

The Boston Pops: the Hot Ticket in Town

By BELLA CAGGIANO

The weather was forecasted for high humidity, but the shade on the Norwood Town Common and the light summer breezes meant for cooler temperatures but a hot concert!

The Boston Pops Orchestra helped Norwood celebrate its 150th Anniversary with a somewhat 'private' performance for Norwood residents. It was a site like no other in Town. A few days before the June 26 concert, Summer on Central was transformed into a giant stage (some trees even needed to be trimmed to accommodate), and the buzz grew. On that tropical afternoon, the entire Norwood Common was filled with excited concertgoers on chairs and blankets anxiously awaiting this once in a lifetime event; the audience even spilled onto closed Washington St. The concert was also simulcast on a big screen at Norwood High School for those without tickets or wanted relief from the heat.

The event went off without a hitch. Keith Lockhart and his



Conductors Keith Lockhart and Paul Alberta

Boston Pops put on a tremendous two-hour show for the

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Sathvika Kommera takes a break from tending the Environmental Youth Coalitions's food pantry plot.

Norwood's Community Garden ... A Very Special Place

By DONNA LANE

The Norwood Community Garden has been in full swing since early June. It is where 72 different households come together to plant, chat, learn, teach, and grow. Those households have roots in many other parts of the world... Portugal, Honduras, Italy, India and Ireland, to name

a few.

Each household gardens on an 8x16 foot section of former pasture land, in the conservation area of Endean Park. Some of the gardeners are old hands while others have never used a trowel. And

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locals with some classical, a little swing, and ended with their traditional Americana medley and the infamous 1812 Overture. Two scenes made this day even more special; when highly admired Norwood High School's former Director of Fine Arts Paul Alberta took the stage to conduct a musical number and Norwood's own Kyle Leonard was honored to play two songs with the renowned orchestra.

According to Norwood Police Chief William Brooks, it is estimated that 4,000-5000 residents were able to take in this special performance.

"The town only had 6500 tickets, and I think that the warm weather kept some people away," Chief Brooks said.

This impressive event would not have been possible without countless local volunteers, Norwood municipalities, and many local and state organizations who worked together to ensure the safety and comfort of all who attended.

"We began planning secu-

rity as soon as we learned that the concert was likely," Chief Brooks said. "Lieut. David Benton headed up operations for us, and I think he did an outstanding job. Much of the success was in the planning and preparation, but then a lot also on the execution of the plan.

But there are so many others for Norwood to extend their gratitude.

In addition to Lieut. Benton, I want to thank the police department employees who worked, as well as the other town departments who worked so closely with us. We could not have done it without them. For instance, we wanted to stage heavy trucks on the streets leading into the concert venue. we did that in such a way that there were literally no motor vehicles within the event perimeter. Obviously, those trucks and drivers were provided by DPW. We were also assisted by other police departments, some that could be seen and some that could not. Plainclothes detectives of the NORPAC Task Force were in the crowd watching for suspicious activity. Bomb detection dogs from the state police and Quincy police swept the area just prior to



the concert, and remained on scene throughout most of the afternoon. The Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council provided a command post, as well as a tactical element. Again, most people probably never saw that element, but the command post was parked in front of St. Catherine's church. With permission from Norwood Airport, we periodically flew a drone with a camera over the area, and could also use the camera on the mast in the command post to give us a look at the tops of the buildings throughout the center. We believe that all of these elements, layered on top of one another, provided a safe venue without causing any anxiety among the concertgoers.

While Norwood residents began hearing rumors about the event only a month or so before, according to Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen, this spectacular project was seven months in the making.

"It was a lot of legwork to make it a successful day," Rosen said. "It was a lot of work but worth it."

The idea was formed from a generous donor, DCD Automotive Holdings, in Norwood, (\$143,000), with the intention of bringing the Pops to Norwood. With this start-up capital, a committee was formed, more donations solicited, and many, many meetings were held. Rosen created a 'dream team,' consisting of a cross section of the Concerts Committee, the 150th Anniversary Committee, and a vital cog in the process, private citizen Jonathan Cardoni. Cardoni, now retired, shared his extensive experience in event planning with Liberty Mutual.

"His credibility was excellent and he helped us map out the logistics for the day," Rosen said. "From road closures, to capacity, to businesses impacted. He and I became attached at the hip, up to and including the day of the show."

In addition to the efforts of Rosen, Cardoni, and the many Norwood municipalities and state resources, there were 105 volunteers at the event that made this a day for all to remember. Dona-

tions were also necessary for this to all happen, and in addition to DCD Automotive, the 150th Anniversary Committee gave \$25,000, David Spiegel, of CMI Properties with \$30,000, Simoni offered \$25,000, and countless others from local corporations to private citizens. In total, orchestra and productions costs of \$280,000, were covered strictly by these contributions

Chief Brooks has been in a uniform for over 45 years and has been involved in many group events, but none like the Boston Pops visit.

"I have not experienced anything quite like this in all my years in policing," Chief Brooks said. "By the same token, when I was with the Wellesley Police Department I participated in the policing of 13 Boston Marathons. In that case, the venue was much larger but spread out among the eight municipalities along the route. What made the Pops concert different was there was no playbook, as this had never been done before."

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From Norwood High School to the Pops!

BY MICHELE TARANTO

Kyle Leonard has performed many times in front of people. His largest audience was 1,000 people for a play, but he couldn't see them. What a difference playing before your hometown to approximately 4,000 people on the Norwood Common. And add to that, playing with one of the most infamous and talented orchestras in the world; that is a monumental transition!

Eighteen year-old Leonard was the Norwood High School (NHS) student who was honored to play saxophone with the Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops on June 26, in celebration of Norwood's 150th Anniversary.

The experience began with the idea of a NHS student accompanying the orchestra and a recommendation from Norwood High School Director of Fine Arts, Katherine Carter Mullen. After a video audition, the decision was made. Leonard would take the massive stage on Central Ave.!

It only took one rehearsal in the Boston Symphony Hall build-

ing for Leonard, Lockhart, and the entire ensemble to practice his two pieces. With Leonard's talent, and the experience of the Pops behind him, that is all it took look like a natural on that stage!

"I was very nervous at first; it was the first time I have ever played in front of a giant group of professional musicians," Leonard said. "Before that, I met with Keith. He was easygoing and professional all at the same time. We went over both pieces I was playing and how we were going to get through them with him and I and the whole orchestra."

For those who attended the concert, they will likely remember the massive stage. Couple that with the thousands of people watching, one can only imagine what a sight that was for the 2022 NHS graduate. Already a true performer, Leonard took it in stride.

That was the first time I ever experienced something like that, it was unreal," Leonard said. "I really wasn't nervous. It was

more adrenalin. Because it was nice out, it was a good day to do everything."

There was something Leonard did not count on that day, the wind. During his performance,



his music sheet flew on the ground, and for a few minutes, he played from memory, just as a seasoned professional.

"You learn through all envi-

ronments," Leonard said. "It was shock more than anything else. I thought, I guess I will have to do this by memory now. The music was there as a safety and I could always look down."

While this was Leonard's largest audience, performing is not new to him. He has been a musician since he was eight years old and can play the saxophone, flute, clarinet, bass, percussion, baritone, and tuba. One guess which instrument he prefers.

"My favorite is the saxophone, 100%; that's what I started on," Leonard shared. "Beside starting on it and playing the longest, it looked the coolest to me when I was picking an instrument at nine or ten."

At NHS, music and physics were his primary interests, and with his talent, it is no surprise he will major in music at college this fall. Leonard will be attending the University of North Texas, which offers one of the best music programs in the country.

"They have a very specific degree I wanted, [multiple woodwind performance]," Leonard said. "The degree I want is usually only offered at graduate levels but they offer it for undergrad here. I am the only one in the program right now. It is one of the toughest music degrees to graduate in; the last person was over five years ago."

Leonard credits many people that helped him pursue his musical talent. His family first for the support, his band teacher, Steven Conant, Carter Mullen, and his private lesson teacher of five years former Director of Fine Arts, Paul Alberta.

"They helped me get to where I am today,"

There is so much ahead for this young, talented musician. Right now, college, from there, the stage is wide open.

"I hope that later in my career I get to do more with orchestras, or maybe even the Boston Symphony in the future," Leonard said. "I definitely left a good impression."

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while there are these two wide gaps of knowledge, all come together in relative harmony and a desire to grow food, pass on their knowledge to their children or to others in the garden.

Gardening as a community is not always easy. Since it's on conservation land, our garden must be totally organic. In addition, we cannot kill, trap, or move critters that may have invaded our space. This year, it's the chipmunks and

voles, so we rely on Mother Nature's help to keep them in check. Our friends, the hawks, are helping out quite a bit.

