

## The Norwood Craft Affair Returns for its 28th Year!

BY MICHELE TARANTO

The Town of Norwood attracts many outside visitors with its many events and celebrations throughout the year; and how fortunate local residents can attend within just a few miles! The infamous 'A Craft Affair of Norwood,' is one of those events. This day brings together crafters and craft enthusiasts for one of the largest fall shopping experiences in the area! This year, The 28th A Craft Affair, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Norwood High School.



Every October, the town of Norwood hosts a favorite fall shopping stop for crafting fans. The 'Affair' has grown to include approximately 80 crafters who travel to Norwood from all over New England to showcase their creative wares. The list is so impressive, and includes: sewn, crocheted, and knitted pieces, there will be chocolate and honey, items for pets, jewelry, holiday decor, wreaths, stained glass, jams and jellies, mirrors, paintings, 3-tiered plates, bags,

scarves, soap, wooden toys, painted glass, quilts, ornaments, hats and mittens, cards, plastic canvas, hand towels, hair bows, hen houses, ceramics, puzzle lights, decoupage plates and doll clothes, and much more! The

huge assortments of raffles are always a popular corner with chances to win many handmade items, gift certificates, and Mustang memorabilia!

This event, however, means a lot more than just a fun and successful shopping day. In addition to becoming one of the premier craft venues in the state, it is a very successful fundraiser for

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## The Senior Center is Buzzing with Activity

BY DONNA LANE

Kerry McCarthy, Executive Director of the Council on Aging, is excited to claim, the Senior Center is busier than ever.

"We have a lot of new members, recently retired, and the number of activities and educational programs continue to increase," McCarthy said.

So, what's happening at the Center? September was the beginning month for renewals of the Fuel Assistance program. McCarthy noted that people renewing

should have received their forms in the mail.

"If people need help filling out their forms, they should contact Kathleen Rooney, our Outreach Coordinator," McCarthy said. "New applicants can call to set up an appointment to apply for assistance. New applications are processed in late October."

October is jam-packed with events. Town Manager, Tony

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Norwood High School and local Norwood organizations.

The Craft Affair concept was spearheaded by then Norwood High School teacher Margo Mancinelli in order to raise funds for the Post Prom party and other NHS programs. She recruited school organizations, friends, and volunteers from other schools and the community and the Craft Affair was born! Since then, the event has been a brilliant success and grown in reputation as one of the best craft fairs in the area!

In addition to its positive attendance figures, crafters enroll in ‘A Craft Affair’ because the day is truly a community event. Norwood teams, clubs, groups, and students offer their services, from preparing the gym the night before, teams arriving at 6 a.m. to assist crafters deliver items from their cars, to helping out throughout the day, including running raffles and bake sales.

“Every year I hear how we are the only fair who does this and what a difference it makes to the crafters,” Craft Affair Coordinator Amy Campbell has previously stated. “Last year, an older



crafters who has been participating for years told me through tears that if it weren’t for their help, she would have had to withdraw from the fair.”

The Craft Affair yields approximately \$10,000 each year in profits. The Post Prom Party receives \$5,000, and depending on the year, roughly \$300 is given to each of the groups that help make this event such a success, as well as the high school PTO.

While a large amount of the proceeds go towards the Post Prom Party, any Norwood group or team that has students helping at the craft fair is eligible to apply for funds for their club from the day’s profits. Past organizations have included, Norwood sports teams, the drama club, cheerleaders, SAAD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and the fine arts department after school programs.

What is considered one of the leading craft fairs in the area, ‘A Craft Affair’ at Norwood, sees roughly 1,000 customers walk through the door. With that kind of popularity, the craft fair is considered the largest Norwood High School fundraiser.

Admission is \$3 for adults, and \$2 for seniors and children under 12 are free. Tickets available at the door the day of the event. Purchase hostess gifts and decorative items for the holidays, or come by and pick out something handmade and beautiful as a personal fall present!

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Mazzucco, is scheduled to come for ‘Coffee and Conversation.’ Author and historian Anthony Sammarco is scheduled to give a lively presentation about Halloween Traditions in Boston. And if you’re looking for an historically accurate portrayal that highlights the drama, poignancy and traditions of the times, you’ll want to attend the Portrait of The War of 1812 by Lady J. To top off the month, the Senior Center will host a Fall Festival with a sing-along led by two gentlemen a la

Mitch Miller followed by some dessert.

The lunch program continues to be popular with residents. According to McCarthy, the lunch program expanded greatly during the pandemic.

“As soon as the Center shut down for Covid, we started a ‘Grab and Go’ program, and it has been very popular,” McCarthy said. “People can just drive up and pick up their lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. (During the summer it was only two days a week.)”

The menu for each month is in the Senior Center’s newsletter. Each meal is \$5. Since the Center reopened, people have the option to take lunch to go or bring it in-

side to eat, which many are now choosing to do.

“We also do deliveries to people who are homebound,” McCarthy added.

October is also busy at the Center because it begins Medicare’s Open Enrollment which runs from October 15 to December 7. McCarthy suggested that seniors should do a ‘house-keeping’ of their Medicare Supplemental Plans and their drug plans because things like the cost of drugs change every year so you want to make sure you’re on the best possible plan. The Center’s SHINE Counselor is available on Tuesdays and is already scheduling for open enrollment appointments.

In addition to the monthly exercise classes (17 of them), Friday night dances, painting or drawing classes, card games, Bingo, the new Learn-to-Line-dance, and numerous other activities, including holiday scheduling, are already in the works. In November, the Senior Center will once again host their Thanksgiving dinner with entertainment, and in December they will celebrate the season with a 12 Days of Christmas theme by bringing 12 different activities into the Senior Center during the month. That sounds like a lot of fun!

All of the center’s scheduled activities are listed in their monthly Newsletter which is available on-line at the Town of Norwood website at www.nor-

woodma.gov/residents/senior\_center; or if you prefer, call the Senior Center at 781-762-1201, and ask for a copy to be mailed to you each month; the cost is only \$10. To learn more about the Norwood Senior Center, visit them in person at 275 Prospect St., like their their Facebook page at Norwood Senior Center/Council on Aging, or email seniorcenter@norwoodma.gov.

If you are 60 years old or older and you haven’t yet done so, McCarthy urges seniors to come in, take a peek, take a tour, meet some people, and consider making visits to the Senior Center a regular event. And by the way, seniors from other towns are also welcome!

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# Happy 150th Norwood!

BY BELLA CAGGIANO

Throughout the year Norwood residents have been celebrating the Town's 150th Anniversary. Plans for this 12-month celebration were in the works for well over a year, and Norwood residents have been reaping the hard work of many volunteers with months filled with local education and entertainment.

Norwood Local Town Pages (LTP) has been publishing a monthly series throughout the year to inform residents of the



various events taking place throughout town and will continue throughout 2022. Thanks to countless volunteers, the last quarter still holds a wide variety of experiences for every age group and interests for all to enjoy, so stay tuned to LTP and [www.norwoodma150.gov](http://www.norwoodma150.gov) for all the latest information!

This fall, the Norwood 150th Committee has been rolling out a seven-week rolling church tour in honor of Norwood's anniversary. The event is running from mid-September through the end of October.

The "rolling tour," includes an open house, tours of the facilities, and information about the church. Residents will learn interesting facts on Norwood's faith community as well as view striking architecture and meet their Norwood neighbors!

Below is the remainder of the committed schedule at

press time, however, additional churches are finalizing dates and times for their participation. Visit [www.norwoodma150.gov](http://www.norwoodma150.gov) to stay updated on all events.

### ROLLING CHURCH TOUR

**Oct. 1**  
**Fulfilled Life Church, 661 Pleasant St.**  
**2-3:30 p.m.**

Brief tours will be available, along with light refreshments and an open house and information on the church, its building, and their history.

For more information, send your questions to Pastor Veronica Truell, Chair of the Norwood 150 Evangelical Committee, at [revveronicaxpa@gmail.com](mailto:revveronicaxpa@gmail.com) and to the committee at [johnrhalljr48@gmail.com](mailto:johnrhalljr48@gmail.com).

**Oct. 8**  
**Waters Church, 668 Walpole St.**  
**9:30-11:30 a.m.**  
**Heritage Baptist Church, 615 Washington St.**  
**1:30-3 p.m.**

**Oct. 30**  
**First Church of Christ, Scientist, 751 Washington St.**  
**12-2 p.m.**

Brief tours of all churches will be available, along with light refreshments and an open house and information on the church, its building, and their history.

