

Fallen Soldiers Remembered

By MICHELE TARANTO

The holidays are a time to rejoice, but also a time for remembrance. Norwood residents do not forget and demonstrate their sincere appreciation in December to those who sacrificed in the fifth year of Wreaths Across America. This national movement pays tribute to fallen veterans and 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. This is done by placing wreaths on local service men and women's graves at Highland and Old Parish Cemeteries. This expression is in coordination with wreath-laying ceremonies with Arlington National Cemetery and more than 1,600 locations across 50 states in the United States.

The event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17, 12 noon, Highland Cemetery. Volunteers and visitors are encouraged to arrive between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m., as the minute of silence across Norwood America and islands begins at 12 noon. Cur-



rently scheduled to speak at this moving ceremony:

Ted Mulvehill, Director of Norwood Veteran Services

CEO (Stacy Coyne) and

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The Life & Death of a Survivor

By DONNA LANE

His story is not pretty, yet there is a certain beauty in it. It is about a man who survived the Holocaust. A man who lost most of his family, but who late in life was able to form a new one. It is a story about hope and about coming to America. It is about Aron Greenfield, an inspiration, who with his wife Martha, owned Brenner's Children Shop, in Norwood Center, for 49 years and who willingly shared his story hoping those who heard it would be inspired to continue telling it and teaching others.

Aron Greenfield was born in Dukla, Poland, in 1926. He died unexpectedly, but peacefully, at his only daughter's home in Maryland, on September 26, 2022, the first day of Rosh Hashanah during a holiday nap, surrounded by the people who loved him most.

This is his story.

Aron lived in Poland, about 20 km from the German border in a small town of Szczakowa, near

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Founder/President (veteran Dave Campisano) of 22Mohawks, a non-profit that brings awareness to veteran suicide, creates events to bring veterans, their families, and communities together, and have a new partnership with Professional Canine Services to connect disabled veterans with companions rescued from kill shelters.

George Curtis, (son of MGYST George Curtis, Highland Cemetery's most highly decorated veteran), Norwood Historical Society-Veteran history in Norwood

Others planned but not confirmed at press time

Norwood donations have steadily supported this event the past four years and local coordinator Andrea Reed is again counting on the community and local town municipalities and employees for their support in 2022. Reed, her volunteers, and corporate sponsor Ecolab are hoping to again reach last year's number of 400 wreaths. Wreaths are 100% donation based and can be purchased by visiting www.wreathssacros-america.org/pages/158150/



overview/?relatedId=0, click on the Red sponsor button. This program thrives on generosity. This year, Walsh Construction has already donated an impressive 100 wreaths for the Highland and Old Parish Cemeteries. This figure is a great launch to hopefully beat the approximately 400 wreaths placed in 2021. An individual wreath sponsorship is \$15, 2 for \$30, 5 for \$75, or 10 for \$150.

"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.

Reed also welcomes any volunteers interested to personally join in the sentimental occasion through participation.



Above, Norwood Coordinator Andrea Reed
Right, Norwood Veterans Director Ted Mulvehill



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 every day heroes

Wreaths Across America is a venue to not only pay tribute to this country's military but an opportunity to pause and reflect on the meaning of holidays, and honoring those who have sacrificed so U.S. 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

and walk among us every day. This even, for me, is one way that I am able give back and appreciate those who came before me as they have paved the way for my children to enjoy the freedoms of today."

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the city of Krakow, with a population of 8,000, 2,000 of whom were Jews. He was familiar with the propaganda being broadcast into Poland and the slogan “The Jews are our misfortune.”

His memory was clear and sharp at 88 when he told me this story. He was only 13 years old when, at 2:00 a.m., his home was invaded by soldiers telling everyone to get out and clear the streets of snow to make way for the soldiers. His parents, Orthodox Jews, and their nine children were driven out into the cold. If that wasn’t enough, he watched as the soldiers beat his father and shaved his beard for sport. It was September 1, 1939.

His family was put on half rations. His father and older brothers were sent to work camps. He was the oldest male left behind. By the end of the winter of 1940, he was pressed into labor, forced to carry 12 bricks on his back, up and down stairs, to assist the renovation of a building the Germans would use as headquarters.

What was left of his family lived in a Ghetto, a part of the city where Jews were required to live. Three families occupied three rooms.

In 1941, Greenfield was sent to work in a tannery, and in 1942 sent to another concentration camp in Poland. Those who were not headed for a camp to work, especially women and children, were sent to Auschwitz; some to



Pictured: Aron tells his story to Troop 89 in Medfield on 9/29/22. According to Jim Hatch, you could hear a pin drop for 2-1/2 hours as they listened to Aron & Martha talk about the Holocaust. (Photo provided by Jim Hatch)

be put to work, others to be put to death. Aron said that each time he was sent to a new camp he had to learn how to survive in that camp. Workers were given two slices of bread per day, barely enough to live on. If you weren’t careful, your food would be stolen.

When a particular job was done at a camp, the workers would be lined up and culled according to how strong they looked. By Camp #5, Aron was tired and weak and could hardly walk. It was extremely cold and he had to sleep in a warehouse.

“I have no idea how I survived,” Greenfield said.

In 1944, he was sent to another camp where they made munitions. His job was to fill bullets with powder. Unlike the other workers, the Jews were given no gloves or masks and they were given very little food.

At 17, he was moved again to

a camp in Gorlitz.

“It was a terrible camp,” he said.

It housed about 6,000 people.

“We walked seven miles to work each day,” Greenfield said.