One of our biggest challenges is the proliferation of weeds, especially in the aisles between plots and along the perimeter of the garden. The gardeners are starting to realize that many of the problems we have with insects and disease are due in large measure to how we keep house. It is a matter of education and requires

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constant reminders by garden manager, Susan Clare, section coordinators, and the garden's advisory committee – Joe Barrett, John Churchill, Satish Kommera, Paula Martin, Dymna O'Carroll, Theresa Petrucci, Carolyn and Jim Stahl, and Susie O'Donnell.

Clare credits several Norwood Evening Garden Club members, each of whom are also master gardeners, with helping to identify problems and offering solutions to those problems.

"Whether it's an egg sac, a bug, or some type of blight, these master gardeners are an immeasurable help at the garden," Clare said. "Eleven years ago when I started this garden, I knew nothing about gardening ... only that we needed one. The master gardeners were very kind and most generous in sharing their knowledge and skills."

Clare said that this year's mix of gardeners has even more diverse ethnicities than in past years and they seem to communicate more with one another and are friendlier. That observation was borne out during interviews conducted with some of the garden-

ers. Clare shared the gardeners have also been more responsive when asked to help with projects that benefit the entire community. And, they are very responsive to sharing with the food pantry. The first delivery from the garden on July 15th consisted of about 50 pounds of produce, including squash, peppers, lettuce and kale.

Some gardeners have maintained plots from the beginning, but there are quite a few new gardeners this year. Those who cannot manage their plots due to time constraints or health issues often give them up so someone else has an opportunity to use the land. They have an open invitation to return in the future if their situations change and a plot is available.

In his eighth year at the garden, Seamus Johnston, who grew up on a farm in Ireland, skillfully grows quite a lot in his small plot including spectacularly sized onions and cabbage, peas, strawberries, tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, squash, wax beans, cucumbers, and celery. The size of his rhubarb plant is on the way to becoming legend, and he puts it to good use making rhubarb ginger jam (with yours truly) a couple times a year. He is generous with his knowledge and shares his

bountiful harvests as well, sometimes growing vegetables he does not eat for the sheer joy of growing them and giving away the entire crop to fellow gardeners and the food pantry.

He sometimes finds the community aspect of gardening difficult. He is a perfectionist and is frustrated by people who don't take proper care of their plots and who let weeds build up.

"It's not fair to everyone else," Johnston said.

Johnston believes the secret to his success is that he visits the garden and waters his plants every day. Checking one's garden every day is the best way to stay on top of problems as they occur.

Brenda and Mark Hoover [and their neighbor Maria Badger who shares the plot] agree. Their garden is admired by everyone who passes by. It's the first garden you see as you enter the main gate. Neatly planted rows of Roma, beefsteak and cherry tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, green beans, lettuce, broccoli, and kale don't have to compete with weeds thanks to the diligence of this couple.

"We're kind of under pressure because we're up front," Mark joked.

They have maintained the gar-

den for five years.

"The three of us knew nothing about gardening when we started," Mark said. "And we still don't."

"This year we're starting to grow vertically," Brenda chimed in laughing. "Each year is a learning experience — not only what you do but seeing what other people do as well. It's fun to figure out what you're going to put in."

This year Brenda put in extra time to plan the garden," Mark said. "Brenda's always grown a few tomato plants at the house. Funny thing is I can't stand tomatoes, but she passes them out to all the neighbors and they love it."

"The cherries are my favorite," Brenda said. "My Dad used to grow them and go out to the garden and pop them into his mouth."

A woman stopped by during the interview and offered up kale to the couple. Another stopped to chat and compliment them on how neat and clean their plot is.

"We've met more people of different nationalities and different interests and people will always stop and look at what others are growing and how they're growing it," Mark said. "Everyone seems to be in a good mood when they come up here. It may

sound a little corny, but it really does feel like a community."

"It's also a nice little hobby to have," Brenda mused. "Our kids are grown now, so we don't have to go to hockey or soccer games anymore and we have more time to come and work at the garden."

Mark agreed.

"I love coming here after dinner in the evening; it's pretty up here," Mark said.

This is the third year in the garden for high school senior Sathvika Kommera, co-president of Norwood High School's Environmental Youth Coalition.

"We strive to make the high school and Norwood a better place by doing team projects and other activities that help make Norwood more sustainable," Kommera said.

Her garden helpers are students Navya Venkatchalm, Ayushma Kc, and Sindhi Koli, sister of Tanya Koli, who worked with her at the garden for two years prior to graduating last year.

All produce grown by the students goes to the Norwood Food Pantry. This year they are growing peppers, strawberries, zucchini, tomatoes, parsley, sage and

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oregano. “I knew nothing about gardening when I started,” Kommera said. “I have learned so much but there’s still a lot I do not know. The amount this tiny plot can produce and the amount that we can donate is insane. I honestly didn’t think we would be able to donate that much.”

What made her want to donate her time in this manner you may ask?

“When visiting India on vacation, no matter where you go there are people begging – mostly for food but also for money,” Kommera said. “All that begging made a huge impact on me and I wanted to do something in my life to help the less fortunate.”

Sathvika’s dad, Satish Kommera, is an IT professional who relaxes by tending his garden. He, too, has maintained a plot for three years. Kommera said he used to garden with his father in India but that gardening here is very different.

“I have learned much about gardening here,” Satish said. “I learned how to properly take care of certain plants, and about

the many weeds. When you ask people questions, everyone is very helpful, but everyone has a different idea about how to grow different things.”

He doesn’t much like the weeds that crop up but is enamored of coriander and has a huge patch currently in flower which is incredibly fragrant. He is growing five zucchini plants, a couple of tomatoes and peppers, and a rose bush that was loaded with beautiful flowers. He said he didn’t have time to plant seeds for cabbage, cauliflower, watermelon or okra this year but plans to grow them again next year.

Kommerera is a member of the garden’s advisory committee and is impressed that the Town provides the water, compost and wood chips for the garden.

“You won’t find this kind of help in any other town,” Satish said.

Marta Mejia has also been growing at the community garden for three years. A naturalized citizen, she is originally from Honduras where she learned to garden by helping her parents.

“I love it,” Mejia said cheerfully.

There wasn’t a bare spot in her garden. Oh, wait. There’s about 6 inches of bare ground and she

wonders what she can plant there. She laughs at her question as she points out what she’s growing this year – string beans, kidney beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, red roses, gladiolas, zucchini, watermelon, and a super-sized squash she called Calabrese, but wasn’t sure of its name.

She was preparing to put one of the super-sized squash out for the food pantry. Majia said she tries to grow different things each year. She points to the three corn plants she tucked in a few weeks ago.

“If I see a space I put more,” Majia said. “I say, oh I can put this here. My plot is so good. It makes me happy when I see things come up.”

She’s already thinking about what she wants to plant next year.

“Every week my kids [ages 10 and 13] come and they water,” Majia said. “It makes them happy. Gardening makes me happy. And I can help my kids more when I’m happy.”

Happiness seems to flow through the garden. Kate Smith, a two-year plot holder, said being able to work outside in the garden is something she really enjoys – and needs.

“In today’s housing market, it’s hard for people to find a home

and a plot of land they can take care of and take pride in,” Smith said. “As apartment dwellers, my partner and I missed having an outdoor space we could call our own.”

The ability to be outside and use her hands is very important to Smith. She waited a year for her plot and said due to health issues and not planting until mid-season, the first year wasn’t very successful and the plot was often overrun with weeds. But it was a learning experience!

This season, she started early and, after cleaning the plot, put down tarps until she was ready to plant. She laid pavers in the center of her plot so she could access all of the plants without compacting the soil, and with the help of her father-in-law and the use of a four-valve manifold (splitter) at the water source, she installed drip irrigation.

“That way, I can be watering and stay ahead of the weeding at the same time,” Smith explained.

This year she is successfully growing lettuce, kale, broccoli, cauliflower, cucumbers, corn, several herbs, zucchini and summer squash, bush beans, butter-nut squash, bell peppers, brussels sprouts, Roma tomatoes, and two carrots. Yes, you read that cor-

rectly. Only two – just to try growing them from seed.

She says there are so many emotions wrapped up in being able to work outside.

“The garden has been an oasis during a very difficult time,” Smith said. “I want the Town to know what a great resource it is for residents and that all of their efforts to help us to maintain the area is so worth all of those efforts.”

Smith said her partner, her in-laws and her mom all enjoy being at the garden.

