



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

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Saturday, October 1 • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 2 • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Downtown Norcross

The streets of Historic Downtown Norcross will once again come alive with fun and oh-so-cool artists' booths for this year's Norcross Art Splash Festival. The award-winning annual event will offer colorful and whimsical exhibitor displays in front of the enchanting downtown shops and restaurants, which makes this the perfect venue for the popular fall celebration of the arts!

The Art Splash Festival was previously held in Lillian Webb Park but is returning to its roots in the district of Downtown Norcross. "We are so fortunate to have the ambiance and charming Americana feel of Historic Downtown Norcross, and we want festivalgoers to enjoy strolling along the streets. Visitors come from all over metro-

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Atlanta and beyond to experience our beautiful town,” explains Cindy Flynn, Splash Festivals co-owner and Norcross resident.

Attendees can look forward to vendors selling handmade clay, jewelry, woodwork, metal art, fiber, mixed media, folk art, culinary treats, photography, glass and so many unique finds. The always exciting Kidz Zone will have thrilling inflatables and creative crafts for youngsters and the young at heart. All this fun will definitely work up an appetite and the fun food trucks will serve up a variety of delicious festival cuisines. The list goes on, but you’ll just have to attend in order to experience the blast of the “splash!”

Patti Long, this year’s featured artist from Knoxville Tennessee, created an ostrich with loads of character which perfectly suited for the volunteer t-shirts! Her company, Cheerful Heart Art, is all about bringing smiles to the faces of new customers and repeat fans– who can’t seem to get enough of her quirky critters!

Also in attendance, the Georgia Grown members will showcase their products and customers can expect to find some real treats from these welcoming folks! And, of course, Norcross



Art Splash Festival loves to support Chairs for Charity—which is a wonderful exhibit of decorated chairs and other items from local students who sell their special creations to raise money for their schools.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, parking and sponsorship, visit www.SplashFestivals.com.

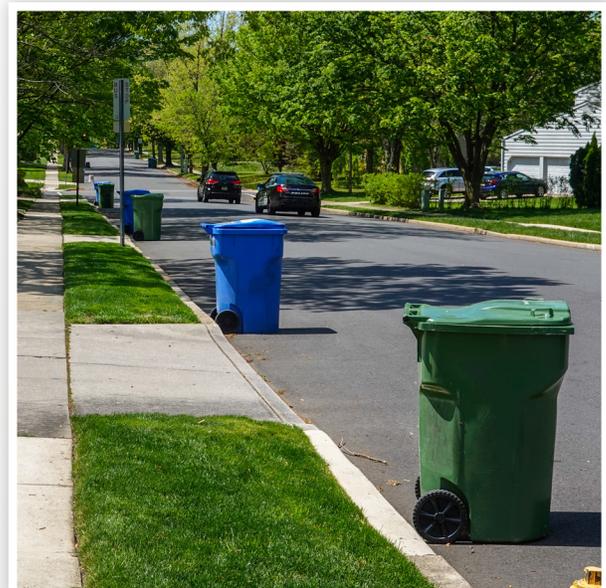
NORCROSS TAX, RATE & FEE UPDATE

On Monday, August 1, 2022, Norcross Mayor and City Council approved the city’s millage rate and sanitation fees for FY23, which starts September 1, and electric rates for the calendar year 2023.

The city’s millage rate, determined each year as part of a budget process, has been reduced from 6.749 mills to 6.249 mills—a 7.4% reduction for the following year.

Electric rates for those served by Norcross Power will be held the same for the calendar year 2023.

Sanitation rates will increase based on higher contract costs to the city. Residential rates will be \$295 per year, with a 50% discount for those with a senior exemption, who will pay \$147.50 per year. For a full rate schedule, including commercial rates and other services, visit norcrossga.net/sanitation.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

NORCROSSWORKS IS RELAUNCHING!



NorcrossWorks is a web-based initiative championed by Mayor Craig Newton to help bridge the divide between local employers, jobseekers and educational institutions. It is especially timely in today's economy, where finding and retaining talent has become one of the greatest challenges for businesses, small and large, and a challenge for a variety of interconnected stakeholders.

To mitigate this challenge and better serve Norcross businesses and jobseekers, the city is relaunching NorcrossWorks to bring both employers and jobseekers together on a common platform to engage. This platform aims to address some of the city's labor, income and educational gaps, which have all been exacerbated by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the rapidly changing nature of the global economy. The goal is to serve both businesses (employers) and individuals in the labor market (job seekers) by connecting both parties together.

NorcrossWorks is a user-friendly website, whereby employers can post and advertise openings at no cost. All a business has to do is complete a simple form which will be reviewed and posted by the Economic Development Department. Likewise, job seekers may access job postings and apply. Additionally, city staff is happy to help coordinate introductions to further expedite the process.

For more information and updates, visit norcrossed.com.



Allow employers & jobseekers to engage



Address labor, income, & educational gaps



Employers can advertise at no cost



Job seekers can easily apply to open positions

IN THE KNOW

MOVIE MONDAYS



September 12
Downton Abbey -
A New Era



September 26
Death On The Nile

Norcross Community Center
1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a free movie and light refreshments at Norcross Movie Mondays held at the Cultural Arts & Community Center every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month! Movie start times are at 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.



9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

September 11 • 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.
Betty Mauldin Park

Join Mayor Craig Newton and local first responders with a message of tribute along with traditional bagpipe music, a tradition symbolizing the mourning for fallen heroes. The ceremony will begin at 8:15 a.m. and will include a ringing of the bell at 8:45 a.m. to mark the time the first tower was hit. On this day, we remember. Please join us in honoring those who were impacted by this tragedy.

