

Marching into Independence

By BELLA CAGGIANO

The Norwood 4th of July Committee has done it again—planning one of the most magnificent Independence Day

the Town of Norwood has proudly hosted its spectacular 4th of July celebration. Known for its patriotism and community pride, Norwood continues to be the destination for joyful,

Over 300 participants will receive a festive t-shirt and ribbon

Winners (best decorations) will be invited to ride in the Grand Parade!

2:00 p.m. – Frederick Douglass Reading At the Old Parish Cemetery (rear of 480 Washington St.), volunteers will deliver a moving public reading of “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?” by abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

Free and open to the public.

2:30 p.m. – Carillon Concert & Tower Tours Enjoy a stirring concert from the 50-bell Memorial Carillon at Norwood Town Hall, performed by Lee Leach and Margaret Angelini of Wellesley College.

Tours of the bell tower will be available during the concert.

5:00 p.m. – Norwood Firecracker 5K Road Race Lace up for Norwood’s Firecracker 5K, a fast, flat course cheered on by thousands.

Applications available at Town Hall, the Civic Center,

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The Sounds of Summer Return!

By BELLA CAGGIANO

A quintessential New England summer evening: music is drifting through a picturesque town common. Norwood captures this magic perfectly, thanks to its charming communal venue and the many dedicated volunteers who bring music to the heart of town for all to enjoy. Each summer, Norwood hosts three concert series on the Town Common—Concerts on the Common, Carillon Concerts, and Summerfest—offering something for every musical taste.

If you know—or happen to meet—a member of the Norwood

Concert Committee, be sure to thank them. Their hard work and dedication make these cherished summer evenings possible.

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Runners compare the crowd energy to the Boston Marathon!

5:30 p.m. – Fire Truck Procession & Military Reenactment
The excitement builds as the Eastern MA Fire Truck Procession, Antique & Classic Cars, and Historic Military Reenactment roll through South Norwood to Shaw’s Plaza.

Don’t miss the WWII, Korean War, and military vehicle displays—famous for their roaring sirens!

5:45 p.m. – The Grand Parade
The main event! Featuring:

National & international marching bands

Floats, entertainers, local groups, and dignitaries

A thrilling display of music, pride, and community spirit

Celebrating Norwood’s Spirit

The Norwood 4th of July Committee has once again worked tirelessly to make this day unforgettable. This event wouldn’t be possible without the dedication of: Maria Henry (Chair), Mary Cantarow, Martha Colamaria, Lou



Harris, Lee Leach, the Norwood Amateur Radio Club, and staff liaisons Michael Rosen and Kevin Broderick.

Volunteers Needed!

Want to be part of the magic? Volunteers are still needed for event-day roles. Email Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen at mrosen@norwoodma.gov to get involved. It’s a great way to give back—and experience what makes Norwood a community where everyone wants to live.

Join us this July 4th to celebrate education, freedom, and Norwood pride!

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Michael Rosen
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Each of the three evenings offers a unique style and repertoire, designed to celebrate and introduce a wide range of musical genres for all ages to enjoy.

Sunday Concerts on the Common
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Now in its 31st season, Concerts on the Common brings music to life at the Walter J. Dempsey Memorial Bandstand on Norwood's Town Common. Each Sunday evening throughout the summer, residents gather with folding chairs and blankets to enjoy timeless tunes—from patriotic marches and big band swing to lively jazz standards.

- July 6 Compaq Big Band
- July 13 Roy Scott Big Band
- July 20 Westwood Swing Band
- July 27 Sharon Concert Band
- August 3 SOS Swing Band
- August 10 She Bop Swing Orchestra
- August 17 Bare Bones Big Band
- August 24 Dan Gabel and his Orchestra

Monday Carillon Concerts
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Open carillon tower tours following the concerts
Rain or Shine

The Carillon Concerts on the Common are back for their 40th year! Norwood's hidden musical gem, the carillon, is a magnificent 50-bell instrument housed in the tower of the Memorial Municipal Building (Town Hall). Gifted to the town by Walter F. Tilton during the building's original construction in 1928, the carillon has become a cherished part of Norwood's musical heritage.

- July 4 Christina Meyer & Margaret Angelini (special time-2:30 p.m.)
- July 7 Alex Johnson
- July 14 Margaret Pan
- July 21 Sergei Gratchev
- July 28 Trevor Workman
- August 4 Laura Ellis
- August 11 Jasper Depraetere
- August 18 Carson Landry
- August 25 John Whiteside

Wednesday Summerfest Concerts
6:30-8:30 p.m.

These groups often showcase music from a variety of eras and cultures, getting audiences on their feet dancing—or at the very least, tapping their toes and nodding along to familiar tunes from both past and present.

