

Grants Awarded for Firefighter Safety

BY DONNA LANE

The Norwood Fire Department was one of 306 Massachusetts fire departments awarded a grant from the Commonwealth's FY22 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program. This program enables fire departments to purchase a variety of equipment that will make firefighters' jobs safer. This is the second year that funding has been awarded for this purpose as part of a \$25 million bond bill filed by the Baker-Polito Administration to support firefighter safety and health in the coming years.

"Our communities and families depend on firefighters in difficult and dangerous moments," Governor Charlie Baker said in a press release. "This program is an opportunity to show our deep appreciation for their work by ensuring they have the tools they need to stay safe and healthy."

Fire departments in Massachusetts were able to apply to this program for 118 different types of eligible equipment, including personal protective clothing, gear washers and



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Norwood Anniversary Celebrations in February

BY BELLA CAGGIANO

Throughout the year Norwood residents will be celebrating the town's 150th anniversary. This grand 12 months has been in the making for well over a year and thanks to the many volunteers who have devoted so much of their time for all to enjoy.

The celebration kicked off on First Night (Dec. 31), on the Norwood Town Common. Unfortunately, due to COVID health concerns, all programs needed to be held outdoors. With the decision made only two days before the big night, organizers quickly pivoted and were able to rearrange some activities and get the word out. From early afternoon to nearly midnight, there was something exciting to enjoy on Norwood's picturesque Town

Common and the night was a huge success.

With the continuing changing health landscape, stay tuned to social media and Norwood Community Media throughout the year for any last minute changes to special events. Also, until further notice, masks and proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test will be required for all indoor events.

Dinner Banquet Wednesday, Feb. 23

February marks the first big food event for the 150th Celebration! It will be held at the Sheraton Four Points, 1125 Bos.-Prov. Hgwy. (Rte. 1). Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased

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dryers, thermal imaging cameras, assorted hand tools and extrication equipment, communications resources, hazardous gas meters, fitness equipment, and more. In many cases, the purchase of this equipment will help departments attain compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration or National Fire Protection Association safety standards.

“Best practices for firefighter safety are constantly evolving as technology advances and our understanding of the short and long-term health impacts of the work improves,” State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey said. “This program is so important to help fire departments modernize their equipment and get firefighters the protection they need. The long-term health outcomes realized from these grant awards will have a truly immeasurable benefit.”

The Norwood Fire Department (NFD) received nearly \$25,000 in grant money which they used to purchase First-Alert Safety Systems (FASS). Essentially, this is a reverse motion detector that hangs off of a firefighter’s

gear. If the firefighter falls or is in trouble, the system emits a piercing alarm that gets progressively louder and a light starts to flash as a signal to other firefighters in the area that there’s a problem. The FASS can locate the person who is in trouble.

“The state grant allows us to replace the older, outdated FASS that we’ve been using and buy new systems for every firefighter in the department,” Norwood Fire Chief David Hayes said.

In September of 2021, the NFD was also awarded a \$345,000 to Firefighters Grant from the Federal government. Town meeting provided the difference needed to subsidize the department’s planned equipment update program.

“With this money, we were able to purchase air-packs – the breathing apparatus firefighters need – which cost approximately \$10,000 each (mask, tank and breathing apparatus),” Chief Hayes said. “And worth every penny!”

While the grant was substantial, it wasn’t enough to purchase all the equipment they needed.

“Town meeting gave us enough money to complete the



entire project with state-of-the-art equipment,” the Chief continued. “A new air compressor, breathing apparatus and three pack-trackers, which is like a LoJack for firefighters, allows us to lock onto someone’s air-pack and it will lead us right to them. It’s great technology!”

Chief Hayes said Norwood firefighters are in the process of training with the new air-packs and he hopes they will all be in service by the first part of February.

According to the Chief, another huge piece of this project is the new air compressor.

“Using the old compressor, we fill the air packs every 90 days,” Chief Hayes said. “They go to a

lab that analyzes the air for purity. If the analysis comes back saying there’s bad air in the units, we have to empty all the air bottles and refill them with clean air and get the air tested again and certified. With the new compressor, it tests the air as it’s going into the tank and stops if the air is not pure. Since we take all of the air from the outside, we could be filling the air bottles with nearby diesel fumes and no-one would know it. This new compressor samples the air in real time, saving us a bunch of time and effort and resulting in safer air for the firefighters.”

The Chief’s enthusiasm for the new equipment is unmistakable.

“One of the cool technologies in the new masks is that they have bone-conduction speakers which link to the radio via blue tooth,” Chief Hayes said. “No matter how much noise there is in the background, the communication is crystal clear. It’s a massive advance in communications.”

When evaluating equipment during development of the grant proposal, the Chief brought in two competing vendors to compare their air tanks side by side. The vendors got to see the com-

parison as well and “sharpened their pencils” providing a better price than originally quoted. The Chief is expecting to return money to the Town but couldn’t yet estimate how much that will be.

With each grant they write, Chief Hayes said his department’s highest priority is safety ... for his firefighters and the people they serve.

“The job of the modern firefighter takes countless forms,” Centerville-Osterville-Marston Mills Fire Chief Michael Winn, and President of the Fire Chiefs’ Association of Massachusetts stated in a press release. “At any given moment, they could be asked to respond to a fire, a hazardous materials leak, a car accident, or a medical call. Equipping them for safety in each of these situations is a significant financial burden for every department. We are so thankful that funding was made available to help with this challenge, especially at a time when so many departments are facing budget issues due to COVID-19.”

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p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at www.scboston.org/norwoodma150.

Norwood resident Maxim Naumov was originally scheduled to headline the show, however, an injury forced him to withdraw. The event will feature several of the Skating club of Boston's competitors at the Nationals, including men's figure skater Jimmy Ma, and skating pairs Audrey Lu

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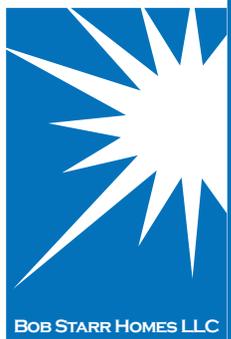
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By MICHELE TARANTO

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just the opportunity! The 2022 Annual Town Election will take place on Monday, April 4, but now is the time to commit.

