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## Downtown Norwood ... A Destination despite the Pandemic

By DONNA LANE

It's safe to say that people understand that the pandemic has created havoc across the globe. In our state, it has stressed healthcare and education professionals, and hurt small businesses in many ways. It's also hampered our ability to socialize and, for many, created financial hardship. Our lives have been altered in many ways – some negatively, others indescribably. In many ways, the pandemic has challenged us to do things differently to adapt to the situations we're facing.

Norwood residents have faced many of the same problems as our sister communities. But, the Town of Norwood – from our selectmen, to town manager, department heads,



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and their support staff – has been working to keep the lines of communication open and to help local businesses during the tough economic times.

Charlotte Walsh, owner of Charles River Running, has

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## Finale for Norwood Farmer's Market

By BELLA CAGGIANO

Unfortunately, Norwood will not be hosting a farmer's market this year. According to Friends of

for COVID-19 and execution of social distancing.

“While FNC embraces the concept of bringing fresh, local



Norwood Center (FNC) liaison Maryellen Horgan, the decision was made because of lack of funding and management, not pandemic-related issues. Last year the Farmer's Market was suspended for the season due to the required costs of safety measures

produce to Norwood Town Center, our very limited resources, which are all raised through fundraising, better serve our mission

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been a significant contributor to the Norwood business community for the past nine years. Walsh has been active in supporting all Norwood businesses and is the current president of the Friends of Norwood Center, a non-profit group that connects local businesses, town leadership, and residents. The Friends' stated purpose is "to help support a vibrant community and a thriving local economy."

Walsh credits the Town for making Norwood a "destination" last year when other towns were still struggling to deal with the fallout of business closings.

"Because the Town was so proactive last spring when things were starting to open up in limited capacity, Norwood was way ahead of every other town around," Walsh opined. "As a result ... the day that the state allowed for outdoor dining, our restaurants were ready."



"That's because the town went door-to-door with our restaurants, helped them sketch out their plans, walked them over to the selectmen to get approvals, and put up the barriers ahead of time. We were the first town to really have our stuff together once the weather opened up and people were allowed to dine outside. And because we had so many restaurants, Norwood became a destination!"

While Paul Halkiotis, the Town of Norwood's AICP, Planning and Economic Development Director, isn't sure about us being the first town that was ready for business, he acknowledged that the Health, Planning and Building departments, the Town Engineer, and other department heads worked together to come up with an application process that was streamlined to help local businesses, especially the restaurants, to make their businesses accessible to customers under Covid guidelines.

"So, by the time the governor made the announcement that outdoor dining was approved, the Town had already issued approvals for outdoor dining,"

Halkiotis said.

Mark Ryan and the DPW really made it happen by setting up the jersey barriers and basically relocating the sidewalks onto the street parking spaces so people could still walk on the street, essentially where the cars are normally parked. They also closed off Central St. across from the Town Common and installed wifi and music. It proved to be very successful last year. In fact, last fall Town Manager Tony Mazzucco commented that downtown Norwood was more vibrant last year than it had been in many years ... and that happened during the pandemic. So, this past March the Town decided to do it once again this year."

The Town applied for and received a Technical Assistance Grant from the State's Department of Housing and Economic Development – their Local Rapid Recovery Grant Program. Halkiotis said that the intent is to help the Town figure out how it can build on the success we had last year (and hope to have this year) with outside dining. The question is, is it feasible to make changes that

would be permanent? For example, perhaps by closing one side of Washington Street or widening sidewalks to accommodate outdoor dining ... especially if it involves eliminating some of the important parking spaces that businesses rely on.

The Town is currently working with consultants from the Commonwealth in partnership with Tom O'Rourke, president of the Neponset River Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Charlotte Walsh representing the Friends of Norwood Center business owners, to provide the consultants with local information and contacts.

As part of the Local Rapid Recovery Grant Program, all communities that applied for the grant were asked to have their businesses complete a survey. Halkiotis said the results were very interesting. He believes that the Commonwealth will offer a follow-up grant to help implement solutions to some of the problems the survey identifies in each community.

O'Rourke recently announced that the Chamber received a \$95,000 grant from the

Commonwealth's Massachusetts Office of Business Development to do a couple of programs for local businesses that have been impacted by Covid in the past year and a half. For their first effort, they will host a regional restaurant week for the towns of Norwood, Dedham, Canton and Westwood, June 7 to June 11. The Chamber will promote all the restaurants that will be participating through their website and social media and hopes the public will support them as well.

Walsh has been actively disseminating information to local businesses about the Restaurant Revitalization Fund established by the American Rescue Plan to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business.

Overall, how is downtown doing from a business perspective? According to the handful of

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and Norwood Center businesses by assisting businesses get back on their feet post pandemic, and continuing our marketing and organizing assistance to bring back patrons to Norwood Center," Horgan said.

The Market was operated through the Friends of Norwood Center and numerous efforts were made to solicit funding and administration through other local community resources. With no plan to turn over the reigns of the Norwood Farmer's Market, the FNC made the tough decision to end the weekly seasonal event.

"Before the Board voted unanimously to stop hosting the market, we reached out to local non-profits to ascertain if they would be able to assume management," Horgan said. "No one was able to take it on at this time. The market has a very small, but loyal, customer base. We hope in time, a Norwood organization with whom the farmer's market concept is more aligned will be able to find funding and restart it.

Although Norwood's Town Common will not be filled with fresh produce in the near future, there are farmer's markets in surrounding towns that residents can enjoy the abundant benefits of fresh, local fruits and vegetables.

**Dedham Farmer's Market**

First Church of Dedham,  
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of High and Court Sts.)  
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June 16-October 27  
Rain or shine

**Walpole Farmer's Market**

Spring Brook Park  
(East St. Rte. 27)  
Saturdays  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
June 12-October 23  
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**Canton Farmer's Market**

Front lawn of the Rodman  
Building/High School  
(960 Washington St.)  
Sundays  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
June 13-October 24

**Needham Farmer's Market**

Garrity's Way (in front of  
Needham Town Hall)  
Sundays  
12-4 p.m.  
June 13-October 31

**Roslindale Farmer's Market**

Adams Park, Roslindale Village  
Saturdays  
9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
June 4-October 30  
Rain or Shine

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business owners who completed the state poll, business is off by about 25 percent. But the demand is there and many are beginning to hire again.