- July 2 Legacy of Paul Alberta Jazz Orchestra
- July 9 Round House
- July 16 Sweet Harmony
- July 23 Love Dogs
- July 30 DominoesFX Band
- August 6 David Tessier's All Star Band
- August 13 Acoustic Fire
- August 20 Boston's Erin Og
- August 27 JD, Billy & Ken

For more added enjoyment, both the Sunday Concerts on the Common and Summerfest on Wednesdays provide audience members the chance to win raffle prizes generously donated by local businesses.

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140 Gay St	\$767,777	11 Elm St	\$1,040,000
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court, 35 Shawmut Road
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Docket No. N018P2294GD
In the Interests of: Richard Madusky: of Norwood, MA
Respondent: Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Best Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Boston, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **07/16/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 13, 2025
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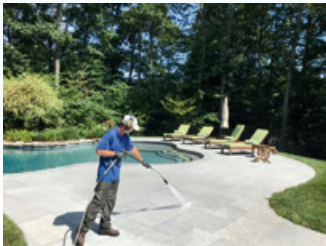


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Living Healthy

Blue Light: Hype, Harm, and Healthy Habits

Blue Light: Facts, Fiction, and Fixes

By: GRAHAM STETSON, OD, MS

As summer brings longer days and shorter nights, quality rest is more important than ever. Yet with Americans spending over seven hours a day on electronic devices—often late into the evening—the glow of our screens is quietly disrupting our sleep and mood. Blue light filters are an often cited, but insufficient

solution. Instead, here are a few facts about blue light—and some simple changes to improve your sleep.

Facts

Blue light is the high-energy, short-wavelength part of the visible spectrum. Exposure can boost alertness and mood, but timing is key. Light signals received by specialized “timekeeper” cells in the

back of our eyes tell our brain’s internal “clock” whether it’s time to be awake or asleep. Exposure to blue light late in the day can confuse this system and delay sleep.

Fiction

“Blue light is why my eyes tire at work.” Not quite. Digital eye strain comes from how we use screens—staring without blinking, focusing at one distance—not from blue



wavelengths. While some find blue-light-filtering glasses helpful, regular breaks and proper ergonomics are far more effective.

“Blue light doesn’t affect me—I fall asleep watching TV.” It does. A Harvard study found that 6½ hours of blue-rich light suppressed melatonin (sleep hormone) twice as much as green-enriched light and shifted internal sleep clocks by two hours more—leading to poor quality sleep. Another study of smartphones from the University of Salzburg showed that unfiltered nighttime use drastically reduced melatonin levels when compared to using a filter or reading a paper book.

“Blue light is always bad.” Not true. A recent University of Pennsylvania study discovered that morning blue light can improve sleep. Getting early morning blue light exposure and reducing it after dusk helped par-

ticipants fall asleep faster and reach deeper sleep stages.

Fixes

- Two hours before bedtime, schedule “Night Shift” on your devices to trim the most disruptive wavelengths.
- Use Amber or clear “computer” lenses (ANSI Z80.3 rated) at night to block the worst wavelengths, filtering up to 50% of blue light and easing nighttime exposure.
- Follow a 20-20-20-Plus regimen when using screens: every 20 minutes, look 20 feet away for 20 seconds and blink hard five times to refresh your tear film.
- Adjust your home lighting by swapping bright bulbs for dimmer, warmer 2700 K or use lamps aimed away from eye level after dinner.
- Get outside early. Ten minutes of natural morning light anchors circadian rhythms, can counteract late-night scrolling.

Final Thoughts

Managing blue light is not about eliminating it entirely, it’s about timing. With a few smart habits, you can reduce sleep disruption, prevent eye strain, and enjoy sharper focus throughout the long summer days ahead.

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John G visited the Holistic Center at Bristol Square office complaining of dizziness and loss of balance. This started after he had Covid and he had been sneezing and coughing. He had been to his primary care physician who told him his issues can happen after a



Dr. Rochelle Bien, Dr. Molly Rappaport & Dr. Michael Goldstein

virus like Covid and would resolve on its own. After suffering for over two weeks with these symptoms John decided on a second opinion at the Holistic Center. Upon his exam, it was discovered that John had benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV), and needed treatment. After being put on a regimen of chiropractic adjustments, supplements and specific exercises, the dizziness and loss of balance started to resolve.

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Norwood Sports

Tennis In Her Blood

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

Having a mother that played tennis pretty much her entire life, as well as a stint coaching the sport, it was only inevitable that Maia D'Annunzio would eventually find herself on the courts swinging a racket. Around kindergarten, D'Annunzio was tagging along with her mother to the club, and ultimately found herself training.

"I liked the individuality of the sport," D'Annunzio said. "You get to play your own game; you're in control of your destiny."

Although the Norwood resident was taking tennis lessons for a good part of her childhood, she only thought of it as developing skills. She never joined a club team or even played matches against opponents.

"Competing in sports takes a big chunk of time out of your life and I really wanted to focus on my education," D'Annunzio said. "So there were no teams, just lessons."

However, things would change when she entered high school; she wanted to experience tennis on the varsity level. While try-outs were a little nerve racking for the freshman, she just wanted to make a good impression and earn a position on the Mustangs varsity team.