For more information, send your questions to Pastor Veronica Truell, Chair of the Norwood 150 Evangelical Committee, at [revveronicaxpa@gmail.com](mailto:revveronicaxpa@gmail.com) and

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### OTHER PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS

**Oct. 1**  
**Norwood Arts & Culture Festival**  
**Norwood Space Center, 83 Morse St.**  
**2-10 p.m.**

What a great opportunity for Norwood neighbors and friends to experience some of the artistic and cultural richness represented in town. There will be many things to enjoy at the festival including performances, artist and food vendors and family and educational cultural displays and activities.

- A Welcome Center will feature a festival information booth and displays by the Norwood 150 committee, The Norwood Cultural Council, Morrill Memorial Library, and the Norwood Historical Society.
- Family activities including, storytelling, art activities and bocce courts!
- Dance, music, and storytelling will be featured on the mainstage and throughout the festival.

• Curious about the Space Center tenants? Many will be participating in the festival giving you a chance to look inside and enjoy their space. Participating residents include Luke Adams Glass Studio, Giving the Glam, Little Bird, Irish Brewing Boston, Morva Stone, Salvage Angel, Puritos, and Alex Jones Photography Studio.

• Check out artists' Open Studios where you can talk with artists, peak into their spaces and purchase original artwork. There will also be guest artist vendors around the festival.

• Information tables will share displays on the countries that have or currently represent Norwood residents. These will be hosted by volunteer neighbors and in some cases local cultural organizations.

• Eat something delicious! International food offerings will be available for sampling and noshing.

**Oct. 10**  
**Scavenger Hunt (Co-sponsored by Norwood High School Alumni Association)**  
**4 p.m.**

Back by popular demand! Norwood's Scavenger Hunt Run by the NNSAA Hunters arrive at 4 p.m., at the Four Points Norwood Sheraton, to pick-up their limo to start the two hour scavenger hunt and return to a buffet dinner. The cost is \$100 per person. To register, visit the Norwood High School Alumni Association web page at <http://norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org>.

**Oct. 23**  
**Halloween Festival**  
**Town Common**  
**3:30 p.m.**

This family-oriented event, will include non-frightening activities for younger children and activities appropriate for pre-teens and teens, such as a scarecrow jack-o-lantern building contest, Halloween train ride, pumpkin bowling, face painting, a photo booth, hay bale maze, witch's hat ring toss, and more!

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"Addie's is on a mission to

better serve busy families, to provide the quality groceries families need in a way that is efficient, accurate, affordable, and delightful," says CEO Jim McQuade, who co-founded the business with Jeremiah Strauss. "We give you back time in your life for what really matters."

McQuade started the company because of his own busy family.

He and his wife Kate McQuade both work full-time and have three children. "It is a constant struggle to balance work with parenting. Catching up over a healthy, home-cooked meal is the highlight of our day, but the planning and shopping to make that happen is just so painful. We've tried many online grocery options and have been let down at every turn. What should be convenient is often more trouble than it's worth -- surprise substitutions and out-of-stocks, bruised bananas, expiring milk, limited pickup times -- and this happens because online shopping is a side



project for traditional grocers. It's a thin veneer of technology layered over a supermarket model that was first introduced 100-plus years ago. Imagine what online grocery can be when it's not an afterthought, but rather our sole focus. That's what we're building."

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**Jim McQuade, pictured here with his family on Norwood Day, is the co-founder and CEO of Addie's Grocery, which will open in Norwood in November. Courtesy photo.**

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McQuade says they chose Norwood because they love the community. "It's full of busy, on-the-go families who deserve a better grocery pickup option. Norwood's rolled out the welcome mat for Addie's, and we couldn't be more grateful and honored to serve the town."

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# A View from The School on the Hill

## The Benefits of Bettering the World

By AUSTIN HENRY, NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

High school is already an incredibly busy time for most people. Whether you play sports, sing in chorus, or indulge in the arts, your schedule fills up quickly. But do you have some spare time?

Volunteering is a great use of your time in high school as it can yield a whole variety of personal profit.

One of the biggest benefits is it is an incredibly self-fulfilling opportunity.

Sathvika Kommera, a rising senior at Norwood High School, and someone who has volunteered everywhere, from the Norwood Farmer’s Market to teaching kids to play tennis at the Coakley Middle School, described how volunteering makes her feel.

“It’s amazing because I am doing it for the community and it feels nice to know that I’m helping people out,” Kommera said.

Grant the feeling of doing right by the community that motivates Kommera to motivate you as well. The good feelings that come from these opportunities can help you in other aspects of life, such as a getting your school

work done.

The time taken out of your day is almost negated for many people because volunteering strikes a match in a person, and once that flame is ignited, so much more can be done. Once



you have harnessed this motivation, you may find volunteering leads to many opportunities to better yourself and your community.

There is really something for everyone, if you’re into lifting things, you can volunteer at a furniture bank, or if you like sports, you can volunteer to help teach kids.

At Norwood High School, just one day over the weekend can enhance relationships or provide an options to help others.

“Service Saturdays with Student Council are a great way

to spend some time with your classmates and get to know them better,” 2023 Class president at Norwood High School John Cavanaugh said.

To sign up for a Service Sunday with student council at Norwood High School, you can seek out a resource officer (every grade

at the high school has student officers which consist of the class president, secretary, vice president, etc.).

Your future education is an added benefit of volunteering as a highschooler.

“Colleges love to see students with some volunteering under their belt,” Cavanaugh said. “I’d say volunteering is pretty fulfilling, but knowing that colleges like it too certainly helps”.

Volunteering is incredibly important and something that college keep a sharp eye out for, because every college desires students who show kindness, compassion, and a will to better the world around them. The selfless nature of volunteering is a perfect canvas to display yourself to a college. It should also be noted that volunteering is a great way to appeal to various scholarships.

So with all of this said, if you’re in high school, get involved! You never know what will come from volunteering.

Volunteering is simply oozing with opportunities because of the people you meet.

For example, I got the opportunity to write this very article through someone I met while volunteering for the Farmers Market.

If you’re someone who is not in high school, getting involved in volunteering is just as important. Organizations always need volunteers!!!

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## Meet Boo



Boo is a large, temperamental cat. He needs to be handled on his own terms. You can pet him and then he will let you know through somewhat gentle nips and swatting when he is done. He loves to play and be chased. He particularly likes to sleep on beds and couches to be part of the family. He loves boxes and paper shopping bags. Boo is trained to lay down, high five (both paws), and reach up for treats. He does not like other adult cats. Boo does get along just fine with Juni (Juni-

per), another cat presently living in the same home and also available for adoption). Boo tolerates young children but needs to be supervised as he will lash out when he has had enough. He is best suited to a home that is not too loud and does not have a lot going on all the time. An experienced cat owner would be best for Boo. Someone who is patient and knows "cat cues" for when he needs space and has had enough stimulation. Boo eats a lot so food and needs to be fed on a schedule. He is currently 15 pounds and according to the vet 1 pound overweight.. Boo likes to try to escape his current home to get outside so he will need monitoring when doors are opened.

## Meet Juni (Juniper)



Looking for a little spunk in your house? Look no further ... Juni is a dainty, agile kitty who loves to jump, hunt, play and sprint across the house. She can be quite skittish with new people, often hiding, but once she gets to know you she is super loving. She loves a good rub down! She loves company (human and furry) but on her terms - she'll come to you, thank you! She has very unique markings, making her a beautiful girl. She can be picky about litter and food, but is otherwise

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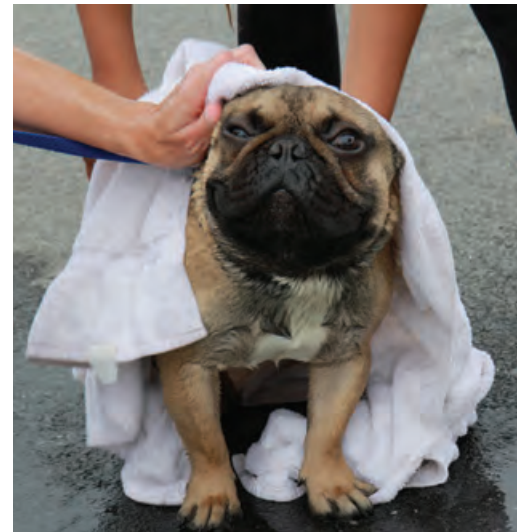
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The Bay State Animal Cooperative's annual car/dog wash, rabies, microchipping and nail trimming event was held on Sunday, September 11. Despite sharing the date with the somber 9/11 anniversary, the Patriots season opener and an overcast afternoon, the event was a great success, raising over \$800 to-



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Proceeds from the event help defray expenses like insulin, blood work, prescription food, and dental care.