By the time he was 19, Greenfield was in his ninth concentration camp and was forced into a Death March – a forced march

of prisoners of war or other captives with the intent to kill, brutalize, weaken, and/or demoralize as many as possible.

In April of 1945, with the war over, he looked for his family. He found one sister, Sala, in the town they came from. None of the

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others had survived. He spent the next three years in a Displaced Persons camp in Austria, near Salsburg, where, gratefully, he received three meals a day and was able to read books. His formal education in Poland had stopped at 6th grade, so he was anxious to educate himself. He read a lot about the history of the United States and decided that's where he wanted to live.

He put his name on a list

of people who wished to go to America. He had a cousin in New York that guaranteed they would be responsible for him. Through Jewish agency help, he arrived in New York in January of 1949, stayed several months, and then settled in Boston.

He lived in Dorchester for three years with his sister, her husband, and their young daughter, taking work wherever he could and always reading, studying, and learning English. In 1953, he started his own business as a "custom peddler," selling soft goods door-to-door. In 1954, Greenfield became an American citizen.

In 1969, while on the road peddling, he met Martha who was also born in Poland (and also with an interesting history). In January of 1971, they were engaged. On May 1 of that year, Aron was shot. What irony! He survived nine concentration camps and a Death March only to be shot in a hold-up in Roxbury. Despite his injuries, he and Martha were married in June and spent eight months recovering from his gunshot wounds.

Two years later, Aron bought Brenner's Children Shop and slowly built up the store's inventory. It was a long time getting to Norwood, but he and Martha became a mainstay of the town, and for 49 years "dressed" hundreds of children for special events, like bat mitzvahs, First Holy Communion, Boy and Girl Scouts.

During our interview in 2014, Aron said, "I love this country. You can be anything you want to be here! And you can do anything you want." He worried about the

youth of today and the fact that that they want so much in the way of material things. He advised "don't buy what you can't afford."

He said he took nothing for granted and he worried about his grandchildren. His advice to young people was to "Read the front page – not just the sports pages of the paper so you know what's going on." With everything happening in the world today, it is still remarkably sage advice.

Aron's daughter, Nadine, said that her dad was "a lover of dancing, good music, dark chocolate, cake, coffee, listening to the news, talking politics, and washing dishes. He was funny, young at heart and full of energy. He was an incredibly devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and there was nothing he wouldn't do for his family."

No chronicle can adequately detail all of the events and indignities that Aron survived. It was Aron's hope that people be aware, watchful, tolerant and kind to one another, because you never know what is or has gone on in the lives of others.

Norwood residents are thankful for the many years Aron and Martha served the community through Brenner's Children's Shop and Aron's public speaking events.

Donations in Aron's memory may be made to Jewish Family & Children's Services of Boston's Holocaust Services fund (www.jfcsboston.org), or to the American Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors of Greater Boston.

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Luminary Night Shines Brightly

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 Foundation's Enchanting Luminary Night will be held on Saturday, December 3, 4-6 p.m., on Norwood's Town Common. Visitors 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 express and share their sympathies and to take a moment to embrace the spirit of the season.

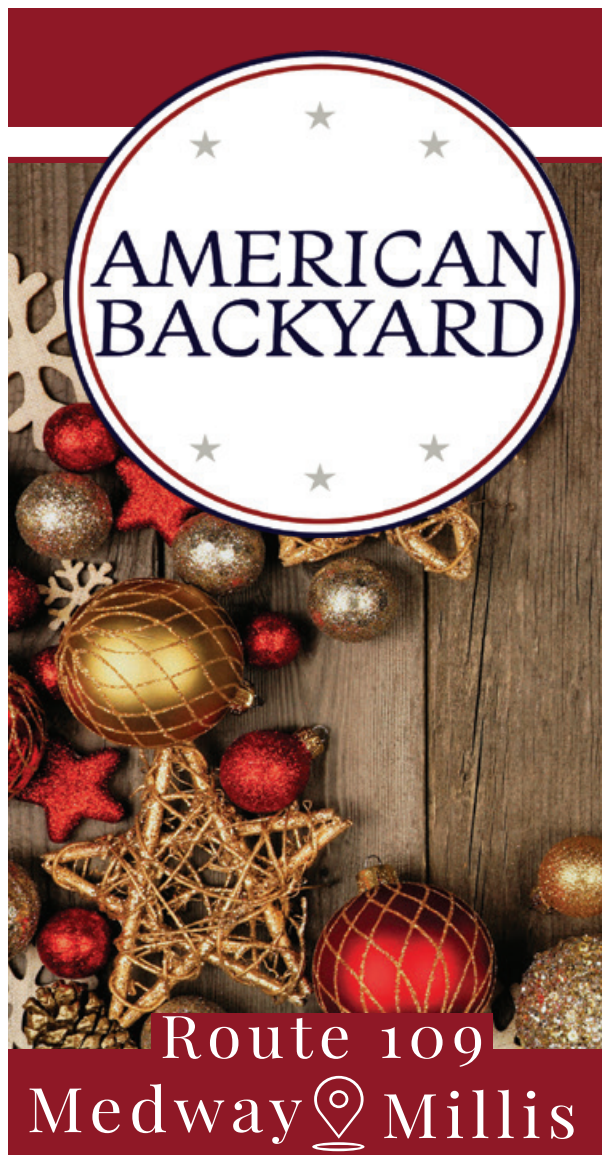
For the past 20 years, luminaries have lit up the Town Common walkways in remembrance of lost loves. The luminary bags are engraved with an individual name, message, prayer or date as a symbol

of Life, Hope, the Season or in Remembrance of others. Luminaries can be purchased the night of the event for \$5.


"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, 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.