"Based on observations over my nine years of being here at the store, nearly every day, foot traffic has definitely picked up downtown," Walsh said. "I'm sure it's a combination of things being shut down for so long as well as the better weather, but it didn't just start today. It started last summer when the Town blocked off Central St. and encouraged and helped restaurants with outdoor dining and installed free wifi and music at the Common. Not only did they make the center welcoming to visitors and residents, they also helped the businesses transition to another way of doing business."

Between our state and our town, Norwood appears to be in a good place and headed for even better days despite the pandemic. Our thanks to all who have helped to make this happen!





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28 Heather Dr	\$600,000
50 Harding Rd	\$630,000
26 Lydon Street	\$635,000
180 Washington St	\$717,500
50 Feeney Road	\$1,200,000
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- Be on the lookout for out of state vehicles or unmarked work trucks.



- If you do hire a contractor or worker, ask for a local reference and a proof of insurance. Please keep an eye on your elderly neighbors and family who may be more likely to be victimized. As always, feel free to call us if something just doesn't add up!

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## Norwood Schools COVID Cases

### Home Departments Health Coronavirus (COVID-19) School COVID Cases

Updated 5/20/21

School	Total Cases (students & staff)	Active Cases
Elementary Schools	90	1
Middle School	58	0
High School	86	0
Remote Learning Program	15	0

The Norwood Schools report all cases to DESE, the data above may differ from the DESE case report due to differences in what cases are counted. This chart reports all cases regardless of exposure in the school. It reflects all school aged cases that attend Norwood Public Schools since the school year began.

#### Norwood Public Health Department Weekly COVID-19 Data Report May 20, 2021

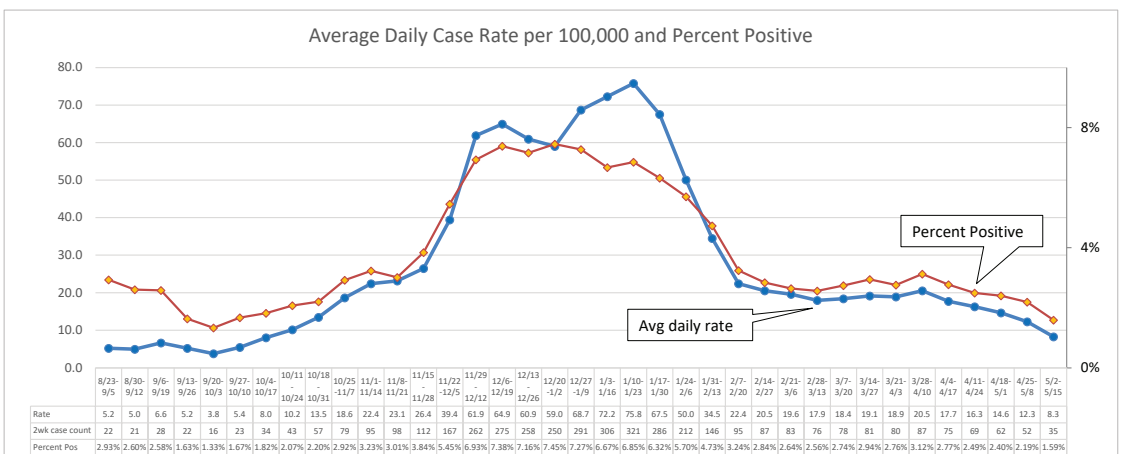
Norwood case & testing data:

- Total Confirmed Case count: 2,883
- Case count in the last 14 days: 35
- Average Daily Incidence Rate per 100,000 (Last 14 days)^: 8.3
- Total tests: 73,908
- Total Test in last two weeks: 2,451
- Total positive tests performed last 14 days: 39
- Percent Positive last 14 days: 1.59%

^Current two-week period (5/22021-5/15/2021) as of 5/19/2021

Vaccine Data as of 5/19/2021

- Doses administered by Health Dept: 2,723
- Residents partially vaccinated: 4,479 (15%)
- Residents fully vaccinated: 15,325 (50%)
- Residents with 1 or more doses: 19,714 (65%)



# Community Ties and a Commitment to Customer Service: Affordable Junk Removal Business

There are plenty of reasons to call a junk removal service. Maybe you're planning to move and need to clear out the basement and attic before your open house. Maybe you've spent way too much time at home lately and are feeling the need to declutter.

But figuring out who to call can be a pain. If you contact one of the big haulers, they route you to a phone center where they've never even heard of your town, plus their pricing seems vague and full of extra fees. No wonder you've let the stuff pile up—it's too much of a hassle to get rid of it!

Or you can call Affordable Junk Removal and let a local small business with deep community roots take care of everything.

Jay Schadler started his business in 2003. Back then, it was just him and a beat-up pickup truck taking small jobs and working nights and weekends when he could. As the years rolled on, his business grew, but his commitment to customer service never wavered. Now he's got a staff of ten, along with ten trucks, servicing eastern and central Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island.

Affordable Junk Removal specializes in house and estate cleanouts. If your garage, attic, or office is overflowing with stuff, take back your space and let the pros do the heavy lifting.

Jay and his team have handled it all. They've dismantled above-ground pools, hauled away ancient hot tubs, taken down old fencing, and stripped away worn carpeting. They'll come for a single item, or they'll clean out an entire house. And they can take almost anything. They can't accept hazardous materials, brush, dirt, or concrete, but everything else is fair game for them to take away.

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Jay and his family are deeply involved in the community. He and his wife, Christine, run the Corner Market restaurant in Holliston as well as Resellables, a thrift store in Bellingham. It's not uncommon for someone to reach Jay at the restaurant, order a sandwich, and then schedule a junk removal appointment. Yes, the local small business really can handle everything!

For more information, contact Jay Schadler at (774) 287-1133 or visit Affordable Junk Removal online at [affordablejunkremoval.com](http://affordablejunkremoval.com).