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Clinically studies suggest that RLS may be caused by low Potassium &/or Magnesium levels as well as low Folate, vitamin B12 and Iron. Low potassium levels are often caused by a Magnesium deficiency. Low Potassium contributes to muscle spasms and RLS because Potassium plays a major role in regulating muscle contractions and low levels are associated with muscle twitches and spasms.

Foods high in Magnesium include kale, spinach, collard greens, turnip greens and mustard greens. Foods high in Potassium include dried apricots, raisins, beans, lentils, potatoes, spinach, broccoli, beet greens, avocado and banana. Foods high in Iron, B12 and Folate include broccoli, Brussel sprouts, liver, red meat, eggs, spinach, asparagus, peas, chick peas and brown rice.

Susan P presented to the Holistic Center at Bristol Square complaining of RLS. Sleeping had become very challenging and uncomfortable. After suffering many years with no resolution to her health issue she decided to try an alternative approach. Susan's diet was evaluated and it was



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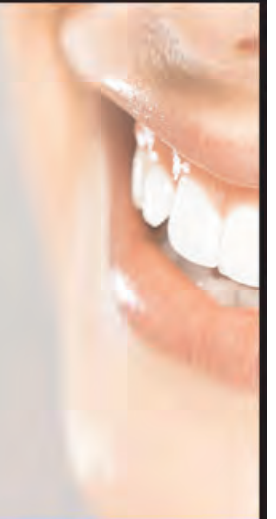
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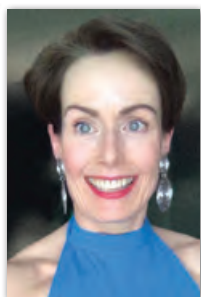
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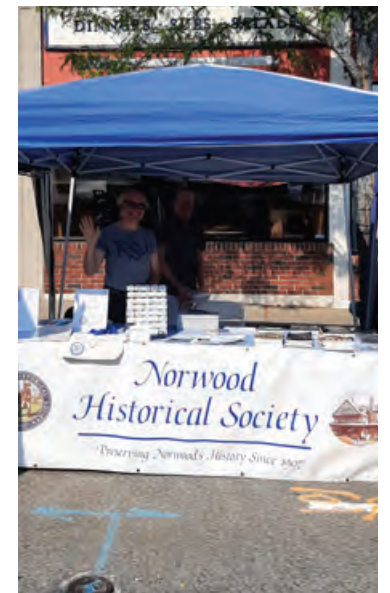
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# Wonderful Women of Norwood: Emily Curtis Fisher

Emily Curtis Fisher was selected as a Wonderful Woman of Norwood because she was someone who broke barriers that often impeded women. She was well educated. She became a high school teacher and then a college professor. In Norwood, she held many leadership positions in local organizations and went on to fight for women's right to vote.

Emily was born on May 21, 1866, in South Dedham, Massachusetts. She was one of four children born to William C. Fisher and Emily E. Atkins. Emily grew up on the family farm located at 345 Neponset St.; now Fisher Gardens, this includes the land that the Callahan School sits on today. The Fishers owned a substantial amount of farmland on Neponset St., along US Route 1, where they operated the Neponset Valley Farm for many years.

Emily was just six years old in 1872 when Norwood became a town, making her one of the first graduates of the Norwood School system who was educated entirely in Norwood. After high school, she studied teaching at the Bridgewater State Normal School, graduating in 1887. She taught at Weymouth High School for the 1887/1888 school year, then returned to the Normal School as an instructor in English

and Geometry in 1888/1889, where she and Fannie A. Comstock developed the English courses for the school. Emily then went on to study English at Radcliffe College and also at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In July, 1895, Emily was granted a leave of absence from the Bridgewater Normal School for travel and foreign study for the 1895/1896 school year. Emily spent a year traveling in Europe, taking courses of study in Paris and Berlin. Her traveling companion was her sister, Nettie. When Emily returned home in the spring of 1896, she was elected secretary of the Bridgewater Normal Association (June, 1896), and over the next several years Emily's name appears in the Bridgewater directory in many different leadership positions at the school. Emily taught at Bridgewater until 1901. She returned to Norwood, but never again to teaching.

In the next phase of her life, Emily dedicated her attention to civic affairs, eventually becoming very involved in the women's suffrage movement. She became a well-known and sought-after lecturer, speaking all over the state whenever she was called upon. Fisher spoke at the 70th annual Plymouth County

Teacher's Association meeting in 1903, delivering an address on "The Growth of English Expression." The following year, she was

interested in civic matters led to her time as a trustee of Norwood's Morrill Memorial Library from 1907 to 1909. She also served on

DAR Chapter named her historian.

Emily Fisher was very involved both locally and nationally in the women's suffrage movement. In early 1913, her friend, Grace Hodges Bagley, invited 51 women - members of the Norwood Woman's Club and other wealthy like-minded women - to meet at her house on Beech St. to listen to addresses on woman's suffrage by Mrs. Maude Wood Park, secretary of the Boston Equal Suffrage Association, and Miss Mary Gay, corresponding secretary of the Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association. A committee was formed, and it was voted to organize the Equal Suffrage League of the 10th Norfolk District, including Norwood, Westwood, and Walpole, and to affiliate with the Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association. Emily Curtis Fisher was elected treasurer. In the summer of 1913, Mrs. Bagley, her daughter Elizabeth, and Emily Fisher, went on an auto tour to obtain signatures for a petition to Congress for a woman's right to vote. By 1914, Emily was extremely busy with the Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association. In July, she delivered a speech in Boston, entitled "Why Women Need the Vote and Why They Should Have It." In the summer, she participated in the Suffragette Auto Tour, planning to visit several stops in Bristol County to give speeches. In October, Emily addressed a large audience at an open-air meeting held by the Boston Equal Suffrage Association. In November, she attended the 46th annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association meeting in Nashville. By 1915, the Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association had over 58,000 members. After the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in 1920 gave women the right to vote, the Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association became the Massachusetts League of Women Voters.

In her senior years, Emily enjoyed traveling....a lot! Perhaps her European trip she took in 1895 and her train trips to St. Louis and Nashville gave her a taste to explore the world. Im-



elected President of the Norwood Women's Club. In May, 1904, she traveled by train to St. Louis to represent Norwood at the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs biennial meeting. At the next State Federation meeting in 1906, she was elected as one of the directors, and in 1907, the Federation elected her Chairman of Civic Affairs. In February, 1907, Emily became a charter member of the Norwood Historical Society and served as its first treasurer. She was also a long-standing member of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (now Historic New England). Her in-

terested in civic matters led to her time as a trustee of Norwood's Morrill Memorial Library from 1907 to 1909. She also served on the Norwood School Committee for many years, where she argued for higher salaries for teachers, estimating that the hidden expenses teachers faced based on her own years of teaching far exceeded their current salary. In June of 1912, Emily hosted the Deliverance Munroe Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution of Malden at her home. A delegation from the Hannah Balch Chickering Chapter met them on their arrival and escorted them to the house, where Emily gave an address on the history of Norwood and the community, which was very well received. In 1914, the Hannah Balch Chickering



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# A New Kind of Movie Comes to Town

By MICHELE TARANTO

Over the years, Norwood has

attracted numerous movie studios. Many have included the

historical Norwood Theatre and the quaint Town Common, but recently, a town landmark was featured on a YouTube production, and its content a far cry from a holiday movie.

would stare into the empty dining room growling; maybe not unusual on its own, but according to Walsh, no one was in the room.

mean no harm. In fact, many family members have either been contacted or have commented on the YouTube page and echo those conclusions.

In 2018, after working 27 years as head bartender and manager of the Café Venice, Mark Hannon was thrilled to purchase the popular restaurant with Karen Walsh. At the time, they thought they pretty much knew everything about the oldest restaurant in Norwood. What they didn't expect were some unexpected patrons.

