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Holidays in Norcross

Every year, the City of Norcross hosts a plethora of activities for the holidays through its annual holiday celebration. 'Tis the season and come and get in the holiday spirit in Downtown Norcross!

HISTORIC NORCROSS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 12 | 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Norcross

'Tis the season for shopping and Norcross is ready to help you check everyone off your gift list with the annual Business Open House. At this special one-day event, the downtown shops of Norcross will be decked and ready with door prizes, special surprises, sales, new merchandise and refreshments!

And after all that shopping, you will surely have worked up an appetite for a bite to eat and something to quench your thirst. Luckily, downtown Norcross is home to an array of delectable dining options that are also joining in the festivities!

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Participating Businesses Include:

- 45 South Cafe
- Anna Balkan Jewelry and Gifts
- Antique Traditions & Remi-i-nisce
- Carolee's
- Glitter G Fashion Clothing
- Good Things Home and Garden
- Norcross Gallery & Studios
- Taste of Britain
- The Baig Firm
- The Local Peach
- The Red Hound
- The Rose & Hemp
- Social Fox Brewing
- Studio 87 Yoga
- VSOP Taproom



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Friday, December 2 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Thrasher Park

By now many of you have heard—sadly, our soaring, majestic tree in Thrasher Park that we've always 'lit' for the holidays was severely damaged by wind and had to be removed earlier this year. But we're not letting that get our spirits down, oh no! We still have all your classic Norcross holiday traditions in store. From choirs singing carols to the Grinch and, of course, SANTA!, you won't want to miss the event where we "flip the switch" on all things holiday in Norcross! More details at aplacetoimagine.com.



CARRIAGE RIDES

December 2 - December 21 | Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Downtown Norcross

Carriage rides will be dashing through Norcross throughout the month of December, boarding in front of Taste of Britain. Joe Watkins has provided carriage rides for more than 20 years— come be a part of a Norcross Christmas tradition! Carriage rides are free to the public.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

December 7 - December 21 | Every

Wednesday & Friday

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | 45 South Cafe

We hope you've been nice this year because Santa himself will be visiting Downtown Norcross. Come take a photo and let him know what's on your wishlist!

After the "Holiday Celebration" on Dec 2 (where Santa will arrive and stay for photos on the Thrasher Park stage), you can find Santa for a photo at 45 South on Wednesdays and Fridays through December 21. And, though no photographer will be present, Santa will be hanging around Downtown Norcross every Tuesday, too!

HISTORIC NORCROSS CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Friday, December 2 - Sunday, December 4

Downtown Norcross

Jingle all the way to this year's Historic Downtown Norcross Christmas Village hosted by the Historic Norcross Business Association, Friday, December 2 to Sunday, December 4. Step back in time and get ready to enjoy some good old fashioned fun for everyone all weekend long!

Kicking off on Friday, Downtown merchants will have plenty of specials and activities going on as well, so don't miss popping over to South Peachtree Street during the night's festivities for dinner and some early holiday shopping.

Then, on Saturday plan to bring the family downtown for fun galore from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. The downtown streets will be a merry sight, with costumed characters, live music, street vendors, food trucks, face-painters, bell ringers, carolers, live animals and holiday specials at your favorite local businesses. Be on the lookout for Santa cruising along in the city's electric trolley! Carriage rides will begin trotting down South Peachtree Street at 6:00 p.m. Board in front of Taste of Britain; carriage rides, like most all other activities this weekend, are free!

On Sunday, the fun continues with local merchant specials, street vendors, food trucks, costumed characters, kids craft table, and of course, Jolly Ole' St. Nick! The Historic Downtown Norcross Christmas Village is free all weekend and open to the public. For more information, follow @heartofnorcross on socials!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



NOVEMBER 15TH - DECEMBER 12TH • CITY HALL LOBBY



**CELEBRATE THE
SPIRIT OF
GIVING THIS SEASON
with the Mayor's Angel
Giving Tree!**

Beginning Tuesday, November 15th, you will find a tree with gift tags hanging on it in the City Hall lobby.

Each gift tag represents a boy or girl 5 years of age and under. By choosing a tag and purchasing a toy or toys, you are helping a local child whose parents are struggling to make ends meet—a child who might otherwise go without this Christmas.



