

## Norwood's Inaugural Juneteenth Celebration

BY BELLA CAGGIANO

On June 19, 2021, President Biden proclaimed the June 19 as Juneteenth National Independence Day of Observance and a legal public holiday. This year, the Town of Norwood will celebrate their **FIRST** Juneteenth with Norwood Police Officer Geoffrey Baguma as the event's primary organizer. The celebrations will take place on Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., on the Town Common.

"The is going to be such an amazing and special event," Officer Baguma said. "The vibe of the event is wrapped around the theme 'educate and celebrate.' It's all about bringing people together to understand the reasons behind the celebration."

The event is scheduled to host a variety of activities to display the Norwood's diverse talents, including art displays, dramatic performances, singing, dancing, and poetry. African American businesses will be spotlighted as well as educational material and historical data provided to those who at-



Juice Bar- Owner Marcieli Pastório

tend. Talks are also in the works with Ancestry.com in hopes they will be available to give people the option of researching their roots.

There still may be time for businesses and residents who may be interested in participating. Inquires can be directed through email at [norwoodjuneteenth@gmail.com](mailto:norwoodjuneteenth@gmail.com) or check out their Facebook

page at [facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080916725826](https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080916725826).

In addition to the exciting events planned, the day will provide an opening to connect with people they would otherwise not encounter in their daily life; neighbors meeting neighbors. The public will also help in nominating the first Juneteenth

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## Fresh is Back on the Common!

BY MICHELE TARANTO

The country has been enjoyed getting back to normal communal activities this year and an exciting event is returning to Norwood this summer. After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Norwood Farmer's Market is sprouting again! The Market will be held Tuesdays, June 21 through October 18, 2-6 p.m., on the Town Common.

A few familiar vendors are already scheduled to serve Norwood residents, including Jordan Brothers Seafood, Oakdale Farms, and Hearth Artisans Bread. Confirmation from other vendors were still waiting to be confirmed at press time, however, there is still time for more companies and organizations to join. Local businesses, restaurants, and nonprofits are welcome to participate, and should contact Committee Chair Peter McFarland, at 781-690-2714 or email at [ptmcfarland@gmail.com](mailto:ptmcfarland@gmail.com) for more information.

"We still have seasonal, monthly, and non-weekly slots available," McFarland said. "With your help we can get our market up and running strong!"



The relaunch of the Market, however, is not only intended as a destination to purchase fresh local produce and food, the Farmer's Market committee envisions Tuesday afternoons on the Common as a summer venue with entertainment, music, demonstrations, or any other fun, family activities. This are also talks with the Morrill Memorial Library about the possibility of offering a "pop-up" library and informational programs as a resource for local residents.

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community royalty recipients as well as voting on the Juneteenth art contest!

“The community will have an important opportunity to sit around one table and break bread together,” Officer Baguma said. “Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom day for African Americans as well as for ALL Americans.

To make an even greater positive impact on the entire community, support and donations are greatly welcome. For more information, email [Norwoodjuneteenth@gmail.com](mailto:Norwoodjuneteenth@gmail.com) (for Venmo and Cashapp accounts). For check donations, make them out to The Town of Norwood (Norwood Juneteenth Event), or donate to the GoFundMe account at <https://gofund.me/93a453cd>.

Juneteenth commemorates the freedom of enslaved people in the United States and is considered the oldest tribute on the ending of slavery dating back to Galveston, TX in 1865. It is the first new national holiday since the creation of Martin Luther King Day nearly four decades ago.



Clockwise from far left: Emerald City Plant Shop Owner Quantay Turner; Oasis Caribbean Cuisine Owner Ercy Raymond Oliver; La Baguette Bakery Owner Jean Polynice; Imperial Perfumery & Boutique

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11am-2pm

Join us for the first annual Norwood Juneteenth celebration on Saturday, June 18th from 11am-2pm. It will be a fun and educational event with performances, local artisans, local food vendors and much more!

The Norwood Juneteenth Committee is accepting business sponsors and public donations from in and around Norwood. Our goal is to help fund this year's Juneteenth celebration and support future celebrations for Norwood Juneteenth. If you would like to make a donation, please email the Norwood Juneteenth Committee at [Norwoodjuneteenth@gmail.com](mailto:Norwoodjuneteenth@gmail.com) for details. We hope that you will seize the opportunity to support this historical community event.

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"It will be interesting to see how the Farmers Market works with Central St. closed between East Cottage and Nahatan Sts.," McFarland said. "I think the Common has a new vibe and it's not an island at the busiest inter-

A few sponsorships for funding of the Market have been secured with Dedham Savings Bank, Members Plus Credit Union, Commonwealth Fireplace, the Norwood Light Department, and vendor booth rentals, but other financial backing is still being finalized. Any companies or organizations willing to contribute to the event should con-



section in Town."

The Norwood Farmer's Market was resurrected as an initiative of the Norwood Sustainability Commission to encourage people to eat healthy, buy locally, and build the local community. With the formation of the Market committee, that idea was achieved through the generosity of a group of volunteers and local municipal employees: David Ruggerio, Bryan Dunn, Selectwoman Amanda Grow, Mary Pazniokas, McFarland, Joe Collins and Town of Norwood Budget Management Analyst Chris Welch.

tact McFarland.

Although the Market is launching in just three weeks, there has been a lot of local news for residents to absorb this spring. Many have missed the opportunity to purchase fresh, local produce and food for the past two years, the return of the Norwood Farmer's Market on the Town Common will not only satisfy that void but also reunites the community at Norwood's 'hub.' It will be a refreshing change, for the kitchen table and the soul.

Happy 150th Norwood!

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!

For more information on Norwood's 150th celebrations, visit www.norwoodma150.gov.

