



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

HOLIDAYS IN NORCROSS

The holiday spirit has officially arrived in Norcross, and we're ready to celebrate! With everything from festive shopping to enchanting carriage rides, our HoliDAYS in Norcross is packed with seasonal cheer. Join us for a merry and bright experience you won't want to miss!

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

December 6 • 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. • Thrasher Park
Fa-la-la your way to our Holiday Celebration, where festive fun awaits! Enjoy carriage rides, holiday hits, cozy hot cocoa and a special appearance by Santa and his not-so-jolly friend, the Grinch! Capture magical moments at the photo booth and watch country sensation Lydia Simonds bring down the house at Thrasher Park. With her soulful storytelling and a unique blend of country and blues, Lydia's heartfelt performance is sure to captivate the crowd. Plus, the Greater Atlanta Christian Choir will spread holiday joy through their carols.

HISTORIC NORCROSS CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

December 7 • 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. • Downtown Norcross
Step into a winter wonderland at the Historic Norcross Christmas Village. The day will be decked out with face painting, photos with Santa, Christmas carolers and more. Don't miss special appearances by Disney Princesses, Frosty the Snowman and Buddy the Elf! Enjoy acapella tunes from the Uptown Girls and visit the Candy Cane Lane Kids Zone. Plus, take a free carriage ride through Downtown Norcross from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. It's a holly jolly time for all!



CARRIAGE RIDES

December 6 - December 20
Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • Skin Alley, Behind 45 South Cafe
It's time to sleigh the holiday season in Downtown Norcross! Join us for complimentary Carriage Rides every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. from December 6 to December 20. Experience the magic of the season with dazzling lights and festive tunes while boarding behind the delightful 45 South Cafe.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

December 11 - December 20
Every Wednesday & Friday • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
45 South Cafe
Capture the magic of the season with a visit from the jolly old man himself, Santa Claus, for Photos With Santa at 45 South Cafe! Join us every Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., starting December 11 through December 20. Please note that Santa will still be visiting on December 10 and December 17, but no photographer will be on site. Share your holiday wishes and snap a merry photo with Santa for a small fee.

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THE FULL LINEUP:**



Mayor: Craig Newton • **Mayor Pro Tem:** Bruce Gaynor
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

NORCROSS POWER



Greetings, Norcross residents! In this month's Community Spotlight, we're highlighting Norcross Power, your reliable, community-owned utility provider. Norcross Power is dedicated to supplying clean, affordable energy that keeps pace with the needs of our ever-growing city. Check out some of the progress and changes we've made throughout this year, and look forward to even more exciting efforts in 2025!

CUSTOMER REBATE

To show appreciation for your support, Norcross Power is thrilled to announce a \$30 rebate for all residential customers, which will be applied to your December 2024 electric bill! Thanks to a well-managed fiscal year, we're able to give back to our valued residents. This rebate reflects Norcross Power's commitment to operational excellence as we grow alongside our community.

HURRICANE HELENE

When Hurricane Helene hit, Norcross Power's crews worked around the clock to restore power to over 800 residents affected by the storm's historic impact on state infrastructure. Our team's dedication ensured that all customers had power restored within 24 hours. We're grateful for the linemen who worked tirelessly and for the many residents who expressed their appreciation with treats and kind notes.

CLEAN ENERGY

Did you know that 44% of Norcross Power's energy is carbon-free? This includes 42% nuclear and 2% hydro, promoting a cleaner future for our community. Our remaining energy sources are approximately 45% natural gas and 11% coal. To help you make a difference, we offer rebates of \$150 on electric water heaters and \$600 on heat pumps.



For additional details, visit norcrossga.net/power or call 678-421-2069. We're proud to serve you with energy solutions that support a brighter, greener Norcross!

THE MAYOR'S



Angel

GIVING TREE

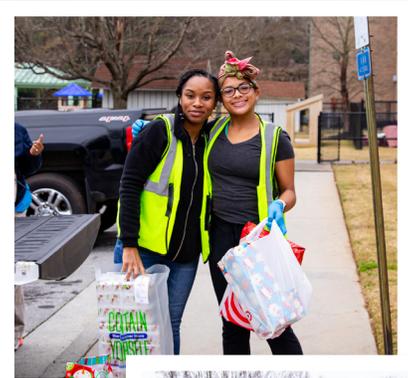
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Year
Anniversary



SIPS OF CELEBRATION

Shout out to Refuge Coffee Co. for celebrating its one-year anniversary here in Norcross! From the very first cup, Refuge has brought warmth, community and connection to our city, serving up more than just coffee.

Thank you for fueling Norcross with delicious brews, friendly faces and a welcoming space for all—here's to many more years of great coffee and community!



Now - December 9 • City Hall Lobby

Get ready to jingle all the way to giving! A beautifully decorated tree stands in the City Hall Lobby, adorned with gift tags for children in need. Each tag represents a child hoping for a special surprise this holiday season. By selecting a tag and purchasing a gift or two, you can spread festive cheer to local families facing challenges.