Walsh knew Susan Ahern, a medium, who is affiliated with Mass Hauntings and asked her if she would take a look. Ahern and her crew spent four hours one night and returning another evening.

"They let us know that the spirits that are there are not malicious which made everybody feel better," Walsh said. "They are just trying to get everybody's attention."

"Their findings validated everything we thought we saw and heard," Walsh said. "A few different presences in the restaurant, absolutely."

There is more footage not included in the first film and plans are being future visits by Mass Hauntings as well as other paranormal teams. These invitations, however, may not produce more information as Norwood Community Media was recently filming a special on the restaurant, and their camera lens had trouble focusing the interior shots, while outside, the equipment worked perfectly fine.

It was after some renovations to the function and dining rooms in 2019, that they started noticing some unfamiliar changes.

Mass Hauntings, a tv series originated in 2021, is hosted by Owen Myre and his team. They investigate purported haunted locations around Massachusetts. Their chilling Café Venice results became a YouTube production, "The Investigation of Café Venice-Norwood."

For now, it is work as normal for Hannon, Walsh, and the rest of the staff at Café Venice. They continue to serve their loyal patrons and manage the books from their 'active' basement, but now they equipped with a little more knowledge and validation; a comfort that their visitors are just there for no more than a little attention.

"A lot of things started happening around that time that were unexplained," Walsh said. "Office papers all over the floors in the basement, a glass would fall off a shelf, empty beer boxes on the floor behind the bar when arriving in the morning."

The good news is, through some research and evaluation of their findings, the Mass Haunting crew concluded whoever continues to visit Café Venice

Café Venice is located at 1088 Washington St., South Norwood. They are open Wednesdays through Sundays, lounge at 12 noon, dining room at 4 p.m., and close Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Thursdays, 9:30 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 10 p.m., Sundays, 8 p.m.

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migration records show she traveled to Europe around ten times, mostly in the 1920s and 1930s. She also visited Canada at least three times in the 1920s. It is not known how many trips she took by train in the United States, but she surely would have visited other parts of the US. Perhaps her most infamous trip occurred in 1937 when she hired a cab to take her and three of her friends to Mexico City. Emily had taken a similar, successful trip the year before to attend the World's Fair in Chicago. The Mexico trip lasted a month, the group stopped at tourist attractions along the way and once they arrived in Mexico City, they spent five days exploring the town. Records indicate this was the last big trip Emily took. It seems that by the time Emily was in her 70s, she

finally slowed down and retired. Whatever Emily Curtis Fisher decided to do, she wholly threw herself into it. First it was teaching. She sought out opportunities to improve her knowledge on the subjects she taught and became very involved in school matters. Next, her focus was civic affairs, where she took leading roles in practically all of the organizations she joined, not to mention the years she diligently worked for the Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association promoting a woman's right to vote. Then it was travel, where Emily spent 20 years seeing the sites of the world. In 1940, she was still living on the Neponset St. family farm. Emily died in 1943 in Medfield. Although an obituary has not yet been found listing all her accomplishments, we can safely say that she improved the lives of her students who went on to teach, thus improving the lives of students she never met. She

improved Norwood by devoting so much time to its organizations. She assisted women in getting the right to vote. She saw the world. So, let us just say, Emily had a life well-lived.

This article draws on this essay by George Curtis:

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# A beginner's guide to fall planting and maintenance

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Here are some tips to make the most of the fall gardening season.

- Sow salad seeds. Lettuce, spinach, radishes, and arugula tolerate cooler temperatures. Try new and interesting lettuce varieties and enjoy salads well into the fall season.
- Take inventory of the sun. Positioning a garden carefully means maximizing hours of sunlight, which begin to dwindle in the fall. Experts say gardens grow best in sunny locations that receive six hours of direct sunlight each day. This is where container gardens can be helpful, as they allow gardeners to move plants into spots that will get ample sunlight.
- Fill in landscaping gaps. Some fall plants can add color around the landscape and brighten up homes to add curb appeal. In addition to pansies and violas, asters, kale and chrysanthemums are fall blooms. Keep in mind that mums can come back year after year.



So take them out of those flower pots and get them into the ground. They can be enjoyed next year as well, sprouting in early spring and developing leaves and buds through late summer.

mix to a vegetable garden as an excellent soil insulator. The nitrogen and carbon will fertilize the soil, enhancing growing possibilities and limiting weed growth.

- Propagate plants in the fall. As temperatures gradually begin to cool, start taking cuttings from perennials, gathering seed pods from azaleas and rhododendrons and dividing hardwood cuttings, says the resource Gardening Know How. Consult with a garden center or horticulturist on the proper ways to propagate stems using rooting hormone and other techniques.
- Continue to water plants. Water is essential in the fall and winter as roots can still be growing. Gradually reduce watering duration as plants go dormant.

Fall planting and maintenance can extend gardening season and improve the chances of growing a healthy spring garden.

- Clean up unwanted growth. Fall is an ideal time to cut back spent vegetable plants and get rid of errant weeds. Rather than bagging leaves, mow them with a grass catcher and then add the

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# Under Pressure gets homes ready for the holiday season

By CHRISTIE VOGT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In anticipation of fall bonfires, winter holiday gatherings and cold weather challenges, exterior cleaning company Under Pressure is busy preparing and sprucing up homes for the season. “The work we do is like a tune-up of the house from top to bottom, from roofs to gutters to windows to patios,” says owner Mark Mercer. “We’re helping people to love their home again, especially around the holidays, and to refocus attention on the importance of the health of a house.”

Mercer says that cleaning exteriors in late summer and early fall is an optimal time because houses stay cleaner for longer due to less pollen, landscaping debris and humidity-induced mildew. Under Pressure is also able to wash surfaces later in the year — even as temperatures drop to the 30s — thanks to water heating mechanisms in its trucks. “Winter is long, and homeowners should be asking themselves at this time whether their house is prepared for the

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changing weather ahead,” Mercer says.

In addition to washing, Under Pressure offers shrink-wrapping to protect outdoor furniture, water features, garden monuments and other items that need to be shielded from the elements. “Shrink-wrapping is a great alternative to covering things with weatherproof fabric, which often gets chewed through by critters,” Mercer says. “Shrink-wrapping also saves space because we can push everything into one tight bundle in your yard rather than having your patio furniture take up square footage in your garage or basement.”

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Routine maintenance and cleaning services like these are important, but Under Pressure is also eager to bring a bit of magic to customers this year in the form of custom-designed holiday lighting. “We are really excited about this new offering,”

Mercer says. “It’s amazing what you can do with a home nowadays with new light technologies, and customers have been asking us for years for a service like this.”

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## Fireplace trends help create attractive, comfortable rooms

Fireplaces are useful features in a home. Fireplaces are sources of ambient heat and also add style to indoor spaces.

Fireplaces can complement just about any interior style. Fireplaces can be traditional and burn wood or connect to a home's natural gas supply for on-demand ambiance. What's more, fireplaces may come in vented or ventless varieties, depending on homeowners' preferences and what is allowed by community building codes. That means a chimney or flue may not be needed — expanding the list of rooms where a fireplace can be installed.

Certain trends have emerged among fireplace fans in recent years. Here's a look at what's getting consumers fired up about these home decor elements.

- **Minimalist style:** Many fireplaces are designed in neutral colors with minimal trim that directs focus on the fire and not the appliance. When the fireplace is not in use, it blends in with surroundings and will not compete for attention with other design elements.

- **Convertible fireplaces:** Homeowners can choose between open or sealed fireplaces. A convertible fireplace enables homeowners to

have the best features of these options. A convertible fireplace can be converted to wood from gas, or the opposite, in as little as 30 minutes.

- **Nature-inspired materials:** Natural stone continues to be a material of choice in fireplace surrounds. Light colors work well for a fireplace, and also fit with today's lighter color interior design preferences. Natural stone also works perfectly with both contemporary and rustic decor.

- **Vintage fireplaces:** Vintage continues to be a buzzword in 2022, and the choice to go vintage also applies to fireplace styles. A room decorated in vintage elements can be complemented with a vintage fireplace or one designed to look vintage.

- **Integrate into wall decor:** Fireplaces that are built right into a wall save space. One can have a television and a fireplace on the same wall. These types of fireplaces work well in modern home designs. Other fireplaces may be built into bookshelves or other wall features.