“It’s a great way to engage with the community,” Smith said. “The people I’ve met have been exceptionally nice. And, it has brought my personal community closer together.”

Whether growing okra, gongura, fenugreek, amaranth, Swiss chard, or the ubiquitous tomato and zucchini, the Community Garden is a place where vegetables from many cultures are sown and reaped, where friendships are cultivated, and charity and generosity abound, and people of many cultures work, learn and socialize in harmony. It’s a very special place!

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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 building has 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.

August 2
Norwood Police Department
National Night Out
6-8 p.m.
Norwood Town Common

This is a chance for police departments all over the country to get out in the community

and meet people. The goal of this night is "Together, we are



making communities safer, more caring places to live and work". This is the second time the Norwood Police are taking part in the program with last year being very successful. There will be kids games, cruiser demo's, hot dogs, pizza, drinks, popcorn and some giveaways. Plus, there will be a tent selling t-shirts. We hope that the public will once again come out and introduce themselves and let us know any questions and concerns they might have. For the latest information visit the Norwood Police Facebook page at www.facebook.com/norwoodpolice.

August 2
Neighborhood History Walking
Tour: Guild Square
First Congregational Church, 100
Winter St., Parking Lot
6 p.m.

In celebration of the town's 150th anniversary the Norwood

Historical Society has organized a series of Neighborhood History Walking Tours this summer to share the history of different areas and communities that make up Norwood. For more information visit www.norwood-historicalsociety.org.

August 9
Neighborhood History Walking
Tour: Town Common
Meet at the Parking Lot behind
the Norwood Town Hall
6 p.m.

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August 13
Our Town Theatrical Production

Watch the presentation of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," sponsored by the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers. "Our Town" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com. Not suitable for children under 12 years old. Open seating. FREE.

Letter To The editor:

July 7, 2022

MICHELLES HOPE CONTINUES

Some 24 years ago, a small group of Norwood's Angels sat at a dining room table on Myrtle St. to begin what would be no small feat. The goal was to fulfill a wish that had been promised to a very special young lady, Michelle Kennedy.

Michelle's dream was to raise money to help people in Norwood who were facing financial difficulties as a result of catastrophic illness in their family. The Foundation Board Members represent the entire community with individuals from the police and fire departments, town government, the school system, medical, social services, and the business community. The goal that first year was to start a foundation that would help members of the Norwood community facing catastrophic illness. With initial seed money from the Board of Selectmen and the Boch Fund, we were on our way. Over the next twenty four years, with countless fundraisers and donations, we began to see the fruits of our efforts. Hundreds of families and individuals have been assisted in meeting the difficult challenges that they were facing. All of this as a result of "neighbors helping neighbors."

"The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation is extremely proud to report that we have just surpassed \$1,000,000.00 in grant assistance to our friends and neighbors in need. This would never have been possible without the love and support of the people of Norwood. Thank you for all you have allowed us to accomplish and we look forward to many years of growth and assistance in the years ahead.

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Doughty Best Choice for Governor

Our state is facing some serious problems including high cost of living exacerbated by inflation, an ailing MBTA system, rising crime rates, businesses leaving the state, and declining schools. We need a governor who will put aside politics and put people first. That person is fiscally conservative outsider Chris Doughty.

He is not a professional politician. Chris has spent a lifetime creating jobs, not worrying about the next election. He is the only job creator in the race. For more than three decades he has worked to build businesses that provide good jobs, while juggling being a hands-on dad for his six children and serving in the community.

Doughty has overseen the expansion of Capstan Industries from its initial startup of a few dozen employees to become, at its peak, a large multinational manufacturer. As a business owner and job creator, he dealt with all kinds of challenges — from low-cost international imports to government regulation. He has worked hard to make his company a place people were proud to work.

Doughty graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.S. in economics and received an MBA from Harvard Business School. He is well qualified to be our Governor.

But, what will Doughty do for you? As he likes to say, “You will have more dough with Doughty.”

Doughty was the first candidate to call for the suspension of the gas tax to help ease the pain at the pump. His plan is to suspend the gas tax until the price of gas drops below \$3.70 per gallon.

“The state has the funds, so there is no reason that the State House cannot help the hard working taxpayers by immediately suspending the gas tax. As the next Governor, we will be proactive in responding to crises,” said Doughty.

Doughty wants to end the Commonwealth’s reputation of being “Taxachusetts” and reduce taxes more than Bill Weld did as Governor. This will make our state more com-



petitive for attracting new businesses so that we can grow jobs and wages.

Like you, Doughty opposes licenses for illegal immigrants. But, he knows that the true problem is that Massachusetts is a magnet state. As our next Governor, he will strengthen verification of applications for public assistance so only the truly needy and legal residents receive benefits.

As an experienced job creator, Doughty has a small business bill of rights plan to support those who create the majority of new jobs in our state.

“As a business owner, I have worked hard to always comply with new regulations, but it has not been easy. Creating jobs



and meeting a payroll is not for the faint of heart. State government should be advocates and partners with our local businesses so the Commonwealth can create more jobs and raise wages. We do that by encouraging entrepreneurship and small businesses that are the backbone of our economy,” said Doughty.

As a father and grandfather, Chris Doughty knows that education is the heart of our Commonwealth and that we need to provide the best educational opportunities for the next gen-



eration. Our state is a national leader in education at all levels but it is often uneven in its availability. Doughty will work to ensure parents can access the very best education for their children. The equation is simple: high expectations, a strong curriculum, excellent teachers, and empowered parents.

We can count on Chris Doughty to make Massachusetts affordable again. To see more details on his small business bill of rights and other issues visit ChrisforMA.com. Chris would be honored to have your vote in the GOP Primary on September 6th.

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Nature Calls

Crowd Control at Ellis Pond

By AMY BUSKEY

If you visited Ellis Pond recently or are a resident along the water's edge, chances are you took notice of the warning sign posted there back in early June. The Norwood Conservation Commission informed residents that the pond would be chemically treated for control of nuisance vegetation – that nuisance being the non-native European water chestnut. But these plants go way, way beyond being just a nuisance. The truth is, these plants cause a host of problems on our waterways. First off, because the floating plants form dense mats on the water's surface, it makes it harder for wildlife to find food. It also makes it hard for boats, canoes, kayaks, and the like to move across the water for simple recreation. Left unchecked, it will also result in low oxygen levels in the water and fish dying off. According to longtime resident Keith Anderson, who lives on the pond's edge, that has already happened.

"The fishing is way down from previous years," Anderson said. "The problem gets worse each year. The growth used to peak at the end of July, now it's peaking in June."

Anderson, who spends a

great deal of time on the pond, did see the change following treatment.

"It actually got rid of the thinly populated weeds in the deeper area of the pond but half of it is still covered," Anderson said.

And that is the limitation of herbicides when it comes to invasive species like the monster we now know as water chestnut. Herbicides only target newer growth, on the plants that have not yet produced seeds for the following year. During a single season, one acre of Water Chestnut can produce enough seeds to cover 100 acres the following year, resulting in a monster of a problem.

Native to Europe, Asia, and Africa, water chestnut plants are kept in check in these countries by their native insects. But controlling the invasive species here in the United States has proven difficult, incredibly costly, and often requires several different tactics to target just one body of water. So how did water chestnut get here? Gardeners brought it here from Europe sometime in the 1870's and was known to be growing in a botanical garden at Harvard University in 1877. Around the same time, a gardener reported growing it in



Lynne (Parisi) Anderson left, and childhood friend Faith Berkowicz on Ellis Pond in 1956.

Fresh Pond in Cambridge, as well as other local ponds, and from there began an invasive nonnative plant epidemic of sorts. The plants easily spread and took hold as their seeds found their way through connecting ponds and rivers. The hardy annual species is also well established in both the Concord and Charles River systems, along with countless other rivers, ponds, and streams from here to Canada.

Water chestnut has also been known to hitch a ride on the feathers of wildlife, so completely eradicating the plant altogether is unlikely, at least for now. There are also the people who unknowingly transport water chestnuts. Over at Walden Pond in Concord, for example, they employ a boat ramp monitor to ensure boats coming in do not have any stowaways, that being the dreaded water chestnut. And it is working: The pond is one of the very few in the area that have no invasive or

nonnative plant problems. The herbicidal control measures at Ellis Pond have been repeated all over the Northeast, and they are in fact just that – control. There simply is no magic bullet, much to the dismay of locals, and controlling the plant will be perpetual. It has taken decades to research how to control it and has costs millions. Take for example, Lake Champlain. They spend upwards of half a million dollars annually to keep the plants under control. There's also neighboring Canton at Silk Mill Pond. A few years back there were no water chestnut growing there, but by 2020, nearly 80 percent of the pond was covered in it. They too employed numerous methods to contain it, including hand pulling and herbicides. But hand pulling is no easy task and requires hours of volunteer work – plants can reach up to 15 feet from the base of ponds and rivers. They reproduce primarily by the production of nuts, and each nut can produce 10-15 plants.