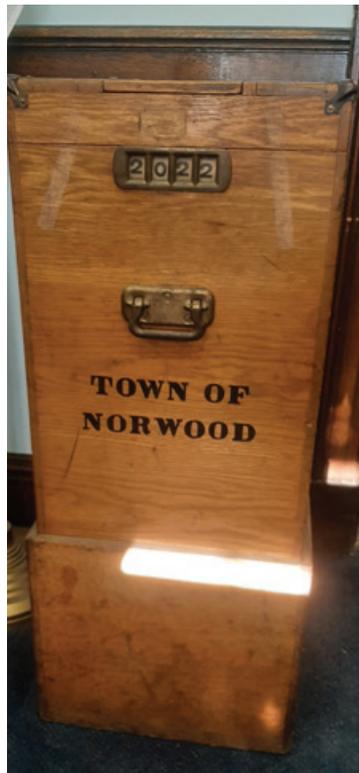
In order to compete for these municipal positions, candidates must pull and submit nomination papers from the Board of Registrars, Town Clerk's office, in Town Hall and obtain at least 50 registered Norwood voters to sign the form in their support (the Town Clerk recommends obtaining additional signatures as some supporters may not be registered voters). Before nomination papers are circulated for signatures, all the information non the top of the nomination paper must be completed by the candidate.

Completed nomination papers are due by 5 p.m., Monday, February 14, 2022.

Once nomination papers are certified by the Board of Registrars, they will automatically be filed with the Town Clerk. The candidate's name will appear on the Town Election Ballot unless the candidate notifies the Town Clerk in writing, March 2, 2022, 5 p.m.

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The last day to register to vote in the town election is Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

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The Norwood Town Clerk's Office wishes to inform the residents of Norwood that as a result of Re-Districting in the Town there are vacancies for the office of Town Meeting Members in all Nine Town Meeting Districts.

The number of Town Meeting Members has increased to a total of 297 Members. Therefore there are 33 Vacancies in each Town Meeting District for the upcoming Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 4, 2022.

- District 1: 33 Seats
- District 2: 33 Seats
- District 3: 33 Seats
- District 4: 33 Seats
- District 5: 33 Seats
- District 6: 33 Seats
- District 7: 33 Seats
- District 8: 33 Seats
- District 9: 33 Seats

Any current Town Meeting Member who did not file the required "intent to seek re-election form" with the office of the Town Clerk must do so by **Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM.**

Anyone else interested in running for the office of Town Meeting Member must file nomination papers signed by at least ten (10) registered voters in their District. Last day for filing with the Board of Registrars is **Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM.**

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BY BELLA CAGGIANO

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9 a.m.-12 noon

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Moderna Building, Investors way.

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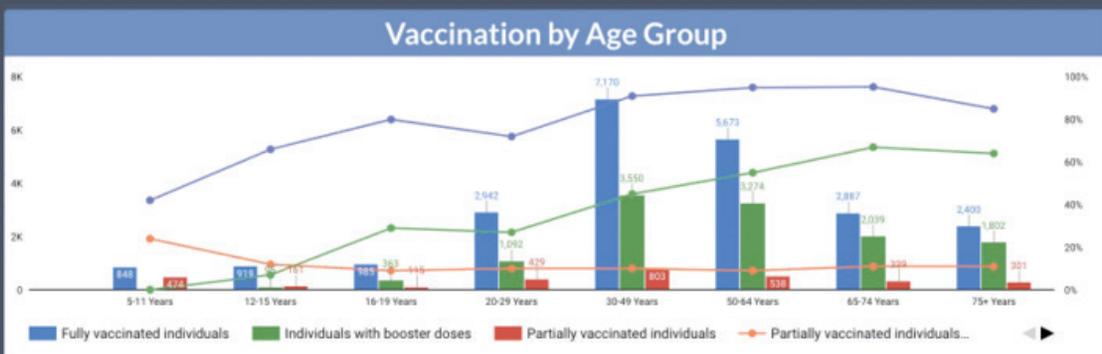
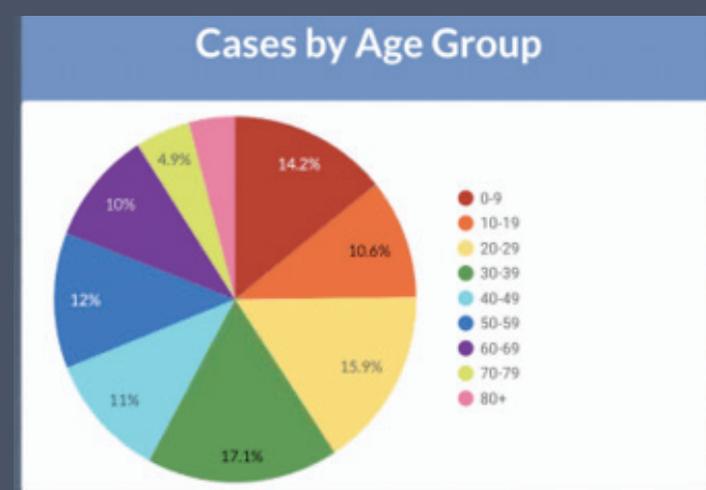
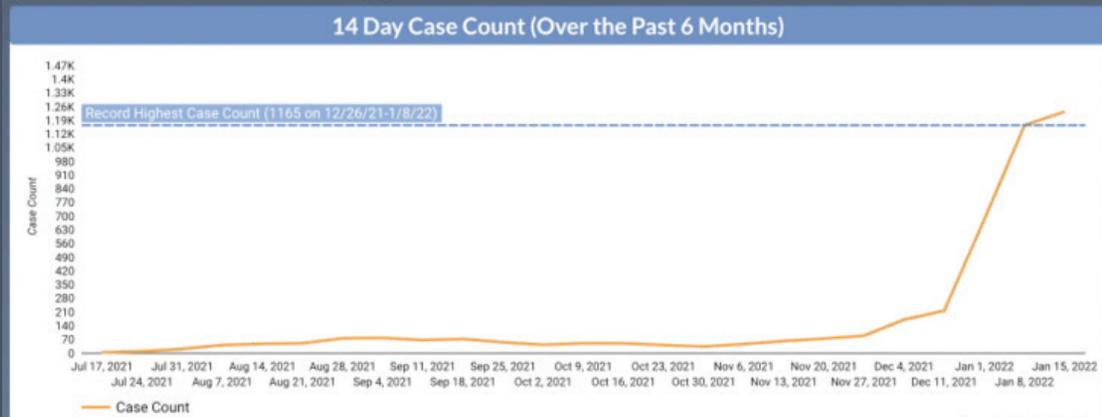
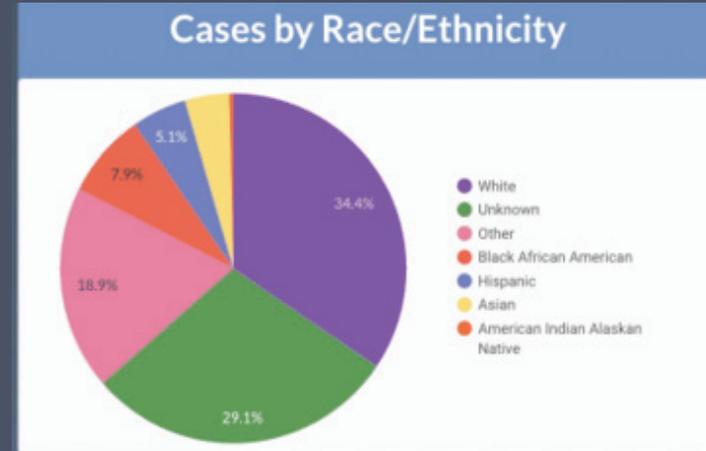
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According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), an estimated 300,000 Americans are diagnosed with Lyme Disease each year, and the numbers are rising. Although it is believed that Lyme is a result of a tick bite, the infectious bacteria can be spread by other biting or blood-sucking insects, including mosquitoes, spiders, fleas and mites.