D'Annunzio made the team and was awarded the number

two singles position. Here she would soon find out that things were very different than lessons. Stepping onto the court, usually against someone older, the first-year player found the sport to be scary.

"I had done the one-on-one things on the court during lessons and knew how to go about playing the game but had never done it against another player in a game format," D'Annunzio said.

The Norwood youngster would take her opponent to a tie-breaker in her first ever varsity showing, only to come up on the short end. Although she lost, she was happy that she did well in her first match but also found herself disappointed in her overall performance.

It was here that she immediately realized that she needed to work on her consistency if she wanted to be successful. She needed to stop trying too hard, and as the season went on, and the more experience on the court, the better she became.

Her ultimate goal as a freshman playing on the varsity team was to at least secure one win. She finally was able to accomplish that goal during the team's final game of the season. She was nervous going into the game but felt that she gave it her all and was able to come away with the win.

Experience will definitely help,



but her coach was pleased with what she saw in the freshman.

"Maia works really hard, and although she is not getting many wins, she does come off the court with a smile," Norwood Tennis Coach Lisa Tucker said. "She knows that she has to work on her game to improve, but she also knows what she has done wrong."

Playing at second singles against upper classmen, the Norwood freshman knew that she'd be going up against older girls with more playing experience, but she wouldn't want it any other way. Playing against those older, more experienced girls was a learning experience. She knew that if she went against lower-level opponents then she would never improve her game, but by competing those with years of experience she would learn at a much higher level.

The freshman, who starting playing second singles, has found

her way into the number one singles position for six or seven games this year.

"I had to step into number one singles and it was definitely tougher and I was playing top notch players," D'Annunzio said. "I had to accept the fact that I was not going to win any of these games, but I went out and did my best while trying to learn as much as I could from them."

Playing against the upper echelon of tennis players, the young racketeer found herself watching what her opponents were doing and tried to absorb as much knowledge of the game that she could. In addition to learning, she was trying to take good shots and extend the game as long as she could.

"These girls were tournament players, but I wasn't going to let it intimidate me," D'Annunzio said.

Coach Tucker observed that

the young tennis player did a good job when having to step up and accept the challenge of playing first singles. Tucker continued that D'Annunzio works hard in both practice and matches.

Having completed her first year on the varsity squad and earning her first win, she knows that she needs to work on her ability to place the ball better to keep her opponents off guard.

"I need them to have to work for their shots," she said. "I've been just hitting the ball over the net and it was way too easy for them to return my volley and put it where I couldn't reach it."

This off-season, D'Annunzio plans on continuing with private lessons at the club to bring her game up to the next level and will also take to the court with her mother a few times a week. Over the next three years, she will be looking to win more of her games.

"If I'm at second singles again, I know that I'll be able to do that as a lot of my matches were close this year," D'Annunzio said. "There is always room for improvement and if I can take my game up a notch I know that I will be able to win."

Although she will not be graduating from Norwood for another three years, D'Annunzio is thinking about her future on the courts. She noted that while she does prioritize schooling, she would like to play tennis on the college level. The plan, however, will have to wait as she still has three more years with the Mustangs and intends on improving each of those years.

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Firecracker 5K Sparks Excitement!

By MICHELE TARANTO

For runners, the Norwood Firecracker 5K is more than just the kickoff to the town's infamous 4th of July celebration—it's an annual athletic tradition eagerly anticipated by locals and visitors alike. Just before the streets come alive with floats, marching bands, and community groups, runners take center stage on a flat and fast out-and-back course lined with thousands of cheering spectators.

The race starts at 5 p.m. sharp from Norwood's scenic Town Common, setting the tone for a communal salute to America. This 3.1-mile course is designed to be competitive and efficient; participants should be prepared to maintain a timely pace, as prolonged stopping is not permitted except in cases of emergency.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall male and female finishers, with medals for

the top three finishers in each age group. The first 100 registered runners will receive commemorative event t-shirts.

Registration is \$25. For more information or to sign up, visit www.runsignup.com.

Directly following the race, Norwood's notorious 4th of July Parade steps off, making the Firecracker 5K the perfect start to an afternoon full of community, celebration, and patriotic pride!

Norwood Sports

Throwing Now His Passion

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

Braeden Evans decided to tag along with his friends who were going to try out for the winter track and field team. While his friends were looking to run distance events, Evans didn't see himself as someone who could run for long periods of time.

"I don't know why I went with them as I am not a distance type runner," Evans said. "I really didn't have any idea to what I was going to do until I got to the tryouts. Coach (Jeff) Loja was the throwing coach back then and I gravitated his way."

Evans connected with the shotput during his freshman season. The sport intrigued him as it was more than just taking a weighted ball and tossing it as far as he could. The event had style and technique, but Evans had to learn not only had to be light on his feet, he also had to keep his balance while twisting in the circle. To be successful, he would need to incorporate all those elements in sync; something he found out right away would not be easy.

