



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

AUGUST 2019



IndieGreen
Independent. Hand-Crafted. Local.

The City of Norcross is excited to present the Indie Green Vegan Festival! The event will be August 24th from 2 to 8 p.m. at Lillian Webb Park, and is free to the public.

Festival goers will discover information on the vegan lifestyle through demonstrations and informative booths, and can enjoy a diverse array of vegan and plant-based cuisine while shopping with over 50 local artisans and vendors.

Experience a new cuisine and support environmental sustainability. There are so many activities to take place in at the Indie Green Festival—bring your loved ones and treat yourself to a fun day filled with healthy food, shopping and music!

SPEAKERS AND PERFORMANCES

Festivities will continue throughout the day with speakers and musical performances! Indie artists and other musical performers will be rocking the stage, while industry leaders will be presenting key insights into the vegan way of life.

VENDORS, ARTISANS & DEMOS

Stop by over 50 local food vendors and artisans to experience vegan at its best. In addition to great cuisine, you will discover great art and many other “cruelty-free” products and gifts. You can also gather inspiration and learn to create vegan meals at cooking demonstrations, while your kids let off some steam in the kids’ zone.

START YOUR DAY AT THE NORCROSS COMMUNITY MARKET!

Take time before the festival to stop by the Norcross Community Market. Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., local Georgia farmers sell a wide range of produce perfect for the summer. Visitors can appreciate sustainably sourced and seasonal fruits and vegetables available for sale, while supporting our regional farmers and the environment.

For more information, visit norcrossga.net/greenevents.

Mayor: Craig Newton • **Mayor Pro Tem:** Andrew Hixson
City Council: Josh Bare, Elaine Puckett, Dan Watch, Chuck Paul
City Manager: Rudolph Smith • **Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works,**
Utilities & Parks: Mary Beth Bender • **City Clerk:** Monique Lang

City Hall: 65 Lawrenceville Street, Norcross, GA 30071
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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WELCOME TO NORCROSS

We'd like to welcome a new business, Main Street Barber Shop, to our downtown! Main Street Barber Shop is located at 15 B South Peachtree Street.

NORCROSS GOES PURPLE

The Purple Heart is a prestigious medal awarded to any member of the armed forces who have been wounded or lost under combat conditions. As a Purple Heart City, Norcross will be honoring this year's Purple Heart Day (August 7th) all week long, from August 2 to the 11th, with wrapped trees in purple lights at the center crosswalk on South Peachtree. There will also be uplighting at the American Elm in Betty Mauldin Park.



CONGRATS, CAMILLE!

On June 14, our Payroll and Benefits Specialist, Camille Washington, received her certification with GLGPA (Georgia Local Government Personnel Association) as a Certified Human Resource Manager.

Congratulations on her success!



MAYOR NEWTON RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF DEDICATION FROM GMA

At the Georgia Municipal Association's annual convention, held on June 21st in Savannah, our very own Mayor Newton received the prestigious Certificate of Dedication award from the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute.

The institute, a cooperative effort of GMA and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, provides a nationally recognized series of training opportunities for city officials.

The Certificate of Dedication requires 276 hours of training, including at least 108 hours from a required list of classes, of which 18 hours must be from an Advanced Leadership track. After obtaining the Certificate of Dedication, officials must complete nine hours of continuing education each year to maintain the certificate.

Only 10 officials received the honor at this event – way to go Mayor Newton!!!



WEEKLY CURBSIDE RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING COLLECTION



CORRECTION NOTICE

In the July 2019 Newsletter, we mistakenly listed that shredded paper is acceptable to put in residential recycling bins. According to our vendor, Advanced Disposal, they do NOT accept shredded paper for recycling. We apologize for any confusion and inconvenience.

Advanced Disposal will provide curbside recycling collection on a weekly basis at residential households in the City of Norcross. The city encourages participation in the recycling program as it provides many benefits for our environment including:

1. Reduce the amount of material that is in landfills
2. Conserve natural resources such as timber, water and minerals
3. Prevent pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials

In an effort to maximize the results of our recycling efforts, please read and follow the below guidelines:

Acceptable Curbside Recycling Items:

Cardboard, plastics-water bottles, soda bottles, detergent bottles, milk jugs, aluminum (soda) cans, packing paper (no wax), mixed paper (newspaper, magazine, printer & copy paper, loose-leaf paper, notebook paper)

Unacceptable Curbside Recycling Items:

Glass, juice boxes, batteries, medical waste, styrofoam, electrical wire, light bulbs, plastic strapping, electronics, toner/ink cartridges, food waste, napkins/paper towels, milk cartons, construction debris or waste

Glass: Do NOT put glass in recycling carts. Glass contaminates other acceptable recycling materials. Glass must either be taken separately to Public Works located at 345 Lively Ave, during open hours of M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., or be placed in your trash cart.

