

City of Norcross

65 Lawrenceville Street

Norcross, GA 30071



Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

4:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

Tree Preservation Board Meeting

Charlotte Osborn, Chair

Charlie Riehm, Board Member

Terry Sutton, Board Member

A. Call to Order

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices

B. Roll Call**C. Presentation of previous meeting minutes for acceptance and acceptance of the agenda as presented for the scheduled meeting.**

[Tree Preservation Board - Regular Meeting - August 12, 2026, 4:00 PM](#)

D. Arborist / Staff Updates – City Arborist Activities Update**E. Old Business****New Membership:**

Review current recruitment efforts and provide additional suggestions for filling vacant TPB positions.

John's appointment is scheduled for Council approval on September 8, 2026.

City Newsletter "Tree Talk" Articles:

Charlie has submitted the October Tree Talk article, "Engage With Our Local Green Spaces." John is scheduled to submit the November article, which is due October 1. Charlotte is next in line for the December submission.

Arbor Day Celebration Plans:

Charlotte will begin planning the 2027 Arbor Day celebration at Beaver Ridge Elementary, the last of Norcross's four elementary schools to host this event. Discussion of suggestions for future schools or community groups to host Arbor Day celebrations.

Community Development Playbook:

This item has been tabled until January 2027.

F. New Business**TPB Annual Update to Mayor and Council:**

The presentation is scheduled for the **September 21 Council Policy Work Session**. Review the draft presentation.

Urban Forest Work Program:

Discuss moving forward with this program, particularly the three Forest Preserves, and identify the initial steps.

City Hall Parking Lot Project:

Discuss Lynn Ward's letter to City staff and the outcome of the meeting to determine whether any TPB action is needed.

Norcross Arboretum:

The Norcross Pinnacle Park Arboretum has recently been listed in the **National Arboretum Research Partner Directory**, a new resource that helps connect ArbNet-accredited arboreta with research and conservation partners worldwide.

G. Johnson Dean Business/ Forest Preserve:**Johnson Dean Expansion:**

The church has resumed contact with the TPB regarding the property purchase. Mr. Scott Gottuso, manager of the Thrift Store and a volunteer with the Episcopal Diocese, has requested that the Diocese make a counteroffer of \$80,000. Charlotte has requested that the offer be submitted formally in writing to Len Housley, who will present it to the Mayor and Council.

Swenson Brown Forest Preserve:

Charlotte has requested a quote from A1 Signs for a temporary sign reading "Swenson Brown Forest Preserve." Charlotte will also request a status update on the \$100,000 grant application currently being prepared by Public Works.

H. ADDITIONAL INPUT AND/OR DISCUSSION NOT OTHERWISE ADDRESSED BY THIS AGENDA**I. Adjourn**