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BLUESBERRY & BEER

FESTIVAL



June 14 • 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. • Betty Mauldin Park

Sing the blues and sip some brews—it's time for the Bluesberry Beer & Music Festival in Downtown Norcross! We're turning the town blue with blueberry bites, refreshing brews and live blues that'll have you groovin' from the first note to the last encore. Whether you're a foodie, music lover or just here for the berry vibes, there's something sweet for everyone.

Be sure to explore Downtown Norcross and check out the participating businesses serving up blue-themed specials—from blueberry-flavored food and drinks to mind-blueing discounts and sales. With tasty treats, jam-worthy tunes and fun around every corner, this berry-blue bash is the place to be.

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FEATURED PERFORMERS



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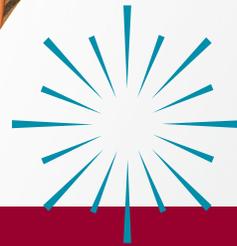
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July 3 • 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. • Lillian Webb Park

Get ready, Norcross—Red, White & BOOM! is back and bigger than ever! Join us at Lillian Webb Park for an unforgettable Fourth of July celebration packed with music, food and tons of family fun. We're talking bouncy houses, face painting and more—all wrapped in patriotic spirit.

And of course, the highlight of the night is the fireworks! Get ready for a dazzling, high-energy display that will light up the sky at 9:40 p.m. with bursts of color and excitement. Bring your blankets and chairs, get comfy and settle in for a fireworks show like no other. From start to finish, it's a night full of celebration, community and red, white and BOOM! Don't miss it!

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EVENT REMINDERS – PLAN AHEAD!

- No downtown parking after 12:00 p.m.; roads close at 2:00 p.m.
- Free parking and shuttles available at One Heart Church and United Methodist Church.
- ADA parking located at City Hall.
- Golf cart assistance available for seniors and anyone needing a lift.
- Bring your blankets and chairs, but leave the tents and umbrellas at home.
- Fireworks begin at 9:40 p.m.; no access to the fallout zone 15 minutes before, during or after the show.
- For safety, use crosswalks when crossing Buford Hwy. and stay off the railroad banks—trains pass fast.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

PUBLIC SAFETY GROUNDBREAKING



On Monday, April 21, under sunny skies, the City of Norcross proudly broke ground on its long-awaited Public Safety Building. The event brought together city leaders, residents and partners to celebrate this milestone that reflects Norcross' commitment to growth, safety and community connection.

Located at Buford Hwy. and Stevens Rd. — on the former site of the old Norcross Library — the 42,192-square-foot facility will house the Norcross Police Department, Municipal Court and public meeting spaces, creating a modern hub for safety and service.

“This is more than a groundbreaking—it’s a symbol of our forward-thinking spirit,” said Mayor Craig Newton. “This new facility will help us serve the community even better.” Designed by CROFT & Associates, managed by Turner & Townsend Heery/AEI and constructed by Reeves & Young, the building blends cutting-edge functionality with charming, historic-inspired design.

“This building is a long-awaited investment in our officers, staff and the citizens we proudly serve,” said Norcross Police Chief Bill Grogan. “It’s more than a headquarters—it’s a symbol of our dedication to building

trust, strengthening relationships and keeping Norcross safe.”

Construction leader Mike Iezzi added, “This is more than just a building—it’s a commitment to the people of Norcross.”

The City of Norcross is thrilled to move forward with this major development and will continue to share updates as progress is made. To stay informed, scan or click the QR code below for more information.

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ROOTING FOR THE RIGHT TREE SERVICE

Trees add beauty, shade and long-term value to any property, but maintaining their health requires proper care. As trees mature, they become valuable assets, making it crucial to hire a qualified arborist for maintenance or removal. When hiring a tree service, homeowners should look for companies affiliated with professional organizations such as the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) or the Georgia Arborist Association (GAA). These associations promote high standards and provide support if issues arise with a contractor.

It's essential to ask whether the arborist is ISA Certified. This certification ensures they are trained and knowledgeable in proper tree care. Additional credentials, like Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) or Tree Appraisal Certification, are beneficial as well.

City arborists frequently see homeowners hire contractors who lack proper insurance, which can pose significant risks. Without general liability and workers' compensation coverage, homeowners could be held financially responsible for property damage or injuries. To protect against this, always request a copy of the contractor's insurance and ask the company to list the homeowner as the certificate holder. This verifies that the coverage is active and applies to the property.

Homeowners looking for qualified professionals can begin their search by clicking or scanning the QR code below. Taking the time to find the right expert ensures that trees—and the investment they represent—remain healthy and strong for years to come.

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FRECKLES & CO. GRAND OPENING

Shop till you can't stop at Freckles & Co.! A huge cheers to this mom-and-daughter dream team as they celebrated their grand opening in Downtown Norcross in late April! Stop by, say hello and snag some treasures—from books to home decor and beyond! We're beyond excited to welcome them to the community and can't wait to see all the magic they'll bring!





ARBORETUM RIBBON CUTTING

A huge thank you to our amazing speakers, staff and attendees for making the Arboretum Ribbon Cutting a tree-mendous success in late April! In honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day, the City of Norcross is thrilled to plant the roots of Gwinnett's first arboretum. Plan your visit and explore the Pinnacle Park Digital Tour—we can't wait for you to branch out and explore!

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POLICE EARN EIP CERTIFICATION



The City of Norcross is proud to announce that the Norcross Police Department has earned its third accreditation—the Excellence in Policing (EIP) Certification. This recognition, awarded by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) and Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS), marks a significant milestone in the department's pursuit of professional excellence.

