

Norwood

localtownpages  1

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 142
SPRINGFIELD, MA

Postal Customer
Local

Vol. 12 No. 9

Free to Every Home and Business Every Month

April 2022

Eat Out! Win Prizes! Support Norwood!

By MICHELE TARANTO

As people are eager and confident to socialize once again, the enjoyment of dining out returns. To spur the occasion, and aid local restaurants still financially recovering from the restrictions of Covid-19, the Neponset River Regional Chamber is again partnering with the towns of Canton, Dedham, Norwood, Walpole, and Westwood to sponsor the second annual 'Regional Restaurant Week.' The event will take place Sunday, April 24 through Thursday, April 28.

"Everyone knows that restaurants have suffered greatly during the pandemic. We are eager to encourage everyone to dine out during Restaurant Week and of course to continue doing so afterwards," Chamber President, Tom O'Rourke said.

Norwood restaurants that will be participating in the event are: Lewis', One Bistro, By-blos, Tasos, the Common Café, Cheff'n & Eetin: Artisan Bakery & Eatery and Fuego Burritos &

Bowls. Their specialized menus, special offers, and links to their websites can be found on the Chamber's dedicated website at www.nrrchamber.com.

Norwood residents are encouraged to patronize the Norwood restaurants, as well as others from neighboring towns, to show their support and appreciation for the struggles they faced the past two years.

A social media campaign will be executed through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Diners will be encouraged to post selfies on the restaurant's social media platforms to mark and celebrate the return to seated dining. Daily winners will be chosen through these platforms and gift cards to local restaurants will be awarded to the winners! Be sure to tag @nrrchamber and use #regionalrestaurantweek, in all the posts.

"We are excited to have the state resources to promote and assist local businesses and look forward to working with our partners Friends of Norwood Center, Dedham Square Circle



and Destination Downtown in Walpole," O'Rourke said. "We hope residents from Norwood and surrounding communities come out that week to support our local restaurants and partake in the specials they offer."

Established in 1894, the Neponset River Regional Chamber serves the needs of businesses in a twelve-town region stretching from Route 128 to Route 495 southwest of Boston. The NRRC supports the business community and economic development efforts by providing leadership, advocacy and opportunities for expanded and enhanced relationships among business, government and the community. For information on membership or doing business in the region, please contact the Chamber at 781-769-1126, www.nrrchamber.com or tom@nrrchamber.com

See our
Spring Home & Garden Guide
Inside ...



Norwood Town Election will be held April 4

By BELLA CAGGIANO

The Town of Norwood will be holding its Town Election on Monday, April 4. There are many residents who are throwing their hat in the ring for an endorsement to serve the town in many municipal areas. This is the time for Norwood residents to make a difference in their local government, whether they are pleased

with their officials or ready for a change in leadership.

The list below are Norwood government officials running to fill vacant seats.

SELECTMEN: (Two) 3-Year Seats

Allan D. Howard
Robert G. Donnelly
Amanda Grow

TOWN MODERATOR: (One) 1-Year Seat

Gerri S. Slater

MEMBER OF BOARD OF HEALTH: (One) 3-Year Seats

Carolyn Riccardi

MEMBER OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Two) 3-Year Seats

Joan E. Giblin
Michael S. Condon
Kathleen J. Sibbing-Dunn

VOTING
continued on page 2

Jack Madden

MANAGER'S SPECIAL
15% OFF Any Service Work
Up to \$100.00 in savings!
Jack Madden 



OIL & FILTER CHANGE
\$32.95 includes up to 5 quarts of oil,
*plus tax and disposal fee
Jack Madden 

Not to be combined with other specials or offers. Diesels, full synthetics and hybrids extra. Expires 4/30/22. Must present coupon upon arrival. Ford and Lincoln Mercury Only.

825 PROVINCENCE HIGHWAY, NORWOOD, MA - ROUTE 1 - THE AUTOMILE
jackmaddenford.com • Call 888-836-1758 for appointment



ROOFING

MARIO'S QUALITY
ROOFING
SIDING & WINDOWS



SIDING

We won't soak you to keep you warm and dry!

Call 781-344-2420
to set up a consultation!
mariosroofing.com

GILLOOLY

Funeral Home

126 Walpole Street, Norwood, MA 02062
Phone: (781) 762-0174 • Fax: (781) 762-2818
Gilloolyfuneralhome@gmail.com
www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com



Amanda J. LeBlanc - Funeral/Managing Director
A Service Family Affiliate of AFFS and Service Corporation International
206 Winter Street, Fall River, MA 02720 • 508-676-2454

Register for Our Next FREE Gift of Planning Seminar

April 9th & May 14th at 1:00 p.m.
Please RSVP to 871-762-0174
by April 7th (for 4/9)
and by May 12th (for 5/14)

VOTING

continued from page 1

Tylor Joseph Tourville
Mark J. Whouley

MEMBER OF FINANCE COMMISSION (Two) 3-Year Seats

Anne Marie Haley
Alan D. Slater

MEMBER OF FINANCE COMMISSION (One) 2-year seat

To fill a vacancy
Myev A. Bodenhofer

TRUSTEES OF MORRILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Two) 3-Year Seats

Sheri A. McLeish
Donna R. Montgomery

MEMBER TOWN PLANNING BOARD (One) 5-Year Seat

Brian R. Hachey

CONSTABLE (One) 3-year seat

James A. Perry

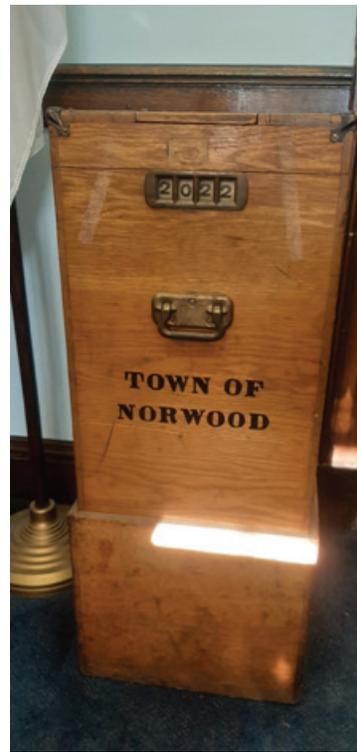
BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town of Norwood be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay the costs of construction, demolition, equipment, furnishings, site work, testing, professional services, including design and engineering, and relocation costs at the New Coakley Middle School Project located at 1315 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

District One

Robert J. Blood
George T. Curtis, Jr.
Doris J. Dickson
Robert J. Ferrini
Eric J. Henry
Barbara Jeanne Hopcroft
Joan M. Jacobs
Katherine M. Kalliel
Richard M. Morrison
Amy O'Keefe
William J. Plasko
Cashman Kerr Prince
Richard M. Shay
Kathleen J. Sibbing-Dunn
Carol J. Thornton
Michael J. Thornton, Jr.



Mary J. Wesley
Rebecca Flynn
Francis J. Hopcroft
Meaghan Merrigan Kowalski
Stephen Thomas Rogers
Jordan C. Tacher

District Two

Catherine M. Barnicle
Brian J. Clark
Rebecca C. Deeks

Joseph DiMaria
Dennis P. Doherty
John Philip Fanning
Jennifer J. Gorman
Sarah Griffin
Matthew R. Guinenen
Stephen F. Keefe
Angela Rose Marengi
Shirley Ann Marengi
Patrick T. Moloney
Katie C. Neal-Rizzo
Martin J. O'Brien
Sarah N. Quinn
Carolyn Ann Rocklen
Joseph F. Sheehan
F. Gordon Smith
Joseph r. Ziska
Steven P. Boudreau
Christopher P. Griffin
Christopher P. Griffin, Jr.
Scott Damien Maffei
Stephen J. Trovato
James R. West

District Three

Suzanne E. Bartlett
James Donald Bowers
David Raymond Catania
Amy J. Dee
George H. Durante
Paul Eysie
Paula E. Gorin

Jennifer P. Harty
Judith A. Howard
Edward M. Lynch, Jr.
William M. Naumann
Cecilia A. O'Keefe
Christopher C. Randall
Linda B. Rau
Patterson A. Riley, Jr.
Lynne Roberts
Linda M. Thomas
Julie Ann Barbour-Issa
John Joseph Cianciarulo
Colleen M. DiBlasi
Joseph G. DiBlasi
Thomas J. McQuaid
Monica Phillips Young
Nora B. Zaldivar

District Four

Stephen R. Brody
Charles D. Burgess, Jr.
Kimberly J. Butters
Michael K. Ganley
Patrick T. Gearty
Anne Marie Haley
Adam J. Hsu
Michele M. Hsu
Richard G. Kelly
Denise D. Kiley

VOTING
continued on page 3

WITH YOU TO GROW

City of Boston Credit Union has been with you since 1915. Have confidence in choosing us for all your home lending needs.

Mortgages | Home Equity | Refinance

Visit CityofBostonCU.com to learn more.



You can choose City of Boston Credit Union if you live, work or attend school in any community of Suffolk, Norfolk or Middlesex County.

CityOfBostonCU.com | 617.635.4545 NOW OPEN - 1125 Boston Providence Highway/Rt. 1 (Inside the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel)



Federally insured by NCUA
NMLS #403469



*Visit CityofBostonCU.com for all available loan options. All loans are subject to credit approval. Must be eligible for City of Boston Credit Union membership to apply. Membership available to individuals that live, work or attend school in a community of Middlesex, Norfolk or Suffolk County.

VOTING

continued from page 2

Willard Krasnow
Gerald F. Miller
Paul E. Needham
Cecilia Regan
Joseph Paul Sarno
Alan D. Slater
Gerri S. Slater
Amy E. Sobchuk
Teresa Marie Stewart
Brianna Mae Whelan
David Hern, Jr.
Justin S. Hitchcock
Christopher R. Jordan
Peter T. McFarland

District Five

Joseph S. Barrett
Michael Cunyuan Chen
Rachel E.D. Churchill
Robert G. Donnelly
Antoinette M. Eosco
Steven J. Eosco
Mark Paul Joseph
Matthew E. Lane
Karen A. Meier
Kellie Noumi
Jane Ellen Phalen
Carl E. Smith, Jr.
Jody M. Smith
Michelle St. Pierre
Cynthia J. Wong-Shaughnessy

District Six

Patricia A. Bailey
Susan A. Davis
Helen Abdallah Donohue
David A. Floyd
Irene Gotovich
Joseph P. Greeley
Thomas J. Guiod
John Raymond Hall, Jr.
Emily F. Hoadley
Sharon F. Lephew
John W. McTernan
Donna R. Montgomery
Edmund W. Mulvehill, Jr.
Michael J. Nemeskal
Matthew J. Shanahan
Kevin J. Shaughnessy
David J. Tuttle
Mark J. Whouley
Alyssa Rae Abrams
Sarah Elizabeth Aprea
Cheryl Lynn Doyle
Courtney A. Rau-Rogers
Christopher J. Rogers

District Seven

Dominic Bartucca
John J. Colamaria
Martha E. Colamaria
Kevin Connolly
Sarah B. Cullen
Christian J. Dauphinee
Michael Eugene Dooley
Robyn Elizabeth Gilchrist
Elizabeth Hestad
Patrick T. Lane

Edward P. Lynch
Benjamin Alton Moser
Sean Mulcahy
David P. Ruggiero
Shaela T. Welch
Sarah Bouchard
Nicholas Grow
Angela D. MacLean

District Eight

Mary L. Cantarow
John P. Collins
Edward Ferris
Neil J. Flynn
Natalie S. Flynn-Schofield
Vincent Fruci
Maria Henry
James Anthony Johnston
Judith A. Langone
Carolyn G. MacLeay
Dennis P. mawn
Anne Marie Mazzola
Patricia J. Monahan
Kevin M. Reilly
John D. Salute
Sandra L. Sansone
Gerard A. Shea
Jean Ferrara Taylor
John E. Taylor
Rachael Delia Webber
Michael Francis Jordan, Jr.

