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Norcross Art Fest is Expanding! *More Artisans Mean More Fun!*

Organizers for Norcross Art Fest 2011 are extremely excited about their growing event on October 1 and 2. This year, the popular and always fun artist market will fly down South Peachtree Street with 180 national and local artisans. The whimsical personality of Art Fest will feature folk art, jewelry, painting, photography, pottery, glasswork, metal sculpture and so much more. Norcross Art Fest 2011 truly offers visitors, neighbors, and enthusiastic shoppers the ideal strolling experience with the backdrop of boutiques, eateries, and unique stores. The festival has grown so much in the last eight years that committee members say, "it's the yearly event that's a must-see." Volunteers will want to get a head start on signing up to participate, as the show promises to be a real treat. To volunteer, simply go to www.NorcrossArtFest.com, and click on the "Volunteer" tab. Click the link that says, "Volunteer for the 2011 Norcross Art Fest". Our new volunteer website will guide you through the process of selecting your volunteer preferences.

Thrasher Park will be rocking with continuous, live music on the great stage, and the Kidz Zone will be another hopping place, packed with the famous free arts pavilion, sand art, and face-painting. Children are sure to enjoy the cool, high-flying rides, inflatables, and whistling train that will be waiting for smiling faces – both young and old. New this year and presented by the Norcross Arts Alliance is the addition of the Literary Arts Stage at Heritage Park, across from the Norcross Cultural Arts Center which will feature storytelling, readings and other literary performances. Tasty food and fun snacks await guests. The aroma from the funnel cakes, corn dogs, barbeque, and popcorn will tantalize the taste buds.

The City of Norcross proudly hosts Norcross Art Fest, and the wonderful volunteers give their time and talents each year to make sure Art Fest continues to be "the place to be" each fall. Proceeds from the Nor-

cross Art Fest will be paid to the Norcross Lions Club for distribution to the charities they graciously support. This year, the Lions will collect gently used eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. Organizers are asking volunteers and visitors to bring in these products to the "volunteer check-in" area on Thrasher Street or to the Lions Club food booth on Buchanan Street during the weekend. Also, there will be a box at volunteer check-in to collect non-perishable food items for the Norcross Co-operative Ministries. The successful and colorful "Chairs for Charity" project will be growing with creativity as mailboxes and special surprises seek new homes. Each school that submits a student creation(s) will receive the proceeds from the sale of the item(s.) For those neighbors who would like to donate an "old wooden chair" or metal mailbox to this fun event, please contact Arlene Beckles at apbeckles@yahoo.com.

For more information on the festivities and volunteering opportunities, please visit the website at www.NorcrossArtFest.com and keep up with the latest activity at <http://facebook.com/norcrossartfest> and [Twitter@SplashFestivals](https://twitter.com/SplashFestivals).



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By Bill Barks

Congratulations

We at the Norcross Times want to congratulate all who were involved with the wonderful "3rd" of July celebration and \$17000 worth of fireworks. Over 18000 people came to enjoy our wonderful downtown and celebrate our Nations 235th Birthday. I know lot of people were involved in this but my special thanks go to the Norcross Business Association, its President John Dunleavy and especially to Rachel Cook who served as Chairperson, and did a terrific job.

By Craig Newton

Why should we build a dog park in Norcross?

At the Jun 6th council work session, I noted that we really need to create a dog park here in Norcross. An ideal place earmarked was the city owned property on Mitchell Road. This area has been an eyesore for years with overgrown greenery in the aftermath of it's use as a compost site and it's later use as a construction landfill.

The idea in principle was given a "need to hear more information" nod by councilmembers. After polling other citizens, I did a little more homework on the issue. As a dog owner myself, my response to the question "Why a Dog Park?" is noted below;

- Allows local residents open space access to socialize and exercise in a safe environment while allowing their pets to interact with other pets.
- Promotes responsible pet ownership.
- Provides elderly and disabled owners with an accessible place to exercise their dog.
- Enables dogs to legally run off-leash.
- Promotes public health and safety.
- Provides a tool for realistic enforcement of dog control laws.
- Provides a more public use of an existing unused city property.
- Replaces a current eyesore with another city park increasing the current surrounding property value.

Dogs, by nature, are pack animals; and socializing dogs with one another is a very healthy activity that is vital to the well being of any dog. Human companionship alone is not enough for a happy, healthy dog. Dogs need access to open space; they need to be exercised and socialized with other dogs in order to establish a safe and friendly relationships with other animals. Open space, off-leash activity promotes confidence within a dog and shows them how they need to behave with other dogs, often mitigating the very negative behavioral traits, such as shyness and reclusiveness, that lead to attacks on other dogs and people.

Dog owners are a substantial group of park users. Other groups have been given special consideration in view of their unique park needs, i.e. sports, concerts, play grounds, ect.. The overwhelming numbers of dogs and dog owners in Norcross would seem to warrant specific consideration as well.

Access to a dog park close to home is the safest and most effective way to ensure that owners socialize their dogs and provide them with on-going experiences in the outside world. This not only benefits the dog and its owner but also neighbors who are affected by unacceptable behavior at home, other park and street users, and Gwinnett animal control authorities responsible for urban animal management.

Dog parks also provide positive effects on their owners. Owning a dog encourages people to exercise and visit their local park. Taking a dog out has also been found to stimulate social interaction with other people (Journal of Nutrition and the Elderly, 2006).

Dog parks that create a balanced approach to accommodating dog owners in public open space may achieve higher levels of compliance by dog owners with relevant laws. When laws are perceived to be fair, people will be more likely to voluntarily comply to such laws. Currently, dogs are prohibited from public parks in Norcross.

A recent Fox 5 news story covered the pro's and con's of our ordinance that has been loosely enforced after being created several years ago.

So why don't we have a park for our dogs? Why don't we have a place in Norcross where dog owners can take their dogs to engage in activities such as playing, socialization, and off leash training? With so many parks in Norcross, it seems that there would be room somewhere where both dogs and people can interact, play and engage their pets in the very activities that make our four legged friends happy.

A dog park will benefit entire community. Though it will require planning and community input as to what this park should entail, it will provide our citizens with a unique planning opportunity for a new park.

Having a location where our community can interact with other pet owners, and where our dogs can interact with other dogs will help bring together pets, families, and the community as a whole! This makes for happier pets, happier families, and a healthier community as a whole!