"It was definitely hard at first and I was not good at all," he said. "It took me the whole winter as well as the spring season to understand the sport and begin doing it properly."

Needless to say, the now senior, has gotten use to the sport

and has become quite good at throwing the shot put. As a freshman he tossed the ball 21 feet and now as an outgoing senior he has a personal best of 38 feet-9 inches.



"As a four-year indoor and outdoor shot put and discus thrower her has come a long way since his first year," now Norwood head coach Loja said. "He has worked hard at his craft and is continually scoring points in all of our meets. He is usually good for a solid second place on any given day."

As far as the discus goes Evans picked that event up during the spring and was throwing it 60 feet as a freshman and now has a longest throw of 96 feet-5 inches to his credit. Coming into his senior season he was hoping to reach 40 feet in the shot put (he narrowly missed that) and 70 feet in the discus (which he obliterated).

"As a freshman going into those tryouts I never would

have thought that I'd be able to throw the shot put and discus like I have, never mind being any good," Evans said. "Honestly I was not even thinking that far into the future, I was just trying to learn what I could to survive another day."

During his sophomore season he felt that his throws were getting better and the throws were not only smoother, but longer. Evans was becoming satisfied with his progress.

Coach Loja noted that over the years, Evans improved upon his techniques and skills in the circle. According to the coach, the senior commits himself to each and every meet that he participates in.

This year Evans was named a Mustang captain on the track team and he fully bought into the newly appointed position.

"The new role put upon me by the coach excited me," he said. "To be able to encourage teammates, while being a role model to the underclassmen that were just beginning was great. Those just starting out I told to try everything as you never know what event they would fin to their liking."

As his high school career is coming to an end so may be his shot put and discus throwing as well. Venturing out to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst this fall to major in Political Science, Evans is unsure if he'll be suiting up for the Minutemen.

"If the opportunity to throw in college comes up, I'll definitely take it, but I am not particularly going out to look for it," he said. "I am not necessarily trying out for the team but if a walk on spot comes up, I'll take a shot at it."

As he waits to see if something will open up at UMASS after he gets there Evans plans on still preparing himself just in case. He will continue to go to the gym 6 times a week working out and lifting weights, while focusing on his explosiveness and strength should that opportunity knocks. If the availability of throwing is to be he'll take the chance and run with it, but if it never comes he'll be ok with having the opportunity to throw in high school.

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Norwood Farmers Market Town Common 2-6 p.m.

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July 2

Together Tales with Ms. Gloria Poirer Village Center, 82 Roosevelt Ave. 10 a.m.

Join a weekly bilingual story hour in English and Spanish. Ms. Gloria will lead the group in multilingual stories, songs, and crafts. This program is open to ALL and is a great first exposure to a new language!

To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

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Summerfest Concert 6:30 p.m.

There could be no other musical choice to kick off the 2025 Summerfest Concert series than the Legacy of Paul Aberta Jazz Orchestra.

July 3

Patriotic Rosary Norwood Town Common 1 p.m.

Join others to pray the beautiful Patriotic Rosary for the country. They will pray for all the souls in each of our 50 states as well as the military, past and present, living and dead, police and firefighters, and government officials. Come and sing all of our favorite patriotic songs to honor God and country and give thanks for the American way of life. Bring a chair to the Nor-

wood Town Common. In case of rain, the event will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church.

July 4



Norwood 4th of July Celebration!

Carillon Concert: Christina Meyer, Norwood and Margaret Angelini, Wellesley College, performing Norwood Town Hall 2:30 p.m.

Best listening spots are on the Town Common or in the upper parking lot behind the Town Hall off Central Street. Norwood's Fifty-Bell Memorial Carillon was cast by Gillett and Johnston, Bellfounders, Croydon, England, and, together with the Norwood Memorial Building and Tower, was dedicated on Armistice Day, November 11, 1928. The instrument was a gift to his fellow townspeople from the late Walter F. Tilton, a prominent local banker, and civic leader.

July 6

Sunday Concerts on the Common Norwood Town Common 6:30 p.m.

The Compaq Big Band will be kicking off the 2025 Concerts on the Common musical series! Bring chairs, blankets, even a picnic and enjoy!

July 7

Carillon Concert: Alex Johnson, Chicago, IL, performing Norwood Town Hall 6:30 p.m.

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ter F. Tilton, a prominent local banker, and civic leader.

Upcycled Mini-Bookshelf Craft Morrill Memorial Library 6:30 p.m.

Make a mini DIY bookshelf! You will use boxes, cardboard, and miniatures to create a tiny version of your dream bookshelf. All materials will be provided, but supplies are limited, participants will be asked to be mindful of how many items they use (don't take more than you need!) You'll leave this social crafting program with a personalized and custom mini bookshelf! Pre-printed book covers will be provided. If you would like to request specific book covers to include in your bookshelf, include them in your registration form (limit of 10 books max). This program is designed for adults ages 18+. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

July 8

Women in Business Networking Meeting Norwood Civic Center 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.