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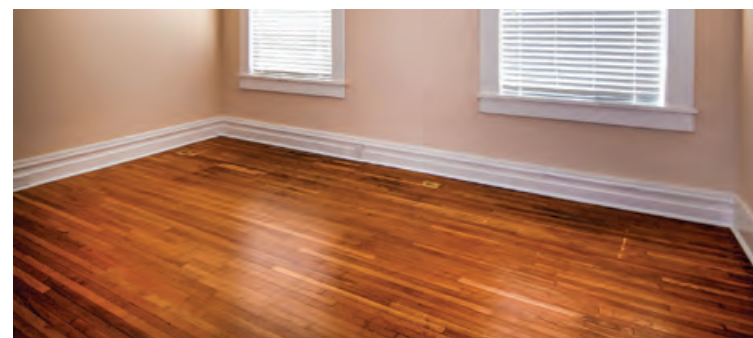
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## Wood floor installation dos and don'ts

Jaw-dropping features can sell a home in a heartbeat. A penthouse apartment with floor-to-ceiling windows and a panoramic view of a city skyline likely won't prove a hard sell, nor will a home with an infinity pool overlooking a landscape of rolling hills. As awe-inspiring as such features can be, some more subtle components, such as authentic hardwood floors, also can do much to make a home more appealing to prospective buyers.

home renovation experts at BobVila.com, squeaky floors could be an indication that the subfloor has begun to warp or twist. Sinking floors are another indicator of deteriorating subfloors. Subfloors should be somewhat level before new hardwoods are installed, so DIYers should inspect and address subfloor issues before installing new flooring.

DO expose wood flooring to the elements in your home prior to installation. The home im-



Hardwood flooring is a sought-after commodity. Data from the National Association of Realtors indicates that 54 percent of home buyers are willing to pay more for hardwood floors. In fact, NAR figures indicate that 28 percent of buyers between the ages of 35 and 54 consider hardwood floors "very important" when looking for a home. Homeowners who are considering selling their homes, or those who simply want to upgrade their existing flooring, may want to consider installing hardwood flooring. Though it's a project best left to professionals, hardwood flooring can be installed by skilled DIYers. In such instances, homeowners may want to keep these dos and don'ts in mind.


DO hire a professional if you have limited or no DIY flooring experience. Hardwood flooring installation is not generally a project for novice DIYers. Hardwood flooring projects may present some common challenges, but no two homes are the same. So unless they have prior experience installing floors in multiple rooms or homes, homeowners may save themselves time, trouble and a significant amount of money hiring a professional to do the job.

DON'T ignore the subfloor. New hardwoods won't erase the problem of subfloors in poor condition. According to the

improvement resource BuildDirect recommends acclimating hardwoods to the space where they will be installed. Skipping this important step could result in gaps during the winter and cupping over the summer. To acclimate hardwoods, open the boxes and spread them out for about a week while running the air conditioner or heater at normal levels. When storing hardwoods prior to installation, avoid keeping them in potentially moist areas like a basement.




DON'T skimp on tools. A DIY hardwood flooring installation might be less expensive than hiring a professional, but homeowners should resist any temptation to increase those savings further by purchasing less costly tools or fewer tools than is necessary to complete the job. BuildDirect notes that DIYers will need at least a miter saw, table saw, cleat-nailer or stapler, finish nailer, compressor, jamb saw, chalk line, nail set, and tape measurer when installing hardwood floors. Purchase all necessary tools and read product reviews to ensure each tool is up to the task.

Wood floors can be awe-inspiring. Some homeowners can install such flooring on their own, and the project can be much easier if they learn as much about installation as possible prior to beginning the project.



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Fall also marks a great time to prepare for upcoming projects that can make winter work that much easier. For example, fall is a great time to take stock of your gutters so you can address any issues before leaves begin to fall or the first snowstorm touches down. Compromised gutters can contribute to water issues in basements and adversely affect a home's foundation if not addressed immediately, so it behooves homeowners to learn the signs that gutters are in need of repair or replacement.

- Gutter hanging off the home: Gutters were once installed predominantly with spikes. However, many industry professionals now install gutters with hanger brackets. Why



the change? Spikes loosen over time, leading to the gutters hanging off the home. That can contribute to serious issues if left untreated. Gutters hanging off the home need not necessarily be replaced, but rather secured to the home, ideally with hanger brackets instead of spikes. Brackets hook into the front of the gutter and are then screwed into the fascia of a home. A professional who specializes in gutter repair can perform this task relatively quickly, and it's an inexpensive yet highly effective solution.

- Gutter separation: Gutters that are no longer fastened together can leak and contribute to issues that affect the home's foundation, siding and appearance. Clogs and the accumulation of debris can cause gutters to separate because they are not designed to hold too much weight. Replacement of separated gutters may or may not be necessary depending on how big the problem is and the condition of the existing gutters. If

replacement is not necessary, separated gutters may be remedied by securing the joints, another relatively simple and inexpensive fix.

- Peeling exterior paint: Paint that appears to be peeling off of your home may indicate that water is seeping over the edge of the gutter closest to your home. When that happens, water is coming down the side of the house, causing the paint to peel. In such instances, replacing the gutters is often necessary.
- Basement flooding: Not all signs of deteriorating gutters are outside a home. Many a homeowner has been flummoxed by flooding in their basements, and such flooding can be caused by aging, ineffective gutters. That's because deteriorating gutters sometimes allow water to leak near the foundation of a home, contributing to basement flooding.

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# Norwood Sports

## Sean Steeves Gets His Chance Under Center

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

Beginning his football career many years ago when he played flag football while in kindergarten, Norwood's Sean Steeves is finally going to get his chance to start at quarterback for the Mustangs. He found himself as the team's back-up quarterback last fall; the individual standing in his way? His brother.

"I went out and worked my butt off," Steeves said. "At one-point last year, I actually thought that I had a chance to beat him (Joey) out as the starter, but he managed to hold on."

Despite being on the sideline when the offense took to the field, the Steeves' brothers continuously did things together to not only prepare for the upcoming game, but push one another to be a better quarterback. Now that his brother has moved on from Norwood High School, the younger brother, now a senior, will get to guide the Mustangs on the gridiron.

As he takes the reins from his older brother, Steeves would not only like to qualify for the tournament, he would also like to be named the Tri-Valley league MVP.

"This year, Norwood has a lot of inexperienced kids on the team, and I am hoping that we come together as a group and earn a home playoff game," Steeves said. "Individually, I would like to win the TVL MVP, but while that would be nice, it's more important to win a playoff game, something Norwood hasn't done in a long time."

In order to accomplish that goal, Steeves will need to come in each week with a chip on his shoulder and work as hard as he possibly can. The first year starting varsity quarterback says winning a playoff game would be huge for the school as well as himself, as it was something that his brother Joey wasn't able to accomplish while at Norwood. Last year, Norwood earned the 16 seed in the MIAA State Football Division 3 Tournament and fell to Marblehead, the number one seed and eventual Champion, 21-7.

Mustang Coach Manny Lopes likes what he has seen thus far out of his new signal caller.

"He is an extension of the coaches and does everything right," Lopes said. "He makes sure the rest of the team, which consists of a lot of younger faces, know what's going on and why. This year, we are looking for someone to become the voice of the team and he has taken over that responsibility."

In the early days of football, Steeves, who also plays baseball for the Mustangs, was a middle linebacker, as he described, 'he was a chubby kid.' Around the third or fourth grade, he made the transition to quarterback. Again, the reasoning was his older brother moved up leaving a vacancy at the position and he decided to try it out and found that he really liked being in charge.

Upon entering high school, he was the freshman quarterback his first year and continued to play behind center as a sophomore for the junior varsity squad. However, when he made the varsity team, he encountered his brother blocking his path to playing quarterback. So while being his brother's back-up on the offensive side of the ball, Steeves was getting ready to play defense for Norwood as well.

"The decision to play cornerback last year was half and half," Steeves said. "The coaches thought that it fit my personality and skill set and I just wanted to get onto the field and contribute."

Lopes noted that the then junior came in last fall and earned his spot on the defense.

"He stayed in the background, studied the game and came in ready," Lopes said. "He was not on anyone's radar last season, we knew of him, but didn't know what he could be. He was competitive and eventually won the starting job at cornerback."