Recycling Guidelines:

- Place cart at curbside by 6:30am on scheduled collection day
- Place cart within 3 feet of the curb with the handle facing the residential unit and away from the street
- Place cart at least 3 feet away from other objects such as carts, mailboxes, other carts



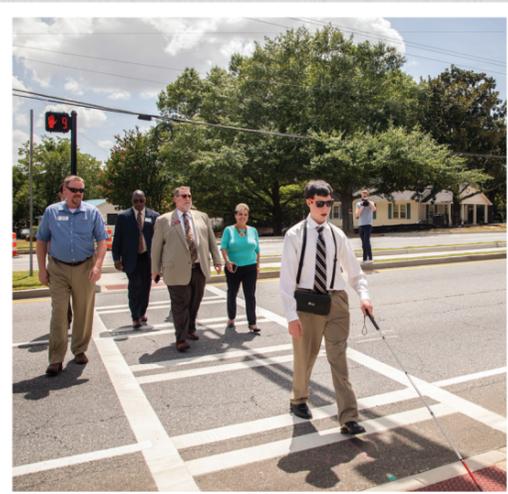
NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS DAY AUGUST 21

Our seniors have contributed much to our communities and helped make them what they are today. Let them know how much you care about them!

P.S. Don't forget about the Senior's Corner on our website to find shortcuts to resources most often sought by our seniors.

Visit norcrossga.net/907/Find-Senior-Resources.

NEW HAWK SIGNAL INSTALLED AT BEAVER RUIN!



Gateway85 CID hosted a brief program on Tuesday, July 16 to celebrate the opening of the Beaver Ruin Mid-Block Crossing located near the Norcross First United Methodist Church.

The crossing uses a HAWK signal, which will allow local residents, like local Timothy R. Jones, to cross the street safely. Timothy was born blind and plans to use the signal to independently cross the street and catch the bus for school. As July 16th was also his birthday, the CID asked him to help us celebrate by being the first to use the crossing.



QUALIFICATIONS REMINDER

The qualifying period for the November 5, 2019 election will run from Monday, August 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. through Friday, August 23, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Individuals intending to qualify shall complete a qualifying packet on the website and remit the sum of \$310.50 or \$243.00 respectively.

Visit www.norcrossga.net for more information.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THERE'S MORE PARKING IN NORCROSS?

Next time you're in downtown for dinner or a concert, take a look at all the parking that is now available! City Council and local merchants have partnered to establish several initiatives which are working to free up store-front parking spaces.

Lunchtime is the best time to notice the change, but no matter the time of day be sure to share your observations with us on your hopefully improved experiences!



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

CODE ENFORCEMENT

A DIVISION OF THE NORCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Committed to the Health, Safety and Welfare of All

It takes a village and everyone working together to keep Norcross 'a place to imagine.' Part of that village is the Code Enforcement Division of the Norcross Police Department. The mission of the Code Enforcement Division is to enforce the codes of the city in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community and, where violations occur, to work with the citizens of Norcross to achieve compliance through an efficient and fair process.

The goals of the Code Enforcement Division are to:

- Maintain an attractive, safe and healthy environment in order to provide a high quality of life for our residents and visitors
- Improve both the appearance and value of residential and business property
- Provide prompt, courteous and professional service to the citizens of the City of Norcross
- Encourage responsible property maintenance
- Seek voluntary compliance with the provisions of the City Code
- Maintain open communications and continuing education with the community While these goals may sound simple, cooperation and support from businesses, property owners and residents are necessary to make them attainable.

Here are a few simple reminders and helpful tips from the Code Enforcement Division:

TRASH CAN STORAGE

Refuse bins and carts must be stored or placed only in the rear yard or inside enclosed structures where they are not visible from the street, with the exception of the regularly scheduled pick-up day hours permitted.

OUTDOOR STORAGE

If it doesn't belong outside, then putting it outside is against code. Tires, sofas, recliners and other non-patio furniture or goods must be stored indoors.

HOME MAINTENANCE

Homeowners are responsible for providing regular maintenance of home's exterior and landscaping. Front and back yards should be well maintained, mowed regularly and free from trash, weeds and overgrown vegetation.

INOPERABLE VEHICLES

Vehicles that are rendered inoperable due to any reason are not permitted on the property of businesses/residents. Keep your license plate current and your vehicles in good operating condition (not wrecked, tires not flat).

LEAF BAGGING

Starts February 1 - October 31. From November 1 - January 31, leaves can be left at the end of each property in bundles to be vacuumed.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING MANAGEMENT

No more than four vehicles (including trailers) per home shall be parked, stopped, standing or stored. Parking of any vehicle on grass or dirt is prohibited.

STREET PARKING

Parking must be with the flow of traffic. If you are going to parallel park or pull into a diagonal space, your car must be facing the direction of traffic on that side of the street.

