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OCTOBER 11 • OCTOBER 12
THRASHER PARK

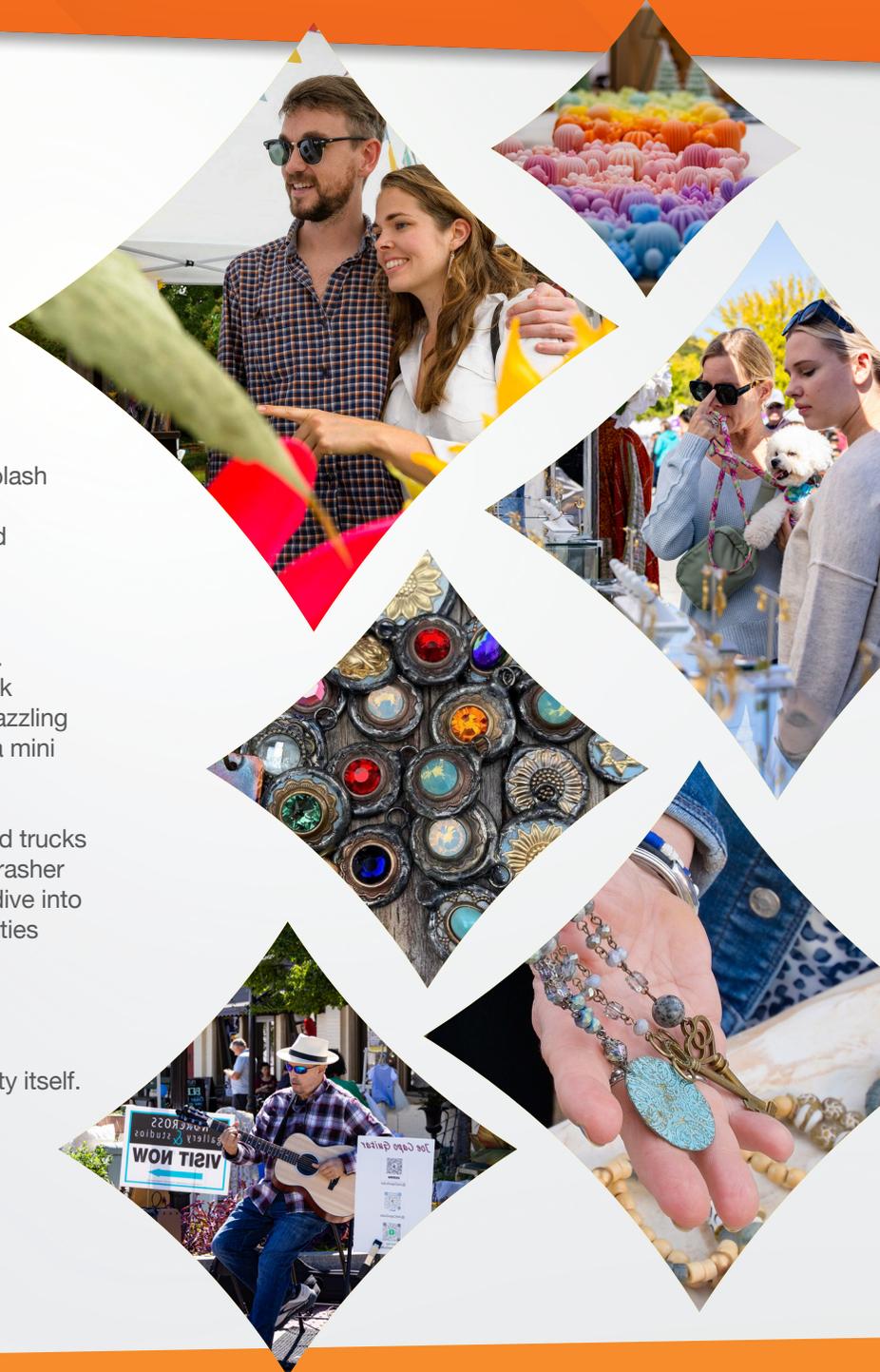
This fall, creativity takes wing as the Norcross Art Splash Festival flutters into its new home at Thrasher Park, Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 12 from 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Known as the “festival with personality,” this vibrant celebration transforms Norcross into a living canvas. More than 100 talented artists will line the shady park paths with colorful paintings, whimsical ceramics, dazzling jewelry, imaginative folk art and more—each booth a mini gallery waiting to be explored.

Follow the aroma of sizzling festival cuisine from food trucks and local eateries, then let the melodies from the Thrasher Park stage carry you through the day. Families can dive into the Kids Zone, where face painting and playful activities keep little ones smiling.

