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NEWSLETTER • JANUARY 2025

CITY OF NORCROSS LINEUP 2025

2025 is shaping up to be an unforgettable year in Norcross! Get ready for a whirlwind of exciting events, from lively music festivals and cultural celebrations to epic car shows and festive gatherings.

Don't miss the fun—
mark your calendars now!

JANUARY

- 3: First Friday Concert: 7 Sharp 9
- 13: Movie Monday: The Nana Project
- 27: Movie Monday: A Beautiful Mind

FEBRUARY

- 7: First Friday Concert: The Rainmen
- 10: Movie Monday: The Art of Love
- 14: Valentine's Night to Remember
- 15: Valentine's Father-Daughter Dance
- 17: Movie Monday: Harriet

MARCH

- 7: First Friday Concert: The Grains of Sand
- 8: Irish Fest
- 10: Movie Monday: Irish Wish
- 14: Day of Play
- 24: Movie Monday: Rez Ball



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For The Full Lineup:



Mayor: Craig Newton • **Mayor Pro Tem:** Bruce Gaynor
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City Manager: Eric Johnson • **Assistant City Manager:** Tracy Rye
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First FRIDAY Concerts

Get ready to kick off the New Year with our First Friday Concert Series! Join us at the Cultural Arts & Community Center every First Friday from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. for an unforgettable musical experience. Bring your dance moves, favorite snacks and drinks—or grab takeout from local spots. The RSVP link goes live two weeks before each concert, so be sure to mark your calendar!

This year, we're also partnering with the CAN-Do Food Drive! Bring a single-serve, individually packaged food item to the concert and help us make a difference. Check out the list of suggested items at aplacetoimagine.com. Let's turn every concert into a chance to give back!

JANUARY 3 • 7 SHARP 9

7 Sharp 9 is a dynamic Atlanta-based band known for its versatile mix of pop, rock, jazz and blues. With original songs featured on VH-1 and MTV, they create unforgettable experiences for events nationwide, from weddings to corporate gigs.

FEBRUARY 7 • THE RAINMEN

The Rainmen is a tribute band specializing in 60s and early 70s music, covering iconic bands like The Beatles, Stones and The Doors. Their electrifying performances create a feel-good atmosphere, getting audiences dancing and singing along.

MARCH 7 • THE GRAINS OF SAND BAND

The Grains of Sand Band is a 7-piece Carolina Beach ensemble known for soulful motown and classic hits. Their powerful vocals and infectious groove create unforgettable performances, ensuring a memorable experience with high-energy tunes and timeless classics.

APRIL 4 • THE BLOCK PARTY BAND

The Block Party Band is a high-energy cover band playing rock, pop, funk and r&b hits from the 70s and 80s. With a repertoire full of classic tunes, they deliver unforgettable performances perfect for any celebration.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS

What a snapshot of success! The Norcross Gallery & Studios' 'Our Home Is Your Home' Photo Competition, which ran during Artober from last September to October, was a delightful celebration of all things Norcross through the eyes of the community's talented photographers. Whether amateur or pro, participants were invited to share their perspectives—and they truly delivered! With over 150 incredible submissions, the competition was a true testament to the creativity thriving in the town.

In December, the 'Our Home Is Your Home' Reception brought together community members, where Councilman Bruce Gaynor presented ribbons and awards to the winners. Ribbons were awarded for honorable mentions, third, second and first place, alongside special awards from sponsors April MacManus and Advanced Color Imaging. The afternoon was filled with admiration, celebration and, of course, stunning photos.

1ST PLACE

Michael MacManus with "Santa Comes to Norcross"

2ND PLACE

Jennifer Mottola with "Bubbles"

3RD PLACE

Alexander Garcia with
"The Light at the End of the Journey"

1ST HONORABLE MENTION

Linda Hinkle with
"Summer Rainbow in the Park"

2ND HONORABLE MENTION

Jan Gaynor with "White on White"