By Chuck Paul

Norcross and the PDC

Folks often ask what the purpose of the Norcross PDC is, who attends the weekly meetings at 45 South and what we accomplish as a group. The PDC (Progressive Development Committee) was formed a number of years ago to be a sounding board for our city officials. While that sounding board still exists, the PDC has morphed into a lot more than that. More recently it has been called a Live Norcross newsletter as we discuss current events that are both political and community in nature. A typical meeting may include the Mayor, one or more City Council members, and folks from the city, the DDA, the NAA, local church officials and a variety of civic leaders from Norcross and the surrounding area. We often have guest speakers (Gwinnett County Commissioner Lynette Howard, U.S. Congressman Rob Woodall, and State Senator Curt Thompson to name a few) who update the attendees from their vantage point. They then field questions and some of those questions can be pretty tough! The open forum style allows our attendees to engage local politicians and other visitors as to what is important to us in the city. This is not only informative but it keeps Norcross on the radar of our elected officials and we all know that the squeaky wheel gets the grease. I am not aware of any other city in Gwinnett County that has a forum quite like ours. If there is a local matter that is becoming a hot topic, you can bet that it will be aired at the next PDC meeting. This then creates a forum where discussions can be publicly expressed and then addressed by a city council person or other city official before it becomes a bigger issue. SO, if you find yourself in downtown Norcross on any given Wednesday, we

meet at the 45 South Café at 8:15AM and are generally finished at 9:00AM. Come on by, have some breakfast and/or coffee and see what is happening in the place that most of us call home.



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By Tixie Fauler

With A Twinkle In His Eye

To call John Davis an “unsung hero” isn’t a stretch. John doesn’t make a lot of headlines, nor do most citizens even know who he is. But as Norcross’ Superintendent of Public Works, John plays a critical role in maintaining the quality lifestyle for which Norcross is known.

A modest person who often has a twinkle in his eye, John also has an impressive amount of responsibility. Certified as a Public Works Manager, with Advanced Certification in Public Works Management, John Davis oversees the maintenance of all city-owned buildings and fleet vehicles. Street signage and street maintenance and storm water management fall under his watch, as do the daily operations of Norcross’ water department.

A typical work day can run the gamut from checking fire hydrants to organizing crews with sandbags to dam flood waters from heavy storms. Especially hot weather such as we are experiencing this summer can cause road surfaces to soften and create potholes or changes in road grade. If not properly addressed, this causes unsafe driving conditions, a potential issue that John and his Public Works crews spend considerable effort to avoid.

According to Norcross’ Director of Public Works, Craig Mims, Norcross has 55 miles of water mains, 49 miles of sewer lines and maintains approximately 61 miles of city streets. There are over 30 vehicles in the city’s fleet and Norcross’ water services accommodate over 2000 customers. Maintaining and managing all of this falls under the purview of Superintendent Davis, as does managing the city’s storm water utility. This utility must meet stringent requirements mandated by federal and



state Environmental Protection Division (EPD) standards; it’s John’s responsibility to inspect and maintain this system as well as report to the EPD on an ongoing basis.

“John always exceeds my expectations, and I have pretty high expectations,” commented Mims. “His work ethic is incredible – it doesn’t matter whether it’s 6pm on a Friday, or 3am in the morning, he works until the job gets done. In fact, John is also a minister, and I’ve had to text him at noon while he’s in the pulpit and he’s still figured out a way to respond quickly. He’s amazing, and he’s been working like that for the city for 19 years.”

If the job description and described work ethic aren’t daunting enough, then consider that John is also the father of seven children. Six of his kids have gradu-

ated from Norcross High School and one is entering the 11th grade there this year. John’s pride in his children is evident and very appropriate. The six high school graduates have gone onto college; three are currently still enrolled and three have already graduated. John has three sons serving our country in the Marines, Navy and Air Force.

When asked how he feels about working for Norcross, John’s words convey a strong commitment to the community. A sincere wish to do an above par job often results in long hours and few public accolades. But this unsung hero says he takes “tremendous pride” in the City of Norcross – his efforts are evident as he strives each day to make it a beautiful, comfortable and safe place to live and work.

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By Sean Matthews

Norcross Neighbors Goes Social

In keeping with our mission to serve as a communication link between our members and the various governmental, civic, and community entities, and to preserve and protect the integrity of Norcross; we are moving beyond email to Facebook and Twitter.

Starting August 15, you will find some of the same communications we deliver through email campaigns also delivered through Facebook and Twitter. You can locate Norcross Neighbors under the Twitter handle NorcrossN. We already have some followers and we haven't started Tweeting. You will need to closely search Facebook for Norcross Neighbors until we have 25 "likes." Once we have the 25 likes, anyone can find us under our Norcross Neighbors Username.

As you would expect, we will integrate all of our accounts – web, Facebook and Twitter so we can more effectively post and share information. Again, I am hopeful that these new mediums will help facilitate a more active dialog and greater participation in issues affecting our community.

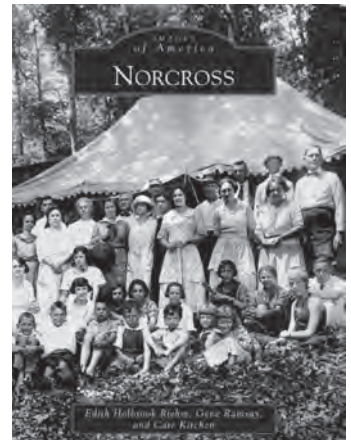
Norcross Pictorial History Book Published

Don't know much about Norcross history? Resident historians Edie Riehm and Gene Ramsay along with Norcross Welcome Center Coordinator, Cate Kitchen, have worked with many in the Norcross community during the past year to compile a pictorial history of Norcross that tells the story of the city from before its founding to the late twentieth century.

The book, entitled Norcross, is part of Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series and includes over two hundred photographs and captions spanning 140+ years of Norcross history.


Come join the authors at a Norcross History/Book Signing Event on September 10th at 7:00PM at the Norcross Community and Cultural Arts Center. The Norcross book will be for sale at the event and Edie, Gene, and Cate will share favorite stories from the book and will also be on hand to sign books. The book price is \$23.53 (that includes tax) and payment may be made via check or cash. A portion of the proceeds from books sold at this event will benefit the Norcross Arts Alliance, the Norcross Cluster Schools Partnership, and the Norcross Welcome Center.

For more information about this event, which is sponsored by the Norcross Arts Alliance, please contact Cate Kitchen at ckitchen@norcrossga.net or 678-421-2049.