# Paul Halkiotis Recognized by NepRWA for Public Service and Environmental Stewardship

NepRWA stated that, "Since joining the town several years ago, Paul has made quite an impression, and has:

- Led Norwood to be the first watershed town to complete the state's Municipal Vulnerability Planning (MVP) process for climate adaptation,
  - Helped acquire and begin planning park improvements for a piece of riverfront land in the environmental justice neighborhood of South Norwood,
  - Worked on updating local stormwater management rules to prevent polluted runoff,
  - Pursued removal of an obsolete dam in order to prevent flooding and improve habitat for native trout.
- A big thank you to Paul, whose

efforts are a great example of the transformational role that municipal staff can play in their communities!"

Thank you to Paul Halkiotis and NepRWA for all of their work for Norwood's environment and residents!

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## It's A Tail Wagging Good Time!

By BELLA CAGGIANO

The activity on the Norwood municipal parking lot one day every June takes on a very different look than your typical car wash. While automobiles are receiving a good wash, it's the four-legged canines that draw a double take. Yes, on Sunday, June 6, the Bay State Animal Cooperative (BSAC) is hosting its Annual Dog/Car Wash!

Volunteers take time out of their busy Sunday to help raise funds for the organization, but the event also offers more than Fido and his car receiving a good spring cleaning. The Dirty Dawg

Wash will graciously give their time cutting dog nails, and a veterinarian and a BSAC veterinary technician are donating their services to give out rabies vaccinations and microchipping. The schedule for the day is as follows:

Car Wash: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (\$10)

Dog Wash: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (\$8)

Rabies Clinic: 10-11:30 a.m. (\$10)

Microchipping: 10-11:30 a.m. (\$20)

Nail Clipping: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (\$5)

This fundraiser is not only a

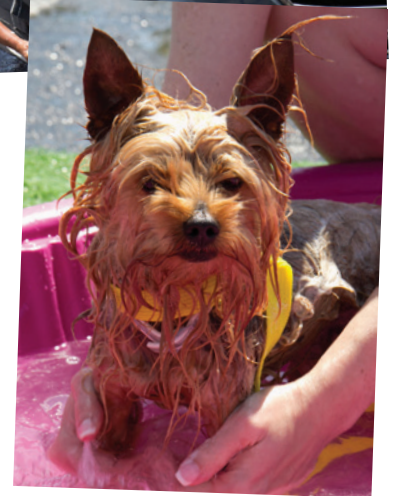
successful resource for the BSAC, it is a fun and eventful day for all involved; volunteers, residents, dog owners, children, and the community who truly seem to enjoy taking in the unusual site!

The Bay State Animal Cooperative is a no-kill rescue organization that also provides humane resources and services aimed at reducing animal overpopulations and unnecessary suffering for companion, stray, relinquished and feral animals. It also works with local municipalities and the community to develop and implement programs, including but not limited to:

- Low-cost spay/neuter assistance
- Low-cost medical care
- Trap-neuter-return (TNR)
- Community outreach programs and events
- Rescue, shelter, and adoption
- Fundraising events

Their services are entirely funded by donations and operates completely with volunteers. The BSAC is a 501(c)(3) charitable/non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information on the Bay State Animal Cooperative, on adopting a cat, volunteer, or to



donate, visit their website at [www.baystateanimals.org](http://www.baystateanimals.org).

Volunteers are still needed the day of the car wash. Anyone who wants to participate in this fun and worthy event, please call 781-799-7068 or email [mtaranto@baystateanimals.org](mailto:mtaranto@baystateanimals.org).

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# A Taste of What's to Come at SALMON at Medway

When Food Goes Beyond the Dining Room for Seniors

SALMON at Medway – the new 55+ community, opening this summer at 44 Willow Pond Circle – loves doing senior living ‘outside the box.’ Nothing about this combined active independent and assisted living facility has a been-there, done-that feel, especially true of the 57-acre campus’s dining program.

Passionately and creatively helmed by Director of Culinary & Dining Operations, Chef Jason Wallin, SALMON’s ‘Anytime Dining’ restaurant-style meal plans are enough to make any college student drool with envy.

“It’s not just about eating fresh, local and healthy”, says Wallin. “It’s about making dining more than a meal and truly making it a lifestyle. Our offerings will feed and nourish the body, mind and soul.”

Residents will have tough decisions to make when it comes to eating as they will find many

choices available anytime of day, including fresh, locally sourced Mediterranean and plant-based options designed with input from on-site nutritionist Sarah Clarke.

Speaking of local, let’s talk about SALMON’s partnership with Medway Community Farms. Not only is the farm providing 20-30% of all produce at the community and helping tend to the on-site hydroponic garden, they and SALMON will host on-campus farmers markets open to the public all summer long.

And the sweetest little ‘extra’? A collaboration with Best Bees of Boston making SALMON at Medway the only senior living community in New England to boast on-site beekeeping. Residents can immerse themselves in education, experience and fresh honey drizzled on top of anything they want.

As a family-owned business, Wallin, SALMON CEO, Matt Salmon and their team are committed to making the community feel like ‘home’ for seniors’ family

and friends, too. “Our campus is an open, inviting place where people want to be”, says Wallin. “Every element is thoughtfully planned to maximize the health, well-being and happiness of our residents and their extended social circles.”

Included among the family-friendly dining and entertainment: a game room for grandkids to hang featuring a more kid-focused menu; a casual café with grab-and-go items for in-room entertaining; and cooking classes hosted by Wallin.

When it comes to the menu and lifestyle at SALMON at Medway, there hasn’t been a detail overlooked and the community is excited to open its doors to residents and the local community. Check them out at [www.medwayseniorliving.com](http://www.medwayseniorliving.com) or on Instagram, Facebook and TikTok @SalmonatMedway.



## Police Beat

NPD Officers were on hand in May at the Cleveland Elementary School to speak to the 1st graders about bike safety. Officers spoke to the students about safety steps when riding their bikes and how important it is to make sure they’re always wearing a helmet. School Resource Officer Geoff Baguma is talking with the students during the presentation.

