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Help light up the Circle of Hope

The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation invites you to help light up the Circle of Hope by purchasing a luminary to be lit on Saturday evening, December 2, 2023 on the Town Common from 4 - 6 PM. Continuing a Norwood tradition begun 22 years ago, the members of the Circle of Hope Foundation say the luminaries are a symbol of Life, Hope, the Season, and Remembrance of others. Last year more than 2000 luminaries were lit on the town common.

Luminaries can be purchased

for \$5.00 each by sending your payment to COH, PO BOX 421, Norwood, MA 02062 or by stopping by Murph's Place Restaurant at 58 Broadway, Norwood. You may include a brief message of life, hope, the season or remembrance to be written on the luminary. The candles will be lit beginning at 4:00 pm and the Foundation members welcome residents and friends to come out and see this beautiful site.

The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization established to support

Norwood residents who need assistance due to a catastrophic medical occurrence. Since its founding in 1998 the Foundation has provided over \$1,000,000 to Norwood residents in need of assistance. The Foundation was established in 1998 in memory of Michelle Kennedy, a young Norwood resident, who suffered with leukemia. During Michelle's battle the entire Norwood community, many of whom did not know Michelle, joined together and it is in that spirit that the Circle of Hope Foundation continues.

2023 Toys for Tots Drive

Believing that the true spirit of the holidays lies in giving rather than receiving, Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell is sponsoring the Registry's 16th annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots drive.

"The Registry of Deeds is proud to partner with the United States Marine Corps Reserve to help deliver a happy Christmas to children this holiday season," said Register O'Donnell. "This act of kindness

can help spread joy and make a positive impact on those in need. Those engaging in this selfless act can know that they are part of what makes this time of year so special and hopefully inspire others to do the same."

Donations of new toys and games for toddlers and children up to age 10 can be brought directly to the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds building, located at 649 High St. in Dedham, starting Monday,

November 20th, to Friday, December 8th, at 10 a.m. A marked donation bin will be set up in the lobby, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year to Use Affordable Junk Removal

By LINDA CHUSS

With so much to do around the holidays, give yourself the gift of space by using Affordable Junk Removal to help prepare your home for the season. "Life is hectic, we are all so busy in our daily lives that we don't notice how quickly we are being overrun with junk" said Jason Schadler, who founded the business in this area 20 years ago. "It's nice to park your car in the garage during the cold months, but maybe you need to make room there first, and we can help with that."

With Affordable Junk Removal, you can rent a dumpster or have their Junk Removal Professionals come to haul away items that have been gathering dust and taking up precious space. Setting an end-of-year or New Year's resolution to clean up a neglected basement or attic is a great start. You can even put a dumpster rental on

your gift list. Sometimes the biggest challenge is not knowing where to begin, and that is where Affordable comes in.

"You can load your own dumpster or have our truck guys do all of the work for you," Schadler explained. "And rest assured, we don't just take everything to the landfill. We try and recycle as much as possible. Clothing and household items are donated to local organizations that help our friends and neighbors. We also take some items to Resellables secondhand store in Bellingham. That keeps them out of landfills, gives them a new life, and helps us keep our prices down. We're always looking for ways to be more cost effective because customers appreciate our reasonable prices."

Changes in legislation have made it increasingly more difficult to dispose of certain items, like mattresses, for example. It is now state law that most tex-



tiles and mattresses must be recycled. "Finding places to take mattresses is a challenge and the fees for disposal have gone through the roof," said Schadler. Items like these carry a separate recycling fee that the commercial transfer stations charge because of how labor intensive that recycling is. "People are usually shocked at the cost, and we find ourselves educating the customer as to why these fees exist. Here at Affordable, we view ourselves as



an avenue our clients can turn to when they have these items and want them disposed of legally, safely and properly."

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sponsor your little league teams and run into you at the grocery store. We are your local guys." A quick look at the many years of positive online reviews attests to this.

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The First Universalist Society in Franklin New Year's Eve

Labyrinth Walk December 31, 2023, 5-7 p.m.

The First Universalist Society in Franklin (FUSF) will host a New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk on Sunday, December 31st, from 5 - 7pm. This annual, free, event offers an opportunity to experience both an outdoor labyrinth in our pine grove, and a candlelit labyrinth in our sanctuary. Finger labyrinths will be available for people who want to experience the labyrinth but have mobility issues.

Labyrinths are found throughout the world with the oldest dating back thousands of years. In contemporary use, labyrinths provide an opportunity for personal reflection, spiritual practice, or the reduction of stress. Labyrinths are located in both public and private settings and vary in style. The FUSF outdoor labyrinth is a Classical Labyrinth, while our indoor labyrinth is a Chartres Labyrinth.