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By Tixie Fowler

Art, Music & Pumpkin

The Fall Season In Historic Norcross

The social scene in Historic Norcross isn't slowing down now that summer vacation is over; if anything, the promise of cooler weather is going to make events more enjoyable than ever! Two of the community's most widely-known events are on the September/October calendar – the annual British Car Fayre on September 10th, and the Norcross Art Fest scheduled for the first weekend in October (October 1 – 2). Both events bring visitors from all over metro Atlanta, creating a great opportunity to showcase the community and emphasize Norcross' growing reputation as a hub of dynamic, creative fun.

With the two big shows on your calendar, take a look at a few other highlights on the Norcross social scene over the next two months. September 2 marks the grand finale of the 2011 Summer Concert Series, with an always-fun performance by A1A: The Original and Official Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band. Bring a picnic and your flip flops for an evening of parrot-head fun the whole family will enjoy.

September 17th promises a busy evening in the downtown district, with a duo from the band "Turnstile" performing outdoors for Date Night Downtown. Make a date with your better half for dinner; enjoy the live music and a little shopping with your favorite libation in hand as you stroll around. Then at dusk, head over to Lillian Webb Park for another free Movie Night. Enjoy the movie "Up" on a huge outdoor screen. For those of you who haven't seen this wonderful film, let's just say it's surprisingly perfect for a romantic evening. A G-rated animation, the story line is an absolute delight and speaks to the hearts of adults as well as kids. And kids are of course welcome – starting at 7pm, there will be family activities in the park that the kids can enjoy before the movie begins.

The Gwinnett Public Library has arranged a real treat for Norcross; New York Times best-selling author Stuart Woods will be at the Cultural Arts & Community Center for a book-signing beginning at 7pm on September 21st. His pleasing mix of high-octane action, likable characters, and sly, subversive humor has made him a hit with millions of readers who have consistently propelled his books to the top of bestsellers lists. A Georgia native and UGA graduate, Mr. Woods' biography reads like a novel itself; his humor and prolific list of books promise to make this evening's discussion one that will delight fans, book clubs and anyone who just wants to meet a famous author.

A new festival this year is the Gateway Food & Music Fest, slated for September 24th in Lillian Webb Park. The all-day festival will feature a broad range of outstanding performers to showcase the area's cultural heritage through music, song and dance. This upscale, outdoor event is being presented by the Gwinnett Village Alliance. They will set up two stages where musicians like the internationally popular Kevin "Kalimba Man" Spears, the Latino band SABOR! and dancers from the Vietnamese, Indonesian and Chinese communities will regale audiences with colorful and sophisticated performances. Ethnic food vendors will be on site to share tasty culinary treats – this cultural kaleidoscope promises to be a fun experience for all ages, no matter where your family tree is rooted.

By Arlene Beckles

The Arts are HOT in Norcross

As a board member of the Norcross Arts Alliance (NAA), I hope by now you have seen the mosaic tile artwork by Jennifer Freeman installed mid-August in Thrasher Park. Anne Labaire's colorful design rendered in tile is almost certain to become a Norcross icon and make the park even livelier! This mosaic was a collaborative effort by the City, the NAA, and the two artists, and it is hopefully the precursor to appealing art in other Norcross parks.

As one example of upcoming art-in-the-parks projects, the NAA is collaborating with the City's Public Works & Parks Department to hold a unique contest for metro artists – we will invite four of them to do original paintings on the electric utility box covers around Lillian Webb Park. This type of creative effort has been done in Boston, Massachusetts, but will be the first of its kind in the metro Atlanta area. Look for the Call to Artists sometime in September.

The gallery/incubator/retail concept planned for the old rectory next to the Community Center is underway. The City painted the exterior and fixed the utilities, then signed a lease with what we're calling the "Norcross Arts Center" to rehabilitate and decorate the interior and then to operate the facility. Changes should be well underway in early September, so stop by and see what's being planned – and maybe pitch in to help. This Center will add a new dimension to the cultural scene in Norcross and will attract many new visitors to our downtown.

July and August were active months for the arts in town. The Vargas/Harbin Studio Gallery held their formal opening on July 23rd with a large crowd attending, and sales are reportedly doing well. The Welcome Center hosted Gwinnett art teacher and accomplished artist Vickie Johnson of Suwanee for a painting demonstration and showing of her art, accompanied by enchanting classical music played by violinist Megan Anderson. Three Kudzu Art Zone artists (Anne Labaire, Kathy Kitz, and Gwen McDonald) joined together to celebrate their creativity with an exhibit that featured their diverse styles, mediums and prices-- "a kaleidoscopic approach". The exhibit opened August 6th with a good crowd and ran until the 27th.

In September, the popular book signing series will feature three local co-authors of a Norcross area pictorial history book. Norcross Welcome Center Coordinator Cate Kitchen, and residents Gene Ramsay and Edie Riehm worked long hours collecting and selecting the photos from a plethora of those offered by long-time residents and friends, then spent still more time captioning the 200+ photographs in the book. They will discuss the book and sign copies on September 10th at 7pm in the Welcome Center. The book is a rich visual and written history of Norcross, one you'll enjoy reading and discussing with your neighbors.

Plans are underway to bring a new feature to the Norcross Art Fest on October 1-2. This will be a series of hour-long literary events such as storytelling, readings, classical music, and the like performed on a stage in Heritage Park. Local artists will be featured, and long-time residents will share their recollections of Norcross history.

Finally, you will soon see information relating to a community-wide fund-raising initiative for the Norcross Arts Alliance. The NAA is reaching out to local businesses and individuals to support our ambitious five-year program to stimulate community and economic development by enhancing cultural and performing arts in the greater Norcross area. Our strategic plan includes three major components: 1) Develop new arts venues, 2) Aggressively promote the arts, and 3) Expand and enhance Norcross area arts events. Help us build a strong arts program that will add immeasurably to the Quality of Life in Norcross and Gwinnett County.

By Julie Barks

Cornmeal Crab Cakes

- 1 lb. fresh or packaged crabmeat
- ½ sweet red pepper, seeded and finely diced
- 3 scallions, trimmed and chopped
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/3 cup light mayonnaise
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp black pepper
- ¼ tsp dried tarragon
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 6 Tbsp vegetable oil
- Remoulade (recipe follows)

1. In a medium size bowl, pick through crabmeat to remove any pieces of shell or cartilage. Stir in sweet pepper, scallion, eggs, mayonnaise, salt, pepper and tarragon. Add ½ cup of the cornmeal; place remaining ½ cup of the cornmeal in a small bowl. Let crabmeat mixture stand for 10 minutes.

