



# A PLACE TO IMAGINE

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## Wednesday, July 3 • 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. • Lillian Webb Park

Get ready to light up the sky at Red, White & BOOM! in Lillian Webb Park! The City of Norcross proudly presents this explosive event, bursting with patriotic charm for all. Indulge in mouthwatering eats, groove to live tunes, embrace the spirit with face painting, bounce around in inflatable houses and much more.

Cap off the night with a dazzling fireworks show that will leave you in awe. Gather your squad and loved ones for an evening of unforgettable Americana.

This celebration is free and open to all, so mark your calendars and join us in honoring our nation's independence. Bring your picnic blankets and lawn chairs to relax and enjoy the fireworks spectacle.

**Let's paint the town red, white and blue this Independence Day!**

Friendly reminder! Scan the QR Code below for additional information and important details before attending the event. Explore topics below.

Map • Parking • Road Closures Assistance & First Aid Shuttles • Safety Do's And Don't's • And More!

**Scan Here For More Details**

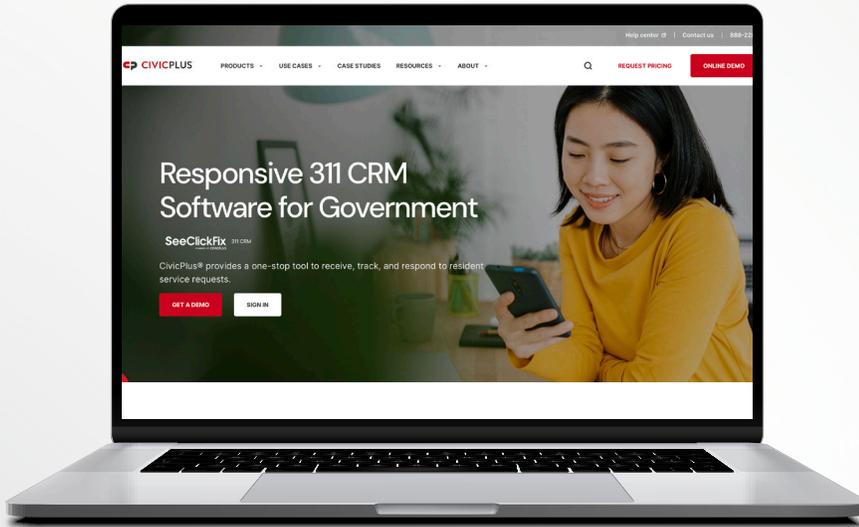


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# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## SEECCLICKFIX



**SIGN UP FOR  
ALERTS HERE**



Attention, Norcross residents! We're excited to introduce a new, more efficient and user-friendly system for engaging with your local government. Launching this July, SeeClickFix will replace the current RequestTracker system, making it easier than ever to submit service requests, especially with the new mobile app option.

With SeeClickFix, you can conveniently submit service requests from your phone, ensuring that your concerns are addressed promptly and efficiently. Whether it's reporting an issue or requesting information, this streamlined system will simplify the process and enhance your experience.

Be sure to sign up for alerts at [norcrossga.net/signup](https://norcrossga.net/signup) to stay informed about the launch. We'll be sending out notifications when we go live, so you won't miss a thing. This transition will be seamless, as the "Report a Concern" button will be updated from the RequestTracker link to the new SeeClickFix link. Those who currently use the online portal won't notice any difference in access but will enjoy a much-improved experience.

Stay tuned for more updates and get ready to enjoy a streamlined, hassle-free way to connect with your local government. We're looking forward to making Norcross an even better place to call home!



**Check out the step-by-step  
on how to sign up for alerts.**

1. Visit [norcrossga.net/signup](https://norcrossga.net/signup) or scan the QR code below.
2. Click the button that says "Go To CivicReady."
3. Click the button that says "Sign Up."
4. Input your information and customize your preferences on what content you'd like to receive.
5. You're all set and now in the know!

# ACCESS FOR ALL

Exciting news, Norcross! The City of Norcross has recently added a brand-new handicap ramp to the Norcross Gallery & Studios building.

As an ADA-compliant city, we are beyond proud to offer amenities that welcome everyone! Come and enjoy our inclusive and accessible space!



## BIKE SAFETY

Exciting news from the June Council Meeting! Mayor & Council have amended an ordinance, granting kids aged 12 and under the green light to pedal on sidewalks. This aligns us with state law and ensures safer cycling for our younger riders. Remember, if you're over 12, it's wheels-off-the-sidewalks time! And safety is always first! Helmets are a must for those 16 and under, but hey, we recommend them for everyone. Drivers, let's share the road and give cyclists plenty of space – Georgia law mandates a 3-foot buffer. Need more bike-savvy tips? Visit [www.georgiabikes.org](http://www.georgiabikes.org) or hit us up at the Norcross Police Department by calling 770-448-2111. Happy and safe cycling, Norcross!