Please allow at least 30 minutes to walk the indoor labyrinth. It should take slightly less time to walk the outdoor one. Socks are required for the indoor walk. Booties that cover footwear will be provided for those who need shoes to walk.

Call Judy at (508) 769-6664 for more information about the New Year's Labyrinth event.

In the event of a storm, or unsafe driving conditions, the walk will be canceled, and a notice will be posted to the FUSF Facebook page.

The First Universalist Society in Franklin (FUSF) is located at 262 Chestnut Street, Franklin. For more information about either event or FUSF, please contact us at info@fusf.org or call (508) 528-5348. FUSF is a Unitarian Universalist Welcoming Congregation.

Fatima Shrine Of Festival Of Lights Begins Dec. 7

Our Lady of Fatima Festival of Lights 2023 open through Dec. 27.

Join Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Holliston for the traditional Christmas lights as they prepare this Advent for the Christmas season.

Hot chocolate, donuts, and more will be available. The lights are on from 5 to 9 PM every night. The event is wheelchair accessible, with a path that winds throughout the exhibit.

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine is located at 101 Summer St., Holliston. There is no charge for this event.



Greater Milford Community Chorus Brings Joy this Season

The Greater Milford Community Chorus (GMCC), a group of talented singers from Milford and surrounding towns, is excited to celebrate the holiday season this month with festive songs for all to enjoy. From well-known song medleys sure to get you singing along, to traditional

pieces like the Wexford Carol, some classic Hannukah songs, and more contemporary pieces, the performance is great for all ages and sure to delight.

The GMCC, under the direction of Mark Schiappucci, will perform at Milford Town Hall on Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30

p.m. and on Sunday, December 3rd at 1:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$12 at the door and children ten and under are welcome for free. Additionally, the group will be performing with the Clafin Hill Symphony Orchestra for their Holiday Pops concert on Saturday, December 9th at 7:30 p.m.

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Holiday Sing-Alongs

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bobtails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight, oh!

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh

Now the ground is white
Go it while you're young
Take the girls tonight
Sing this sleighing song
Get a bobtailed bay
Two forty for his speed
And hitch him to an open sleigh
And you will take the lead

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In one horse open sleigh!

Dreidel Song (I have a little dreidel)

I have a little dreidel
I made it out of clay
And when it's dry and ready
Oh dreidel, I shall play

Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
I made you out of clay
And when you're dry and ready
Oh Dreidel we shall play

Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
I made you out of wood
And when you are all ready
I'll play you when I could

Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
I made you out of glass
And when you are all ready
I'll play you on the grass

Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
I made you out of gold
And when you are all ready
I'll play you in the cold

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher and Dancer
And Prancer and Vixen
Comet and Cupid
And Donner and Blitzen
But do you recall
The most famous reindeer of all?

Rudolph the Red-Nosed
Reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it

You would even say it glows
All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games