With art in the air, flavors on your plate and music in your ears, Norcross Art Splash Festival promises a weekend that’s every bit as colorful as the community itself.

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Mayor: Craig Newton • **Mayor Pro Tem:** Marshall Cheek
City Council: Andrew Hixson, Marshall Cheek, Bruce Gaynor, Matt Myers, Josh Bare
City Manager: Eric Johnson • **Assistant City Manager:** Tracy Rye
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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

2025 MUNICIPAL GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTION



Notice of Election to the Qualified Voters of the City of Norcross, Georgia:

You are hereby notified that on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, an election will be held in the voting precinct of the City of Norcross, Georgia ("Norcross").

This election will include:

- Filling the expired term of Mayor (currently held by Craig Newton)
- Filling the expired Council terms (currently held by Matt Myers and Bruce Gaynor)
- Voting on a homestead exemption increase for ad valorem taxes levied within the city limits.

Special Ballot Question

Voters desiring to vote for the enactment of the homestead exemption act shall do so by voting "YES," and voters desiring to vote against the enactment of the homestead exemption act do so by voting "NO" to the following question presented on the election ballot:

Shall the Act be approved which raises the homestead exemption from City of Norcross ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for residents who own and occupy their residences of that city from \$9,000.00 to \$45,000.00 and raises the homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older and who own and occupy their residences from \$18,000.00 to \$90,000.00?

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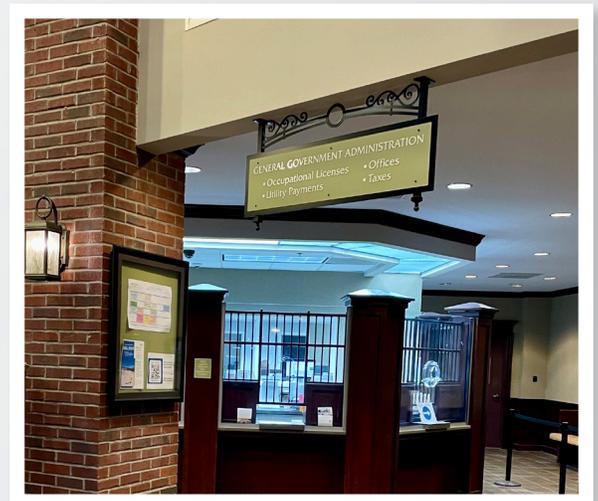
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UTILITY AUTOPAY OPTION

The City of Norcross now offers autopayment options for residential and commercial utility bills through Bank Auto Draft. This convenient service allows your payments to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account with no added service fees. We are committed to maintaining the same high level of security and ease with this option.

To learn more or sign up, call 770-448-2122 or visit the Government Administrative Services Department at City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville St.



POWER AND TAX RATES REMAIN STEADY

Good news for residents and businesses—the Norcross City Council has voted to maintain Norcross Power rates at their current level and keep the city millage rate steady at 6.249 mills for the upcoming year. This decision reflects the city’s ongoing commitment to fiscal responsibility and providing reliable services without adding to your tax burden.



SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATE CHANGE



The City of Norcross would like to inform residents and businesses that, effective September 1, 2025, residential and commercial waste collection charges will increase by 5.2%.

For residents, the updated rate will be reflected on annual tax bills. For commercial accounts, the change will appear on monthly billings. This adjustment aligns with the 5.2% annual increase in the Consumer Price Index for water, sewer and trash services, as outlined in our contract with Waste Management.

A discounted solid waste fee for seniors is automatically applied to Norcross residents who have been granted a senior homestead exemption.

We understand you may have questions regarding this update. Please contact the Finance Department at 770-448-2122 or visit us in person at City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville St. for more information.

THINKING OF STARTING A BUSINESS?

The city's Economic Development Department has created a quick reference guide for starting a business in Norcross. This guide offers step-by-step guidance to entrepreneurs and direct links to resources and application forms related to zoning, permitting and licensing.

If you are thinking about starting a business in Norcross, we encourage you to start here.

Looking for more business resources? Visit ChooseNorcross.com! If you need any help or have questions, feel free to reach out to the Economic Development Department at economicdevelopment@norcrossga.net or give them a call at 678-421-2023. They're here to support you!

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NORCROSS PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION WINS \$10,000 GRANT

The Norcross Public Arts Commission has secured a \$10,000 grant from the Gwinnett Creativity Fund's inaugural Placemaking Grant. The funds will support the multi-phase rollout of the "Norcross Forever" utility box wrap project.

Featuring a postage stamp design, the wraps will celebrate Norcross' rich history and diverse culture at key traffic light intersections throughout the city. The project also receives generous co-sponsorship from Gwinnett's Gateway 85 CID, which is sponsoring several wraps.

