



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

SEPTEMBER 2016

INTERNATIONAL NORCROSS:

Celebrate Gwinnett's Diversity with the Gateway International Food & Music Festival, British Car Fayre in September!

The British are coming to downtown Norcross with Rolls-Royces and more at the Atlanta British Car Fayre on September 10th

The British are coming to downtown Norcross and they are bringing with them their classic and iconic cars at the 16th annual Atlanta British Car Fayre on September 10 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The featured marque Rolls-Royce will be on display in addition to the gleaming elegance of other classic British cars including over 400 Jaguars, Triumphs, Aston Martins, Lotus, Land Rovers, MG's and more, plus motorcycles.

In its second year, the Car Boot Sale is the British version of a yard sale where local vendors and entrepreneurial participants will be selling their goods from the trunk (aka "boot") of their cars. Visitors are encouraged to shop the Car Boot Sale then walk just a few yards to the Iron Horse Tavern for fish and chips and an ale or over to the Mason's Lodge for a real cup of English tea with a light lunch, scones, or a full English afternoon tea hosted by the Daughters of the British Empire.

Proceeds from the festival will benefit the Amanda Riley Foundation, which is dedicated to working with children battling cancer and their families in the Atlanta area.

As always, admission to this annual event is free to the public. Complimentary shuttle buses will be available. To learn more about registering your vehicle, participating in the Car Boot Sale, or simply attending the festival, please visit www.atlantabritishcarfayre.com.

Gateway International Food & Music Festival held on September 17 to celebrate cultural diversity and features food, dance, music and art from around the world. Admission is FREE

Go around the world in one day without leaving downtown Norcross at the Gateway International Food & Music Festival on September 17 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Lillian Webb Park. Held in conjunction with Welcoming America's Welcome Week, this event will showcase the

region's best multicultural talent and highlight the rich cultural contributions of Gwinnett's diverse communities.

The festival will feature a variety of outstanding performers and showcase the area's cultural heritage through food, dance, music and art. The festival will also have an arts and crafts market and a kid's zone with fun activities for children of all ages. In addition, international and local food vendors will be selling delectable tastes of their home countries. Also onsite will be a "Pop-Up" Norcross Community Market where festivalgoers can experience this premier producer-only farmers market. Cultural performances will begin at 5:30 p.m. and a family movie in the park will begin at dusk. Bring the whole family as we celebrate the cultural diversity of Gwinnett County without leaving the park! For more information, visit aplacetoimagine.com.



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NORCROSS IN THE KNOW



NORCROSS CLEAN-A-STREAM:

Don't be a drip – join the flood of folks taking care of our local streams and creeks!

Save the date for Saturday, October 15, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. For details (including the location) visit www.gardens4growingcommunity.com/Clean-A-Stream. This event is sponsored by Sustainable Norcross and Gardens4GrowingCommunity, Inc., which are Norcross-based nonprofits promoting environmental stewardship.



CITY OF NORCROSS MOSQUITO CONTROL EFFORTS

The City of Norcross is currently treating manholes that are holding water with mosquito pellets until traps can be installed. The city encourages citizens to take steps to prevent mosquito bites and control mosquitoes inside and outside the home. Prevention steps and tips as well as the most current information on Zika can be found here: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/index.html>.



CITY OF NORCROSS TO HOST IRISH STORYTELLER ON SEPTEMBER 24

Join the City of Norcross for “An Evening with Helena Byrne”—famed Irish storyteller and songwriter on September 24 at 7 p.m. at the Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center, 10 College St., Norcross. Combining her love of Irish folklore and passion for the performing arts, Helena regularly performs as a seanchaí (storyteller) for groups of all ages. Helena interweaves tales of the ‘Other Folk’ and traditional Irish songs, with wonderful insights into Irish life in times past. Attendees are encouraged to order carryout from one of downtown Norcross’ dining establishments to enjoy at this FREE event. Space is limited. Make your reservations early. Tables will only be held until the start of the show. **Contact Cate Kitchen for table reservations at 678.421.2049.**



RAISED GARDEN BEDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT DISCOVERY GARDEN PARK!

Grow your very own garden while cultivating new relationships!

Norcross’ newest garden, the Discovery Garden Park, has 35 raised garden beds and they are going fast - only 10 are available! Basic requirements to rent a garden bed include a \$100 yearly fee and a commitment to give 12 community service hours back to the Garden. The garden year runs from October to September. Reserve your bed while they last! Contact Deb Harris at deb.ndgp@gmail.com.



LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY

Lionheart Theatre Company presents the zany Britcom play “Run for Your Wife,” September 9-25. On Sunday, Sept. 18, patrons can also enjoy a champagne brunch provided by Chef Nona Johnson.

Tickets are available at www.lionhearttheatre.org and include dessert. For inquiries only, call 678.938.8518.

2016 MEMBER EXHIBITION October 1st - November 12

OPENING RECEPTION

Saturday, October 1
12 noon until 2:30 p.m.

with Music and Refreshments

THE RECTORY • 17 COLLEGE STREET • NORCROSS GA 30071

Events taking place in the Cultural Arts & Community Center preceding the opening

ART DEMONSTRATION – 10:00 A.M.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS – 11:30 A.M.