June 10

Norwood Council on Aging 50th Anniversary Banquet Four Points by Sheraton 4-8 p.m. The Norwood Council on

Aging is celebrating 50 years! Entertainment by Dave Valerio, full course sit down meal. Tickets on sale May 9th at the Norwood Senior Center for \$20.00. Open to folks 60 and older!

June 22

Library Lecture: Registry of Deeds Norwood Town Hall 6:30-9 p.m.

Norwood Notable Land Records: People, Places and Properties is part of the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Norwood that looks at the stories of the people and places of Norwood behind the land records recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds. The history of Norwood from its early years to present day will be highlighted. The places chosen in the booklet and storyboards tell a piece of the story of the Town of Norwood. The

individuals chosen in the booklet and the storyboards really represent all who lived in Norwood and make it a special place to live. The singing program headlined by The Singing Trooper -retired Massachusetts State Trooper

Dan Clark - will entertain and help celebrate Norwood's 150th Anniversary. Doors to the Town Hall will be opened at 6:30 PM to view the storyboards of Norwood's people, places and properties with an event program that is highlighted by a singing performance by The Singing Trooper. For more information, contact Bill O'Donnell at wodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

June 28

Neighborhood History Walking Tour: Lower South Norwood 6-9 p.m.

No more information at press time. For details, visit www.norwoodma150.gov/event-calendar.

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# Nature Calls: Bats - Why The Bad Rap?

By AMY BUSKEY

For many of us, when we think of bats, dark and creepy images of winged fanged monsters come to mind. Some of us are petrified at the very thought of a bat finding its way into our homes, or even worse - coming into our bedrooms at night while we sleep to suck our blood. The average person has very little knowledge of the 'bat world' and, thanks to Hollywood's portrayal of these creatures over the years as menacing, the bad reputation for bats has never really changed. Oh, and let's throw in the suspicion that bats are suspected of being a host of the virus that causes COVID-19.

I recently had the chance to ask licensed wildlife rehabilitator Kristin Fletcher just why the stigma has remained. As a rehabilitator specializing in bats, she has decades of experience working with these flying mammals.

Bats are remarkably misunderstood animals, mainly because they are nocturnal and people have very little contact with them," Fletcher explained. "Bats

do not get caught in people's hair, they are not blind, and have vision equal to other mammals."

Also, as executive director of the Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island since 1999, Fletcher has watched the populations of many bat species plummet over recent years.

"Bats are under great pressure between loss of safe roosting sites, White-nosed Syndrome and increased use of pesticides that decrease food supplies," Fletcher pointed out.

And let's not forget DDT (dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane) - a pesticide used starting in the 1940s, and the devastating long lasting effects it has had on our wildlife - including bats. While the ban on DDT finally went into effect in 1972, bat populations have been very slow to recover. In addition, there are other pesticides that are being used today that remain harmful to bats and other wildlife. Of the nine species of bats in Massachusetts, five are listed as endangered under MESA (Mass Endangered Species Act): \*Little Brown,

\*Northern long-eared, \*Indiana, \*Eastern small-footed, and \*Tricolored bats. The other four species of bats commonly found here in the Bay State include Big Brown, Silver-haired, Eastern Red and the Hoary bat.

Of special note are Indiana Bats - the very last hibernating colony in Massachusetts was in a Chester mine in 1939. As the decades rolled by, Indiana bat numbers slowly started to creep up, and also returned to Vermont. It looked hopeful for a time that this particular species would be re-discovered in Massachusetts. But in 2006, the bat world was dealt another major blow. White-nosed Syndrome (WNS), a fungus affecting bats, was discovered in a New York cave. The fungus is a disease that affects hibernating bats and is caused by an invasive, cold-loving fungus. The fungus grows on bats' skin, disturbing their hibernation and results in dehydration, starvation, and often death. WNS spread rapidly across the United States and as a result, cave-dwelling species' populations crashed and ultimately, the Indiana Bat



Yet more facts to let our endangered bats 'off the hook' so to speak, is their low birth rate.

Since many species of bats only have one or two babies each year, the incredible losses in the bat population will take years and years to make a comeback. There are some endangered species that may not make a comeback at all," Fletcher said.

And since we are smack dab in the middle of baby season, you or your neighbors may just find yourselves with bats in your belly, chimneys and attics. They're really just trying to make a living - you know, housing, raising a family, and providing food, etc. It is also an excellent indicator that your house is not airtight. It takes merely a half inch crevice for many bats to make entry. With that said, the next step is removal, unless you are okay with bats sharing your home with you until their breeding season has passed.

"I would definitely suggest seeking a humane bat removal company as they serve both the homeowners and the bats," Fletcher said. "For instance, they know the times of year where exclusion can best occur so as to not disturb maternity colonies."

A must for every home in what to do in the case of suspected rabies exposure, print off this what to do and who to call list, and proudly hang it on your refrigerator - it could be the most important paper you post: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rabies>.

Keep in mind how bats are critical in our environment.

Bats are insect eaters and play an incredibly important role in managing insect populations that are damaging to crops, without adding pesticides into the environment," Fletcher said.

In closing, she also dispels the age-old myth of bats.

"And no - there are no species in the US that drink blood," Fletcher noted.

*\*cave-dwelling species*

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did not return to Massachusetts. Once the most common bat in Massachusetts, the Little Brown Bat population declined by more than 99 percent. Combined with the problem of no current way to prevent or effectively treat WNS, the four cave-dwelling species of bats were then listed as endangered in Massachusetts in 2012.

Circling back to the stigma surrounding bats, one word comes to mind - rabies. Bats, along with fox, raccoon, skunk, and woodchuck, are among the rabies vector species in the United States meaning, they are a primary carrier of rabies. In fact, any warm-blooded animal can carry rabies, and it is spread when an infected animal bites another animal or person. Also important to point out - an infected animal can cause rabies should their saliva come in contact with an open wound of another person or animal.