Common effects of tick bites include an itchy “bull’s-eye,” but this rash only occurs in about half of those infected. Other symptoms include unrelenting fatigue, recurring fever, headaches/ migraines and achy muscles and joints.

For six years Pauline suffered with various ailments, including muscle aches, joint pains, brain fog, extreme fatigue and unrelent-



Dr. Rochelle Bien & Dr. Michael Goldstein

ing headaches. Her primary care physician diagnosed Lyme

Disease, prescribed doxycycline, and notified her several weeks later she was successfully treated for Lyme. An appointment with a Rheumatologist for her “arthritic” condition resulted in a prescription for antidepressants, a side effect of dealing with the pain. Pauline felt her life was slowly slipping away. A referral to the Holistic Center at Bristol Square set her on a new path. At the center Pauline was diagnosed

with Bartonella, a co-infection of Lyme, and was treated homeopathically for the strain as well as for her other related health issues. Within three months, Pauline’s life started to return. Today, she is virtually symptom free and enjoying her life free of pain and fatigue.

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Norwood Sports

Marissa Cataldo: Looking to Make Tournament

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

Norwood's Marissa Cataldo got involved with ice hockey largely because of her sister Emily, who is three years older. Unfortunately, she never got to play with her sister, but now as a senior captain for the Mustangs she will get to suit up and play along side her younger sister, Molly.

"I've been playing hockey since the second grade," Cataldo said. "My older sister played the sport, and I was always at her games and got to enjoy it. Our dad always took us skating and I started to enjoy the sport of hockey as it was more of a contact sport with quickness. Although I never got to play with Emily, this year I am getting the opportunity to play with Molly on the same line."

According to Coach Tim Coskren, the Cataldo sisters, although not twins, play very well together.

"Playing together in our first game we just seemed to click; our chemistry was strong, and I knew exactly where she was," Cataldo said. "Having never played with her before it was strange as it usually takes time to jell with your teammates, but this was different."

As a freshman, the Norwood native made the varsity team along with two other freshman, and despite being some of the younger girls on the team, the trio was accepted immediately. That first campaign she found herself beginning the year playing center on the second line but found herself moving up to the first line before the end of the year. During

her first season, Norwood went 8-8-4 during the regular season and earned a spot in the Tournament but lost to Canton 3-0 in the first round.

Between her freshman and sophomore seasons, Cataldo knew that if she was to be successful, she needed to work on her shot and strength. Immediately she began shooting in her back yard and worked on her upper body strength.

"I definitely saw an improvement my second year and progressively got better as the year went on," Cataldo said. "The team was better too (Norwood

was yesterday.

"I remember it vividly," Cataldo recalled. "Everyone was getting really exhausted and I just

"She may be on the smaller side, but she is a good little spitfire and doesn't let her size hold her down," the Norwood Coach said.

her final season, Cataldo wants to not only set a good example for her teammates, but she wants to have her best season in a Nor-



went 11-7-2 and once again earned a spot in the tournament) and we won our first-round tournament game."

Norwood captured a 2-1-overtime victory over Wakefield/Tewksbury in one of the biggest goals in Norwood history (before once again falling to Canton 3-1 in the second round) with none other than Cataldo getting the victorious game winner. The now senior remembers it like it

wanted this game to be over. I rushed the puck from end to end and scored with the whole rink erupting. It was definitely one of my top moments playing hockey."

The four-year varsity player has been one of the top players for the Mustangs while on the ice during her tenure. Over the least two campaigns, she has been near the top of the team in scoring and has given Norwood the energy it needed to be successful.

"She is always giving 100%. She is quick, sees the ice well, and can move the puck while making very few mistakes while on the ice.

Having made it to the tournament during her first two seasons, Cataldo and the Mustangs were looking to once again enter the tournament last year, but Covid had different ideas. Playing in an abbreviated season with a lot of new rules and regulations as well as different scenarios, the MIAA decided against having a tournament with all that was going on.

"It was a tough season," Cataldo said. "We had to wear masks under our helmets, and it was just a mess. The games were slower because of the trouble we had breathing while wearing the masks. Not only that, but we couldn't use the locker rooms to get ready for the games. We either had to get ready at home and drive to the games in our equipment or change in our cars in the parking lot. It was definitely not fun."

With Covid somewhat behind them, Cataldo and her Norwood teammates are glad to be back on the ice playing in a what they hope to be a normal season with a tournament following the regular season. As a captain this winter, the Mustang center is hoping that she can bring her team together while focusing on working and getting better so that they can once again return to the post-season. Individually during

wood uniform while playing with her younger sister.

"I am hoping that as a team we can take out some of the teams that we've been close to over the last few years, while getting better, skill wise," Cataldo said. "I strongly believe that this team can and should get back to the tournament and hopefully we can go far, something Norwood has not been able to do in some time."

The Mustangs best season to date was when they captured the Bay State League during the 2010-11 season but lost to Fontbonne in overtime of the Semi-Finals. Coskren is hoping his senior captain can help erase that decade-old memory while creating a new one.

"As a senior captain, I am looking for her to mature and become a leader on this team and make things happen on the ice," Coskren said. "The girls listen to her, and she has a great intensity and enthusiasm for the game, but she also knows when its time to be serious. She always seems to come up big when you need someone to take charge."

After being denied the opportunity to participate in the tournament for the third straight year, Cataldo and the rest of the Mustangs definitely have their eyes set on returning to tournament play, where they are hoping to make some history of their own and exercise the demons of Canton in the process.