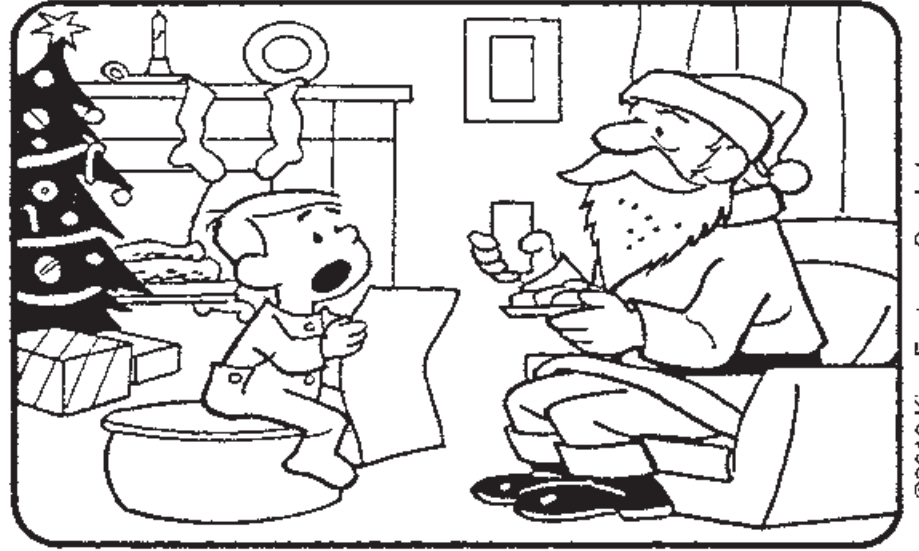
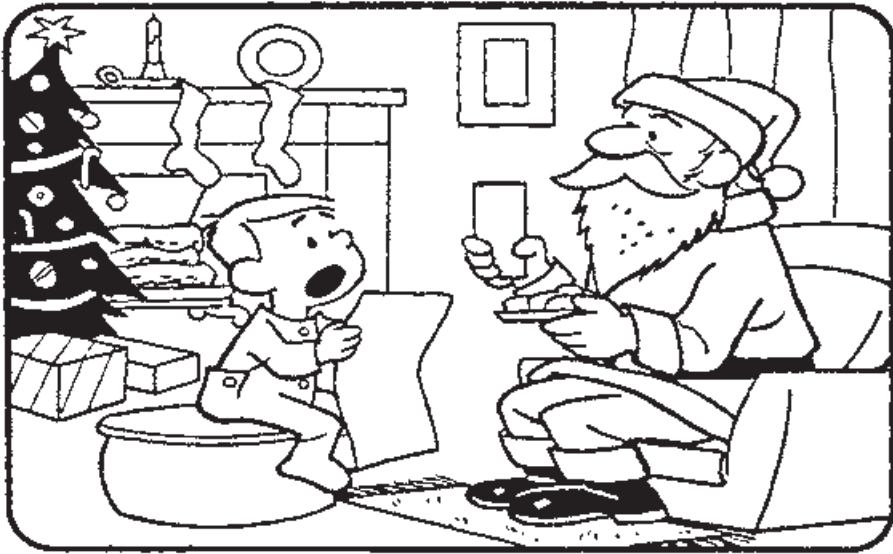
Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say
"Rudolph with your nose so bright
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee (yipee)
"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
You'll go down in history"



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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Log is missing. 2. Box is smaller. 3. Stocking is reversed. 4. Glass is smaller. 5. Rug is missing. 6. Sleeve cuff is missing.

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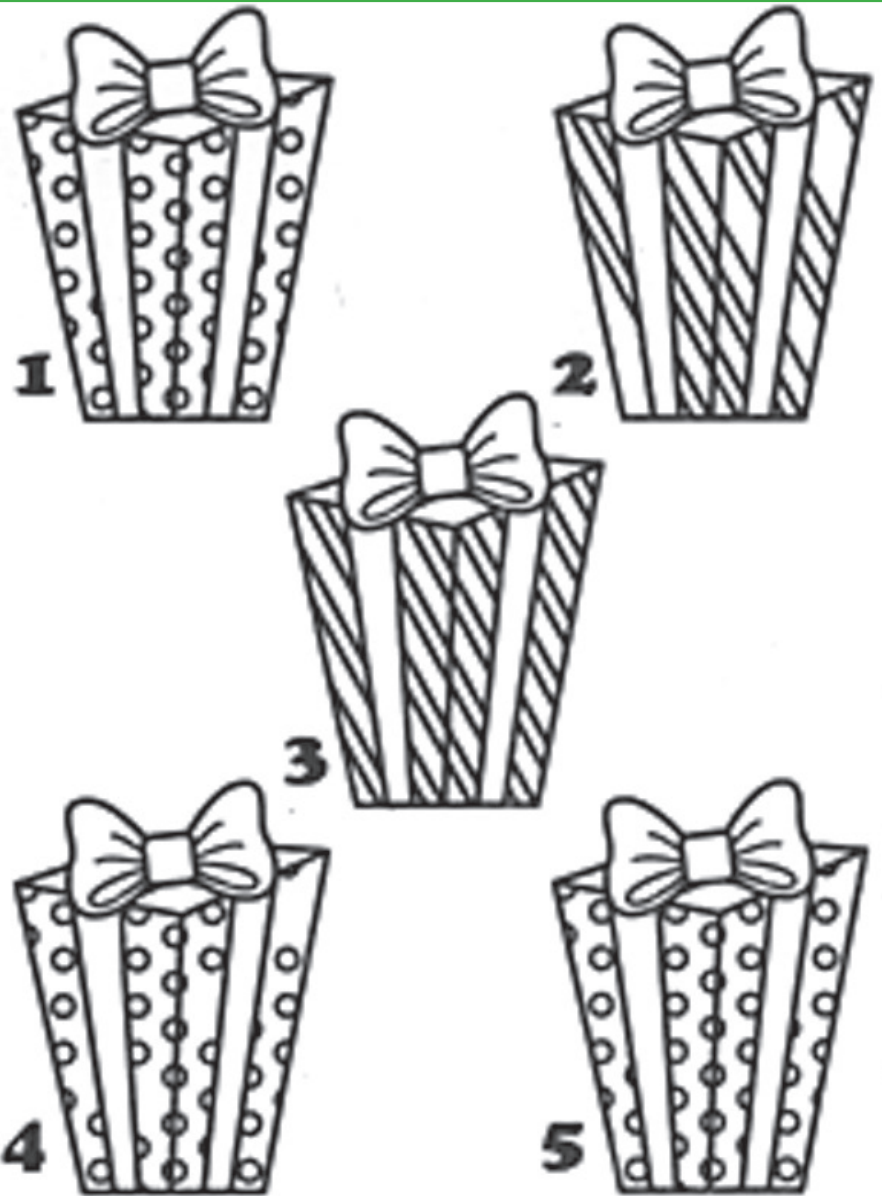
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Did you know Santa knows Karate? He has a Black Belt.