Please bring your new, unwrapped gift back to City Hall on or before Monday, December 12th. Gift tags should be taped to the gift. Gifts will be delivered to Sheltering Arms shortly thereafter.

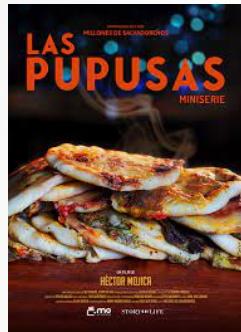
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MOVIE MONDAYS



November 14

The Lost City



November 28

Las Pupusas

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 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.



HISTORIC DOWNTOWN TOUR

November 13 | 2:00 p.m.
Thrasher Park

Take a walking tour with local historian Gene Ramsay through Downtown Norcross! Learn about the rich history and iconic stories that built the foundation of the place we call “home.”

THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY

Opening Soon: “A View from the Bridge” •
November 4-20

Lionheart's November production of the Arthur Miller classic, “A View from the Bridge” opens this month. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors/students/military. Dessert is included and served at intermission. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Get tickets: lionhearttheatre.org.

Tickets On Sale: “The Lion in Winter”
December 8-18

Tickets are currently on sale for Lionheart's December production of “The Lion in Winter.” Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors/students/military. Dessert is included and served at intermission. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Get tickets: lionhearttheatre.org.

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT FEATURING SOUTH BAY PROJECT

Friday, November 4 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Norcross Community Center

First Friday Concerts run from October to April and are always a popular night out in the Cultural Arts & Community Center. Come 'get down' with the sounds of jazz, rock, motown and more on the 'First Friday' of every month October through April, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. No meet up groups. RSVP is required; register via Eventeny link on First Friday Concert page of aplacetoimagine.com or scan the QR code provided.



November's First Friday Concert features the South Bay Project! South Bay Project performed in last year's First Friday Concert Series and left us wanting more. We can't wait for their return, you don't want to miss out on a night full of jazz, blues and every genre under the sun!

CAN DO FOOD DRIVE



The CAN-Do Food Drive is making a special appearance at the city's First Friday Concert series this year! When you come out to enjoy this month's musical performance, please consider bringing a single-serve, individually packaged food item with you for our collection basket. A full list of suggested items is available at aplacetoimagine.com. All donations will be delivered to the new food pantry available inside the Norcross Library, thanks to a community partnership between the library, The Alliance, Perimeter Church's Impact Norcross, Norcross First United Methodist Church and Carolee's in Downtown Norcross.

NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS

"Norcross Squares" Silent Auction - Now - December 3

Bid now on square paintings of all sizes, square ceramics, an artisan-crafted table hand painted with squares!

"Dynamic Critiques" with Larry Hall
Thursday, November 3, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Monday, November 21, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Upbeat, constructive ways to improve your art. Everyone gets to participate. Fee: \$5 cash.

Holiday Open House
Saturday, November 12, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Stop by for complimentary visual and sweet treats,

and bid on our silent auction to raise funds for community outreach in 2023!

Fine Art Figure and Portrait Study
Every Tuesday 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 of anatomy.

Open Studio
Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Join us in our spacious studio to create and develop on your own projects in the company of other artists.

For more information, visit norcrossgalleryandstudios.org

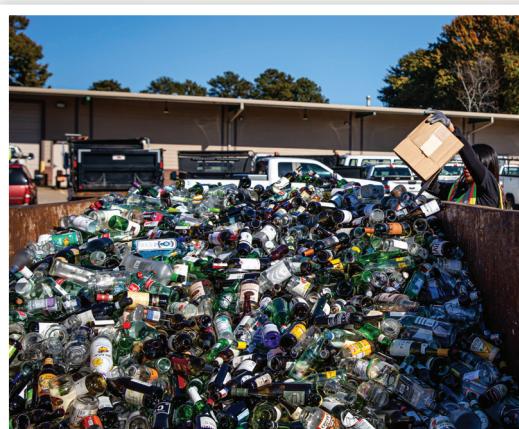
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP & RECYCLING DAY

Neighborhood Recycle and Cleanup Day is on Saturday November 12, 2022. All drop offs will be stationed at **Norcross Public Works, 345 Lively Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Bring documents to shred, recycle electronics, scrap metal, hard-to-recycle materials, single-stream materials, glass and dispose bulk materials! Check out a complete list of accepted materials, directions and more at aplacetoimagine.com.