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Norwood Sports

Coleman Keady Knocking on The Door to Success

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

As a two-sport athlete for Norwood (soccer and volleyball), Coleman Keady was looking for something to do during the winter months when he came across wrestling. While the sport was supposed to be just a fill in between his other two sports, it soon became clear that Keady was meant to be on the mats. According to the now senior, he found that wrestling matches were fun and there was no better feeling than the ref raising your hand in victory.

(when both wrestlers are standing on their feet looking for a take-down)."

Wrestling in the 132-pound weight class as a sophomore, Keady found the camp put him over the top of the .500 mark as he finished with a 23-12 record. He also finished fourth in the Sectional Tournament but fell short at the States. Despite not having that great of a tournament, the then sophomore thought the experience was invaluable.

Norwood Coach Bill McDermott believes that Keady is an



Entering his freshman campaign, the incoming wrestler didn't expect all that much in terms of success. He finished the year with a 10-15 record, one in which he was happy with. It was about two or three weeks into his freshman season when Keady finally had his hand raised for the first time in his varsity career, a win over Watertown.

In order to make sure he didn't post another under .500 season, Keady attended a wrestling camp at Brown University, in Providence RI.

"It was a week-long program with intense workouts," Keady said. "I believe that it really helped me with my neutral work

important key to the Mustangs success.

"Coleman has been a four-year wrestler and has had the potential to put up a winning record each year," the Mustang Coach said. "Not only is he the voice of the team, but he is continuously putting the team on his shoulders. He made the States in his sophomore year and was one match away from going to the States a year earlier; that would have been some type of accomplishment for a freshman."

While on a roll after his sophomore year, Keady along with everyone else, was introduced to Covid and athletics was thrown upside down. Wrestling at the

138-pound weight class as a junior, Keady posted a 4-2 record in his abbreviated six matches for the season all the while wearing masks.

"It was a different type of year," Keady said. "We had to wear masks while wrestling and if it started to slip off, we had to keep wrestling if one of the wrestlers was in the process of earning points. Wearing the masks messes with your breathing and I am one that gets a lot of bloody noses while wrestling, so it was not fun at all having a mask on."

In addition to having to wear masks, the athletes were also exposed to matches outdoors on occasion to eliminate the wearing

named a (Tri-Valley) League All Star, something that he has not accomplished in his career as of yet."

Unfortunately, Keady, along with all other wrestlers within the state, will not get to perform in the Marshfield Tournament as it was cancelled due to the spike in covid.

Wrestling in the 132 or 138-pound weight class is difficult as just about every team has someone in that range making it that much tougher in becoming a champion, but Keady isn't letting the talented pool bother him, he still has his eyes set on becoming a champion.

"My goals are to be a Sectional Champion in my weight class while trying to keep a winning record," the senior said. "I haven't decided on anything specific. I am just hoping to have like a 3:1 ration in regard to wins and losses. I believe that is a reasonable goal."

Although a three-sport athlete for Norwood, Keady doesn't believe that sports will follow him to college in the fall of 2022, at least not on a serious level.

"As much as I love wrestling, the high school season is much more different than a college season," Keady said. "It's an elevated commitment and I don't want that to get in the way of my studies."

With the season still in full swing, Keady is working on keeping his goal alive, but his coach is hoping that his senior wrestler will have a breakthrough year and knock down the door in his weight class.



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Calendar of Events

Feb. 2
**Cupcake Basics
Civic Center
5:30 p.m.**

Kids will learn the basics of decorating cupcakes. All supplies included and participants will take home their decorated cupcakes. For ages 10-16 years old. Cost is \$15. In person registration at the Civic Center or visit www.norwoodma.myrec.com.

Feb. 3
**Eucharistic Adoration
St. Catherine Of Siena Church, 547
Washington St.
7 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available every Thursday.

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

Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The South Norfolk Mental Illness Family and Friends Support Group is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones. All families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones are welcome. Observing the Covid-19 precaution of wearing a mask while indoors during the meeting is appreciated. For more information, call Ray at 508-668-2941.

Feb. 4
**All Night Vigil
St. Catherine Of Siena Church,
(Chapel), 547 Washington St.
6 p.m.-6:30 a.m.**

There is an all-night vigil the first Friday/Saturday of each month.

**Kids Night Out (Olympic Night)
Civic Center
6-8:30 p.m.**

Parents, take the night off! Kids join Playcamp and Civic staff for a night of fun! We will play group games, watch movies, make crafts, and more! Tonight's theme is soccer. Children must be in grades 1-5 to participate. Fee: \$20/child per night. To sign up, visit norwoodma.myrec.com or at the Norwood Civic Center in person.

Feb. 5
**Full Send Ninja
1400 Providence Hwy, Suite 3200,**
Norwood
1:15 p.m./2:30 p.m.

Full Send Ninja is Norwood's newest Ninja Warrior Course training gym. Kids will learn the basics of the ninja warrior course while being challenged and gaining physical fitness. Cost is \$25. In person registration for either session at the Civic Center or visit norwoodma.myrec.com.

Meat Raffle
**Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452, at 193
Dean St.
2-5 p.m.**

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

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

The Meat Raffle will continue every Saturday through May. The Meat Raffle is open to the public and everyone is welcome. The Norwood VFW is looking for new members.

Feb. 7
**Take + Make Winter Craft
Morrill Memorial Library
All Day
Take-Home Craft Kit**

Families can pick up prepared materials to create a fun, easy craft! Crafts are geared to preschool aged children but are fun for slightly older kids too! Toddlers and Preschoolers. Register for the number of kits you need. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

**Food Pantry Drive
Knights of Columbus Hall, 572
Nichols St.
10 a.m.-12 noon**

The Norwood Women's Club is hosting a food drive to benefit the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry. Items needed include canned chicken, canned fruit, instant coffee, herbal tea, green tea, spaghetti sauce, meats (hash, beef stew, chili, spam), crunchy peanut butter, pasta (all kinds), instant potatoes, rice pilaf and adult disposable diapers, size large. You need not be a member of the club to donate.

Feb. 8
**Women's Business Networking
Meeting
8 a.m.**

The Women's Business Networking (WBN) group is a non-profit organization for women in business or residents of Norwood

and surrounding towns. The group meet two mornings per month and in addition to providing referral business, the women share and support business ideas and community events/fundraisers. If you would like more information about the organization, call 781-799-7068, or email wbnofnorwood@gmail.com.

**Snow Globe Workshop
Civic Center
5:15 p.m.**

Learn how to create your very own snow globe! Participants will pick out their figurine and create a winter wonderland! For all ages. Cost is \$10. In person registration at the Civic Center or visit norwoodma.myrec.com.