According to the CDC (2018), bats are at the top of the list when it comes to percentage infected (33%) among our rabies vector species, followed by raccoons (30.3%), skunks (20.3%), and foxes (7.2%). Once infected, however rare, (only 1-3 cases annually in the U.S.), rabies is nearly 100% fatal - so as knowledge is power, it simply cannot be overstated to know the rabies risks associated with our five main rabies vector species. A great way I remember the main five is simply initials (B, F, R, S, W).

One potential member of your family which is often overlooked as a potential rabies risk is your dog. According to WHO (World Health Organization/ May 2021), dogs are actually the main source of human rabies deaths not bats, contributing up to 99% of all rabies transmissions to humans, and 40% of people bitten by suspected rabid animals are children under 15 years of age. This is why rabies vaccinations are required by law for both dogs and cats, even if they never venture outside.

# Art in the Park is Back!

After a two-year break, the Norwood Art Association is excited to announce that the An-

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nual Art in the Park has returned to the Norwood Town Common! The event, now in its 45th year, will take place Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Over 100 pieces of artwork created by talented local and regional artists will be displayed and judged. Their categories include oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, mixed media, photography, and drawing. Also included in the event will be artisan tables with textile, glasswork, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, clothing, artwork, and wood. Around the gazebo

and prints created by the artists.

Admission is FREE and the show will be judged by a professional artist, with ribbons awarded in each category and the coveted Best of Show.

To entertain and encourage tomorrow's artists, there will be a Kids' Table with projects and face painting. Attendees will also be able to enjoy live acoustic music by a local musician! In addition, folks will have a chance to meet the winner of the NAA's Inez Reardon Memorial Schol-



arship in honor of the late Inez Reardon, one of the founding members of the Norwood Art Association. This scholarship is presented annually to a graduating Norwood High School student furthering their education in the Arts. The presentation will take place around noon.

Since its inception in the 1970's, the Norwood Art Association has been a cultural asset for the Town of Norwood, with the support of town officials, the public, and grants from the Boch Fund and the Mass. and Norwood Cultural Councils. An invitation is extended to all who love the arts to join the group. One does not need to be an artist or even reside in Norwood to become a member; just have an interest in the arts and being a part of the growing and thriving Norwood artist community. The NAA is always in need of volunteers of all kinds to assist with planning, setting up and carrying out of many important duties and fun activities throughout the year. Please visit their website at

[norwoodartassociation.com](http://norwoodartassociation.com) or check them out on Meta (Facebook) for additional information.

In the event of rain, the show will be held on Sunday, June 12th, but the NAA is hoping for sunny skies and lots of art lovers, browsers and buyers to help celebrate the 45th anniversary of this annual occasion to be held during the year of Norwood's 150 Celebration!

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# Wonderful Women of Norwood: Dr. Harriet Emeline Rogers

BY NORWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS KAREN DENAPOLI, LAURIE KEARNEY, LINDA RAU



Dr. Harriet E. Rogers arrived in Norwood in 1923 to practice medicine. In 1922, the number of practicing female doctors in the greater Boston area were merely 10% of all practicing doctors; this statistic alone would make Dr. Rogers a trailblazer. As a doctor, she most definitely made a difference in her patient's lives, but as resident of Norwood, her community spirit and dedication to helping others made a big difference to so many in Norwood—and still does! It is for these reasons the Norwood Historical Society would like to highlight Harriet Rogers as one of the Wonderful Women of Norwood.

Harriet Emeline Rogers was born February 1, 1892, in Amherst, NH. She was the only child of Charles A. Rogers and Emma Fuller. She was named after her grandmothers; Harriet (Jones) Rogers and Emaline (Langlands) Fuller. Harriet grew up in Boston, even though her family's roots ran deep in the towns of Amherst and Merrimack, New Hampshire. It

is likely the family moved to Boston because there were more job opportunities for Charles. Harriet's parents divorced in 1906, when Harriet was just a teenager. Emma remained in Boston where she ran a hospital. The 1910 census shows Emma and Harriet living in the hospital along with the nurses and female patients. It is likely that from living in this environment, Harriet became inspired to seek a career in health care.

Harriet attended Simmons College and was a member of the class of 1914. It appears her major would have been "General Science," as that course of study would have prepared her for her next educational step. After graduating from Simmons, Harriet

entered the Massachusetts General Hospital's School of Nursing. During the years that encompassed World War I, Harriet was the head nurse at the Resthaven Hospital, a private hospital in Dorchester. Apparently not satisfied with nursing, Harriet entered Tufts Medical School; she graduated in 1922, took a 1923 internship at Worcester Memorial Hospital (now the UMass Memorial Medical Center), then came to Norwood, where she not only established her medical practice, but also her home. When Harriet settled in Norwood, her mother Emma came with her. They first rented an apartment on Day Street, where their next door neighbor was Fred Holland Day, and by 1940, they had moved around the corner to a home on Beech Street. Not only did mother and daughter live together, Emma Rogers continued to work well into her seventies, working as receptionist in Harriet's medical office. Emma (Fuller) Rogers died in 1952 and was buried in New Hampshire in the family plot.

After Harriet moved to Norwood, she took an active role in the community, giving of her time and talents. Professionally, Harriet took an active role in the growth of the Norwood Hospital.

She headed up the general practice list and was one of the founding members of the Norwood Hospital Medical Staff when the group was formerly established in 1926. Over the years she served as its President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. She was the doctor for the Norwood Public Schools for eighteen years, and during World War II she served as the pre-employment medical examiner for women in industry in Norwood. Within the larger medical community, she was a member of the MGH Outpatient Department, she annually conducted a three-month medical service at the New England Hospital for Women and Children, and was a medical examiner for incoming freshman at Wellesley College for many years. She was a Member of the Massachusetts Medical Association for over fifty years.