2. Using a small scoop (or 2 Tbsp) form 24, 2-inch crab cake patties. Coat patties with remaining cornmeal in small bowl.

3. In a large skillet, heat 3 Tbsp of oil over medium to medium-high heat. Add 12 of the crab cakes to the skillet and cook for 3 minutes. Flip over, continue to cook for 3 minutes longer. Place on paper towel to drain. Repeat with remaining 3 Tbsp of oil and remaining 12 crab cakes. Serve with Remoulade.

Remoulade

In a small bowl, stir together ½ cup light mayonnaise, 1 Tbsp chopped capers, 1 Tbsp lemon juice, 2 tsp pickle relish, 2 tsp sugar and dash of hot pepper sauce.

Serves 4

Household Tips:

Bathing Your Pets? Make Bath Time Better

Most dogs don't like getting, baths. Try to make it as easy as possible on him or her. If you use your bath tub, put down a rubber mat so he won't slip around and get frightened. And since most dogs hate getting water in their ears, if he has upright ears, gently put cotton balls in them before the bath. Only bathe your pup if he's really dirty. Too much bathing washes away protective oils and dries out the skin.

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Crème Brûlée

- ½ Vanilla bean
- 2 cups half & half
- 2 eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup turbinado sugar (ie: sugar in the raw)

1. Heat oven to 325°. Place six 4 to 6 ounce ramekins in a large baking pan.

2. With the tip of a sharp paring knife, slit open the vanilla bean and scrape out the seeds. Place the seeds in a small, heavy bottomed saucepan with the half & half. Heat just until small bubbles appear at the edge of the pan. Remove from heat.

3. In a medium size bowl, whisk together the eggs, egg yolks and granulated sugar. Whisk a small amount of warm half & half into egg mixture. Whisk egg mixture back into half & half in the saucepan. Return to medium-low heat and cook for 7-8 minutes, stirring, until mixture coats the back of the spoon.

4. Divide mixture evenly among the ramekins. Pour hot water half way up the side of ramekins. Bake at 325° for 18-22 minutes or until custards are set but still jiggle in the center. Remove ramekins from baking pan, cool completely. Refrigerate until just before serving.

5. To serve: Remove ramekins from the refrigerator. Heat broiler. Sprinkle each ramekin with 2 tsps of turbinado sugar. Place under broiler for 2-3 minutes or just until sugar melts; watch carefully so sugar doesn't burn. Cool slightly and serve.

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By Chuck Cimarik

Making Your Downtown the Best It Can Be

Recognizing that we all need help at one point or another; the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is continually evaluating ways that we can encourage and support the continued growth of our Downtown District. During this last year we at the DDA have updated the Downtown Façade Grant Program and the Merchant Loan Program that can provide an extra incentive for local businesses (or soon to be businesses) to ramp it up a notch.

All of the downtown buildings are privately owned, so to encourage building owners, landlords and merchants to improve their historic storefronts, the DDA offers a Façade Grant. The goal of this Façade Grant program is to supply a financial incentive to downtown property and business owners to improve and renovate the exteriors of downtown buildings. The program is a matching grant for improvements and renovation projects; several merchants have already taken advantage of this grant to buy fresh paint, install brightly colored awnings and even refresh the signage in front of their businesses. As funds permit, the grant offers up to \$10,000 to stimulate \$10,000 or more in private investment. From minor improvements to full-scale exterior restoration, a wide range of investment proposals are considered, including exterior painting, restoration of original and/or historic façades, masonry cleaning, canopies and awnings and even the replacement or uncovering of original architectural features.

Eligible improvements to the building facades are limited to exterior improvements only. Specifically, this means business facades that are easily visible to the public and within public right of ways. Examples are those that face a public street such as South Peachtree or Jones Street, a parking area, and Skin Alley.

The DDA established the second program recognizing the value of a suitably established business mix, as well as the need for flexible and creative funding options. To meet this need, the DDA offers the downtown merchants a low interest loan program. The loan is a matching line of credit program; where a business owner commits matching capital and/or collateral as part of the qualification process for the loan. This helps ensure a qualified applicant that has already shown viability by securing some of the in-

vestment capital needed. The program is equal-opportunity based, with criteria that addresses both startup and established local ventures requiring bridge and/or growth funding. It is the goal of the DDA to have this "revolving" loan program become self funding (after an initial investment of seed capital) through re-payment of outstanding loans.

Over the past few years, the DDA and the City of Norcross have made a dedicated effort to continually improve our historic commercial district, introducing lights in the new trees, an outdoor music system, new crosswalks and updated plantings throughout. Thanks to the efforts of several merchants, Skin Alley sports a revived energy with new paint and signage, hanging plants and charming sitting areas. The Façade Grant is available to encourage this trend and the Merchant Loan program encourages the expansion and growth that all business areas need – for more details about these programs and the application process, please go to www.norcrossga.net and look under "Municipal" then "Downtown Development Authority". Or you can contact Tixie Fowler, the Downtown Manager, at tfowler@norcrossga.net.

The Downtown Development Authority meets on the first Thursday of each month in the second floor conference room at City Hall from 8:00 to 9:30 AM. Please feel free to join us there. For questions or additional information call Chuck Cimarik at 404-915-7856 or email me at ccimarik@norcrossga.net.

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By Edie Riehm

History of the Progressive Development Committee (PDC)

Have you ever been to 45 South Café on a Wednesday morning, between 8:15AM and 9:00AM? If you have, then you have probably seen a sizeable group there, either listening to a speaker's presentation or vigorously discussing a topic amongst them. This meeting occurs every Wednesday at 8:15AM, and it is the meeting of the Progressive Development Committee (PDC). 2011 marks the TENTH anniversary of the 2001 LCI study, which spurred formation of the PDC in early 2002. Since the PDC was formed, it has been meeting in downtown Norcross every week (with the exception of major holiday weeks). The Norcross Times was one of the initiatives started by the PDC and this is its 52nd issue! To commemorate this milestone, I spoke with some of the PDC founders and in this issue have written a brief history of the PDC, focusing mainly on its original focus and goals and its subsequent highlights and accomplishments. Congratulations to the PDC founders, early members and all those who have joined in the discussion and become active over the past decade involving yourselves in the revitalization of Norcross... making our charming city a better place to work, live, and play.

How and Why the PDC Formed

It all began with one word... REVITALIZATION.

