

## Town Birthday Celebrations Launch New Year's Eve!

BY BELLA CAGGIANO

Norwood will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration throughout 2022, however, the festivities will begin a day early on January 31 with the Town's own version of First Night! The exciting New Year's Eve event will begin at 3 p.m., and will include a road race, dancers, magic, music, singers, games, and so much more!

The day/evening schedule is jam packed with events geared for all ages. The activities will be both inside and out at the Civic Center, Morrill Memorial Library, Town Hall, Saint Catherine's gymnasium and cafeteria, the First Congregational Church, the F. Holland Day House, and the Town Common. On January, 1, the fun continues with a Comedy Night, at the Norwood Theatre. For up-to-date information, monitor the event website at <http://norwoodma150.gov>.

Scores of volunteers have been planning Norwood's



birthday party for the past year and a half, and soon Norwood residents will have the opportunity to toast their hometown and explore the extraordinary 150-year history of the "Crown Jewel of the Commonwealth" throughout 2022! Through their tireless efforts, they have developed events, educational and informative discussions, presentations, entertainment, and cultural experiences for all ages!

Following First Night, the next currently scheduled event will be hosted by the Norwood Historical Society on January 18, with a book discussion, 'Norwood, A History,' by Patricia Fanning. On February 23, there will be a Gala at the Four Points Sheraton in recognition of Norwood's separation from Dedham which occurred

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## A Vibrant December (and Winter) at the Senior Center

BY DONNA LANE

"Norwood's Senior Center is busier than ever," Norwood Senior Center Executive Director Kerri McCarthy said.

A number of additional activities are scheduled for December which promise to be festive! On December 2, a bus trip for "A Salem Cross Christmas," will be



Every week, there are 25 to 30 activities offered, from fitness classes of various types — gentle, Tai Chi, Zumba, Flex & Firm, Pilates and Yoga — to card games, such as cribbage, Mah Jong, whist, and bridge, popular board games, like Scrabble and Bingo, hand-crafting, line dancing, tap and ballroom dancing.

offered where participants will visit Honey Bee Orchards, have a delicious four-course luncheon, visit the Yankee Candle Shop in Deerfield, ending with the "Bright Nights" light display at Forest Park.

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through a petition on February 10, 1872.

Also in February, just after the conclusion of the Beijing Winter Olympics, local residents will be able to witness Olympic-caliber talent at the Skating Club of Boston.

Two more events are scheduled for March. On March 6, there will be a reception celebrating Massachusetts ratifying Norwood as a Town and on March 15, the Norwood Historical Society will hold a book group to discuss 'Mapping Norwood,' by C. Fanning.

There will be a lecture at the Morrill Memorial Library on April 28, on the history of Norwood's Police and Fire Departments and a Town Trivia Night by the Norwood High School Alumni Association.

On May 17, the Norwood Historical Society will host 'Influenza and Inequality,' by P. Fanning and on May 22, Veterans' Day celebrations will include a performance by the Parkway Orchestra, a ceremony at the Old Parish Cemetery, and a parade to

the Highland Cemetery.

The month of June is packed with fun and interesting opportunities, from cultural events celebrating the Town's elementary schools on June 15 and 16, to a Neighborhood History Walking Tour in South Norwood, to a Registry of Deeds lecture at the Morrill Memorial Library.

While Norwood's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is already legendary, more events are in the works to add to this already fun-filled day! History Walking Tours are scheduled for the remainder of the month, with Guild Square on July 12, the Town Common on July 19, and Germantown on July 26.

There will be a presentation of Thornton Wilder's 'Our Town,' sponsored by the Old Parish Preservation volunteers on August 13, and another library lecture with the topic to be announced on August 25.

On September 20, the Norwood Historical Society will host another book group, 'Keeping the Past: Norwood,' by P. Fanning, and October will offer a Culture & Arts festival on October 1, a Scavenger Hunt on October 21, and a library lecture on Native American History and

Sites in South Dedham, on October 27.

November 11 there will be a Veterans' Day parade, a Norwood Historical Society book group to discuss 'The Children's Librarian,' by A. Heppler, the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on November 26, and Holiday Stroll on November 27.

Decembers concludes the "Year of Norwood," with a Holiday Concert on December 10, a book discussion on "Tales of Tiot," by W. Everett by the Norwood Historical Society on December 20, and another First Night celebration on December 31.

Many local businesses and residents have stepped up the plate to give back to the town that supported them throughout the years. Whether large or small, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund continues to accept donations for local residents and businesses. A special thanks to those who have already contributed to the anniversary celebration:

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**First Night 5K Family Fun Run**

- Costumed Road Race
- Register at Civic Center on race day
- \$10 Race Fee
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**Ball Drop**

Come join us as we bring in the New Year with a 10 p.m. ball drop in front of the Town Hall!

**Comedy Show (New Years Day ~ Saturday, January 1st at 7:30 p.m.)**

Leave the kids at home and continue the laughs with the Norwood 150th at The Norwood Theatre!

**Highlights**

- 3 p.m.-on** Ice Sculptures, Town Common
- 3-7p.m.:** Face Painting, Civic Center Willett Room
- 3 & 4 p.m.:** O'Shea Chaplin School of Irish Dance in First Congregational Church
- 4-8 p.m.:** Synthetic Ice Skating, Town Common. Skates will be provided.
- 4-8 p.m.:** Train Rides, Town Common
- 3& 4 p.m.:** Curious Creatures, Norwood Kennedys Room
- 4-9 p.m.:** Mini Golf, Town Hall
- 4-9 p.m.:** Laser Tag, St. Catherine's Cafe

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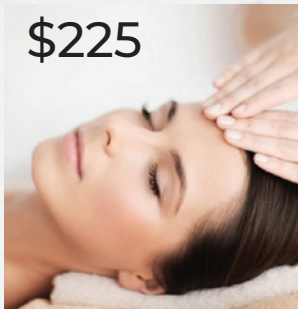


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# Norwood First Night Schedule of Events