Please return your new, unwrapped gifts with the tags attached to the City Hall Lobby by Monday, December 9 before 5:00 p.m. Let's come together to make this season merry and bright—your generosity will truly make a difference!



IN THE KNOW

MOVIE MONDAYS



December 9
A Christmas Carol



December 23
A Journey To Bethlehem

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!

First FRIDAY Concerts



January 3 • 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Cultural Art & Community Center

Ring in the New Year with the vibrant, electrifying sounds of 7 Sharp 9! This dynamic Atlanta-based band brings a powerful blend of pop, rock, jazz and blues, guaranteed to keep you dancing all night long. Bring along your favorite snacks and drinks, or indulge in some local dining delights nearby to fuel up for the festivities.

CAN DO FOOD DRIVE

And don't forget to support the CAN-Do Food Drive—bring a single-serve, packaged food item to share the love with our community! Tickets go live on Friday, December 20, so mark your calendar, RSVP and get ready to groove into the New Year with us.

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THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY



December 12 - December 22 • 'The Game's Afoot'
Lionheart presents the Sherlock Holmes-inspired comedy 'The Game's Afoot,' also known as 'Holmes for the Holidays,' by Ken Ludwig from December 12 to December 22. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors, students and military, including dessert served at intermission. Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m., with a special Saturday matinee on December 21.

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



As you celebrate this season, here are 3 simple ways to keep your holidays green.

Reduce Food Waste: Use leftovers creatively! Repurpose holiday meals into new dishes for the week.

Eco Friendly Gifts: Choose sustainable, reusable or locally-made presents to minimize waste.

Conserve Energy: Use LED lights and timers to save energy when decorating your home.

For more information on recycling, visit norcrossga.net/sustainability



NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS

Now - December 21 • 'Our Home Is Your Home' Photography Exhibit

Explore the beauty of Norcross through the lens of local photographers at the 'Our Home Is Your Home' Photography Exhibit. Sponsored by Norcross Gallery & Studios and the City of Norcross, this exhibit showcases the top entries from the photography competition, on display at the Gallery and City Hall from now through December 21. Plus, the public is invited to the reception on Sunday, December 8 where Mayor Craig Newton will present ribbons and awards to the photographers of the winning works. Don't miss out on this special celebration of local talent!

December 12 • 'Artist Of The Month' Reception

Join us at 45 South Café on Thursday, December 12 for the 'Artists of the Month' Reception, celebrating the stunning paintings of Cynthia Corbin and Gail Lenahan, on display throughout the month. Meet the artists, enjoy refreshments and experience their vibrant works. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with the local art community!

For exhibit schedules and workshops, visit norcrossgalleryandstudios.org.



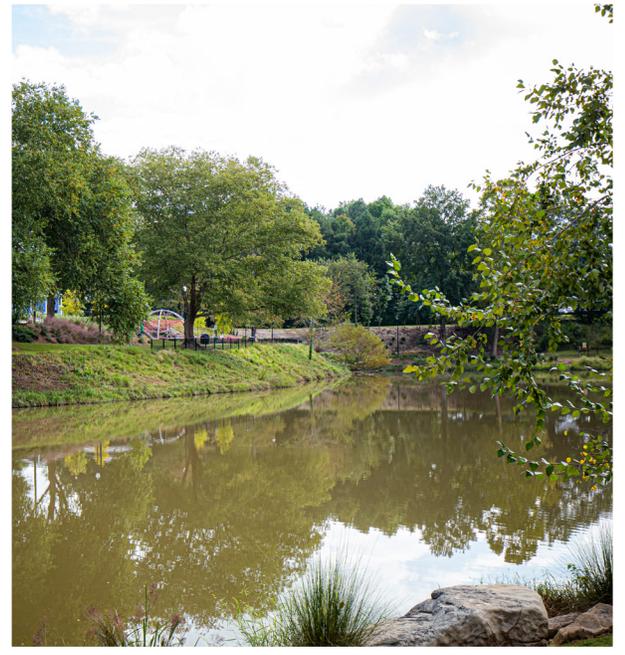
TREE TALK

By Charlie Riehm, Tree Preservation Board Member

Tree lovers can rejoice with the recently approved 2024 Parks, Greenspaces & Trails Master Plan, which prioritizes adding trails and greenspace in Norcross! Among the top priorities identified by the 1,650 citizens who contributed to the plan are unpaved walking trails, natural shade, forested nature parks and restrooms.

A forest preserve is a protected area set aside to preserve natural beauty, flora and fauna. Unlike urban parks, forest preserves focus on habitat conservation and restoration and often include educational nature centers, picnic groves and hiking trails. The Norcross Tree Preservation Board, also known as TPB, advocates managing larger greenspaces, like Johnson Dean Forest Preserve, as "passive parks" where citizens can enjoy quiet nature walks. Fun fact—Johnson Dean Forest Preserve is the fourth most visited park in Norcross!