**All Together Now Story Time
Morrill Memorial Library
10:30 a.m.**

Story time for families

Join in for stories, songs, movement, and more! Families with kids of all ages are welcome. Space is limited so sign up today to reserve your spot! To register, visit <http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/>.

**Norwood Toastmasters
Zoom Meeting
6:45 p.m.**

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

Feb. 9
**Calcu-gators: Numbers for Kids
Morrill Memorial Library
10:30 a.m.**

A Wednesday morning counting storytime for toddlers and preschoolers. Join Miss Dina for songs, stories, and a fun take-home craft, all while learning our numbers and counting skills! To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

**CPR Course
Civic Center
6 p.m.**

Learn the lifesaving skills of CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver to treat adults, children, or infants suffering from sudden cardiac arrest, heart attack, stroke, choking, or other serious illness or injury. For ages 12 and up. Cost is \$55 for residents, \$65 for non-residents. In person registration at the Civic Center or visit norwoodma.myrec.com.

Feb. 10
**Eucharistic Adoration
St. Catherine Of Siena Church, 547
Washington St.
7 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available every Thursday.

**TinkerTots Building Club
Morrill Memorial Library
10:30 a.m.**

This session will spread out with a few different types of blocks, and then you are free to build! For toddlers and preschoolers. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

**ArtPlay
Morrill Memorial Library
3:30 p.m.**

Join this new art-based library program for some cool stories and a process art project for toddlers and preschoolers! This is an in-person program held at the library. For ages 2-5. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

**Illustrating Stories
Civic Center
4 p.m.**

Illustrate stories with a focus on character design and storytelling with pictures. For ages 10-14 years old. Cost is \$30. In person registration at the Civic Center or visit norwoodma.myrec.com.

**Winter '22 Sustainability Series:
Protecting Norwood's Rivers &
Streams (Local Laws Edition)
(Virtual)
Morrill Memorial Library
7 p.m.**

Kerry Snyder, Advocacy Director for Neponset River Watershed Association, and Holly Jones, Conservation Planner for the Town of Norwood, will be talking about local laws related to the protection of Norwood's rivers and streams. When water runs over pavement instead of soaking in, it picks up pollution and it picks up speed. For Norwood, that means stressed waterways and worse flooding. A new Bylaw is proposed this spring to manage the impact of new development and connections to the town's stormwater pipes and reduce the pollution entering our streams. Kerry Snyder and Holly Jones will explain what the proposed law does and why we need it. This program will be held virtually, on Zoom. To register, visit <http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/> or call 781-762-0200, x2.

Feb. 11
**Valentine's Day Party
Civic Center
10:30 a.m.**

This is a fun filled party with arts and crafts as well as some tasty treats! For ages 1.5-4 years old. Cost is \$10. In person registration at the Civic Center or visit norwoodma.myrec.com.

**Kids Night Out (Superbowl Night)
Civic Center
6-8:30 p.m.**

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

Pick up some beautiful, cozy sweaters and cute snowman items. The boutique also offers curtains, table linens, shoes, purses, books, puzzles, jewelry, kitchen accessories, and more!

**Meat Raffle
Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452, at 193
Dean St.
2-5 p.m.**

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Feb. 14
**Take + Make Winter Craft
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Feb. 15
**All Together Now Story Time
Morrill Memorial Library
10:30 a.m.**

Story time for families

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First Aid Class
Civic Center
6 p.m.

This course emphasizes the importance of accident prevention, the need for first aid training, and appropriate first aid skills to utilize in case of an emergency. For ages 12 and up. Cost is \$55 for residents, \$65 for non-residents. In person registration at the Civic Center or visit www.norwoodma.myrec.com.

Feb. 16

Turn the Page Book Group—"The Vanishing Half"
Morrill Memorial Library
10 a.m./6:30 p.m.

This month, the discussion book for both the morning and evening sessions will be "The Vanishing Half," written by Brit Bennett. Copies of the book in regular, large print and audiobook are available at the circulation desk. Email Patty Bailey with questions, pbailey@minlib.net or call (781)443-8864. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

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Morrill Memorial Library
10:30 a.m.

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Feb. 17

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Feb. 19

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Feb. 21

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Feb. 22

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Massachusetts Must Read Authors -- Larry Tye ("Demagogue") (Virtual)
Morrill Memorial Library
6 p.m.

Join Tye for a presentation on his critically acclaimed book, "Demagogue: The Life and Long Shadow of Senator Joe McCarthy." Tye will be joined in conversation by Eileen McNamara, a Brandeis Journalism Professor, Pulitzer Prize winner, and author of Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed The World. Demagogue is the definitive biography of the most dangerous demagogue in American history, based on exclusive access to his papers and recently unsealed transcripts of his closed-door Congressional

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hearings. In the long history of American demagogues, never has one man caused so much damage in such a short time as Senator Joseph McCarthy. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

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

The group (organized by the Morrill Memorial Library) meets at Napper Tandy's in Norwood, in the left-hand-side bar. The February title has yet to be announced. To register, visit <http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/>.

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Feb. 26

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

Beautiful treasures waiting to be discovered: scarves, tableware, glassware, stationery, purses, shoes, children's clothing, and plenty of other great finds!

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2-5 p.m.

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Feb. 28

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Dr. Seuss Party
Civic Center
10:30 a.m.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with story time, crafts, snacks, and prizes! Bring your Dr. Seuss hat! For ages 1.5-4 years old. Cost is \$15. In person registration at the Civic Center or visit www.norwoodma.myrec.com.

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for the rest of their life. As a no-kill rescue group, these cats will receive any and all medical care, food, and housing throughout the rest of their life.

Recently, 7 of the 12 long-term foster cats were relocated to a newly purchased home designed with their welfare in mind. The remaining five were placed with foster families that will love and care for them for the rest of their lives.

Every cat in BSAC care is entitled to a safe, welcoming environment and many volunteers work hard to adhere to this mission of the non-profit group.

Feral Colony Relocated

The BSAC is dedicated to providing care through rescues, surrenders, and adoptions, but also the welfare of feral cat colonies. Since 2004, BSAC volunteers have been monitoring, feeding, and providing shelter to three colonies in the Brockton area with minimal resources. Due to an invasion of their homes by communities, and with great concern with their continued safety, BSAC has been able to remove those cats from the place they have

called home for many years. An amazing animal lover and friend of the BSAC has offered them a new indoor safe space to retire. The BSAC would not be able to facilitate the safety of these cats and countless others without the help of these volunteers!