And then each of these plants can produce up to 20 seeds. The 6-gram nuts are released in the fall and sink into sediments where they can stay viable for up to 12 years. Therefore, regardless of the type of treatment, it should take place before the fruit or nut has ripened and settled into sediment.

Rising up out of this sediment of doom to save our beloved ponds and waterways could be beetles, Asian beetles, specifically. We cannot talk water chestnut problems without bringing in the work of Bernd Blossey, associate professor of natural resources at Cornell. Blossey has been conducting research for decades on controlling water chestnut through means of Asian beetles, a natural biocontrol. Blossey received permission to bring Asian beetles back to the U.S. in 2019, and since then has been conducting studies at Cornell on their effectiveness. Although more time is needed, it looks like Asian beetles may be our best bet in the very near future in getting our ponds and waterways back to good health. And for folks like Anderson, that help can't come soon enough.

"The west end of the pond is not navigable," Anderson explained. "The water's natural flow is being inhibited by the weeds."

Anderson has spent more time than most out on the water in his small motorboat RIGA. For decades he, like many others, have enjoyed Ellis Pond in its earlier healthier days. Now, in retirement, Anderson looks out onto the water, remembering how it used to be.

"It's disappointing that the town isn't taking care of its only body of water," Anderson said.

Norwood, like so many other towns throughout the Northeast and beyond, waits patiently for that next line of defense against Asian water chestnut. That next defense will likely come-a-calling in the shape of a beetle, only this time, nature can't call soon enough.



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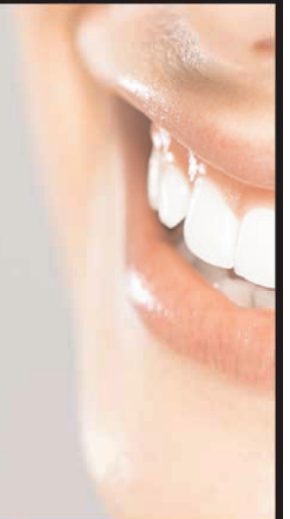
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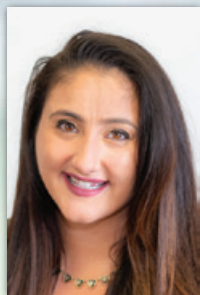
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Wonderful Women of Norwood: Maude Alice Shattuck

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and Sarah Bond Morrill (named for her aunt who died on March 7, 1895).

We are proud to present Maude Alice Shattuck as this month's Wonderful Woman of Norwood.

Maude was born September 1, 1880, in Norwood, to Edmund J. Shattuck and Emma L. (Morrill) Shattuck. She was one of five siblings: Lois, Louise, Edmund,

Maude was true 'Norwood Royalty.' Her grandfather was George H. Morrill of the Morrill Ink Works; her grandmother was Sarah Bond Tidd; her mother's sister, Grace, married Howard Plimpton; another one of her mother's sisters, Hannah, married Lewis Henry Plimpton; an aunt, Henrietta, (wife of Samuel S. Morrill) was the daughter

of George Winslow and Olive Smith (daughter of John Smith and Anna Rhodes).

Maude's father, Edmund, came to work at the George H. Morrill & Company Ink Works from Northfield, VT. This company manufactured ink and was among the foremost in its time in this country. In a short time, Edmund attained a high position in the company and married the owner's daughter.

Maude graduated from Dana Hall, in Wellesley, in 1898, and Smith College, in 1902. As befitting a woman of her social position and that time, Maude never actually had a job or profession, but rather spent her entire life as a volunteer. In this way, she followed in her father's footsteps: although a very prominent businessman, Edmund Shattuck also spent his life also giving back to the community of Norwood. He worked in public office giving his time freely for the public welfare. Edmund was the chairman of the Republican Town Committee, served on the board of the water commissioners, worked on bringing new industries into town (including the Norwood Press), and served on the building committee for Norwood schools (including Norwood High School, the Guild School, and the West School building).

With Edmund's public service as her role model, it's not difficult to understand Maude's lifelong passion for giving back to Norwood. In 1917, she was



chairperson of 'Surgical Dressings,' 'a branch that is known for excellent output,' as it was described in the Smith Alumni Magazine. In 1917, she served on the Naval Aid Society with Mrs. George Willett. In 1918, she was secretary/treasurer of the Smith College Alumni Committee. In 1927, Maude was chairperson of the Norwood branch of the American Red Cross. From 1923 to 1929, she served on the Nor-

wood Playgrounds Committee. In 1941-1945, she served on the Norwood Committee for Public Safety and was chairperson of the War Services Committee.

In 1918, she began her long association with the Morrill Memorial Library (an institution named in honor of her aunt, Sarah Bond Morrill and given by the Morrill family to the town of Norwood). Maude served as a Library Trustee from 1918 to 1956 and as chairperson from 1947-1956. Sadly, in 1953, while Maude chaired the Board of Library Trustees, the board voted to fire South Norwood branch children's librarian Mrs. Mary Knowles for suspicion of being "a known communist."

After a lifetime of public service to Norwood, Maude Alice Shattuck passed in 1962, at the age of 82. She is interred in Highland Cemetery.

Her life was well lived—she was truly a "Wonderful Woman of Norwood!"

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SASSY

So have you or someone you know wished they had a cat for their cat? Well, these cat friends exist and we have one. Bay State Animal Cooperative that is! Meet Sassy: She was originally adopted by us 8 years ago as a shy young kitty seeking a home



with another cat. She found that home. Sadly, recently after her cat friend passed away her owner couldn't no longer care for her and as we state in our adoption agreements, "we will take them back." So Sassy is in foster care starting over and though she's VERY shy and has never preferred humans to cats, she deserves her final forever home. Her choice, a home where there are ZERO expectations from her but she expects a kitty friend. One who is used to other cats. Check out her picture with her foster cat friend Neville. Is this a kind of kitty that might fit into your pet portrait? Don't inquire if you want a cat for yourself. She's all about herself and her friends (whatever Miss Sassy)! She's the calico! In case that wasn't clear. ?

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SHERBET'S STORY

It was September of 2013 when Sherbet and 9 other felines were rescued from a hoarding situation by BSAC. Sherbet appeared healthy and potentially adoptable at initial evaluation. As time went on in foster care, it became very evident that he had been un-socialized for a very long time and his fear of humans did not allow him to trust us. That was OK as he was placed in a large, indoor space with others from his "family" and was adjusting very well. Over months of care, he allowed feeders to touch him and even enjoyed a good back pet but would not consent to additional affection, including being handled in any fashion. In 2021, the place he had always called home was going to change but thank goodness a young man who he kind of picked as his own offered him a place to live to live in Virginia. Sherbet took several months to trust his new human roommate and over the last 8 months has become "almost" accepting of his human. With our happiness comes a bit of sadness. Our friend of almost a decade has been burdened with significant health issues. In addition to a lifetime of regular care; vaccines, dental procedures, and periodic

bloodwork, Sherbet required regular care for chronic ear infections advanced medical workups. Recently, he was diagnosed with hyperthyroidism. This disease requires regular medication and due to his learned fear of us humans he was not at all tolerant to the required treatments. As a result, he has been placed on an extremely expensive prescription diet that has the ability to control this disease. Though we are hopeful, his thyroid disease is not yet "in-control". He has also developed a few more concerns. A recent excessive drooling and associated odor issue, seems to be caused by a growth on his lower jaw. Initially it is being treated as an abscess, but could certainly be a much more serious condition. Bloodwork has also indicated he has a severe kidney infection which is also being treated with antibiotic therapy. Our handsome, now love-bug, is living every day like it's his last. He is the epitome of an appreciative feline who shows very little sign of his current health struggles to his beloved human caretakers.

The main point in his story and other long-term foster care cats is that we, the directors, volunteers, especially the fosters, of BSAC believe in forever care and love for all animals and do our very best to provide this. This does not come without stress, sadness, many hours of coordinating efforts, and of course lots of financial and humanity decisions. We like to exemplify what it means to own, love and unconditionally care for a pet. Without every person, and of course our feline friends, we could not do these wonderful things. The expenses for just Sherbet recently, have totaled over \$1500 and will be increasing an additional \$600 in the short-term and hopefully (meaning his prognosis is not terminal) an additional \$1500 for additional procedures over the next few months, and at minimum \$1000 per year to maintain

his hyperthyroidism, chronic ear infections and possibly sub-q fluids for maintaining kidney health. We only HOPE for the long-term expenses as that would be the best-case scenario for Sherbet as he continues his pain-free health and wellness plan in his senior years!