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# Norwood High Seniors to Graduate June 6, Prom Held May 7

Norwood High School's Class of 2021 is wrapping up the year more traditionally than last year's class which had most of its events canceled due to the COVID pandemic.

Secondary Educations' updated guidance for graduation ceremonies after May 29, this year's Norwood High seniors are now able to have a traditional graduation ceremony.

With the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and

After creating several alternative options, NHS will be moving



forward with a traditional graduation ceremony, NHS Principal Dr. Hugh T. Galligan told Norwood Local Town Pages. This year's ceremony will take place on June 6, at 1 p.m., on the Norwood High School field.

Seniors this year were also

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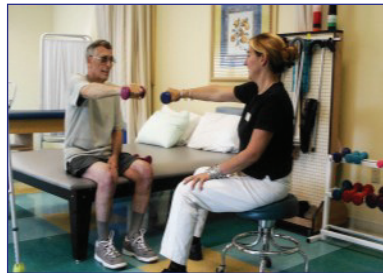


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able to have a prom, thanks to a little ingenuity.

Norwood High hosted an alternative prom event for 145 students on May 7. The event was held all outdoors on campus using three distinct areas, according to Galligan. The front of the school served as a red carpet event with photo opportunities and interviews. Two food trucks and socially distanced seating for meals were set up in the back parking lot of the school. The athletic field had a DJ, a large dancing area, and dozens of lawn games for students to play.

"We used school guidance from DESE and the state event guidance to plan the safety protocols for the event," Galligan said. "Thank you to all of the class officers, school and district leadership, the Norwood health department, and the many parent, guardian and community volunteers and donors who helped make this event a success. The students were so happy to be together as a class."



# Living Healthy

## Sleep Matters

Getting a full night's sleep is imperative for optimal health. Stress, in many forms is the largest contributor to poor quality sleep. Stress can be from emotional, physical or chemical sources. Emotional Stressors come from changes in our work or home life among other issues, while physical stress comes from pain, physical activity and repetitive motions like sitting at a computer all day using a mouse or staring at the screen all day. Chemical stressors such as Glycophosphate in pesticides in our food or on our lawns, caffeine, food preservatives, fragrances, laundry detergent and cleaning products in the home

are very common.

Jayne M came into the office complaining of restless sleep. She can get to sleep but each night she awakes at 2 am and can't fall back to sleep until 4 am. She is fatigued, complaining of brain fog, and states she is irritable due to the lack of sleep. She has tried melatonin and other over the counter sleep aides but she doesn't like the way they make her feel.

After a consultation and evaluation it was determined that Jayne M was dealing with chemical stressors that included her laundry detergent which contains harsh chemicals, eating

non organic fresh produce which contains pesticides, store bought prepared meals loaded with preservatives and every night snacks on M&M's which have food dyes which are neuro toxins that irritate the brain and nervous system. Jayne was put on a chemical detox program to help her liver rid the body of these stressors and within 3 weeks she was sleeping through the night.

If you are experiencing issues sleeping through the night call The Holistic Center at Bristol Square (508)660-2722 and schedule an appointment with Dr Rochelle Bien or Dr Michael Goldstein today.



Dr. Rochelle Bien & Dr. Michael Goldstein

## "Those Who Wish Me Dead"

BY BOB GARVER

We sure have been getting a lot of these "broken adult goes on the run with endangered youth" movies lately. There was "News of the World" with Tom Hanks and Helena Zengel back in December and "The Marksman" with Liam Neeson and Jacob Perez in January. Okay, counting "Those Who Wish Me Dead" with Angelina Jolie and Finn Little, that's only three movies, but in this era, that's a lot.



The story sees Connor (Little) on the run from a pair of assassins (Aiden Gillen and Nicholas Hoult, playing brothers with the most glaring age difference since Bradley Cooper and Sam Elliot in "A Star is Born") who are out to eliminate he and his father (Jake Weber) because of the latter's knowledge of their boss (a surprise cameo)'s illegal business dealings. He meets up with disgraced former smokejumper Hannah Faber (Jolie), who agrees to help him, partly because it's the right thing to do and partly because she needs to atone for some child deaths that occurred on her watch.

The movie's advertising emphasizes fire, specifically one the assassins start as a diver-

sion from their trail of murders. This is actually a very small part of the movie. The advertising also implies that smokejumping tactics will play a part in the action, but they really don't. We see them in a flashback to why Hannah is so haunted, and again at the end after the assassin action has passed, but cool smokejumping stunts are never in the thick of the action.

The action is never that great. Gillen and Hoult start off so smooth and professional, but get increasingly sloppy as the movie goes on, to the point where they're bumbling fools by the end. It's not exactly laughable that one gets outsmarted by the local sheriff (Jon Bernthal) and his wife (Medina Senghore) but it is laughable that the other, heavily armed, mind you, gets outsmarted by Jolie and Little. The fire-related action, especially toward the end, is marred by how much emphasis is put on the fire and not the smoke. Not only are the dangers of smoke inhalation virtually ignored, but only in a Hollywood movie with an overpaid special effects team will you

see this many aggressive flames so devoid of smoke.

It didn't hit me until after the movie was over that Connor was the main character, given how much the advertising emphasizes Jolie as the lead. But then the title doesn't make sense. The bad guys want Connor dead because he's in possession of dangerous information. They need to get rid of Hannah because she's protecting Connor, but they don't want her dead so much as just gone. As a matter of fact, one of them never even meets Hannah and the other one interacts with her for all of three minutes.

I'm not sure Jolie was the best casting choice for Hannah. This is the kind of character who only works if she doesn't have great chemistry with children, so the movie can play up the contrast. Jolie is so famously a mother that it's hard to not see mama-bear instincts kicking in as Hannah protects Connor. Though I suppose it's a nice touch to see her teaching him a dirty tongue-twister to take his mind off the danger.

There's not much good or even noteworthy about "Those Who Wish Me Dead." I'm only reviewing it because it came in third place at the box office on a weekend with no new wide releases, but this movie will be quickly forgotten. Next weekend is Memorial Day, so get ready for some proper blockbusters be-

tween now and then.