Outside of her medical responsibilities, Harriet became an active participant in Norwood's community life. She was a member the First Congregational Church of Norwood, the Norwood Women's Club, the Norwood Historical Society, and a charter member of the Women's Community Committee. In 1975, Harriet worked with a committee to create Norwood's Meals on

Wheels program. She reached out to several kitchens that would be willing and able to make the meals and handle and store the food. Eventually she spoke to the Ellis Nursing and Rehabilitation center, which enthusiastically agreed to be the food preparation site. Today, this program is still going strong, delivering healthy meals to Norwood's disabled and as well as to senior citizens who are homebound.

The Norwood Historical Society benefited from Harriet's generosity when she donated her collection of Sandwich glass to the society. The collection is a special edition from 1859 that commemorates the first telegraph cable laid across the Atlantic Ocean. Although Sandwich glass is known for their elaborate lacy patterns, the design of this dinner set is a rather simple pattern emulating the look of a twisted cable. Harriet's kind donation is displayed in a place of honor at the society. Visitors can see it on the landing of the Day House's grand staircase in the Everett Furniture Company's walnut hutch.

Harriet died June 17, 1981, in Norwood. Obituaries note

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she only left two cousins behind to mourn her loss. They do not mention the many Norwoodians that were touched by Harriet's life. The Women's Community Committee donated a library cart to the Norwood Hospital so that books could easily be brought to the patient's rooms in her honor. The Norwood Hospital Medical Staff, who had made her an honorary member when she retired, issued an official resolution of sympathy to her family and friends, publishing it in a local newspaper. These small gestures indicate how much Harriet was respected in Norwood. Harriet was buried in New Hampshire, next to her mother, in the Fuller family plot.

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# NPD Undergoing Voluntary State Assessment

Chief William G. Brooks III recently announced that a team of assessors from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission is scheduled to arrive on June 14, to begin a three day assessment examining various aspects of the Norwood Police Department's policies and procedures, operations and facilities.

Verification by the Assessment Team that the Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain state Accreditation -- a self-initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet and maintain standards that

have been established for the profession, by the profession.

The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program consists of 257 mandatory standards as well as 125 optional standards. In order to achieve accreditation status, the Norwood Police Department must meet all applicable mandatory standards as well as 60% of the optional standards. Achieving Accreditation is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. Anyone interested in learning more about this program is invited to call Chief Brooks.

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# Young Ambassadors ... Equals at the table.

By DONNA LANE

There's been a lot of news coverage about the mental health crisis with our school-age children, especially as it relates to the two-year isolation kids endured during the pandemic. It seems to have eclipsed news about the opioid epidemic and substance abuse issues.

Does that mean mental health problems have surpassed those created by opioids and other substances? Does it mean substance abuse is no longer a problem or that people have been desensitized to the issue? Not according to Aubrey Ciol, Program Director for ImpactNorwood.

"I know the hot topic right now is mental health," Ciol stated. "But mental health and substance abuse go hand in hand. So, if you care about mental health you should also care about substance abuse."

And ImpactNorwood is the avenue by which the Town continues to show it really does care.

In 2014, in recognition of the toll the opioid epidemic was having on communities across the

Commonwealth, the Norfolk County District Attorney's office provided seed money to local communities to try to get coalitions started. They believed that substance use coalitions could focus on reducing the number of people who use, overdose, fatally overdose, or contract diseases due to use of dirty needles.

They approached police Chief William G. Brooks III who, together with Sigalle Reiss, former Director of Norwood's Health Department, started the ImpactNorwood coalition. In 2017, they applied for and received the Drug-Free Communities grant from the Office on National Drug Control Policy (run by the Centers for Disease Control). These grants were to be used to focus on use/substance use prevention, especially for youths in grades 6 to 12 to prevent them from using substances and to reduce current rates of substance use.

According to Ciol, we are currently in year five of the ten-year grant. After five years, however, you have to reapply, which we did in April.



Weekly Youth Ambassador Meeting in 2018

The Youth Ambassador program was started because those running the program believed that youth are needed to help determine the strategies that will be used to help their peers. ImpactNorwood guides the group but, according to Ciol, the answers lie within Norwood's adolescents and teens.

"Instead of having a bunch of adults come up with ideas for how to prevent new substance use, we empower youth by informing them about effective prevention strategies and then let them take

the lead in developing the campaigns and the projects that we are going to work on," Ciol said. "We guide them, but the youth who work with us are equals at the table, helping to steer us in the right direction."

Currently, the group consists of 15 student Ambassadors.

"There is currently a core group in middle school, but we would welcome more from the high school," Ciol said. "There was a large contingent of high school Ambassadors last year, but most of them graduated, so ImpactNorwood is looking to attract more youths in that age group."

With the many activities students are already involved in, what might be some motivations for them to participate as Youth Ambassadors? The biggest incentive espoused by current and former students is that they want to help others and be part of making positive contributions. Many of their reasons are as insightful as they are altruistic.

Take Youth Ambassador Elizabeth, for example.

"I am a Youth Ambassador because I want to help make

positive changes in our community," Elizabeth said. "I want to help prevent others from feeling like they aren't in control. I want to help people choose not to do things that would be harmful to themselves and their families."

And then there is Adamaris.

"I am a Youth Ambassador because I want to make a difference in the world and I believe this is the right place to start," Adamaris said.

Through the act of giving their time, energy, and ideas, students who participate often gain significant life skills and knowledge via the Youth Ambassador projects, presentations, health education, public speaking workshops, and community service interactions. ImpactNorwood provides the resources and training for students to take action.

But it's not all work!