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Norwood Sports

Norwood Girls Lacrosse Finally Earns a Tournament Berth

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

It has been 10 plus years since the Norwood girl's lacrosse team last ventured into tournament play. With the new ranking system, the Mustangs were able to grab the 32nd seed in the Division 2 State Tournament, but unfortunately were sent home in the preliminary round with a 16-12 loss to Melrose.

This past season's senior quad-captains had prepared themselves for this moment since they first stepped foot onto the Norwood High School field. Hope Ford, Sam Reen, and Ally Steeves were all part of the process from their freshman campaign, while Maddy Barry joined the others last year as a junior.

The foursome had entered last spring with the lacrosse team as a rebounding season where a majority of the girls would once again take to the field as seniors this year.

"We basically had the same team coming back and we wanted to put all our skills together this season while learning as much of the game as we could to be successful," Ford said.

Prior to the season getting underway, the captains had a meeting to establish what they wanted to accomplish this year.

"We not only wanted to be a more serious team, but we also wanted to play cohesively and make it into the tournament," Steeves said.

The seriousness on the field had been lacking at Norwood for some time as the team just wasn't that good and its past players

were not there to win but just have fun. Reen noted that in the past the girls were not taking the game seriously and then when Covid shut down their sophomore season they knew that they needed to start rebuilding. Norwood now has a team with a lot of different skill levels and they wanted to integrate them into a system that would be successful.

"In the past Norwood girl's lacrosse was not thought of highly so the girls never seemed to take the game seriously," Barry said.

Ford added that there was no real push to win. However, the four captains were not looking to go out with another lackluster season; they were all competitors who came from other sports at the high school that were winning, and they wanted to have a season where they not only tried hard, but one in which they would change the girl's lacrosse atmosphere forever.

By advancing into the state tournament for the first time in over 10-years, the Norwood girls lacrosse program has changed the footprint of the curriculum. Although they were awarded a home game in the tournament, Norwood's home field was being ripped up and the squad lost its home field advantage and was forced to play on the road.

Having not made the tournament in some time the captains had set the goal of getting there this year, but by doing so they didn't feel like they put a lot of added weight on their shoulders.

"That goal didn't put any pressure on us at all," Reen said.



"It was a goal that was just holding everyone accountable while bringing intensity to the field."

Ford agreed with her teammates assessment.

"We were not like the other captains, we cared deeply about this team, and we really wanted to win," Ford said. "Getting into the tournament was really important to us, especially with the new ranking system. We started to compete against teams (Dover-Sherborn and Holliston) that used to kill us. They thought we were easy wins, but when we played them close this year, they started to get nervous."

Prior to the way they played this year, Norwood first ran into a lot of different issues that made them stronger, the first being the Covid-19 pandemic that shut down their sophomore season. Having already lost the end of the playoffs in the winter season, the four captains knew what they were up against, they just didn't think it would come to fruition.

"We thought that we would eventually get our (lacrosse) season back and everything would be normal once again," Barry said. "When they finally cancelled the season, we felt ripped off."

Ford continued the sentiment. "I didn't want to lose our season and even after it was cancelled, I still went to the field to practice and treated it like it was coming back," she said.

Reen added that it crushed the teams hopes and by fully cancelling the season it also made

Covid feel that much more real. Although the season was cancelled, the girls were not allowing the pandemic to dictate their season and continued to run a lot so that they would be ready. Steeves even went as far to say that they probably worked harder during the quarantine than they did in practice.

With those health obstacles gone and teams were able to get back onto the fields last year, the girls knew that being away from the sport for over a year things were going to be different. Their junior year was going to be a rebuilding year where they had to relearn everything.

Prior to the season, the girls played in an achieve league in Canton to get themselves ready. Not only was it the first time that they had picked up their sticks in some time, they were also playing a much more competitive lacrosse against girls that play year round.

Not only were the Mustangs reacquainting themselves with the sport, they were also getting themselves a new coach in Mike Lodge.

"Coach Lodge had a lot to do with my playing lacrosse last year," Barry said. "I had originally thought about playing in my freshman year, but the girls on the team convinced me otherwise, telling me to stay away as the team was a joke."

Although things were not all that great in the past, Coach Lodge seemed to bring a sense of integrity to the game.

"You could see that he wanted

to rebuild the program," Steeves said. "He also incorporated the Norwood Youth Lacrosse Program with the high school and there was a lot of bonding with the younger lacrosse players who will hopefully play for Norwood in the future."

Coming into their final season at playing NHS lacrosse, the Norwood captains believe they've accomplished everything that they set out to do.

"You can't turn a program around overnight," Barry said.

While they didn't turn things around completely, the Mustang captains know that they set the wheels in motion and the team is now in a much better place than they were a few years earlier.

"Coming into the year we knew that anything could happen," Ford said. "We were always a bad team, but once we started winning things began to change in our minds."

"It wasn't guaranteed that we were going to start winning," Reen said. "But if anything, Covid showed us that you can't take things for granted and being able to play an abbreviated season in our junior year and then to do what we did this year – you fully appreciate it all."

Although it is the end of the road in terms of lacrosse for the four Norwood players, they understand how special this past season was, especially in turning the program in the right direction.

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Norwood Sports



Norwood: The Year In Review

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

Athletics has had it rather rough over the past few years. In 2020, the Covid Pandemic struck and shut down just about all high school sports for the year. Then in 2021, while things were beginning to get back to somewhat normal, high school sports were hit with an abbreviated season, one without any tournament experience.

This past year, high school sports were pretty much up and running, and according to Norwood High School Athletic Director Jon Longley, the Mustangs had quite a year. In fact, it was one of the best in a long time.

Four teams won their respective sports Tri-Valley League Championships, something Longley said was rather significant considering the Mustangs have only been in the TVL for four years. Twelve teams qualified for advancement into the State Tournaments; evenly spread out between the three seasons.

During the fall season, golf, football, field hockey, and girls' soccer each played in the tournament. However, only the field hockey team was able to secure a win. The winter season was the most successful for Norwood as boys' and girls' basketball, as well as boys and girls ice hockey, all qualified. The girl's hockey team lost in overtime, while the boys advanced all the way into the Division 2 Elite 8 before falling. The golf team finished sixth in the Division 3 Central Tournament.

Although the Norwood athletes were having success on the ice, it was the basketball teams that had the best seasons with

both squads advancing all the way into the State Finals. The boy's squad was the number seven seed in the Division 2 State Tournament and were able to defeat Fitchburg, Salem, and upset number two Mansfield and number three Burlington before falling to the number one seed Malden Catholic in the Finals.

The girls, who went undefeated at 24-0, were granted the number one seed and continued to play strong basketball as they took out Dartmouth by 20 points, Amherst-Pelham by 12, North Quincy by 22, and Whitman-Hanson by 5 before running into Oliver Ames in the Championship game.

"It was unprecedented for both basketball teams to go to the State Finals, but it was the girl's team that dominated all year long and were ranked highly," the Norwood AD said. "Megan Olbrys, who signed a letter of intent to play at Villanova, was a major part of the success and she will certainly have a tremendous collegiate career."

Following the tremendous winter season, Norwood saw another four teams earn themselves a spot in the tournament. Softball, baseball, boys' and girls' lacrosse all qualified to represent Norwood in the post-season. The baseball team were edged by Hopkinton 1-0 in the Round of 16.

Over the years Norwood has not seen a Sectional Champion grace the presence of the high school, but this past winter the wrestling team had not only one, but two champions. Coleman Keady and Nate Hsu were

crowned Division 2 State Champions, while the Mustangs as a whole finished fifth in the Divisional 3 Sectionals. Norwood had multiple qualifiers advance in track and field as well.

In addition to the four TVL Championships, Norwood also had four TVL MVPS and over 60 athletes named to the All-Star team. Olbrys was the TVL's MVP in girls' basketball, while her counterpart from the boy's team, Noah Beaudet, was also named an MVP. Boys' hockey player Myles Kidd and softball player Samantha Rose were named MVPs to their sport as well.

"This was definitely the most successful class since I've been here in Norwood (eight years)," Longley said. "It was an excellent

senior class and although we'll be losing them, the momentum should continue into next year. This class would have had much more success if not for the abbreviated seasons last year."

