for bees and other pollinators. Don't wait, secure your spot now by scanning the QR code below and let your garden dreams take flight!



HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

In observance of Memorial Day, please note that the city will be closed on Monday, May 27. The city will resume normal operating hours on Tuesday, May 28.

Please be aware that sanitation and recycling services will experience a one-day delay from Tuesday to Friday, with no services on Monday, May 27. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS

May 4 & May 5 • 'Fabric Collage' Workshop

Dive into a world of texture and color at the Fabric Collage Workshop! Join renowned artist Gail Lenahan on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and unravel the secrets of her captivating designs.

May 6 • 'Perspective Drawing' Workshop

Unleash your artistic vision with 'Perspective Drawing' Workshop led by Julian Tablada. Dive into the world of perspective with an expert on Monday, May 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 11 - May 18 • 'Reflections At The Rectory' Exhibit

Embark on a journey of introspection at the 2nd annual 'Reflections At The Rectory' Exhibit. Delve into the artistic reflections of Norcross and Paul Duke STEM high school students from May 11 until May 18. Plus, the public is welcome to join us in celebrating their award-winning creations at the Open Reception on Saturday, May 11.

May 18 & May 25 • 'Gel Plate Series' Exhibit

Experience the magic of gel plate art in a series of workshops with Anne Labaire. Dive into Gel Plate 101 on Saturday, May 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., then elevate your skills with Gel Plate Printing – The Next Level on Saturday, May 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For exhibit schedules and workshops, visit norcrossgalleryandstudios.org.

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SUMMER CONCERT

★ SERIES ★

Friday, May 24 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Thrasher Park

Get ready to rock the summer away as we launch our Summer Concert Series with a bang! Join us for an electrifying performance by The Platinum Band, guaranteed to keep you grooving all night long. From jazz to hip hop, they've got it covered.

Whether you're dining at a local hotspot or having a picnic in the park, it's the ultimate summer jam session. Plus, don't forget to bring canned goods for our CAN-Do Food Drive to support our community!



TECH TIPS

By Dr. James Trent, IT Director
Datafication

The world is transitioning into a data-driven society. Datafication involves transforming and rearranging data into usable information, accessible to all stakeholders.

Its future lies in how cities utilize it to enhance products, services and processes, leading to better decision-making. With a significant portion of humanity connected to internet-enabled smart devices, the ability to harness vast amounts of global information is becoming a reality.

Datafication isn't just about data storage; it entails creating applications that can access, analyze and utilize data in innovative ways, poised to revolutionize various aspects of our lives.

As the demand for data continues to grow exponentially among businesses and consumers, cities must leverage this wealth of information to develop new products and services, gaining deeper insights into their customers' needs, desires and values.

TREE TALK

By Michelle Osborn, Tree Preservation Board Member
Champion Elm Tree Health Report

Norcross's Champion Elm Tree in Betty Mauldin Park recently underwent a comprehensive health checkup by Integrity Tree Imaging, utilizing their non-destructive radar evaluation technology.

Hunter Rawls, Norcross's Landscape and Beautification Manager, oversaw the examination, which included X-ray analysis of the tree's trunk, root crown, roots and five major branch unions. Hunter reported, "Norcross has what appears to be a very happy and healthy Champion Elm Tree that should thrive for many years to come, so that future generations may admire and continue its legacy of preservation as well."

According to the report submitted by Integrity Tree Imaging, "a metallic object was detected approximately 36-38" deep in the north-northwest quadrant of the tree." Speculation on how this occurred could make some good storytelling!



The Norcross Champion Elm Tree, estimated to be 320 years old, stands at 80 feet high with a 4' base height diameter of 78 inches and a canopy spanning 125 feet. Norcross was established in 1870, when our Champion Elm Tree was a mere 166 years old! This tree, older than the city itself, has been cared for and prioritized by many. The Tree Preservation Board hopes that as Norcross continues to plan for the future, it prioritizes the preservation of the natural elements that make this city stand apart from others.

For the full report, visit norcrossga.net/trees.



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