Seeking Foster Families

In order for the BSAC to accept surrenders and rescue homeless cats, they need foster families to open their homes while adoption counselors process applications for potential new owners. Some need only short term stays while others could be longer. BSAC is in need of foster families so the organization can continue to take in unwanted and homeless cats.

For anyone who would like to open their home to a cat waiting for a forever home, please contact through the BSAC website at www.baystateanimals.org.

Stop & Shop Attleboro

While in the Attleboro area, shoppers can support the BSAC when they purchase a recyclable bag at the Stop & Shop. Simply purchase a bag and request the donation go to the Bay State Animal Cooperative.

It is only February...still plenty of time to use and enjoy your BSAC 2022 calendar!

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

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



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

Betty White Challenge

Thank you, thank you to all who donated on January 17, to the Bay State Animal Cooperative (BSAC)

in memory of Betty White on her birthday. Through your generosity, BSAC receive \$735 through the initiative! A special thank you also goes out to the Walpole High School Animal Club (WHS Human Society) for their support during the campaign!



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Welcome New Norwood Firefighters!

Congratulations to recent hires of the Norwood Fire Department who recently graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Firefighters Mike Doliner and Steve Boudreau, both Class of '14, are licensed EMTs. Boudreau is currently attending paramedic school.

Pictured: Firefighters Hartley, Boudreau with Chief Hayes and firefighter Doliner.



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Center.

Preschool is available for Norwood children who are three years old by August 31. To register, visit <https://www.norwood.k12.ma.us/willett/preschool2>.

Registration Information

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at a Norwood Public School (i.e. homeschooled, private school), then you **MUST** register Online through Aspen.

1. If you are new to the district, you must request an Aspen Family Portal Account

You need to request an Aspen account using a computer or Chromebook. It will not work on a phone or mobile device.

2. Pre-register your child online through Aspen

Families registering for Kindergarten - Choose Willett Early Childhood Center as your school.

You must complete Online Registration using a computer or Chromebook. It will not work on a phone or mobile device.

3. Registration Appointment to bring in the necessary paperwork for registration

The Central Registrar will contact families to schedule an appointment to complete the registration when your child's Status changes to «In Process» and Workflow Phase changes to "Awaiting final approval."

4. The school will contact you with information about your child's first day

Do not send your child to school until they have told you what the start date is.

Required Forms to Bring to Appointment

Copy of Birth Certificate, original Passport, or Visa

Health History Form - one for each student. For required immunizations, see Health Services page.

Proof of Residency - please read this form carefully

Residency Affidavit (only if applicable)

Parental notice for one time consent to allow the school district to access MassHealth (Medicaid) benefits

Read the Letter from the School Nurse Leader and check one of the options

Read the DESE Consent form, sign the bottom, and fill out your child's information

Recent physical examination and up-to-date immunizations (see grade level specific information below)

Preschool Entry Requirements
Kindergarten Entry Requirements

Grades 1-6 Entry Requirements

Grades 7-12 Entry Requirements

Registration for Kindergarten - please fill out this Questionnaire
Parent/Guardian Identification

In addition, each school may ask for additional information.

Applicable forms may be printed off and completed. If you do not have access to a computer or printer, the forms are available at the Central Registrar.

Central Registrar

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“Anyone interested in renovating, selling, refinancing, lender information, if you own a property, are a renter, or are considering become a landlord or buying an investment property, I think you will find some value in this content,” says Shapiro, “It will save you money and help you be your own advocate when it comes to real estate decisions.”

Educating her clients and her students is what Faina Shapiro does best. Nationally recognized for record-breaking transactions in buying and selling, the winner of the 2021 Chairman Circle Award (2% of all Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Network), 2020 Leading Edge Society Award, and Best of Zillow Agent, Shapiro is also a real estate investor, home stager, landlord and property manager who serves on the Board of Assessors and Master Plan Committee in her town. A VA-certified, Luxury-Certified, and Certified Buyer Representative, Faina has also created a training series on Home Inspections for other Realtors in the industry with a world-renowned



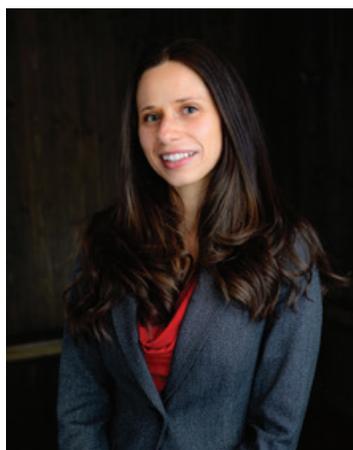
real estate trainer. She teaches classes all over Massachusetts in home selling, buying, real estate investing, and property maintenance, with a focus on helping homeowners save money while making the most out of their number one investment.

With her new show, she’ll bring that aim and expertise to a broader audience.

Shapiro sees it as her mission to educate with a passion to help people in an industry that is money focused sometimes instead of doing the best for their clients. Featured guests will include lenders, attorneys, contractors, financial advisors, realtors and other professionals, such as home inspectors.

“I teach real estate workshops throughout Massachusetts, and that’s how the radio show came to be,” says Shapiro. She’ll incorporate substantive guidance from classes she has taught, fueled by her own desire to continuously learn as much as she can about the industry. “We’ll produce fun content on buying, selling, investing in real estate, how to be a landlord, tenant laws, just really good information for whatever you want to accomplish in real estate,” she says.

Listeners are also invited to submit questions and seek answers to problems they encounter regarding home ownership or the real estate market. Shapiro hopes



“to help everyone understand how to be proactive rather than reactive” in the industry.

Shapiro loves a challenge, and this radio show reflects that spark.

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ence. They are all of great value to me,” says Shapiro. “I think that there’s a need for what I’m going to be doing, and I’m really excited and honored to be on MyFM 101.3.”

“Let’s Talk Real Estate” will be available on SoundCloud and on demand in addition to live at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Visit <https://myfm1013.com> for more information. If you are thinking of selling, buying, or have a show inquiry, topic suggestions, or are a local expert in the Real Estate industry and would like to be featured on the show, please email Faina Shapiro at Faina@BhhsPagerealty.com.

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Cold Weather Advisory: Practice Home Heating Safety During Cold Snap

Avoid Fire and Carbon Monoxide Hazards

With bitter cold temperatures heading our way, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is reminding residents to “Keep Warm, Keep Safe” and avoid fire and carbon monoxide hazards while heating their homes this week.

“Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are your first line of defense,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “They should be installed on every floor of the residence and tested monthly to be sure they’re working properly. If an alarm is ‘chirping’ due to low batteries, replace the batteries right away – don’t disable the alarm. If the alarm is more than 10 years old, it’s time to replace it.”

