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May 2015

CHASE'S GRILLE AND WINGERY OPENS IN THE HISTORIC COTTON GIN



Chase D'Anella and Mayor Buck Johnson

April 16 marked the long awaited ribbon cutting of Chase's in the Cotton Gin located on Lawrenceville St, next door to City Hall.

Development Authority Operations Manager Susan Warner explains the transformation of this unique space: "The D'Anella family painstakingly were on-site every day, attending to the smallest detail- modern or historic. I have learned to trust their instincts and now consider them the best stewards of our converted 1870 Cotton Gin."

Chase's Grille and Wingery holds the title of its creator, owner and head cook Chase D'Anella. Originally from Brookhaven, Chase somehow stumbled on our modest Cotton Gin and saw a good future for his new business. "Norcross really chose me," said D'Anella. "I was directed here because of its historic charm and artistic appeal."

The secret that follows Chase to this location? The "Wingery" will add a flair of spiciness to its buffalo sauce that is both unique and memorable. The wings, along with several other tasty appetizers and entrees, will bring you back

for more. In addition, the menu will offer pizza, jambalaya, gumbo and grill specials.

"For generations, both sides of my family have had cooks and bakers. Entertaining through sharing food is our passion and I got the gene," said D'Anella. "My mom, a.k.a. Mz. (correct spelling) Audra, will help me bring the Southern/Cajun flair she is known for. Her love, confidence and food knowledge put smiles on folks' faces when they eat her dishes."

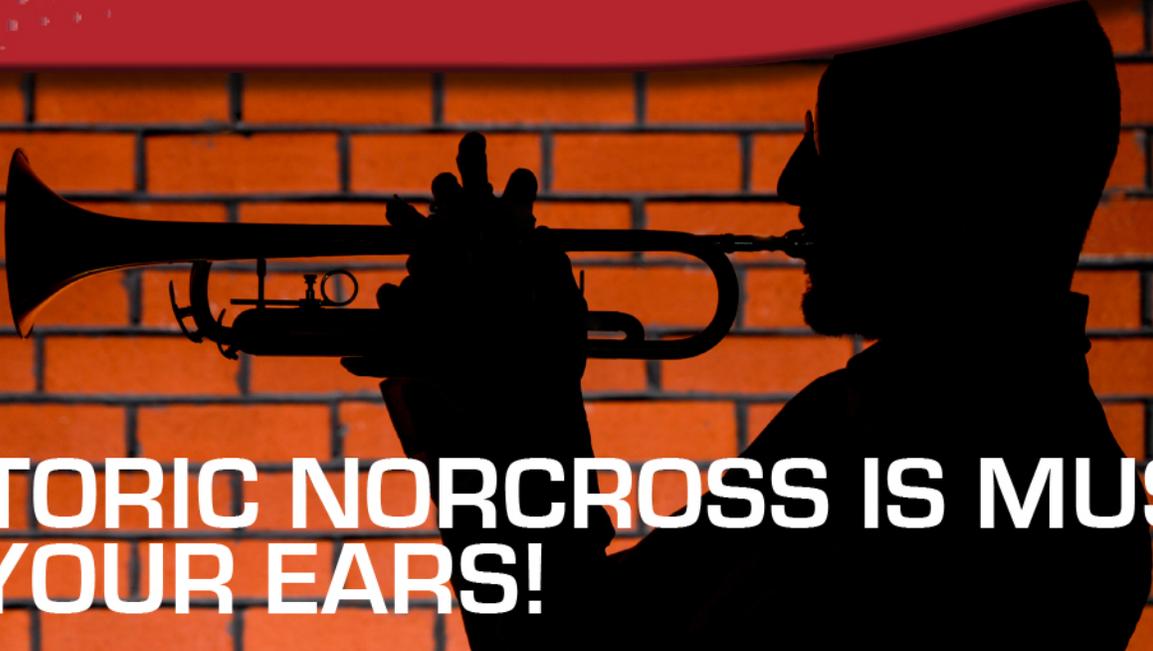
Pat Eidt, Chairman of the Development Authority that leases the historic Cotton Gin, stated he sees "a thriving business that brings not just a restaurant, but new friends that fit perfectly in the Norcross community. It has been my pleasure to help in getting this business launched, and I have thoroughly enjoyed interacting with Chase and his family. They will be a great success in Norcross."

