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OCTOBER 2016

Norcross Presents

FRIGHTFUL FALL FOR ALL

BOOFEST 2016 AND LAWLESS SPIRITS TOUR!

Boys and ghouls of all ages are invited to meet up at Lillian Webb Park at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 29 as the City of Norcross conjures up a Halloween-themed event that's so fun... it's scary! The BOOfest activities include a costume parade through historic downtown Norcross. Children will line up according to age group before the little ghosts and goblins march down Jones Street to Thrasher Park. The spooky spectacle culminates in a costume contest for the kids and their "pet"-rifying pooches, hot dog feast and more. Prizes will be awarded to 'best boy costume' and 'best girl costume' in three age categories: infant-4 years old, 5-11 and 12-teen. Participating pups will be judged for Most Original Costume and Best Dog & Master Combo Costume.

Norcross' more mature local monsters will want to mark their calendars for October 27-30 when Lionheart Theatre Company presents the acclaimed Lawless Spirits Tour. Featuring two performances each night from 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. departing from The Rectory at 10 College Street, the tour features a spirited stroll through historic Norcross as guests explore the local lore of downtown. Don't be surprised if you happen upon a friendly phantom or two along the way!

For more details on the upcoming haunted happenings in Norcross, be sure to visit aplacetoimagine.com.



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NORCROSS IN THE KNOW



KUDZU ART ZONE ANNOUNCES NEW GALLERY HOURS

Kudzu Art Zone Gallery and Art Center has extended the hours it is open to the public. The art center, located at 116 Carlyle Street in Norcross, is now open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Established in 2006, Kudzu Art Zone is a 501c3 organization dedicated to supporting Georgia artists and promoting the visual arts.



NOTICE:

The following streets will undergo resurfacing and repair work beginning October 12th and should be completed by end of October: Magnolia Street, Lively Street, Eton Court, Summerour Street, Hill Street, N. Rakestraw Street and Westberry Lane.



JOIN THE CITY OF NORCROSS IN A WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S ON OCTOBER 8

Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to reclaim the future for millions! Our good friends and neighbors at the City of Duluth will be hosting this year's Gwinnett County location for the 2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 8 at 9 a.m. As a sponsor of this event and worthy cause, the City of Norcross invites its citizens to take the first step to end Alzheimer's by joining their team either on foot or by a self-donation.

To show your commitment and support of the City of Norcross' efforts to end this terrible disease, follow this link to make a donation or join the team: http://act.alz.org/site/PageServer?pagename=walk_about. If you have a personal story you would like to share, please contact: adaniel@norcrossga.net or cheadley@midsouthbenefits.net and tell the world why you are participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's.



JOIN THE CITY OF NORCROSS' GREEN TEAM FOR GEORGIA'S "RIVERS ALIVE" CLEAN UP EVENT ON OCTOBER 15

On October 15, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., anyone interested in making a positive impact on the environment is invited to join a local stream clean up as part of Georgia's "Rivers Alive". This event is part of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division Outreach Program, and in the past 15 years has enlisted



HELP GIVE NORCROSS A VISUAL VOICE: SKIN ALLEY MURAL PREVIEW TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 6

Surprising. Energetic. Whimsical. Playful. Beautiful. Memorable. All are words the focus group used to describe the proposed concept for the first mural commissioned by the City of Norcross on Skin Alley.

The Norcross Public Arts Commission (NPAC) invites the community to preview and provide input on the design concept that will adorn the yellow cinder block building on Skin Alley this fall. This exciting mural will be the first in a series of murals and sculptures NPAC will be bringing to Skin Alley in the development of the ArtWay. Please join us on October 6 at 7 p.m. in the ballroom of the Norcross Cultural Arts Community Center.

over 368,000 volunteers and extracted 9.1 million pounds of garbage from 27,000 miles of waterway in Georgia. Norcross has contributed to these totals with Sustainable Norcross leading the charge and this year, Gardens4GrowingCommunity (G4GC), a local nonprofit fostering environmental stewardship and education, has partnered with Sustainable Norcross to get local schools involved. The clean up targets a stretch of stream from event headquarters near the Shell gas station on Mitchell Road to an area alongside Norcross Co-op Ministry.

Volunteers are invited to come to the headquarters location near the intersection of Mitchell Road and Everglades Trail wearing long pants, close-toed shoes and work gloves. For more information, please contact Tixie Fowler at gardens4growingcommunity@gmail.com or visit www.riversalive.com.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT



NORCROSS DISCOVERY GARDEN PARK

DISCOVERY GARDEN PARK GRAND OPENING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 22 Local community reaps benefits of park prior to official opening

Norcross' much anticipated Discovery Garden Park will hold its grand opening on October 22, but this newly built oasis is already yielding a rich harvest in the local community. Here, local community members share what their involvement has yielded thus far:

"I have made new friends just from being involved in the planning of the park," said Beth Tynan, a member of the Park's board and longtime Norcross resident.

New resident Marie Turner agreed. "It made me feel part of Norcross very quickly," she said. Turner recently moved to Norcross and eagerly volunteered with the Skin Alley Garden-to-Table BBQ. "Would I work on it next year? Absolutely!" she said.