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Be MediaWise: How to Find Accurate Information Morrill Memorial Library 7 p.m.

We live in a world of instant and endless adventure through our access to the internet! The

digital landscape is changing quickly, and we have more access to information than ever before. With that, however, comes some potential pitfalls. There is plenty of misleading and even dangerous information out there, too. The Library's Be MediaWise series invites you to explore your engagement with online information and learn how to navigate the internet safely and confidently. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

July 9

Summer-ween! Morrill Memorial Library 3 p.m.

October is too far away! Celebrate Halloween in July! Come in a favorite costume and enjoy some spooooky music and crafts! For kids ages 3+. An adult should be there to help supervise and assist. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

Summerfest Concert Town Common 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For anyone who enjoys 'rockin' the evening away, The Road House concert on the Town Common delivers!

July 10

Music with Sarah Morrill Memorial Library 10 a.m.

Join in for a joyful and interactive music class with local favorite Sarah Gardner! This lively program is filled with singing, movement, rhythm instruments, and playful fun—perfect for little ones and their grown-ups to enjoy together. Sarah's upbeat energy and engaging songs encourage early learning, listening skills, and self-expression through music. Recommended for children ages 0-5 with a caregiver. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

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

The July movie in the Sensory-friendly Monthly Movie series is Paramount's 'If,' rated PG. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

JULY 4 NORWOOD'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!

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1 p.m.

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FOURTH OF JULY ADDRESS
OLD PARISH CEMETERY (REAR OF
480 WASHINGTON ST.)
2 P.M.

The address of Frederick Douglass, 'What to the Slave is the Fourth of July,' will be recited.

CARILLON CONCERT
TOWN COMMON
2:30 P.M.

Norwood's own Lee Leach and Margaret Angelini of Wellesley College will perform. A tour of the magnificent 50-bell Memorial Carillon will take place during the concert.

NORWOOD FIRECRACKER 5K ROAD RACE
TOWN COMMON
5 P.M.

Enjoy participating or supporting this 5K race that starts just before Norwood's legendary independence parade!

FIRE TRUCK, ANTIQUE AND MILITARY PROCESSION
WASHINGTON ST., SOUTH NORWOOD THROUGH NORWOOD CENTER
5:30 P.M.

Fire, emergency and military vehicles and antique cars make their way down the parade route just before the celebrations begin!

4TH OF JULY PARADE
WASHINGTON ST., SOUTH NORWOOD TO THE TOWN COMMON
5:45 P.M.

Norwood's parade begins at the Coakley Middle School, in South Norwood, travels down Washington St., through Norwood Center and the Town Common and concludes at the Shaw's Plaza.

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Entrepreneurship 101: Essentials For a Successful Website Morrill Memorial Library 7 p.m.

In this interactive session, web designer Madeline Dunne (Sheridan Design Co.) will walk entrepreneurs through the essential elements of building an effective website, from layout and design to content and maintenance. Ideal for small business owners, freelancers, and anyone thinking about launching a website. No tech experience required. This program is free and open to all. Recommended for ages 16+. Teen entrepreneurs are welcome. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

July 11

Sensory-Friendly Art Classes for Adults Morrill Memorial Library 10:30 a.m.

Join the art instructor Stephanie Enloe for Sensory-friendly Art Classes for Adults, a program specially designed for adults with different levels of cognitive abilities. Ms. Stephanie will guide participants to create one-of-a-kind art projects, often utilizing recycled/repurposed materials and items found in nature. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

July 12

Blessings Boutique Thrift Shop First Baptist Church, 71 Bond St. 10 a.m.-to noon. We have beautiful summer clothes and shoes for you and your family, a whole lot of kitchen items, books, puzzles, purses, jewelry, decorative items. Don't miss out!

Puzzle Race Morrill Memorial Library 2:30 p.m.

Love doing puzzles? Want to test your speed against others? Join us for a friendly puzzle face-off against other teams!

How does the race work?

Up to 8 teams will compete, with a maximum of 4 people per team. Feel free to name your team!

Families are welcome to come as a team; children aged 10+ will count as a team member.

One puzzle per team.

Puzzles will be 500 pieces and identical.

July 13

Press Here Grab and Go Activity Bag Morrill Memorial Library 1-5 p.m.

This month's Grab and Go Kit features the interactive picture book 'Press Here,' by Hervé Tullet, a playful and imaginative read that gets kids giggling, guessing, and engaging with every page! The kit includes hands-on activities inspired by the book's creative prompts to extend the fun at home through open-ended, creative play. Kits will be available from July 13-19 and registration is required. Reserve just one kit per family. CFCE Grab and Go Kits are for children ages 2-6 with adult supervision and guidance.

Concerts on the Common Town Common 6:30-8:30 p.m.