"Students are also invited to travel to Washington D.C. for a conference with us in January or February where they get to meet youths from across the country who are also working to promote mental health and prevent youth substance abuse," Ciol said. "Their work on projects helps them to gain leadership and public speaking skills; have the opportunity to engage with their community; and have the potential of obtaining an internship with the health department of Norwood. There's even an annual Dodge Ball Tournament!"

Some of the campaigns that the Youth Ambassadors have implemented to date include a Social Voice campaign which highlights the positive behaviors of youth in the community and a Photo Voice campaign where they collected photos of advertised substances



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These remarkable young people have already made a difference in the Norwood community. Based on surveys conducted each year, through their various campaigns, there has been a significant drop in substance use rates (especially vaping products) among their peers from 2018-2021.

“I spoke with a colleague who works with communities that don’t have the kind of funding that we do and she said in some of those instances, the rates of substance use during that period went up,” Ciol said. “Having impact funding works and it definitely has an impact in the community; so, if we want to continue to see these downward trends, it’s important to stay invested and stay involved.”

If you have a question or suggestion about substance use in our community, feel free to reach out to [aciol@norwoodma.gov](mailto:aciol@norwoodma.gov).



**A big Thank You to the Norwood Woman’s Club for their \$1,000 donation toward Pops on the Common for the Norwood 150th Celebration!**

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### Annual Dog/Car Wash Postponed

It's an event BSAC supporters and their four-legged friends look forward to each year; the Annual Bay State Animal Cooperative Dog Wash! Unfortunately, scheduling did not allow for the yearly June event, but have no fear, those cars and dogs will get cleaned in 2022. The date has been locked in for Sunday, June 11!

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Many of our cats waiting for adoption are homeless or can no longer stay with their current family. Fosters are also needed for surrendered cats that may otherwise be euthanized at "open admission" shelters. Of course we rescue the young, the abandoned, the injured and the orphaned too. While we evaluate

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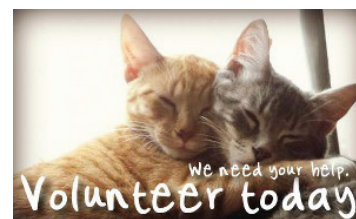
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# Norwood Sports

## Tolman Hoping for a Run at the State Championship

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

George Tolman was lacing up the hockey skates as soon as he could walk, and as far back as he can remember, he was playing wiffle ball in the back yard with his brother. As a senior at Norwood High School, he's been playing both hockey and baseball, but don't ask him to choose which is his favorite because he loves them both equally.

Although he loved the sport, he soon found out that being left-handed would hinder the positions he was able to play.

"Being a lefty, I can't really play the infield positions, so I gravitated toward the outfield, where I primarily play," Tolman said. "I also pitch once in a while."

When Tolman arrived at Norwood High School, he found himself on the freshman baseball

once again, Tolman made the best of his tryout.

"Last year during the varsity tryouts I was really nervous seeing the older kids," the Mustang outfielder said. "We hadn't played baseball in a year and although I knew most of the older kids there, I had never actually played on a team with them. After the tryouts I knew that I could hang with most of them."

Tolman found himself settled in centerfield for the majority of his junior campaign and remembers having a decent first year on the varsity team.

"We went 16-4 that year and eventually lost 11-7 to a very talented Franklin team in the third round of the tournament (Norwood had shutout both Marshfield and Brookline in the Division 1 Tournament before meeting up with the number one seed Panthers)," Tolman recalled. "I didn't do anything spectacular during the tournament, but I do remember my first varsity home-run against Westwood. It's something that I'll never forget."

Coming into his senior and final high school season, the Norwood centerfielder, who is also a captain on the team, is hoping to not only play well in the State Tournament but also encourage his teammates.

"This team has enough talent to make a serious run at the Championship," Tolman said. "As a captain, I want to set a good example by working hard and taking extra reps so that the other players follow along and this will



It was around the age of nine when the Norwood native realized that he had a talent on the diamond.

"When I made the All-Star team playing baseball in the summer for the Town of Norwood, I figured that I had a talent for the sport and was hoping that I could continue to play it on a higher level," Tolman said.

team during the spring of his first year and was hoping to get the chance to earn a spot on the varsity squad the following year.

Unfortunately for Tolman and the rest of his teammates, there was no season the next year due to the Covid pandemic and the cancellations of athletic competitions. When the team finally was able to take to the baseball field

help us make that run."

With the 2022 season halfway through at the time of this writing, Tolman is batting .500 and has already knocked two homeruns out of the park as the team's leadoff hitter. While the senior was not at the top of Norwood's batting lineup last year, he finds himself very comfortable in the role this season where he is looked upon to set the tone for the team by getting on base, anyway he can.

"George is a five-tool player who leads our team in average, homeruns, and runs scored," Norwood Coach Kevin Igoe said. "He possess unreal athletic ability on defense and he also has the ability to pitch for us as well."

The Norwood skipper also noted that Tolman is also a player that is tremendously liked by both his coaches and teammates on both the baseball and hockey team.

"As great as he is athletically, he is an even better person," Igoe said. "He's the perfect role model for our program as well as the community."

Tolman, who is headed to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst to study Turf Management and one day become a superintendent of a golf course, was flattered by his coaches' words.

"Being called a role model is an honor, especially coming from Coach Igoe as he's someone that I look up to," Tolman said. "He's one of the best coaches I have ever had."

When the Mustangs season comes to an end, hopefully with a championship, Tolman will continue to play baseball during the summer months with the Norwood Legion team because he loves the sport and being with his friends on the diamond.

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# Norwood Sports

## Norwood's McDonnell Coach of the Year Recipient

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

Coaches are a product of their team and Norwood High School boys' basketball Coach Kristen McDonnell has benefited from her team's success this past season. McDonnell was named Four Deep Sports Talk boys basketball Coach of the Year for the 2021-22 campaign.

