



# A PLACE TO IMAGINE

MARCH 2019

**CELEBRATE THE LUCK OF THE  
IRISH THIS PADDY'S DAY WITH**

## IRISH FEST NORCROSS

Fiálte (*welcome*), good people of Norcross! The City of Norcross is excited to announce a collaboration with Taste of Britain and the Drake School of Irish Dance to bring you the 2nd Annual Norcross St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The entirety of S. Peachtree Street will be closed to accommodate the festivities.

Downtown Merchants will be offering Irish-themed activities and fare to mark the occasion and outside you will find music, dancing, face painting, whiskey tastings and more! Free and open to the public and 100% family-friendly, this is an event you do not want to miss.

### TRADITIONAL IRISH BREAKFAST

Start with a hearty, traditional Irish Breakfast--okay, maybe it's more Brunch--at the Norcross Masonic Lodge at 11 a.m. This will be a delectable feast of eggs, rasher, black and white pudding, beans, grilled tomatoes and toast.

The tickets are \$15.00 in advance at 770.242.8585 and \$20.00 at the door. The proceeds are a fundraiser for the Masonic Lodge.

### LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING

Tap your feet and clap your hands to the beat as the World Champion river dancers from the Drake School of Irish Dance take the stage. You can also learn to jig yourself and join in the fun! Later, join us for a Celtic Rock concert with the band Brynmor from 3 to 5 p.m.

### JAMESON IRISH WHISKEY TASTING

Visit the whiskey tasting tent for a sample of the purest 'water of life' Ireland can offer! Tickets sold on site.

### FACE PAINTING, LEPRECHAUNS, AND MORE!

Snap a selfie with Norcross' resident Leprechauns, and if you forget to wear green, don't worry—stop by the Face Painting booth and ask for

a shamrock. Hungry for a snack before lunch? The Taste of Britain is giving away gift boxes and door prizes and will offer an Irish Sampling for you to taste many Irish favorites from meat pies and Kerrygold cheese to Irish ale. Other merchants will also have special offerings for the event, so make sure to stop in and see what's going on!

For lunch, check out one of the many downtown restaurants offering special menus featuring Irish favorites and inspired fare such as corned beef and cabbage, Irish coffee, Reuben strombolis, specialty cocktails and green beer.

There are so many fun and exciting festivities taking place downtown this Paddy's Day, so put on something green and come on out to Irish Fest 2019! Sláinte Mhaith! (*Good Health/Cheers!*)

**For more event details and merchant offerings, visit [www.aplacetoimage.com](http://www.aplacetoimage.com).**





## MAYOR EMERITUS BUCKY JOHNSON

On February 4th, Mayor Craig Newton and Council issued a proclamation to former Mayor Bucky Johnson as Mayor Emeritus. The city is thankful for Johnson's deep and genuine love for the city, making Norcross the ideal place to live and raise their families. Congratulations!



## CITY OF NORCROSS HAS RECYCLED 3.42 TONS OF GLASS!

Glass Reminder: Do NOT put glass in recycling carts. Glass contaminates other acceptable recycling materials. Glass must be taken separately to Public Works (offered to Norcross residents only) located at 345 Lively Ave, during open hours of M-F, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



## Toasty TOES & Cozy COATS

We are so thankful to have a community of such giving hearts. Please continue to remember those that need help and drop off coats and socks at Public Works when you bring by your glass for recycling. These items will be donated to The Norcross Co-Op.

**HELP A FELLOW NEIGHBOR OUT - DONATE COATS AND SOCKS TODAY!**



## 1870 The 2020 BRUNSWICK NORCROSS, GEORGIA

### NORCROSS HOLDS LILLIAN WEBB PARK GROUNDBREAKING

The City of Norcross broke ground today on a multifamily development that is part of the city's eight-year Downtown Norcross Expansion project (including a brand new 22,000 square-foot library) taking place alongside Lillian Webb Park and Buford Highway. The development, called 'THE BRUNSWICK' as was revealed this morning, represents a significant step in attaining the goals of the 2034 Comprehensive Plan and the 2011 Livable Center Initiative.

"We are very excited to have reached this phase in our plans to bring Downtown Norcross to Buford Highway," Norcross Mayor Craig Newton says of the groundbreaking this morning. "First came the [Lillian Webb] park, and now we're seeing our vision of a true 'Live. Work. Play.' community come to life with the advent of a new library, townhomes, commercial space and now this incredible, innovative property."