JAZZ IN THE ALLEY

featuring FunkyardX

September 17 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Betty Mauldin Park

Jazz in the Alley is a live outdoor music concert series that features some of the most talented jazz artists from Atlanta and surrounding cities. The concert was created as a platform for up-and-coming artists. It generates exposure and keeps the art of jazz alive by sharing music with cities around Georgia. The annual summer series has gained local notoriety from artists and jazz enthusiasts of all ages!

Attendees are encouraged to bring their picnic baskets, lawn chairs, savory snacks and beverages. Also, local eateries and food trucks/vendors will be jazzing things up with some to-go chef specials that will help make Jazz in the Alley the perfect date night, family night or girls' night out!



HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

September 17 • 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Summerour Middle School Parking Lot

Become immersed in the music, dances, foods, traditions and more from a variety of Hispanic countries. If you enjoyed May's Viva Mexico event and last year's Dia de los Muertos Festival, then you won't want to miss this epic convergence of cultures!

ATLANTA BRITISH CAR FAYRE

September 10 • 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Downtown Norcross

With polished leather, gleaming paint and spot free chrome, the Atlanta British Car Fayre will be rolling into Downtown Norcross once again this September! Held annually in downtown Historic Norcross, the Atlanta British Car Fayre can boast that it is the largest British car show in the Southeast, with nearly 400 cars and motorcycles! Included in the show are some very rare and historic examples of British car legends, which transitioned into some of the most exotic sports and sedan cars available today.



THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY

**“On Golden Pond” Runs
September 9-25**

Lionheart is pleased to present the classic play, “On Golden Pond” by Ernest Thompson this month. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors/students/military. Dessert is included and served at intermission. Reserve tickets online at lionhearttheatre.org.

**“Lawless Spirits” Walking Tour
October 13-16**

Lionheart is thrilled to bring back their “Lawless Spirits” walking tour. Sponsored by the City of Norcross and the Gwinnett Creativity Grant, audiences are led by actors through the streets of Downtown Norcross to experience true stories of murders, bank robberies and ghost stories that happened in Norcross and in the surrounding cities in Gwinnett County. Please note there are two shows each evening at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. All tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at lionhearttheatre.org.

TREE TALK

While the tree board and the city are focused on planting new trees to maintain our valued tree canopy, we are also losing many of the older trees due to storms and old age problems. In this article, we want to encourage Norcross property owners to take a careful, periodic look at their trees to spot any problems their trees might have. Early discovery of these problems may allow treatment by professionals to save the tree and avoid future damage from the tree falling.

You can find detailed advice on “reading” your trees in detailed web articles like TreeInspection.com/Reading-A-Tree. Their advice recommends reading each of four tree ‘zones’: from a distance, ground/roots, trunk and canopy. Sometimes a tree just “doesn’t look right,” or you’re seeing something new that’s odd or unusual. Even a tree that

appears strong and vibrant with foliage can have serious root problems, so you should examine the base of the trunk and the ground around the bottom of a tree to find obvious evidence of root problems or decay, such as mushrooms. It’s a good idea to search the web for problems that the types of trees on your lot can have!

We encourage you to be proactive and inspect your trees often, particularly after serious weather events. If you see, or think you see, any of the warning signs mentioned in the four-zone inspection, have them addressed by an experienced certified arborist immediately. They can spot trouble that your untrained eye will not see and can give you advice that goes well beyond the scope of internet articles. Protect all the benefits a lovely tree brings to your quality of life!

Content for this article approved by Patty Jenkins with TreeInspection.com, LLC



WELCOME NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, TRACY RYE!

Tracy Rye is no new face to the City of Norcross! Tracy joined the city in early 2018 as our Community Development Director; for over four years, she has excelled in promoting and protecting the city through the use of planning and development practices while also providing professional and efficient customer service. With her extensive experience and dedication to our community, the City of Norcross is happy to announce that Tracy will now be adding the role of Assistant City Manager to her title. Under her position as the Assistant City Manager, Tracy will provide assistance and support to the City Manager while also focusing on sustainable efforts to make a brighter future for our community. Other responsibilities include analyzing and implementing policies and procedures, assisting in the preparation of the budget, responding to and resolving public inquiries, etc. The City of Norcross is confident that Tracy will greatly impact our efforts in making Norcross “A Place To Imagine!”



NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS

Juried Members Exhibition, “Pigments of the Imagination,” Runs September 1-10

View this selection of fine art works in paint and ceramics curated by internationally celebrated watercolor artist and instructor Suzy Schultz.

Art Exhibition, “The Photographer’s Eye” Opens September 15

Visit the gallery to experience a collection of striking artistic photos by the gallery’s professional and recreational shutterbugs hand-selected by a noted professional photographer expressly for this exhibition.

Fine Art Figure and Portrait Study Tuesdays from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Come work on your ability to draw and paint the human form. Open to sketchers and painters of all skill levels. Professional models pose in progressively longer poses for your study. Highly acclaimed model Annie Jefferson will hold an inventive costumed pose for the third and fourth Tuesdays in September.



Open Studio Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join the gallery in their spacious studio to work and play on your own projects in the company of other artists. It’s so refreshing, it’s become known as “Therapy Thursday.”

Gallery Hours

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thursday - Saturday or by appointment. 116 Carlyle Street Norcross, GA 30071



SUSTAINABILITY



TIP OF THE MONTH

TURN OFF THE TAP!

Did you know that keeping the water running while brushing your teeth or shaving wastes an average 4-5 gallons of water?! That's almost 20 gallons of water in a four person household. When we turn off the tap while not in use, it conserves water and energy, as well as saves money.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Indoor events are subject to cancellation due to COVID-19 restrictions.

September 2

Summer Concert: Voltage Brothers, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Thrasher Park

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Labor Day Observance, City Hall Closed

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