After earning the starting cornerback position, Steeves went on to start every single game for the Mustangs last year, while still being the back-up quarterback to his brother.

Steeves definitely remembers his first varsity start at cornerback.

"My first game was against Stoughton, and I was a little surprised that I had three interceptions that game," Steeves said. "My confidence was flying high, and I thought, I can get used to this and wanted to get even better."

As a quarterback, Steeves noted that he likes to improvise on plays, such as scrambling and looking downfield for a big connection, but he knows that if he's going to be successful, these are things he can't be doing on a regular basis.

"My decision making is probably my biggest weakness and I try not to do too much on one play," the Norwood quarterback said. "My dad told me that I should take it one play at a time, and by watching film I realized that I could take the short passes with success instead of going for the homerun every time."

This year will be Steeves first and only year starting for the Norwood varsity team, and at this point he is unsure if he'll play football in college.

"I'm hoping to go to college, but I'm not sure if I want to play football there," Steeves said. "I really don't want to base my school choice on a sport."

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# Norwood Sports

## Wladkowski Wants Back-To-Back

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

Last year, for the first time in 11 years, the Norwood girls' soccer team qualified for the Division 2 Tournament; junior Mustang goalie, Trisha Wladkowski, doesn't want the school to have to wait another decade before they once again venture into the post-season.

"We just squeezed into the tournament last fall," the junior keeper said. "I feel that the new ranking system is beneficial for our team as we play a very difficult regular season schedule. I want to help this team get back and improve upon last year's performance."

Last fall, after qualifying for the Division 2 State Championship, Norwood, the number 32 seed, fell to Billerica on 1-0 on penalty kicks. Although the loss was not Wladkowski's fault, she wants to improve while guiding the team further this year.

"Going to penalty kicks was really a tough situation and I took it hard that we lost the game as the team was depending on me," Wladkowski said. "It was terrifying and I would never want to do that again. Eleven years to get to the tournament and we lost. Originally I felt terrible that I let the team down, but my teammates were supportive and uplifting. They told me that they wouldn't want anyone else in the net." Norwood Coach Kim Brinklow doesn't bat an eye when asked about her goalie in the penalty kick situation.

"Penalty kicks are designed for shooters to score, it's tough on the goalie," the Mustang coach

said. "She should learn from this, although it was definitely not her fault that we lost. The good news is that she has experienced this and it's now in her back pocket if the situation ever arises again."

The now Norwood junior has been kicking the soccer ball around as long as she can remember as Norwood Youth Soccer is a big event in town. A lot of her friends were playing soccer in the fall for fun, and they got her to start playing with them at the



striker position, but it didn't last all that long.

"I think it was around fourth or fifth grade when I got moved out of the striker position," Wladkowski said. "Honestly, I think that I got stuck in goal, although I had never played the position before, was because I was the biggest on the team. Goalie was a change of pace and I've grown to love the position; I really don't care where I'm playing as long as I'm playing."



Prior to entering high school, Wladkowski just played Norwood Youth and Travel Soccer, she never joined a club team. However, once she made the varsity team, Coach Brinklow would have different coaches come in to help her keeper. Wladkowski would

also take part in clinics to gain the knowledge of the position that she lacked at the young age.

After making the varsity team, following a grueling and nerve-racking tryout, the incoming freshman was hit with a bombshell – Covid 19. That year went from the highest emotion to making the team to the lowest with the pandemic. Instead of playing 18 regular season games, the Mustangs were forced to play only 10 games on the weekends, a home and away series against

the same team, all the time while wearing face masks as required by the CDC.

"It was not the season that I was hoping to experience in my first year of high school soccer," Wladkowski said. "Luckily, we had a close-knit team and made the best of it while doing what we could to get through it."

After playing an abbreviated season with no possibility for tournament play, no one knew what was going to become of last year. According to Wladkowski, she remembers being all nervous as the season got closer as they really didn't know what was going to happen. They were all hoping that they would have a regular season. Eventually, the MIAA announced there would be a season much like the ones they had been used to in the past and when the CDC announced masks did not have to be worn while outside, the girls were elated.

Making the trip to the playoffs for the first time in over a decade, Brinklow knew that her goalie was one of the main reasons the Mustangs did so.

Trisha was pivotal in our success last year," Brinklow said. "She's a natural in net and also plays basketball so she doesn't give up a lot of rebounds. She has also worked hard on her punting and kicking."

Coming into this, her junior campaign, Wladkowski knows that the squad lost a lot of senior leadership from last year's team, but she remains optimistic about this year's performance with the talented freshman coming out

in addition to the junior varsity players that will be moving up.

When it comes to All-Star recognition, the junior doesn't really mind if she's named to the team or not; the status is nothing that she craves. When high school is over in two years, she also believes that her career as a soccer goalie will come to an end.

"When I graduate from high school, my soccer career is most likely done, but who knows what is going to happen over the next two years," she said. "I do want to play basketball in college though, especially after the season we had last year [Norwood went undefeated and eventually lost in the State Championship game]. Last year was insane and something of a lifetime – it was awesome!"

Coach Brinklow noted that she would love to give Wladkowski a chance to get out of her net and once again play in the field.

"I've told her that if we were up three goals I'd let her play the field," the Norwood Coach said. "During her summer league, her coach let her do just that and she actually scored a goal. When that happened, I thought to myself, I am never getting her back in the goal now that she has had a taste of playing the field and scoring."

While Brinklow may be worried about her keeper wanting to play the field, Wladkowski plans on keeping herself planted between the pipes as the Mustangs make a magnificent run through the regular season and into the playoffs.

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# New Police Patches

If you missed the Norwood Police Association booth at Norwood Day, you may not know NPD just released two new patches for sale. They are \$5 each with proceeds to go to their youth programs. Stop by the lobby anytime or pay via PayPal for mail delivery. Include 50 cents for postage please!



# Clean out your Closets/ Help LWV Norwood

The league of Women Voters in Norwood is holding a fundraiser for their Annual Margery McKenna Memorial Scholarship.

belts, ties, scarves, bedding, pillows, curtains, etc.

Email Sarah at lwnorwoodma@gmail.com.

If doing fall cleaning, bag up your clothes, shoes, handbags,

Donations accepted through Friday, Nov. 4.

# VFW Meat Raffle is Back!

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452, 193 Dean St., in Norwood, is bringing its Meat Raffle back for the season, every Saturday, 2-5 p.m.

pork chops, whole chicken or cut chicken, ground sirloin burgers, chicken wings, and many more offerings.

The Meat Raffle is open to the public and everyone is welcome. The price for each Drawing is only \$2. Ten Drawings are conducted each Saturday. A Pre-Buy for \$20 is available during the week at the Post. This Pre-Buy allows for entrance in all ten drawings conducted on Saturday. The winners of the pre-buys need not be present to win.

The Drawings also include a 50/50 money raffle. A separate Winner Takes All Raffle is conducted at the end for an additional \$5.

The Meat Raffle will continue every Saturday thru May.

The prizes are delectable, delicious, and generous portions of meat and chicken. An example of the sampling of the prizes include: sirloin steak tips, sausage, ground sirloin burgers, center cut

The Norwood VFW is looking for new members. Veterans of the Gulf War, and personnel who have served overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are welcome to visit the post at any time or come to one of the Monthly Meetings which are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from September through May (except December).

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# Calendar of Events

**Oct. 1**

**VFW Post 2452 Meat Raffle**  
193 Dean St.  
2-5 p.m. - Saturdays

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**Oct. 3**

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

**Genealogy: Getting Started in African American Genealogy**  
Morrill Memorial Library  
7 p.m.

This in-person presentation, "Getting Started in African American Genealogy," will be done by Meaghan E.H. Siekman, Ph.D., genealogist of *The Newbury Street Press* with American Ancestors/NEHGS.

Researching African American ancestors can be challenging, especially when trying to break through the 1870 brick wall to discover more about ancestors prior to the end of slavery. In this presentation, Genealogist Meaghan E. H. Siekman will discuss go-to records and demonstrate creative search strategies for piecing together your family history. 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.

**Oct. 4**

**Sensory Station**  
Morrill Memorial Library  
10 a.m.

Get ready to explore the 5 senses! Miss Kate will read a book and kids can participate in several themed sensory activities. This program has the potential to be a little messy so make sure you dress to play and have fun! For ages 2 and up. Registration required.