Location	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.	6 p.m.	7 p.m.	8 p.m.	9 p.m.	10 p.m.
Town Common	Ice Sculptures	Train Rides Ice Sculptures Synthetic Ice Skating on Central*	Train Rides Ice Sculptures Synthetic Ice Skating on Central*	Train Rides Ice Sculptures Synthetic Ice Skating on Central*	Train Rides Ice Sculptures Synthetic Ice Skating on Central*	Train Rides Ice Sculptures Synthetic Ice Skating on Central*	Ice Sculptures Synthetic Ice Skating on Central*	Ice Sculptures	Ice Sculptures
Civic Center Gymnasium	First Night 5K Family Fun Run Costume Judging at 1:30pm	Road Race Social. (Must Run Race)	Road Race Social. (Must Run Race)		Balloon Drop	Just for Teen Pizza & Games Impact Norwood	Just for Teen Pizza & Games Impact Norwood	Just for Teen Pizza & Games Impact Norwood	
Civic Center Willett Room		Face Painting	Face Painting	Face Painting	Face Painting				
Civic Center Dance Room		Bubble Wrap Stomp	Bubble Wrap Stomp	Bubble Wrap Stomp	Bubble Wrap Stomp	Bubble Wrap Stomp			
Civic Center Kennedy Room/Lobby		Curious Creatures	Curious Creatures	Kids Crafts Holiday Lights, Music & Hot Coco	Kids Crafts Holiday Lights, Music & Hot Coco	Kids Crafts Holiday Lights, Music & Hot Coco			
Town Hall		U.S. Taekwondo Performing in Memorial Hall		Mini Golf	Mini Golf Mike Hohmann Performing in Memorial Hall	Mini Golf	Mini Golf	The musical parents association featuring Mollie Caravello & Tony Caravello	Lee Leach Performing Carillon Bells
St. Catherine's Gymnasium		Luiz Paulo Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Coaral Belt Demonstration		Father Figures Band			Band Gig School of Music	Joe Hart Band	
St. Catherine's Cafeteria			Laser Tag Inflatable	Laser Tag Inflatable	Laser Tag Inflatable	Laser Tag Inflatable	Laser Tag Inflatable		
First Congregational Church	K&M Dance Studio	K&M Dance Studio	O'Shea Chaplin School of Irish Dance	O'Shea Chaplin School of Irish Dance	Barry McDonough Magician	Chucky Burgess Band	Chucky Burgess Band		
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**7-9 p.m.:** Just for Teens Pizza & Gi ant Games in partner with Impact Norwood, Civic Center Gymnasium

**5-8 p.m.:** Holiday Lights, Music, & Hot Coco! Travel to go see Norwood's best holiday homes, Norwood Civic Center Parking Lot

**6 p.m.:** Father Figures performing in St. Catherine's Gymnasium

### Location Information

#### Town Hall

566 Washington St.

Mini-Golf & Performances by: Mike Ho, Grace Allendorf, Mollie Caravello Band, & Lee Leach on Carillon Bells

#### Norwood Civic Center

165 Nahatan St.

Family Fun Run, Face Painting, Balloon Drop, Teen Pizza/Games, Bubble Wrap Stomp, Curious Creatures, and Holiday Light Tours.

#### St. Catherine's School

249 Nahatan St.

Laser Tag & performances

from: Brian Dunn/Matt Lane Band, Jo Hart Band, and Luiz Paulo Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Coaral Belt Demonstration

#### Town Common

517-523 Washington St.

Ice Sculptures, Train Rides, Synthetic Ice

#### Norwood Theater

109 Central St.

Comedy Show on Saturday, January 1st

#### First Congregational Church

100 Winter St.

Performances by K & M Dance Studio, O'Shea Chaplin School of Irish Dance, Barry McDonough Magician, and Chucky Burgess Band

#### Parking

- Municipal lot directly across from the Civic Center
- Parking around Civic Center
- Parking lot directly behind Town Hall
- Parking in Municipal Lot directly next to National Lumber Home Fin-ishes
- Municipal Lot at the corner of Day Street and Central Street
- Street Parking will be available on the day of as well.

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The Center's Annual Holiday Party will be held on December 9. Crooner Tommy Roe will serenade attendees with holiday music, followed by a luncheon.

On December 17, local historian Anthony Sammarco will return to share the history of "Christmas Traditions in Boston." That evening The Friends of the Council on Aging will hold their monthly dance.

And closing out the year on December 31, a bus trip is scheduled for "An American Bandstand New Year's Eve Day," at the Danvers Yacht Club. A fitting end of year celebration for the over-60 set!!

In addition to its regular daily activities, the Senior Center's popular hot lunches, which are served Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, will continue through the winter. If you are unable to come to the Center, your meal can be delivered to you. Weekly menus are posted on the monthly newsletter and cost \$5 each. If you'd like a copy of the newsletter mailed to you each month, the cost is \$7. Alternatively, you can read the newsletter online at [www.norwoodma.gov/departments/council\\_on\\_aging/newsletter\\_calendar.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/council_on_aging/newsletter_calendar.php).

For all activities during the month of December and throughout the winter, if the Norwood schools are closed, the Senior Center will also be closed. Always call and check if you are unsure.

"We've been very fortunate to be able to run our programs at the Senior Center due to the size of the center itself," McCarthy said.

However, she acknowledged that the scheduled speakers, entertainment, and daily programs will be subject to change based on Covid conditions.

And speaking of Covid, vaccine clinics are up and running at the Senior Center. Call if you need a booster shot.

Not only does the Senior Center have great fitness classes and fun group activities, it helps the over 60 community with accessing fuel assistance if needed, sorting through the maze of elder insurance options, and providing transportation to local grocery and retail stores.

McCarthy said she is excited about the Center's out of town medical rides for Norwood residents who are 60 and older.

"It's great to be able to offer that service, especially because of the lack of taxes in town," McCarthy said. "The transport team is busier than they have ever been. Thanks to a vote at Town Meeting, since

May, residents are now able to obtain transportation to medical appointments in Walpole, Westwood, Dedham, Foxboro, Newton, and Needham."

You must call three working days in advance to schedule a ride and be capable of getting in and out of the van independently. The cost for out of town trips is \$5.

The fuel assistance season has begun. If you qualify for fuel assistance and would like to apply, call Outreach Coordinator Trish Monahan at 781-762-1201, extension 6804, to set up an appointment to fill out your application. To determine if you qualify, check out the November 2021 newsletter for income limits and list of documentation that must be submitted with your application ([http://cms5.revize.com/revize/norwoodma/document\\_center/Senior/Newsletters/November%202021.pdf](http://cms5.revize.com/revize/norwoodma/document_center/Senior/Newsletters/November%202021.pdf)).

Do you have questions about your Medicare, Medicaid, or health insurance coverage? Two SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) counselors at the Senior Center continue to assist people with Medicare

needs. In-person appointments are available to people who are fully vaccinated. Appointments are available Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments by telephone are available if you are not vaccinated. To make an appointment, call 781-762-1201, extension 5.

The Norwood Council on Aging/Senior Center is a vibrant organization serving the 60 and over elder community.

"We are here to help; we're just a phone call away," McCarthy said.

thy said.

If you have not taken advantage of the programs or entertainment available from the Center, you are doing yourself a disservice. Stop by. Pick up a newsletter to see what's happening and meet your neighbors. You'll be glad you did.

The Norwood Senior Center is located at 275 Prospect St., and is open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 781-762-1201 or email [seniorcenter@norwoodma.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@norwoodma.gov).