Where does a snowman keep his money?

A snow bank.



Which Two Gifts Are The Same?

Answer: 1 & 5

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HOLIDAY WORD FIND!

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SNOW	STOCKING
FROST	CANDY CANE
SANTA	PRESENT
ELF	SNOWMAN
TREE	STAR

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Santa's boots are black. 2. Building is shorter. 3. Brick pattern is different. 4. Car wheel is black. 5. Boy's coat has pocket. 6. Santa's beard is longer.

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What does the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?

Cookie sheets!

HOLIDAY FUN FACTS

'The Grinch' is the highest-grossing Christmas film of all time. The 2018 computer-animated film brought in \$512,858,819 worldwide. The runner-up? Home Alone, the Christmas classic from 1990.

Alabama was the first U.S. state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday. Seriously! In 1836, Alabama declared it a holiday. Oklahoma was the last state to recognize Christmas as a holiday (in 1907).

President Grant declared Christmas a federal holiday in 1870.

The first artificial Christmas tree was made in Germany out of goose feathers dyed green!

Thomas Edison and his friend Edward Johnson invented Christmas lights.

Before electric lights were invented, people decorated their Christmas trees with fruit, popcorn, and even candles!

Santa receives more than 8 million letters every single year from children all around the world.

There are approximately 2.1 million reindeer in the world.

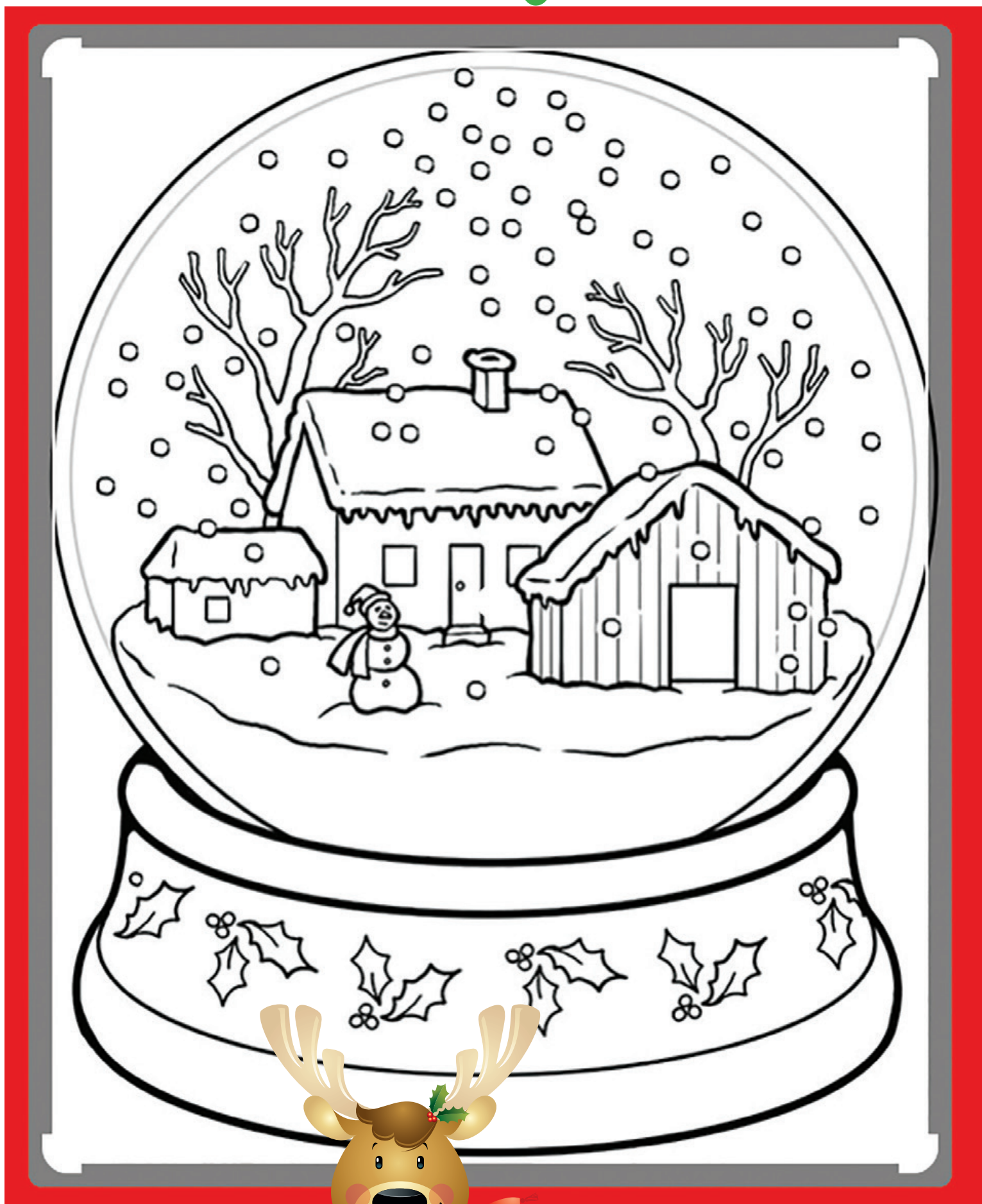
The classic Christmas song Jingle Bells was originally a Thanksgiving song.