The property is named for the Brunswick Hotel, a legacy with strong city roots as the 29-room hotel was built by Norcross founder, John Thrasher, in 1870 before its demolition at the end of World War II. The Brunswick Hotel was a defining feature of Norcross' origins as a railroad outpost, and the new Brunswick hopes to carry on that heritage as a defining feature of Norcross' future.

Situated on a 3.35 acre site at the corner of Holcomb Bridge Road and Buford Highway (directly next to Lillian Webb Park), THE BRUNSWICK will rise five stories and feature 184 traditional apartment units in addition to nine Live/Work units, countless amenities and a 280 space parking garage available for residential and public use.

The developers behind the project, Gateway Ventures and Centro Development, are aiming to create a "flagship" urban product right in the heart of this historic neighborhood, providing residents with the best of both worlds—urban living in a small town setting.

The Brunswick opens Fall 2020 and will pursue NGBS Bronze Certification, a national green building standard.

## ANNEXATION

The City of Norcross has recently announced an initiative to bring a neighboring portion of unincorporated Gwinnett County into the city through the process of annexation. It includes much of the area between Buford Highway, Jimmy Carter Boulevard, I-85 and the western Gwinnett County line. If approved by the state legislature and public referendum, this annexation would help residents, businesses and the City work together to ensure the growth of this area aligns with our values as a livable, diverse community. For more information about the vision, process and impacts or to submit a question, visit [www.joinnorcrossga.net](http://www.joinnorcrossga.net). Content is available in both English and Spanish.



## TRANSIT VOTE IS COMING IN MARCH – HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Have you educated yourself on the proposed plans for MARTA in Gwinnett County? A referendum in March will decide the fate of a transit expansion in the Gwinnett County area, and as Gwinnett residents your vote counts! See a full summary of the proposed project on [www.norcrossga.net](http://www.norcrossga.net) so you can help make an informed decision.



## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

**DON'T FORGET CONCERT TABLES GO ON SALE MARCH 4TH AT 9AM!**

As with previous years, the sale will be available first to those who plan to buy for the entire season, and then to individual shows after 11am. The form will be linked to the [NorcrossGa.net](http://NorcrossGa.net) home page exactly at the specified time. Tables go lightning fast, so be sure to be online and at the ready!

Individual Concerts, Table of 6 - \$60 each concert

Individual Concerts, Table of 8 - \$70 each concert

# COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

## SUSTAINABLE NORCROSS COMMISSION



The Sustainable Norcross Commission was established by resolution in November 2008 and put into the city's code of ordinances in September 2017. Since its creation, the Sustainable Norcross Commission (SNC) has been dedicated to improving the city and area's environment, opportunities and economy.

As a result of the work of SNC and City Staff, the City of Norcross became a Platinum-certified Green Community in 2016 through the Atlanta Regional Commission. Norcross is one of two cities in Georgia that has received this ranking. The other city is Decatur.

Some of our accomplishments include the creation of the Community Market, Community Garden and Sustainability Plan; installation of public electric vehicle chargers; implementation of a Safe Routes to School program; and adoption of a Paperless Policy for government operations, to name just a few.

### THE SNC IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON SEVERAL INITIATIVES:

- Completing requirements in becoming a Bee City, which means Norcross is promoting sustainable environments for pollinators
- Sustaining the viability of the Community Market
- Expanding the city's recycling program to include multi-family housing
- Implementing more walk and bike friendly programs and policies

Want to be a part of making things better in your community? Then volunteer some time and energy to help make Norcross a more enjoyable and satisfying place to live, work and play!

The Sustainable Norcross Commission is looking for people to fill one board vacancy as well as spots on its Bee City and Bike/Ped subcommittees.

If you are someone with passion, wisdom and enthusiasm, the SNC would love to have you join the team. If you are interested in serving on the board for a two-year term, you can find an application on the Norcross website at [www.norcrossga.net](http://www.norcrossga.net).

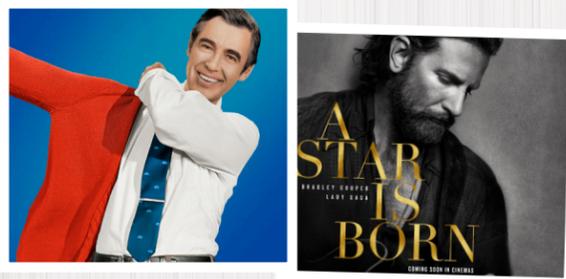
If you would like to serve on one of the SNC's subcommittees, please email the SNC at [sustainable@norcrossga.net](mailto:sustainable@norcrossga.net).