Residents can look forward to the Norcross Forever Stamp wraps coming soon to brighten streets and showcase the community's vibrant spirit!

NORCROSS GARDEN CLUB WINS TOP AWARD FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS

Our Norcross Garden Club recently won first place as the Outstanding Sponsor Club for their incredible work with youth through the National Garden Clubs!

They've brought nature to life with projects like the Great Pollinator Census at Stripling Elementary, the magical Enchanted Forest Fairy House experience at Johnson Dean Park, a Youth Sculpture Contest and the Arbor Day Celebration with local schools and the City of Norcross.

The club also supports horticultural scholarships and partners with youth camps and schools to encourage environmental care and education. Congratulations to the dedicated members of the Norcross Garden Club for inspiring our community and nurturing young environmental stewards!

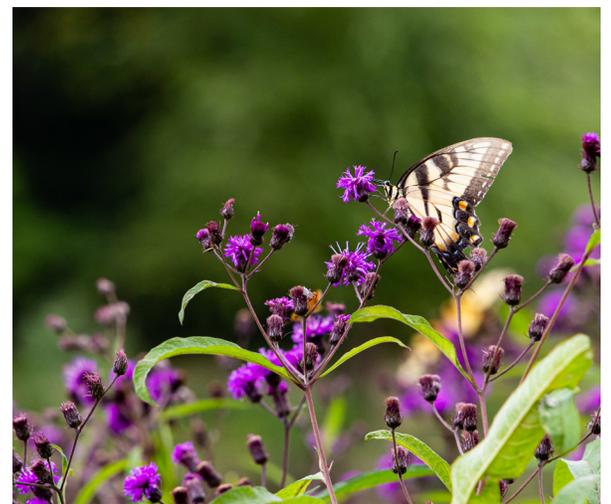
To learn more or get involved, visit norcrossgardenclub.org, email info@norcrossgardenclub.org, or visit their beautiful gardens at 33 Cottage Street.



SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Residents can safely dispose of unused or expired prescription medications at the Norcross Police Department. The prescription drop box is located inside the lobby at 65 Lawrenceville St., just to the left of the lobby window.

Please note these items are not accepted, including loose pills, liquids, inhalers, needles and syringes. Thank you for helping keep our community safe and clean!



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The City of Norcross is updating its 2045 Comprehensive Plan and the Buford Highway Master Plan—and we want you to help shape the future of our community! This plan sets the vision for growth, development and investments that will impact Norcross for years to come. So far, we've heard from over 250 community members at Cookout with Council and the Summerour Community Engagement Fair—and we want to hear from you too!

Get involved by sharing your ideas and helping us decide which projects will make Norcross an even better place to live. The deadline to complete the survey is Monday, September 15. Ready to join the conversation? Just scan or click the QR code below to find surveys, project information and fun ways to participate. Let's work together to build the future of Norcross!

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TREE TALK

Earlier articles this year highlighted the importance of tree health and safety. Trees provide many benefits and add real value to our community, but like all living things, they age and sometimes get damaged. Over time, this damage can make trees unsafe—even if the problems aren't obvious to the tree owner. That's where Tree Risk Assessments become essential.

Certified arborists are specially trained to inspect trees and identify potential hazards. Sometimes, this means a simple 360-degree walk-around to spot visible issues. Other times, a closer look is needed—which might include climbing the tree to check higher branches or using advanced tools to detect hidden problems. One such tool is a resistance drill, also known as a resistograph. This device uses a small needle to drill into the tree and measures wood density, helping to find internal decay or hollow spots that can't be seen from the outside.

If you think your trees need an inspection, be sure to hire a reputable company with an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist who has earned the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification. Ensuring your trees are properly assessed helps protect your property and keeps the Norcross community safe and beautiful.

SUSTAINABILITY



TIP OF THE MONTH

Got old electronics like CD players, stereos, phones or fax machines? Recycle them at the city's annual Neighborhood Clean Up & Recycle Day on Saturday, October 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Norcross Public Works, 345 Lively Avenue.

We'll also collect paper for shredding, single-stream recyclables, glass, scrap metal, bulk materials and more. Visit aplacetoimagine.com for accepted items, volunteer info and event details!

IN THE KNOW

MOVIE MONDAYS



September 8
50 First Dates



September 22
In The Heights

Lights, camera, action! Dive into the magic of cinema with Norcross Movie Mondays at the Cultural Arts & Community Center.

Join us every 2nd and 4th Monday for a free movie screening and light refreshments.

With showtimes at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m., get ready for double the fun! Grab your popcorn and settle in for a reel good time!