District Nine

Frank Patrick Adams
Kathryn Ahnger-Pier
Erik P. Bodenhofer
Myev A. Bodenhofer
Catherine M. Button
Jeanne M. Chambers
Tracy A. Deshiro
James M. Flanagan
Paula L. Flanagan
Eric W. Fleming
George J. Hawley
Jennifer A. Londergan
Maria C. Lopez
Ernest Paciorkowski
Michelle Pizzi O'Brien

Amanda R. Roffi
Michael T. Sheehan
Jamie K. Singelais
Sarah E. Sullivan
Nancy Ann Walenten
Jeffrey T. Weidenaar
Joseph M. White

Town Meeting members will be listed on individual District ballots.

You must be a registered voter to participate in Norwood's election.

Polling Locations

Poles will be open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

District 1	Oldham School	Prospect Street
District 2	Oldham School	Prospect Street
District 3	Civic Center	Nahatan Street
District 4	Cleveland School	Nichols Street
District 5	Civic Center	Nahatan Street
District 6	Balch School	Washington Street, South Norwood
District 7	Balch School	Washington Street, South Norwood
District 8	Callahan School	Garfield Ave
District 9	Prescott School	Richland Street

RECENT NORWOOD TRANSACTIONS

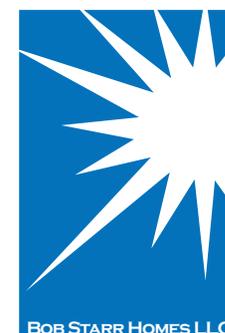
500 Walpole St.....	\$425,000	34 Austin St. U:3L	\$290,000
116 Washington St.....	\$551,000	315 Neponset Street U:70	\$284,000
6 Spruce Rd.....	\$660,000	70 Endicott St U:406.....	\$540,000
25 Curran Ave.....	\$765,000	433 Neponset St. U:B.....	\$740,000
8 Mill Pond Ln.....	\$750,000	91-93 Elliot St	\$760,000
99 Westover Pkwy.....	\$850,000	107-109 Cedar Street.....	\$947,000

Why would anyone place their most valuable asset in the hands of someone with no experience??



COLDWELL BANKER

Over 30 years heating/plumbing trade experience
Home construction and remodeling experience
Over 25 years real estate experience
30 Years negotiating with banks, large companies and clients...
Dont Gamble - Call A Professional



CALL BOB TODAY! 781-762-3701

BOB@BOBSTARRHOMES.COM

BOSTON CARPENTRY

FREE ESTIMATES for roofing and other construction services.
Please contact Stephan Mejia at **617-877-0346** or by email stephan@carpentrybos.com

Anthony's Salon

Everyday low prices:
Color with Cut \$43 | Blow Out \$17 | Perm \$65-\$72

20% OFF Any Service
New Customers Only
EXPIRES APRIL 30, 2022

Open Wednesday thru Saturday
Booth Rental Available

781-762-2010
19 Day Street, Norwood

Happy 150th Norwood!

Friday, April 29
Norwood Police & Fire History

Learn about the Norwood Police & Fire Department's rich history. This event will be held at



BY BELLA CAGGIANO

Throughout the year Norwood residents will be celebrating the Town's 150th Anniversary. The anticipation of this 12-month celebration has been building for well over a year and 2022 is the time for all to embrace and commemorate thanks to the many volunteers who have devoted so much of their time for all to enjoy.

Norwood Local Town Pages will publish a monthly series throughout the year to inform residents of the various events taking place throughout town. There is

a wide variety of experiences for every age group and interests for all to enjoy!

The celebration kicked off on First Night (Dec. 31), on the Norwood Town Common.



the Morrill Memorial Library, 7-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30
Sunday, May 1
George Henry Morse House Open House

Visit Norwood's municipally-owned historic home (c. 1868), mingle with neighbors and friends, and learn about the Morse ancestry and history dating back to the early 1600s. George Henry Morse, one of Norwood's earliest Assessors and Selectmen lived in the home until 1914. Learn of the legacy that the Morse family helped to build in early Colonial America in our local area. The Little Red Brick School on the grounds will also be open. Light refreshments will be served.

Open House at the George Henry Morse House



In recognition of the 150th Anniversary of Norwood's incorporation in 1872, the Norwood Historical Commission cordially invites you to the:

George Henry Morse House (Circa 1868)
Open house
1285 Washington St.,
Norwood
Saturday, April 30th
& Sunday, May 1st
1- 5 p.m.
Light refreshments/
beverages

Visit Norwood's municipally-owned historic home, mingle with neighbors and friends, and learn about the Morse ancestry and history dating back to the early 1600s. George Henry Morse, one of Norwood's earliest assessors and selectmen lived in the home until 1914. Learn of the legacy that the Morse family helped to build in early colonial America in our local area. The little red brick school will also be open.

Public welcome! Look forward to seeing you at the people's house!



★★★★★
“Excellent, prompt, and professional service. Have shopped here for many years and will continue to do so. Highly recommended.”
— customer review



We carry all major and premium appliance brands

poiriersales.com

NEWTON 244 Needham St. Newton, MA 02464 • 617.558.5500

NORWOOD 1015 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062 • 781.769.2446

LOOKING FOR PARTS OR REPAIR SERVICE? WE CAN HELP!
WE SERVICE WHAT WE SELL.

15% OFF PARTS

Limit one per customer. Cannot be combined with other offers. In store purchases only. Coupon must be presented at purchase.

10% OFF SERVICE CALL

Limit one per customer. Cannot be combined with other offers. In store purchases only. Coupon must be presented at purchase.

NEED A PROPANE REFILL?



\$3.00 off

a 20 lb Fill

(with coupon)

NORWOOD BOTTLED GAS

305 Providence Highway, Norwood
(Next to Boch HONDA)



781-762-2330 • 781-762-2331

Norwood Town News

now has its own Facebook page!

Like Norwood Town News on Facebook to keep up to date with articles, events, giveaways and contest announcements for Norwood!



Norwood Rec Program Registration Begins April 4!

Mark your calendars! Summer registration for the Norwood Recreation Department's events and classes begins Mon-

day, April 4, at 9 am!

**Note to camp families: ALL paperwork needs to be in the Norwood Recreation office

by June 1 regardless of when attending camp. Start contacting doctors now to get a copy of latest physical!!

Social Security Returning to In-Person Appointments

Dear Colleague,

I'm excited that, starting in early April, we will add more in-person appointments and offer in-person service for people without an appointment. As we prepare to help more people in person at local Social Security offices throughout the country, I'm asking for your help to let the public know what to expect.



Securing today and tomorrow

During the pandemic, millions of people used our secure and convenient online services and received help by phone and in our offices by appointment. For people who can access our services online or by phone, we ask that they continue to do business with us online or by phone and schedule an appointment, when possible, which will better allow us to timely serve people who cannot use those options.

I invite you to visit our web-

page How to Get Help from Social Security to learn:

- The best ways to get help from Social Security.
- What you should know before you visit a Social Security office, so we can help you safely.
- Innovative options that could help you have your hearing sooner if you are appealing a decision.

We are committed to helping as many people as possible as safely as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Kilolo Kijakazi
Acting Commissioner
Social Security Administration

The Dancers are Ready!

BY BELLA CAGGIANO

After a three-year wait and hours of preparation, the volunteer dancers for the 10th Annual Norwood Dancing with the Norwood Stars will happen on Friday, April 15, 8 p.m., Four Points Sheraton ballroom! Two winners will be crowned: an Overall Winner for the person who raises the most money and the Judges Choice for the best single dance.

According to COH Volunteer Board Member Carolyn Riccardi, a live audience is hopeful, and at press time, spectators were expected to watch in person. There are options, however, for those who cannot make it to the Sheraton. It will be broadcasted live through Norwood Community Media (NCM) at satellite locations where people can cast their vote for their favorite

dancer, or on Norwood's local programming station. The satellite locations are: Olde Colonial Cafe, Nahatan St.; Colonial House, Savin Ave.; and Lewis, Central St. Check for your local station at norwoodcommunity-media.org to view through your cable company.

This year's dancers are Tracy Curran, Brian Glennon, Rachael Webber, Jeff Mahoney, Kathleen

Ducharme, and Tony Mazzucco.

This year's production will also commemorate former board members Kathy St. Cyr and retired Norwood Police Sargent Robert Doccette, who have contributed so much of their time to coordinate fundraisers and facilitate the organization's efforts to help Norwood residents in need.



New England Ballistic Services Inc.

Instant cash paid for your valuable firearms.

Call today for a confidential consultation
508-381-0230 • www.neballistic.com



Old Parish Preservation Volunteers Present
Thornton Wilder's
Our Town
Guest Director, Tom Frye
OPEN AUDITIONS
April 5 & 6, 2022, 3:00-7:00pm
Norwood High School Auditorium
245 Nichols St. Norwood, MA 02062

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED
"Made You Look!"
774-287-1133
You Don't Lift a Finger
Serving Metro West & Beyond
AFFORDABLE JUNK REMOVAL.COM
JUNK REMOVAL & DUMPSTER RENTAL
CLEAN-OUTS TO COMPLETE SINGLE ITEM



Hey Ladies ...

looking for wide shoes?

Women's Fashion Shoes in hard-to-find sizes
Sizes 6.5ww - 11ww, also 12m



Mention this ad and save 15% off your purchase!

The Forgotten Foot

"It's Worth the Trip!"

WE'VE MOVED!
1255 Worcester Road, Framingham
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Sun. 12 - 4 p.m.
508-879-3290

Norwood Evening Garden Club's

16th Art in Bloom to Usher in Spring

Art in Bloom is a community event that displays artwork generated by Norwood and Walpole High School students coupled with interpretative floral designs created by members of the Norwood Evening Garden Club. This year marks the 16th year of this high school/garden club collaboration.

The Morrill Memorial Library at 33 Walpole Street in Norwood will host Art in Bloom for the first time on Saturday, April 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday April 3 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend to support the student artists. Registration is not required to attend this special Art in Bloom event.