All traffic will be directed to Norcross Public Works from South Cemetery Street, with all vehicles exiting from Lively Avenue to Buford Hwy. Please check out this event map on our website to make sure you're ready for the day.

For question, contact
communitydevelopment@norcrossga.net.



AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

America Recycles Day, recognized on Tuesday, November 15th, is an annual celebration where we get to learn more about the benefits of recycling and reducing our waste in our communities locally and globally. The City of Norcross is celebrating all weekend long, check out the event schedule:

Neighborhood Recycling & Clean Up Day

November 12th | 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Come reduce, reuse and recycle with the community.

Sustainability Trivia

November 13th | 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Social Fox Brewing
Enjoy a sustainability trivia night, it's always fun to learn something new!

Zero-Waste Event at Movie Monday

November 14th | 1:30 p.m. | Cultural Arts & Community Center
Sustainable Norcross is partnering with Movie Monday to create a zero-waste event. Complimentary snacks and refreshments will be available along with recyclable and compostable bins for disposal.

Sustainable Storytime

November 15th | 11:00 a.m. | Gwinnett County Public Library - Norcross Branch
November 15th | 7:00 p.m. | Facebook Live
Hear a book reading about how you can help the planet!



WELCOMING PODER LATINX!

Say hello to Poder LatinX!

Poder LatinX is dedicated to building a sustained progressive voting bloc of Latinxs in battleground states across the country. On September 20th, Poder LatinX celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting at their new location right here in Norcross located at 6825 Jimmy Carter Blvd. Suite 1303.



Poder LatinX empowers and equips the LatinX community to become agents of change. The City of Norcross is excited to have you a part of our home and can't wait to see the impact on their mission!

SUSTAINABILITY TIP OF THE MONTH

SHOP SUSTAINABILITY!

Intentional shopping is doing your planning before checkout. Here's a few tips on how to shop sustainably :

- Bring reusable shopping bags
- Choose items that have recyclable packaging, like glass or paperboard containers
- Return your plastic bags back to stores to be recycled
- Shop local or handmade

Don't forget to use these tips while shopping at the Historic Norcross Holiday Open House!



TREE TALK

Preparing Your Trees for Winter

As the nights get longer and the temperatures drop, it's important to take steps to ensure your trees are ready for winter. With a little work, you can help them make it through the cold months and thrive in the spring.

The Magic of Mulch

While mulch serves many purposes during the warmer months, it is also critical in the winter. A good layer of this organic matter will insulate the roots of a tree from the colder temperatures. Mulch should be spread around the base of each tree, extending just to the edge of the tree's crown (or about 3 feet across) in a layer about 2-4 inches

thick. Always make sure the trunk of the tree is exposed and not covered by the mulch (about 3 inches between trunk and mulch is ideal).

Winter Watering

If you're experiencing a dry winter, consider watering your trees. By watering just once or twice a month on days that are over 40 degrees Fahrenheit, you can keep your trees from drying out during extended periods of time with no rain or snow. This is especially important for evergreens because they do not go dormant for the season.

Courtesy of the Arbor Day Foundation

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 4

First Friday Concert: South Bay Project,
7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Cultural Arts & Community Center

November 5

Dia de los Muertos, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Thrasher Park

November 11

Veterans Day Ceremony, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.,
Veterans Park

Veterans Day Observance, City Hall Closed

November 12

Neighborhood Recycling & Cleanup Day,
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Norcross Public Works

November 12

Historic Norcross Holiday Open House,
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Downtown Norcross

November 13

Historic Downtown Tour, 2:00 p.m., Thrasher Park

November 14

Movie Monday: The Lost City, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.,
Norcross Community Center

November 24-25

Thanksgiving Observance, City Hall Closed

November 28

Movie Monday: Las Pupusas, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.,
Norcross Community Center



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