Grade: C-

"Those Who Wish Me Dead" is playing in theaters and on HBO Max. The film is rated R

for strong violence, and language throughout. Its running time is 100 minutes.

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# Norwood Sports

## Norwood Boys Lacrosse Excited to be Back on the Field

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

Although the Norwood Boy's Lacrosse Team has only three athletes who participate in club lacrosse, the squad is looking to finally get back on the turf and play some lacrosse.

"The majority of these kids put their sticks down two years ago after the season ended and haven't picked them up again until about a month ago," Mustang Coach Danny Reyes said. "Not having a season last year due to Covid, the boys are super excited to be back on to the field; they are chomping at the bit to get going."

The Mustangs find themselves with a much smaller team than they are used to this season; so small there will not even be a junior varsity squad this year.

"Over the past three years there seems to be a lull in youth lacrosse in the area and we lost three or four athletes who opted out either due to the pandemic concerns or jobs," the coach said. "So needless to say, Norwood is looking to rebuild the team and program."

Reyes will be looking to senior captains Harry Leduc and Jared Shea, both midfielders, who will see limited action at the attack position, as well as defenseman Anthony Scavotto to lead the team.

"Having such a small team, Harry and Jared will see an extended amount of time on the field (pretty much every minute)

so they will see some reps at attack to catch their breath," Reyes said. "As midfielders, they are running the field constantly from offense to getting back on defense, so from time to time they'll need that rest."

All three captains know Reyes and his style of play as he has been their coach since youth lacrosse around fifth grade.

The three club lacrosse players include junior Kyle Ledger, a very physical and athletic long stick middle and sophomores Kevin Sople (midfielder) and Richie Carroll (attack). Although sophomores, this will be their first actual varsity season due to the cancellation of their freshmen campaign. Having not played varsity lacrosse, the Norwood coach believes it will not impact either player as they have gotten their reps this past summer and fall with their respective club teams.

Looking to keep the opposition off the scoreboard will be junior Jack Curran, who will be playing in his first varsity season.

"I am hoping that Jack is a bright spot this season," Reyes said. "Two years ago as a freshman, he was the junior varsity goalie and saw some occasional action on the varsity squad as the back-up. He is very athletic with good reflexes and has grown about four inches since he last took the field. Thus far in practice he has looked really good and seems to have gotten faster."

According to the Norwood coach, the Tri-Valley league is



very competitive with the likes of Medfield, Dover-Sherborn, and Hopkinton being the cream of the crop. In a 14 game season, Reyes sees the Mustangs as a middle of the pack team.

"Our goals are to be a more dynamic team when it comes to

offense this season. We'll be running a more settled offense since we don't have the numbers for a transition game," Reyes said. "I am hoping that the players can take more initiative on the field themselves instead of me yelling from the sidelines."

Norwood opened the season with back-to-back home games against Dedham and Holliston on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. After taking down Dedham 15-3, the Mustangs fell to Holliston to go 1-1 on the early season.



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# Norwood Sports

## Bassam Awde, Volleyball is in his Genes

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

Volleyball may be a typical sport or one that many gravitate toward, but Norwood's Bassam Awde found that it was a sport that he had to at least try.

"My dad had played volleyball and my cousins have a court in their back yard, so I guess it has always been in my blood so to speak," the Norwood hitter said, "In eighth grade gym class, we played it and I enjoyed it. It was a game that seemed to come easy to me so I figured that when I got to high school I would try out for the team."

As a freshman, Awde found himself on the varsity squad, the same year that Norwood phenom Jake Fleming was participating in his senior campaign. Awde was a libero that year but he found that he learned so much from Fleming that season and the two continue to see one another on a regular basis today.

"Jake taught me so much about the game," Awde said. "I really learned a lot just by watching him play. We still see each other as we work together and play indoor beach volleyball at Joust in Norwood."

As a sophomore, Awde was moved to outside hitter by Coach Paul Nimblett and was looking to take his game to the next level when Covid cancelled his junior season. Having lost an entire season, Awde knows that he not only has a lot of catching up to do on the court, but wants to also show colleges that he can play on the collegiate level.

"This season really means a lot to me as I want to play volleyball in college and with everything that happened last year, college coaches could only view tapes of players previous years," Awde said. "At the time I didn't have any tapes, so this year is very important that I not only put together something for college coaches to view but that I also play at the top of my game."

When he last stepped onto a high school volleyball court, the Norwood athlete was around

5'9" and remembers could barely get the ball over the court. As he enters his senior season, he has grown to 6'2" and has no issue with being able to spike the ball over the net.

In addition to playing hitter for the Mustangs, the senior will also see some action as the team's setter, a position he picked up when he was setting up Fleming as a freshman.

"Bassam has not only grown in height, but he has improved his work ethic all around," coach Nimblett said. "He worked extremely hard and went to many camps and clinics in preparation for this season as he was very bummed out about not having a season last year. He has come in with a great attitude and having a team of young individuals he has taken them under his wing to show them the game."

Norwood will take to the court 14 times this year, and according to Nimblett the team will probably run a 6-2 around Awde's skills. Nimblett also noted that the senior outside hitter will also set and spend some time on the back line when Victor Green moves into the hitting position. With the growth spurt, Awde cannot only hit the ball with force, but his jumping ability has enabled him to become a great blocker as well.

"From his first year on the team, Bassam has become much stronger and couldn't really reach the top of the net," the Mustang Coach said. "Today, he's jumping up and over while hitting with force. He also has incorporated a hard serve into his arsenal and although he lost an entire season, he is very excited to be playing volleyball once again during his senior season."

Being that this is his final sea-

son with the Mustangs Awde wants to go out and enjoy his last hurrah with his teammates while picking up as many W's as they can.

"I want to go out and have fun during my senior season while winning," Awde said. "I am sur-



Milford, they have a great program. However, I feel that whatever happens against them we should still be able to put together a suc-

cessful season." He will continue to practice and work hard on his game in order to secure a spot on a collegiate volleyball team.