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for a quiet home and some humans to call her own. She says no thanks to other animals, she is the star of the show! Pumpkin has a long coat and will need regular grooming to prevent matting and keep her paws trimmed down so she doesn't slide around! Other than that, once settled in she is a low maintenance gal who's just happy to have a spot on the couch or perhaps an armchair

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Some of our foster cats have medical or social challenges to face and those stays can be short or long term, or even a permanent foster placement. But not to fear.....there are generous people within the BSAC who take in these souls as well. Once again, a

caring group of volunteers steps in to give a home in what would otherwise be a hopeless situation.

So cheers to the 2022 foster families. Without them, the Bay State Animal Cooperative could not achieve their mission to save one cat at a time!

The BSAC is extremely lucky to have such gracious foster families that open their homes and their hearts for these helpless cats, but the need is great. There are more homeless cats than foster homes and BSAC needs help. To learn more about this rewarding experience or about the Bay State Animal Cooperative, email info@baystateanimals.org, or visit www.baystateanimals.org.

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A VIEW FROM THE HILL

A Breath of Fresh Air

BY AUSTIN HENRY, NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Covid hit the world and we all had to do a double take; offices vacated and malls and airports became ghost towns. One must wonder how something like this affects the youth.



This year's seniors were all freshman when this global event surfaced and over the last three and a half years they have had to go through all sorts of Covid related obstacles.

Their freshman year was cut short in March when everything shut down, which left teachers scrambling to learn how to use zoom and students being lost in a lack of productivity as sports and other such things were put on hold

Their Sophomore year was marked by hybrid learning with split classes, half online and half in person.

Their Junior year was book-marked by everyone hiding behind my masks.

And finally, in their senior year, they now get the freedom to

have a normal high school life.

Norwood High School senior Tony Schaul reflected on his experience.

"I feel like it affected me the most when it came to school work," Schaul said. "I had a lot of trouble with online school and that kind of lowered my confidence with my school work and made me feel dumb. Now that it's more normal I've been doing really well and I'm happy about it."

The academic pressure that many students experienced really seemed to be detrimental to many and it is a big deal for seniors attempting to get into college because now they have to work really hard this year to get their GPA up.

The lack of social engagement that accompanied online school also was damaging to many students as they didn't get a chance to socialize and grow socially like prior generations.

Norwood High School Senior Jake Deshiro felt like he missed a lot from a special time in life due to Covid.

"It [Covid] didn't give me the opportunity to be a teenager," Deshiro said. "I didn't get to hang out with my friends, go places, spend money, because everything was shut down and quarantined."

Although every story has a silver lining, Deshiro reflected on that silver lining, which ironically, was Covid.

"It was definitely a net positive because I was able to work on and improve myself," Deshiro said.

Seeing Covid as a growth period was a way that many teenagers waded through the tough times.

Covid provided an interesting societal pause that allowed many students to take a deep breath and reel everything back in.

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Dr. Rochelle Bien & Dr. Michael Goldstein

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Ready, Set, Decorate!

By MICHELE TARANTO

Years ago, outdoor holiday decorating meant some lights sprinkled through trees and bushes and maybe some candles in the windows. Today, embellishing the exterior landscape and house has transformed into an competition months in the making.

Feeling that spirited holiday bug? Challenge your neighbors and friends this year at the Norwood Recreation Department is hosting its 5th Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest! This has become an incredibly popular and fun competition as Norwood neighborhoods flaunt their spirit for all to enjoy. For the past four years, residents pulled out all the stops on their decorating and this year should be an even bigger event building on that festive momentum!

Contestants simply need to register their house with the Norwood Recreation Department and it will be listed as an interactive map on the Norwood Recreation social media pages the second week in December. Rivalries not for you? Enjoy the spirit of others while driving through-



the traveling trophy! Gift cards to local businesses will be provided to each winner. To register your home or for more information, contact the Norwood Civic Center at 781-762-0466 or email mduffykid@norwoodma.gov. Residents can nominate their home or their neighbor's home. Town employees will contact nominations before placing them on the map.

out Norwood to take in all the decorated homes! Last year, approximately 40 homes entered the local battle of the holiday displays!

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Scammers Unwelcome in Norwood

BY MICHELE TARANTO

The five or six weeks of the holiday season is a time to rejoice with family and friends. There is typically a lot going on, i.e., shopping, entertaining, dining out, baking, wrapping, services, and much more. It is also a time when consumers can very easily get distracted and let their guard down. Unfortunately, predators are aware of this and use this busy time to target people either online, through phone calls, email, or even postal mail.

The Town of Norwood is addressing this increasing problem with the initiation of the Norwood Anti Scam Task Force. The idea was originally suggested by Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, approved through the Norwood of Selectmen, and is currently comprised of members from the Council on Aging, Norwood

Police Department, Board of Selectmen, Norwood Public Health, and Norwood Bank.

Their Mission Statement:

The Norwood Anti Scam Task Force (NASTF) is staffed by Town of Norwood employees to provide education and awareness of scams that are occurring in Norwood. The task force is using a collaborative, cross-departmental approach, with a focus on older adults and

those who may be more vulnerable, to help improve residents' lives by preventing and reducing scams that occur.

Look for a town-wide mailing from The NASTF over the holidays for more information, but in the meantime, residents are encouraged to stop and evaluate who/what is asking for money. If unsure, engage the help of others to investigate before reaching in your wallet for cash or a credit card, or driving to the bank or a store.

Once implemented, the NASTF will increase education around Town on how to protect yourself from fraudulent activity, including what to look out

for, warning signs of suspicious behavior, and what to do if you think you have been scammed.