TREE CUTTING

If you are planning to cut a tree six inches or larger in diameter within the City of Norcross, you must first obtain a tree permit from the Community Development Department at City Hall.

BUILDING PERMITS

Most repair or renovation on buildings and houses in the city require a permit. If you plan to enlarge, alter, repair, demolish or change a building or house, contact Community Development at 678-421-2027 before you start the job. This includes roof repairs.

For more information on code violations, visit municode.com.



**IN THE
KNOW**



**SEPTEMBER 7
DOWNTOWN NORCROSS
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.**

With polished leather, gleaming paint and spot-free chrome, the featured marque of this year's Car Fayre will be Triumph. Joined by many Rolls-Royces, MGs, Jaguars, Austin-Healeys, Sunbeams, Aston-Martins, Land Rovers, Lotus and other iconic classic British cars the line-up will also include a section for British motorcycles with many rare vintage models. Expect to see around 400 vehicles on display.

EVENT REMINDER

Please do not set up chairs, tents or blankets on the gravel area around the railroad tracks during events. This is not city property and is very dangerous around the railroad tracks. The city wants to ensure all residents and visitors are safe during events.



**SATURDAYS • LILLIAN WEBB PARK
9 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

AUGUST 3
Norcross Purple Heart City Celebration

AUGUST 10
National Farmers Market Week

AUGUST 17
Senior Citizens Day
AARP Age Friendly Community Day

AUGUST 24
Pico de Gallo Day - a Taste of Mexican Culture

AUGUST 30
Closing Market, Vendor and Volunteer Appreciation

MOVIE MONDAYS FOR AUGUST!



AUGUST 12: THE HONOR LIST
AUGUST 26: INSTANT FAMILY

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



THRASHER PARK • 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

AUGUST 9
THE MOTONES

AUGUST 23
THE DOWNTOWN BAND

2019 CAN DO FOOD DRIVE

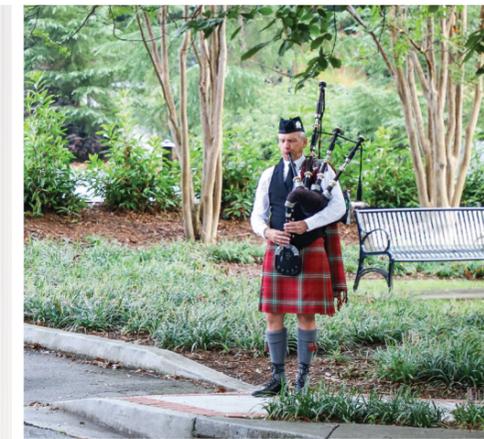
Each event in the 2019 Summer Concert Series will serve as a collection site for the CAN Do food drive, a county-wide effort to fill the shelves of local food pantries. Donations of canned food and non-perishable items can be dropped off in bins during each concert.



YEMICONGA & THE 4KORNERS

Jazz at its best will be taking over Betty Mauldin Park! Bring friends, chairs, and a cooler (no glass, please) and come chill.

AUGUST 17
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.



Save the Date
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REMEMBRANCE
BETTY MAULDIN PARK
8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

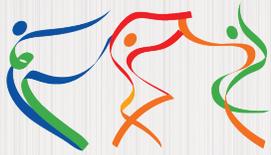
Please join the City of Norcross, Norcross Masonic Lodge, Norcross Police Department and Gwinnett Fire Department as we pay tribute to those who were impacted by this tragedy.



OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2019

Saturday
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The charming downtown district of Historic Norcross, Gwinnett County's special gem, will come alive with both colorful and happy artisan booths and a large tent where shoppers can sample wines and continue to browse the artist displays.



**GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL
FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL**



GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL WINS TOP 20 EVENT IN THE SOUTHEAST!

The Southeast Tourism Society (STS) is a non-profit, accredited organization that seeks to promote and advocate for tourism in the 12 southeastern states. It is highly respected as an industry leader, and their Top 20 Events designation is one of the premiere awards in the country. The best (and most unique) events across all 12 states compete every quarter for a chance to be named one of the 20 by industry experts throughout the country.

This is a HUGE deal for our city, and we are so very proud! Save the date, Gateway International Festival returns to Lillian Webb Park on September 14th!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 3, 10, 24

Norcross Community Market
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Lillian Webb Park

AUGUST 9

Summer Concert Series: The Motones
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Thrasher Park

AUGUST 12

Movie Monday: The Honor List | 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. | Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center

AUGUST 17

Jazz in the Alley: Yemiconga & The 4Korners
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Betty Mauldin Park

AUGUST 23

Summer Concert Series: The Downtown Band
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Thrasher Park

AUGUST 24

Indie Green Vegan Festival
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Lillian Webb Park

AUGUST 26

Movie Monday: Instant Family | 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. | Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center

AUGUST 31

Norcross Community Market - SEASON FINALE
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Lillian Webb Park



For more event information: www.aplacetoimagine.com