Space Heaters

“It’s important to keep space heaters at least three feet from curtains, bedding, and anything else that can burn,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “Plug them directly into a wall socket,

not an extension cord or a power strip, and remember that they’re for temporary use. Always turn a space heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep.”

When purchasing a space heater, select one that’s been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing company, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Newer space heaters should have an automatic shut-off switch that turns the device off if it tips over. Unvented kerosene space heaters are illegal for sale and use in Massachusetts, officials said: the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning that they pose is too great.

Fireplaces, Woodstoves, and Pellet Stoves

Fireplaces, woodstoves, and pellet stoves should also be used safely. Open the dampener before lighting a fire; use only dry, seasoned wood; don’t use flammable liquids to start the fire; and keep a three-foot “circle of safety”

around the fireplace or stove free of anything that can burn. Shovel ashes from the stove or fireplace into a metal bucket with a metal lid and place it outside on the ground away from the building. Officials recommend having the chimney inspected and flue cleaned at the beginning of the heating season: most chimney fires occur because of a build-up of creosote, a tarry byproduct of burning wood.

Natural Gas and Oil Heat

If you have a furnace, water heater, or oil burner with a pilot light, keep the three-foot “circle of safety” clear of anything that could catch fire, and don’t store gasoline, painting supplies, or other flammable solvents in the home: their vapors can be ignited by a pilot light. These heating systems should be checked each year, as well. If you smell gas, don’t use any electrical switches or devices: get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 right away.



Carbon Monoxide (CO) Reminder

“Carbon monoxide is the #1 cause of fatal poisonings, and home heating equipment is the leading source of carbon monoxide in the home,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “We can’t see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide, but CO alarms can alert you to the danger. If your CO alarm activates, leave the residence and call 9-1-1.

Create and Practice a Home Escape Plan

Everyone should have a home escape plan (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/create-and-practice-a-home-escape-plan>)

that accounts for two ways out of every room, and everyone should be able to open the doors and windows along the way. Remember that children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need extra assistance.

More Home Heating Safety Tips

The Department of Fire Services (DFS) offers a wealth of home heating safety information, including the “Keep Warm, Keep Safe” tool kit for local fire departments and care providers, on the DFS website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-winter-home-heating-safety>.



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Walpole Footlighters Announce Performances of "Calendar Girls"

When Annie's husband John dies of leukemia, she and her best friend Chris resolve to raise money for a new settee in the local hospital's waiting room. They manage to persuade four fellow Women's Institute members to pose nude with them for an "alternative" calendar. The news of the women's charitable venture spreads like wildfire, and hordes of press soon descend on their small English village. The calendar is a success, but Chris and Annie's friendship is put to the test under the strain of their new-found fame. Directed by Marianne Phinney and based on a true story, Calendar Girls by Tim Firth is the Walpole Footlighters next production.

The production was in rehearsal for performances in May, 2020 when the pandemic forced a postponement. Rehearsals resumed 20 months later with most of the original cast returning.

"I'm excited to return to this show and bring it to the Footlighters stage after having to suspend rehearsals in March, 2020," Director Marianne Phinney said. "The cast and I are looking forward to sharing this true story with our audiences. I'm especially proud of the actors who, like the original Calendar Girls, have agreed to pose nude behind teapots, flowers, afghans, and trays of pastry!"

Performances of Calendar Girls are at the Walpole Footlighters Playhouse at 2 Scout Road in East Walpole. The production contains mature language and partial nudity. Evening performances will be on February 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8:00 PM. There will also be matinee performances on February 13 and 20 at 2:00 PM. Patrons will be required to show proof of vaccination for admission and will be required to wear medical grade masks at all times while in the theater. Concessions will not be sold. Seating is limited to 160 to allow for space between parties, and the theater will be disinfected after each performance. Tickets are \$22 and all seats are reserved. Patrons are urged not

to attend if they are not feeling well on the day of their performance, and tickets will be exchanged or refunded with no questions asked. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets, call the Box Office at 508-668-8446 or purchase online at www.footlighters.com. Calendar Girls is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

Calendar Girls, by Tim Firth, based on the Miramax motion picture by Juliette Towhidi and Tim Firth. This production is sponsored in part by the Walpole Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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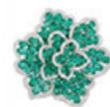


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“Scream”

BY BOB GARVER

I love the original Wes Craven “Scream” from 1996. Not only do I count it among my favorite horror movies of all-time, it’s also one of my favorite comedies. The Ghostface mask worn by the film’s killers has given me plenty of sleepless nights, and I consider some of its jump scares to be among the best in cinema history. Then there’s all the reflexive humor about the characters being trapped in a horror movie

and needing to follow certain “rules” to stay alive. Add in some likeable, memorable characters (I even have a soft spot for Rose McGowan’s Tatum, though some fans can’t see past a bad decision that leads to her death), and you’ve got a true modern classic.

I didn’t much care for the sequels, though. The subsequent films could never come up with characters, jokes, or kills that could match the magic of the original. But now there is a “re-

quel” version of “Scream” is in theaters, and it comes the closest to re-capturing my love for the 1996 film.

Perhaps the biggest surprise in the original “Scream” was the death of the heavily-promoted Drew Barrymore in the opening scene in the film. In the 2022 “Scream,” the biggest surprise comes just after the opening scene, where Tara (Jenny Ortega) is attacked by Ghostface. I came to really care about the character in an awfully short time, with her making selfless decisions and admiring horror movies that aren’t all about blood and guts.

The return of Ghostface brings Tara’s sister and new main character Sam (Melissa Barrera) back to the town of Woodsboro. Sam is the daughter of Billy Loomis (Skeet Ulrich), one of the killers from the original film. She’s allowed her parentage to ruin her life, and she expresses her frustration in a surprisingly emotional sequence for a series largely associated with gore and smart-aleck humor. She arrives with her well-meaning boyfriend Richie (Jack Quaid) in tow, and quickly acclimates herself with Tara’s circle of friends, including Amber (Mikey Madison), Chad (Mason Gooding), Mindy (Jasmine Savoy Brown), Liv (Sonia Ben Ammar), and the groaningly-named Wes (Dylan Minnette). Sam, and to a



“about” them, so sayeth the rules of the re-quel.

All the pieces are in place for a great slasher, and while I can’t say I agree with all the moves they make, the movie does a lot right. There are some fun detours, like Dewey riding in a car with a determined Sam and thinking he might have better chances against Ghostface. But the movie can’t quite stick the landing in the third act, with too much attention given to uninteresting characters and the identity of killer(s) maybe chosen at random by dartboard for all the sense it makes. Still, this is a worthy successor to the 1996 film, which is more than I can say for the

three preceding sequels. It is the first “Scream” not to be directed by the late Wes Craven (it is credited to Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett) and it seems they understand the series better now than he did in later installments.

