



A PLACE TO IMAGINE

NEWSLETTER • OCTOBER 2023

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
5:00 - 9:00 P.M. • THRASHER PARK**

Get ready to celebrate Dia de los Muertos in style at Thrasher Park on Saturday, November 4 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.! Join us for a night of remembrance, dance, and live authentic entertainment, followed by a parade around the park.

Immerse yourself in the rich cultural experience with delicious, authentic Mexican food and beverages.

It's the perfect opportunity to celebrate our ancestors and history while enjoying a night out with the community. Don't miss out on this unique celebration of life and death!



CELEBRATE artober



NORCROSS LIFE THROUGH THE LENS EXHIBIT

September 14 - October 31

DOWNTOWN YARN BOMBING

October 5 - 8

DINNER AND A SHOW

October 6 - 8

LIONHEART'S 'BEWITCHING' SHOW

October 6 - 15

NORCROSS ART SPLASH FESTIVAL

October 7 & 8

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

NORCROSS POWER

Greetings, Norcross residents! In this month's newsletter, we shine a spotlight on Norcross Power, your trusted community utility provider, as they continue to make strides in enhancing our city's infrastructure and utility services.

SMART PHOTO CONTROLS FOR ENHANCED LIGHTING

Norcross Power is on the cutting edge of technology, and they're proving it with their beta-testing of "Smart Photo Controls" for street and security lighting. These innovative controls use advanced sensors to detect when lights need repair, eliminating the need for customer notifications. This proactive approach ensures well-lit streets and enhanced security, making our community even safer.

APARTMENT DEVELOPMENTS

Norcross is experiencing remarkable growth, and Norcross Power is steadfastly supporting it. Two major apartment developments, Alliance Residential's Prose Norcross, situated just north of the intersection of Buford Highway and Beaver Run Road, and Walton Communities at Garner Street, are both benefiting from the establishment of a reliable power infrastructure to effectively meet the demands of our expanding community.

IMPROVING SYSTEM RELIABILITY

Looking ahead to 2024, Norcross Power plans to install seven new "S&C Tripsaver Reclosers" in various locations. This investment will enhance the local system's reliability, ensuring that your power stays on when you need it most.

Norcross Power continues to demonstrate its commitment to providing top-notch utility services and embracing innovation for a brighter future. We're proud to have them powering our community forward!



**JOIN THE
NORCROSS
POWER TEAM!**



Join the Norcross Power team, where expertise meets opportunity. We are currently seeking dedicated Journeyman Linemen to join our ranks, providing you with an exciting career path right here in our vibrant city. Take the next step and be part of the force that keeps Norcross powered and thriving.



HEART OF NORCROSS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FALL FESTIVITIES

PAINT & SIP

Wednesday, October 18

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • Cultural Arts & Community Center

Join us for a delightful evening of creativity and community at Sip & Paint, where you can unleash your artistic talents while enjoying drinks and lite bites, all while supporting Heart of Norcross businesses in their efforts to enrich our community with engaging experiences and events.

To register, visit theheartofnorcross.com

WITCHES NIGHT OUT

Thursday, October 26

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. • Downtown Norcross

Get ready to cast a spell of fun at Witches Night Out in Downtown Norcross – bewitching evening filled with witches' brew, moonlit painting, and all things spooky under the starry sky!

For more information, visit theheartofnorcross.com

TRICK OR TREATING

Saturday, October 28

1:00 p.m. - Supplies Last • Downtown Norcross

Following the Deutsche German Classic Car Show at 3:00 p.m., get your costumes ready and join us for a spooktacular evening of Trick or Treating! You can follow the signs to discover sweet surprises from our participating stores, restaurants and businesses!

For more information, visit theheartofnorcross.com

ADVANCE VOTING

Advance Voting will begin Monday, October 16 through Friday, November 3 and Saturday, October 21 and October 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Norcross City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville Street Norcross, GA 30071.

To request an application for an absentee ballot, call 678- 421-2035 or download a copy from our website. The city will utilize paper ballots tabulated by Image Cast Precinct scanners. Absentee ballots received by mail are to be tabulated manually. In accordance with the current city charter, the successful candidate(s) will be determined by a majority of votes.



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FOR ABSENTEE
BALLOT:



SUSTAINABILITY



TIP OF THE MONTH

After Halloween, don't let your pumpkin haunt a landfill – give it a second life by burying it in your backyard or a pot to nourish your soil, and consider joining the Enchanted Forest event at Johnson Dean Park to transform leftover pumpkins into fairy houses while they handle the composting for you!