One of Norwood's favorite bands performs again on the common! Welcome back the Roy Scott Big Band! Bring chairs, blankets, even a picnic and enjoy!

July 14

Outdoor Storytime Bond Street Tot Lot 9:30 a.m.

Join librarians from the Morrill Memorial Library under the big shady tree in the field next to the Bond Street Tot Lot for this active outdoor story time! Be sure to bring something to sit on, like beach/picnic blanket or chairs as this storytime has a grassy floor. We'll read BIG books and do lots of movement activities to keep everyone engaged.

Weather Concerns: Rain: If it is actively raining, story time will take place in the Simoni Room on the second floor of the Morrill Memorial Library. Heat: If the temperature is above 90 degrees before 10 AM, we'll move story time indoors in the Simoni Room at the library. If it

July 15

Norwood Farmers Market Town Common 2-6 p.m.

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July 16

Monday Movie Matinee: 'Where the Crawdads Sing' Morrill Memorial Library 1 p.m.

If you love movies and want to immerse yourself in unforgettable cinematic experiences, Morrill Memorial Library is the place to be! Kya is a young woman who raised herself in the North Carolina marshlands after being abandoned by her mother when she was a little girl. She feels detached from the small-town community near the marshes until two men show interest in her. However, when one of them later dies, she becomes the town's prime suspect. Cast: Daisy Edgar-Jones, Taylor John Smith, Harris Dickinson, David Strathairn, Michael Hyatt. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

Carillon Concert: Margaret Pan, Cambridge, MA, performing Norwood Town Hall 6:30 p.m.

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July 17

Financial Wellness w/ CFA Society Boston Morrill Memorial Library 6:30 p.m.

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July 16

Turn the Page Book Group-Remarkably Bright Creatures Morrill Memorial Library 10 a.m.

Join Patty Bailey and other local readers for a friendly and informal discussion of the novel Remarkably Bright Creatures, written by Shelby Van Pelt. After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors--until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

Together Tales with Ms. Gloria Poirer Village Center, 82 Roosevelt Ave. 10 a.m.

Join a weekly bilingual story hour in English and Spanish. Ms. Gloria will lead the group in multilingual stories, songs, and crafts. This program is open to ALL and is a great first exposure to a new language!

To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

Únase a nosotros para una hora semanal de cuentos bilingües en inglés y español. La Sra. Gloria dirigirá el grupo con cuentos, canciones y manualidades. ¡Este programa está abierto a TODOS y es una excelente primera exposición a un nuevo idioma!

Para registrarse, visite www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/ o llame al mostrador de referencia al 781-769-0200, x2.

Board Game Night Morrill Memorial Library 6 p.m.

If you've been looking for a casual group of fellow board gamers, the Morrill Memorial Library is your spot! Games will be provided, but feel free to bring any of your own! Recommended for 18+. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

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Summerfest Concert Town Common 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Take a mid-week break to enjoy the sounds of Harmony in the heart of Norwood.

July 17

Twitch Streaming w/ ThatNerdViolet Morrill Memorial Library 6:30 p.m.

Join local Twitch streamer, ThatNerdViolet, to learn about the basics of streaming, how she got started as a streamer, what an average stream looks like, and how you might go about launch-

ing a Twitch channel of your own. She'll talk about building an LGBTQ-friendly, cozy community, followed by a robust Q&A period. For teens and adults. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

July 18

Sensory-Friendly Art Classes for Adults Morrill Memorial Library 10:30 a.m.

Join the art instructor Stephanie Enloe for Sensory-friendly Art Classes for Adults, a program specially designed for adults with different levels of cognitive abilities. Ms. Stephanie will guide participants to create one-of-a-kind art projects, often utilizing recycled/repurposed materials and items found in nature. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

Monthly Ballroom Dance Norwood Senior Center 7-10 p.m.

Music will be provided by Ray Cavicchio. Cost is \$12 per person. Coffee, tea, water, and desserts will be served and there are also door prizes! Newcomers of all ages are welcome, so come one, come all and have a ball!!! For more information or Friends events, visit their Facebook page at Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging.

July 20

Concerts on the Common Town Common 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Westwood Swing Band visits Norwood again to perform its big band sounds! Bring chairs, blankets, even a picnic and enjoy!

July 21

Carillon Concert: Sergei Gratchev, Keerbergen, Belgium, performing Norwood Town Hall 6:30 p.m.

All concerts are rain or shine. Best listening spots are on the Town Common or in the upper parking lot behind the Town Hall off Central Street. Tours of the bell tower are available after most concerts. Norwood's Fifty-Bell Memorial Carillon was cast by Gillett and Johnston, Bell-founders, Croydon, England, and, together with the Norwood Memorial Building and Tower, was dedicated on Armistice Day, November 11, 1928. The

instrument was a gift to his fellow townspeople from the late Walter F. Tilton, a prominent local banker, and civic leader.