Library Director, Clayton Cheever, said, "We are pleased to be part of the garden club's annual "rite of spring" and look forward to seeing the students' artwork coupled with their expression in flowers. After a tough couple of years with Covid, the event will be a colorful welcome to spring and help to brighten people's spirits."

Lois Walsh, President of the Norwood Evening Garden Club and Co-chair of Art in Bloom, said: "Twenty pieces of art have been distributed to garden club designers via a lottery system. I

Shirley Booth, Pat Connell, Susan Cosman, Nancy Costa, Elaine Damren, Deb Devine, Lorraine Devine, Tracy Firth, Lynn Fordham, MaryEllen Heike, Judith Howard, Sabrina Kager, Donna Lane, Laura Lee, Janice Mullen, Kathleen



can't wait to see the floral designs that our members create. Some of the interpretations will be challenging, but I expect that the members' arrangements will be as creative as the artwork itself."

Dr. Sheela Venkatesh, Co-chair of Art in Bloom and a past participant in Boston's MFA Art in Bloom event said, "We really missed being able to have this event last year and are excited to be able to share it with the public again this year. Many of our members do not consider themselves floral designers, but I believe that each year they put forth increasingly beautiful designs, some of which are worthy of Boston MFA's Art in Bloom after which the exhibit is patterned."

Garden club members who will create floral designs are:

Pellegrini, Sheela Venkatesh, Lois Walsh, Debbie Wells, and Wendy Wilhelm.

Along with their artwork, each student submitted a paragraph about their assignment to help the arranger understand the intent of their piece, how they approached it and the mediums they used to create it.

Students from Norwood High School whose art will be interpreted are: Katelyn Flynne, Katherine McLeish, Samantha Gale, Audrey Habelin, Sarah Hawks, William Morrissey, Barrett Kenny, Davion Harnett, Grace O'Rourke and Natalia Donnelly.

Participating Walpole High School artists include: Elyse D'Amato, Kristyn Dentremont, Colleen Finn, Sophia Kaselis, Morgan Navick, Lily Nguyen, Myah Evora Shelton, Eve



Roddy, Shivani Mandulapalli and Alison Strickland.

A member of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, New England Garden Clubs, and National Garden Clubs, Inc., members of the Norwood Evening Garden Club have been providing education and public beautification in Norwood and its surrounding

communities since 1996. The Club, open to novice and expert gardeners, draws its members from Norwood, Walpole, Westwood, Dedham, Medfield and Randolph. For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com.

localtownpages

Published Monthly
Mailed FREE to every home
in Norwood
Circulation: 14,659
households and businesses

Publisher
Chuck Tashjian

Send Editorial to:
editor@norwoodtownnews.com

Advertising Sales Manager
Jen Schofield
508-570-6544
jenschofield@localtownpages.com

Creative Design & Layout
Michelle McSherry
Kim Vasseur

Ad Deadline is the
15th of each month.

*Localtownpages assumes
no financial liability for errors or
omissions in printed
advertising and reserves the
right to reject/edit advertising
or editorial submissions.*

© Copyright 2022 LocalTownPages

CASH FOR YOUR VEHICLE
Purchasing Any Make, Any Model,
Any Mileage, Any Price
Top Dollar Paid for High Mileage
Foreign Cars & Trucks

Ed: 781-844-2637
Pat: 508-663-7759
www.cashforyourvehicle.com

CLEANOUT COUPON
ONE COUPON PER CLEANOUT. *\$100 MINIMUM.

JUNK it NOW! us
PRO-JUNK-REMOVAL
ONE ITEM OR MULTIPLE TRUCK LOADS
"We empty - the Junk Bag"
(3 cubic yards) Call for Price
Buy at store - Fill it - We empty & Leave it

Homes • Apartments • Businesses • Yard waste
Pools • Boilers • Hot Tubs • Sheds Removed • Appliances
Fully Insured * Call Tom Cassidy

We junk cars, trucks, vans, boats, RVs, campers, etc..

toll free **1-855-533-JUNK (5865)** **\$25 OFF**
1-508-308-2279 (Cell) www.junkitnow.us **\$25 OFF**

Wonderful Women of Norwood: Anna Groote

BY: LAURIE KEARNEY, LINDA RAU, & KAREN DENAPOLI (NORWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS)

Wonderful Women of Norwood

In celebration of Norwood's 150th Anniversary, the Norwood Historical Society would like to pay homage to the "wonderful women" of our town's history. These women contributed to the building and formation of Norwood in less visible ways than those of their male counterparts; but their contributions were invaluable. They are the "quiet heroes" of our town.

The Norwood Historical Society would like to present Anna Groote as an important woman in Norwood's history.

Anna was born in Germany and married Franz "Frank" Groote in Germany in 1864. Anna and Frank came to the United States from Wehringhausen, Germany in May of 1887 through New York. They came to Norwood sometime after that and on the 1900 census were listed as living at 95-97 Wilson St. and had one child who had died.

The jobs at the Winslow & Smith Tannery most likely brought them to the town and they settled in the Gemantown neighborhood of Norwood. Germantown was made up of Wilson and Walpole Sts. in Norwood and Bullard Street in Walpole.

Anna was active in the Germantown community and helped many other immigrants to the neighborhood. Sometime after her husband Frank died in 1909, Anna began taking patients into her house to care for them, where language and custom was familiar to those who fell ill. Norwood did not have a hospital, and the only small medical facility was the practice of Dr. Norton a few miles from the Germantown neighborhood. Anna's hospital grew and was overseen and tended by Dr. Thomas O'Toole. It expanded to have patient rooms, a nursery, and an operating theatre. Nurses lived in the small cottage on the property. This provided an im-



portant resource for other immigrants in Norwood, especially from the Germantown, and Swedeville neighborhoods. During this time, the Krueger family was also living at the Wilson St. address. The young Krueger couple had two boys, Charles and Kurt. The Krueger's divorced. Both parents remarried and the father Julius and his new wife moved to Boston. The mother Ottolie, according to the 1910 census, remained and continued to live at 95 Wilson St. and worked as a nurse in the Wilson Street Hospital.

Anna was a great example of how women stepped up to contribute in a positive and vital way to the Town of Norwood.

By 1920, the two Krueger boys had been adopted by Anna Groote and used the Groote surname. There is no clear information on why this adoption took place, especially as the mother Ottolie was still living there. Speculation is that it financially helped the divorced mother in the raising of the two boys.

The hospital, with Anna as director and Dr. O'Toole as physician, was active from ap-

proximately 1909 until around 1919 after the Spanish Flu pandemic when George Willett consolidated Dr. Norton's practice and the old Corner House to make up the first Norwood Hospital. Anna remained a vital part of the Germantown neighborhood and mother to Charles and Kurt. In her later years, she went to live with Kurt and his family on Fisher St., in Walpole where she died June 10, 1927.

Sources:

Influenza and Inequality, by Patricia J. Fanning

Laurie Kearney, Archivist

Norwood a History, by Patricia J. Fanning

Norwood Historical Society archives

ARE YOUR TREES PROTECTED?

Plant Health Care

- Tree Spraying
- Pest Management
- Fertilization
- Injections

Tree Service

- Large Tree Removal
- Crane & Bucket Service
- Tree Pruning
- Storm Damage Clean-Up
- Cabling & Bracing

*24 hour emergency service – fully insured
Locally owned and operated*

CALL NOW

781-551-8733
www.pathfindertreeservice.com

DRESS TO IMPRESS

Giving the Glam

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FASHION SHOW EVENT

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 18, 2022

Tickets Will Be Available Soon

Be a leader in your Community ...

Sponsor your hometown news sources and receive permanent placement on your chosen town site for 12 months! Tie in your corporate profile, company branding and social media feed into one neat place and reach your target audience with our local service directory. We also include Sponsored Content and Digital Advertising year round. No better way of keeping your company branding top of mind throughout the year!

When you book your Community Sponsorship Package, your business will receive the following:

- Prominent homepage presence for 12 months.
- Corporate Profile in Local Town Pages business directory.
 - 4 Sponsored Digital Articles per year.
- Logo/URL under Local Spotlight on Town Homepage.
 - 3-30 day, sidebar ads to use within the year.

*For more package info and to reserve your spot, please contact Jen Schofield at 508-570-6544 or by email at jenschofield@localtownpages.com. **Only 10 available per site!** They will go quick!*

localtownpages 

A New Spring ... A New Beginning

BY DONNA LANE

When the tomato harvest is lousy or rabbits decimate their plants, gardeners the world over become philosophers saying: "There's always next year." We have to, because gardening is an exercise in hope. And learning.

Last year, the tomato harvests were lousy in most Norwood gardens and the proliferation of rabbits plagued many of us, myself included. The baby bunnies were especially troublesome for me, eating all of the tender dahlia foliage making flowering season very late (or nonexistent for some varieties). Well, next year is here! And there are a lot of things that can be done both to deter the rabbits and to help boost our vegetable and flower harvests.

Many of our problems can be prevented by promoting plant health. It starts with the soil. Yes, you've probably heard it a million times, but it's that important! Cultivating healthy soil is the foundation of growing healthy plants. Roots flourish in healthy soil; they are able to find and use the nutrients they need which helps the plant grow strong.

When grown in poor, compacted soil that's low in nutrients, plants are stressed by nutrient deficiencies making them targets of insects and diseases. If, however, the soil is fertile, well-drained, and teeming with microbes, it greatly en-



hances the success of whatever it is you are growing.

What are microbes? Microbes are the tiny living things that are found all around us that live in water, soil and in the air.

Healthy soil is an intricate mix of organic matter, water, air, microorganisms, tiny rock particles, insects, bacteria, fungi, and other organisms. The more organic matter you provide to your soil, the more robust it will be and the better able it is to combat plant pathogens (disease-causing agents).

Adding organic matter is the single most important thing you can do for your soil. Over time, it improves soil structure which, in turn, improves its ability to absorb and release water and air – both essential to plant growth. Everyone knows that water is needed for a plant to live. But, too much water can also kill a

plant. The roots of a plant are what absorb the nutrients in the soil necessary for plant growth. If there is too much water, the roots will rot and die. Simultaneously, aboveground the plant is susceptible to mold and mildew which can also contribute to its demise.

Some plants are better able to live in a wet environment; others are better adapted to very dry or well-drained conditions. Our local soil conditions play an important role on what plants we can grow in our gardens. Unless you plan to grow aquatic plants or succulents, your best bet is to provide well-drained conditions for your plants.

Soil pH is also important. It affects the availability of nutrients that the roots can pull into a plant, directly affecting the health of the plant. For example, rhododendrons and blueberries

do best in a more acidic soil (low pH) while other plants do better in a more neutral or higher pH. In Norwood gardens, most vegetables and flowers will grow well between 6.5 and 6.8 pH. Certain nutrients in the soil become unavailable to the plant if the soil is too acidic (below 5.0) or too alkaline (above 8.0). Neutral pH is 7.0.

You can do simple pH tests yourself, but if you have not had a professional soil test that includes assessment of your soil's nutrient and toxic heavy metals content, I recommend you do so. [Go to <http://www.ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory> for information and instruction on collecting and sending soil samples.] Use the results of the test to guide you to bring your soil into balance.