While the seniors were the main contributors to the Mustangs success, everyone put in their dues to get ready for this year's games.

"These kids came onto the scene last year playing hard and I am so glad that they were able to accomplish so much this year," Longley said. "As freshmen, they were a noticeable group and unfortunately had to go through a very unique ride with Covid. Covid may have hit them, but they responded with hard work and took advantage of what was

given to them this year."

Norwood had 15 student athletes planning on playing collegiate sports next year at all different levels. In the past, the Mustangs have seen a handful sign letters of intent, but the AD can't ever recall a number as high as it has been this year that will continue to play sports in college.

And last but certainly not least, administrative assistant to the Athletic Director, Anne Calligan, will be retiring. Longley was so glad to see his longtime assistant go out with such a talented group of seniors this year.

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Calendar of Events

August 1

How To Start & Grow Your Own Business with the SBA Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual) 12-3 p.m.

“How To Start & Grow Your Own Business with the SBA,” will be presented by Lisa Gonzalez Welch, Economic Development Specialist with the Small Business Association (SBA). Learn how the Small Business Administration can assist your dream of starting your own business! General information will be provided on the following programs and services: Counseling and technical assistance through SBA resource partners; the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), the nation’s largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors; small business development centers; the Center for Women & Enterprise (CWE) and access to capital; the SBA Advance Loan Guaranty Program; and government contract opportunities. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

August 2

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, LaBaguette North Bakery, Hearth Artisans Bread, the Morrill Memorial Library pop-up library, and many vendors and organizations!

Norwood Police Department National Night Out 6-8 p.m.

Norwood Town Common

This is a chance for police departments all over the country to get out in the community and meet people. The goal of this night is “Together, we are making communities safer, more caring places to live and work”. This is the second time the Norwood Police are taking part in the program with last year being very successful. There will be kids games, cruiser demo’s, hot dogs, pizza, drinks, popcorn, some giveaways, and a tent selling t-shirts. We hope that the public will once again come out and introduce themselves and let us know any questions and concerns they might have. For the latest information visit the Norwood

Police Facebook page at www.facebook.com/norwoodpolice. A 150th Norwood Anniversary sponsored event.

August 3

Summerfest Concert Norwood Town Common 7 p.m.

Acoustic Fire will be opening up the August music calendar! For more information about individual concerts, visit the concerts’ Facebook page at TownofNorwoodMA!

August 4

STEAM Fun at the Campsite Morrill Memorial Library 2 p.m.

Come have an outdoor adventure in the Great Indoors! The Children’s Museum of Easton will teach kids the mechanics of basic camping gear like binoculars and compasses. Kids get to make their own to bring home! This STEAM program is geared to elementary school aged children. For grades K-5. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/. For more information, email norchild@minlib.net or call the library at 781-769-0200 x3.

Norwood Recreation Block Party Balch Elementary School parking Lot 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Norwood Recreation Department is hosting a block party that will give the community a unique opportunity to come together, make connections, and most importantly have fun! Registration requirement. Register at the Civic Center or <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>.

August 5

Babes and Books: Infant Literacy Playgroup - FRIDAYS Morrill Memorial Library 10:30 a.m.

Miss Dina will start off with a short lap-sit program, consisting of a story time and some songs and rhymes. There will also be a special collection of toys and books for caregivers to play with their little ones for the remainder of the program. For caregivers with infants who range from newborn to pre-walkers. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Stay Fit! Bollywood Style First Congregational Church, 100

Winter St. - on the green 5 p.m.

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering a series of in-person fitness classes to the beats of Bollywood music with Purnima Thakre. In case of inclement weather the event will move to the church meeting room. Parking is available at the library, and the church parking lot. Registration required: norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

August 7

Carillon Concert Norwood Town Hall 2-3 p.m.

Anton Fleissner

Concerts on the Common Norwood Town Common 7 p.m.

Portrait in Jazz opens the August billing! For more information about individual concerts, visit the concerts’ Facebook page at TownofNorwoodMA!

August 8

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

Refresh Your Interviewing Skills Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual) 2 p.m.

“Refresh Your Interviewing Skills,” will be presented by MJ Kahn, SVP of Technology at OpFocus and a seasoned Toastmasters member and leader. Receive a refresher on the key skills that are required when interviewing for any job: speaking confidently, constructing answers to off-the-cuff questions, giving and receiving feedback, and rehearsing. The session will include an interactive segment in which members respond to mock interview questions and receive feedback on their answers. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

August 9

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.

FDR’s Four Freedoms Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual) 2 p.m.

“FDR’s Four Freedoms,” will be presented by Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. On January 6, 1941, Franklin Roosevelt shared with the country his vision for a world founded on “four essential freedoms” -- freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. August 9 marks the 77th anniversary of the dropping of the second atomic bomb ending World War II and bringing about the new world order based on FDR’s Four Freedoms. This session brings into clearer focus the vision he held for all the world. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

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

August 10

Troubled: The Failed Promise of America’s Behavioral Treatment Programs Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual) 7 p.m.

“Troubled: The Failed Promise of America’s Behavioral Treatment Programs,” will be presented by Kenneth R. Rosen, author of the recent, critically acclaimed book *Troubled: The Failed Promise of America’s Behavioral Treatment Programs*.

In the middle of the night, they are vanished: Thousands of young adults deemed out of control--suffering from depression, addiction, anxiety, and rage--are carted off each year against their will to remote wilderness programs and treatment facilities across the country. Desperate parents of these “troubled teens” fear it’s their only option. The private, largely unregulated behavioral boot camps break their children down, a damnation the children suffer forever. Acclaimed journalist Kenneth R. Rosen knows firsthand the brutal emotional, physical, and sexual abuse carried out at these programs; he lived it. In *Troubled*, Rosen unspools the stories of four graduates on their own scarred

journeys through the programs into adulthood. Based on three years of reporting and more than one hundred interviews with other clients, their parents, psychologists, and health-care professionals, *Troubled* combines harrowing storytelling with investigative journalism to expose the disturbing truth about the massively profitable, sometimes fatal, grossly unchecked redirection industry. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Summerfest Concert Norwood Town Common 7 p.m.

The Back Pages are scheduled to bring some lively tune to the Norwood Common! For more information about individual concerts, visit the concerts’ Facebook page at TownofNorwoodMA!

August 12

Babes and Books: Infant Literacy Playgroup Morrill Memorial Library 10:30 a.m.

For caregivers with infants who range from newborn to pre-walkers. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

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August 13

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

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August 14

Carillon Concert
Norwood Town Hall
2-3 p.m.

Jennifer Herrmann

Concerts on the Common
Norwood Town Common
7 p.m.

Come listen to those nostalgic big sounds with the Tom Nutile Big Band! For more information visit the concerts' Facebook page at TownofNorwoodMA!

August 15

Get Ready For Your Next Job Interview
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)
2 p.m.

"Get Ready For Your Next Job Interview," will be presented by Elizabeth Gross, founder of *Job Search Divas*. Today's job seeker must be prepared for any interview scenario: by Skype or Zoom, by phone, and in-person. This session will outline steps to get yourself prepared, tips for handling various interview situations, what information is essential to brush up on, as well as potential questions you'll need to be ready to answer. Bring your interviewing questions for the Q&A afterward. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

August 16

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

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

August 17

Turn the Page Book Group—"The Tattooist of Auschwitz"
Morrill Memorial Library
10 a.m.

The group will be discussing *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, a novel written by Heather Morris. Copies of the book in regular, large print and audio as well as printed copies of the discussion questions are available at the circulation desk. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/. For more information, email Patty Bailey at pbailey@minilib.net or call 781-443-8864.

Good Grief: How To Grieve The Loss Of A Pet
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)
7 p.m.

Join on Zoom for "Good Grief: How To Grieve The Loss Of A Pet," by E.B. Bartels, author of *Good Grief: On Loving Pets, Here and Hereafter*. *Good Grief: On Loving Pets, Here and Hereafter* is an unexpected, poignant, and personal account of loving and losing pets, exploring the singular bonds we have with our companion animals, and how to grieve them once they've passed. E.B. Bartels has had a lot of pets—dogs, birds, fish, tortoises. As varied a bunch as they are, they've taught her one universal truth: To own a pet is to love a pet, and to own a pet is also—with rare exception—to lose that pet in time. There is no best practice when it comes to mourning your pet, except to care for them in death as you did in life, and find the space to participate in their end as fully as you can. Punctuated by wry, bighearted accounts of Bartels's own pets and their deaths, *Good Grief* is a cathartic companion through loving and losing our animal family. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Summerfest Concert
Norwood Town Common
7 p.m.