Cozy Puzzle Night Morrill Memorial Library 6:30 p.m.

Chill out on a hot night with friends and neighbors! The Simoni Room will be full of 300- to 500-piece puzzles waiting to be completed. There will be light refreshments and play lo-fi music to curate a relaxed vibe. Unlike our puzzle races, this event is not competitive! Feel free to bring any from home to share or trade as well. Registration is encouraged but not required. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

July 22

Women in Business Networking Meeting Norwood Civic Center 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/fund-raisers. If you would like more information about the organization, call 781-799-7068, or email wbnofnorwood@gmail.com.

Norwood Farmers Market Town Common 2-6 p.m.

The Norwood Farmers Market officially opens for the season! The town common will be hopping with even more vendors than last year, including farm stands, bakeries, fish, meat, baseball cards, non-profit organizations, specialty foods, artisans, and more! There will be games for the kids and music. Meet your neighbors, purchase a fresh dinner, and have some fun!

Titles on Tap Book Group Napper Tandy's 7:30 p.m.

The title this month will be 'The Death of Vivek Oji,' by Akwaeke Emezi. Copies of the book will be available to pick up at the library's Reference desk. The ebook and audiobook are instantly available through Libby. Titles on Tap is a social book group, sponsored by the



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Morrill Memorial Library, for readers in their 20s and 30s and for the young at heart. They go in for stories that are shaken, not stirred, and we don't mind taking their love of lit outside the library walls. Titles on Tap meets once a month in the left-hand bar of Napper Tandy's to eat, drink, be merry, and discuss the latest reading selection.

July 23

Summerfest Concert
Town Common
6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Love Dogs, a seven-piece band, will fill the air playing original Swingin' Rockin' Jump Blues and New Orleans R&B. Don't miss it!

July 24

Sensory-Friendly Lego Club for Adults
Morrill Memorial Library
1 p.m.

Morrill Memorial Library is partnering with the L.E.A.D. program affiliated with Norwood High School. Just bring your imagination – the library

will provide the Legos. The club is free, inclusive, and open to anyone ages 18+. It is specially designed for adults with different levels of abilities. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/, or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

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July 26

Know Your Numbers: Free Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening
Morrill Memorial Library
10 a.m.-12 noon

Morrill Memorial Library

is partnering with AFC Norwood to offer complimentary blood pressure and blood sugar screening for community members. Stop by for a quick check - participants will get results immediately. Registration is not required. Open to age 18+.

July 28

Monday Movie Matinee: Victoria and Abdul
Morrill Memorial Library
1 p.m.

Queen Victoria strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim. Cast: Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Tim Pigott-Smith, Eddie Izzard, Adeel Akhtar. Rated PG13.

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July 31

Norwood's Dedham Granite Geology w/ Richard William Butts
Morrill Memorial Library
7 p.m.

Join geologist Richard William Butts for a presentation on the local geology of Norwood. One of the major bedrock units of Norwood and surrounding

towns in eastern Massachusetts is known as the Dedham Granite. This presentation will show photographs of the Dedham Granite, describe where the photos were taken, explore the mineralogy and history of the Dedham Granite, and include the geologic context of the Dedham Granite.

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help Binky settle in as she cannot control herself and acts out when over stimulated. Binky is very playful with her toys and enjoys being present with humans. She shows affection and enjoys being in the presence of humans. Are you up for this challenge? She really needs to have the chance to spend her senior years safe, without stresses, and entertaining her owner. Please consider her as a foster, or better yet, a forever companion

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Mason is a beloved member of the BSAC family and will always have a forever home with us. As a long-term diabetic, he lives under the loving care of our organization’s president. Mason requires daily insulin injections

and a special prescription diet—both of which come with ongoing costs.

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WHAT IS THE BAY STATE ANIMAL COOPERATIVE?

The Bay State Animal Cooperative (BSAC) is a volunteer-run, nonprofit organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption of homeless and abandoned cats. With compassion at its core, BSAC works tirelessly to provide medical care, shelter, and love to every cat that crosses its path—whether they’re with us temporarily or for life.

Each month on the *Pet Page*, we feature adoptable cats, heartwarming success stories, behind-the-scenes rescue efforts, and a closer look at the lives of our long-term residents. We also shine a spotlight on the devoted volunteers who make all of this possible.

In the coming issues, we’ll be diving deeper with a series of questions and answers to help

readers understand the vital role BSAC and similar nonprofit rescues play in our communities. From how adoptions work to what it takes to care for cats with special medical needs, we hope to give you a fuller

picture of the work we do—and why it matters.

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Real Estate Corner

Norfolk County Real Estate Sees Growth in May 2025

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reported that Norfolk County recordings for the month of May, 2025, indicate an increase in overall real estate activity, with increases in property sales and mortgage activity as compared to May, 2024.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds recorded a total of 9,628 documents in May, 2025. This represents a 4% increase from May, 2024, and an 11% increase compared to April, 2025.