## SHADY RETREATS

The City of Norcross Parks Department is pleased to announce the addition of shade structures at Thrasher Park and Summerour Park. The shade structures have successfully been installed—check out the photos showing the progress! We can't wait for the public to enjoy them throughout the summer. Thank you for your patience and support!



## SUSTAINABILITY

### TIP OF THE MONTH



Biking is a fun way to reduce your carbon footprint and stay healthy. Plus, our new bike racks around town make it easier than ever. This is just one of the cool projects you can support by getting involved with the Sustainable Norcross Commission!

Want to dive into community fun? Join the Sustainable Norcross Commission! Help out with awesome events like Pedal Norcross, our annual bike ride through downtown, or our Planting For Pollinator Workshops, teaching residents about pollinator-friendly gardening. Support these fantastic initiatives and meet your wonderful Norcross neighbors.

Curious about our subcommittees and sustainable projects? Email us at [sustainable@norcrossga.net](mailto:sustainable@norcrossga.net) to learn how you can join the fun!



# IN THE KNOW

## MOVIE MONDAYS



**July 8**

The Boys In The Boat



**July 22**

A Million Miles Away

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!



**Friday, July 5 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**  
**Thrasher Park**

**Friday, July 19 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**  
**Thrasher Park**

Get ready for a sizzling summer with two incredible concerts! On July 5, groove with September In The Park, the ultimate Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago tribute show. They recreate every funky bass line, powerful horn arrangement and sultry vocal harmony. Then, on July 19, travel back in time with the electrifying Troubadour Project, where '70s rock 'n' roll reigns supreme. Experience hits from Fleetwood Mac to Queen, Led Zeppelin to ELO, with unparalleled energy.

Plus, the Summer Concert Series is a drop-off site for the Can-Do Food Drive. Bring canned food and non-perishable items to help those in need. Gather your loved ones and enjoy a summer of unforgettable melodies and memories!

# Jazz IN THE ALLEY



**Saturday, July 27 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**  
**Betty Mauldin Park**

Swing into summer with the sensational Jazz in the Alley! Join us for a night of smooth rhythms and vibrant melodies as top-notch jazz artists from Atlanta and beyond set the stage ablaze. Headlining the evening is the incomparable Justice Michael & Friends, whose musical style is a symphony of rhythm and harmony. From electrifying drum solos to soulful keyboard serenades, his performances are a jazz lover's dream.

Bring your picnic blankets and lawn chairs for a starlit soirée of toe-tapping tunes, delectable snacks and refreshing beverages. Whether it's a romantic date night, a fun family outing or a lively girls' night out, come celebrate the magic of jazz with us—it's an experience that will have you dancing under the stars!



## HISTORIC TROLLEY TOUR

**Saturday, July 20 • 10:00 a.m.**  
**Cultural Arts & Community Center**

All aboard the nostalgia express with Gene Ramsay as your trusty conductor! Mark your calendars for the Historic Trolley Tour and dive into Norcross's rich history, sprinkled with iconic tales and landmarks, all from the cozy comfort of our vintage trolley.

And guess what? The fun doesn't stop there – enjoy bites and sips from our downtown merchants along the way. Snatch up your golden ticket and RSVP, as it's required – it's a ride you won't want to miss!

Scan Here To RSVP: →



## ART IN BLOOM

Have you seen the latest mural installation by the Norcross Public Arts Commission? This imaginative piece, crafted by artist Arthur Smith Jr. of Soul Outkast, bursts with color, depicting a train racing across a keyboard, surrounded by a harmonious blend of music and radiant sunshine.

Celebrate the dynamic spirit of our community and take a stroll down Skin Alley to see this vibrant masterpiece, located directly across from Social Fox Brewing!

# HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

In observance of Independence Day, the city will be closed on Thursday, July 4. We will resume normal operating hours on Friday, July 5.

Please note that sanitation and recycling services will be delayed by one day. There will be no services on Thursday, July 4, and the schedule will shift from Friday to Saturday. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



## THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY

### July 7 & 8 • 'Perfect Arrangement' Auditions

Lionheart Theatre will conduct open auditions for their September 2024 production of 'Perfect Arrangement' by local playwright Topher Payne on July 7 and July 8. The auditions are open to actors of all experience levels. Roles are available for 3 men and 4 women.

### July 20 • 'Shooter' Staged Reading

On July 20 at 7:30 p.m, Lionheart Theatre presents a staged reading of a new play in development, 'Shooter' by David Allan Dodson. Admission is free to this special event. Join theater enthusiasts for an evening of exploration and engagement as the audience witnesses the early stages of this compelling work. Don't miss the chance to be part of the creative process and experience!