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# Hamwey Among 7 to be Inducted into Millis Hall of Fame

Local Town Pages sports writer Ken Hamwey will be inducted into Millis High School's Athletic Hall of Fame on March 19, 2022 at the Medway VFW.

The 78-year-old Hamwey, a Bellingham resident who's worked for Local Town Pages for 10 years, was a unanimous choice of the selection committee. The veteran sports journalist continues to cover feature stories in semi-retirement for Local Town Pages, focusing on seven communities — Medway, Millis, Norfolk, Wrentham, Holliston, Natick and Franklin.

Hamwey, who previously lived in Millis after earning a bachelor's degree from Babson College, started his newspaper career in 1967 with the Framingham News, now known as the Metrowest Daily News. His first story, which was published

54 years ago, focused on Millis' varsity football team. Early on, his reporting ranged from high school and college sports to the professional beat where he covered the Boston Celtics and the New England Patriots.

"I'm honored and humbled to be selected for induction into Millis' Hall of Fame," Hamwey said. "It's heart-warming to have a wonderful community like Millis recognize me for my reporting. Some of my fondest memories during a 54-year career involve Millis. Gordon Browne, a three-sport athlete at Millis High, will be presenting me at the ceremony in March and for those unaware of his stature, he was the first Tri-Valley League football player to be drafted (second round by the Jets) into the National Football League. He was an offensive tackle who blocked for quarterback Joe Namath for two years



before suffering a career-ending injury."

Hamwey will be inducted as a contributor and he'll be honored along with star athletes Molly Breen, Dennis Breen (posthumously) and Rich Monaghan; coach and athletic director Peter Vigue; the 2008-09 girls state championship basketball team

and the 1980 boys track team.

After six years in Framingham, Hamwey was hired at the Providence Journal where he spent the next 35 years working for the four-time Pulitzer-prize-winning newspaper. He finished his career there as the paper's Night Sports Editor, retiring in 2008. On Hamwey's last day in Providence, the Rhode Island State Senate read aloud a citation for his efforts and contributions to R.I. athletics. Two years later, in 2010, he was honored by the Mass. Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), which presented him with its Distinguished Friend Award.

At the Metrowest News, which included the Milford News and the Country Gazette, Hamwey wrote a popular weekly column — "Yesterday's Heroes" — that focused on athletes' and coaches' past achievements.

In 2007, Hamwey began covering sports for the Bellingham Bulletin. As Sports Editor at the Bulletin, he launched a column similar to Yesterday's Heroes called "Where Are They Now,"

reporting on former Bellingham athletes. For the next 11 years, Hamwey extensively covered Bellingham sports while also filing stories for Local Town Pages.

Hamwey's upcoming induction in Millis will be his first Hall of Fame honor. However, he has been nominated for induction into Bellingham's Hall of Fame but that committee has yet to select him.

Hamwey moved to Bellingham in 1972. He's married to Pauline Allard, a school teacher who taught in Bellingham at the Macy Elementary School. His son, Travis, graduated from Bellingham High in 1989.

Tickets for the ceremony cost \$50 and can be ordered until March 12, 2022. They can be obtained by writing a check to the Millis Athletics Hall of Fame and mailed to 155 Plain St., Millis, MA 02054. Tickets can also be obtained via Venmo (money amount to @Millis-AthleticsHOF). A cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be at 7 p.m. followed by the ceremony.

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# Who Will Hold Rights to the 2021 Most Festive House in Norwood?

By MICHELE TARANTO

Holiday decorating has become somewhat of a sport.

While people typically focused on the inside of their home, the outdoor landscape has become a Christmas canvas to further

expose that holiday spirit!

The Norwood Recreation Department is again offering its Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest. This has become an incredibly popular and fun competition as Norwood neighborhoods flaunt their spirit for all to enjoy. With Covid restriction limiting group activities last year, it seemed that local residents pulled out all the stops on their decorating. This year should be an even bigger event building on that festive momentum!



All registered houses will be listed on the Norwood Recreation social media pages with themes and an interactive map. And that makes for a second new family tradition! Put the family into the car and drive throughout Norwood to take in all the decorated homes and vote online for the winner!

There will be two winners announced a week before Christmas. One from the judges and one for most internet likes. Gift cards to local businesses will be provided to each winner. To register your home or for more information, contact

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# Norwood Sports

## Giovanni Shines as Norwood Soccer Has Tough Season

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

It was definitely not the year Coach Tom Healy and the Norwood boy's soccer team was hoping to have, especially for the outgoing seniors. However, while the team as a whole was struggling on the field, senior goalie Chris Giovanni was doing all that he could to keep his team in games while searching for that elusive win.

After a season that included Covid last fall, the then junior was going into the season with some skepticism as he and his teammates didn't know what they were up against. The season was not only abbreviated and had no tournament after the regular season, but as a goalie, Giovanni had restrictions put upon him that he was not used to. He was unable to punt or throw the ball past midfield, something that a goalie relies on to get the ball out of their end. However, once he got those restrictions under wraps, he was fine and felt that having to get rid of the ball in shorter distances helped his game.

Giovanni had such a good season he was named to the Tri-Valley All Star team, something that was not on his radar.

"It was awesome, I really didn't expect it at all," the Norwood goalie said. "Although I was named to the team it was just not me. The team defense was a major contributor to my success and without them I don't think that it would have been possible."

While Giovanni discounts his play as the reason he was named



to the TVL All Star team, his coach disagrees.

"Last year was a strange season with Covid, but Chris really shined and was able to stay back in the box having four experienced defenders in front of him," Healy said. "Playing only 10 games we didn't get to play the younger kids all that much, but although there were a lot of seniors on the field, he played fantastic and was worthy of that All Conference nomination on the All-Star team."

With the pandemic a major distraction to the high school season, Healy's decision to play all his seniors in the minimal time frame had an effect on this year's campaign.

"Chris is a great leader and understands last year's predicament with not being able to play the younger kids all that much and realizes that it trickled down to this year and what

is happening on the field," the Mustang Coach said. "His play from last year transferred to this year and he is playing at a high level. He has also worked well with the young defenders on the field and has told them when and if they need to make adjustments."

According to Healy, Giovanni has taken some risks throughout the season because of the inexperience playing in front of him where some have gone his way and others not.

"I can't really fault him for wanting to win, but there have been times that he shouldn't have taken the chance," Healy said. "With that said, we have talked about it, and he understands my thinking and has come to the conclusion that chances don't always work."

Although his goals against average, which was under three last

year, has risen this fall, Healy still believes that his goalie has been playing on an All-Star level and hopes that the voting Coaches realize that his average has gone up because of the inexperienced backfield that the Mustangs have trotted out onto the field this year.