The program will also increase awareness of common fraudulent activity, such as telephone, gift card, banking, lottery, and charity scams.

As mentioned in its mission statement, the group will have a focus on older adults, (especially those over 65), and will work towards reducing the number of senior citizens affected by scams

through increased awareness and education and decrease the negative stigma and shame with being a victim.

Throughout the holiday season, be vigilant of monetary requests, and keep a look out this month for more information on the Norwood Anti Scam Force through their town-wide mailing. In the meantime, anyone who feels they have been a victim of fraud should contact the Norwood Police Department.



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Wonderful Women of Norwood: Martha Gilman Robie Winslow

BY: KAREN DENAPLOI, LAURIE KEARNEY, AND LINDA RAU, NORWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Norwood Historical Society would like to present Martha Gilman Robie Winslow for our December Wonderful Women of Norwood series.

Martha Gilman Robie, (Mrs. Frances Olney Winslow) was born in Plymouth, NH, on No-

vember 11, 1841, and was the third of seven children to Col. Frederick Robie and Lucinda Gilman Fogg Robie. Martha came from two well-known and esteemed families in New Hampshire. On her mother's side, her grandfather Stephen Fogg served in the Revolutionary War in the First New Hampshire Militia under Captain Stephen Clark.

Another uncle was Doctor David Sylvester Fogg, one of South Dedham/Norwood's first physicians (and whose wife, Mary Fogg, was one of our earlier Wonderful Women).

Martha was educated in Plymouth, NH schools and the Franklin Institute in New York. It is not clear when Martha came to South Dedham, perhaps to visit

her uncle and aunt, but in 1861 when she was 20, she was teaching high school in South Dedham. (There is also speculation on where the high school was located at that time.) Being well educated, Martha was listed as an assistant teacher teaching languages and the classics.

In 1861, the village of South Dedham had not yet been incorporated into the town of Norwood. Most young women and men of high school age traveled to Dedham to attend the high school located on Highland St. In 1851, Dedham had the first high school in the country supported by tax revenue and was free and public. However, the travel to Dedham proved hard for some of South Dedham's young people so high school classes were held at the Everett School, and also, for about 40 students, at the First Congregational Church, in South Dedham. Speculation is that Martha taught the students who attended classes at the First Congregational Church. Martha taught these classes until 1866 which is the year that she married.

Martha was deeply religious and in 1861 she was united with (joined) the First Congregational



Church in South Dedham, the same day that her future husband Frances Olney Winslow was united. Martha's husband Frances was the youngest son of the prosperous South Dedham Winslow family that built and operated the Winslow & Smith Tannery, one of the most profitable and longest-running industries in South Dedham (later Norwood). Both Martha and her husband Frances were outstanding and caring members of the community and supporters of education, arts, and charitable endeavors.

Martha and Frances Winslow married June 6, 1866, in Plymouth NH, and made their home in Norwood. In 1876, they built a beautiful house on Walpole St. and named it Oak View. Martha and Frances had two daughters, Clara Henrietta, who was the first wife of Frank Allen, and

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Edith Martha, who married George Willett. Both sons-in-law went on to play important roles in the forming of the town of Norwood. Clara died in 1924.

Martha, although no longer teaching high school, continued to teach Sunday school to the children that belonged to the First Congregational Parish, a volunteer ministry she continued her entire life. As for her charitable works, she did this quietly and many people did not even know that she was the source of their help.

After the town of Norwood was incorporated and separate from Dedham, they formed their own school system. From the late 1880s until the early 1900s Martha served on the town's school committee, serving as chairperson in 1892. She was the first woman to hold this position. Noted as having great kindness and empathy, along with great executive ability and a clear perception of right and wrong, Martha added much to the church and community committees and organizations she belonged to.

She was an officer of the Norwood Women's Club, a trustee of the public library, and through her grandfather Stephen Fogg, a member of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution).

Martha died in Norwood, on January 28, 1913. Upon her death, her husband Frances O Winslow, knowing his wife's love of education, art, and charitable works, and sharing these characteristics, donated in her memory 39 pieces of art to various institutions in Norwood. The Norwood schools received 33 of these pieces of art.

Martha Gilman Robie Winslow, with her strong individuality, sense of fairness and compassion, and firm faith and love of her community was a much-loved Wonderful Woman of Norwood.

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Norwood Sports

Dylan O'Brien: Norwood Finish in Sight

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

It wasn't a sport that he envisioned himself taking part in when he was a youngster growing up in Norwood. Playing Little League, he found himself on the mound as a pitcher, and in high school, he played outfield for the junior varsity squad. But running would eventually take over and he would pursue the sport all three seasons for the Mustangs.

"In middle school, they had a cross country program, so along with a bunch of friends we all tried it out," Dylan O'Brien said. "It was a good experience for me and I enjoyed it so I ran cross country in sixth and seventh grade. I really liked the team, and we had a lot of fun. Unfortunately, most of my friends quit after that first year, but I stuck with it. I enjoyed it so much that I decided to give up baseball to focus on track as I felt that I was better at it."

Upon entering Norwood High School, O'Brien joined the cross country team where he posted a personal best of 18:33. This year as a senior he has cut his time down to 16:21.

During the winter season, the Norwood native runs the 1000 and 4x400; his personal best at the middle distance has been 2:43. The movement from cross country to indoor track had him elated with the sport.

"I found that I liked track a lot better because there were no hills to run and I felt that I had more speed than stamina, although I had the stamina from cross country," O'Brien said.