Sign up at [www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

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

The Norwood Farmer's Market has grown throughout the summer and now hosts over 15 vendors! In addition to its anchors of Jordan Brothers Seafood, Oakdale Farms, Freitas Farms, and Tateo Organics, other booths include bakeries, various food items, sports cards, municipal and non-profit organizations, and more! The afternoon also includes games for the kids and music! A must afternoon visit for the entire family!

**Lego Club**  
Morrill Memorial Library  
2:30 p.m.

Join on Tuesday afternoons for tons of Lego fun! The library will offer lots of Legos for kids to build with, giving them space for their imaginations to run free! This is an after-school drop in program, no registration required. Children under 10 need adult supervision.

**Author Talk: Jan Brogan on "The Combat Zone"**  
Morrill Memorial Library  
7 p.m.

Jan will discuss her new true-crime book, "The Combat Zone: Murder, Race, and Boston's Struggle for Justice." "The Combat Zone" is a true account of a brutal murder, two flawed trials, and the not so delicate balance between justice and revenge. It tells the story of an annual Harvard ritual that sent forty football players into Boston's crime-plagued red light district for a "last drink, together," and the death of a heroic 21-year old cornerback who tries to save a friend. Three Black men are charged with first degree murder in a racially divided city at the peak of busing violence. The book tells story of a victim's family trying to cope with a devastating loss, while verdicts seesaw, and the Italian mob offers to step in. The 1976 murder and the city's two trials will forever change the way juries are chosen in Massachusetts and the nation, and end the once common practice of excluding jurors based on the color of their skin. 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.

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**Oct. 5**

**Genealogy Series: Hidden Treasures in Your Town Records**  
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)  
2 p.m.

This Zoom presentation will be on "Hidden Treasures in Your Town Records," by Dr. Carol McCoy, genealogist at American Ancestors/NEHGS. Genealogists with New England ancestors have a great advantage in being able to use Town Records as a resource. From earliest times, New England towns began keeping records of their many activities. This virtual lecture will highlight the benefits of using town records in genealogy, provide examples of gems in the records, suggest ways to locate the records, and present keys to using these records successfully. 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.

**Oct. 6**

**Halloween Hop**  
Ivatt's Tennis Courts  
6 p.m.

Join in to celebrate Halloween with games, dancing, crafts, refreshments, face paint, and more! There will be a costume parade of all the guests, so please dress up in your costumes! Fee: Res: \$10 /NR: \$15. For ages 3-6 years old. (Rain location Civic Center).

**Madhubani Art Workshop with Sunanda Sahay [Adult Workshop]**  
Morrill Memorial Library  
6:30 p.m.

The Morrill Memorial Library's first Artist-in-Residence, Sunanda Sahay, will present a unique art program. The workshop will explore the traditional techniques and themes of Madhubani art, a popular style of folk painting from her native northern India. Participants will have the opportunity to both learn about the history of this distinctive art form and create their own take on Madhubani paintings using paint on paper. Supplies will be provided by the presenter. 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.

**Oct. 7**

**The Challenge of Democratic Legitimacy in Turbulent Times**  
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)  
10 a.m.

There's been a lot of talk about voter fraud in the last election - we know it has been debunked, but what are the root causes of the rumors that swirled, the impact on our trust in the system, and what the effect of such distrust has on our democracy? Join Prof. Rachael V. Cobb in discussing these issues that have plagued us historically but especially in the last few years. 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.

**Halloween Spooktacular**  
Civic Center  
6 p.m.

Enjoy a night of bouncing and laser tag right in town at Launch. Pre-Registration is required: \$25 per person. For 6th-8th graders.

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

Parents, take the night off! Kids join Playcamp and Civic staff for a night of fun! There will be group games, movies, crafts, and more! For grades 3-5. Fee: Res: \$20/NR: \$25. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**Oct. 8**

**11th Annual Trunk or Treat**  
DPW Lot (behind Civic Center)  
11 a.m.-12 noon

Enjoy this seasonal family favorite! If you are interested in participating with a decorated Trunk, email Katie Seastedt at [cseastedt@norwoodma.gov](mailto:cseastedt@norwoodma.gov). Candy donations can be dropped off at the Civic. Teal Pumpkin Project will be located at most of the trunks. Cost : canned goods or \$1 for the Norwood Food Pantry.

**VFW Post 2452 Meat Raffle**  
193 Dean St.  
2-5 p.m. - Saturdays

**Block Party**  
Father Mac's  
4-6 p.m.

Come join us for an evening of activities and fun! Come enjoy fall treats and music! FREE EVENT!—Pre-Registration is required for this event, limited spots available. To register, visit

<https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**Oct. 9**

**Pickleball Tournament**  
Savage Center  
8 a.m.

It's time for Norwood's first EVER Pickleball Tournament at the outdoor courts! Pre-Registration is required for limited spots available. Only one teammate needs to register their team of 2. Cost: \$40 per team. Winner and runner ups win a prize! To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**Fall Festival Tasty Tricks & Treats**  
Karuna Kitchen, Westwood  
11 a.m.

Create delicious Halloween snacks and sweets in this hands-on class for all ages. Sponsored through the Norwood Recreation Department. Fee: Res: \$70/NR: \$80. For grades 6+. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**Meal Prep Sundays**  
Virtual (through Norwood Recreation Department)  
3 p.m.

During this virtual cooking class you will prepare 4 separate meals for your busy week ahead in just 60 minutes! A supply list will get sent before so you are prepared for the prep! Fee: Res: \$45 /NR: \$55. For all ages To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**Pumpkin Float**  
Hawes Pool  
6-8 p.m.

Join in for the Third Annual Norwood Pumpkin Float! Looking for local groups to carve a pumpkin for the event and then put them afloat! The Cub Scouts will have a small camp fire to make s'mores! FREE EVENT! To register or for more information, To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**Oct. 11**

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

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working (WBN) group is a non-profit organization for women in business or residents of Norwood and surrounding towns. The group meet two mornings per month and in addition to providing referral business, the women share and support business ideas and community events/fundraisers. If you would like more information about the organization, call 781-799-7068, or email wbnofnorwood@gmail.com.

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

Today's program is Tea and Fine Chocolate. Kim Larkin will enlighten the group on the benefits if tea and dark chocolate. A light lunch will be served. Dues are \$25. Guests are welcomed. For more information on the group, call Trina at 781-762-8173.

**Genealogy Series: Getting Started in Polish Genealogy  
Morrill Memorial Library  
2 p.m.**

The Morrill Memorial Library continues their fall genealogy series with an in-person presentation, "Getting Started in Polish Genealogy," by James Heffernan, genealogist at American Ancestors/NEHGS. In this lecture, genealogist James Heffernan will present tips for getting started researching your Polish ancestry. He will discuss how to locate your ancestral town or village from American sources, how to navigate shifting historical borders, and what types of records were produced in each region. 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.

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

**A Panel Discussion with Horror Writers SA Barnes, Christopher Golden, and Anne Heltzel  
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)  
7 p.m.**

Are you someone who loves to read scary stories into the night? Do you shiver when you see a Stephen King book at the library? Do you get a thrill from looking for the TSTL campers or anyone wearing a Jason mask? If so, join in for a conversation with horror writers SA Barnes, Christopher Golden, and Anne Heltzel as they discuss their books and the appeals of reading horror novels.

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.

**Oct. 12**

**Fishing Days  
Ellis Pond  
5 p.m.**

Fishing is a great outdoor activity and there are lots of great fishing spots right here in Norwood! Come enjoy this one day hits and hopefully catch a big one! For grades 3-7. Fee: Res:\$5/NR: \$10. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**Oct. 14**

**Babysitter Lessons  
Civic Center  
3:30 p.m.**

This American Academy of Pediatrics course covers how to handle the basics of infant and childcare, how to react responsibly to medical emergencies and injuries, perform first aid for common childhood injuries and illnesses, and set up and run your own babysitting business. Please bring a snack and a drink. Fee: Res: \$55/NR:\$60. For ages 11-13 years old. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**Scavenger Hunt  
Sheraton Four Points Sheraton  
4 p.m.**

Do you know the location of legendary places in Norwood? Who are the town representatives? Who are the streets named for? Find these answers and more! Pick up your limo for the two-hour scavenger hunt. Buffet dinner following the hunt. Donation is \$100 per person. Sponsored by the Norwood High School Alumni Association and all proceeds benefit the Norwood High School Scholarship Fund. Register at [www.norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org](http://www.norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org).