Growing up, Giovanni's parents had him trying all different sports, but according to the Nor-



wood senior they all fizzled out. That is except soccer, a game that he not only enjoyed but felt he was good at. Having found something that he excelled at, Giovanni played town soccer, joined a winter league and a club team. Once he got to elementary school, he was introduced to the position of goalie, something with which he was not all that thrilled.

"Prior to elementary school I liked using my feet to do different skills, but being the biggest kid that put me in net. Originally, I didn't like the position as I preferred running, but eventually I began to like the position," Giovanni said. "In sixth grade, my winter soccer team went to the finals and after that season a friend of mine suggested that I try out for the club team as their goalie."

Giovanni took his friend's advice and found that club soccer helped him immensely to get ready for high school soccer as it was much more challenging and competitive than the soccer he was playing with his friends. As a freshman for Norwood High School, there were four goalies on the junior varsity team, Giovanni being the number one net minder. During his sophomore season, he won the starting varsity position and has improved each year since then.

"As the starting varsity goalie, it was a big difference for a player

my age and skill level going up against others that were two years older and a lot stronger," he said. "It was a big jump at first and the play of the game was much more competitive and a challenge, but practice with my team gave me a lot of encouragement."

Coming into his final year playing for Norwood, Giovanni was hoping for much more of a normal season compared to last year. He set three goals for himself prior to the season getting underway: to be a better player than last year, to be recruited to play collegiate soccer, and help the Mustangs make the playoffs. Although Norwood was unable to make the playoffs this year, Giovanni definitely took his game to the next level and should be looked upon as a collegiate soccer goalie.

"I didn't come into the season with a negative mindset, I was just excited to get back on the field and play soccer again," the Norwood goalie said. "I knew that we had a lot of kids moving up and what they could do. There was definitely going to be a change in momentum in defense until they got used to the game, much like my first year."

In regards to college, Giovanni has been talking to a few schools but has not made any decisions as of yet. He is hoping to find a school that offers him the option to play soccer as well as offering his major (mechanical engineering or computer science).

"I'm open to whatever school comes calling, but education comes first," Giovanni said. "I would love to be part of the soccer program, but if I can't play soccer collegiately, I can always play in some other capacity, like club or intramurals."

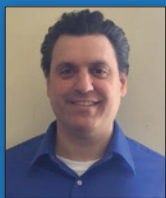
As the season came to a close, Giovanni noted that earning another All-Star nod would be great, but it's not necessarily something he needs to cement his legacy on the field.

"Being an All-Star is definitely on my radar and I would love to achieve it for a second year in a row, but it is not something that I'm shooting for," he said. "I would have rather had the team improve so that when they return next season, they will be ready and competitive once again."

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# Norwood Sports

## Norwood Girls Volleyball Came Close to Tournament Qualification

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

In the past, it was rather black and white if you got into the Sectional Tournaments. If you happened to win at least 50% of your games, you were in, but beginning this year things have gotten a little more confusing. In order to extend your season, teams can still advance if they finish with a .500 record or better during the regular season, or they can also qualify if they finish among the top 32 teams in their division based on the new power ranking system. The power rankings revolve around a team's strength of schedule and margin of victory.

The Norwood girls' volleyball team, which plays in the Tri-Valley League, one of the tougher leagues in the state, finished with a 5-15 record. However, playing in the TVL they square off against some quality competition giving them a top-notch strength of schedule. Of the Mustangs 15 losses, the team was able to win at least one match in eight of those contests.

Although it wasn't one of Norwood's better seasons record wise, Coach Paul Nimblett believes he had himself one of his better teams in some time. The Mustangs possessed great senior leadership this fall and their younger athletes played some significant roles in what should help the future of the program.

Leading the charge onto the court were senior tri-captains Liz Hinkson, Kimmy Hanoian and Kati Melen. All three athletes have been on the varsity squad for three years, including the unique Covid campaign last season. At the time of this writing, Hinkson, an outside hitter, was one of the team's top point scorers with 68 kills and was a top server with 30 aces. Hanoian, a right side or outside hitter, notched 44 kills and 34 aces while being moved around the court. As a left-handed hitter, it made it tough for the opposition to pick up her hits. Melen



was a middle hitter who posted 83 kills and was the top blocker on the team with 14.

"The three of them definitely kept us in the matches," the Norwood Coach said. "We needed them to get us those points as well as their providing leadership to the rest of the team."

With Covid, the volleyball team was one of many fall sports that were shifted to a Fall II season in February. Having the season being played five months later than normal, the turnaround from last year to this season was relatively fast. Norwood ended the Fall II season on a two-game winning streak and Nimblett was hoping that it would carry over.

"The team was raring to go this year and we knew that we had a good senior leadership group that could teach the underclassmen," Nimblett said. "We also knew that with the new format and because of our strength of schedule that we should be right in the fight for a tournament berth."

Not having the long wait from one season to the next, a lot of the girls decided to dedicate their summer to getting better for the upcoming season. Although they were ready to go, Norwood didn't

start the season off on the right foot. The Mustangs opened the 2021 campaign with seven straight losses before putting together a four-game winning streak and a tough fought 3-2 loss to Norton.

"We didn't play the way that I had hoped to open the season, but we eventually got things going and put together a four-game winning streak," the Norwood Coach said. "We started to play real good volleyball, including two 3-2 matches with Norton (one win and one loss). I was hoping that we'd keep trending upward while being competitive. This was definitely a different team from the beginning of the season."

In addition to the senior tri-captains Norwood middle hitter Shannon Brady playing opposite of Melen was having herself a complete season. The junior had 30 kills and 15 block shots and made up a front line tandem with Melen for the Mustangs. Nimblett was excited to see what the junior was doing as she progressed through the season.

Two other juniors having good seasons were Sam Rose and Kati Mills. Rose, the team's first-year varsity libero, stepped right into the position and excelled her role compiling 140 digs thus far, while allowing the coach to move her around on the court with success no matter where she played. Mills began the season setting but as the season progressed, she turned the corner as a hitter (right

side opposite). Her hitting ability allowed the Mustangs to have a balanced attack giving Nimblett two 6-foot girls and two others with good agility and jumping skills. The team currently has 40 blocks so far, averaging 4 per match.

Another outside hitter who fills in when Hinkson is not on the floor is junior Brie Fitzgerald. The junior allows Nimblett to move her around and give the other girls a break here and there.

While having talented hitters up front, the Norwood Coach was also fortunate with two girls who could play the setter position with skill. Freshman Colleen Brady and sophomore Molly Federico both have played an exceptional role for the Mustangs this fall and should continue to do so in the future.

"Colleen came in as a surprise," Nimblett said. "She had a great tryout and I had to take her onto the varsity squad with

what she showed me. Molly had moved up from the junior varsity team and brought with her a new energy to the team. She is very competitive and the two will have a great future with us."