### July 25 - July 28 • 'The Enchanted Bookshop'

Lionheart Theatre is excited to announce the summer family production, 'The Enchanted Bookshop.' This delightful show is suitable for all ages and promises entertainment for the whole family. Tickets are priced at \$12 each. Plus, don't miss the opportunity to meet the cast and enjoy cookies and punch after the show!

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [lionhearttheatre.org](http://lionhearttheatre.org).

## NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS

### July 6 • 'Pigments Of The Imagination' Exhibit

Visit the newest exhibit at Norcross Gallery and Studios titled 'Pigments Of The Imagination', showcasing a vibrant and colorful array of works by selected artists. Running through July 6, the exhibit features award-winning pieces like Julian Tablada's "Ghost of Dungeness" and "Last Drag" and Gail Lenahan's "Big Fish". Anne Hall's "Burst" also stands out with its seasonal theme and dynamic execution.

### July 11 • 'Vivid Designs' Exhibit

Get ready to immerse yourself in a world of color and creativity at Norcross Gallery & Studios' upcoming exhibit opening on July 11, titled 'Vivid Designs.' This collaborative show features the works of 10 selected artists, each bringing their unique style and vision to the forefront. From vibrant paintings to intricate sculptures, 'Vivid Designs' promises to be a celebration of artistry and imagination that you won't want to miss!

### July 11 - July 14 • Watercolor Workshop

Dive into the world of watercolors at Norcross Gallery & Studios' upcoming Watercolor Workshop led by renowned artist Russell Jewell from July 11 to July 14. Gain valuable insights into pre-planning a painting and build the confidence to bring your artistic visions to life. Secure your spot today by registering online.

For exhibit schedules and workshops, visit [norcrossgalleryandstudios.org](http://norcrossgalleryandstudios.org).





**Sunday, July 7 • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Thrasher Park**

Join us for a sizzling Cookout With Council! Indulge in a complimentary mouthwatering hamburger fresh off the grill while mingling with fellow community members. It's the perfect chance to stay informed about the latest happenings in Norcross and share your brilliant ideas for our future.

Got questions? Reach out to [ahixson@norcrossga.net](mailto:ahixson@norcrossga.net). Let's grill, chill and envision an amazing Norcross together!

## MEET A BUDWEISER CLYDESDALE

**Friday, July 5 • 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**B&W Burgers**

Embark on a journey as Budweiser and the iconic Clydesdales celebrate 14 years of partnership with Folds of Honor, showcasing their support for scholarship programming both nationwide and locally with the 159 Boots on the Ground program. Raise a glass in celebration and witness the majestic Budweiser Clydesdale making a special appearance in your community. Cheers to unforgettable moments and join us for a legendary experience you won't want to miss!



## TREE TALK

*By Charlie Riehm, Tree Preservation Board Member*

A recent incident where a tree fell across Park Dr. caused significant power and internet outages for homeowners for several days – an experience many of us can relate to. But fear not, for the city has devised a solution to prevent such outages in the future!

Enter the new Storm Damage Reduction Program, recently adopted by Mayor & Council. This initiative encourages homeowners to collaborate with the city in removing unhealthy trees or limbs that could potentially bring down power lines or other Norcross Power infrastructure. These at-risk trees aren't just threats during severe storms – they could topple at any moment.

If you spot a tree on your property that's showing signs of distress, such as root rot, and poses a risk to nearby power infrastructure, you can report it to the City Arborist. City staff will then conduct an initial assessment to determine if the tree indeed poses a threat, especially during severe weather and weigh the cost of removal against the cost of repairing the infrastructure it might damage. If deemed necessary, the city will reach out to the homeowner to discuss formal removal arrangements, with any associated costs to be negotiated.

But wait, there's more! The city's new Front Yard Tree Planting Program, funded through the Tree Bank, steps in to assist property owners in selecting a suitable replacement tree. Once chosen, the city will plant the tree in a location agreed upon by both parties, ensuring it won't pose a future risk to the city's electric infrastructure.

For further information and details, contact our City Arborist at [shahin.khalili@norcrossga.net](mailto:shahin.khalili@norcrossga.net). Let's keep our city green, safe and thriving!



# GWINNETT'S BEST BURGER

Savor the victory with us! Our beloved B&W Burgers, Buns & Brews has clinched the top spot in Explore Gwinnett's 2024 Burger Week! Their mouthwatering masterpiece, The Candied Smash, stole hearts and taste buds alike.

The City Of Norcross shines with pride as B&W Burger reigns supreme, proudly claiming the title of Gwinnett County's Best Burger!



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