The EIP program is a rigorous certification covering 12 critical chapters on modern policing practices, including vehicle operations, arrest procedures, search and seizure and evidence handling. To achieve certification, the department had to provide documented proof for each standard and undergo a comprehensive on-site audit.

This achievement reflects the Norcross Police Department's commitment to transparency, accountability and service for residents. It also emphasizes their dedication to reducing risk, preventing misconduct and fostering community trust.

Chief of Police Bill Grogan said, "This third certification reinforces our commitment to professionalism, integrity and reducing liability." With accreditations from CALEA and the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program, the department continues to set a high standard for policing, benefiting the safety and well-being of the Norcross community.

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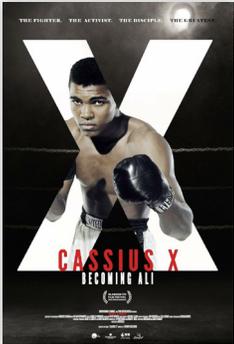
TIP OF THE MONTH

Bee-lieve it or not, National Pollinator Week is buzzing our way June 12 through June 22! Join the hive and learn how to help pollinators thrive—whether you've got a backyard or a balcony. Be sure to visit the city's website and social media for buzz-worthy events, including a ribbon cutting for a new educational kiosk at Pinnacle Park, featuring a greenroof with native pollinator plants like Purple Coneflower and Rudbeckia. Let's work together to keep our pollinators thriving!



IN THE KNOW

MOVIE MONDAYS



June 9

Cassius X:
Becoming Ali



June 23

Aquaman And The
Lost Kingdom

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!

Please note, due to the Memorial Day holiday, the second Movie Monday of the month will be held on Tuesday, May 27. Different day, same fun!



THE SOUL CARTEL BAND

June 6 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. • Thrasher Park

RUBIK'S GOOVE

June 20 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. • Thrasher Park

Turn up the heat this June with two electric nights of music under the stars! On June 6, The Soul Cartel Band brings smooth vocals and funky grooves that'll have you dancing from the first note.

Then on June 20, Rubik's Groove explodes onto the stage with a high-energy tribute to the best of the 80s, 90s and 00s—think epic throwbacks, wild costumes and nonstop fun! Bring a picnic or grab local bites, and don't forget canned goods for the Can-Do Food Drive. It's music, memories and giving back—summer vibes all around!



IAMKHEMESTRY

June 28 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. • Betty Mauldin Park

Get ready to groove with IAMKHEMESTRY at Jazz in the Alley! Known for his bold blend of jazz, hip-hop, Afrobeat, funk and soul, IAMKHEMESTRY brings a fresh, high-energy sound straight from the heart. A Juilliard-trained trumpeter with roots in NYC and now based in Georgia, he's performed with legends like Jon Batiste and Fantasia—and now he's bringing the vibes to Betty Mauldin Park! Pack a picnic or grab local bites, kick back with friends or family and soak in the summer night magic with smooth sounds and soulful rhythms.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION



June 19 • 10:00 a.m. • Cultural Arts & Community Center

Celebrate freedom, culture and community at the Juneteenth Celebration! Enjoy powerful performances, rich traditions and inspiring moments as we honor this important day in history. From music and storytelling to cultural expressions that uplift and educate, it's a celebration you won't want to miss. Can't make it in person? No problem—we're livestreaming the event so you can join the festivities from anywhere. Get ready to celebrate, reflect and learn as we come together for a meaningful and joyful Juneteenth experience!

NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS



May 1 - June 7 • 'Pigments of The Imagination,' Exhibit

Explore 'Pigments Of The Imagination', a vibrant new exhibit running now through June 7 at Norcross Gallery and Studios. Immerse yourself in a colorful collection of artistic expression that sparks creativity and inspires wonder.

June 1 - June 31 • 'Artist of The Month'

Don't miss Adam Faust's surrealist collage at 45 South Café through June—a vivid exploration of dreams and the subconscious. Plus, meet the artist and enjoy light refreshments at a special reception on June 1 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

June 1 - July 31 • 'From Bees to Trees' Photo Contest Submission

Norcross Gallery & Studios' annual photo competition is back! This year's theme, 'From Bees to Trees', celebrates the natural beauty of Norcross. Whether you're a pro or just snapping shots on your phone, submit your photos now through July 31 for a chance to be featured in the upcoming exhibition, which runs from August 28 to September 27.

June 12 - July 12 • 'All Creature Great And Small' Exhibit

'All Creatures Great and Small' is a playful and heartwarming art exhibit that celebrates the beauty, charm and diversity of the animal kingdom. Featuring vibrant works by local artists, the show runs from June 12 through July 12 and invites visitors of all ages to enjoy these creative creature-inspired pieces.

For exhibit schedules and workshop, visit norcrossgalleryandstudios.org

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

The City of Norcross would like to inform you that City Hall will be closed on Thursday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth. Normal operations will resume on Friday, June 20.

Please note that sanitation and recycling services will not be affected and will operate as usual. Thank you for your understanding, and we wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday!

THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY



June 7 • ShakesBEER: Much Ado About Nothing

Join Lionheart Theatre on Saturday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. for a hilarious twist on Shakespeare with ShakesBEER: Much Ado About Nothing. Enjoy games, laughs and plenty of fun! Tickets are \$18, and it's 18+ only. Don't miss out!

July 17 - July 20 • 'A Year With Frog And Toad'

Lionheart Theatre is excited to present the family-friendly musical, 'A Year With Frog And Toad'! Follow these beloved characters through the seasons in a delightful musical journey. Performances are Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. All tickets are \$12 for all ages. Enjoy lemonade and cookies with the cast after the show! Don't miss this fun, heartwarming production for the whole family!

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

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CALENDAR



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