Rounding out the seniors on the squad are defensive specialist Mary Kate Kenny, opposite hitter and utility player Lexi Martinez and Maggie Federico. Being a versatile individual on the court, Federico has done whatever is needed of her this season while bringing an energy that picks the team up every time she steps onto the court.

When the rankings were computed, Norwood found themselves at 33, unfortunately finishing one spot out of Tournament contention. Although the Mustangs were edged out on the final day of the regular season, Nimblett saw that his team improved a lot from opening day and is very excited about looking toward next season.

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## Dec. 2

### Snow Globe Workshop Civic Center 3:30 p.m./4:15 p.m.

Learn how to create your very own snow globe! Participants will get to pick out their figurine and create a winter wonderland! For grades K and up. Cost is \$10. Register at [www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php), or call 781-762-0466.

### South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group The Grange, 28 Rockwood Road (Route 115), Norfolk 7-9 p.m.

Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. 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. All families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones are welcome. Observing the Covid-19 precaution of wearing a mask while indoors during the meeting is appreciated. For more information, call Ray at 508-668-2941.

## Dec. 3

### Polar Express Party Civic Center 10 a.m.

Celebrate the holidays with a Polar Express party! Enjoy snacks, crafts and polar Express specials! For ages 1.5-4 years old. Cost is \$15 per person. Register at [www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php), or

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### Gymnasium Fun Civic Center 6-8:30 p.m.

Parents take the night off while kids join Playcamp and the Civic staff for a night of fun! The evening includes group games, crafts, and more! Registration required. For grades 1-5. Cost is \$20 per child. Register at [www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php), or call 781-762-0466.

## Dec. 4

### Holiday Bakeshop Civic Center

Choose from one or all activities: Santa Cake Decorating (9 a.m.), Elf Cake Decorating (10 a.m.), Tree Cake Decorating (11 a.m.), No Bake Cheesecake (1:30 p.m.). For ages 16 and up. Cost is \$25 per session. Register at [www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php), or call 781-762-0466.

### Meat Raffle Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452, at 193 Dean St. 2-5 p.m. (Saturdays thru May)

The price for each drawing is only \$2. Ten drawings are conducted each Saturday.

A pre-buy for \$20 is available during the week at the Post. The pre-buy allows for entrance in all 10 drawings conducted on Saturday. The drawings also include 50/50 money raffles.

**The Meat Raffle will continue every Saturday through May.** The Meat Raffle is open to the public and everyone is welcome. The Norwood VFW is looking for new members. Veterans of the Gulf War, and personnel who have served overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are welcome to visit the post at any time or come to one of the Monthly Meetings which are held on the Fourth Tuesday of each Month from September through May (Except December).

## Dec. 6

### Dan Shaughnessy on the Larry Bird Celtics (Virtual) Morrill Memorial Library 7 p.m.

Boston sports journalism Dan Shaughnessy, talks about his latest book documenting one of Boston sports' all-time greats, Larry Bird. Dan Shaughnessy is a Sports Columnist and Associate Editor for the Boston

Globe. Signed copies of Dan's latest books will be available for sale before and during the event from the library's bookstore partner, Haley Booksellers. Registration is required for this Zoom webinar event. To sign up, visit [www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

### Take + Make Fall Craft Morrill Memorial Library Walk-in

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### Sustainable Decorating for Holidays (Virtual & In-Person) Morrill Memorial Library 7 p.m.

This workshop by Kristen Nicholson of Blue Stem Natives, will provide advice on responsible foraging techniques, upcycling natural materials, and supporting wildlife this winter. Any winter holiday needs some decoration, and we can reduce our impact on nature while celebrating!

This workshop will be offered in a hybrid format, with both an in-person and a virtual option. For either format, registration is required. To sign up, visit <http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/>, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

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## Dec. 9

### Gingerbread House Decorating Civic Center 3:30 p.m./4:30 p.m.

Decorate your very own gingerbread house with all the fixings! Entire kit will be provided. For ages 3-10 years old. Cost is \$10 for residents, \$15 for non residents. Register at [www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php), or call 781-762-0466.

### Food for Thought Civic Center 5:15 p.m./6:30 p.m.

Boost your mood with food with NPS Registered Dietician Kelsey Massis! Registration required. Register at [www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php), or call 781-762-0466.

### Holiday Creations Civic Center 7 p.m.

Make 1 card and 2 gift tags. For ages 16 and up. Cost is \$10. Registration required. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info> or the Civic Center.

## Dec. 11

### Breakfast with Santa Civic Center 9-11 a.m.

The Norwood Recreation Department made a special request visit to the North Pole and Santa will be making an appearance! The morning will include a pancake breakfast, sing-a-long, crafts, and bring cameras for a shot with Santa! Cost is \$15 per child ages 16 and below, \$5 per adult.

### Holiday Card Making Civic Center 9:30 a.m.

For ages 6-10 years old. Cost is \$10. Registration required. To register, visit [norwoodma.myrec.com/info](http://norwoodma.myrec.com/info) or the Civic Center.

### Blessings Boutique Thrift Shop First Baptist Church, 71 Bond St. 10 a.m.-noon.

This is your last chance to get those items to finish your Christmas shopping! The shop will have jewelry, decorations, gifts, clothing, books, purses, and much more! There will also be some yummy, homemade baked goods. Treat yourself during this busy time!

## Dec. 12

### Holiday Pops Concert First Congregational Church, 100 Winter St. 2 p.m./4 p.m.

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## Dec. 14

### Women's Business Networking Meeting 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).

### Crafts, Kids, & Seniors Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St. 11:30 a.m.

This cross generational event takes place the third Tuesday of each month. Kids will enjoy a new activity with a senior vol-

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unteer. Today's activity: turkey placemat & music mash. For ages 1.5-4 years old. Cost is \$5. Registration required. To register, visit [norwoodma.myrec.com/info](http://norwoodma.myrec.com/info) or the Civic Center.

**Norwood Women's Club Meeting  
Knights of Columbus,  
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12:30 p.m.**

Entertainment by Jill Sanford who will explore the works of Georgia O'Keefe, one of America's most innovative artists. The program is called "Art for the Mind." A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcome. Any questions, call Trina at 781-762-8173 or Nancy at 781-762-8892.

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**Civic Center  
3 p.m./4 p.m.**

Frost and decorate holiday sugar cookies! For grades K-2 at 3 p.m., and 3-5 years old at 4 p.m. Cost is \$10. Register at [www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php), or call 781-762-0466.

**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 [norwoodtoastmaster.toastmastersclubs.org/](http://norwoodtoastmaster.toastmastersclubs.org/).