Adding high quality compost to your soil is a simple way to build soil quality each season. By improving the structure, nutrient content and moisture-holding capacity of the soil, compost encourages healthy, balanced

populations of soil organisms.

Making compost is relatively easy and there are numerous videos on the Internet to guide you through the process. For those of us with large gardens, it can be hard to make enough compost for all of our gardening needs, but it's a good idea to make our own compost if we can. However, if you don't have enough area in your backyard to make a compost pile, the Town of Norwood provides free compost to residents at the recycling facility on Winter Street. Compost is also available for sale in bags or bulk at most garden centers.

There are many things that contribute to having a successful garden, but it all begins with the soil. You can also help yourself by selecting plants that are not prone to disease or beacons to insects. And with today's climate problems, you can help the environment by planting more native plants that will feed the bees, butterflies, birds, and other species that enhance our lives.

Rosetta's Italian Family Restaurant

APRIL 2022 HAPPENINGS!

Daddy-Daughter Dance Princess Dinner
 April 8, 4 - 6 p.m.
 All children can walk our red carpet, have fun at our photo prop station, then enjoy a complimentary dinner and flower.
 (see flyer for complete details)

LIVE MUSIC · DEEJAY SARGE
 April 23, 8 p.m.
 Let's welcome back DeeJay Sarge for an evening of live music!

Neponset River Regional Chamber Restaurant Week
 April 24 to April 28
 Rosetta's is proud to once again be participating in the NRCCRW, check out our Facebook Page

Easter Sunday
 April 17, 2022
 Noon - 8 p.m.
 (limited reservations still available)



ROSETTA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
 521 WASHINGTON ST., CANTON MA 02021
 WWW.ROSETTASRESTAURANT.COM

781-821-2300

ROSETTA'S IS READY TO HOST ALL YOUR HOLIDAY PARTIES AND FAMILY GATHERINGS. ADDITIONALLY, OUR FAMILY STYLE DINNERS AND PARTY TRAYS ARE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY FOR ALL YOUR PARTY NEEDS!

Thinking of Buying or Selling?



Faina Shapiro, REALTOR®
 Licensed in RI & MA
 617-820-0600
 Faina@bhhspagerealty.com
 FainaShapiro.bhhspagerealty.com
 Luxury Specialist, Relocation Certified,
 VA Certified, CBR, & National Award
 Winner



Top Listing & Sales
 Agent in Medway
 Office for 2021

Ask me about my classes all over
 MA and via Zoom! Want a free
 home analysis? Give me a call!



Every Sunday at 9AM on 101.3 FM
Let's Talk Real Estate
 Hosted by:
Faina Shapiro
 Myfm 101.3
 As the heart of it all.
 617-820-0600 | Faina@BHHSpagerealty.com

Who Loves Peeps??

For those who have been searching for a Peeps Diorama Contest, search no more! The first ever Peeps Diorama Contest has arrived in Norwood at the Morrill Memorial Library. The event starts on Tuesday, April 19, with community voting to take place between April 27 and May 4.

Winners announced on Friday, May 6.

Here is all there is to it! Pick up a package of Peeps from the

Library, create a diorama to fit the theme "Literary Peeple," and send a photo of the finished creation.

The participants are looking for a chance to win fun prizes and, more importantly, eternal bragging rights!

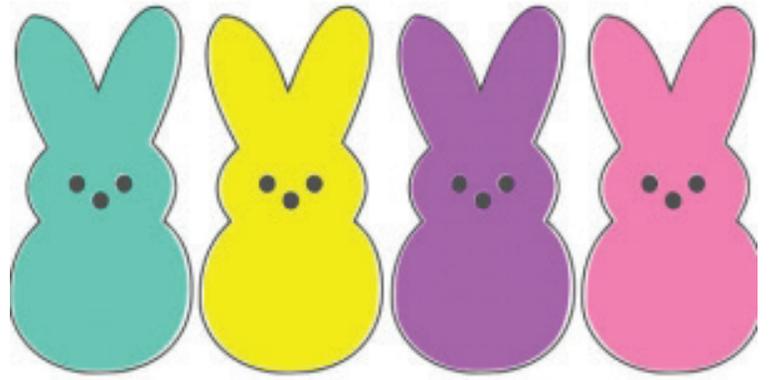
To learn more and view the full contest rules, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar.

Maybe designing Peeps sparks no interest? Or, time constraints prevent creating a masterpiece?

Join in the fun by supporting the contestants and voting for the winners!

No time to create a masterpiece of your own? No problem! The local Town election is not the only venue to cast a vote this month. Support the contestants in person at the library, check out photos of the entries, and vote! You can also log on to social media to "Like" and comment on photos.

Registration is required. Reg-



ister on norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar or by calling (781) 769-0200 x2. Limit one registra-

tion per household, as supplies are limited.

PROFESSIONAL TREE SERVICE
 Shade Tree Pruning • Tree Removal
 Ornamental Tree Pruning
 Bucket Truck Service

Call the certified arborists at
Destito Tree Services for an evaluation.

The name you have trusted since 1984.
 Massachusetts Certified Arborist - Fully Insured

DESTITO TREE SERVICES
 Quality Tree Care
www.destitotreeservices.com

Nicholas Destito
 781-551-0266
 508-699-4532

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED

Welcome Norwood Police Department's newest member, Officer Caramanica

Officer Caramanica, was sworn in by Norwood Town Clerk MaryLou Folan last month. He previously served on the North Attleboro PD. Officer Caramanica is a Norwood native and is proud and excited to serve his hometown.

He will now begin his field training program. Please be sure to welcome him with a warm Norwood hello if you see him around town.



LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Attend a Tutor Training Orientation

Thursday, April 14, 2022
 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Online ESOL tutor training begins April 26th, call for details

If you have the time and desire to help adult learners improve their literacy skills, we have an opportunity for you. All you need is a high school diploma and sensitivity to the struggles of adult students. Join us for the orientation session to learn more about this opportunity.

COMMITMENT

- One orientation session and 15 hours of training.
- Meet with your student 2 hours per week for a year.

LOCATION

Orientations and trainings are held online at this time. Tutoring sessions can be online or at the Morrill Memorial Library in Norwood.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Literacy Volunteers at the Morrill Memorial Library

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

781-769-4599 email: lvamml@minlib.net

DEFENDER sus derechos es mi MISION

IMMIGRATION LAW OFFICE

Carmen Bello
 Abogada de Inmigración

Deportaciones
 Ciudadania
 Visas
 Peticiones

Deportations • Citizenship • Visas • Petitions
 Telephone: 617-874-8563 • Email: crbello@comcast.net
 705 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062
 Llamar antes para su consulta legal. | Call Ahead for your Legal Consultation.




April Activities!

The Norwood Recreation Department is offering so many exciting events in April, it deserved its own section in the newspaper!

For more information and to register for any of these programs, visit norwoodma.myrec.com or in person at 165 Nahatan St.

EASTER BUNNY DRIVE-THRU

Coakley Middle School

April 2, 9-11 a.m.

For all ages. Cost is \$15 per car.

FLEECE THROW WORKSHOP

Civic Center

April 8, 5-8 p.m.

For ages 7-15 years old. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$50 for non residents.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Burt Shachoy Field NHS

April 9, 10 a.m. tots; 10:30 a.m.

K-1. Cost is \$5.

FIRST AID

Civic Center

April 12, 6-9 p.m.

For ages 12+. Cost is \$55 for residents/ \$65 for non residents.

CRAFTS, KIDS & SENIOR!

Norwood Senior Center

April 14, 11:15 a.m.

For ages 1.5-4 years old. Cost is \$5 for residents/ \$10 for non residents.

KIDS NIGHT OUT

Civic Center

April 15, 6-8:30 p.m. (Movie Night)

For grades 1-5. Cost is \$20.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Hawes & Edean Park

April 22, 9-11 a.m.

For all ages. FREE but pre-registration is required.

POP UP AND PLAY WITH MASS AUDUBON

Norwood Parks

April 23/24, 10-11 a.m.

For all ages. Free!

SMOOTHIES GALORE

Civic Center

April 25, 4:45-5:30 p.m.

For all ages. Cost is \$10.

SPECIAL SOMEONE DANCE

Location TBD

April 29, 6:30-8 p.m.

For ages 3+. Cost is \$15 per couple, \$25 per family

FISHING DERBY & RUBBER DUCK RACE

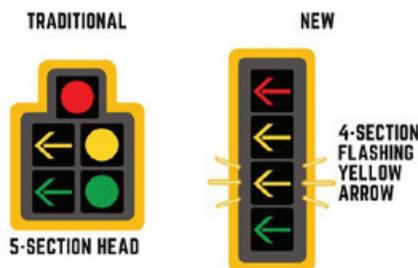
Hawes Pool

April 30, 3-5 p.m.

For ages 15 & under. Cost is \$5 for Fishing Derby or Rubber Duck

New Traffic Signals Coming to Norwood

Since 2015, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, @massdot, has launched a project to upgrade traffic signal technology. Part of that project included introducing a flashing yellow arrow which is an enhanced indicator to drivers. The #FlashingYellowArrow signal aims to replace the circular green indication for left turns at signalized intersections. When the arrow is flashing, drivers are allowed to turn only after YIELDING to all oncoming traffic and to any pedestrians in the crosswalk.



If you're getting medication at a chain pharmacy, then you may be paying too much!

Examples of what we've saved our customers:

Brand Drug	Saved per month
Eliquis® 5mg	\$300
Restasis® 0.5% drop	\$100
Dulera® Inhaler	\$90
Lantus® SoloStar Pen	\$300
Januvia® 50mg	\$150

“This is what two patients who saved with us said:”

“Sejal saves me %150 a month on my copay.” -L.M.

“My other pharmacy wanted me to pay \$390, but the pharmacist at Norwood found me a coupon that saved me \$150.” -A.Z.

\$5 OFF non prescription items with this coupon

TRANSFER NOW SOME RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY

Not everyone saves the same amount or qualifies for a discount, but many do. And many can, but don't even know it.

NORWOOD PHARMACY
781-349-8895 • 54 Broadway • Norwood

Spring Into Lower Insurance Rates

Westwood Insurance
Home Auto Business
1408 Providence Hwy #224 Norwood, MA 02062
PHONE (781) 352-8510
FAX (781) 352-8509
TEXT (781) 713-0162

Like us on Facebook "Westwood Insurance Partners Inc"
CALL US FOR A QUOTE OR VISIT US ON LINE AT www.westwoodinsure.com

Alisa's In Shape Incentive Presents ALL WELCOME YOGA!

11a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday Mornings
Masters Dance Academy - 486 Washington Street, Norwood
10 Classes - Only \$150
Certified Yoga Instructor - All Levels Welcome
For Registration Call 857-939-0345

Clean Slate Estate Inc. Estate Clean-Out Specialists

CALL NOW TO MAKE CASH \$\$\$

WE BUY ...