# IN THE KNOW

## MOVIE MONDAYS FOR MARCH & APRIL!



MARCH 11: **WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR**

MARCH 25: **A STAR IS BORN**



APRIL 8: **CRAZY RICH ASIANS**

APRIL 22: **MARY POPPINS RETURN**

Free movie showing at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Norcross Community Center. Free popcorn and drinks.



## ITALIAN CAR SHOW

MARCH 2, 2019

Lillian Webb Park | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

CELEBRATING OUR 22ND YEAR OF ITALIAN AUTOMOTIVE STYLE!

Including the Car Show with Marque Awards, Raffles, Italian New Car Dealer Demonstrations and Vendor Merchandise on display.



## HISTORIC TROLLEY TOUR

MARCH 16, 2019

Boards across from Antique Traditions

on South Peachtree

11a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

All Aboard! Make your reservation for the Historic Norcross Trolley Tour! Call 678.421.2048, 678.421.2049 for ticket information and to make your reservation. Discount offers from Downtown merchants is included with your ticket!



NORCROSS  
DISCOVERY GARDEN  
PARK

## NEIGHBOR'S NIGHT OUT

Happy Hour & Cocktails in the Garden! Bring a friend! B.Y.O.B. or an appetizer/snack to share

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 | DISCOVERY GARDEN | 6 P.M.

## Norcross EASTER egg hunt

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 20

Rossie Brundage Park | 10 a.m.

Bring your Easter baskets and celebrate the renewal of spring in Norcross with a FREE Easter Egg Hunt that is sure to be fun for all!

Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt -  
RSVP REQUIRED  
([www.aplacetoimagine.com](http://www.aplacetoimagine.com))

The City of Norcross will also be hosting an eggs-tra special Easter Egg Hunt for children with special needs and their families on Saturday, April 20 at 1 p.m. at Rossie Brundage Park, 350 Autry Street.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP & RECYCLING DAY

APRIL 27, 2019

Shredding Event  
Clean-up Day  
Electronics Recycling  
2019 "CAN" Do for Hunger Campaign

For complete information on these events and what material are allowed at each event, please visit [www.norcrossga.net](http://www.norcrossga.net) to view informational flyers or contact Sonya Isaac at 678.421.2027



## FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

APRIL 5: CHI-TOWN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

A high-octane show celebrating the music of the rock group Chicago.

Seating is limited, so reserve yours now by calling 678.421.2049. Feel free to bring your own food and favorite beverages, or make it a perfect night on the town with dinner to go from one of the great downtown Norcross restaurants.

## THREE FOLD ART EXHIBIT OPEN RECEPTION

APRIL 12, 2019

The Rectory | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Meet the artists and enjoy food and music!

Artists include:

Kimberly Reed Harrington, Beverly Jones and Allison Gale

After the opening reception, admittance to the gallery is available through May 10 by calling 678.421.2048/2049.





## THE FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE ON FEBRUARY 8TH WAS A BLAST!

## NORCROSS RECOGNIZED AS A TREE CITY FOR 15 YEARS

Tree City USA provides the framework for community forestry management in cities and towns nationwide that meet certain requirements, including the establishment of a tree board or department, a community tree ordinance, specific spending levels for urban forestry and planned Arbor Day celebrations. There are 150 Tree Cities USA in Georgia, and nearly 30 percent of the state's population lives in a Tree City. Nationwide, more than 3,400 Tree City USA communities serve as home to about 135 million Americans. Congrats Norcross!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MARCH 1:** First Friday Concert - XTreme Party Band, Norcross Community Center, 7 - 9 p.m., Seating is limited, so reserve yours now by calling 678-421-2049

**MARCH 2:** Italian Car Show, Lillian Webb Park, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**MARCH 11:** Movie Monday: Won't You Be My Neighbor, Norcross Community Center, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

**MARCH 16:** Irish Fest Norcross, Downtown Norcross, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**MARCH 16:** Historic Trolley Tour, Boards across from Antique Traditions on South Peachtree, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Call 678.421.2048, 678.421.2049 for ticket information and to make your reservation

**MARCH 25:** Movie Monday - A Star is Born, Norcross Community Center, 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.



For more event information: [www.aplacetoimagine.com](http://www.aplacetoimagine.com)