Economic Development Director, Rusty Warner, in a statement said, "Chase's is a perfect example of redevelopment, and I plan to bring many colleagues to visit. It fits perfectly within the historic district while offering an updated interior. The restaurant is the very beginning of the expansion of our downtown area." Welcome Chase....We are excited that you are here!



The Mayor, members of the City Council, City officials and the Southwest Chamber celebrate the ribbon cutting of Chase's Grille and Wingery.





HISTORIC NORCROSS IS MUSIC TO YOUR EARS!

May is here. School is nearing the end, and not only is the weather heating up, but so is the Norcross events and music scene. If you like to groove to the 80's, sing along to Jimmy Buffet tunes, or sway to some cool jazz, Historic Norcross has just what you need! All concerts are free and our local restaurants are thrilled to create the perfect picnic for you to bring along.

The Summer Concert Series kicks off on Friday, May 22 and continues thru September in Thrasher Park. Jazz in the Alley returns once again June 13 as we transform Skin Alley into a street party with a funky vibe for four great concerts into September.

On June 20, The BluesBerry Music Festival will be held in Betty Mauldin Park and Jones St., 5:00 – 11:00 p.m. Your mood will surely lighten with the lineup of Blues musicians set to entertain into the evening. Don't forget to look for our downtown merchants and restaurants that will be creating signature "BluesBerry" cocktails, desserts, specials, and more!

2015 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - Thrasher Park

MAY 22 - THE RUPERT'S ORCHESTRA

JUNE 5 - GLOW

JUNE 19 - AMERICAN FLYERS

JULY 17 - COMPLETE DESIRE

JULY 31 - WALRUS

AUGUST 14 - 7 BRIDGES

AUGUST 28 - BANKS & SHANE

SEPTEMBER 4 - A1A

2015 Jazz in the Alley

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Skin Alley

June 13 - The Tree-O of Love

July 18 - Gabbie McGee

August 29 - Eric Thomas & Elevate the Quest

September 26 - Willie Ziavino & C.O.T Band

NORCROSS OPEN CAR SHOW

MEMORIAL FOR DODGER DELEON & IN MEMORY OF DAUGHTER KRISTI

RAIN OR SHINE - DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET

MAY 16, 2015 - 8:00AM – 2:00PM

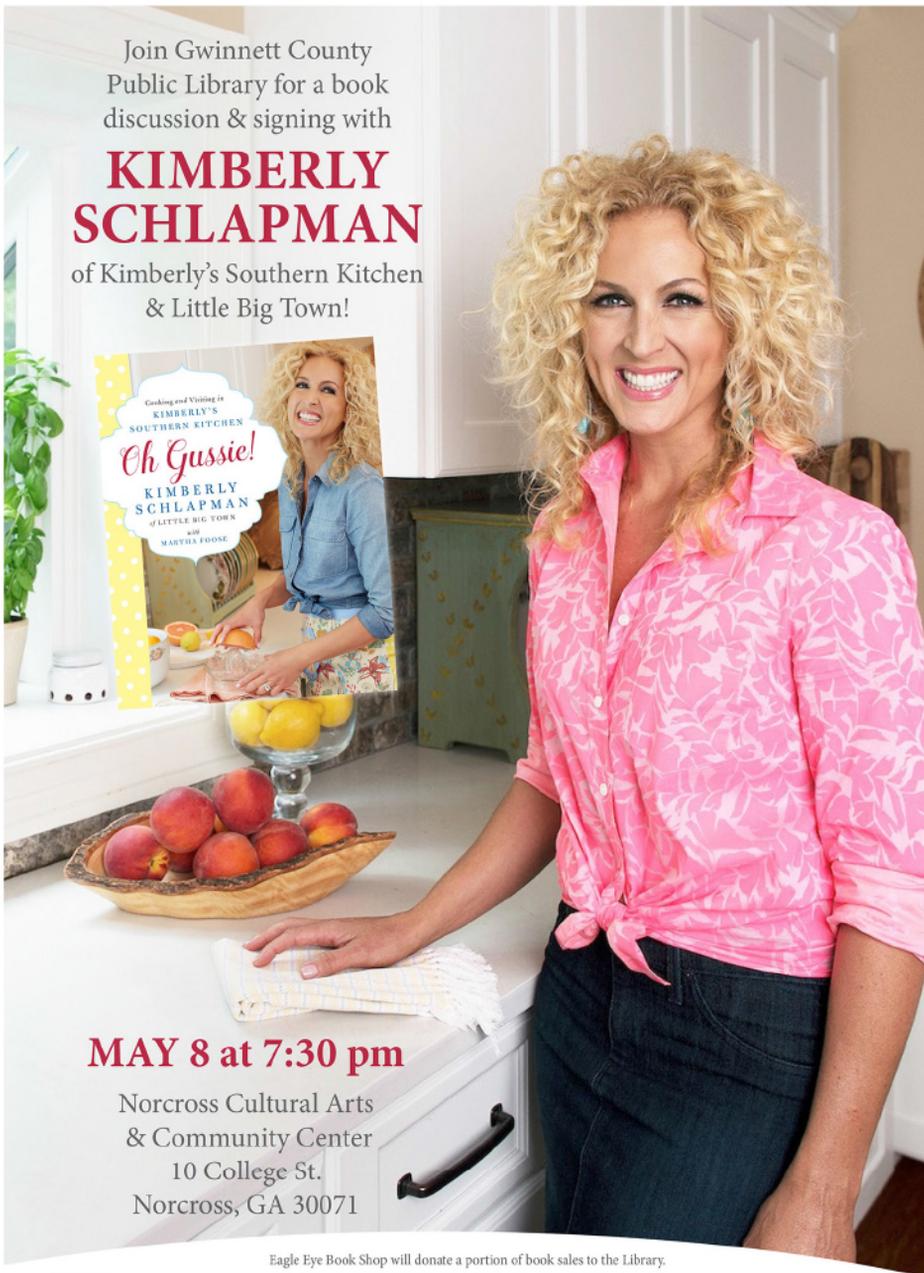
All proceeds go to charity and prizes will be awarded to registered participants. For more information, please visit aplacetoimagine.com or contact James Freeman 770-480-0494 or Lane Campbell 404-313-1259