However, while O'Brien seemed to enjoy running the middle distance events he had himself a very tough time in the beginning transitioning into the winter track season from cross country. The now senior recalls his first track race was tough as he really didn't understand how to approach his event.

"I came into my first track race treating it like it was a cross country race where I was pacing myself which I really didn't need to do as this was a much shorter

race," O'Brien said. "After a few races, I realized that I didn't need to pace myself and that I still had a lot left in the tank when the race was done."

Having not run track before he didn't really know where his first race time (3:01 in the 1000) fit in so he began comparing his running times to that of senior Paul Forest to get a sense of the event.

Upon entering his first indoor track season, he figured that Coach Matt Curran would slot him in the two-mile race because he was a cross country runner, but that didn't happen as Norwood had a couple of good 2-milers on the team. Curran thought that the 1000 would be best for O'Brien.

After his first season running for Norwood, O'Brien would



continue to practice every day, while using speed workouts to help decrease his times. Each and every meet O'Brien saw his times drop slightly, but it was usually during the big meets like the Tri-Valley League Championship and Divisional Meets where he saw the biggest decrease. The Mustang senior noted the decrease were larger during those meets as he was competing against some better competition.

Through his three years thus far as a Norwood runner, the senior has been named to the TVL All-Star team for cross country and winter track during both his sophomore and junior seasons, while also being named to the spring All-Star team last year as a junior.

When his senior seasons began in the fall, O'Brien was looking to go out and have fun while continuing to decrease his times. Finishing his junior season running cross country O'Brien ran a personal best of 17:22, and coming into this season he wanted to get his time below 16:45, which he did. His other goals this year will be to get his 1000 time below 2:38 (he's currently 5 seconds above that as the season gets under way) and in the spring he would like to see his 800 time go below 1:58 (he is 4 seconds above that right now).

To accomplish his goals, the Norwood runner will have to consistently train.

Once high school is complete, O'Brien's cross country and track

career will come to an end as he has no plans on taking part in any kind of running sports in college.

"I'll still continue to run to stay in shape," O'Brien said. "To compete in college will be a lot of work and I'm going to want to focus more on my education."

Although college is still another ten months away, O'Brien will still have two track seasons remaining with Norwood where he is looking to do some special things in his events.



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Norwood Sports

Norwood Gymnastics; A Building Year

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

Taking part in the Tri-Valley League, is not only a small league (four teams), but also a very powerful one. With such robust competition, Norwood gymnastics finds themselves looking up at teams instead of being on the top of the ladder.

“Every year brings a different aspect to it, this one we find ourselves very young and in a rebuilding type of season,” Norwood Gymnastic Coach Karen Broderick said. “Last year we finished fourth in the league, and while it doesn’t seem all that great, the three teams above us all made it not the tournament, where only 12 teams make it. So, much like last year, I still believe that we’ll be competitive within the league.”

With the season getting ready to begin, Broderick and the Mustangs will most likely be without Shea Larkee, one of their strongest all-around performers, who will be sidelined with a knee injury.

“We will definitely miss her; she is a competitive individual for sure and was looking forward to her this season, but we will probably not see her all year,” the Mustang Coach said. “Now we’ll have to be creative with our routines because the majority of the girls are not up to par, skill level wise with what we are used to. We will have to focus more on the girls individual strengths in the best way that we can.”

This winter, Norwood seems to have a lot of seasonal gymnasts that participate in other sports with only a handful of club gymnasts. Broderick doesn’t negate the girls taking part in other sports for the high school, but she does realize that it will be a challenge to get them ready as quickly as possible for the beginning of the season.

“We have a lot of talented individuals, we just have to wake it [talent] up as it’s been sleeping for the last nine months or so,” Broderick said.

With Larkee sidelined, Broderick will be relying heavily on Lucy Scafati. The junior is capable of taking part in all four events and will be looked upon as a leader who sets the tone for the other girls. According to the coach, Scafati has done all four events, but not all at once. Broderick knows that Scafati has the ability and is up to the challenge and is hoping that she’ll be able to pick up the slack in the absence of Larkee.

Freshman Casey Collins brings an amazing vaulting prowess to the team, but assuming she will be ready for high school competition is still up in the air. The coach is looking for Collins to step up and become a role model for all the other incoming freshman this winter.

Another gymnast who is similar to Scafati in terms of taking part in all four events is Paige McBrien, but Broderick especially likes what she brings to the table

on the bars.

“I’ll be looking to lean on Paige during this event as not many girls take part on the bars,” Broderick said. “It’s probably also our weakest event. It all depends on the talent of the rest of the girls to see what they can do, but we will definitely be leaning on her.”

Senior Maddie Carriero brings four years to the team this season as well as leadership and a great personality. She is a cheerleader who transitioned to gymnastics and has strong floor presence while improving each year over the last three seasons to become a solid individual that Broderick can rely on during her season campaign.

In addition to the returners, Norwood has a lot of incoming freshman who have experience that will allow Norwood to build the program this year.

“It’s still early in the planning stages, but by not having Shea we’ll have to make some adjustments, but we’re hopeful,” Broderick said. “This year, I think that we’ll try not to focus on wins and losses, but the high school experience by staying positive with what we can do.”

Although it may not be possible to overtake the other three teams in the TVL, Norwood is looking to put forth their best effort on each and every event while hoping that the younger athletes improve as the year goes on.

Norwood Snow & Ice Policy

Winter in Norwood: What you need to know

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 parking 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.

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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.

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Calendar of Events

Dec. 1

Snow Globe Workshop Civic Center 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to create your very own Snow globe! Participants will get to pick out their figurine and create a winter wonderland in a Snow globe! For grades K and up. Fee: Res: \$15; NR: \$20. To register, visit norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx or the Civic Center in person.