In 2001 the City of Norcross hired a consultant to conduct a Livable Center Initiative (LCI) Town Center Study. Throughout the summer of 2001, several meetings were held soliciting citizen input. I was recovering from an illness that summer and, as my health improved, was able to attend some of these meetings. As I recall, the meetings were not well attended – maybe 30 citizens and some business owners at most per meeting, and often not that many. Interestingly, the consultants thought that the turnout was quite good. I also remember being excited about the possibilities discussed in the study.

As the hot summer melted into the fall and I recuperated, the LCI study became less of a focus for me. Thankfully, that was not the case for others in town. Several local business people, homeowners, and members of civic associations saw the value in the LCI study and believed that the city would benefit from its implementation, although they recognized that one shortcoming of the study was the lack of attention paid to making the downtown economically viable.

The Norcross LCI Town Center Study included several recommendations but two were most significant:

1. City Council was to appoint a Downtown Development Authority
2. City Council was to hire a Main Street Coordinator

However, the city's implementation of the study seemed to be lagging, so in mid-2002 several stakeholders formed the PDC as an "organization of organizations" with the goal of bringing together "interest groups" (a term from the LCI study) for the purpose of "focusing on the economic development of downtown Norcross," with a commitment to enhancing the quality of life for ALL in Norcross. Its mission was to "be advocates for positive change for the entire city of Norcross," and to:

- provide leadership on downtown revitalization
- spur the city government to move forward on revitalization
- prepare well-researched development proposals that could be implemented by the City Council and a DDA.

The interest groups and founding members consisted of downtown building owners such as John Darnall, business owners such as Edna Berkshire of Taste of Britain, Terry Robinson, and Andra Galtieri of the Old Peculiar Public House (now the Iron Horse Tavern), community groups such as Homeowners represented by Jeff Hopper and Charlie Riehm, and civic groups represented by Bob Wilkerson of the Lions Club and Bill Barks of the Norcross Masonic Lodge. Chaired by Terry Robinson, the group also desired a representative from the City Council, so Bill Barks and his wife, Julie Barks- a Norcross City Council member at the time, sought ways to get Council representation at the meetings.

Initially the PDC met at the Masonic Lodge at 8:15 Friday mornings, as there was no coffee shop or any other place in town that was open early enough to hold a meeting. Once the Northern Star Coffeehouse (now 45 South Café) opened, the PDC meetings shifted to that venue, and that's been the meeting place of the PDC ever since. In 2004, the meeting day changed to Wednesdays. Each week the PDC would meet, with representation from each interest group providing information and ideas on how to revitalize the economy in the downtown. However the focus of the PDC's goals for economic viability soon expanded to include Norcross' section of Buford Highway, Beaver Ruin Road, Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, and neighboring Technology Park. PDC members did research, presented data, brought in speakers, and even traveled to meet with other communities (such as Carrollton) to get ideas for revitalization.

Very shortly after its inception, momentum began to grow thanks to the excitement and possibilities presented by revitalization, and PDC meetings began to involve more members of the interest groups plus several locals who became interested and began attending Wednesday meetings regularly. Early members/attendees of the PDC include Al Karnitz, Krista Lay, Lorrie Doyle, Tom McDermott, Dave Curland, David McElroy, Elaine Fuerst, Terry Bowie, and Mark Williams. Since 2005, the PDC meetings have been well attended by the Mayor and also members of City Council and City Staff.

Accomplishments

Over the years, the PDC has tackled many issues and has had many successes that have contributed to the downtown's economic viability. The key to its success has been citizen involvement and in providing information to citizens so they can make well-informed decisions on issues and in elections.

- Successfully lobbied the City Council to create a DDA in 2003.
- Initiated and helped pass the Liquor By the Drink referendum – 2003.
- Expanded the Norcross Business Association to over 60 members
- Norcross Times. This is the 52nd issue of the Norcross Times. Since its beginning, it's been under the leadership of Publisher, Bill Barks. This bi-monthly publication has provided newsworthy topics to all the City's residents for almost ten years. While it started as a communication vehicle among and between the building owners, business owners, community and government leaders, it has earned a strong reputation in the community for providing communication about city issues and local groups, as well as a vehicle for providing articles on the city's history and special interest stories about local events and people. During its tenure, the editors have been: Neva Spell, Bob Wilkerson, Sherry Robinson, co-editors Bob Pritchard and Edie Riehm, co-editors Pierre Levy and Bill Barks, and most recently Bill Barks has held dual roles of Editor and Publisher. Of course the Norcross Times would not be successful without the support of its advertisers, and some of them have been with the Norcross Times since the first issue (like Al Karnitz's Ace Truck & Body!).
- Homeowners Association and Streetscapes Committees. In 2003, Terry Robinson and resident Beverly Wallace-Hendricks and others initiated actions with other residents resulting in the formation of the Norcross Homeowners Association (now Norcross Neighbors) and the Streetscapes Committee. Both of these became very active in Norcross and functioned independently of the PDC.
- By 2004, the PDC was openly discussing the need for a Greenspace/Openspace policy within the city that would guide planning, purchase, and maintenance of undeveloped City property and parks (especially Thrasher Park) and made plans to recommend a proposal for a Parks and Recreation Department. In 2007, with help from City Council, a volunteer citizen board called the Parks and Green space Commission was formed and thanks to them, we have a revitalized Thrasher Park and other inviting and enjoyable green spaces throughout the city.
- Norcross Community and Cultural Arts Center. In 2005 PDC members and others in the community disagreed with the City's push to construct a large new building to house a performing arts center at the current Lillian Webb Park site. Two more PDC members successfully ran for council that year resulting in three PDC members on the City council. In 2006, instead of building the large brick performing arts center, the City purchased the historic Methodist Church Property (which had been proposed for purchase by the PDC to the City back in 2002-2003). Since then, the property has been successfully renovated and includes the College Street Playhouse (home to Lionheart Theatre) and the Community and Cultural Arts Center which holds classes, seminars, summer camps, arts events, meetings, and is a popular venue for weddings and other special events.
- City Manager. By July 2004, the PDC had listed as a suggestion for November election candidates to consider the hiring of a City Administrator to manage all City departments, with clear goals, accountability and reviews. In essence, someone to be the Chief Operating Officer of the city. In 2006, the Council voted for a City Administrator type of government and then changed to a City Manager government, which has been in place since ever since.
- Architectural Review Board. In early 2004, the PDC began lobbying council members to require the DDA to establish an architectural review committee. Within a few years, the city had such a committee which ensures that our downtown historic district maintains architectural standards and design guidelines that enhance the quality of our charming town.
- Town Hall Meetings. Over the past several years, the PDC has jointly sponsored Town Hall Meetings with Norcross Neighbors
- Exposure to County and State Candidates and Politicians. Over the years the PDC has hosted several of our county and state elected officials and candidates to speak at PDC meetings including Curt Thompson, Rob Woodall, Charlotte Nash, Robert Byars, and Lynette Howard.
- Recognition to Norcross High School. In 2010, the PDC sponsored a new sign at the entrance to Norcross on North Peachtree road to honor the significant accomplishments of our high school and its students.