Eggnog has been around since the 13th century! Monks enjoyed this festive drink in medieval times.

Every single U.S. state grows Christmas trees.

Tinsel used to be made of real silver.

Coloring Fun



What do reindeer say before they tell a joke?
"This will sleigh you."

Why didn't Roudolph get a good report card?
Because he went down in history!

Holiday Events

ASHLAND

• Ashland Tree Lighting: Saturday, Dec. 2 - 4-5 p.m. Come on down to Green Square on Main Street for hot cocoa, cookies, caroling and the annual tree lighting ceremony. Santa will be attending so don't miss out!

• Prepare for the holiday gift giving season by participating in the annual Downtown Ashland Holiday Stroll. Downtown becomes a shopping destination with over 30 places to shop. Small businesses pop up to sell their goods in existing storefronts along the downtown route. Shop from 12 pm - 4 pm by visiting various locations. Pick out your favorites from existing businesses along the route: Blush Bouquets, Ashland Reiki & Wellness, B&Beauty, MSM Blowdry, Bill Horsman Photography, SubZero Nitrogen Ice Cream (New! Opening Nov. 2023), Needham Bank, and shop over 20 pop-up shops at The Bagel Table, Crossroads Physical Therapy, and Ashland Town Hall to complete your holiday shopping. New this year is a kids corner, see what these young entrepreneurs create for a perfect gift! In addition to wonderful gifts, you will be rewarded by visiting all the locations! Grab a punch card along the route and when it's full and you have visited all the amazing spots along the route, drop it in a box to be entered into a raffle with great prizes! The Corner Spot will host activities from 12pm-4pm for kids of all ages. The Ashland Boy Scouts will have a fire pit roaring all day with roasted marshmallows and hot cocoa. They will be selling holiday wreaths and Hanukkah candles too! The Ashland Girl Scouts will offer crafts and cookies for sampling! Santa will be in the shed waiting to hear all the Christmas wishes! Free to attend, all are welcome. For more information and for a list of who's popping up, visit the Corner Spot Facebook page or website.

BELLINGHAM

• Bellingham Police Toy Drive: Toy drive will be at Walmart on 12/2, 12/3, 12/9 and the last day 12/10 from all 10-4. Toys are given to Bellingham-area children, with excess donated to Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF).

• Bellingham Police to Host Munchkins with Santa, December 2, 2023: Come enjoy some holiday treats and crafts and an opportunity to meet Santa! The Bellingham Police Association will hold this annual event at the Bellingham Police Station, 30 Blackstone St., Bellingham, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

FRANKLIN

• Franklin Garden Club to Sell Decorated Holiday Wreaths and Arrangements on Saturday, December 2, from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Daddario's Hardware Store, 528 West Central Street, Franklin, MA. The

sales will benefit several different club activities. In addition, holiday fresh floral arrangements will be sold on Instagram and Facebook beginning December 16. The Franklin Garden Club Instagram handle is @franklingardenclubma. Payment for all purchases can be made with cash, check, credit card or Venmo. The real wreaths will be decorated in a variety of colors and styles and will include eye-catching bows and other ornamentation. Many will include a variety of greens, as will the cemetery boxes. All items will be reasonably priced.