NACA WORKSHOPS IN NORCROSS

The Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America ("NACA") is a non-profit, community advocacy and homeownership organization. NACA's primary goal is to build strong, healthy neighborhoods in urban and rural areas nationwide through affordable homeownership. NACA has made the dream of homeownership a reality for thousands of working people by counseling them honestly and effectively, enabling even those with lower credit scores to purchase a home or modify their loan with far better terms than those provided even in the prime market.

Two NACA workshops will be held on Saturday, May 2, 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Community Room (2nd floor) at Norcross City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville St. Please register at www.naca.com or call 888-302-NACA (888-302-6222). This is a FREE workshop and space is limited, so reserve your spot today!





Join Gwinnett County
Public Library for a book
discussion & signing with

KIMBERLY SCHLAPMAN

of Kimberly's Southern Kitchen
& Little Big Town!

MAY 8 at 7:30 pm

Norcross Cultural Arts
& Community Center
10 College St.
Norcross, GA 30071

Eagle Eye Book Shop will donate a portion of book sales to the Library.



Call: 770.978.5154
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www.gwinnettpl.org



MEET THE NORCROSS IT MANAGER:

SAM MORRIS

Sam Morris is the new IT Administrator for the city of Norcross. Sam began his venture into technology with the Marine Corps from 1994 - 1999 and more recently



held a position in Medical IT for three years with Intandem, LLC. He is currently working on his B.S. in Information Technology with a Major in Cyber Security at Strayer University. Mr. Morris has 13 years of service for our country between the Marine Corps and the Army Reserves. He met his wife Carol while serving as an Intelligence Analyst with the Army Reserves at the 335th Signal Command in East Point. They have been married for two years and are raising their 12 year old niece Blace. Not only is the City appreciative for all that Sam handles daily for our IT needs, we also thank him for his service to our Country!

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Saturday May 9, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Brownie Girl Scout Troop 3063
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 5575 Peachtree Parkway, Norcross, GA
(Peachtree Corners)

Co-sponsored by Sustainable Norcross

Help Save Water and Money! Support the troop in earning Wonders of Water Journey Share Badge. Make your reservation now to ensure sufficient inventory on site. Payment of \$65 for each rain barrel kit is due at the workshop. Space is limited so email sustainablenorcross@gmail.com to reserve your spot.