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Dec. 2

Parents Night Out Civic Center 6-8:30 p.m.

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Dec. 3

New York City Shopping Trip Norwood Recreation Department

They provide the transportation. Coach bus with a bathroom on board. Depart: 5:30 a.m., from Civic Center to Rockefeller Center. Return Departure: Rockefeller Center, 6 p.m. Fee: RES: \$80 per person; NR: \$90. Movies and Trivia also included on the ride! Sign up at norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx or walk in to the Norwood Civic Center.

Luminary Night Town Common 4-6 p.m.

Visitors 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 express and share their sympathies and to take a moment to embrace the spirit of the season. 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. Luminaries can be purchased the night of the event for \$5.

VFW Post 2452 Meat Raffle 193 Dean St. 2-5 p.m.

The price for each drawing is \$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 ten drawings conducted on Saturday. The winners of the pre-buys need not be present to win. A separate Winner Takes All Raffle is conducted at the end for an additional \$5. The Meat Raffle is open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Dec. 4

Norwood Historical Society Holiday Open House F. Holland Day House, 93 Day St. 4-8 p.m.

Dec. 5

Wrap Your Gifts with Fabric! Morrill Memorial Library 6:30 p.m.

This workshop will introduce you to the basics of furoshiki, the Japanese art of using textiles to wrap gifts. This traditional art is a great way to be more sustainable and avoid single-use gift wrapping paper. The best fabrics to use for furoshiki are lightweight quilting cottons or similar. Feel free to bring your own fabric, or use pieces provided by SewSustainability. In this workshop you will learn the basic knots, the sizes of fabric to wrap everything from books to paintings to wine bottles, and help you wrap your own gifts. Bring an item to wrap - book or books, bottle of wine (or two), boxed item, etc. You will leave with at least one wrapped present. Registration is not required but is appreciated so we make sure to have enough materials and handouts available. To register, call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x2, or online at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Dec. 6

Creative Arts Workshop: Ethereal Fabric Flowers Morrill Memorial Library 6 p.m.

Dazzle your friends and family by learning how to create artificial flowers out of stocking (nylon) material. In this workshop, you will learn the art and

techniques of stretching the stockings to create petals of different shapes. With the help of leaves and stems, you can arrange the petals to create a beautiful flower that you will take home. This program is free and open to everyone aged 14 and older. All materials will be provided. To register, call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x2, or online at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Dec. 8

Children's Dining Etiquette: "Prep for the Holidays" Civic Center 1 p.m.

Holidays are a stressful time of the year, and everyone can all use a little help to brush up on etiquette, especially children. This workshop will teach children how to convey confidence and courtesy in any dining situation at home, at a restaurant, or a social event. Topics include: The importance of greetings others, behaving appropriately at other people's homes, the napkin, and its uses, understanding place setting, proper use of silverware, appropriate table conversation, American and Continental styles of dining, what to do with unwanted food, and much more. For grades 2-7. Fee: Res: \$70; NR: \$80. Sign up at norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx or walk in to the Norwood Civic Center.

Kids Winter Gnome Craft Morrill Memorial Library 2 p.m.

Make a winter gnome to cozy up your home this winter! These cute little gnomes will be made using socks and rice, and we will provide other materials to decorate your cozy creation. Since there will be using rice and other small parts for the gnomes, it is recommend registering children over the age of 3 for this craft. To register, call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x2, or online at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Children's Social Skills Workshop Civic Center 2:45 p.m.

In today's fast-paced, high-tech society, teaching children manners is more crucial than ever. One of the most important jobs is to help children develop social skills. Be it a family gathering, a meal at a restaurant, or a quick trip to the grocery store,

children can apply soft skills in any social situation to convey confidence and courtesy. Topics include: The importance of greeting others, rules of introduction, the handshake, eye contact, and the power of a smile, hygiene and appearance, respect in and outside the home, proper telephone etiquette, writing thank you notes, and other modern manners. For grades 2-7. Fee: Res: \$70; NR: \$80. Sign up at norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx or walk in to the Norwood Civic Center.

Gingerbread House Decorating Civic Center 3:30 p.m.

Decorate your very own gingerbread house with all the fixings! The kit included, you provide the creativity! For 3-10 years old. Fee: Res: \$20; NR: \$25. To register, visit norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx or the Civic Center in person.

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Dec. 9

Polar Express Party Civic Center 10 a.m.

It's time to celebrate the holidays and what better way than a Polar Express Party! Enjoy snacks, crafts, entertainment, and Polar Express specials! Snacks and crafts included! For 1.5-4 years old. Fee: Res: \$15; NR: \$20. To register, visit norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx or the Civic Center in person.

Dec. 10

Breakfast with Santa Norwood Civic Center 8-11 a.m.

The Norwood Recreation Department made a special request to the North Pole and Santa will be making a special Norwood appearance! Hang out for a pancake breakfast, sing songs, crafts, and don't forget to bring your cameras for pictures with Santa! For all ages. Sign up at norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx or walk in to

the Norwood Civic Center.

Kids Restaurant Takeover Karuna Kitchen, Westwood 10 a.m.

Kids will "create their own restaurant," designing and cooking a full menu including an appetizer, dinner, and dessert that they can take home and prepare for the whole family! Fee: Res: \$80/ NR: \$85. For ages 10 year's old+. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

Blessings Boutique Thrift Shop First Baptist Church, 71 Bond St. 10 a.m.-12 noon

This is your last chance to get what you need for Christmas at great prices. Everything for sale is in great condition. Clothes for the family, Christmas decor and gifts, kitchen items, tableware, curtains, shoes, boots, jewelry, and a lot more. All ready and waiting for you!