SAFETY TIPS FROM NORCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

On Halloween, drive extra cautiously as children and families will be out and about, so slow down and stay alert to ensure everyone's safety.

SCHOOL ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERA PROGRAM

To enhance safety in school zones and reduce pedestrian injuries, the City of Norcross Police Department has implemented an automated enforcement camera program, endorsed by prominent safety organizations, emphasizing the importance of adhering to speed limits in school zones. Drive slower for safer streets and protect lives.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON SCHOOL ZONE
SPEED, VISIT**



TREE TALK RECOGNIZING HAZARD TREES



By Michelle Osborn, Tree Preservation Board Member

Look up and closely examine your tree canopy; it's essential for maintaining Norcross's cool environment. However, dead limbs and diseased trees pose a threat.

Trees often display visible warning signs when hidden issues are brewing inside them. Detecting these signs can prevent harm to people, property and utilities. Not all warning signs mean certain tree death; some trees just need regular maintenance or treatments to extend their lives for decades.

HERE'S HOW TO INSPECT YOUR TREES:

1. Examine the Top and Crown: If brittle limbs frequently break off, establish a routine pruning program. Ensure an open area for falling branches to avoid damage.
2. Know Your Trees' History: Trees that were topped or suffered storm damage are prone to limb drops or uprooting.
3. Address Crossing Branches: Prune branches that cross or rub against each other to prevent weak points.
4. Deal with Dead Limbs Or Dying Tree: Remove obviously dead limbs promptly. Note if the tree trunk is fungus infected or if the whole tree is in decline then make plans for its removal. If uncertain, consult with a certified International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) arborist.

DEUTSCHE KLASSIC GERMAN CAR SHOW

Saturday, October 28

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

Get ready to rev your engines and join the Deutsche Klassic German Car Show! With over 250 classic German automobiles on display, including BMWs, Audis, Porsches, Mercedes Benzes, Volkswagens and Opels, car enthusiasts won't want to miss this incredible event.



But it's not just about the cars – indulge in traditional German cuisine and beer while tapping your feet to a lively polka band. Bring the whole family for a day of fun-filled activities and explore the best of German automotive history.

For more information visit,
deutsche-klassic.com.



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM PHISHING SCAMS

By Dr. James Trent, IT Director

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month, highlighting the importance of online safety. Phishing, a widespread online deception, aims to trick you into revealing personal information. Cybercriminals, often tech-savvy con artists, use tactics like spam emails, malicious websites and instant messages to extract sensitive data, such as bank details, usernames and passwords.

Phishing scams can take various forms, arriving via email, social media, instant messages, text messages and even internet chat rooms. Some scammers try to trick you into installing spyware, which records your computer activity.

Common warning signs include phishers posing as legitimate companies in emails and directing you to malicious websites. They may use real company logos and spoofed email addresses with slight misspellings or spoofed domains.

Phishing messages may resemble help desk support tickets, messages from your bank or solicitations for money, often using urgency to prompt action. They might request personal information for verification.

Phishing websites closely mimic genuine sites with copyrighted images, and fraudulent messages are often impersonal with misspellings.

During National Cyber Security Awareness Month and beyond, stay vigilant year-round. Verify email legitimacy, especially for sensitive requests, and avoid clicking on suspicious links or downloading attachments from unknown sources. By staying informed and cautious, you can protect yourself from cybercriminals' deceptive tactics.



HELP PLAN NORCROSS!

The City of Norcross is carrying out two important plan updates: the city-wide Comprehensive Plan and the Town Center Livable Centers Initiative Plan. Because of their interrelated nature, the two plan updates are being conducted as a joint effort, branded as Imagine Our Future.

The plan update process formally began with a public hearing on March 6, 2023. During the spring and summer, the planning team conducted outreach through a variety of forums: visioning survey, steering committee meetings, pop-up events and community art activities. Summaries of these events are available on the project website.

Mark your calendar for the Imagine Our Future Public Open House on Thursday, October 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Norcross Cultural Arts and Community Center's Banquet Room. Join us to get a sneak peek at the draft plan recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan and the Town Center LCI Plan.

This is your final chance to provide valuable input, so don't miss the opportunity to help shape the future of our city!

To sign up for project updates, visit ImagineOurFuture.org.



IN THE KNOW

MOVIE MONDAYS



October 9

Whitney Houston:
I Wanna Dance
With Somebody

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.



