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HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

2:00 - 6:00 P.M.

SUMMEROUR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us at Norcross' most vibrant event of the season – the Hispanic Heritage Celebration! Immerse yourself in the vibrant cultures and traditions of Hispanic countries from Mexico to Argentina, Peru to Colombia and beyond. Get ready for an electrifying fiesta that promises unforgettable music, exhilarating performances and mouth watering flavors from across Hispanic cultures.

Discover the rich tapestry of Hispanic traditions through interactive exhibits, art displays and engaging activities for all ages. Join us as we honor the diversity and vitality of our community with a day filled with joy, color and cultural spirit.

Don't miss out – come experience the essence of a true Hispanic fiesta in Norcross!

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HISPANIC FIESTA



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City Council: Andrew Hixson, Marshall Cheek, Matt Myers, Josh Bare
City Manager: Eric Johnson • **Assistant City Manager:** Tracy Rye
City Clerk: Monique Philip

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

This month, we're shining a spotlight on the amazing Norcross Public Works Department! They keep our city looking fabulous and running smoothly, from streets and parks to storm drains and community services. Their dedication ensures Norcross stays a top-notch place to live, work and play. Throughout the year, the department has tackled some very exciting projects that we are beyond excited to share. Check them out below!

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

The Public Works Department recently planted approximately 600 Georgia native perennial wildflowers in the City Hall Pollinator Garden. This new garden will soon support hundreds of beneficial pollinator species, including bees, butterflies and beetles, as well as a variety of bird species. We invite you to visit and enjoy the thriving ecosystem!

STREET REPAIRS

In recent months, the Public Works Department, in collaboration with Atlanta Paving, successfully completed 11 of 12 funded street repair projects in Norcross. Streets like Northbelt Parkway NW, Beaver Ridge Circle and Marshes Glenn have been enhanced. Next up for repaving is Woodland Road NW. Additionally, a much-needed curb and gutter was installed on North Peachtree Street.

SHADE STRUCTURES

The Public Works Department recently installed six shade structures—three at Thrasher Park and three at Summerour Park. Completed just in time for summer, these additions provide much-needed relief from the sun. Whether you're a regular visitor or new to our parks, come and enjoy the new shaded areas!

ADA RAMP

The Public Works Department recently added a brand-new handicap ramp to the Norcross Gallery & Studios building. As an ADA-compliant city, we're proud to offer amenities that welcome everyone! Come and enjoy our inclusive and accessible space, ensuring all visitors can experience the arts comfortably and effortlessly.



WELCOME CENTER & HISTORY MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 22 • 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. • The Rectory

You're invited to join us for the unveiling of our newly located Welcome Center & History Museum at 17 College St., also known as The Rectory. Join the celebration at our Open House, where you can tour the space and indulge in local bites, refreshments and entertainment. Hear from Mayor Newton and witness the highly anticipated ribbon-cutting as we toast to creating new memories in our new location!



WINGSPAN MURAL



We are thrilled to unveil our latest addition to the community, the 'Wingspan Mural' at Johnson Dean Forest Preserve. This masterpiece showcases a wide variety of wildlife against a scenic landscape, with a special focus on educating and highlighting bird species.

The focal point of the mural is a collection of bird silhouettes, emphasizing the range of wingspans. Special thanks to the Norcross Public Arts Commission, the Tree Preservation Board and our dedicated volunteers for bringing this mural to life. Be sure to come visit, showcase your wingspan and share your selfie with us!

ATLANTA BRITISH CAR FAYRE

Saturday, September 7 • 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Downtown Norcross

Looking ahead! Save the date for the Atlanta British Car Fayre, an annual celebration of all things British! Join us for a day filled with classic cars, motorcycles and more. The event is free, welcoming everyone to immerse themselves in British culture with over 400 vehicles on display. Indulge in British-themed delights from Downtown Norcross vendors and businesses, ensuring a jolly good time for all!



IN THE KNOW

MOVIE MONDAYS



August 12

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3



August 26

Barbie

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!