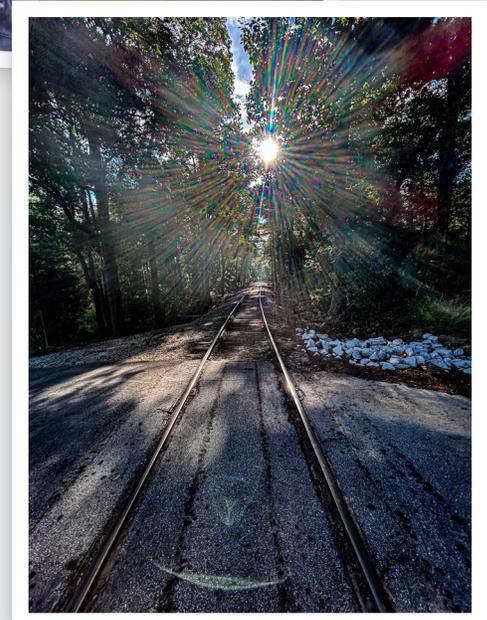
PRINTER'S AWARD

William Ellis with "Crisp Sunrise"

SPONSOR'S AWARD

Ethan Allison with "Cowboy Taco"

And the excitement doesn't stop here! The Gallery is thrilled to announce the theme for the 2025 Photo Competition, "Nature in Norcross." With the beautiful Arboretum at Pinnacle Park and the city's proud designation as a Tree City and Bee City, this theme couldn't be more fitting. Photographers, start snapping and stay tuned for more details coming soon!

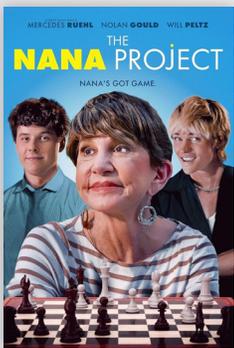


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IN THE KNOW

MOVIE MONDAYS



January 13
The Nana Project



January 27
A Beautiful Mind

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!



VALENTINE'S FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

February 15 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Cultural Arts & Community Center

Celebrate the special bond between fathers and daughters at the Valentine's Father-Daughter Dance! This magical evening is filled with dancing, delicious appetizers, drinks and a few sweet surprises. It's a chance to create unforgettable moments together, filled with love and laughter.

Tickets for one father-daughter pair are \$35, and each additional daughter is \$5. Tickets go live on Tuesday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m. and close on Monday, February 10 at 12:00 p.m. Don't miss out on this heartwarming event!

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VALENTINE'S NIGHT TO REMEMBER

February 14 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • Downtown Norcross

Treat your special someone to a romantic evening filled with charm and love. Snuggle up on a delightful carriage ride, renew your vows, capture the magic with a complimentary photo and more!

Afterward, enjoy a cozy dinner at one of the local restaurants offering sweet Valentine's specials for a truly unforgettable night of love. Create lasting memories together and celebrate the beauty of romance in every moment!



THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY



January 11 • 25 Year Anniversary Celebration

The Lionheart Theatre is kicking off 2025 with a big celebration! It's their 25th Anniversary, and they're throwing a party you won't want to miss. On Saturday, January 11 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., join them at the Cultural Arts & Community Center for an unforgettable evening filled with entertainment, dancing, music, delicious food and more. Tickets are just \$35, and the event is open to guests ages 21+. Dress to impress in semi-formal attire and get ready to party!

25
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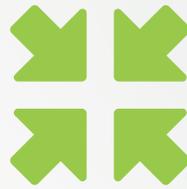
January 17 - January 26 • Vidalia Theatre's 'Winter Yield'

The Lionheart Theatre is excited to welcome friends from Vidalia Theatre for 'Winter Yield', a collection of short plays set in an elevator. Performances will take place at Lionheart's theatre space from January 17 through January 26, with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. It's sure to be a fun and memorable experience!

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

SUSTAINABILITY

TIP OF THE MONTH



REDUCE



REUSE



RECYCLE

This month's Sustainability Tip is all about the Three R's—Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! First up is Reduce, the unsung hero of sustainability! Reducing waste is the most powerful way to protect our planet and conserve resources.

Skip the extra packaging when you shop, ditch plastic straws, choose reusable containers over disposables or even give old items a second life by fixing them instead of tossing them. Every little change helps make a big impact! Let's reduce, reuse and keep our world green!