Awde is planning on attending Rivier University in Nashua New Hampshire following his graduation from Norwood High School. The Raiders are a Division 3 NCAA school and is part of the Greater Northeast Athletic Conference. The Norwood athlete has reached out to the Rivier volleyball coach and has been told to forward his game tapes.

Each and every time that Awde steps onto a court he plans on giving 100% giving the Mustangs the best possibility to win.

prised at how quickly the newcomers have progressed since the first days of practice. I feel that we'll be alright in the TVL, the only team I am worried about is

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# Calendar of Events

The Community Calendar was prepared a few weeks before the June publish date. In consideration with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and state and federal guidelines regarding public gatherings, some of these events may have been postponed or cancelled. It is recommended to call to confirm the event status before attending.

The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group will NOT hold its April monthly meeting. Pandemic-related restrictions are still in force. The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

## June 2

### Pop-Up & Play!

Bond Playground  
3:30 p.m.

Get outside with the Norwood recreation staff for a special craft and play! All craft supplies provided. Open to all ages. Free. To register or for more information, email [cgrande@norwoodma.gov](mailto:cgrande@norwoodma.gov).

### BookJams (Virtual)

Morrill Memorial Library  
4 p.m.

Ukulele teacher and musician Julie Stepanek will entertain for storytime! Each class children will learn letters and other basic literacy skills through the magic of stories and songs. For ages 3-6 years old. Register at [www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar). Questions? Email the staff at [norchild@minlib.net](mailto:norchild@minlib.net) for call 781-769-0200.

### CPR Class

To be announced at press time  
5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$55 per person. Open to all ages. To register or for more information, email [cgrande@norwoodma.gov](mailto:cgrande@norwoodma.gov).

### Spring Updates from the Norwood Trails Committee (Virtual)

Morrill Memorial Library  
7 p.m.

This session presents a progress update and vision for the future of Norwood trails. The committee is also looking for feedback from the community. Updates include trail mapping, the many community projects underway, and the potential future of Norwood's trails and open space. Registration is required. Sign up on the library's online events calendar at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar) or by calling the Reference desk at 781-769-0200 x2. NCM will simultaneously broadcast the program on the night of the event.

## June 3

### First Aid Training

To be announced at press time

5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$55 per person. Open to all ages. To register or for more information, email [cgrande@norwoodma.gov](mailto:cgrande@norwoodma.gov).

### Craft Connection (Virtual)

Morrill Memorial Library  
7 p.m.

This monthly group gets together via video to chat while crafting and share latest projects.

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## June 4

Norwood High School Class Day

## June 6

### Norwood High School Graduation Day BSAC Annual Dog/Car Wash

Norwood Municipal Parking Lot (Nahatan St.)

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The event includes dog/car washing (9 a.m.-2 p.m.), nail

clipping (10 a.m.-1 p.m.), and rabies vaccinations and micro-chipping (10-11:30 a.m.). All proceeds benefit the Bay State Animal Cooperative.

## June 8

### Women's Business Networking Meeting (Zoom)

8 a.m.

The Women's Business Networking (WBN) group is a non-profit organization for women in business or residents of Norwood and surrounding towns. The group meet two mornings per month and in addition to providing referral business, the women share and support business ideas and community events/fundraisers. If you would like more information about the organization, call 781-799-7068, or email [wbnofnorwood@gmail.com](mailto:wbnofnorwood@gmail.com).

### Norwood Toastmasters

Zoom Meeting  
6:45 p.m.

The Norwood Toastmasters is dedicated to improving public speaking and leadership skills. They are currently meeting online via ZOOM. For log in, contact-3926@toastmastersclubs.org. For more information, visit <https://norwoodtoastmastersclubs.org/>.

## June 10

### The Pineapple Project: A Plan About Identity for Kids (Virtual)

Morrill Memorial Library  
6 p.m.

The Pineapple Project was born during a moment of play between actor Mal Malme and Mal's niece in which their niece said "Boys Can't be Princesses!" As a nonbinary person and theater artist, Mal couldn't ignore this statement. This led Mal, and colleagues Becca A. Lewis, and Renee Farster-Degenhardt to create a theatre piece for children ages 3-8 to broaden the gender conversation and validate each child's identity. The performance will be followed by a question & answer opportunity. To register, [norwoodlibrary.org/](http://norwoodlibrary.org/)

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## June 12

### Blessing Boutique Thrift Shop

First Baptist Church, 17 Bond St.

10 a.m.-noon

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## June 14

### Rainbow Hearts Pop-Up Card

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## June 15

### Pop-Up & Play!

Hawes Playground  
3:30 p.m.

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## June 16

### Story Hour with Drag Kings, Queens & Friends (Virtual)

Morrill Memorial Library  
4 p.m.

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### Turn the Page Book Group: "Maid: Hard Work,

### Low Pay, and a Mother's Will To Survive" (Virtual)

Morrill Memorial Library  
6:30 p.m.

Copies of the book in regular print and large print will be available to pick up at the Circulation Desk.

## June 21

F. Holland Day: Daring to Love (Virtual)

Morrill Memorial Library  
7 p.m.

This is a presentation by historian and President of the Norwood Historical Society Cashman Kerr Prince in honor of Pride Month. Examining local historical figure F. Holland Day--a photographer, publisher, dandy, friend of Oscar Wilde and Kahlil Gibran, genealogist, local historian, and so much more--Kerr reveals the portrait of a fascinating man of means grappling with his sexuality and daring to love in the Boston area a century ago. To register, [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar) or by calling the Reference desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

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### Norwood Woman's Club Annual Luncheon

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**Kids Let's Paint Club**

Norwood Town Common  
6 p.m.

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**Titles on Tap Book Group (Virtual)**

Morrill Memorial Library  
7:30 p.m.

The June Title has yet to be announced, visit [www.norwoodlibrary.org](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org) for more information. Titles on Tap is a social book group for readers in their 20s and 30s and for the young at heart. WE go in for stories that are shaken, not stirred.

**June 23**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Knights of Columbus, 572 Nichols St.  
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**June 24**

**Adult Let's Paint Club**

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6 p.m.