October 23

Guardians of the
Galaxy Vol. 3

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT

Friday, October 6 • 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Cultural Arts & Community Center



Join us for the kickoff of the First Friday Concert Series featuring the sensational Grains of Sand Band from Athens, Georgia! This seven-member band, complete with a three-piece horn section and dynamic vocalists, will groove you with soul, R&B and beach music that'll have you reaching for your dancing shoes. Feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks, or savor the flavors of our town with takeout from your favorite local restaurants. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., but remember, no meet up groups are allowed, so RSVP is a must!

Reserve your spot by scanning the QR code below. Also, don't forget admission to the event is free with a donation to the Can-Do Food Drive. Additionally, we encourage you to spread some kindness by bringing a single-serve, individually packaged food item for our CAN-Do Food Drive collection basket as you enjoy this month's musical performance. Let's make it a night of great music and giving back!

**SCAN HERE
TO RSVP:**



DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR



Saturday, October 21
10:00 a.m. • Thrasher Park

Get ready to step back in time and explore the vibrant history of Norcross on a captivating downtown walking tour led by our local historian, Gene Ramsay. Meet us at the picnic shelter in Thrasher Park and embark on a journey where we'll not only stretch our legs but also delve into fascinating stories about Norcross!



Saturday, October 7 & Sunday, October 8
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. & 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Downtown Norcross

Get ready to make a 'splash' at Norcross Art Splash Festival, the festival that's sure to make a 'masterpiece' out of your weekend! Join us for a 'colorful' celebration of all things art. Talented artists from near and far will showcase their best work, featuring paintings, clay, jewelry, woodwork, metal art, fiber, mixed media, folk art, photography, glass and more - it's a palette of creativity you won't want to miss!

But that's not all - with live music, delicious culinary treats and drinks, this event will be a 'stroke' of genius!

For more information, visit splashfestivals.com.



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP & RECYCLING DAY

Saturday, October 14
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. • Norcross Public Works

Join us for the Neighborhood Cleanup & Recycling Day! We're simplifying your contribution to a greener community by accepting single-stream recyclables, glass bottles and jugs, electronics and scrap metal. Together, we can preserve Norcross' natural beauty and promote sustainability. For a comprehensive list of accepted items, simply scan the QR code below. Let's make a difference together!

SCAN HERE FOR RECYCLABLE ITEMS



Interested in volunteer opportunities? Feel free to reach out to us at communitydevelopment@norcrossga.net.

PEDAL NORCROSS

Saturday, October 21
3:00 - 6:00 p.m. • Downtown Norcross

Get ready for a 'wheelie' good time at Pedal Norcross! Join us for a 2.5-mile group ride through Historic Norcross, led by Sustainable Norcross, where we'll be peddling for fun and promoting safe and sustainable biking practices. Check-in starts at 2:30 p.m. on Skin Alley, and don't forget to scan the QR code below to register or sign up as a vendor! Let's roll!

SCAN HERE TO RSVP:



Interested in volunteering at Pedal Norcross? Feel free to reach out to us at sustainable@norcrossga.net or communitydevelopment@norcrossga.net.





NORCROSS GALLERY & STUDIOS

Norcross Life Through The Lens Exhibit Open September 14 - October 31

Explore an enchanting photography exhibition showcasing a vibrant collection of both colorful and black-and-white images, created by talented local residents, at Norcross Gallery & Studios, The Rectory, and 45 South Café.

October Classes Open October 1 - 31

Don't miss out on the exciting classes launching in October, ranging from Beginning Watercolor to Beginning Oil Painting and even Abstraction in Acrylics and much more!

For exhibit schedules and workshops, visit norcrossgalleryandstudios.org.



OCTOBER 6

First Friday Concert: Grains of Sand, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Cultural Arts & Community Center

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Norcross Art Splash Festival, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Downtown Norcross

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Movie Monday: Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m., Cultural Arts & Community Center

THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY

'Bewitching' Runs October 6 - 15

Lionheart's spooky 'Bewitching,' a collection of Halloween and horror themed shorts, returns for another year of scares. Please note, 'Bewitching' is appropriate for ages 16+. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors, students and military. Spooky Halloween 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.

'Deathtrap' Opens November 3 - 19

Lionheart is pleased to present the classic comedic thriller 'Deathtrap' by Ira Levin. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors, students and 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.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit lionhearttheatre.org.



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Movie Monday: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m., Cultural Arts & Community Center

OCTOBER 28

Deutsche Klassic German Car Show, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Downtown Norcross



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