Four Deep Sports Talk is a weekly talk show program airing on WARA AM in Attleboro, on line on YouTube, and tape delayed on 35 community access channels covering the area previously known as the MIAA's South Section.

"This is a huge honor and like Coach (Mike) Costa (girls Coach of the Year) said, 'Any honor you get at the coaching ranks is usually because your team did pretty damn good during the year,'" the Norwood Coach said. "So, this is really about our team, what they were able to accomplish, and the guys that I'm lucky to coach every day."



Deep Sports Talk has been around for 15 years producing a weekly high school talk program. The 10-member committee is made up of FDST contributors, high school sports reporters from the Quincy Sun,

66 in overtime) to reach the Championship game. Unfortunately, Norwood was unable to complete the run as Catholic Memorial, the top seed, put a beating on the Mustangs 95-40 in the Finals.

the Whitman-Hanson Express, the Boston Herald, and a news photographer which consist of 50% of the voting. The other 50% is based on a twitter poll, in which McDonnell won in a landslide with 77% of the vote.

Prior to the season beginning, McDonnell knew that she possessed a team with talent but never expected one that would make a run all the way to the Division 2 State Finals. The Mustangs found themselves with the seven seed and were able to knock off Fitchburg (68-42), Salem (78-63), the number two seed Mansfield (57-51), and the number three seed Burlington (69-

"We had to upset a few teams along the way and the stars seemed to align in our favor," McDonnell said. "But overall, you've got to give a ton of credit to the guys and the way that they played."

While the Norwood Coach continues to give full credit to her team, McDonnell is very familiar with coaching awards having coached the Braintree girls' basketball team for 13 years winning 4 State Championships along the way.

"It really is about the team and the contributions that they made during the year," McDonnell said. "I may have been the one that picked up the plaque, but it was the team that made it possible. What is really cool about this award is that it's a grass roots organization that has a labor of love in covering high school sports and they are passionate at what they do. They do it because they truly love what they are doing."

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**On 25 May 2022, VPG 259 Lenox LLC**, the subject property owner, filed a Tier II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact **Heather A. Ballantyne, Haley & Aldrich, Inc.**, 465 Medford Street, Suite 2200, Boston, Massachusetts 02129, 617-886-7318.

The Tier II Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be reviewed at MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, 617-694-3200.

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# Calendar of Events

## June 2

**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.

## June 3

**The Guide Film (Ukraine Relief Fundraiser)**  
Norwood Theatre  
7:30 p.m.

**THE GUIDE** was shot in 2012 by Ukrainians and released in Ukraine in 2014. It was not released theatrically in the US or Western European countries. The story of this two-hour drama is set in the 1930s and revolves around an American boy who is visiting Ukraine with his father. Young Peter becomes caught up in events connected to Soviet efforts to exterminate millions of Ukrainians. The director of **THE GUIDE** is Oles Sanin, a leading figure in what has become a sizable Ukrainian film industry. Sanin has remained in Kyiv during the war. Both Sanin and the producers at Pronto Films have agreed that **THE GUIDE** may be screened without payment to them as long as ticket proceeds or other donations go to Ukraine relief. Tickets available at the door. \$10 per ticket.

## June 4

**VFW Chicken Bake**  
VFW Post, 193 Dean St.  
3-4:30 p.m.

The Chicken Bake will be served in the Post lounge room. The meal will include a one-half Barbequed Chicken, with corn on the cob and a baked potato. Dessert is also included to finish the meal. The cost is only \$12 per person. Tickets are available

to purchase at the VFW.

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## June 5

**Norwood High School Graduation**  
Norwood High School  
1 p.m.

**The Guide Film (Ukraine Relief Fundraiser)**  
Norwood Theatre  
2:30 p.m.

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## June 6

**Milestones in Massachusetts w/**

**The History Project (Virtual)**  
Morrill Memorial Library  
7 p.m.

This is a Zoom presentation by historian and Executive Director of The History Project, Joan Ilacqua, in honor of Pride Month. Massachusetts was both the first state to legalize same-sex marriage and the first state to support transgender protections through popular vote. Join Joan Ilacqua, Executive Director of The History Project, for a special Pride presentation and discussion about the history of legal prosecution and protection of the LGBTQ+ community in Massachusetts from the Puritans to the present. This presentation will highlight early laws against queer activity, LGBTQ movement building throughout the 20th century, and the continued fight for rights in Massachusetts. Registration is required. Sign up at [www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar) or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200, x2.

## June 10

**Norwood Council on Aging 50th Anniversary Banquet**  
Four Points by Sheraton  
4-8 p.m.

The Norwood Council on Aging is celebrating 50 years! Entertainment by Dave Valerio, full course sit down meal. Tickets on sale May 9th at the Norwood Senior Center for \$20.00. Open to folks 60 and older!

## June 11

**Art in the Park**  
Norwood Town Common  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Over 100 pieces of artwork created by talented local and regional artists will be displayed and judged. Their categories include oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, mixed media, photography, and drawing. Also included in the event will be artisan tables with textile, glasswork, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, clothing, artwork, and wood. Around the gazebo you can view and purchase the very popular bin work including unframed originals, photographs, and prints created by the artists. Admission is FREE.

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

What a great selection of items: clothes for your family, summer reading, purses, shoes, household goods, movies, music,

jewelry, and more! Drop in and take a peek!

## June 14

**Women's Business Networking Meeting**  
Brickify, 15R Cottage St.  
8 a.m.

The Women's Business Networking (WBN) group is a non-profit organization for women in business or residents of Norwood and surrounding towns. The group meet two mornings per month and in addition to providing referral business, the women share and support business ideas and community events/fundraisers. If you would like more information about the organization, call 781-799-7068, or email [wbnofnorwood@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:3926@toastmastersclubs.org). For more information, visit [norwoodtoastmaster.toastmastersclubs.org/](http://norwoodtoastmaster.toastmastersclubs.org/).