August 2 • August 16 • August 30
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. • Thrasher Park



Get ready for a hot lineup of concerts back to back this month as we bid farewell to the Summer Concert Series season! On August 2, The Black Jacket Symphony kicks off with their faithful recreation of classic albums and ultimate tribute to iconic rock hits. Then, on August 16, get ready to party like never before with The Geek Squad Band, covering all your musical needs from intimate trios to massive ensembles. Finally, wrapping up the month on August 30, bow down to Queen Nation, the reigning champions of Queen tribute bands, bringing the magic of Queen to life with meticulous recreations of vintage concerts.

Plus, don't forget we're collecting canned food and non-perishable items for the Can-Do Food Drive. Your contributions will make a difference for those in need. Come enjoy the music and create cherished summer memories with your loved ones!

ZERO WASTE

Hey concertgoers! Join us for a 'Zero Waste' initiative this month. In partnership with CompostNow and Better Earth, we're boosting sustainability with extra recycling bins and on-site composting. Our aim is to minimize environmental impact by reducing resource consumption, promoting sustainability and encouraging responsible waste management practices throughout the event. Check out some easy tips and tricks below on ways you can implement a zero waste lifestyle!



Pack a set of reusable utensils.



Use cloth napkins or handkerchiefs.



Use designated recycling and compost bins.



Bring reusable water bottles and containers.



Carpool or use public transport.

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FOR A LIST OF
COMPOSTABLE ITEMS:



Saturday, August 17

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. • Betty Mauldin Park

Get ready to groove at Jazz in the Alley this summer! Enjoy a night of smooth rhythms and vibrant melodies with top jazz artists from Atlanta and beyond. Headlining is the incomparable Teresa Kay Williams, captivating with her supernal alto voice inspired by the charm of the Old South. Following her, Tulani, a powerhouse harpist known for her high energy performances, will electrify the stage.

Gather under the stars with your picnic blankets and lawn chairs for an evening of rhythmic melodies, delicious bites and cool drinks. Whether you're planning a cozy date, a joyful family gathering, or a spirited evening with friends, join us in celebrating the enchantment of jazz—it promises an unforgettable night of music and dancing beneath the night sky!

THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY



August 4 • 'The Paris Dancers'

Join us at Lionheart on Sunday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. for the 'Senior Moments Tour' featuring the Paris Dancers and 2nd Act Performing Company! Enjoy a delightful evening of song, dance and nostalgia. Tickets are just \$15 for an unforgettable night of entertainment!

August 10 • 'Previous Engagement' Staged Reading

Dive into the creative process with us at Lionheart Theatre! Don't miss the staged reading of 'Previous Engagement' by local playwright Steven Miller on Saturday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m. It's your chance to be part of workshopping this exciting new play—all for free!

August 24 • 'Chaos Theory' Improv Comedy

Get ready to laugh out loud with the 'Chaos Theory' improv comedy at Lionheart on Saturday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m.! Join us for an uproarious evening of spontaneous humor suitable for ages 16 and up. Tickets are only \$12—bring your friends for a night of guaranteed fun!

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

NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS



August 1 - August 10 • 'Vivid Designs' Exhibit

Get ready to immerse yourself in a world of color and creativity at Norcross Gallery & Studios' current exhibit, 'Vivid Designs,' running now through August 10. This collaborative show features the works of 10 selected artists, each showcasing their unique style and vision. From vibrant paintings to intricate sculptures, 'Vivid Designs' promises to celebrate artistry and imagination that you won't want to miss!

August 22 - September 28 • 'Drawing Attention' Exhibit

Experience 'Drawing Attention,' the upcoming juried exhibit celebrating the essential art of drawing, which serves as the foundation for all creative endeavors. Opening on Thursday, August 22 and running through Saturday, September 28, this unique presentation showcases diverse interpretations and techniques that highlight the beauty and significance of drawing in the artistic process.