**Dec. 15**

**Turn the Page Book Group (In-Person)  
Morrill Memorial Library  
10 a.m.**

OR

**Turn the Page Book Group (Virtual)  
Morrill Memorial Library  
6:30 p.m.**

This month's book is "Anything Is Possible," by Elizabeth Strout.

Copies of the book in regular, large print and audiobook are available at the circulation desk. To sign up and view discussion questions, visit [www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

**Dec. 17**

**Gymnasium Fun  
Civic Center  
6-8:30 p.m.**

Parents take the night off while kids join Playcamp and the

Civic staff for a night of fun! The evening includes group games, crafts, and more! Registration required. For grades 1-5. Cost is \$20 per child. Register at [www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php), or call 781-762-0466.

**Dec. 18**

**Wreaths Across America  
Highland Cemetery  
12 noon**

The Town of Norwood, through volunteer Andrea Reed, is paying tribute to fallen veterans with Wreaths Across America, a national movement to honor those who are often forgotten. This moving presentation will also include guest speakers and performances. This season, TSgt Troy McCourt (US Airforce) will be inviting the Honor Guard from Hanscom Airforce Base and Army veteran Shane Matlock (2004-2014) will talk about his new career and transition into a restaurant owner.

**Dec. 20**

**Take + Make Fall Craft  
Morrill Memorial Library  
Walk-in**

Families can pick up prepared materials throughout the day to create a fun, easy craft! Crafts are geared to preschool aged children but are fun for slightly older kids too! Register for the number of kits you need. Due to high demand, the library will hold materials for registered patrons until the following Monday. If registered patrons do not pick up their crafts within the week, the materials will be made available to people on the waiting list. To sign up, visit <http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/>, or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Knights of Columbus Hall, 572  
Nichols St.  
1-6 p.m.**

**Selectman Candidate Forum  
Norwood Community Media  
7:30 p.m.**

The Norwood League of Women Voters will be presenting a Candidate Forum on NCM for those candidates running for Town Selectman to fill the seat vacated by the death of David Hajjar. If you have any questions, contact the League at [lwnorwoodma@gmail.com](mailto:lwnorwoodma@gmail.com). Check your local cable provider for station information.

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**Dec. 27**

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**Dec. 31**

**Norwood First Night  
Throughout Norwood  
3-10 p.m.**

Join in Norwood's First Night Celebration and the Kick-Off to the Town's 150th Anniversary! Throughout the event, there will be entertainment, games, skating, food, crafts, tours, and so much more! For a full schedule, visit the front page article of this paper or visit <https://norwoodma150.gov/first-night>.

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- Provides advice to cat owners
- Assists in tree rescues
- Feeds colonies of feral cats
- Provides medical services for homeless, fosters, and trapped feral cats (largest annual expense)
- Low-cost spay/neuter assistance
- Trap-neuter-return for outdoor colonies
- Permanently houses cats within a group sanctuary that have no options for adoptions or release to their feral colonies

The Bay State Animal Cooperative is only able to provide these valuable services to these innocent cats through the community's generous donations.

BSAC is operated by a group of compassionate volunteers who give their time with the only compensation intended is finding homes and caring for the BSAC cats and helping the community with answers and assistance. The organization only succeeds with the help of these caring individuals.

How can you help? Monetary and food donations are always graciously accepted, but the BSAC is always looking for volunteers to aid in their cause. This could be done in numerous ways: assisting in fundraising, fostering, grant writing, transporting, sponsorship, adoption counseling, ad-

ministrative, and so much more!

Maybe you have a specialty that could help? Are you a web designer, specialize in grant applications, great at fundraising? We are open to any ideas!

### Giving Tuesday

While Giving Tuesday was November 30, the Bay State Animal Cooperative is still accepting donations! Monetary donations are used in many ways to support their initiatives, but food and litter also help! These contributions can be done locally at their drop-off location in Norwood or directly through their partnership with Chewy.com.

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**The Baystate Animal Cooperative calendars are now available for order and shipment!**

Each year, we build our calendar with pictures of successful adoptions, our foster cats and felines we nurture and care for permanently throughout their lives.



Turn the page each month and enjoy a view of our beautiful cats as a reminder why your donations are an integral part to keep the BSAC funded to care for these temporary and eternal homeless animals.

The calendars are \$16 for hand delivered in Norwood or \$18.50, which includes shipping (required outside of Norwood). To order, visit [www.baystateanimals.org](http://www.baystateanimals.org).

### Chewy Wish List

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# GoCashGo arrives in Norwood

*The easiest way to get cash for your car*

By JANE LEBAK

Few things are more necessary in America than a car, but selling a car can be so difficult. Is it safe to make a private sale? Will selling the car to a dealership create pressure to buy a car from them?

Alex H. Archer, General Manager of GoCashGo, has the solution. “You can buy a car anywhere, but selling a car is harder. At GoCashGo, we’ve streamlined the selling process to make it safe, fast, and transparent.”

Many drivers assume they have to bring their old car to a dealership and trade it in toward a newer car. When there’s already a car lined up, however—maybe buying a friend’s car or inheriting from a relative—then the selling process is less clear.

Offering the car on Craigslist may feel unsafe. Bringing the car to a dealership creates pressure to purchase a vehicle there. And what to do about an extra car that can be sold to finance a goal such as a home renovation or extra cash for the holidays?

For all these, the answer is the same. Archer says, “GoCashGo has a single focus. We want to buy your car, give you a check, and get you on your way.”

GoCashGo launched last May in Saco, Maine, and this month, they’ve opened their Norwood location on the Route 1 Automile.

In that time, GoCashGo has purchased a wide variety of vehicles, from a \$55,000 BMW to a \$200 Honda Accord with nearly two hundred thousand miles. Despite the differences in value, the owners all had the same expectation: sell the car quickly, and do it safely.

GoCashGo’s process couldn’t be simpler. The appraisal takes under fifteen minutes. Using the independent Kelley Blue Book data, the appraiser comes up with an approximate market value based on the vehicle’s make and model, its age, and the mileage. Following that, the appraiser and the owner conduct a physical inspection of the car to assess the wear and tear or any damage.

## Business spotlight

“Once our appraiser values your car, you have ten days to decide whether to sell it to us,” says Archer. “You can take time to think about our offer or try to get a better price elsewhere. On the other hand, if you know you want to sell, we’ll cut you a check on the spot.”

The GoCashGo website features a seller’s checklist for what to bring to make that happen. An owner who brings all the required paperwork and all the keys can get the car sold in well under an hour.

“Our entire process is geared toward convenience,” says Archer. “No hassles, no strings, and full transparency.”

GoCashGo is a division of Prime Automotive Group, one of the largest auto dealership chains in New England. Working with a safe, stable chain brings peace of mind: the transaction takes place at their newly-renovated store, located on Route 1 right next to



BMW Norwood, with the entire process on paper and a check you know will clear the bank.