Grade: B

“Scream” is rated R for strong bloody violence, language throughout, and some sexual references. Its running time is 114 minutes.

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Real Estate Corner

Register O'Donnell Reports on December Real Estate Activity in Norfolk County



Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reported that December real estate numbers relative to Norfolk County real estate activity were down, but there were a few aspects of the real estate activity to be hopeful about.

"The Norfolk County real estate market has continued to slow entering into the winter months," Register O'Donnell said. "There were 14,794 documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, a 24% decrease over last year's December document volume but slightly more than last month.

The number of deeds, which evidence real estate sales and transfers, both commercial and residential, decreased by 17% in December. However, the average sales price during the month was \$1,501,882, an impressive 43% increase compared to December, 2021. Total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales also showed solid gains, increasing 19% to over \$1.5 billion."

Despite the deeds figure holding its own, overall lending activity showed a decrease again

for the month of December. A total of 2,972 mortgages were recorded during the month, a 40% decrease compared to December, 2020.

"It appears that many consumers have already refinanced given the past low interest rate environment," Register O'Donnell said.

One continuing cause for concern, however in Norfolk County, was foreclosures. A moratorium on foreclosures enacted on April 20, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic expired on October 17, 2020. The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely watching the foreclosure market. During December, 2021, there were 7 foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of foreclosure processes taking place in Norfolk County. In addition, there were 19 Notices to Foreclosure Mortgages, the first step in the foreclosure process, in Norfolk County in December, 2021. In December, 2020, there were 3 Foreclosure Deeds and 16 Notices to Foreclosure Mortgages filed.

"These numbers remind us that some of our neighbors

continue to face financial challenges," Register O'Donnell said. "We will continue to monitor 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 advised.

Homestead recordings by owners of homes and condominiums decreased this year at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in October. There was a 15% decrease in homestead recordings in December, 2021, compared to December, 2020.

"A recorded Declaration Homestead provides limited protection against the forced sale of an individual's primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000," Register O'Donnell said. "It is great to see folks protecting the biggest asset most of us have, our homes. I would urge anyone who has not availed themselves of this important con-

sumer protection tool to consider doing so. Please visit the Registry website at www.norfolkdeeds.org to get more information on homestead protection.

Without question, December was a mixed bag month for real estate activity in Norfolk County. Available real estate inventory continues to be a source of concern in Norfolk County. It's especially a problem for first-time homebuyers attempting to crack the market. Also, things may be slowing down compared to past real estate indicators. The Registry of Deeds was operational every work day during the pandemic. The Registry of Deeds continues to be open to the public for business, however, that is being evaluated as the COVID-19 developments unfold. The drop-off box located at the main entrance of the Registry Building will continue to be available for use by those members of the public who may not be comfortable entering the Registry of Deeds Building. The volume of documents recorded electronically for

many of our institutional users continues to increase. We are also receiving documents in person, through regular mail, Federal Express, UPS, and from our drop-off box located just outside our main entrance at 649 High St., Dedham."

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds events and initiatives, like them at facebook.com/NorfolkDeeds or follow on twitter.com/NorfolkDeeds and Instagram.com/NorfolkDeeds.

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

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Real Estate Corner

Registry of Deeds Users

Dear Friends of the Norfolk Registry of Deeds and Registry Users,

Many of you have asked for an update on the efforts to keep the on-site Registry Chief Information Officer (CIO) that has been funded and in existence at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds for over 20 years. The Norfolk Registry of Deeds also needs to keep the on-

site direct-report IT technology staff that makes up the Registry IT Technology Department which has been in place for well over 35 years.

The three Norfolk County Commissioners held a hearing on December 8, 2021, on recommendations if implemented that will negatively impact the functioning of an independent and modern Registry of Deeds as a result of

not keeping as is an on-site Registry CIO and on-site Registry IT Technology Department. Attached is a document that was submitted to the Norfolk County Commissioners that you can review if you so choose as <https://files.norfolkdeeds.org/file/REGISTRY-IT-TECHNOLOGY-REBUTTAL-AS-TO-COUNTY-COMMISSIONERS-12-8-2021.pdf>. This document advocates why the Registry IT Technology Department is needed and should be kept in this era of technology, cybersecurity and ransomware.

Also here is the link to the Norfolk County Commissioners Meet-

ing of December 8, 2021:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdzTgUHXUHc>

The words and reasons written by so many of you in letters and emails articulating why the Norfolk Registry of Deeds should keep its on-site direct report Registry IT Technology Department are so compelling. I wish I could now report that the advocated position of keeping the Registry CIO and keeping the on-site Registry IT Technology Department has finally won and prevailed. I cannot. This critical issue is now being put into the Norfolk County Budget process as stated by the Norfolk

County Commissioners.

Thank you so much for your support which must continue in order to make sure this unsound public policy decision is NOT implemented during this budget process.

I wish you and yours a happy and healthy new year in 2022.

Sincerely yours,
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Seniors/Veterans: Work off Property Taxes

By MICHELE TARANTO

Norwood senior citizens and veterans have a unique opportunity to work off their property taxes through a Town-sponsored volunteer program. The program was initially instituted for senior citizens over the age of 60, however, in 2021, the Town also offered a similar opportunity for veterans (with no age restrictions).

Applications are currently being accepted for interested seniors and veterans for the FY23 tax year to volunteer in a town

department. Interested seniors and veterans need to fill out an application with any additional information they consider would be helpful in placing them in a specific department, i.e., resume, department preference, or hours per week. Application submissions are not a guarantee acceptance into the program. Applicants should note, this benefit could invoke some tax implications. For more information from the Town Treasurer, visit http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/human_resources/volunteer_opportunities.php, click on Treasurer's letter).

If a qualified candidate is not able to work outside of the home, they may be able to have someone else work for them. They must provide a physician's letter stating they are unable to work.

The volunteer would perform the work and the senior would receive the tax abatement. The substitute volunteer does not have to be a senior but must also fill out an application and follow appropriate guidelines for volunteers.

For more information on the program or if you need a paper application, visit http://www.norwoodma.gov/news_detail_T13_R672.php, call the Norwood Human Resources Department at 781-762-1240, x6073, or email HR@norwoodma.gov, or lhamwey@norwoodma.gov. Also, the Human Resources Department is no longer located in Norwood Town Hall, it is at 206 Central St., the former home of Norwood Light Broadband.

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