Nature-based adult and youth programs ranked in the 95th percentile, but current offerings were rated as insufficient. The city needs more passive parks with complete facilities to support these programs. The Tree Preservation Board has proposed improvements to the entrance of Johnson Dean Forest Preserve and plans for similar upgrades at Longview Nature Center and Pinnacle Preserve. Additionally, acquiring the property behind the church to expand Johnson Dean Forest Preserve would double its greenspace. The Tree Preservation Board encourages residents to join in advocating for more passive parks to enhance Norcross' reputation as a true Tree City!



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HOLIDAY DAY OBSERVANCE

Please be aware that City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas, with normal operations will resume on Thursday, December 26. Additionally, due to the holiday, sanitation and recycling services will not operate on Wednesday, December 25 and will be delayed by one day, running from Thursday to Saturday.

Looking ahead to the New Year, City Hall will also be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 in observance of New Year's Day, with normal operations resuming on Thursday, January 2. Sanitation and recycling services will not operate on Wednesday, January 1 and will be delayed by one day, from Thursday to Saturday. Thank you for your understanding, and enjoy the holiday season!

SPEED LIMIT CHANGE ON BUFORD HWY.

Attention Norcross residents! The speed limit on Buford Hwy. has been reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph, between Langford Rd. and Jimmy Carter Blvd., following a study by the Georgia Department of Transportation. The change aims to enhance safety in the area, and new signs have been posted to reflect this update.

Until December 7, the Norcross Police Department will issue only warnings. Starting December 8, citations may be issued to violators. Please drive safely, and thank you for your cooperation.





RIDE INTO THE NEW YEAR

As we prepare for the year ahead, why not add convenience to your daily travels? Back in September, the City of Norcross teamed up with Gwinnett County and Gateway85 to launch Ride Gwinnett Microtransit—an innovative, on-demand shuttle service that's already transforming local transit! Offering flexible, shared rides in designated zones, this service provides an easy and eco-friendly way for residents, workers and visitors to navigate Gwinnett County without relying on traditional bus routes. Check out the step-by-step guide below and start your journey today!

SCHEDULE YOUR RIDE NOW!

REQUEST YOUR RIDE

Use the Ride Gwinnett app to set your pick-up and drop-off location. Alternatively, call 770.246.4770 and select option 3. Spanish language assistance is available upon request.

GO TO YOUR PICK-UP LOCATION

Our curb-to-curb service picks you up where you are within the service area. Some locations have designated pick-up spots.

HOP ON BOARD

Step into one of Ride Gwinnett's shuttles or vans.

PAY YOUR FARE

Each trip costs \$3 per person. Pay using the app or with exact change. Download the Ride Gwinnett App and get half-off your first trip with code 500FF.

ARRIVE AT YOUR DESTINATION

Enjoy your trip and rate your ride!

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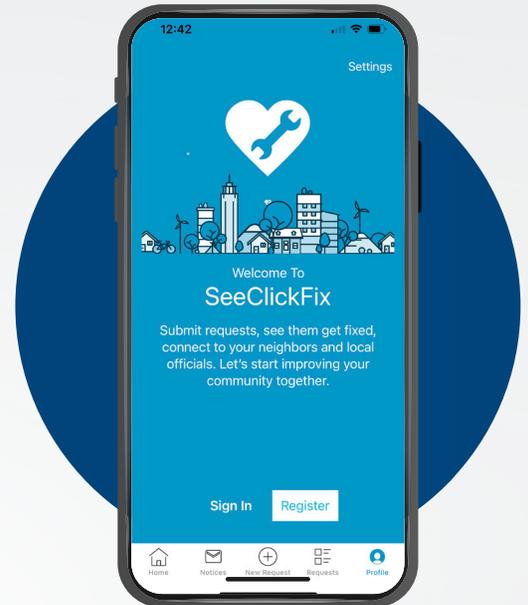


YOUR TOOL TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY

Attention, Norcross residents! In preparation for the year ahead, make sure you're equipped to help keep our city at its best. Since launching SeeClickFix back in July, we've seen amazing improvements in how easily and efficiently residents can submit service requests.

With just a few taps on the mobile app or a click on your browser, you can report issues and contribute to our community's ongoing improvements. Together, we're making Norcross an even better place to call home! Check out the steps below to get involved.

1. Download the SeeClickFix mobile app from your app store, available on both Apple and Android.
2. Create an account to receive updates and view support tickets—though it's not required to make requests or report concerns.
3. Prefer using a browser? Visit norcrossga.net/seeclickfix.
4. Start submitting requests today and help improve our community!



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DECEMBER 24 & 25

Christmas Observance, City Hall Closed

JANUARY 1

New Year's Observance, City Hall Closed

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