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**Royal Panel: Drag Performers in Conversation (Virtual)**

Morrill Memorial Library  
7 p.m.

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**Amy**



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**Mamma Kitty**

A street kitty who sought out the help of humans while raising her kittens. Her human food and

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event announcements including our annual dog wash/rabies clinic.

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A big thank you to Paul, whose efforts are a great example of the transformational role that municipal staff can play in their communities!" Thank you to Paul Halkiotis and

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# Aging Gracefully: Advice on What to do Now!

Doctors and patients have all kinds of difficult conversations. How to prepare for aging and caring for an aging partner or parent is one of those. For Lee Willis and her husband Hal, the conversation started this way: their beloved doctor of 15 years asked Lee, point-blank: “Are you prepared for the possibility that Hal may outlive you?”

At 94, Hal is ten years older than Lee. A plane accident broke multiple bones in his legs, and arthritis had settled in. Walking is hard for him. He does his own laundry and washes the dishes, but he doesn't drive and often uses a wheelchair.

Lee, on the other hand, just bought herself a new kayak. A nine-year cancer survivor, she relieves pain with exercise, not medicine. She swims three times a week. When not caring for Hal, she's active, traveling, and socializing.

Still, the doctor had a point: Be prepared.

## Facing the Facts of Aging

Most people avoid the subject

of getting old. Death is as natural as birth, but too many people

simply don't want to think about it until they are too ill to participate in decision making, leaving family members and their physicians to make decisions that may or may not be what they would have wanted at the end of life. We need to prepare better.

## Finding a Place to Age

The main goal for Lee in preparing for Hal and her own aging was to find a place that could happen. Lee didn't just do a Google search. She visited dozens of nursing homes. She made lists of in-home care services, and visited each of those.

But Lee wasn't satisfied, mainly because of shifting staff. “You can never guarantee the same people. The bottom-line dictates staffing. This turnover and the resulting lack in continuity of care, is a problem.”

So, she looked at the option of aging in place. She volunteered at programs of all-inclusive care for the Elderly, which offers 24/7 coverage for anyone qualified

for a nursing home. It seemed like “this would probably be what we choose to do,” she said.

But then Lee discovered The Green House Project, a new model for long-term care for elders. In 2001, a doctor named Bill Thomas was appalled at the state of elder care. He saw it was a hospital, not a home with people just sitting in wheelchairs. So, he introduced a lot of changes, brought in birds, dogs, cats, and plants. But it still wasn't enough. So, he “super-trained” staff to behave like family members, not healthcare providers. He built a new structure, with one central room, the residents living in rooms off in spokes. It became a communal place, with a common kitchen where people cook family recipes and behave like relatives.

Lee found one in her state. “If we both have to go somewhere, this will be it!”



## Aging Gracefully: How to Get Started Now

The best advice Lee's received from her doctor: Exercise. He told her that the biggest factor that differentiates healthy from unhealthy aging is exercise—folks who remain sedentary clearly become frailer more rapidly than those who either remain or become active in their later years. Exercising on a regular basis makes a huge difference in how one ages.

Lee's primary lessons for younger people: Be proactive. “It's really hard when you're 50 to think about being 80, but you should.” She advises younger people to:

- Take your health seriously—eat well and exercise.
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On the approach, Group 4 shift commander Captain Jeff Campillio was met with heavy fire showing from both floors on the B, C and D sides of the 1 1/2 story single family home. Captain Campillio struck a working fire as Engine 5 Lieutenant Murphy and his crew quickly deployed an 1 3/4" attack line and began an aggressive attack on the fire while Ladder 1's crew went to the roof to perform ventilation. Engine 4 established a water supply before assisting in the fire attack with

NA 2 and NA 3s crew. A short time later, a 2nd alarm was struck bringing in additional mutual aid from surrounding towns. Both primary and secondary searches of the structure proved negative and all occupants were able to escape the fire safely.

The fire was quickly brought under control, however, due to the number of void spaces found in cape style houses, crews were on scene for about two hours overhauling and ensuring the fire was fully extinguished.

There were no injuries to any occupants or firefighters. Norwood Fire Investigators are currently working to determine a

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## Online Research Capability for Genealogy and History Enthusiasts

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"Since the beginnings of the COVID-19 pandemic back in mid-March of 2020, many have had to stay close to home," Register O'Donnell noted. "Certainly, freedom of movement has been curtailed for individuals and families who have a concern about contracting the coronavirus. Many have spent hours online catching up with family and friends via social media. If you are looking for something new to do and have always been curious about your family history or local history, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds can be a valuable source of relevant information via its

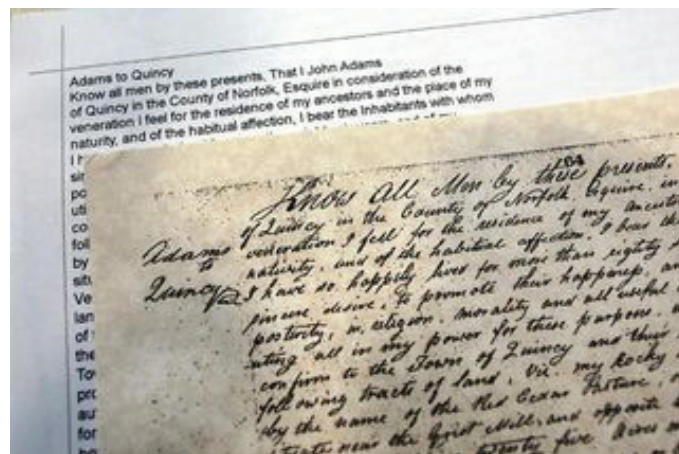
online research offerings.

A few years back, the Registry and its vendor completed a project which transcribed all our hand-written land documents dating back from 1793 to 1900. Prior to this effort, these hand-written documents were in many cases difficult to near impossible to read. With the transcription project completed, our over eight million land documents can be accessed for viewing from the comfort of your home via our website [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org)."

It should be noted that while the transcribers made a best effort to translate these hard to read documents, their accuracy is not guaranteed.