- Small & Large Collections Of Artwork,
- Baseball & Basketball Cards,
- Coins, Comics,
- Diamonds, Gold, Jewelry,
- Pokemon Cards, Silver, Stamps,
- Trains & Toys (Antique)

FULLY INSURED & BONDED

FREE QUOTES New England's Premier Clean-Out Company **CALL US FIRST**
CleanSlateEstate.com
401-640-9385 • 800-989-4521

Pre-Targeting™: The New Way to Buy Online Display Ads

Pre-Targeting selects the sites by the concentration of audience interest rather than specific content.

100% REACH 100% VIEWABILITY

100% TRANSPARENCY

Want to reach your target audience?

Contact Jen Schofield at 508-570-6544 or by email at jenschofield@localtownpages.com today for more information.



**Kitchen/Bath Remodels
Basement Refinishing
Roofing, Siding,
Windows and more!**



Octo Construction LLC is the one-stop shop for your home and business remodeling needs. Our expert contractors will bring you a peace of mind and offer their

years of experience to best execute your remodeling project with precision. Our team is here to transform your vision into reality. Contact us today for a free quote!

www.octoconstructionllc.com



Call Jean to schedule your Free Consult! • 781-299-5950 • fricojean@octoconstructionllc.com

Tiered Monitoring Review Scheduled for Norwood Schools

During the week of April 28, 2022, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Norwood Public schools. The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program.

Survey results will contribute to the development of a report. During the onsite review, the Office of Public School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations.

Parents and other individuals may call Marc Oldenburg, Public School Monitoring Chairperson, at 413-314-6703 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the district with a report with information about areas in which the district meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the district requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The public will be able to access the report at www.doe.mass.edu/psm/tfm/reports/.



Victoria Haven

Exceptional Short Term Rehab!



- Post Surgical Rehab • Respite Stays
- On Call Physicians • 24 Hr Nursing Coverage

137 Nichols Street, Norwood MA • 781-762-0858
www.rehabassociates.com/victoriahaven

Norwood Town News
now has its own
Facebook page!

Like Norwood Town News on Facebook to keep up to date with articles, events, giveaways and contest announcements for Norwood!



Living Healthy

Seasonal Allergies

SPRING! The birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, the sun is shining and the scent of cut grass is in the air. What could be better you might ask? For many people, this season boosts energy levels with increased light exposure, warmer temperatures and those familiar fragrances, but those suffering from recurring allergies react to the season very differently. Spring allergies affect 20% of the population who will experience itchy watery eyes, sneezing, runny nose and even rashes. Airborne pollen is the most common cause of seasonal allergies.

There are, however, resources to combat those allergies other than medication. Eighty percent of your immune health is located in your gut, so supporting your digestive health is essential to sustaining a healthy immune system. When your immune system is compromised, symptoms such as allergies emerge.

Tom G suffered for 10 years with seasonal allergies, complaining of congestion, runny nose, sneezing and cough until his colleague at work suggested he visit The Holistic Center at Bristol Square. We identified his



Dr. Rochelle Bien & Dr. Michael Goldstein

specific allergies and started Tom on a program which was geared toward rebuilding his immune system. Removing stressors to the immune system such as processed foods, preservatives, and cleaning products, as well as creating a healthy eating plan, boosted his nervous system function and added supportive supplements. Within several weeks Tom noticed a significant difference. He was less congested, his nose stopped running and the cough

was greatly reduced. Tom is not worried the SPRING HAS SPRUNG as he is feeling so much better and is planning on enjoying all the outdoor activities he had to miss out on for so many years.

If you are suffering with allergies call THE HOLISTIC CENTER AT BRISTOL SQUARE located at 1426 Main Street, Walpole. Call (508) 660-2722 to schedule your appointment today.

Will aches and pains keep you from enjoying the nice weather that is coming?

Let us help you get that *spring* back in your step!



Georgia Kostopoulos, DPT



Mary Coe, PT



Michelle Donohue, PT/Owner

RAMA PLAZA - 898B Washington Street, Norwood | 781-269-5850
www.movewellptnorwood.com

Speech-Language & Hearing

Associates of Greater Boston

Offering both Center-based and Tele-therapies

Serving the children, adolescents and adults of greater Boston for over 20 years

- Speech-Language Evaluations and Therapies-All ages
- Hearing Tests
- Custom Fit Hearing Aids and Service
- Occupational Therapy

Many of Our Services are Covered by insurance

5 North Meadow Rd, Medfield
(508) 359-4532

30 Man-Mar Drive, Plainville
(508) 695-6848



Early Intervention Therapy
 Post-Stroke and Parkinson Therapies
 ABA-based Educational Therapy

Visit our website:

www.speechlanguageandhearingassociates.com

ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!



Dr. Victor Nyakundi, DMD

www.affinitydentalinc.com

info@affinitydentalinc.com

45 Walpole Street #4, Norwood, MA

T: 781-255-1100 F: 781-255-7300

Complimentary Whitening

with New Patient Exam & Cleaning

Specialties Include:

- Implants
- Sedation Dentistry

Most Dental Insurance Accepted (including Medicaid)/CareCredit

Want to reach more than 140,000 homes and businesses each month?
 Contact Jen Schofield at 508-570-6544 or by email at jenschofield@localtownpages.com and find out how today!

Norwood Sports

Leger Hoping to Return to The Lacrosse Tournament

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

Last season, the Norwood boy's lacrosse team found itself rather thin when it came to players. In fact, the Mustangs had only three bench players on the varsity squad, and instead of being able to develop those players they were instead thrust into the fire and forced to learn on the go. This year, Norwood will co-op with another town that had similar problems on the field, Dedham.

"The athletic directors and principals of both schools got together to put forth a varsity team that will not only have a varsity program, but a junior varsity program as well," Norwood Coach Mark Nardelli said. "Eventually, the idea is to establish a freshman team as well giving the varsity team the ability to have a feeder program with athletes that know the game by the time, they reach the varsity level."

Along with two players from Dedham, Norwood's Kyle Leger will captain the squad through the 2022 season while looking to take the team back to the Division 2 South Lacrosse Tournament. The Mustangs were able to advance into the tournament during Leger's freshman and junior campaigns but both times fell in the first round. In 2019, Norwood lost 11-5 to Sandwich, the number two seed and last spring was defeated 14-5 by Bishop Feehan, the number five seed.

"The co-op with Dedham this year is going to be interesting to

see how two past rivals pan out as teammates," Leger said. It'll be a good change for the serious lacrosse players, Together we want to make the tournament as well as a run at the State Tournament. As a captain, I am hoping that I can help bring the team together with both sides playing as one."

Leger began his athletic career at the age of four when he started playing ice hockey, but it was only two years later when he was introduced to lacrosse.

"I had tried baseball, but I didn't like it because it was too boring," Leger said. "Lacrosse was a lot like hockey, so I tried it out and fell in love with it."

The now Norwood senior continued to lace up the skates in the winter but once the hockey season came to an end it was time to pick up his lacrosse stick.

During the sixth grade, Leger joined 128 Lax, a club team out of Needham where he played until he switched over to Gorilla Lax in Newton two years later. Taking part with a club team helped the Norwood native with his skills and competitiveness. Not only did playing for Gorilla help prepare Leger for his high school career, it eventually helped improve his skills enough to earn a position on a college lacrosse team come next year.

"My skills really took off playing for Gorilla and it got me to where I am today," Leger said. "I started talking to schools last summer and then took a tour and

did an overnight at Wentworth, where I eventually committed last November. Other schools had contacted me, but none had the program (Engineering) I wanted. They had a good lacrosse program as well as academics."

Entering his freshman year with the Norwood varsity lacrosse team, Leger had no real expectation to see the field all that much, but following two Mustang injuries, he was elevated to play on a regular basis. Despite being thrown into the fire and playing



at a much higher pace, the then freshman did all right for himself.

"It took me a couple of games to adjust as I definitely had to work much harder and improve my strength and footwork," Leger said.

Leger was ready for his sophomore season, but never got the



"Kyle has been a solid foundation piece since he stepped onto the field for Norwood," the Mustang coach said. "After games he'll ask me what he could have done better. He puts a lot of work in studying the game. I give him the tools, but he does all the work. As a player, he commands more from me as a coach to push him."

The Norwood long stick mid-die began his lacrosse career much like any incoming freshman; didn't understand concepts but he learned, and by his sophomore season he knew what he was doing.

"Kyle came in raw, but you could see that he had the potential," Nardelli said. "He was like any other young freshman. By his second year, he was absorbing things and then applying what he learned. I knew that he was a college bound player."

As Leger gets ready to begin his final season at Norwood, he knows that this year the team will have extra athletes due to the merger with Dedham and is hoping that the squad can make a deep run through the tournament.

"I want to have a really good high school season while getting ready to play lacrosse in college, Leger said. "I've gotten stronger, bigger, and have become more of a leader this year and am hoping to help guide this team into the tournament."

chance due to Covid shutting things down. Despite having no games to play, Leger kept himself busy with training assignments from his club team until things eventually got up and running again. In addition to his assignment, he also got into running the Norwood stadium stairs routinely. After being denied a high school lacrosse season, he was more than ready for his junior year.

"Last year's season was definitely a lot different than anything I have ever experienced," Leger said. "Our roster was really short having only three bench players to sub out. It was a test to play four quarters with little to no help. By the end of the game, we were gassed having played a high intensity game with no time to rest."

According to Nardelli, Leger is a sharp kid who is always hustling and puts forth a great work ethic.

**SERVICING THE COMMUNITY FOR 38 YEARS
YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT HANDS!**



John Vacovec, PT, Owner
43 yrs



Stephen Costantino, MPT,
Masters in Physical Therapy
19 yrs



John Puntieri, PTA
16 yrs



Matt Mooney, DPT

NORFOLK
5 Liberty Lane, Norfolk, MA (across from Walgreens)

NORWOOD
Guild Medical Center, 825 Washington St., Suite 280, Norwood, MA

**Physical Therapy
& Sports Rehab, Inc.**

CALL: 781-769-2040

Norwood Sports

Olbrys Joins the 1,000-point Club at Norwood

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

The wheels were set in motion seven years ago when Megan Olbrys started playing basketball for the first time competitively. Over the next few years, the Norwood Mustang took part in many other sports while growing up, but by the time she reached the seventh grade she decided that it was going to be basketball, and only basketball.

Playing in her final season for the Mustangs, the senior etched her name in Norwood history becoming only the fifth girl and ninth overall high school basketball player to eclipse the 1,000-point plateau during her career.



Susanne Maher (1982-85) was the first Mustang to have reached the milestone, while Bill Brigham became the first male athlete to achieve the feat three years later. Other talented Mustangs to have their name in the record books are: Jack Dixon, Dave Rukstalis, and Chris Johnson for the boys and Danielle Chaisson, Ali Dixon, and Megan Reen, who was the last to break the barrier in 2018.

According to the four-year varsity athlete, she really had no idea how close she was to topping the mark as her senior campaign

was nearing until Coach Amy Quinn told her she needed about 250 points.