"Spring is always a pivotal time for real estate, and this year is no exception," Register O'Donnell said. "The increase in real estate activity particularly in the number of property sales and mortgages highlights the strong demand for property in Norfolk County."

The total number of deeds recorded for May, 2025, which reflects both commercial and residential real estate sales and transfers, was 1,494, slightly down 1% from May, 2024, but up 13% from April, 2025. Looking at commercial and residential real estate sale prices, the average sale price in Norfolk County for May, 2025, was up 11% from May of 2024.

"Despite some broader economic concerns, the total number of commercial and residential property sales in May, 2025, showed a vibrancy," Register O'Donnell stated. "There is still an inventory issue on the residential side that is having an effect."

The average sale price for commercial and residential properties in May, 2025, rose to \$1,386,599, an 11% increase compared to May, 2024, and nearly the same as the average sale price from April, 2025. Additionally, the total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales is up, increasing 18% from last year and up 33% from last month.

"Norfolk County continues to be a sought-after location to both live and work, thanks to its vibrant communities and the dedicated efforts of municipal staff and leaders," Register O'Donnell

remarked. "However, a limited supply of available properties on the market means that any increase in demand will inevitably push property prices higher. This creates significant hurdles for all homebuyers, particularly those looking to purchase their first home."

For the month of May, lending activity showed an increase compared to the same month a year ago. A total of 1,542 mortgages were recorded in May, 2025, up 11% from May, 2024, and 7% more than last month. According to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the average mortgage interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage in May, 2025, was between 6.76% and 6.89%, a decrease compared to May of 2024, when interest rates were between 6.94% and 7.22%.

"The rise in mortgage recordings, coupled with a slight easing of interest rates compared to last year, indicates a renewed confidence among buyers in securing financing," Register O'Donnell commented. "This positive trend in lending activity is a key aspect of the overall health of our local real estate market."

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely monitoring the foreclosure market. In May, 2025, there were 2 foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County, whereas in May, 2024, there were 3. Additionally, in May, 2025, there were 26 notices to foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process,

less than the 32 recorded in May, 2024.

"There is no question that this reduction in the number of foreclosures and notices to foreclose is good news," Register O'Donnell said. "With that said, we cannot forget that foreclosure activity has a human face associated with it, and there are still a number of our neighbors who have lost their homes, and even more are dangerously close to losing their homes. I would urge anyone struggling to pay their mortgage or who knows someone who is struggling to contact one of the non-profit organizations listed on our website, www.norfolkdeeds.org."

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.

"The May, 2025, real estate data for Norfolk County shows a competitive real estate market driven by strong demand and increasing lending activity," Register O'Donnell concluded. "While this growth highlights the desirability of our communities, it also underscores the challenges of limited inventory and rising prices. As we move into the sum-

mer months, we remain hopeful for continued growth and look forward to seeing how the market develops."

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds events and initiatives, "like" them on Facebook at facebook.com/norfolkdeeds, or follow on Twitter and Instagram at @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, and 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 us at registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

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Real Estate Corner

Dear Norfolk County Resident,

RE: Registry of Deeds Law Suit

As a stakeholder and leader of your community please be advised that the Norfolk Registry of Deeds won its law suit against the Norfolk County Commissioners Joseph P. Shea of Quincy,

Attorney Peter H. Collins of Milton and Attorney Richard R. Staiti of Canton. County Director John J. Cronin als9 was found to have violated

state law. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial

Court, the highest state court in Massachusetts, affirmed and agreed with a lower Supreme Court ruling in favor of the Norfolk Registry of Deeds.

The distinguished and respected publication, Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, wrote an article about this matter that was entitled "Register of Deeds Wins Battle with County Over Funding".

This article is attached via link. Click here to view.

Judge Cahillane of the Norfolk Superior Court who stated in his decision that the statute the Norfolk County Commissioners and County Director Cronin violated was "unambiguous" ruled:

"In permitting an authorized official such as the Register to determine whether certain transfers within a main group may be made, the statute recognizes that the Register is in the best position to understand the daily needs of the Registry of Deeds and to take certain actions in the interest

of the public that elected him."

All Courts that have heard this dispute recognized Norfolk County Commissioners Shea, Collins and Staiti and County Director John J. Cronin violated state law. In Norfolk County abuse of power by appointed and elected officials should NOT be tolerated.

The County Defendants, the Norfolk County Commissioners and County Director John J. Cronin, unlawfully interfered in the operations and services of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. My staff and I will continue to manage through these challenges to maintain and protect Registry legal real estate records that provide legal title to our homes and properties.

If you have any questions or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

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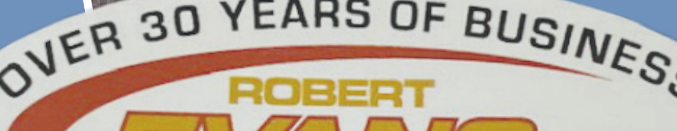
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