## June 15

**Turn the Page-The Four Winds**  
Morrill Memorial Library  
10 a.m.

This month, the group will be discussing 'The Four Winds,' a historical novel written by Kristen Hannah. Copies of the book in regular, large print and audio are available at the circulation desk. To register, visit

[www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar). Contact Patty Bailey with questions at [pbailey@minlib.net](mailto:pbailey@minlib.net) or (781) 443-8864.

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Morrill Memorial Library  
6:30 p.m.

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## June 18

**Ice Cream 5K & Family Fun Run**  
Willett School  
10:30 a.m.

You can run individually or

as a family. This is a timed race, and every person registered will get a coupon for ice cream! The first 150 registered runners will receive an additional give away! The event will include music, inflatables, a family kickball game, and more! Prizes for winners in their age divisions. 5K Runners: cost is \$30 until June 19, \$35 day of. Family 5K: Children \$10, Adult \$15. To register, visit [www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/index.php).

**Juneteenth Celebration**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Town Common

The Town of Norwood will celebrate their FIRST Juneteenth with Norwood Police Officer Geoffrey Baguma as the event's primary organizer. The event activities include art displays, dramatic performances, singing, dancing, and poetry. African American businesses will be spotlighted as well as educational material and historical data provided to those who attend. Talks are also in the works with Ancestry.com in hopes they will be available to give people the option of researching their roots.

## June 21

**Norwood Farmer's Market**  
Norwood Town Common  
2-6 p.m.

The Norwood Farmer's Market will be offering fresh food and produce from various vendors, including Jordan Brothers Seafood, Oakdale Farms, and Hearth Artisans Bread.

**Drag: Behind the Makeup**  
Morrill Memorial Library  
7 p.m.

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person event with drag performers Loo D'Flyest Priestly and Ivanna, in honor of Pride Month. Have you ever wondered what it's like for performers to transform into their drag characters? Join House of Hors drag performers Loo D'Flyest Priestly and Ivanna for a live drag makeup session. Over the course of the evening, Loo and Ivanna will answer questions and chat with the audience while applying their makeup and getting into character. This event is recommended for attendees aged 14 and up. To register, visit [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar).

**CALENDAR**

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**June 22**

**Library Lecture: Registry of Deeds  
Norwood Town Hall  
6:30-9 p.m.**

Norwood Notable Land Records: People, Places and Properties is part of the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Norwood that looks at the stories of the people and places of Norwood behind the land records recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds. The history of Norwood from its early years to present day will be highlighted. The places chosen in the booklet and storyboards tell a piece of the story of the Town of Norwood. The individuals chosen in the booklet and the storyboards really represent all who lived in Norwood and make it a special place to live. The singing program headlined by The Singing Trooper -retired Massachusetts State Trooper Dan Clark - will entertain and help celebrate Norwood's 150th Anniversary. Doors to the Town Hall will be opened at 6:30 PM to view the storyboards of Norwood's people, places and properties with an event program that is highlighted by a singing performance by The Singing Trooper. For more information, contact Bill O'Donnell at wodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

**June 25**

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

The word is out! So many people take advantage of these great sales at great prices you can't find anywhere else. Visit the shop today!

**Norwood Pools Opening Day!  
Hawes and Father Mac's Pools  
12 noon-4 p.m.**

Norwood Recreation will be hosting an opening day party at Hawes Pool and Father Mac's Pool on Saturday, June 25th! We will be selling pool season passes at both pools from 12pm-4pm along with activities, music, snacks, and giveaways!

**June 27**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Knights of Columbus Hall, 572  
Nichols St.  
9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

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**Neighborhood History Walking  
Tour: Lower South Norwood  
6-9 p.m.**

No more information at press time. For details, visit [www.norwoodma150.gov/event-calendar](http://www.norwoodma150.gov/event-calendar).

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

June titled was not announced at press time. For more information, visit [www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar). The group meets in the left hand side bar of the restaurant.

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# Pools Open For The Season Saturday, June 25th

Norwood Recreation will be hosting an opening day party at Hawes Pool and Father Mac's Pool on Saturday, June 25th! We will be selling pool season passes at both pools from 12pm-4pm along with activities, music, snacks, and giveaways! Come join the fun!

Date: Saturday, June 25th  
Time: 12pm-4pm

Location: Hawes Pool & FM Pool

Pool schedule is subject to change, staff will post and announce changes as soon as possible. Additional aquatic programs may be happening at the pools during certain general swim hours, but space will still be reserved for general swim. Hawes Pool will close during swim meets, schedule will be posted on bulletin board at Hawes and on our website at [www.norwoodma.gov](http://www.norwoodma.gov).

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- Visitors must wear proper swim attire and have a current pool pass on their person at all times. One-day passes can be purchased at the Civic during the week and at the pool on weekends.
- Food, drinks, and chairs are not permitted in the pool area.
- All patrons must take a shower prior to swimming in the pool.
- Walk; don't run in and around the pool facility.
- Spitting, spouting or nose-blowing in the pool is strictly prohibited.
- Dangerous practices are prohibited. Patrons may not run on decks; climb, sit or jump from fences; dive in the shallow end, or dunk, push, pull or unnecessarily splash swimmers, or other horseplay. Patrons engaging in these activities may be asked to leave by lifeguards.
- Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated.
- Smoking or the use of drugs is not permitted on the property (this includes vaping).