On February 1, in a 57-26 win over Westwood, Olbrys notched her elusive 1,000 point with a little over two minutes left in the fourth quarter when she nailed an off-post shot. It was in Norwood's thirteenth straight win, which was also on the team's charity game (a fundraiser for Helping Hands aiding families in need) and what became a 20-0 campaign.

"It was the most surreal experience of my life," Olbrys said of

reaching the milestone. "It was definitely an honor, especially to have my teammates and a huge home crowd around me. I was so glad that we had fans back in the crowd, otherwise I don't think it would have been as memorable."

Olbrys added that the crowd was into the game right from the opening tip and you could feel their energy throughout the gym. Coach Quinn knew that this day was inevitable.

"As a freshman, I believed that she was a special individual and could accomplish this," Coach Quinn said. "I had told her that the sky was the limit with her play. Megan elevated her game each and every year. As a freshman, she averaged 11 points per game; she was at 13 the next year, 15 last year, and 19 this past season."

Through her four years at Norwood thus far, Olbrys has accumulated 1105 points and still has this year's tournament play

in hand. As a first-year player, Olbrys scored 255 points for the Mustangs. During her sophomore campaign, she increased those numbers to 341 points scored and added another 152 during the Covid abbreviated year. This past regular season she has already knocked down 357 points.

The amazing thing about Olbrys becoming the ninth Mustang to reach 1,000 points in her career was that her junior season was cut short.

"Last year, she only played in 10 games because of Covid otherwise she probably could have hit 1,000 that year," Coach Quinn said. "In my seven years at Norwood, I have only been part of one other girl to do this (Meghan Reen)."

Looking back on what she has accomplished, Olbrys remembers what it was like when she first ventured onto the court for tryouts as a freshman. She recalls how it was very intimidating but having other freshman beside her for the tryouts made it a lot easier.

"The varsity speed and style of play was nothing like I had ever experienced, but after about five games I felt that I was comfortable and finding my rhythm," Olbrys said.

Throughout her high school career, the senior had played all five positions but prefers power forward as it the one position that she feels she can do the most with her talent. Talent that not only saw her go over 1,000 points but get recruited to play basketball on the collegiate level. Olbrys has committed to play for Villanova University in Pennsylvania.

While she did have a few other schools approach her with offers, the senior felt that Villanova was best fitted for her style of basketball, in addition to the overall atmosphere of the school and the coaching staff.

Heading off to Pennsylvania to play for the Wildcats may be on the horizon for Olbrys, but in the meantime, she still has her final high school season to complete.

"Our goal was to go undefeated and now that we've accomplished that it's off to the tournament," Olbrys said. "Our goal now is to go day-by-day taking it one game at a time and hopefully we can win a State Championship."

After going undefeated during the regular season, Norwood was awarded the number one seed in the Division 2 Tournament.

For updates on area wrestlers who competed in the State, All-State and New England tourneys, and for basketball and hockey teams that advanced deep into the State Tournament, go to nowoodtownnews.com .

NORWOOD SPORT CENTER

free game

buy one game, get one game free

Norwood Sport Center

Norwood • 781-769-0606

Not valid on league play. One coupon per visit per person. Offer expires 4-31-21.

free game

buy one game, get one game free

Norwood Sport Center

Norwood • 781-769-0606

Not valid on league play. One coupon per visit per person. Offer expires 4-31-21.

NOW OPEN

65 Cottage St. (East) | Norwood | 781-769-0606

Call for Hours

Norwood Sports

EMASS Senior Softball League Opens Registration for 2022 Season

Eastern Massachusetts Senior Softball (EMASS) is opening its annual registration campaign for slow-pitch softball players age 50 and over. With over 400 members, the league attracts players from towns across eastern Massachusetts with games played on fields in Wayland, Medfield, and Framingham. The EMASS season opens in early May with 18 weeks of regular season games scheduled through Labor Day, and year-end playoffs completed in early October.

“We are preparing for growth by rebalancing our Saturday divisions and adding a new weekday division to expand from 35 teams to over 40 teams,” Walker Royce, Commissioner of EMASS said. “EMASS Senior Softball was a welcome outdoor escape from the lifestyle disruptions of the COVID pandemic over the last two years. We had 70 new players last year and with more seniors looking for a healthy outlet,

we feel confident we will see similar growth in 2022.”

EMASS Senior Softball Offers Flexible Playing Time “In 2022, we are restructuring our younger Saturday division where the average age across 5 teams will be around 60,” Dan Jolly, the new Colonial division coordinator explained. “With 5 teams, we can use shorter rosters so players get more playing time, and more at-bats. Our Saturday players prefer an occasional bye week for summer holidays.”

“Our most popular weekday division is being split primarily to offer more opportunity for players who want to play multiple times per week,” Jeff Allan, the new Monday division coordinator said. “The Atlantic division had grown to 12 teams. To accommodate more growth, we decided to split into a six-team Monday division and an eight-team Thursday division.”

“The weekday division scheduling supports a day off between play dates for players who choose to play in multiple divisions,” Bill Cerrato, the new Thursday division coordinator said. “It will help us better balance the skills, improve safety and provide more flexibility for those who want to play more than one day a week.”

“EMASS shuffles up team rosters in every division each year to enhance connections across our large softball-loving community,” Don Gould, the National division coordinator said. “Our members enjoy competing with and against their friends.”

Nothing Like a Team Sport to Make You Feel Young Again.

EMASS players cherish their weekly double-headers playing with their softball-loving buddies. EMASS has many younger seniors in their fifties and sixties who

can still hit a ball over the 300 foot fences or run down a deep line drive in the outfield. They are also inspired by elder players who can still play ball into their late seventies and eighties. That three-hour escape is a weekly high point of camaraderie, teamwork and healthy outdoor competition. When they are out on the field, players feel and act 20 years younger, and when they get home, those stiff joints and sore muscles are mostly perceived as joyful pain.

EMASS will open the 2022 season with over 40 teams competing in 6 different divisions. The league employs paid umpires and has recently invested in team manager training, umpire clinics/certification, new equipment and a rich website to ensure a safe, well-managed and competitive league.

“Our board members, team managers and division coordinators do a very professional and collab-

orative job of operating this league. Our players appreciate the fun and camaraderie enabled by our volunteer leadership team,” said Royce.

About EMASS Senior Softball League EMASS was founded in 1995 and offers active seniors of all skill levels a safe, well-organized opportunity to play competitive slow-pitch softball. EMASS members range in age from 50 to 90. Skill levels range from casual recreational players to those who play on nationally competitive tournament teams. Players of any skill level will find a spot with teams of similar abilities in one or more of EMASS’s six divisions. There are two Saturday divisions and four weekday divisions. All divisions play a double-header each week and many members play on different teams in multiple divisions. For more information about EMASS Senior Softball League, visit www.e-mass.org.

Summer
GUIDE

Think Summer! Warm weather. Beaches. Golfing. Hiking. Outdoor dining. Are you looking forward to it as much as we are? Then promote your business and events with our inaugural Summer Guide – jam-packed with things to do this summer. Just add warm weather!

Coming June 2022
Reservation deadline: May 1, 2022

Reserve your space today by contacting Jen Schofield at 508-570-6544 or by email at jenschofield@localtownpages.com

localtownpages

Ashland | Bellingham | Franklin | Holliston | Hopedale | Medway/Millis | Natick | Norfolk/Wrentham | Norwood

Pet Corner

Bay State Animal Cooperative

What We Need

The BSAC uses Chewy.com to replenish most of their cat supplies for their 13 long-term care cats. A Chery gift card is a great way form of a donation so they can continue to provide an exceptional quality of life for their never forgotten felines.

To send a donation, visit https://www.chewy.com/g/bay-state-animal-cooperative_b66402498#wish-list.

This is How BSAC Helps

Paul & JR's Journey
Paul was taken from an unsafe



JR on left, Paul on right

outdoor environment and JR was rescued from an insecure hoarding situation.

Support for medical, essential, and social life needs are provided for both cats who were vetted and placed indoors with other cats as they age, are fed, cared for, and observed for life.

Late Life Care: JR was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer and is being cared for by a wonderful foster mom with his best friend Paul in a "home" where they have settled in great! All medical expenses covered by Bay State Animal Cooperative through fundraising and donations.

Forever Care: Paul has had on-going chronic nasal inflammation and recently had a very extensive/expensive procedure to see if there is more that can be done to make him more comfortable. The good result was that he does not have cancer but chronic inflammation that he will always have. A culture did result in requiring some antibiotics which could make him a bit less congested. He is thriving however and loves his foster mom. Over

Annual Dog/Car Wash Coming in June!

Stay tuned for the exact date in the June edition! The day will include dog and car washes, rabies vaccinations, and microchipping.



Chateau Fundraiser

While St. Patrick's Day may not be the first location that comes to mind to eat Italian food, many did just that to help raise money for the BSAC through the Chateau's give back program. A total of \$55.60 was raised and donated to the organization!



\$1500 was spent on this much needed assessment. It's just what we do!

The love these two share has made the transition to a "real home" a comforting experience for both boys. They represent what BSAC is proud to call "our thing." We do the best with what we have. Our limitations are primarily the constant need for unique, unexpected, foster care and hands-on volunteers hitting the pavement to rescue and get

animals the care they need. These are not easy things but are surely the 100% biggest limitations we meet trying to help cats in need.

Thank you to Grocery Drives!

A shout out to Stop & Shop and Shaws for the opportunity to participate in their grocery bag fundraisers and warm thank you to those who purchased a recyclable bag with proceeds donated to the BSAC. Through this program, the organization received \$175!

Check us out on social media:

www.baystateanimals.org



www.facebook.com/BSAC09



www.instagram.com/baystateanimals16



www.twitter.com/BayStateAnimals

Woodforms

Fine Cherry Furniture

Made in Massachusetts



NOW OPEN!
Saturdays
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come visit our **FACTORY** and **FACTORY SHOWROOM!**

131 Morse Street | Foxboro | 508-543-9417 | woodforms.net

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Friday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. **CLOSED** Sunday

Calendar of Events

Apr. 2

Meat Raffle
Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452, 193
Dean St.
2-5 p.m.
Every Saturday Through May

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

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

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

Apr. 3

VFW 90th Birthday Party
Norwood VFW, Post 2452, 193
Dean St.
4-8 p.m.

The festivities will begin at 4 p.m., a roast beef dinner will be served at 5-6 p.m. Music and dancing pleasure will be provided by a DJ until 8 p.m.! The menu: salad, roast beef, mashed potato, corn, dinner rolls, and dessert. The cost is \$20 per person. This party is open to the public.

Apr. 4

Take + Make Spring 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 toddlers and preschoolers. Register for the number of kits you need. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

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

Apr. 5

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 norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Open Auditions for 'Our Town'
Norwood High School Auditorium
3-7 p.m.

As part of Norwood's 150th Anniversary Celebration, the Old Parish Preservation Volun-

teers will hold open auditions for their production of 'Our Town.' The play will be presented on Saturday, August 13, 6 p.m., in the Old Parish Cemetery.