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Dec. 11

Norwood High School Madrigals Concert F. Holland Day House, 93 Day St. 2-4 p.m.

Meal Prep Sundays Virtual (through Norwood Recreation Department) 3 p.m.

During this virtual cooking class you will prepare 4 separate meals for your busy week ahead in just 60 minutes! A supply list will get sent before so you are prepared for the prep! Fee: Res: \$45 /NR: \$55. For all ages To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

Dec. 12

Calm Your Mind: Mindfulness Workshop Morrill Memorial Library 6 p.m.

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Instructor Emily Egan holds a Bachelor of Psychology degree, and a Master's in Public Health. She has facilitated various group therapy sessions with an emphasis on psychoeducation, and positive psychology. She also has extensive experience in facilitating different types of mindfulness groups, learning from members/clients and from colleagues on helpful and enjoyable techniques. This program is free and open to anyone 18 or older. Registration is required. To register, call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x2, or online at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Dec. 13

Women's Business Networking Meeting
Brickify, 15R Cottage St.
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.

Norwood Woman's Club Meeting
Knights of Columbus
12:30 p.m.

The Magic of Lyn, an amazing illusionist, will perform with audience participation will be our entertainment. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Any questions please call Trina at 781-762-8173 or Carol at 781-762-5105.

Holiday Cookie Decorating
Civic Center
3 p.m.

Frost and decorate holiday sugar cookies! You come with an adult and all the fixings provided. Instructed by Mary Taggart. For grades K-2. Fee: Res:\$15; NR: \$20. Sign up at norwoodma.myrec.com/

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[com/info/default.aspx](http://www.norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx) or walk in to the Norwood Civic Center.

Dec. 15

Teen Winter Gnome Craft
Morrill Memorial Library
6 p.m.

Make a holiday gnome to cozy up your home this winter! These cute little gnomes will be made using socks and rice, and we will provide other materials to decorate your cozy creation. For ages 12-17 years old. To register, call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x2, or online at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Dec. 16

Sensory-Friendly Friday Movie
Morrill Memorial Library
1 p.m.

Join in for our Sensory-Friendly Friday Movie at the Library, a program specially designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The December movie is the holiday classic Elf, rated PG. Recommended for ages 18 and up. To register, call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x2, or online at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Parents Night Out
Civic Center
6-8:30 p.m.

Parents, take the night off! Kids join Playcamp and Civic staff for a night of fun! There will be group games, movies, crafts, and more! For grades 3-5. Fee: Res: \$20/NR: \$25. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

Norwood Art Association Holiday Sale & Show
Custom Art Framing, 45 Central St.
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The event will be open during regular business hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be small piece artwork (8x10 and under) consisting of original paintings, photos and other items for viewing and purchase. For more information, email francesadj@aol.com or call 617-584-3577, or inquire at the frame shop.

Norwood Art Association Opening Reception
Custom Art Framing, 45 Central St.
6 p.m.

The Opening Reception for the Norwood Art Association Holiday Works Sale & Show is Friday night, however, the show will be held today 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Complimentary small bites and beverages will be provided at the reception and members, friends, and guests are invited to attend.

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Friends Monthly Ballroom Dance
Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St.
7 p.m.

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their December monthly dance, at the Norwood Senior Center. Music will be provided by Dave Valerio. Cost is \$10 per person. Coffee, tea, and desserts are served and there are also door prizes. For more information on this and future events, like their Facebook page at Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook.

Dec. 17

Norwood Art Association Holiday Sale & Show
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Wreaths Across America
Highland Cemetery
12 noon

This national movement pays tribute to fallen veterans and honor those who are often forgotten. The mission is to RE-MEMBER fallen U.S. Veterans, HONOR those who serve, and TEACH your children the value of freedom. This is done by placing wreaths on local service men and women's graves at Highland and Old Parish Cemeteries. All are welcome.

"The First Christmas"/Gingerbread House Decorating
First Baptist Church, 71 Bond St.
10 a.m.-12 noon

Young families with children

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are invited to a special presentation of "The First Christmas," telling the story of Jesus' birth. After a snack of juice and munchkins, each child, aged 2-12 years old, can decorate a small gingerbread house to take home. It's free of charge, our gift to the community. Reservations are required. Call the office at 781-762-1633. Leave your name, ages of children attending, and phone number where you can be reached to verify reservation. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

VFW Post 2452 Meat Raffle
193 Dean St.
2-5 p.m.

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Dec. 18

Day House Holiday Tour
F. Holland Day House
1-3 p.m.

Come see highlights from the Historical Society collection and the festively decorated Day House!

Dec. 20

Norwood Historical Society Book Club
F. Holland Day House, 93 Day St.
7 p.m.

This 150th sponsored event is a book group that will be discussing "Tales of Tiot," by W. Everett. For more information, email info@norwoodhistorical-society.org.

Dec. 21

Turn the Page Book Group
Morrill Memorial Library
10 a.m.

This month, the book group will be discussing "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk," a novel by Kathleen Rooney. Copies of the book are available in regular, large print and audio are available at the circulation desk. For questions, email Patty Bailey at pbailey@minlib.net or call 781-443-8864.

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Dec. 24

Library Closes at 12 p.m. for Christmas Holiday

Dec. 29

Cardboard Car Drive-In Movie
Morrill Memorial Library
2 p.m.