- The Norwood Recreation Department prohibits the use of floatation devices. Only items labeled "Certified by US Coast Guard" may be allowed in the pool area.
- Children who are not toilet-trained and less than four years old will be allowed in the pool only if they wear a swimsuit diaper and a swimsuit. Cloth or disposable diapers are not accepted.
- Persons with open cuts, sores, bandages, colds, coughs or communicable diseases are not permitted in the pool.
- Swimmers under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Those under 6 must have an adult present inside the pool gated area.
- Emergency procedures must be observed. Swimmers must leave the pool area immediately upon the signal or request of the lifeguard on duty.
- Norwood Recreation Staff reserves the right to ask anyone to leave for failing to follow policies.
- Spray Park: No children older than 5 years old or taller than the entrance gate are allowed in the Spray Park. All children must be accompanied by an adult in the Spray Park area at all times.

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# Real Estate Corner

## April Real Estate Activity in Norfolk County

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reported that the April numbers relative to Norfolk County show a continuing decrease in real estate activity compared to April, 2021 and even compared to the March, 2022 numbers.

"Our data indicates that the Norfolk County real estate numbers in April indicate a continued slowdown in the market compared to 2021 and, except for a slight increase in sales, when compared to the overall numbers from last month," Register O'Donnell said. "There were 11,179 documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in April, a 37% decrease from April, 2021 and a decrease of 10% from March of 2022.

The number of deeds for April, 2022, which reflect real estate sales and transfers, both commercial and residential, decreased by 16% from April, 2021 but did increase by 3% from March. However, sale prices continue to surge. The average sale price in April was \$1,534,065, a 32% increase compared to April, 2021. Total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales also showed gains from one year ago, increasing 11%, and surprisingly are up 41% from last month."

Overall lending activity show a continued trend downward for the month of April. A total of 2,210 mortgages were recorded during the month, a significant decrease of 48% compared to a year ago and down 8% from last month.

"It appears that interest rate increases and the fact that many consumers have already refinanced may be impacting the

numbers," Register O'Donnell noted.

A continuing cause for concern in Norfolk County is the number of pending foreclosures. The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely watching the foreclosure market. During April, there were four foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County, two less than in April, 2021 and one less than in March. However, there were 22 Notices to Foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, recorded in April, up significantly from four recorded in April, 2021, and up from 11 recorded last month.

"The dramatic increase in the number of these notices is alarming," Register O'Donnell said. "It indicates that more of our neighbors are facing financial challenges going forward. We will continue to monitor these numbers."

For the past several years, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs, 617-479-8181, x376, and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions, 508-587-0950 to help anyone facing challenges paying their mortgage. Another option for homeowners is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400.

"If you are having difficulty paying your monthly mortgage, please consider contacting one of these non-profit agencies for help and guidance," Register O'Donnell said.

Homestead recordings by owners of homes and condominiums decreased again this month at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds. There was a 13% decrease in homestead recordings in April, 2022 compared to April, 2021, but a slight increase from last month.

"The comparison from last April is not too surprising where the sales of homes have started to level off, 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 said. "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. Visit the Registry website at [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org) to get more information on homesteads and to make sure you have taken advantage of this protection.

April real estate activity in Norfolk County continues to show a decline from last year. We still see the increase in sale prices as indicating a lack of available real estate inventory which for buyers, particularly first time buyers, suggests a disadvantage."

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# Real Estate Corner

## Register O'Donnell Promotes MA Homestead Act

Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell recently reminded Norfolk County homeowners about the importance of filing for Homestead protection.

"If you own a home, and it is your primary residence, you have an automatic homestead exemption of \$125,000," Register O'Donnell said. "However, if you file a Declaration of Homestead at the Registry of Deeds, the exemption increases to \$500,000. The Homestead law provides a homeowner with limited protection against the forced sale of

their primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000 if they have filed. This is especially important when you consider that for most of us, a home is our most valuable asset. Consumers should take steps to protect that asset."

Another feature of the Homestead law is the allowance for the filing of an Elderly Homestead Declaration, which defines an elder as a person who is 62 years of age or older and provides protection of \$500,000 for each qualified person.

"Back in March of 2011, the

Homestead law was updated so that a valid Homestead cannot be terminated when refinancing a mortgage," Register O'Donnell noted. "Other changes that took place back in 2011 state that a Homestead can provide protections for a primary home even if it is held in a trust. The definition of a primary residence was also expanded to include a manufactured or mobile home."

While the Homestead statute provides important protections for homeowners, it is important to note there are certain debts that are exempted from protection under the Homestead Act. These include federal, state, and local tax liens, as well as mortgages contracted for the purchase of a primary home, and nursing

home liens. Most other mortgages, debts, and encumbrances existing prior to the filing of the Declaration of Homestead, along with probate court executions for spousal and child support, are also not covered under the Homestead protection statute.

Declarations of Homestead are recorded at the Registry of Deeds for a state imposed fee of \$36. Additional information about the Homestead law, and the forms are available at no cost by visiting the Registry's website at [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org)

"I want to reiterate that a Homestead provides limited protection against the forced sale of a homeowner's primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000," Register O'Donnell

concluded. "While the debt is still owed, homeowners can have peace of mind knowing that with a Homestead recorded at the Registry of Deeds, their primary residence cannot be forcibly sold to satisfy most debts. If you have any questions about a Homestead, please contact our Customer Service Center at 781-461-6101, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Our trained staff are more than willing to answer any questions you may have."

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds events and initiatives, like them at [Facebook.com/NorfolkDeeds](https://www.facebook.com/NorfolkDeeds) or follow on [twitter.com/NorfolkDeeds](https://twitter.com/NorfolkDeeds) and/or [Instagram.com/NorfolkDeeds](https://www.instagram.com/NorfolkDeeds).

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### REAL ESTATE

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The Registry of Deeds continues to be open to the public for business. Registry personnel are processing in-person recordings as well as electronically filed recordings. 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 the outside drop-off box at 649 High St., Dedham."

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