• Get a head start on your holiday shopping at St. John's Episcopal Church Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 237 Pleasant Street, Franklin. You will find lots of gift cards from popular restaurants and stores. Browse among many silent auction and raffle items. There's something for everyone among the gift baskets like sports; spa, health and wellness; food and wine; coffees and teas; games and toys; pet items. For those who appreciate unique items hand-made with love, you'll find decorative holiday greenery, scarves, mittens, hats and blankets. Pick out your favorite treats like cookies, fudge, and other baked goods at the Cookie Walk. Food and drinks will be served during the fair. For more information: Call (508) 528-2387, Facebook at St John's Episcopal Church, or visit www.stjohnsfranklinma.org.

• December 3, 2023, Santa and Mrs. Claus will take over the Chief's Office for pictures at the Franklin Police Department, 911 Panther Way, Franklin. For more information: Contact Officer Rosa at 508-528-1212 ext. 1556 or arosa@franklinma.gov

• Santa Claus Pizza Party, Franklin Recreation Program, 5:30-7 p.m., Dec. 8 - Franklin Recreation Gymnasium, 275 Beaver St., Franklin, <https://franklinma.myrec.com> to register.

• Franklin Police Holiday Toy Drive: The Franklin Police will be collecting new and unwrapped toys until December 17. The drop-off location is the lobby of the Franklin Police Department, 911 Panther Way, Franklin. You can also visit Franklin PD's Amazon list, where you can purchase and get them shipped directly to the station, by going online to <https://a.co/86Wf4eE>. For more information, contact arosa@franklinma.gov

• The First Universalist Society in Franklin (FUSF) will hold their first annual "Holiday Cookie Walk" on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Come and stroll through the festively decorated Meetinghouse at 262 Chestnut St, Franklin, as you select from a delicious assortment of homemade treats provided by more than 30 bakers. You are sure to find the perfect confections for your holiday

table, a hostess gift, or your next party. Cookies will be available for sale by pound. Containers, decorated with your choice of holiday sticker, will be provided. Make this event part of your holiday fun!

• Friends of Franklin Elders and Franklin Senior Center present Winter Wonderland: a Community Holiday Light Event. Come out for an evening of holiday cheer to see a display of beautifully decorated Holiday Trees and décor while enjoying Live Entertainment, Hot Cocoa & Cookies, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Fun for the whole family! Thursday, December 14th, 4:30-7 p.m., 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, (508) 520-4945

HOLLISTON

• Exsultet! holiday concert "Listening to the Snow," Dec. 9, 7 p.m. First Congregational Church, 725 Washington St. Tickets \$20; students & seniors (65+) \$15; children 12 and under free at www.exsultet.us or call Stacey at (508) 395-5600.

HOPEDALE

• Winter Stroll (sponsored by the Friends of Historic Hopedale) - Saturday, December 2nd, Noon until 6 p.m. Volunteers needed to staff the Little Red Shop Museum. hopkinton

• Holiday Stroll - Dec. 2: It's Holiday time again! Let's celebrate at our 2023 Hopkinton Chamber of Commerce Holiday Stroll. It will be a great way to get all of your shopping done and have a fantastic time doing it. Go from store to store by foot or cover much more mileage by taking your car. Most of our local businesses will be participating with sales, specials, contests, treats and promotions to make your holiday shopping easy and fun.

MEDWAY

• Medway Holiday Light Fight Thursday, Nov. 23 - 6: p.m. to Wednesday, Dec. 6 - 9 p.m. Do you enjoy decking the Halls? You could be the winner of Medway's Great Holiday Light Fight. To participate in this ALL-OUT-LIGHT-FIGHT contest, register at <https://medwayma.myrec.com/> Light displays should be lit up and ready for our judges viewing on December 6th from 6 pm-9 pm. Judges will use the following categories when deciding on a winner: holiday spirit, use of lights, and overall design. The winner will be awarded a trophy and, most importantly, bragging rights. Participants will have an option of adding their address to the list of Holiday light displays for December.

• Breakfast With Santa! The breakfast will be December 2nd: 7:30am to 11:00am at Saint Joseph's Parish Center 145 Holliston Street Medway. As always we will have great food, activities & crafts for the kids,

our silent auction, and of course picture with Santa. The cost this year is \$9 for Adults, Senior & kids \$7, kids under 3 are free, max per family \$26. Pictures with Santa are \$15 and each family will receive a thumb drive with 3 to 5 photos on it.