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August 19

Babes and Books: Infant Literacy Playgroup
Morrill Memorial Library
10:30 a.m.

For caregivers with infants who range from newborn to pre-walkers. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Stay Fit! Bollywood Style
First Congregational Church, 100 Winter St. - on the green
5 p.m.

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering a series of in-person fitness classes to the beats of Bollywood music with Purnima Thakre. In case of inclement weather the event will move to the church meeting room. Parking is available at the library, and the church parking lot. Registration required: www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

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

Music will be provided by Dave Valerio. \$10 per person, which includes coffee, tea, and desserts and door prizes. For more information on the Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging, visit their Facebook page at Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook.

August 21

Carillon Concert
Norwood Town Hall
2-3 p.m.

George Matthew, Jr.

Concerts on the Common
Norwood Town Common
7 p.m.

A town favorite is back...the

Oberlaendler Hofbrau Band! For more information about individual concerts, visit the concerts' Facebook page at TownofNorwoodMA!

August 22

How To Use Social Media In Your Job Search
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)
2 p.m.

"How To Use Social Media In Your Job Search," will be presented by Susu Wong, Principal & Chief Connector of Tomo360, an online marketing firm. Learn how to use social media and the web for job hunting and for building a personal brand. In the online job market of today, knowing the ins and outs of social media and keeping your personal brand sharp is essential. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

August 23

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.

The Energy Crisis of the 1970's
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)
2 p.m.

Join on Zoom for "The Energy Crisis of the 1970s," presented by Joshua Montanari, Education Specialist and Volunteer Docent Coordinator at the Jimmy Carter

Presidential Library. Have you heard the phrase, "Not since the '70s" lately? On February 2, 1977, less than two weeks after assuming the Presidency, Jimmy Carter addressed the nation in a televised "fireside chat" to speak to Americans about the looming Energy Crisis. What tools and resources does the Constitution provide the Executive branch to take during such a crisis? What role do the other branches of government play? This program will examine the 39th President's response to this crisis through the lens of primary sources of the Carter Library and National Archives. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

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

Titles on Tap Book Group
Napper Tandys
7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Morrill Memorial Library, Titles on Tap Book Group meets at Napper Tandy's, in the left-hand-side bar. The August title has yet to be announced.

August 24

Summerfest Concert
Norwood Town Common
7 p.m.

David Tessiers' All Star Band will close out the 2022 Summerfest Series! For more information about individual concerts, visit the concerts' Facebook page at TownofNorwoodMA!

August 25

The Gilded World of Isabella Stewart Gardner
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)
11 a.m.

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bella Stewart Gardner,” will be led by art historian Mary Woodward, who serves as a guide at several Historic New England properties. The life of Boston’s arts patroness typifies the lives of many of the wealthy and cultured Americans who lived during the Gilded Age of American history. We will explore the details of Isabella Stewart Gardner’s life, friends, travels and collections. She broke all kinds of rules while setting up her museum but perhaps we can understand this when we read her personal motto, “It is my pleasure.” She arranged things the way she wanted with relationships between objects that may at first escape us. What is left for us is to marvel at the space she created and filled with beautiful things. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

Extraterrestrial: The First Sign of Intelligent Life Beyond Earth
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)
7 p.m.

Join on Zoom for “Extraterrestrial: The First Sign of Intel-

ligent Life Beyond Earth,” by Avi Loeb, bestselling author of the recent, critically acclaimed book *Extraterrestrial: The First Sign of Intelligent Life Beyond Earth*. Harvard’s top astronomer lays out his controversial theory that our solar system was recently visited by advanced alien technology from a distant star. In late 2017, scientists at a Hawaiian observatory glimpsed an object soaring through our inner solar system, moving so quickly that it could only have come from another star. Avi Loeb, Harvard’s top astronomer, showed it was not an asteroid; it was moving too fast along a strange orbit, and left no trail of gas or debris in its wake. There was only one conceivable explanation: the object was a piece of advanced technology created by a distant alien civilization. In *Extraterrestrial*, Loeb takes readers inside the thrilling story of the first interstellar visitor to be spotted in our solar system. He outlines his controversial theory and its profound implications: for science, for religion, and for the future of our species and our planet. A mind-bending journey through the furthest

reaches of science, space-time, and the human imagination, *Extraterrestrial* challenges readers to aim for the stars--and to think critically about what’s out there, no matter how strange it seems. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

August 26

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

The Morrill Memorial Library is offering an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This is a program specially designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This event is recommended for attendees aged 18 and up. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

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in-person fitness classes to the beats of Bollywood music with Purnima Thakre. In case of inclement weather the event will move to the church meeting room. Parking is available at the library, and the church parking lot. Registration required: www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

August 27

Blessing Boutique Thrift Shop, 71 Bond St.
10 a.m.-noon

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August 28

Carillon Concert
Norwood Town Hall
2-3 p.m.

Performance by Margaret Pan.

Concerts on the Common
Norwood Town Common
7 p.m.

Dan Gabel and the Abletones will close out the 2022 Concerts on the Common series! For more information about individual concerts, visit the concerts’ Facebook page at [TownofNorwoodMA!](https://www.facebook.com/TownofNorwoodMA/)

August 30

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

August 31

From Apollo To Artemis -- NASA’s Most Recent & Next Missions To The Moon
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)
11 a.m.

Did you know that 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 17, NASA’s last manned lunar landing flight? Did you know that NASA is currently planning the first full-up test flight to the moon? Are you aware of Artemis, which marks NASA’s upcoming return to the moon, with plans to land the first woman on the moon and establish a permanent lunar presence? Join NASA Solar System Ambassador Len Rabinowitz, a retired high school science teacher and lifelong astronomy enthusiast, for a presentation on NASA lunar missions from Apollo 17 to Artemis. Registration is required. Register at www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/.

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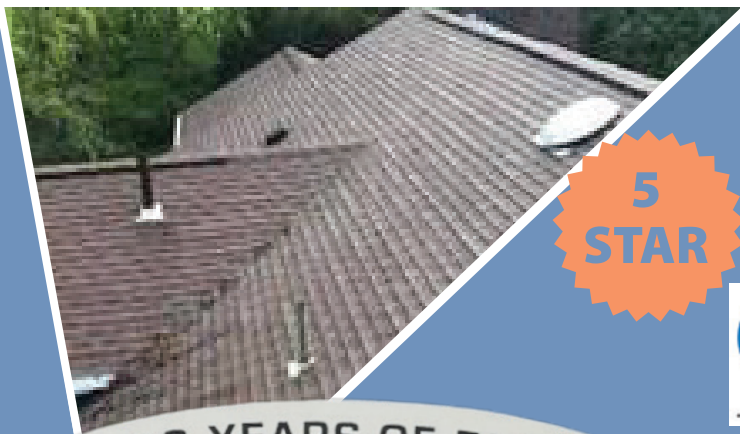
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Viola Sastavickas Scholarship Awarded to Gauri Loomba

Joseph and Viola Sastavickas and their children used the library for many years. In the re-

a generous donation to the library to endow a perpetual \$500 scholarship in memory of

tiful mother and to the library and staff which treated her with great respect and affection.”

This year a committee reviewed the applications submitted and selected Gauri Loomba to receive the 16th Viola Sastavickas Scholarship. This committee included the 2021-2022 Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, Sarah Begg; the Chapter Chair of the AFSCME Library Unit, Kate Tighe; and Library Director, Clayton Cheever.

“Gauri Loomba is a stellar student who is destined for greatness,” Cheever said. “Her passion, motivation, and skill at working well with everyone she encounters make her stand out amongst her peers. In the fall, she will be joining the Class of 2026 in the Northeastern University Honors Program with a major in Chemical Engineering in the College of Engineering. This is a great opportunity for her to further develop her creative and intellectual pursuits to further her

drive to create a more sustainable future for all of us.”

This scholarship will help offset the expenses Gauri will incur in her academic journey. As an employee at the Morrill Memorial Library, Gauri has proved herself an invaluable team member, always reliable, and eager to take on new challenges. Her work transforming the Norwood High School Environmental Youth Coalition and her work with Norwood Community Media have provided additional opportunities for her to work with the library,

and she is always a welcome addition to every project she joins. A well-rounded and motivated student, Gauri is a perfect candidate for this award and will put it to great use in her studies.”