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By Bill Barks

Secret Santa Dinner

Norcross Masonic Lodge # 228, Bill & Ginny Mc Neal and Bill & Julie Barks co-hosted a dinner to benefit the Gwinnett County Masonic Association's Secret Santa project. Over 100 people enjoyed the delicious food prepared by Julie Barks. The Grand Master of all Masons in Georgia, B. Palmer Mills and four past Grand Masters, Joe Suttles, Danny Wofford, Albert Garner and Leonard Buffington were in attendance. Charlie Bradford a long time member of Norcross Lodge, and his Band "Misty River" played for enjoyment of the attendees. The Secret Santa project helps provide a Christmas dinner for some Gwinnett families who otherwise might not have a dinner. In 2008-35 families were fed, in 2009-76 families were fed and in 2010 -176 families were fed. It is hoped this year it will be as Chairman Tommy Morris says "at least one more family than last year", that we can help. W/Master Dewey Earnest, the Mc Neal's and the Barks' will present a check to the Association and Chairman Morris for over \$3500.00 as a result of this wonderful dinner.



Left to right: Grand Master of all Masons in Georgia-B. Palmer Mills--Past Grand Master Joe Suttles-Julie Barks c-host--Past Grand master Leonard Buffington--Past grand master Albert Garner and Past grand Master Danny Wofford

British Car Fayre Promises A Jolly Good Show!

Downtown Historic Norcross, Georgia – **On September 10th**, from 10am -3pm, classic British motorcars will once again take center stage in an annual event promoted as one of the largest of its kind in the region. Over 150 classic British cars will be parked throughout the downtown area, including both sides of South Peachtree and Jones Streets. With polished leather and gleaming paint, spot-free chrome and a nearby host of enthusiastic owners, a full array of Jaguars, MGB's, Austin Healey's and many more classic treasures will be on display. In addition to an amazing motorcar lineup, there will also be a section for British Motorcycles, with many rare vintage models.

While you're in town enjoying the fayre, be sure to include some time for shopping, lunch and even a spot of afternoon tea. Norcross' own Iron Horse Tavern offers a menu that includes proper English edibles and nearby Taste of Britain is a notably authentic source for British snacks.

This year's event is organized by the British American Business Group and Taste of Britain, an authentic British grocery and gifts shop located in the heart of Norcross' historic commercial hub. Major sponsors include the City of Norcross, Taste of Britain, Iron Horse Tavern and 106.7 Atlanta's True Oldies. In fact, the station will be doing a live radio remote, with radio personalities Randy and Spiff, and traffic report guru Greg Talmadge on hand to keep things lively. Proceeds from the event go to charity; this year's benefactor is once again Rainbow Village, a non-profit organization that works to break the cycles of homelessness, poverty and domestic violence in the Duluth, Gwinnett, and north Metro-Atlanta areas.

For more information about the show, including fun photos from prior year events, visit www.babg.org/BritishCarFayre.

History of the PDC - continued from page 9

• Engagement and Service. The PDC has always been about citizen involvement and engagement in helping to improve Norcross and making it economically viable for the long run. PDC chairs have included: Terry Robinson, Charlie Riehm, Bob Wilkerson, Pierre Levy, and current chair, Chuck Paul. The PDC chairs have always welcomed and encouraged those who wanted to engage, and as a result more citizens have become involved in various initiatives, and several have assumed leadership roles in the community. For example, the PDC has produced three DDA chairs: Skip Nau, Bob Wilkerson, and Chuck Cimarik. In addition, there have been several PDC members who have gone on to serve on the City Council: Charlie Riehm, Keith Shewbert, Terry Bowie, Michael Lovelady, Ross Kaul, and Andrew Hixson. The PDC also actively supported the formation of a Southwestern Gwinnett Community Improvement District, which was formed in 2006, and Keith Shewbert has represented Norcross on that board since then. Additionally in 2005, PDC member Ed Flynn, in conjunction with a Norcross Art Fest project researched and solicited bids for a new band shell in Thrasher Park.

On Friday, July 8, 2011, the AJC printed an opinion article entitled, "DeKalb: Our Small Towns are Suffering in this Crisis." The author of this article, Bill York wrote,

"Some towns recognized earlier that in order to survive during slow times that something needed to be done to revitalize the downtown districts to make them more attractive to visitors. Norcross completed a refurbishing of their retail area. As a result, you'll see few vacancies in their primary retail district. Decatur has been a runaway success. Others waited too long and moved too slowly."

York applauded the efforts of cities like Decatur and our own Norcross which recognized the key to quality of life and economic viability was revitalization. This type of success does not happen by accident, and while one cannot attribute every success in the downtown to the PDC, many of the improvements enjoyed and witnessed by us now in Norcross can be traced back to efforts initiated by and/or discussed at PDC meetings over the past nine years. Not bad for what one business owner called the PDC many years ago... "a group of grumpy old men!"

(Many thanks to those who shared information with me for this article: Bob Wilkerson, Charlie Riehm, Terry Bowie, Terry Robinson, Bill Barks, Al Karnitz, and Ed Flynn).



Atlanta British Car Fayre

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Norcross Woman's Club is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which is the world's largest volunteer organization for women.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the preservation & maintenance of our historical library and clubhouse, which was built in 1921.

By Ranae Heaven

NCSP Supports Literacy in Schools

The Norcross Cluster Schools Partnership, in conjunction with First Book National Book Bank, has embarked upon an exciting initiative to support literacy development within schools in the Norcross cluster. Through the First Book program, the NCSP has made an initial purchase of over 4,000 books and will be distributing them to students in the next few weeks.

First Book is a nonprofit organization that connects book publishers and community organizations to provide access to new books for children in need. Getting access to books is one of the most important factors effecting literacy. Over 70 percent of the children who received books through the First Book program reported increased reading at home. Two separate studies have shown "high interest in reading" triples among the children who receive the books.