Searching for actors and back stage crew. For more information, visit <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com>, or email norwoodoldparish@gmail.com.

Critical Disinformation Studies Discussion Series (Virtual)
Morrill Memorial Library
7 p.m.

Tuesdays from March 22 to May 17

Facilitated by Adult Services Librarian Heath Umbreit (they/them), this series will prepare members to critically engage information through a systemic lens and work toward recognizing the ways in which disinformation functions to uphold white supremacist structures. The series will examine information systems through the intersectional frameworks of critical race theories, feminism, gender and sexuality, and decolonization. The overarching goal of the course is to critically examine popular narratives about disinformation, define and explore the concept of epistemic supremacy, and interrogate the ways in which information and disinformation intersect with systemic power differentials in our society. The series, "Critical Disinformation Studies," will meet virtually on eight at 7:00pm. The group will **not** meet on Tuesday, April 19. Participants should please plan to attend every meeting, as each session builds on the last. Likewise, please plan to read or review all assigned texts for the week before a given session. Registration is required at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Wiggle Worms Story Time
Morrill Memorial Library
10:30 a.m.

Toddler and Baby Story Time

Our littlest readers can come to this active story time to hear some great stories, sing songs and move around.

Families will need to come the library before story time in order to receive a ticket for admittance to story time; 15 tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. For questions, call 781-463-0146 or email us at norchild@minlib.net

Apr. 6

Open Auditions for 'Our Town'
Norwood High School Auditorium
3-7 p.m.

As part of Norwood's 150th Anniversary Celebration, The Old Parish Preservation Volunteers will hold open auditions for their production of 'Our Town.' The play will be presented on Saturday, August 13, 6 p.m., in the Old Parish Cemetery.

Searching for actors and back stage crew. For more information, visit oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com, or email norwoodoldparish@gmail.com.

Apr. 7

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.

This new art-based library program offers cool stories and a process art project for toddlers and preschoolers! For ages 2-5 years old. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

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.

A Mediumship Experience with Dr. Cathy Ripley Greene
Morrill Memorial Library
7 p.m.

Cathy will spend some time explaining how the process of mediumship works and then she will make connections with spirit

for some people in the audience. This is a gallery demonstration and of course this means not everyone will make a connection, but will be an enjoyable evening. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Apr. 9

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

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

The O'Connell Boy: "Educating the Wolf Child" in Norwood
Morrill Memorial Library
2 p.m.

Norwood author, Tom O'Connell, will discuss his memoir about growing up in Norwood. In his presentation about World War II era Norwood, Tom will talk with the audience about what it was like growing up in a small Catholic Charities orphanage in Norwood from 1937 to 1946. The presentation will consist of readings from Tom's memoir, "The O'Connell Boy: Educating "the Wolf Child," followed by discussion. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Apr. 11

Take + Make Spring 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 toddlers and preschoolers. Register for the number of kits you need. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Norwood 101
Morrill Memorial Library
6-8 p.m.

Get to know local organizations such as the Norwood Historical Society, Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry, and the Norwood Evening Garden Club among others. Meet representatives from municipal departments such as public safety, recreation, council on aging and more. Get plugged into library services, and learn how you can become more involved in your community. This is a family-friendly, drop in event. Those registered in advance will be entered into a raffle for a Taste of Norwood 101 Gift Basket. Additional free raffles from local businesses as well as swag bags provided by

Norwood Bank for the first 50 attendees. For additional information, email pbailey@minlib.net or call (781) 443-8864.

Apr. 12

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.

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 norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Norwood Woman's Club Meeting
Knights of Columbus, 572 Nichols St.
12:30 p.m.

This month's entertainment will be a presentation by Realtor Michele Taranto, on 'Timeless Trends to Transform any Space.' We will be collecting \$30 checks for our May 12 luncheon at Conrad's in Walpole. Please designate chicken, fish or beef on your check. A light lunch will be served. Guests are welcomed. Any questions, call Trina at 781-762-8173.

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, 3926@toastmastersclubs.org. For more information, visit norwoodtoastmaster.toastmastersclubs.org/.

Critical Disinformation Studies Discussion Series
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)
7 p.m.

The series, "Critical Disinformation Studies," will meet virtually on eight Tuesdays from

CALENDAR

continued from page 18

March 22 to May 17 at 7:00pm. The group will **not** meet on Tuesday, April 19. Participants should please plan to attend every meeting, as each session builds on the last. Likewise, please plan to read or review all assigned texts for the week before a given session. Registration is required at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Apr. 13

**Wiggle Worms Story Time
Morrill Memorial Library
10:30 a.m.
Toddler and Baby Story Time**

Our littlest readers can come to this active story time to hear some great stories, sing songs and move around.

Families will need to come the library before story time in order to receive a ticket for admittance to story time; 15 tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. For questions, call 781-463-0146 or email us at norchild@minlib.net

Apr. 14

**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.**

This new art-based library program offers cool stories and a process art project for toddlers and preschoolers! For ages 2 -5 years old. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

**Raingardens 101 - The Power of Gardening with Rain Runoff in Mind (Virtual)
Morrill Memorial Library
7 p.m.**

Join the Sustainability Series with Neponset River Watershed Association Executive Director, Ian Cooke, and Environmental Scientist, Declan Devine, presenting on rain gardens. Rain gardens can help beautify your landscape, keep our streams and wetlands clean, slow down flooding, and even serve as mini wildlife habitats in your yard. Join in for an introduction to the simple but powerful practice of rain gardening. We'll discuss the many benefits of rain gardens, how to plan your own rain garden, as

well related efforts being considered by the Town of Norwood on a larger scale. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Apr. 15

**Circle of Hope 10th Annual Dancing with the Norwood Stars
Four Points Sheraton
8 p.m.**

In addition to the live production, Norwood residents can watch and vote for a winner at satellite locations: , Olde Colonial Cafe, Nahatan St.; Colonial House, Savin Ave.; and Lewis,' Central St. Is will also be aired on Norwood Community Media (NCM). Check for your local station at norwoodcommunitymedia.org.

Apr. 16

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

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

Apr. 17



Apr. 18

**Take + Make Spring 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 toddlers and preschoolers. Register for the number of kits you need. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Apr. 19

**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 norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

RODENHISER
HOME SERVICES
**PLUMBING • HEATING • A/C
ELECTRIC • REMODELING**
RODENHISER.COM • 508-306-4698
CALL or BOOK ONLINE for a free in home or virtual consultation!

Apr. 20

**Turn the Page Morning – ‘The Lions of Fifth Avenue’
Morrill Memorial Library
10 a.m.**

The group will be discussing The Lions of Fifth Avenue, a historical fiction novel written by Fiona Davis. Copies of the book in regular and large print are available at the circulation desk. Register for the morning or evening session at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Please email Patty Bailey if you have any questions, pbailey@minlib.net or call 781-443-8864.

Apr. 21

**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.**

This new art-based library program offers cool stories and a process art project for toddlers and preschoolers! For ages 2 -5 years old. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

**Impact Norwood 101
Morrill Memorial Library
7 p.m.**

Impact Norwood 101 will give residents the opportunity to learn more about the work of Norwood's community substance use prevention coalition, Impact Norwood. Attendees will learn the basics of prevention, get a brief overview of current substance use trends in the community, hear from current members about past and upcoming projects, and learn how to become in-

involved in our work. Light snacks will be provided! Registration is appreciated at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/ but not required. Contact Aubrey Ciol at aciol@norwoodma.gov to register, with questions, or for more information.

Apr. 23

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

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

Apr. 25

**Take + Make Spring 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 toddlers and preschoolers. Register for the number of kits you need. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Apr. 26

**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.

**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, 3926@toastmastersclubs.org. For more information, visit norwoodtoastmaster.toastmastersclubs.org/.

**Critical Disinformation Studies Discussion Series
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)
7 p.m.**

The series, "Critical Disinformation Studies," will meet virtually on eight Tuesdays from March 22 to May 17 at 7:00pm. The group will **not** meet on Tuesday, April 19. Participants should please plan to attend every meeting, as each session builds on the last. Likewise, please plan to read or review all assigned texts for the week before a given session. Registration is required at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

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

April title to be announced at press time. Titles on Tap is a social book group for readers in their 20s and 30s and for the young at heart.

Apr. 27

**Wiggle Worms Story Time
Morrill Memorial Library
10:30 a.m.**

Toddler and Baby Story Time

Our littlest readers can come to this active story time to hear some great stories, sing songs and move around.

Families will need to come the library before story time in order to receive a ticket for admittance to story time; 15 tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. For questions, call 781-463-0146 or email us at norchild@minlib.net

CALENDAR

continued from page 19

Apr. 28

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.

This new art-based library program offers cool stories and a process art project for toddlers and preschoolers! For ages 2 -5 years old. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Bells & Whistles: Norwood's Fire and Police History
Morrill Memorial Library
7 p.m.

Brian Murphy and Mike Chisholm have researched the Police and Fire Departments extensively and will share their expertise along with some fascinating stories. There will be a slide presentation of historical and contemporary images to accompany their talk and artifacts will be on display for the "show-and-tell" portion of the discussion. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Apr. 29

Spring Rummage Sale
Emmanuel Lutheran Church,
Berwick St. and Gardner Rd. (just off Rt. 1A)
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

There will be quality clothing for all, books, toys, linens, household goods, decorations, etc., and several white elephant tables. On Saturday at 12 noon there will be a bag sale. Large trash bags to fill up may be purchased for \$5.00 each

Apr. 30

George Henry Morse Open House
1285 Washington St.
1-5 p.m.

In recognition of Norwood's 150th Anniversary, visit Norwood's municipally-owned historic home, mingle with neighbors and friends, and learn about the Morse ancestry and history dating back to the early 1600s. George Henry Morse, one of Norwood's earliest Assessors and Selectmen lived in the home until 1914. Light refreshments/beverages will be served. The Little Red Brick School on the grounds will also be open.

Spring Rummage Sale
Emmanuel Lutheran Church,
Berwick St. and Gardner Rd. (just off Rt. 1A)
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

There will be quality clothing for all, books, toys, linens, household goods, decorations,

etc., and several white elephant tables. At 12 noon there will be a bag sale. Large trash bags to fill up may be purchased for \$5 each.

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

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

Card Making Workshop
Morrill Memorial Library
3 p.m.

Are you hoping to create a special one-of-a-kind message for Mothers Day? or perhaps a general well-wishes card for springtime? Betty Saccocia will guide you through crafting two unique designs with high-quality materials so you can create professional and personalized card designs. All materials will be provided in this free workshop for people ages 14 and up. To register, visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.



Register O'Donnell Commemorates Women's History Month on QATV

Norfolk County Register of Deeds, William P. O'Donnell, recently appeared on a segment broadcast by Quincy Access Television commemorating Women's History Month and recognizing a number of distinguished women, both past and present, with ties to Norfolk County.