9/11 Remembrance CEREMONY

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

Join the City of Norcross for a heartfelt 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony featuring a moving tribute, traditional bagpipe music and a solemn bell ringing honoring the moment the first tower was hit. Come together as a community to reflect and pay respects to the lives lost and heroes who bravely served.



September 13 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. • Thrasher Park

Jazz in the Alley is back, and Cuban-born **Jessy Díaz** will light up the stage with fiery vocals and infectious rhythms. From 6:30–7:30 p.m., enjoy free salsa dancing lessons in front of the stage with **Mario Diaz**. Secure a reserved table for \$50 at the QR code below. Sales close at noon on Thursday, September 11. Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets, enjoy local bites and relax under the stars for a night of unforgettable music.

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ATLANTA BRITISH CAR FAYRE

September 6 • 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Downtown Norcross

Downtown Norcross is revving up for the Atlanta British Car Fayre! Cruise through a splendid lineup of over 400 classic British beauties—from dashing Bentleys to cheeky Minis and roaring bikes.

Enjoy tasty UK treats, browse charming local shops and swing to The Return, a Beatles tribute that'll have you singing all the way down Abbey Road. Keep the energy going with Whoz Rolling for even more rockin' tunes. It's a cracking good time, totally free and bursting with British flair! Don't miss this unforgettable celebration of all things British!

DAY OF PLAY

September 12 • 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. • Lillian Webb

Get ready for a day full of fun—Day of Play is coming to Lillian Webb Park! Hosted by Live Healthy Gwinnett and the City of Norcross, this free pop-up event is packed with games, activities and nonstop excitement. Whether you're a kid or just young at heart, there's something for everyone—from play zones to outdoor adventures. No need to register—just bring your energy, wear closed-toed shoes and get ready to laugh, move and make amazing memories.



We're excited to announce that our Arttober lineup is coming soon! Get ready for a season full of culture and creativity as Norcross and Explore Gwinnett bring you vibrant festivities throughout the fall. From soulful Bluesberry Beer & Music Festival to colorful Dia de los Muertos celebrations, there's something for everyone. Stay tuned for all the details, and be sure to capture and share your favorite moments by tagging @cityofnorcross and using #artoberinnorcross!



PEDAL NORCROSS

October 18 • 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. • Downtown Norcross

The city is gearing up for Pedal Norcross, a 4-mile group bike ride through Historic Norcross, where you can discover the joys of safe and sustainable biking. The event will feature free bike and helmet rentals from Aztec Cycles, a practice riding loop, vendor booths and activities for all.

Want to join the fun behind the scenes? Sign up to be a volunteer or contribute as a sponsor for in-kind donations for prizes such as bike baskets, t-shirts, bicycles, swag, gift cards and more. Scan or click the QR code below to learn more!

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THE LIONHEART THEATRE COMPANY

September 12 - September 28 • 'Radio T.B.S. Trailer Park Broadcasting Scandals'

Lionheart presents the hilarious comedy 'Radio T.B.S. Trailer Park Broadcasting Scandals' by Mark Landon Smith. Shows run evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m., with a special matinee on Saturday, September 27, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors, students and military, and include a delicious dessert served at intermission!

October 3 • Chaos Theory's 'Improv Comedy'

Get ready for a night of spontaneous humor with Chaos Theory's 'Improv Comedy' show at Lionheart Theatre on Saturday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. A great way to spend your evening! Ages 16+ welcome.

October 9 - October 12 • 'Bewitching'

Lionheart presents 'Bewitching', a collection of spooky short plays perfect for Halloween. Evening shows start at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on Sunday, October 12 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors, students and military. Enjoy a Halloween-themed dessert served at intermission!

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



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NORCROSS GALLERY AND STUDIOS

Now - September 27 • 'Bees to Trees' Exhibit

'Bees to Trees' photo gallery exhibit continues through September 27, with a reception on Sunday, September 7, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. All are welcome to explore stunning work from both professional and non-professional photographers, showcasing their unique perspectives of the city and celebrating creativity in every frame.

September 1 - September 30 • Artist of the Month

Norcross Gallery & Studios presents Marcia Shirley as Artist of the Month! Her captivating work will be on display at 45 South Café, with a reception on Sunday, September 14, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. All are invited to enjoy her unique perspectives and creative vision.

For exhibit schedules and workshop, visit norcrossgalleryandstudios.org.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

The City of Norcross will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day. City Hall will resume normal operations on Tuesday, September 2. Please note that there will be no sanitation or recycling service on Monday, September 1, and all collection services will be delayed by one day for the rest of the week—Tuesday through Saturday. Thank you for your understanding, and have a safe and relaxing holiday weekend!

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