“Eventually we’ll be able to issue payments digitally,” says Archer, “and then you’ll have your money before you leave.”

In addition to safety and transparency, GoCashGo also offers flexibility. Last summer, when a legally blind man made the wrenching decision to surrender his driver’s license and sell his car, he called GoCashGo for help. They were able to arrange the appraisal via Facetime, and then

sent a truck to deliver the check and pick up the vehicle.

With enough advanced notice, GoCashGo has the flexibility to work around many difficult situations. “Call us and start the conversation,” says Archer. “Let us know your constraints, and we’ll handle it from there.”

To sell your vehicle, visit <https://www.gocashgonorwood.com/> today and hit the “start an appraisal” button. Or call 844-577-7463 to ask about the safest, most convenient way to get cash for your car.



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- ★ Proudly served as a Selectman for 9 years
- ★ Electric Light Commissioner
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## Save the Date!

### Luminary Night Returns to the Town Common on Dec. 4

BY BELLA CAGGIANO

Luminary Night is a magical night in Norwood, and for residents new to this wonderful Town and unfamiliar with this inspirational event, it is an inspirational experience that must be included for the holiday calendar. The Circle of Hope Foun-



ation's Enchanting Luminary Night will be held on Saturday, December 4, 4-6 p.m., on Norwood's Town Common. Visitors are welcome to stroll through the walkways in search for their personal messages in memory of lost loved ones. Even residents who have not posted a luminary, visit the Common to share their sympathies and to take a moment to embrace the spirit of the season.

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walkways in remembrance of lost loves ones and in support of their neighbors who are battling a medical tragedy. The luminary bags are engraved with an individual name, message, prayer or date as a symbol of Life, Hope, the Season or in Remembrance of others.

“Every candle that is lit is helping someone in Norwood,” Co-founder Lee Kennedy said. “You don’t know when you light that candle who you are helping.”

The Circle of Hope foundation was established in 1998 in memory of Kennedy’s daughter, Norwood resident Michelle Kennedy, who suffered from leukemia. Local residents united

during her battle, many who did not even know her personally. The Circle of Hope established in her memory preserves that community spirit by donating fundraising proceeds to Norwood families who need assistance due to a catastrophic medical illness. To date, the COH has provided over \$885,000 to Norwood residents.

Unfortunately, due to health restrictions from COVID-19, luminary bags will not be available for purchase the night of the event. For those who would like to make a donation to the Circle of Hope, call 781-762-3549, or mail a check to, The Circle of Hope Foundation, 24 Myrtle Street, Norwood MA 02062.

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# Snow & Ice Policy

This information provides a general overview of our snow and ice program, frequently asked questions, winter tips and also seeks your support in providing safe streets and sidewalks during snow and ice emergencies.

The Town of Norwood's Public Works Department is responsible for removing snow from and de-icing 110 miles of roadway and 6 municipal park-

ing lots in the winter season. The Town also plows 31 miles of sidewalk to ensure safe passage for pedestrians.

The Public Works Department uses 5 large salt (de-icing) trucks to de-ice roadways. When conditions warrant the plowing of roadways to make them safe, the Town uses 26 municipal vehicles and up to 30 contracted pieces of equipment on 32 plow routes.

Many factors can determine the Town's response to a snow event, some of which may include:

- the temperatures before, during and after a storm;
- the amount of accumulated snow;
- the duration of the storm
- the road surface temperature;
- the weather forecast for the following days

**Plan of Operations:**

When the snow starts falling, salt trucks are dispatched to apply de-icing materials such as road salt and liquid magnesium chloride to keep the roads safe.

When 2-3 inches of snow has accumulated on the streets, the snow plowing operation usually begins.

Once the snow stops falling and the roads have been plowed, the streets will again be treated with de-icing materials to prevent a freeze-up of the road surface.

Department personnel will then clear intersections and plow sidewalks and parking lots.

**Black Road Policy:**

Within four hours after the storm has ended it is the policy of the Norwood Public Works Department to have a bare (black) road surface on all main streets and arterial collectors. Residential side streets and cul-de-sacs will also receive similar treatment but may take longer to have a bare (black) road surface.

**Parking Bans:**

Norwood Town By-law (Article XII, Section 30) prohibits parking a vehicle on a street so as to interfere with the snow plowing or removal of snow or ice. Such vehicles will be subject to towing at the expense of the vehicle's

owner. Norwood's Parking Regulations also prohibit parking of vehicles for longer than 2 hours, 12 a.m. - 6 a.m., on any street or Town owned parking facility from November 15th through April 1st.

**Plow Damage:**

The Town is not responsible for damaged lawns, sprinkler heads, fences, steps, trees or shrubs that are located within the public way.

The Town will be responsible for mailboxes that are physically hit by a plow. However, mailboxes will not be repaired if they are in a deteriorated condition or are damaged by snow pushback. Mailboxes and posts damaged by a snowplow will be fixed and/or replaced by the Town with a standard wooden post and black box. The Town will provide a check in the amount of \$50.00 for homeowner's use for any specialty mailbox and/or post that cannot be repaired.

All plow damage must be reported to the Public Works Department by May 1st of the current snow and ice season. Damage reported after May 1st will not be considered for repairs or reimbursement by the Town of Norwood.

Residents are urged to place stakes with reflectors along the edge of lawns and the corner of driveways / walkways.

Plow vehicles, while employed by the Town, cannot be hired or requested to clear private driveways or walks.

**Sand/Salt Mixture for Residents  
Norwood residents can pick up a sand/salt mixture in the following locations:**

Babel's Paint Store Parking Lot (Cottage Street / Nahatan Street)

370 Winter Street (on Winter Street at entrance to Landfill).

Hawes Pool Parking Lot (Washington Street)

Norwood Memorial Airport Parking Lot (Access Road)

Please bring your own container (limit 5 gallons) and shovel. Commercial and/or private contractors not allowed.

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# Welcome Baby Joey!

The Norwood Fire Department would like to congratulate Mom Katie, Dad Anthony, and big brother Tony on the birth of Baby Joey.



In October, NA-3 Firefighter/Paramedics Dafonte and Bailey, along with Engine 3 Firefighters Hogan and Henry, were called to a Norwood residence for reports of an imminent delivery. They quickly began transporting to the hospital but Baby Joey had other plans and was delivered a short time later in the back of NA-3.

The whole family was able to reunite with firefighters and was even nice enough to bring the group 4 guys dinner.

As is customary in the fire service with any field delivery, a stork will be added to the side of NA-3.

## SNOW POLICY

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depositing of snow or ice onto or across any public way, including sidewalks or public property. This by-law addresses the ongoing problem of private contractors plowing snow from private driveways into the public way. This causes unsafe road conditions which must then be corrected by the Public Works Department.