*the art of
watercolors*
works of the Georgia Watercolor Society

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT



CULTIVATING A GROWING, CREATIVE ARTS COMMUNITY IN NORCROSS

According to the Knight Foundation's recent study, Soul of the Community*, the factors that attach residents to their communities the most are social offerings and openness and welcome-ness along with the aesthetics of a place—its arts, parks and greenspaces. The three-year study comprised of surveys in 26 U.S. communities revealed that these factors ranked higher than education, safety and the local economy as a “driver of attachment.” Of note, a significant finding in this report was that a high correlation exists between community attachment and an areas' economic growth.

In 2014, the City of Norcross' mayor and council—recognizing that art has the power to transform how people see, think and experience a community and how it contributes to the local economy—established the Norcross Public Arts Commission (NPAC) to cultivate a growing, creative arts community. NPAC is composed of seven accomplished civic leaders, artists, professionals and community members—all strong proponents of the arts in Norcross.

Public art is artwork in public locations where everyone can see and enjoy it. It includes everything from sculptures, murals, mosaics, music and performing arts to lighting and other elements created for the aesthetic enjoyment by the public.

Currently, NPAC is working on a commissioned mural for the yellow cinder block building on Skin Alley—be prepared to encounter art that will surprise and delight! A public meeting will be scheduled soon to present the rendering for this mural and consider public opinion. Great art is not produced in isolation— please join us!

For more information, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/norcrossarts/>.

*www.knightfoundation.org



DON'T MISS!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Friday, September 2

Opening Band - Rhythm Jets

6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Main Event - A1A • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Thrasher Park

RECYCLING & CLEAN-UP DAY REMINDER!

Saturday, September 24

Various times and locations

JAZZ IN THE ALLEY

Saturday, September 24

Tony Hightower • Betty Mauldin Park

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.



City BEAT

BRIDGE ATLANTA MEDICAL CENTER

Bridge Atlanta Medical Center to Officially Open on September 13th

The City of Norcross is excited to welcome Bridge Atlanta Medical Center to our community. On September 13th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Bridge Atlanta Medical Center, the first charitable healthcare center in metro Atlanta providing affordable primary and specialty healthcare for uninsured and underserved individuals and families in a Christian faith-based environment, will officially open the doors to its 12,000-square-foot facility located in the heart of Gwinnett County at 4864 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Suite 203 in Norcross. Services will include sick visits and check-ups/physical exams, preventative care such as immunizations and chronic disease management, women's health, limited laboratory services, access to affordable medications and specialty services consisting of pulmonary (asthma/COPD), cardiology, endocrinology (thyroid disease and diabetes), and podiatry (foot and ankle care). To learn more about the opening and services, contact Bridge Atlanta Medical Center at 1- 877-406-6048 or visit their website at www.bridgeamc.org.

NORCROSS POWER LIGHTING THE WAY

With the Norcross Power Leased-Lighting Program, citizens have access to assistance with selecting the right fixture and installing outdoor lighting fixtures. The program also includes taking care of all the necessary repairs and maintenance. Each light is conveniently turned on and off with an automatic dusk to dawn feature and the cost is simply added as a line item to your bill.

For more information, please contact Steve Gaines at 678.421.2069 or sgaines@norcrossga.net.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION QUALIFICATION:

The 2016 qualifying period for the City of Norcross concluded on August 19th. Congratulations to our incumbents Councilmen McLeroy, Hixson and Bare who successfully qualified with no opposition.

TAX BILLS COMING SOON! DUE NOV. 15!

Be on the look out for tax bills, which are due by Nov 15th; any payments made after Nov 15th will incur a penalty.



SEPTEMBER 2 - Summer Concert Series, A1A, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Thrasher Park

SEPTEMBER 3 - Discovery Garden Park - Shucking Corn with Ed Flynn, 9 a.m., Thrasher Park

SEPTEMBER 5 - Office Closed for Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 6 - Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers/Courtroom

SEPTEMBER 7 - Code of Ethics Course, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Community Center Banquet Room

SEPTEMBER 9- 24 - Run for Your Wife, Lionheart Theatre Production, 7:30 p.m.- Fridays/Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Lionheart Theatre

SEPTEMBER 10 - British Car Fayre, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., Historic Downtown

SEPTEMBER 12 - Movie Monday, My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m., Community Center

SEPTEMBER 17 - Gateway International Food & Music Festival, 4-8 p.m., Lillian Webb Park

SEPTEMBER 19 - Policy Work Session, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

SEPTEMBER 24 - Recycling & Clean-Up, Various times and locations

SEPTEMBER 24 - Jazz in the Alley, Tony Hightower, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Betty Mauldin Park

SEPTEMBER 24 - An Evening with Helena Byrne (Irish storyteller and songwriter), 7 p.m., Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center

SEPTEMBER 26 - Movie Monday, Hello My Name is Doris, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m., Community Center

OCTOBER 1 - The Art of Watercolors, Opening Reception, Noon - 2:30 p.m., The Rectory



Two Days of FUN!

October 1, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
October 2, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Historic Downtown Norcross

Event Information: www.aplacetoimagine.com