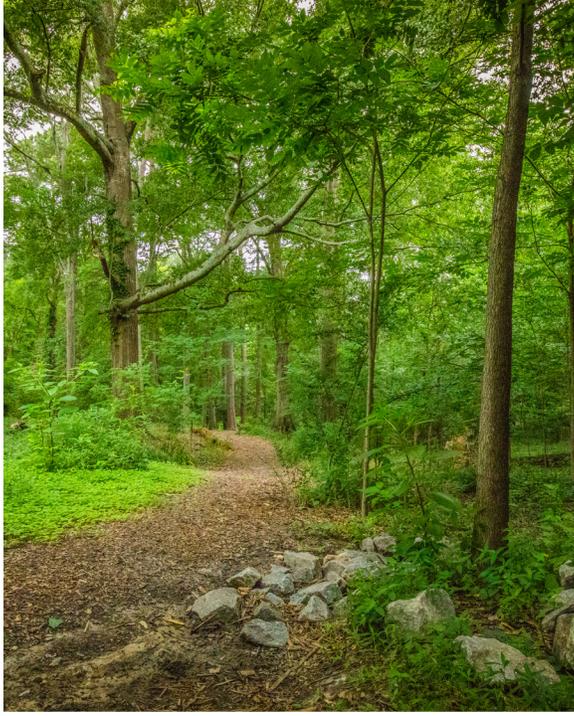
For exhibit schedules and workshops, visit norcrossgalleryandstudios.org.



SUSTAINABILITY

TIP OF THE MONTH

Embrace composting! Transform your kitchen scraps and yard waste into nutrient-rich compost, ideal for nourishing gardens and potted plants. Composting is a simple, odor-free way to recycle organic materials like food scraps and leaves, turning them into valuable fertilizer. Next time you prune the shrubs, trees or flowers in your yard, consider using the leaves and yard trimmings as natural mulch to enhance your garden.



TREE TALK

By Terry Sutton, Tree Preservation Board Member

Norcross is leading in plant conservation by introducing six *Torreya Taxifolia* seedlings to our urban greenspaces. Native to the Apalachicola River ravines in Florida, this rare conifer is critically endangered, with fewer than 1,000 individuals remaining in the wild. By planting these seedlings north of their native range, our city is participating in assisted migration—an essential effort to relocate species threatened by climate change and habitat loss to areas where they can thrive.

Torreya Taxifolia, once abundant, has suffered drastic declines due to disease, habitat destruction and climate change. Introducing these trees to our community offers them a lifeline, creating a more stable environment for their growth and survival.

The successful establishment of *Torreya Taxifolia* in our city could have profound implications, demonstrating the effectiveness of assisted migration as a conservation strategy and providing hope for other species facing similar threats. This initiative also aligns with our commitment to biodiversity preservation and enhancing urban greenspaces.

City staff and volunteers will closely monitor the seedlings, ensuring their health and growth. As these trees mature, they will enrich the beauty and ecological diversity of our parks, serving as a testament to Norcross' dedication to innovative conservation practices. Together, let's nurture these young torreya trees and contribute to safeguarding the future of this remarkable species.



SEECCLICKFIX

Attention, Norcross residents! We're excited to inform you about the launch of SeeClickFix, and we've already seen tremendous improvements in usability and accessibility. With the mobile app, you can easily submit service requests from your phone for prompt attention.

Be sure to download the app for convenient access to reporting issues and receiving updates. Visit norcrossga.net/signup to sign up for alerts and stay informed. Together, let's continue making Norcross an even better place to call home!

FAMILY FOOTBALL SHOWDOWN

Friday, August 16 • 7:30 p.m. • Longhorn Stadium

Let's rally together, Norcross! Our Norcross Blue Devils are gearing up for an epic showdown against the Lanier Longhorns, with father and son coaching rival teams. Let's see if the age-old saying 'father always knows best' holds true on the field!

For more information, visit norcrossfootball.org.



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LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE



Looking ahead! City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day. Normal operations resume Tuesday, September 3.

Please note, sanitation and recycling services will be delayed, with no service on Monday, September 2. Collections will be one day behind schedule, running Tuesday through Saturday.



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Summer Concert Series:
Black Jacket Symphony, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.,
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Cultural Arts & Community Center

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Summer Concert Series: Queen Nation,
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SEPTEMBER 2

Labor Day Observance, City Hall Closed



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