"These transcribed documents are not legal documents in and of itself, and are not considered binding on the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds or its employees," Register O'Donnell said. "It is considered merely a convenient reference for Reg-

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While the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds building in Dedham remains closed to the general public due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, our online research offerings remain a viable way for genealogists and history buffs to per-

form research from the comfort of their homes. Please know that as your Register of Deeds, I continue to take very seriously my core responsibility to be the

land documents and read the transcribed images with the ongoing goal of ensuring a correct record of land documents here in Norfolk County."

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# Real Estate Corner

## Healthy April Real Estate Activity in Norfolk County

As our communities are starting to get back to normal and the COVID restrictions are starting to be lifted, Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reports that the increases seen in real estate activity in Norfolk County are continuing. The month of April in 2021 saw increases in a number of real estate indicators over the same time period in 2020.

Register O'Donnell stated, "The Norfolk County real estate market continues to be strong. There were 17,744 documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in April which is a 53% increase over last year's April document volume. There were 1,693 deeds recorded out of this document volume, representing a 54% increase over April of last year. Average sale price, again including both residential and commercial sales, increased 45% over 2020 to \$1,163,838.48. Last year's April real estate num-

bers were at the beginning of the onset of COVID-19 and the COVID-19 emergency declarations so it is pleasing to see that the real estate market has been vibrant and stable as we start to return to our daily lives."

Low inventory of properties for sale are keeping prices for real estate up. Low interest rates are helping buyers afford the home prices of these properties. The county unemployment rate in Massachusetts was reported as 6.8%. However, in 5 of the 14 Counties in Massachusetts the unemployment rate is lower than 6.8%. Norfolk County is one of those counties in the lower unemployment rate category.

In addition to real estate sales, the Norfolk County lending market has been very busy in April. There were 4,212 mortgages recorded during the month which is a 21% increase over 2020. Total

amount of money borrowed for mortgages county wide was almost 2 billion, a 23% increase compared to April 2020. "While some of the mortgages are due to purchases and sales of real estate, there are a large number of individuals and families taking advantage off historically low interest rates by refinancing existing mortgages. Individuals have different motivations to refinance. Some refinance to reduce their monthly payments, others to take some years off their debt while still others are using the money to pay for home improvements and other capital expenditures" said Register O'Donnell.

Register O'Donnell went on to state, "There has been a strong demand for housing, single family housing particular, coupled with a limited supply of available

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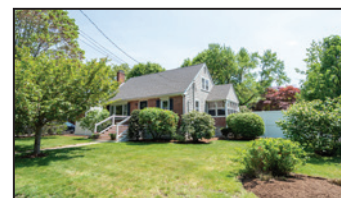
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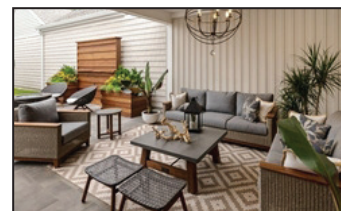
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# Real Estate Corner

## HEALTHY APRIL

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housing stock and historically low interest rates which could be motivating buyers to do what is necessary to secure housing. Lending activity was up. The growth in numbers seen in 2020 continues into 2021.

A moratorium on foreclosures in place during the pandemic in 2020 was lifted on October 17, 2020. This moratorium was in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely watching the foreclosure market. O'Donnell stated, "During April of 2021 there were 6 foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of fore-

closure processes taking place in Norfolk County. Additionally, there were 4 Notices to Foreclosure Mortgages, the first step in the foreclosure process, recorded here in Norfolk County. A foreclosure recording is very impactful on those being foreclosed on. April of 2020 there was only 1 Notices to Foreclosure Mortgages and 13 foreclosure Deeds. Though it is great to see that the Foreclosure deed numbers have decreased by more than half, we will continue to watch these numbers."

"The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has also been working in close cooperation with Attorney General Maura Healey's office to ensure there are no abuses being perpetrated against homeowners while the COVID-19 state of emergency is ongoing," noted O'Donnell.

Additionally, for the past several years, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs, 617-479-8181 x376, and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions, 508-587-0950 to help anyone facing challenges paying their mortgage. Another option for homeowners is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400. Register O'Donnell stated, "If you are having difficulty paying your monthly mortgage, please

consider contacting one of these non-profit agencies for help and guidance."

Homestead recordings by owners of homes and condominiums continue to increase this year at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in April. There was a 44% increase in homestead recordings in April 2021 compared to April 2020. "A Homestead," noted O'Donnell, "provides limited protection against the forced sale of an individual's primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000. It is great to see folks protecting the biggest asset most of us have, our homes. I would urge anyone who has not availed themselves of this important consumer protection tool to consider doing so. Please visit the Registry website at [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org) to get more information on homestead protection."

In conclusion, Register O'Donnell stated, "Many small businesses and specific sectors of our economy, such as restaurant and hospitality, have been negatively impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. One sector that has continued to thrive during the pandemic is the real estate market, particularly the residential market. There have been many factors that have kept the Norfolk County real estate market viable. Motivated buyers and sellers, low interest rates, and the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds remaining open for the recording of land documents. While the Registry of Deeds building in Dedham remains closed to the general public, we at the Registry remain open operationally to serve our customers,

the residents of Norfolk County and real estate professionals alike. By listening to public health officials, practicing social distancing, making sure all staff are wearing masks and taking any and all other steps necessary, the Registry of Deeds has remained open for business. Land documents are being recorded electronically for many of our institutional users. We are also receiving documents via regular mail, Federal Express and from those placed in our drop-off box located just outside our main entrance at 649 High Street, Dedham, MA. As your Norfolk County Register of Deeds, I want to thank all of you for the cooperation, patience and understanding you have shown myself and the Registry staff while this pandemic has been ongoing."

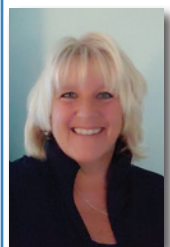
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The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds is located at 649 High Street in Dedham. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities and others with a need for secure, accurate, accessible land record information. All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org). Residents in need of assistance can contact the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center via telephone at (781) 461-6101, or email us at [registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org](mailto:registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org).



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