Gauri is pictured with Library Director, Clayton Cheever; Sarah E. Begg, 2021-2022 Chairman of the Board; Marguerite Cummings, 2022-2023 Chairman of the Board and Kate Tighe, Head of Children’s Services at the Morrill Memorial Library.



cent years before Viola’s death, they received service in their home from the Outreach Department of the library. When Mrs. Sastavickas passed away in 2006, her children made

their mother. The scholarship was raised by request of the family to \$1,000 last year. According to her daughter, Kathy Sastavickas, the scholarship is “a fitting tribute to our beau-

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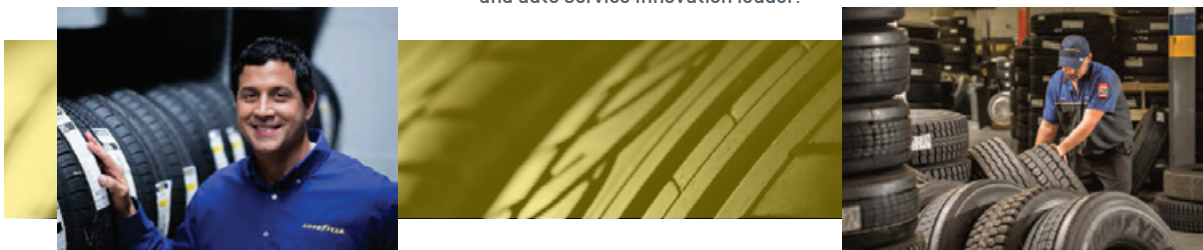
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More Music on the Common!

By BELLA CAGGIANO

Residents may be thinking the summer is half over, however, there is still some great music to entertain throughout the month of August!

The Town of Norwood offers an array of musical entertainment and talented musicians that all ages can enjoy...and every concert is FREE!

The Summerfest Concerts are held every Wednesday evening through August 24. These groups often provide sounds from numerous eras and have the audience on their feet dancing, or at least tapping their feet and bobbing their heads to familiar music.

Summerfest is held on the Norwood Town Gazebo, 7-9 p.m.

Summerfest Concerts

- August 3rd - Acoustic Fire
- August 10th - Back Pages
- August 17th - Squeezebox Stompers
- August 24th - David Tessiers All Star Band

Rain dates, if needed, will be August 31st and September 7th.

Summerfest is presented by The Norwood Arts Council, a non-profit organization of citizens dedicated to promoting the arts. It is through the efforts of these members, and the contributions from the Town of Norwood, local businesses, and private citizens, that Summerfest is possible. Thank you Norwood Arts Council and all those who donate so the community can enjoy a fun, entertainment evening together!

Concerts on the Common

Concerts on the Common is marking its 28th season at the Walter J. Dempsey Memorial Bandstand on the town common. Every Sunday evening, 6-8 p.m., residents bring folding chairs and blankets and listen to period music, from marches, to swing, to jazz.

- August 7th - Portrait in Jazz
- August 14th - Tom Nutile Big Band
- August 21st - Oberlaendler Hofbrau Band
- August 28th - Dan Gabel and the Abletones

Find more information about individual concerts, visit the concerts' Facebook page at TownofNorwoodMA!

On July 16, at 10:21 p.m., both Norwood Fire and Police were dispatched to the area of 400 Providence Highway for an MVA (motor vehicle accident).

NA-2, NC-2, Engine 3 and Ladder 1 were dispatched from quarters and arrived on scene 3 minutes later to find a school bus had struck a building after being involved in an MVA on Route 1. NA-2 quickly attended to the occupants of both vehicles and transported 1 with non life threatening injuries. Engine 3 and Ladder 1 stabilized the school bus and contained a fluid leak before evacuating the building and securing the utilities.

Companies stood by on scene for about an hour while the vehicle was removed and to await the arrival of the building inspector. All other occupants refused treatment or transport.



Chief Brooks Goes to Washington!

Chief Brooks spent July 11 on the South Lawn of the White House for an event marking passage of Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. Looking good @chiefbrooksnpd.

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Real Estate Corner

Register O'Donnell Discusses How to Record a Land Document

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell recently reminded residents that the Registry procedures to record their land documents are designed to make it as easy and seamless as possible.

"Whether the document in question is a deed, homestead, mortgage discharge, or any other type of land document, Registry staff have been trained to record the documents in as expeditious and accurate a manner as possible," O'Donnell said.

As the depository of over 8.5 million land documents, there are certain basic steps that need to be followed when submitting a document for recording. First and foremost, the document needs to be associated with one of the 28 communities comprising Norfolk County. In addition, the document must be an original; we will not record photo copies or documents submitted via fax. Please note, many land documents require signatures be notarized before they are recorded. Several of our staff members are notary publics. We are more than happy to notarize any land document provided the person requesting the service appears before us and presents satisfactory proof of identification by showing either their driver's license or passport.

It should also be noted that the Registry does not draft documents. The Registry of Deeds is in the business of recording land documents only. If an individual is unsure if a drafted land docu-

ment, particularly a deed, is in proper order, it may be prudent to have a lawyer familiar with real estate law review the document for its accuracy. A simple mistake on a deed for example could lead to a major problem."

Another important point to note is that there are various fees set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts associated with the recording of land documents at the Registry. Recording fees vary depending on the specific land document type. The Registry's website, www.norfolkdeeds.org has a fee schedule that can be consulted for specific recording fee amounts. The Registry accepts checks made out to the Norfolk Registry of Deeds. The Registry also accepts cash payment. Debit or credit cards cannot be used, however.

"Once you have a land document ready for recording and know the fee and type of payment, you can then choose how to actually get the document delivered to the Norfolk Registry of Deeds," O'Donnell explained. "The options to get an original document and payment to the Registry of Deeds for recording are via regular mail, Federal Express, or by coming into our building located at 649 High St., Dedham. There is free parking in the large parking lot behind our building.

Our trained recording staff is more than happy to record your land documents. Land documents are recorded in an expeditious manner once they

arrive here at the Registry. It should also be noted that institutional users such as lending institutions and law firms have the additional option to submit documents electronically via our two e-file vendors, Simplifile and ePN. Finally, if you have any questions about land documents in general, please call our Customer Service Center at 781-461-6101, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m."

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.

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Real Estate Corner

Register O'Donnell Delivers 2022 Second Quarter Real Estate Activity Report

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reported that second quarter (April-June, 2022) Norfolk County real estate statistics shows a continued uptick in residential and commercial sales and sale prices, despite overall numbers trending downward.

"During the recently concluded second quarter of the 2022 calendar year, the average Norfolk County real estate

sales price, both residential and commercial, increased 30% to \$1,300,157," O'Donnell said. "Total real estate volume, again both residential and commercial, was \$4.09 billion, a 16% increase year over the same period in 2022.

The lack of inventory and new construction continue to push prices up. It remains to be seen if this trend continues as overall activity is slowing considerably."

For the second quarter of 2022, the number of land documents recorded, (such as deeds, mortgages, homesteads, mortgage discharges, etc.) was 35,744, a 31% decline from the second quarter of 2021.

"This figure tells us while there is still a healthy real estate market, market conditions and rising interest rates are starting to have an impact," O'Donnell explained. "We are not seeing the volume we saw in 2020 and 2021."

There were 6,809 mortgages recorded at the Registry during the second quarter of the calendar year 2022 compared to 12,041 for the same time period in 2021, a 43% decrease. Total mortgage borrowing was \$5.06 billion for April through June, compared to \$6.63 billion during the same period in 2021.

"With the increase in interest

rates, consumers seem to be less inclined to borrow," O'Donnell said.

Norfolk County homeowners continued to benefit from the Homestead Act. A total of 3,315 declarations of homestead were recorded during the second quarter of the calendar year, a 10% decrease over the same period a year ago.

"The Homestead law provides limited protection against the forced sale of an individual's primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000," O'Donnell said. "I urge Norfolk County residents to consider this important consumer protection tool."

A sharp increase in foreclosure activity in Norfolk County remains a cause for concern. Sixteen foreclosure deeds were recorded in the second quarter, the same number recorded dur-

ing the second quarter of 2021. However, there was a significant increase in the number of recorded Notices to Foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process. There were 66 Notices recorded in the second quarter versus 33 recorded in the same period of 2021.

"While the eastern Massachusetts economy remains on a solid footing, there are still those in Norfolk County experiencing economic hardship, in many cases through no fault of their own," O'Donnell said. "The Registry continues to work with Quincy Community Action Programs, (617-479-8181 x376), and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions, (508-587-0950), to help homeowners who may have received a Notice to Foreclose document. A third option is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400."

"The economy, particularly the employment numbers in eastern Massachusetts, appears to be strong but, going forward, inflation, rising interest rates, and the lack of inventory will likely result in a slowdown of the Norfolk County real estate market," O'Donnell concluded.

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