North Metro Academy of Performing Arts is currently on a rolling admission for the 2015-2016 school year (please note: 4th grade is on a waiting list). The school is also offering a Summer camp from June 1-July 24 for ages 5-12. For all details go to: northmetroacademy.com or call 770.903.2940. North Metro Academy is located at 182 Hunter St. Norcross.

NORCROSS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE – HELP SAVE A LIFE

The City of Norcross is hosting an American Red Cross Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 5, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The event will take place at City Hall (65 Lawrenceville St.) in the 2nd floor Community Room. To schedule your appointment, please go online to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: cityhall. For more information, contact Monique Lang: mlang@norcrossga.net



**NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS/
PARKS AND RECREATION**
LILLIAN WEBB PARK

As reported last month, the Lillian Webb Park fountain is still on schedule to reopen in late May. We have experienced a very wet winter that produced approximately 20 weather delay days as a result of rain and the potential for snow/ice. Those days coupled with an extended amount of time dealing with the vagaries of the City's insurance company, unfortunately slowed our progress (but saved tax dollars). We are back on track now, and as long as weather permits we expect the project to be completed in May, then we will all be happily splashing once again!

CEMETERY

The City recently completed a survey of the cemetery property, and we are working with the legal team to complete an ordinance to govern the cemetery. As the legal issues move forward, City staff is working diligently on a plan for general maintenance to include all areas of the cemetery. We also have plans for capital improvements along with soliciting volunteer help. We appreciate the citizens that have voiced concern and we look forward to improving and properly restoring the headstones and their surroundings that have been damaged in the City cemetery. Please be on the lookout for ways and opportunities that you may be involved in future issues of the newsletter and on our website.



CITY NUMBERS

- Business Licenses 770.448.2122
- Community Center 678.421.2024
- Court Services 770.448.2173
- Economic Development 678.421.2023
- Yard Debris Pick-up 678.421.2069
- Permits & Signs 678.421.2027
- Police 770.448.2111
- Property Tax 770.448.2122
- Street Lights 678.421.2069
- Streets & Paving 678.421.2069
- Trash/Recycling Pick-up 770.448.2122
- Utilities Billing 770.448.2122
- Downtown Manager 678.421.2049

**WEDNESDAY
WIND DOWN**



FOOD TRUCKS
EVERY WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 - OCTOBER 7
5:30 PM - 8 PM

Lillian Webb Park, 5 College Street, Norcross, GA 30071
Trucks located on Bostic Street
Food • Music • Volleyball • Swings • Splash Pad!

FOOD TRUCKS OFFERING A VARIETY OF CUISINES IN ROTATION with MUSIC AND FUN AT THE PARK

Every effort will be made to not duplicate cuisines offered by the Downtown restaurants.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



- May 1 - FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT, AJ Ghent, Community Center, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 - May 2 - Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA) Workshop, City Hall Community Room, 2nd floor, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - May 5 - Community Blood Drive, City Hall Community Room, 2nd floor, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - May 6 - Painting with Chris Sherry, Kudzu Art Zone (116 Carlyle St), 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 - May 8 - Kimberly Schlapman Book Signing and Discussion, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
 - May 9 - Rain Barrel Workshop, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00a.m.
 - May 9 - Crazy Canvas/Pottery Edition, Kudzu Art Zone (116 Carlyle St), 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - May 11 - MOVIE MONDAY- Imitation Game, Community Center, 1:30 p.m. AND 6:30 p.m.
 - May 13 - North Metro Academy of Performing Arts presents: The Carousel, a Poetry Based Musical, Norcross High School, 6:30 p.m.
 - May 16 - NORCROSS CLASSIC CAR SHOW, Downtown Historic Norcross
 - May 17 - PORSCHE CAR SHOW, Lillian Webb Park
 - May 22 - RUPERT'S ORCHESTRA, Thrasher Park, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 - May 25 - MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION, Thrasher Park
 - May 26 - MOVIE MONDAY (yes, on Tuesday due to Memorial Day) - UNBROKEN, Community Center, 1:30 p.m. AND 6:30 p.m.
- Every Wednesday in May - Food Truck Wednesdays, Lillian Web Park, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



SIGN UP FOR EVENT REMINDERS!
Regístrate para obtener información sobre los eventos locales!
Most events are free and open to the public; for more event info,
visit www.aplacetoimagine.com