Any such owner or agent violating this by-law shall be punished by a fine as well as any cost incurred by the Public Works Department to correct the condition.

### Good Neighbor Policy:

In the interest of you and your neighbor's personal safety, please shovel out nearby fire hydrants.

Please keep nearby catch basins clear of snow or ice to prevent street flooding during heavy rains or snow melting periods.

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## Aide for Norwood Veterans

Officer Rick McGowan, a combat veteran himself, was delighted to help out with Coats for Vets on Nov. 9 at Gillette Stadium. He brought back 10 kits to be given to Norwood Veterans in need.

## The VFW Meat Raffle is Back!

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452, at 193 Dean St., in Norwood, is resuming its Meat Raffle every Saturday, 2 – 5 p.m.

The Meat Raffle is open to the public and everyone is welcome. The price for each Drawing is only \$2. Ten drawings are conducted each Saturday.

A pre-buy for \$20 is available during the week at the Post. The pre-buy allows for entrance in all 10 drawings conducted on Saturday. The winners of the pre-buys need not be present to win.

The prizes are delectable, delicious, and generous portions of meat and chicken. An example of the sampling of the prizes include: sirloin steak

tips, sausage, ground sirloin burgers, center cut pork chops, whole chicken or cut chickens, chicken wings, and many more offerings. The drawings also include 50/50 money raffles.

The Meat Raffle will continue every Saturday through May.

The Norwood VFW is looking for new members. Veterans of the Gulf War, and personnel who have served overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are welcome to visit the post at any time or come to one of the Monthly Meetings which are held on the Fourth Tuesday of each Month from September through May (Except December).

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# Fallen Soldiers Remembered with Wreaths Across America

By BELLA CAGGIANO

The residents of Norwood do not forget. Now in its fourth year, the Town is paying tribute to fallen veterans through Wreaths Across America, a national movement to honor those who are often forgotten. The mission is to REMEMBER fallen U.S. Veterans, HONOR those who serve, and TEACH your children the value of freedom by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies with Arlington National Cemetery. More than 1,600 locations in all 50 U.S. states participate.

Norwood donations have steadily supported this event each year and local coordinator

Andrea Reed is turning to the local community again to assist with funding to place wreaths of local service men and women's graves at Highland and Old Parish Cemeteries.

"Norwood has such a wonderful history and part of that includes the men and women who sacrificed so that we can have the way of life that we enjoy today," Reed said. "Every year, we show a united front of national unity across the USA as we remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom. We also remember and honor those who are prisoners of war or missing in action.



Our freedoms and way of life are protected by those who are willing to serve and protect. As my brother noted, "When you are in the military, you may not feel or understand how important your service is... being able to defend the country and protect the people back home is a great responsibility and it's a great honor."

The event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 18, 12 noon, at Highland Cemetery. As in previous years, this moving pre-

sentation will also include guest speakers and performances. This season, TSgt Troy McCourt (US Airforce) will be inviting the Honor Guard from Hanscom Airforce Base and Army veteran Shane Matlock (2004-2014) will talk about his new career and transition into a restaurant owner.

For the past three years, local and corporate donations have been impressive. In 2018, 128 were donated, 195 in 2019, and

in 2020, an incredible 1,125 were presented for the occasion.

Ecolab, Reed's employer, has graciously supported this event since its inception. With Covid restrictions last year, Norwood was the only local location participating in the event, and Ecolab gave their full \$15,000 allocated funds for Wreaths Across America to Norwood!

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## Norfolk County 2021 Holiday Food Drive

**The food drive will run through Wednesday, December 29**

Noting that some Norfolk County families are more worried about putting food on the table this holiday season, Register of Deeds William O'Donnell is

asking people to contribute to the Annual Registry of Deeds Food Drive, that started Monday, November 20 through Wednesday, December 29.



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"There is no doubt that Norfolk County is a destination place to live and to work," Register O'Donnell said. "However, there are people throughout the county that are truly hurting. Just looking at our monthly foreclosure numbers, we at the Registry of Deeds can see firsthand how people are being adversely impacted. Misfortune can strike anyone in a number of ways, from a job loss to a medical catastrophe to an elderly person on a fixed income."

Today, according to the latest Project Bread statistics, 1 out of every 10 households in Massachusetts is considered food insecure. Furthermore, 1 out of every 7 chil-

dren in the state is also considered food insecure. In fiscal year 2017, Project Bread received more than 28,000 calls for food assistance.

"As we near the holiday season, there is definitely a need for more food assistance," Register O'Donnell noted. "Household expenses are higher due to the cost of home heating fuel and also food bills are higher with kids home during school vacation.

Non-perishable food items can be brought directly to the Registry of Deeds, which is located at 649 High St., in Dedham. A donation bin will be set-up in the Registry's lobby and food can be dropped off Monday through Fri-

day, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Suggested donations include canned goods, breakfast cereals, pasta, sauces, toiletries and paper products.

If you can't get to the Registry to drop off food, you can visit the Registry website at [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org) for a pantry location in your community.

"Working together, we can truly make a huge difference this holiday season," concluded Register O'Donnell.

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds events and initiatives, "like" them on [facebook.com/norfolkdeeds](https://facebook.com/norfolkdeeds), follow on twitter and instagram @norfolkdeeds.

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"It was an amazing gift!" Reed said. "This equated to 1,029 of the total 1,125 wreaths donated."

This program thrives on generous donations. Handmade wreaths are \$15, \$30 for two, \$75 for three, or \$150 for ten wreaths. To sponsor a wreath, visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org), click on the red box that says sponsor wreaths, scroll to the bottom and choose monthly sponsorship, in honor or memory of, or you can donate to a specific gravesite.

"We are always looking for donations as this is all based on the generosity of those willing to donate for wreaths to honor the veterans," Reed said.

Volunteers are welcome to join in the event and Reed encourages any local resident to join in the experience.

I would love to have any donations and participation. It is always an amazing experience and I love hearing about the impact on the volunteers each year as everyone shares how meaningful it was to be there.

Wreaths Across America is a true venue to not only tribute this country's military but an opportunity to pause and reflect on the meaning of holidays and remembering and honoring those who have given so much so citizens can celebrate with family and friends.

"Throughout the years of meeting veterans, volunteering for this and other events, I have heard so many amazing stories and yet, the remarkable people telling the stories are so humble," Reed said. "I cannot express how grateful I am that they take the time to share those stories with me as I am always so amazed and honored to be in their presence. They are everyday heroes and walk among us every day. This event, for me, is one way that I can give back and appreciate those who came before me as they have paved the way for my children to enjoy the freedoms of today.

For more information on Wreaths Across America or to donate, visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org).

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