• Joy to the World, Celebrations around the Globe, Dec. 10, 2 p.m., presented by Charles River Chorale, Medway High School Auditorium, 88 Summer St., Medway, Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 students and seniors, <https://www.charlesriverchorale.com/tickets>

MENDON

• 7th Annual Santa Parade and Tree Lighting, Friday, Dec. 1: 6 p.m.

Come help the Mendon Brothers of the Brush welcome the Holiday Season. The parade will kickoff from Northbridge Rd at 7PM and end on Main St. We will have fireworks and a tree lighting. Burgers, hot dogs, and other refreshments will be available.

• Winter Wonderland Holiday Spectacular is back! at Southwick's Zoo through Dec. 31. Experience the holiday lighting amazement of Winter Wonderland, a festive tradition enjoyed by guests of all ages at Southwick's Zoo. southwickzoo.com

MILFORD

Holiday Pop, Dec. 9, 7:30-10 p.m., presented by the Clafin Hill Symphony Orchestra, Milford Town Hall, 52 Main St. Come celebrate winter's magic with the CHSO and Greater Milford Community Chorus where The Grand Ballroom is transformed into a winter wonderland! The warm sounds of the holidays will fill the hall with festive seasonal favorites, including a holiday sing-along and a visit from jolly ol' St. Nick!

Let's ring in the Holidays together with The Greater Milford Community Chorus, under the direction of Mark Schiappucci, joining CHSO for their sixth year! <https://www.clafinhill.org/symphony-series/symphony>

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• Santa's Parade to the Bandstand - Dec. 2 - 5 p.m. Main Street (Rt. 109), From Rt. 115 to Spring Street. Meet Santa and grab some hot chocolate! (Rain plans - Meet Santa inside the Millis Veterans Memorial Building)

NORFOLK

• Holiday on the Hill. Dec. 3-Jan. 20. "Take a holiday stroll to kick off the season and enjoy the display of decorated trees. Don't forget to cast your vote for your favorite tree on Dec. 3 when Santa comes to town!" On Town Hill behind the library, 2 Liberty Lane. Free.

• Santa Parade. Dec. 3 at 3:30. Starting at Hillcrest Village, traveling down Rockwood Rd. and ending at the library, 2 Liberty Lane. Santa will be available for photos. Tree lighting follows and hot chocolate and cookies will be available.

WRENTHAM

• SAFE Coalition Jack Frost Jubilee, 4-8 p.m., Dec 8 - Proctor Mansion, 36 Common St., Wrentham, MA, includes santa, reindeer, stories, sweet treats, \$20 adults, kids free, www.safecoalitionma.org/jubilee

• Giant Menorah Lighting at Gilly's House, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m., 1022 West St. Chanukah donuts, hot apple cider, chocolate gelt, lively Chanukah music, free raffle

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Local Sponsor Offers Exclusive Discounts and Year-Round Service

Millis, MA – American Backyard, the trusted name in fences and hardscaping, is spreading holiday cheer by offering exclusive discounts to the community. As a sponsor of the holiday section, they're making sure your backyard dreams come true, no matter the season.

Unlike many other fence companies in New England that go into hibernation during the winter, American Backyard keeps their doors open year-round. Why? Because they understand that homeowners don't want to wait to enjoy their outdoor spaces.

"We're not afraid of a little cold weather," says the team from American Backyard. "In fact, our customers love that we work year-round because it means they can bask in the beauty of their



transformed yards when spring and summer roll around."

From now until the end of February, American Backyard is

offering an exclusive deal – 5% off materials and 5% off all labor costs on any estimates provided. What's unique about this offer is



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American Backyard proudly offers the best material and installation warranties in the business.

Located at 1465 Main St, Millis, MA, their showroom is the perfect place to explore your options and discuss your dream backyard project. You can also reach them at 508-205-7100 or email sales@abyfence.com

This holiday season, don't wait to transform your backyard oasis. Let American Backyard turn your vision into reality. Whether it's a new fence, a hardscaping project, or a stunning mailbox post, they're here to make your outdoor dreams a reality.

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that it's not limited to the warmer months. Homeowners can take advantage of the discount for projects that start before April 15, 2024.

American Backyard is your go-to destination for a wide range of fencing options, including Vinyl, Aluminum, Wood, and Chain-link. But that's not all. They're also specialists in hardscaping and granite mailbox posts.

What truly sets them apart, though, is their commitment to quality and customer satisfaction. "We're not just building fences; we're building trust," says Smith.

