



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

AUGUST 2016

KEEP NORCROSS CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL

The City of Norcross encourages all residents to do their part in helping to keep Norcross 'clean and beautiful' and offers several tips and reminders on how to keep the city looking its best. The City of Norcross will host a Neighborhood Clean-up & Recycling Day on Saturday, September 24th where residents can bring in documents to be securely shredded, haul in non-hazardous bulk items and recycle electronics. During the one-day event, the City of Norcross will also be accepting canned or non-perishable goods donations for the 2016 "Can" Do for Hunger Campaign.

NON-HAZARDOUS BULK ITEMS:

- Public Works Facility, 345 Lively Street (just off Buford Hwy)
- 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Free and open to city of Norcross residents only (proof of residency required)

SHREDDING EVENT:

- Norcross City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville Street
- 9 a.m. – noon or until the truck is full
- Free and open to the public
- American Security Shredding will be on-site with their shred truck
- Each person is limited to five medium boxes or equivalent

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT:

- Norcross Community Center, 10 College Street
- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Open to Norcross residents and the public
- Get rid of old cell phones, computers and keyboards
- Atlanta Recycling Solutions and city volunteers will be available to help unload donated items
- This event is free except for televisions, which require a \$20 fee. CRT Monitors are \$5. Please note that console or projection televisions cannot be accepted.

For a complete list of recyclables, visit www.norcrossga.net.

For more information, visit norcrossga.net or contact Sonya Isaac at 678.421.2027.



RECYCLING REMINDERS

When attending concerts in the park, please be aware that there are two types of bins: one is GREEN and the other is GRAY. The green bin is for recyclables and the gray is for waste. Please ensure that only recyclables go into the green bins. This includes plastics, paper and metals. Glass and pizza boxes are not recyclable and need to go in the waste bins.

Residential homeowners can bring recyclable items such as plastic bags to Publix, fluorescent light bulbs to Home Depot, and batteries, ink cartridges, computers and printers to Best Buy (Best Buy charges to recycle electronics).

Also, Live Thrive Atlanta accepts paint and household chemicals (www.livethrive.org). Locations for many hard-to-recycle items can be found at www.earth911.com.

For items that are accepted with curbside recycling, citizens can refer to the city website under public works department/sanitation: www.norcrossga.net/DocumentCenter/View/992.

NORCROSS IN THE KNOW



GOOD MORNING, GLORY STRENGTH AND BALANCE CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 12

This class is for women looking to build strength and balance. It is free of charge and will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. on the first floor of the Norcross Cultural Arts and Community Center. For more questions, contact Lisa Briere at BriereMN@gmail.com.



COOKBOOK SWAP TO BE HELD AT AUGUST 13 NORCROSS COMMUNITY MARKET

Bring your under-used cookbooks, nutrition, diet, gardening and foodie books and magazines to swap at the last Norcross Community Market of the season on August 13. Recycle those dusty volumes and select new ones for inspiration and enjoyment. Meet new friends in the process as you share stories behind your choices. Any items remaining at the end of the market will be donated.

Contact
info@sustainablenorcross.net.



SAVE THE DATE:

Gateway International Food & Music Festival, Saturday, September 17th
Lillian Webb Park



SAVE THE DATE:

British Car Fayre
Saturday, September 10
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Historic Downtown Norcross



ATTENTION! CALLING ALL KIDS!

Join the Sustainable Norcross Bike/Ped Committee along with a very special officer from the Norcross Police Department Saturday, August 6, 10 - 11 a.m. Bring your bike, helmet, knee and elbow pads and with our help you can learn to ride and walk safely in the Norcross Community. Giveaways available too!!! Adults are also invited to come learn more about vehicle, bike and pedestrian safety too.



NORCROSS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 4

Get a recap of the last fiscal year and review of the new budget on Thursday, August 4 at 6 p.m., Norcross City Hall, conference room, second floor.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT



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NORCROSS
*preserving our future by
living smarter today*

THE CAPACITY TO ENDURE: SUSTAINABLE NORCROSS COMMISSION EYES PLATINUM STATUS, SEEKS ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Sustainable Norcross Commission is a citizen advisory panel to the mayor and council on topics relating to sustainability and environmental stewardship. Since its inception in November 2008, a small group of volunteers has worked with city staff and elected officials on sustainability efforts and has made a significant impact on the community. The Commission is poised to make even greater strides as dedicated volunteers continue to assist in fulfilling the city's motto of "a place to imagine."

A key focus of the commission has been to lead the city's efforts to become certified by the Atlanta Regional Commission as a Green Community. This entails earning points across 10 categories by implementing specific policies and practices that reduce environmental impact and contribute to overall sustainability. First awarded Silver in 2010, Norcross went on to achieve Gold certification in 2011. In 2015, the Commission's team led the city's rigorous recertification process maintaining Gold status and submitted an application for the new Platinum level in 2016. Results will be announced in January 2017.

The volunteer commission members also collaborate with other boards and commissions, research and provide input to the city and others on sustainability topics and conduct service projects. Projects and subcommittees include Norcross Community Market, Bike/Ped, Rivers Alive Stream Clean Up, rain barrel and water conservation classes, workdays on city park property and event recycling. The group also provided the early community garden and related classes.