The NCSP continues to demonstrate commitment to their mission - "To encourage the achievements, enrich the experiences, and enhance the opportunities of all the students in the Norcross cluster through the efficient allocation of talents and resources of the parents, citizens, and businesses that creates an environment in which all the students can succeed."

Dr. Beverly Smith, Principal of Peachtree Elementary School states, "We're very excited about the Norcross Cluster School Partnership's project to help support our local school efforts to accelerate reading achievement."

Building reading and comprehension skills is fundamental to life-long independence. Partnering with the schools in the Norcross cluster is a profound way to make a positive impact on the lives of the next generation of contributors to the community at large.

Join us as we work to make a difference...for our children...our future! To learn more about the Norcross Cluster Schools Partnership, visit our website at <http://www.norcrosscsp.org/>.

In Memory of 9/11

A ceremony observing the anniversary of 9/11 will be presented by the City of Norcross on Sunday, September 11, 2011. On this date in 2001, nearly 3,000 victims died in attacks made by terrorists upon the United States. Among the 2,753 victims who died in the attacks on the World Trade Center were 343 firefighters and 60 police officers from New York City and the Port Authority, and 8 private emergency medical technicians and paramedics. Another 184 people were killed in the attack on the Pentagon. The overwhelming majority of casualties were civilians, including nationals of over 70 countries.

At 9am, during the time span when terrorists attacked, Norcross churches will ring their bells in tribute for a period of three minutes.

At 2pm, city officials and staff invite the community to join together by the bell in Betty Mauldin Park (between Jones Street and City Hall) for a ceremony commemorating the victims and the heroes that risked their lives for their countrymen. The Norcross High School JROTC Color Guard will do the uncasing of the colors formation and Mayor Bucky Johnson will address the audience.

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By Chuck Warbington

Key Intersection To Get A Face Lift

Those of you who utilize the Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Buford Highway intersection on a daily basis know what a headache it can be. Beyond the fact that it is one of the most dangerous intersections in the area, it is way too congested. The Gwinnett Village CID is proposing a new design for the intersection that will hopefully provide some much needed relief.

The design is called a continuous flow intersection (CFI) and CID consultants, Gresham, Smith and Partners, presented it at the CID's recent board meeting. A CFI is an "at-grade" intersection where the left turns actually take place in advance of the main intersection (in this case roughly 400 feet before). This allows through movements and left turns to take place simultaneously while removing one of the signal phases..

The innovative design allows for reduced congestion and delay at the intersection for a significantly lower cost than some of the alternative designs. The CFI configuration also improves safety for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The concept was developed roughly 25 years ago and there are currently more than 50 in operation today. Three CFI's are currently being considered in different locations in Georgia.

A simulation of the proposed Buford Highway CFI can be found at www.youtube.com/gwinnettville



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By Sloan Roach

101 Gwinnett schools make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

In a year when state standards rose, 80 percent of Gwinnett County’s public schools met the state’s accountability goals and only four schools are categorized as needing improvement. According to information released by the Georgia Department of Education, Gwinnett schools continue to make progress under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) as evidenced by the state’s Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) listing of Georgia schools. AYP requires schools to meet standards in three areas: Test Participation (for both Mathematics and Reading/English Language Arts), Academic Performance (for both Mathematics and Reading/English Language Arts), and a Second Indicator. AYP holds each local school district and each individual school accountable for the academic success of students.

Of 126 Gwinnett schools required to meet state standards, 101 schools made AYP for the 2010-2011 school year. Other key points in terms of this year’s AYP results include:

- Four Gwinnett schools that did not make AYP in 2009-10 made AYP this year. Those schools are Lilburn ES, Berkmar MS, Lanier MS, and Snellville MS.
- Districtwide 25 schools did not make AYP (five at the elementary level, 11 at the middle school level, and nine at the high school level.)
- Of the 25 schools not making AYP, only four face consequences as this is the second year in a row they did not meet state standards. Those schools are Berkmar HS, Phoenix HS, Sweetwater MS, and Hopkins ES.

GCPS to operate 133 facilities as it welcomes 1,700 new students Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS), the largest school system in Georgia, will welcome approximately 1,700 new students to its classrooms in 2011-2012, bringing the system’s total student enrollment to nearly 162,459 students.

As the school district welcomes students, two new schools will open their doors for the first time in 2011-2012. One of the new schools is a

middle school and the other is a charter high school which will serve students online. With the opening of these two new schools, the school district will operate 19 high schools, 26 middle schools, 77 elementary schools, and 11 special schools including five charter schools.

New schools opening August 2011:

Moore Middle (Central Gwinnett Cluster. Students from Lawrenceville Elementary and Winn Holt Elementary will feed into the new Moore Middle) 1221 Lawrenceville Highway, Lawrenceville

60 classrooms – 1,500 student capacity Construction cost: \$16,300,000

Gwinnett County Online Campus (System charter school serving Gwinnett County residents in grades 9-12) School offices: 2595 Beaver Ruin Rd., Norcross 160 students will be part of the inaugural class

Additions opening August 2011:

Norcross Elementary – 13 new classrooms

Sugar Hill Elementary – 10 new classrooms

South Gwinnett High – 33 new classrooms

As part of the 133 educational facilities that GCPS will operate in 2011-2012, 11 of these offer special programs—Buice School (Pre-K

programs); GIVE Center East; (Gwinnett InterVention Education Center, an alternative program for middle and high school students); GIVE Center West; Gwinnett Online Campus (system charter online high school opening in 2011); Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology (system charter high school); Hooper Renwick School (special education programs); Monarch School (special education and pre-K programs and services); Maxwell High School of Technology (system charter high school offering technical education programs); and Oakland Meadow School (special education programs). New Life Academy of Excellence is a Board approved start-up charter school that operates in the county. The school serves students at two different campuses located in Duluth and Norcross. Ivy Preparatory Academy is a Board-approved start-up charter school operating in Gwinnett County with a one-year GCPS contract. The school is located in Norcross.

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GCPS partners with Bush Institute to enhance leadership development efforts

In June, the George W. Bush Institute added Gwinnett County Public Schools’ Quality-Plus Leader Academy to a network of innovators around the country that are changing the way school principals are chosen, trained, evaluated and empowered. AREL (Alliance to Reform Education Leadership), a program that was announced by Mrs. Laura Bush in September, 2010, focuses on enhancing and empowering the performance of America’s school principals as a means to impact student achievement.



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Lions Club - A Pride of Lions

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Masons

Masonic Lodge #228 meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, with fellowship at 6:30 pm and lodge at 7:30 pm, at 67 S. Peachtree Street in downtown Norcross. Contact Bill Barks at 770-449-4419.