How do you go to the drive-in during the winter? Make your own cardboard car and watch movies on the library's indoor "big screen"! School aged can create their own cars out of cardboard boxes and then enjoy a few short movies with some popcorn and refreshments! For grades pre-k-5. To register, call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x2, or online at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

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Real Estate Corner

Registry of Deeds 2022 Holiday Food Drive

As inflation rates continue to rise and the cost of living becomes an increasing challenge for some families across Norfolk County, Register of Deeds William O'Donnell is asking people to take a moment to contribute to the Annual Registry of Deeds Food Drive, which runs through Tuesday, December 13th.

"There is no doubt that Norfolk County is a desirable place to live and to work," Register O'Donnell said. "However, there are people throughout the county that are truly hurting. This year we, as a community, have seen an unprecedented rise in inflation rates, especially in the cost of food. Some Norfolk County families are hit harder by these increased costs and worry about putting food on the table this holiday season."

Today, according to the latest Project Bread statistics, 19.6% of households in Massachusetts are considered food insecure. Furthermore, 22% of children in the state are also considered food insecure.

The increasing cost of housing and food are likely factors that contribute to the rising rates of food insecurity.

"As the holidays approach, 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, food bills, and increased interest rates. Let us be mindful during this holiday season that others may need our help."

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 Friday, 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 of Deeds building to drop off food, you can check the Registry website at www.norfolkdeeds.org for a pantry location in your community.

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

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

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, located at 649 High St., Dedham, is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. 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. Residents in need of assistance can contact the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center at (781) 461-6101 or email registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

Toys for Tots Drive

Believing that the true spirit of the holidays is based on giving, Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell recently announced the Registry sponsoring its 15th Annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots drive.

"The registry is proud to partner with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to help deliver a happy Christmas to children this holiday season," Register O'Donnell said. "Also, we thank the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and all our Military personnel for their service."

Donations of new toys and games for toddlers and children

up to age ten can be brought directly to the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds building, 649 High St., in Dedham, through noon, Wednesday, December 7, 2022. A marked donation bin will be set up in the lobby, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

"This year, especially with inflation rates at record highs, the registry is reaching out to the Norfolk County community to give to the Toys for Tots drive," Register O'Donnell said. "Because no family should have to struggle to give their child a gift this holiday season."

This year marks the 75th anniversary of Toys for Tots. The program was established in 1947 when the wife of a Marine major wanted to donate a Raggedy Ann doll for Christmas, but couldn't find an organization to accept it. Since then, the national program has delivered over 627 million toys.

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Real Estate Corner

Property Recordings Down in Norfolk County

Norfolk County Register of Deeds, William P. O'Donnell, reported that Norfolk County recordings for the month of October, 2022, indicate a significant decrease in overall real estate activity, particularly mortgage activity, as compared to the October, 2021, numbers.

There were 9,052 documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in October, a 37% decrease from October, 2021, and a decrease of 9% from September 2022.

"The rise in interest rates has had an impact on many aspects of the real estate market," Register O'Donnell said. "Total document

volume is down significantly compared to October, 2022. One of the components of document volume, the number of deeds recorded, indicates a decrease in property sales."

The number of deeds for October, 2022, which reflect real estate sales and transfers, both commercial and residential, show a decrease of 17% from October, 2021, and a decrease of 7% from the previous month of September, 2022. Sale prices for October appear to have leveled off when compared to October, 2021. The average sale price in October was \$1,064,073, an increase of 5% compared to October, 2021, and down 2% from Septem-

ber, 2022. The total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales is down, decreasing 17% from one year ago and decreasing 12% from last month.

"Consumers seem to be less willing to borrow with interest rates above 7%," Register O'Donnell noted. "According to the numbers we are seeing at the Registry, mortgages are down more than 50% compared to October, 2021. The rising mortgage interest rates also have an impact on buyers looking to purchase real estate."

Overall lending activity showed a continued downward trend for the month of October. A total of 1,482 mortgages were recorded this month, 55% less than a year ago at the same time and down 12% from last month.

"The rising cost of living and increasing interest rates that the country is facing now are having

an impact on the local real estate market," Register O'Donnell said. "A continuing cause for concern in Norfolk County is the number of pending foreclosures."

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely monitoring the foreclosure market. In October, there were 4 foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County, one less than in October, 2021. However, in October, there were 25 notices to foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, down slightly from the 37 recorded in October, 2021.

"While the number of notices to foreclose have come down slightly from last month, they are still significantly higher than in October, 2021," Register O'Donnell said. "This indicates that more of our neighbors are facing financial challenges going forward. We will con-

tinue to track these numbers."

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.

"If you are having difficulty paying your monthly mortgage, please consider contacting one of these non-profit agencies for help and guidance," Register O'Donnell said. "The rise in interest rates, at levels not seen in decades, has decreased the number of people willing to purchase property, which may be leading to an increasing drop in the average property sales price."

Happy Holidays!

Warm wishes for a happy holiday season!




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TOYS FOR TOTS

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"Every holiday season, the Registry witnesses firsthand the many acts of kindness and Christmas spirit as numerous people drop off gifts for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots drive," Register O'Donnell said. "It's truly wonderful to see so many people drop off gifts, from Registry employees to title examiners, to attorneys, and from the general public."

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program's mission is

to help less fortunate children experience the joy and happiness associated with Christmas. The program operates in more than 800 cities and towns throughout all 50 states.


"Since that time, this program has spread so much joy with the gifts that have been donated," Register O'Donnell noted. "We all have the power to make a child's Christmas something special, and therefore, giving to the Toys for Tots drive just might make it the best Christmas present you can give yourself this holiday season."

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The gladness of the season,
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