This active group has many other plans for the future, but they need additional members. Interested citizens may submit their applications to Monique Lang at mlang@norcrossga.net. The form is available online at <http://www.norcrossga.net/DocumentCenter/View/1083>. Potential project volunteers may contact info@sustainablenorcross.net.

GET TO KNOW Norcross City Engineer JEFF MUELLER



As city engineer for Norcross, Jeff enforces environmental protection ordinances (erosion control, storm water management and flood plain management) and the general development regulations (Chapter 105 of the city code) of the city through plan review, permitting processes, and site inspection. Jeff also serves as the city's project manager for federal and state funded projects (primarily transportation related) that are required to follow a state mandated plan as a condition of using those funds. In this interview, Jeff shares his career background, his favorite aspect of the job and recent transportation improvements.

Q: What led you to a career at the City of Norcross as the city engineer?

I have a master's degree in civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and over 20 years of experience in the civil engineering field. Prior to joining the City of Norcross in 2008, my work history also included working in the public sector as a traffic, transportation and site development engineer. In addition, I have worked as a design consultant in the private sector.

Q: What is your favorite aspect of your job?

I enjoy being a source of information about development and its history in the city. I have access to many old maps that tell an interesting history of how the city developed. I also enjoy carpooling with my wife who works at the police department.

Q: What are some recent accomplishments within your department that you would like to share with local citizens?

Of most recent, the SPLOST funding has allowed the city to pursue many transportation improvements. Since 2008, the city has been able to fund many streetscape projects and sidewalk connectivity projects that have been constructed to realize a significant improvement in the city's walkability.



Mimosa Brunch

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 • 11 AM - 1:30 PM
VSOP OLIVE OIL TAPROOM • DOWNTOWN NORCROSS

Limited to 60 guests, the event begins with mimosas and music by *Main Street Strings*. Guests stroll through VSOP Olive Oil Taproom for a magnificent brunch served by the Bleu House.

This event serves to raise funds that help support the Discovery Garden Park. Tickets are \$30 and includes brunch, complimentary mimosas, live music and more.

For more information, please contact deb.ndgp@gmail.com

City BEAT



CITY OF NORCROSS HOSTS CHINESE DELEGATION

The City of Norcross was honored to recently host a Chinese delegation from Zhaotong, China who were seeking economic and city planning best practices from Norcross. The delegation was

led by Da Jin Guo, Mayor of Zhaotong and also included representatives from various other central organizations in Zhaotong such as the Development and Reform Committee, the Bureau of Transportation, and the Housing, Urban and Rural Planning Construction Bureau. During their visit, City of Norcross Mayor Bucky Johnson presented Mayor Da Jin Guo with a key to the city and a general overview of the city. Other representatives from Norcross and Gwinnett County included City Manager, Rudolph Smith, city staff members and Gwinnett Chamber Senior Vice President of Economic Development and Partnership Gwinnett, Nick Masino.

N. NORCROSS TUCKER ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

Gwinnett County has postponed the N. Norcross Tucker Road project due to fiber optic issues. A project start date has not been identified. When a restart date is issued, a notification to the general public will be delivered via the City of Norcross website.

NOTICE:

The City of Norcross will hold three public hearings to discuss the millage rate.

August 15, 6:30 p.m. (Public Hearing)

September 6, 11 a.m. (Public Hearing)

September 6, 6:30 p.m. (Public Hearing & Vote)



AUGUST 5 - Summer Concert Series, *Blended 328*, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Thrasher Park

AUGUST 6 - Norcross Community Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Lillian Webb Park

AUGUST 8 - Movie Monday, *Concussion*, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m., Norcross Community Center

AUGUST 12 - From the Garden, Opening Reception, 6 - 8 p.m., The Rectory

AUGUST 13 - Norcross Community Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Lillian Webb Park

AUGUST 13 - Jazz in the Alley, *Eric Thomas*, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Betty Mauldin Park

AUGUST 14 - Discovery Garden Park Mimosa Brunch, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., VSOP Olive Oil Taproom (aplacetoimagine.com)

AUGUST 15 - Policy Work Session, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

AUGUST 19 - Summer Concert Series, *A-Town A-List*, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Thrasher Park

AUGUST 22 - Movie Monday, *Man from U.N.C.L.E.*, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m., Norcross Community Center

AUGUST 1 - City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers

AUGUST 2 - All About Government Financing Programs, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Community Center Ballroom

AUGUST 4 - Downtown Development Authority Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room.

AUGUST 4-8 - The Tempest, A Children's Musical, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Thursday - Saturday), 2 p.m. (Sunday), Lionheart Theatre (lionhearttheatre.org)

AUGUST 5 - A Jury of Your Peers-Art Show Opening Reception, 6 - 8 p.m., Kudzu Art Zone

From the Garden...



Enjoy this exhibit of delectable pieces, inspired by the garden, featuring artists **Ronald Pircio**, **Donna Biggee** and **Angela Faustina**.



Each artist speaks with a unique voice: Ms. Faustina, through magnified reinterpretations of fruit imagery that are found in traditional still life paintings, Mr Pircio by imparting pears with human attributes and Ms Biggee in still life and landscapes in oils and pastels inspired by the beauty of nature.



OPENING RECEPTION FRIDAY, AUGUST 12
6 PM - 8 PM
WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS & MUSIC
FREE ADMISSION

Exhibit continues through September 15.



THE RECTORY, 17 COLLEGE STREET, NORCROSS, GA 30071