Norcross Business Association

A promotion and networking organization of businesses and individuals, meets at 6:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information please visit www.norcrossbusinessassociation.org.



Norcross Garden Club

Meets the second Monday of each month at 10:45 am, and the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, in the clubhouse at 33 College Street. Contact Carol MacGregor at 770-840-9250.



Norcross Neighbors

A networking, social, and informational organization, meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Community Room in NC City Hall, 65 Lawrenceville St. Contact Sean Matthews at 404-803-2785.



Norcross Woman's Club

65 N. Peachtree St. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. A Crafts and Collectibles shop is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact Elaine Williamson at 770-448-4352.



The Order of the Eastern Star

Chapter #426 meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at Norcross Lodge #228, F&AM, at 67 S. Peachtree Street downtown Norcross.

Progressive Development Committee

A volunteer group offering service for the betterment of Norcross, meets every Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. at 45 South Cafe, 45 South Peachtree St, downtown Norcross. Contact Chuck Paul at 770-446-0590 ext. 106 or at chuck.paul@a-closer-look.com.



Rotary International

Meets every Monday at 12:00 noon at the Carlyle House, 173 Carlyle St., Norcross. Contact Carolyn Collins at 770-300-0246.



Save Historic Norcross

A non-profit community service group organized to preserve, protect, and promote the city's historic and natural assets, meets first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m., 141 S. Peachtree St. For more information, visit www.savehistoricnorcross.com or call Anne Webb at 770-734-9924.



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SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
			DDA Meeting 8:00 a.m.	Summer Concert Series "A1A-Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band" Thrasher Park 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Norcross Woman's Club Gift Shop 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Labor Day City Holiday	Whistle Stop Farmers Market 4 - 8p.m. Lions Club 7:00 p.m. Masonic Lodge 7:30 p.m.	PDC 8:15 a.m. City Court 9:00, 10:30 a.m. Save Historic Norcross 12:30 p.m. Health Talk with Dr. Hogan 6:45 p.m.	NC Garden Club 7:00 p.m. CID Meeting 7:30 p.m. 5855 Jimmy Carter Blvd Eastern Star 7:30 p.m.		Norcross Woman's Club Gift Shop 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. British Car Fayre Downtown	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
NC Garden Club 9:45 a.m. Rotary Club 12 Noon Regular Work Session 6:00 p.m. Mayor and Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	City Court 9:00, 10:30 a.m. Whistle Stop Farmers Market 4 - 8p.m. Planning and Zoning 7 p.m.	PDC 8:15 a.m. City Court 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Health Talk with Dr. Hogan 6:45 p.m.			Norcross Woman's Club Gift Shop 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Rotary Club 12 noon Architectural Review Board 6:00 p.m.	City Court 9:00, 10:30 a.m. Whistle Stop Farmers Market 4 - 8p.m. Lions Club 7:00 p.m. Masonic Lodge 7:30 p.m.	PDC 8:15 a.m. City Court 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Health Talk with Dr. Hogan 6:45 p.m.				Norcross Woman's Club Gift Shop 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
26	27	28	29	30		
Rotary Club 12 noon	Whistle Stop Farmers Market 4 - 8p.m. NC Business Association 6:00 p.m. NHPC 6:30 p.m.	PDC Meeting 8:15 a.m. Health Talk with Dr. Hogan 6:45 p.m.				

OCTOBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31					1	2
Halloween Rotary Club Meeting 12:00 noon					Norcross Art Fest Downtown 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Norcross Art Fest Downtown 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Rotary Club Meeting 12:00 noon Regular Work Session 5:30 p.m. Mayor & City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Whistle Stop Farmers Market 4 - 8p.m. Lions Club 7:00 p.m. Masonic Lodge 7:30 p.m.	PDC 8:15 a.m. City Court 9:00, 10:30 a.m. Save Historic Norcross 12:30 p.m. Health Talk with Dr. Hogan 6:45 p.m.	DDA Meeting 8:00 a.m.		Norcross Woman's Club Gift Shop 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
NC Garden Club 10:45 a.m. Rotary Club Meeting 12:00 Noon Architectural Review Board 6:00 p.m.	City Court 9:00, 10:30 a.m. Whistle Stop Farmers Market 4 - 8p.m. Planning & Zoning 7 p.m.	PDC Meeting 8:15 a.m. City Court 9:00, 10:30 a.m. Health Talk with Dr. Hogan 6:45 p.m.	Norcross Garden Club 7:00 p.m. CID Meeting 7:30 p.m. 5855 Jimmy Carter Blvd Eastern Star Meeting 7:30 p.m.		Recycling Event City Hall, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Norcross Woman's Club Gift Shop 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Rotary Club Meeting 12:00 noon	City Court 9:00, 10:30 a.m. Whistle Stop Farmers Market 4 - 8p.m. Lions Club 7:00 p.m. Masonic Lodge 7:30 p.m.	PDC Meeting 8:15 a.m. Health Talk with Dr. Hogan 6:45 p.m.	Kiwanis Club 7:00 a.m. Welcome Center		Norcross Woman's Club Gift Shop 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Rotary Club Meeting 12:00 noon	Whistle Stop Farmers Market 4 - 8p.m. Norcross Business Association 6 p.m. NHPC 6:30 p.m.	PDC Meeting 8:15 a.m. Health Talk with Dr. Hogan 6:45 p.m.	Eastern Star Meeting 7:30 p.m.		Norcross Woman's Club Gift Shop 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	

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NORCROSS CITY OF FESTIVALS

- SEPTEMBER 2** A1A: ORIGINAL & OFFICIAL JIMMY BUFFETT TRIBUTE SHOW, THRASHER PARK, 7:30PM
- SEPTEMBER 10** BRITISH CAR FAYRE, DOWNTOWN HISTORIC NORCROSS, 10AM - 3PM
- SEPTEMBER 17** DATE NIGHT DOWNTOWN & FREE MOVIE IN LILLIAN WEBB PARK, 7PM
- SEPTEMBER 21** AUTHOR STUART WOODS BOOK SIGNING, NCACC, 7PM
- SEPTEMBER 24** GATEWAY FOOD & MUSIC FEST, LILLIAN WEBB PARK, 10AM - 10PM
- OCTOBER 1 & 2** NORCROSS ART FEST
- OCTOBER 29** DATE NIGHT DOWNTOWN, 7PM
- OCTOBER 31** HALLOWEEN - COMMUNITY TRICK-OR-TREATING

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