"There are numerous prominent women with ties to Norfolk County", noted the Register, "ranging from first lady Abigail Adams, the wife and mother of two presidents, who was born in Weymouth and buried in Quincy, to lesser known but important figures such as Katherine Lee Bates, a nineteenth century Wellesley resident, who, inspired by the beauty she observed from the top of Pike's Peak, wrote the lyrics to "America the Beautiful.".

Some of the other women mentioned by Register O'Donnell in the segment include historic figures like Deborah Sampson from Sharon, who fought and was wounded in the American Revolutionary War, Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan, both from Wrentham, whose story has been chronicled in books and in the 1962 movie, "The Miracle Worker," Harriet Hemenway from Canton, who co-founded the Massachusetts Audubon Society in 1896, Dr. Helen Cleary, the first woman to be elected to the Town of Norfolk's Board of Selectmen and the actress Lee Remick from Quincy, an Academy Award nominee in 1962.

Norfolk County is also birthplace of a number of contemporary women, such as the

astronaut, Sunita Williams, a 1983 graduate of Needham High School, who has performed the most spacewalks by a woman, National Public Radio's Audie



Abigail Adams

Cornish, Mindy Kaling, the writer and actress best known for the television series "The Office," and of course, Needham's own Aly Raisman, the winner of several Olympic medals in women's gymnastics and the recipient of the Arthur Ashe Courage Award.

"I appreciate Mark Crosby and the folks at Quincy Access Television providing me the opportunity to honor the contributions and accomplishments of women from the communities in Norfolk County that have had a positive impact in our lives," Register O'Donnell stated.

To view the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds video segment, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSwPZMqZnm8

HEY NORWOOD!
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

That's right,
Norwood Town News
 has its own Facebook page!

Like Norwood Town News on Facebook to keep up-to-date with articles, events, giveaways and contest announcements for Norwood!

localtownpages 
Norwood

And as always, find us online at norwoodtownnews.com



Real Estate Corner

February Real Estate Activity in Norfolk County

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reported that February's numbers relative to Norfolk County real estate activity show a fairly sharp drop as compared to February,

1,940 mortgages were recorded during the month, a 56% decrease compared to a year ago and a decrease of 17% from January.

"It appears that many con-

sumers have already refinanced 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 stated.

Homestead recordings by owners of homes and condominiums decreased this month at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. There was a 17% decrease in homestead recordings in February, 2022 compared to February, 2021, and a decrease of 20% from January.

"These figures are not too surprising where the sales of homes has decreased, but all homeowners, not just new purchasers, should keep in mind that a recorded Declaration of 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 noted. "We want to see folks protecting the biggest asset most of us have, our homes. I would urge anyone who has not availed themselves of this important consumer protection tool to consider doing so. The recording fee is only \$36.

REAL ESTATE
continued on page 22



2021 and January's numbers.

"Our data indicates that the Norfolk County real estate market in February was sluggish when compared not only to February, 2021 but also to January," Register O'Donnell noted. "There were 10,291 documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in February, a 34% decrease over last year's February document volume and an 11% decrease from January.

The number of deeds for February, 2022, which reflect real estate sales and transfers both commercial and residential, decreased by 19% from February, 2021 and by 32% from January. Sale prices increased significantly compared to last year but now appear to be leveling off. February's average sales price was \$1,218,942, an impressive 42% increase compared to February, 2021 but down 15% from January. Total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales also showed gains from one year ago, increasing 14%, but are down 42% from January. It remains to be seen if this trend continues into March."

Overall lending activity showed a decrease again for the month of February. A total of

sumers have already refinanced given the past low interest rate environment," Register O'Donnell said.

A continuing cause for concern in Norfolk County, however, is the increase in foreclosures. The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely watching the foreclosure market. During February, there were 8 foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County. In addition, there were 27 Notices to Foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, recorded in February, up from 18 recorded in January. In February, 2021, there was only 1 Foreclosure Deed and 6 Notices to Foreclosure Mortgages filed.

"The sharp increase in these numbers remind us that even more of our neighbors are now facing 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

Spring Forward!
Home Sales Are Heating Up!

Thinking of buying, downsizing, or curious to know your home value?
It would be my pleasure to represent and assist you in achieving your goals.

Call for a complimentary consultation!

Hellas Assad!
Cell 781.856.9477 hellas.assad@nemoves.com

IT'S SPRING TIME

The Best Time to Buy a New Home!

Thinking about buying or selling a home?
Call Veronica for a detailed analysis on getting top dollar in this market!

Veronica McElaney
Realtor®
LAJ Home-S, LLC
Cell: 617-605-1610
veronicalajhomes@gmail.com
Life's A Journey built on the foundation of your dreams and your vision!

Jen Paratore
Broker/Owner

Claudia Bakis
Senior Sales Associate

CORDAVILLE REALTY
NORWOOD'S HOME FOR REAL ESTATE

Let's get moving!

Contact us today
Hello@cordaville.com
781-686-9743

601 High Street STE 301 Dedham, MA
CORDAVILLE.COM

Real Estate Corner

You need a REALTOR® you can trust, who's honest and who's reputation speaks for itself.

- Professional guidance every step of the way
- Confidential, free market analysis of your home's value
- Dedicated and committed to my client's best interest
- Inquire about receiving a free home buyers toolkit



Jennifer Conley
508-265-3824

Lifelong Norwood Resident
Jen.Conley@CBRealty.com | JenConley.CBInTouch.com
Your Local Town REALTOR®



COLDWELL BANKER Service that Speaks

REAL ESTATE

continued from page 21

Feel free to visit the Registry website at www.norfolkdeeds.org to get more information on homesteads and to make sure you have taken advantage of this protection.

February real estate activity showed a decline in Norfolk County which is not unusual for this time of year, however, there has been a drop in numbers in 2022 over 2021. We still see available real estate inventory as continuing to be a source of concern in Norfolk County but it does appear that the market is not as hot as last year. Whether this translates into more and better opportunities for buyers,

particularly first time buyers, remains to be seen."

The Registry of Deeds continues to be open to the public for business. 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, via 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 registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

"Michele did a fantastic job brokering the sale of our home. From the initial staging for the open house, through to the closing she walked us through the entire process with painstaking detail. We received multiple offers all over asking price and she guided us to the offer that best fit our needs. The entire process was efficient and professional."

-Wendy, Norwood

I would love the opportunity to get you the most money for your home!

- Longtime Norwood resident
- President of the Women's Business Network of Norwood
- Board member of the Bay State Animal Cooperative
- Member of the Friends of Norwood Center



Michele Taranto Your Trusted Norwood Realtor
781-799-7068 mtarantorealty@gmail.com



Looking to advertise in our Real Estate Corner? Contact Jen Scholfield today at 508-570-6544 or by email at jenscholfield@localtownpages.com



Put my 22 years experience as a trusted real estate advisor in Norwood to work for you. My approach and process will have you springing forward to realize what you deserve: an experienced, supportive and results-oriented Realtor who will work for you to realize the best sale price, terms and conditions and as stress free an experience as possible.

Call today for your initial consultation 781-704-5356



Steve Callahan
Broker/Owner/Realtor®
LAJ Home-S, LLC
781-704-5356
scals@verizon.net



Life's A Journey built on the foundation of your dreams and your vision!

Contact me for a FREE evaluation
Put my 36+ years experience to work for you!

 "Paul was a pleasure to work with. I was selling my aunt's house from a distance, and his deep knowledge of Norwood was a valuable asset as he coordinated work at the house to prepare it for sale, negotiated the sale price, and worked with the closing attorneys. With his guidance, the process was painless, he anticipated needs, and we closed in a very short period of time at above asking price. I highly recommend Paul Keady!"

- S. Ransden

Paul G. Keady
RE/MAX Real Estate Center

781-762-1945 Office
781-799-5099 Cell

pkeadyrealestate@gmail.com
www.paulkeady.com



April showers bring May buyers ...

Prime location ... Investors, developers, builders ... opportunity knocks



169 Railroad Ave. (2-family)
 Hard to find and so many possibilities for this two family/rooming house, right in the 'Heart of Norwood's General business zoning and overlay district'. Has been used as a rooming house for many years with the present owner. Three floors of living space with eight bedrooms, two bedrooms on the 3rd floor. Great for condo conversion, retail, business, office or investment. Great commute...steps to commuter rail, town center and stores.



169 R Railroad Ave.
 Well known and hard to find FREE STANDING auto body repair/paint and service shop with BUILDING AND LAND, (11.350 sq ft lot) long established successful business is now for sale. Ideally Located in prime Norwood center, this unique opportunity is divided into 2 sections, can be sub-dividable, with 3 drive-in doors, separate entrances & separate utilities. ** Brand New One Million BTU Natural Gas Service/w 2 Meters, & 2 New High Efficiency Heating units Makes this also suitable for Powder Coating Business, or any use requiring high Natural Gas Heating Needs, such as a Heated Spray Booth. It comprises 3 parcels of land, with 2 different addresses, 1 which public records has as 169-R Railroad Ave. Directly behind 169 Railroad ave. Also known as 244 Central St. Located in the central business zoning district & next to Norwood Depot commuter rail. Ideal for development of condos, multi families or many other uses.

Whether you are selling or buying work with the #1 Listing and Selling Agent in Norwood 2007-2021! (per mls)



ANNE FAHY
 PRESIDENT'S PREMIER ASSOCIATE

617-257-8088
ANNE.FAHY@NEMOVES.COM



*May your Troubles be less
 and your Blessings be more
 and nothing but Happiness
 Come through your door.*

Spring into a new home!

RANKED #1
 NORWOOD, MA
 THE LATEST NUMBERS SAY IT ALL



**YOU DESERVE THE BEST
 REAL ESTATE SERVICE
 I'M HERE TO PROVIDE IT**



JULIE GROSS
 781.801.6369



International President's Elite
 Representing the Top 3%
 of Coldwell Banker®
 Agents Worldwide



MARKET SNAPSHOT
 NORWOOD, MA
 FEBRUARY 2022

 \$630K Avg. Sales Price ↑ 4%	 \$637K Median List Price ↓ 5%	 101% Sales Price / List Price Ratio - 0%
 12 No. of Properties Sold ↓ 59%	 29.00 Avg. Days on Market - 0%	 COLDWELL BANKER REALTY



JULIE GROSS

Love is in the details.

[NOW BOOKING THROUGH 2023]



The Tiffany Ballroom

(781) 255-3159
tiffanyballroom@hobbsbrook.com
tiffanyballroom.com



SWITCH TO NORWOOD LIGHT BROADBAND TODAY!

1ST MONTH OF SERVICE FREE!
FREE INSTALLATION!*



New Residential customers 781-948-1120

New Business customers 781-948-1295

All other customer service inquiries 781-948-1150

Visit our website to compare! norwoodlight.com

*\$99 Installation charge applies if service is disconnected within the first 90 days!

Free 1st month of service offer valid to new or former NLB customers, in good standing, who have not had any NLB service in last 90 days. Free month is for the package price only and does not include optional services, Modem, taxes, or fees. Broadband service is not available to all addresses in Norwood such as Windsor Gardens or Olde Derby Village. Internet speeds vary and are not guaranteed. Offer ends 4/30/22.