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Holliston Chosen Again For Location Of Wreaths Across America

National nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) announced that Lake Grove Cemetery in Holliston has once again joined in the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, as an official location for 2023. This is the second year that the cemetery will participate in this national program.

Wreaths Across America started as a simple gesture of thanks that has grown into a national, yearlong movement of dedicated volunteers and communities coming together to not only remember the nation's fallen and honor their service but to teach the next generation about the value of freedom. This year, there will be more than 3,700 participating locations placing veterans' wreaths on National Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023 – with more than two million volunteers coming together.

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Ingredients

- Rolos - 1 Bag
- Holiday M&M's - 1 Bag
- Pretzels - 1 Bag

Instructions

- Preheating oven to 170 degrees or the lowest setting on your particular oven.
- Meanwhile, unwrap Rolos and separate M&M's.
- Cover a cookie sheet with a silpat or parchment paper and place pretzels in rows. Top each pretzel with a Rolo and bake for @ 4 minutes or until the Rolo is soft.
- Remove the warm pretzel/Rolos from cookie sheet to a room temperature surface. Push one red M&M (M side down) into each nose. Let your completed noses sit out until they have hardened.



SANTA HAT BROWNIE BITES

Ingredients

- 1- 8x8 pan of your favorite brownies, cooled (or store-bought)
- 16-20 small strawberries, cleaned and hulled
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 8 ounces mascarpone cheese, room temperature
- 2-1/2 to 3 cups powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- pinch of salt

Instructions

- Use a small circular cookie cutter to cut the brownie bites
- Using a stand mixer or hand mixer (I used a hand mixer), beat the butter and mascarpone cheese until light and creamy, about 2 minutes. Add vanilla extract and salt. Add 2-1/2 cups of sugar, half a cup at a time and continue beating until smooth. Add more sugar, if needed, to reach desired consistency and sweetness.
- If you have disposable decorating bags and piping tips, put half of the frosting into the bag, and use a circle tip with a wide opening. Otherwise, use a ziploc bag as a makeshift decorating bag: Put the frosting into the bag, zip the bag, and snip a tiny bit off of one corner.
- To assemble the Santa hat brownie bites, pipe a ring of vanilla buttercream on top of each brownie.
- Top the tip of the strawberry with a dot of buttercream (or mini marshmallow) to finish the Santa hat.



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Robert Roofing & Gutters

Fall in New England comes with (at least) two guarantees: a beautiful fall landscape and a countdown to snowfall.

With the seasons changing, Norfolk-based Robert Roofing & Gutters Inc. has been helping local homeowners prepare and maintain their homes for the elements since 1980. The full-service second-generation roofing and home improvement company has been in business for more than 30 years, and provides "speedy and reliable service when you need it most." They pride themselves on being honest and reliable, and they are focused on providing their customers with the most cost-effective solution.

Their services include all types of roofing, anything related to gutters and soffits, expert siding installation, chimney repointing and flashing, and custom window trim. They also provide energy saving services such as a high quality underlayment (an ice and water shield) that protects the roof from possible water damage due to ice dams, which is then topped with a premium underlayment which is breathable and



waterproof.

The team at Robert Roofing & Gutters includes founder Robert "Rob" Greene, and his son Foreman Robert Jr., as well as Foreman Stiles, plus an amazing crew, all of whom have been with the company for 9+ years.

We are experts at roof replacement," Rob says. "If we can restore your roof, we will not sell you a new one. If you are looking to replace your roof, our expert installers will make sure the job

is done right the first time...Our focus on structural integrity, energy efficiency, and visual appeal makes us your best choice for all of your roofing needs."

Their motto is "ONE CALL SENDS A ROOFER, NOT A SALESMAN" so when customers call for a free estimate, it is founder Rob who shows up at the door.

Rob says, "Our typical customer is anyone who has a 15-20+ year old roof, to first-time

buyers whose first thing on their to-do list is to replace the roof; so, we have a wide range of customers."

Rob says, "This fall, homeowners need to be aware of any damage and/or wear and tear on their roof, and they should have it fixed or replaced before any damage occurs. Once the snow comes, the damage could become devastating - like a roof leak that penetrates into the ceiling which could then cause wall,



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window, and/or floor damage. A homeowner's best bet is to call me to come out and evaluate their roof before the harsh weather arrives."

Robert Roofing & Gutters' service area is south of Boston, including Westwood, Medfield, Dover/Sherborn, Walpole, Norfolk, Norton, Stoughton, Easton, and most other towns from Hopkinton to Seekonk.

For more information, or to receive a free estimate, call 857-247-8709 or visit www.robertroofingandgutters.com (where you can also experiment with shingle and color pairings).

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