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

TREE TALK

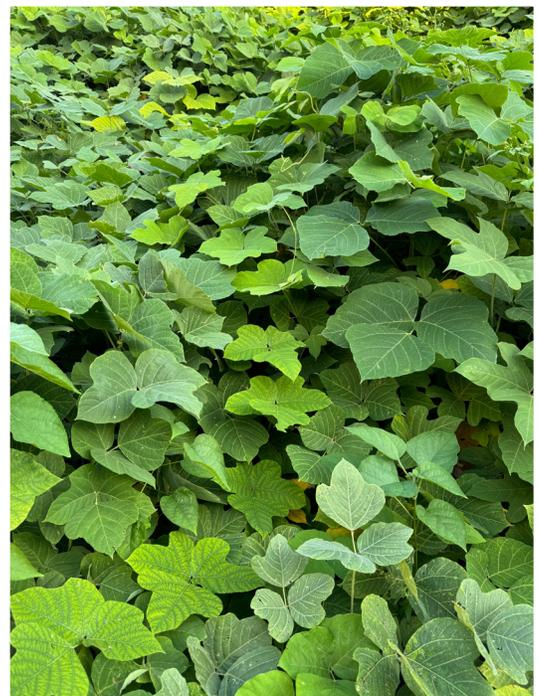
By Terry Sutton, Tree Preservation Board Member

Wooded stream buffers are essential for protecting tree canopies, improving water quality, preventing erosion and providing wildlife habitats. However, invasive vines such as English ivy, kudzu and Chinese wisteria threaten these areas by overtaking native vegetation and disrupting ecosystems. Homeowners can take proactive steps to manage these species and preserve the integrity of their wooded stream buffers.

English ivy spreads slowly but eventually smothers understory plants and tree trunks. To control climbing ivy, cut the vines at the base of the tree, being careful not to damage the bark. Uprooted plant material can be left on-site to dry out completely.

Kudzu and Chinese wisteria are fast-growing vines that can quickly overtake a forested area if left unchecked. During cooler months, control methods include cutting climbing vines and severing the main root crowns below ground level. Alternatively, applying a concentrated herbicide to the freshly cut root collar helps inhibit regrowth.

Always read and follow label instructions when using chemical treatments, and for extensive infestations, consider consulting a professional for targeted herbicide application.



By periodically addressing these invasive vines, homeowners help maintain healthy stream buffers and support the community's tree canopy.

Regular monitoring and seasonal intervention are key strategies. Through mindful stewardship, we can protect our local environments and ensure these natural spaces thrive for future generations!

STAY CONNECTED

Start the year off right by staying informed about everything happening in our city! From events and road closures to power outages and important updates, signing up for city alerts is the best way to stay connected. Check out the details below to ensure you never miss a beat!

NEWSLETTERS

Already enjoying the print version of our monthly newsletter? Don't forget you can also subscribe to the digital newsletter! Delivered straight to your inbox, it's available in both English and Spanish—perfect for staying informed and connected on the go.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Looking for the fun stuff? Follow us on Instagram, @cityofnorcross, for a visual feast of all things events, or check out Facebook, @cityofnorcrossga, for the same excitement, plus important updates like sanitation schedules, power outages and CivicReady alerts.



SEECICKFIX

Run across an issue in Norcross that needs attention? Whether it's a pothole, streetlight outage or any other concern, you can report it quickly and easily with SeeClickFix—no account needed! It's the easiest way to let us know what needs fixing.



WEEKLY EBLAST

Your weekly plans, sorted! Every Monday morning, get a lineup of all the week's events—concerts, movies and more—delivered right to your inbox. Stay ahead of the fun and never miss what's happening around town.



CIVICREADY

Stay safe and informed with CivicReady, Norcross' official mass notification system. Customize how you'd like to receive alerts—via email, text or phone—based on your address and preferences. From emergency alerts to road closures, power outages, event changes and more, this system ensures you're always in the know.

There's no better way to kick off your New Year than by staying prepared and informed! Simply visit norcrossga.net/signup—your one-stop shop to subscribe to all the communication platforms listed above—or scan the QR code to get there instantly. Let's start 2025 connected and engaged with the Norcross community!

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HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

Looking ahead, please note that City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 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, moving from Thursday through Saturday.

Additionally, City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and will resume operations on Tuesday, January 21. Sanitation and recycling services will operate as usual on this day with no delays.



JANUARY 1

New Year's Observance, City Hall Closed

JANUARY 3

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JANUARY 13

Movie Monday: The Nana Project, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m., Cultural Arts & Community Center

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observance, City Hall Closed

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Valentine's Night to Remember, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Downtown Norcross

FEBRUARY 15

Valentine's Father-Daughter Dance, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Cultural Arts & Community Center



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