For Hazel Ringelstein, a volunteer and longtime resident, the Park will be about giving back. Her favorite volunteer activity is assisting with special needs adults from Annandale Village. "I've become so attached to these folks, seeing and sharing their joy as they get excited about the simplest of things, a red tomato, a pumpkin or worm. This has turned into an extraordinary experience for me," said Ringelstein.

And some can't wait for the opportunity to grow garden-fresh, organic vegetables. Chefs Nona Johnson and Briana Murray will teach sustainable farm-to-table techniques through the Park's Dig! Plant! Grow! program, which will feature cooking classes.

The Park's education program kicks off on December 1 with a wreath-making workshop lead by local Garden and Flower Designer, Mary Delia Poynter, owner of Container Gardening of Atlanta, LLC.

On December 17, kids are invited to join Santa Claus in the Garden for cocoa and s'mores! And in the spirit of giving, kids will adorn a wildlife tree with edible ornaments for the Park's furry friends.

For information on events visit
[facebook.com/NorcrossCommunityGarden](https://www.facebook.com/NorcrossCommunityGarden)



DON'T MISS!

THE ART OF WATERCOLORS

October 1st - November 12
Opening Reception
Saturday, October 1
Noon - 2:30 p.m.
The Rectory

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT

October 7th
The Excellerators Band
7 - 9 p.m.
Norcross Community Center

JAZZ IN THE ALLEY

Saturday, October 8th
Gabbie McGee
Betty Mauldin Park

ATTENTION ALL BOOK LOVERS:

Check out four authors coming to Norcross! Visit www.aplacetoimagine.com

NEW NORCROSS CITY CEMETERY WALKING TOUR BROCHURE

The new cemetery tour brochure will be available for guests at the cemetery in an outdoor kiosk located near the pavilion. Both the "Historic Homes" and "Norcross City Cemetery" brochures, and many other helpful printed materials, may be obtained at the Norcross Welcome Center & Museum, located at 189 Lawrenceville Street, Norcross, GA. We look forward to your visit.

City BEAT



YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

The City of Norcross has purchased new equipment for the department of public works, utilities & parks including a new dump truck, vacuum and jetter that will be used in the public works and stormwater divisions.

The new dump truck replaces a unit that was 25 years old. The larger load capacity allows for more efficient cleanup of spills, debris and limbs. It also allows workers to take fewer trips when hauling stocked materials.

The purchase of the Ditch Witch Vacuum keeps workers from manually cleaning out storm drains. The vacuum is a very effective method of cleaning drains while keeping workers safe from dangerous fumes and gases that can build up in the drains and cause loss of life.

The new jetter replaces a unit that was approximately 15 years old. The older unit was used for cleaning sewer lines, which are no longer maintained by the city. With the new jetter, the city no longer has the need to bring in contractors to clean storm drains. We now have the ability to reduce storm water damage to property, control erosion and limit traffic hazards, due to water build up, with minimal cost.



LOCAL STREAMBED GETS A MAKEOVER

Recently, a streambed located between the Cotton Gin and Lawrenceville Street has experienced a makeover. Through tax dollars from Norcross's residents and a donation from the City of Norcross Fire Department, the once eyesore transformed into another simple

element that makes Norcross proud. This project to beautify the drain required teamwork from all sides of the equation. The city and design team worked alongside each other to dream up a design that complies with regulations but still looks clean and beautiful. Then, landscapers and designers brought the beautification idea and sketch to life. So all together taxpayers, designers, city officials and landscapers helped make Norcross a place to imagine.

WEB/ONLINE PAYMENTS

Citizens can now access their tax bills online at norcrosspay.com, where they can search for their tax bill four different ways, view/print their tax bill, then pay for one or multiple tax bills at once using any major credit card or e-check. Note also that the system does not support partial payments yet. **Tax bills are due November 16th!**



OCTOBER 8 - Jazz in the Alley,
GABBIE MCGEE, Betty Mauldin Park,
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 10 - Movie Monday,
WOODLAWN, Norcross Community Center,
1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 21-23 - Lionheart's
Bewitching Plays, Friday & Saturday, 7:30 p.m.,
Sunday, 2 p.m., Lionheart Center for
the Arts in the Cottin Gin

OCTOBER 22 - Discovery Garden
Park Grand Opening Celebration and Fairy Fest,
with Guest Speaker Walter Reeves, 1 p.m.

OCTOBER 24 - Movie Monday,
BRIDGE OF SPIES, Norcross Community Center,
1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 27-30 - Lawless Spirits
Ghost Tour Historic Downtown Norcross,
6:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 29 - BooFest Halloween
Celebration, Lillian Webb Park & Thrasher Park,
3 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



CITY OF NORCROSS NAMES CHRIS MODER AS DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The City of Norcross is pleased to announce that Chris Moder will join its team as the director of economic development where he will focus on attracting new businesses and assisting existing businesses expand in an effort to create jobs, generate capital investment and grow and diversify the existing tax base. In addition, Moder will provide support to other departments and services that enhance the area's overall quality of life.

"Chris brings a wealth of knowledge to the position both in the community and in the economic development field that will greatly benefit the city's efforts to help create jobs and assist in business growth," commented Norcross City Manager Rudolph Smith.