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

Parents, take the night off! Kids join Playcamp and Civic staff for a night of fun! There will be group games, movies, crafts, and more! For grades K-2. Fee: Res: \$20/NR: \$25. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**Oct. 15  
Kids Restaurant Takeover  
Karuna Kitchen, Westwood  
10 a.m.**

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taurant," designing and cooking a full menu including an appetizer, dinner, and dessert that they can take home and prepare for the whole family! Fee: Res: \$80/ NR: \$85. For ages 10 year's old+. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**VFW Post 2452 Meat Raffle  
193 Dean St.  
2-5 p.m. - Saturdays**

**Oct. 16**

**Patriot's Day Fundraiser  
Old Colonial Café, Nahaton St.  
12 noon**

This event is sponsored by the Norwood Scholarship Foundation. Watch the Patriots vs. the Browns and help raise money for Dollars for Scholars. Price is \$30 per person. For tickets, contact George Usevich, \_\_\_ or Tim McDonough, 781-762-6163.

**Oct. 18**

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

**CPR Class  
Civic Center  
5:30 p.m.**

Learn the life-saving skills of CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver to treat adults, children, or infants suffering from sudden cardiac arrest, heart attack, stroke, choking, or other serious illness or injury. For ages 12 and up. Cost is \$55.00 residents; \$65 non-residents. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**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

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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.

### Oct. 19

**Turn the Page-The Death of Mrs. Westaway**  
Morrill Memorial Library  
10 a.m./6:30 p.m.

The morning and evening groups will be discussing 'The Death of Mrs. Westaway,' a novel written by Ruth Ware. Email Patty Bailey if you have any questions, pbailey@minlib.net or call 781-443-8864. Sign up at [www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the reference desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

**Creative Arts Workshop: Diwali Lanterns and Rangoli**  
Morrill Memorial Library  
6 p.m.

Diwali, the festival of lights, is one of the biggest festivals celebrated in India, and all over the world. Indians celebrate it by lighting Diwali lanterns, creating beautiful rangoli designs, preparing special food and getting together with friends and family. In the workshop, participants will learn about the history of Diwali, and have the opportunity to make a Diwali Lantern and a Rangoli Board to take home. The instructor, Arati Paranjpe, is a Norwood resident, an interior designer, blogger, and a computer engineer. For ages 14 and up. All materials will be provided, free of charge. This program is free of charge and open to everyone aged 14 and older. All materials will be provided. 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.

### Oct. 20

**Dino Dig!**  
Civic Center  
3:30 p.m.

Calling all archeologists to the Norwood Civic Center for

the first ever DINO DIG! There will be digging for treasures, dino eggs, and more! Fee: Res: \$10/NR: \$15. For grades 1-2. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**Stress Reduction & Resiliency**  
Civic Center  
6 p.m.

Chronic stress can trap our nervous system in states that prevent us from being present, connecting deeply, resting, and experiencing joy and vitality. In this workshop, participants will experience some simple and practical mind-body techniques for accessing physiological states that are key to reducing stress and recovering from it. Come learn more about neurobiology and ways of accessing your innate ability to restore yourself. Fee: Res: \$40/ NR: \$45. For ages 18+ years old. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

### Oct. 21

**Dino Dig!**  
Civic Center  
10 a.m.

Calling all archeologists to the Norwood Civic Center for the first ever DINO DIG! There will be digging for treasures, dino eggs, and more! Fee: Res: \$10/NR: \$15. For ages 3-4 years old. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**Home Alone Safety**  
Civic Center  
3:30 p.m.

Children will learn telephone and door answering techniques, internet safety, accident and fire protection, and first aid techniques. Also, about how to manage your time when you're home alone for short periods of time. The class includes a variety of teaching methods, including a video and role playing. Please bring a snack and a drink. Fee: Res: \$50/ NR \$60. For ages 9-11 years old. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

### Oct. 22

**VFW Post 2452 Meat Raffle**  
193 Dean St.  
2-5 p.m. - Saturdays

### Oct. 23

**Halloween Festival**  
Town Common  
3 p.m.

This family-friendly event includes scarecrow building and jack-o-lantern contests, Halloween train ride, pumpkin bowling, face painting, photo booth, hay bale maze, witch's hat ring toss, and more! Costume parade at 5:30 p.m., lantern lighting at 6 p.m.

### Oct. 24

**Genealogy Series: Getting Started in Italian Genealogy**  
Morrill Memorial Library (Virtual)  
7 p.m.

Explore your Italian ancestors with American Ancestors/NEHGS Senior Genealogist Rhonda R. McClure. In this presentation, Rhonda will discuss how to get started in researching Italian genealogy including essential records and resources to succeed. 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.

### Oct. 25

**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).

**Animal Adventures with Lego**  
Civic Center  
12:30 p.m.

Let your imagination run wild with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts designing and building leaping dolphins, buzzing beehives, and towering giraffes. Play, create, and learn in a world inspired by the animal kingdom. Fee: \$45. For grades 3-6. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**MARVELOUS Engineering Using LEGO**  
Civic Center  
12:30 p.m.

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**Children's Dining Etiquette Workshop**  
Civic Center  
1 p.m.

Like to take your school-aged children out to eat with you at a fine dining or a large social event but you're a little afraid how they might behave? Present your child with the opportunity to feel confident in any dining situation by taking interactive lessons with a certified etiquette consultant. Topics include: approaching and seating at the table, the napkin and its uses, understanding place settings, the bread & butter plate, the soup course, American and Continental styles of dining, appropriate table conversation, what to do with unwanted food, other table manners & more. Fee: Res: \$70/NR: \$8. For grades 2-7. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**Teen Interview Prep Workshop**  
Civic Center  
2:45 p.m.

Interviewing can be a stressful experience for teens whether they are looking for their first job or going to their first college interview. In this workshop, teens will learn self-presentation skills and important talking points to help succeed at an interview. Topics include: what to do before the interview, know your resume, dress for success, how to make a good first impression, what to do during the interview, common interview questions, questions you can ask the employer, what to do after the interview, interview do's and don'ts. Fee: Res: \$70/NR: \$80. For grades 8-12. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

**First Aid Class**  
Civic Center  
5:30 p.m.

The goal of this course is to emphasize the importance of accident prevention, the need for first aid training, and appropriate first aid skills to utilize in case of an emergency. For ages 12 and up. Cost is \$55 for residents; \$65 for non-residents. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>

or the Civic Center in person.

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

October title to be announced. Titles on Tap meets at Napper Tandy's, in the left-hand-side bar.

### Oct. 27

**Pumpkin Decorating**  
Civic Center  
3:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of pumpkin decorating! All the supplies provided. Snack will be included. Fee: Res: \$15/NR: \$20. For all ages. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

### Oct. 28

**Rummage Sale**  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church/  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Quality clothing for all; toys, books, decorations, small household items, and more!

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

The Morrill Memorial Library offers an in-person sensory-friendly movie on the 4th Friday of the month for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. 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.

### Oct. 29

**Rummage Sale**  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church/  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The popular bag sale will begin at noon. Large trash bags may be purchased for \$5. Quality clothing for all; toys, books, decorations, small household items, and more!

**VFW Post 2452 Meat Raffle**  
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### Oct. 31





# Real Estate Corner

## August Real Estate Activity in Norfolk County

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reported that the August 2022 numbers relative to Norfolk County recordings indicate a notable decrease in overall real estate activity, particularly with mortgage activity, as compared to the August, 2021 numbers, but continue to show an increase in average sale prices from a year ago.

"Our data indicates that the Norfolk County real estate numbers in August demonstrate a continued slowdown in the market compared to 2021, but a slight increase from the month of July," Register O'Donnell said. "There were 11,640 documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in August, a 29% decrease from August, 2021, but up 7% from July, 2022.

The number of deeds for August, 2022, which reflect real estate sales and transfers, both commercial and residential, show a decrease of 16% from August, 2021, but an increase of 5% from the previous month of July, 2022. Sale prices climbed again when compared to 2021. The average sale price in August was \$1,107,598, a 13% increase compared to August, 2021, but surprisingly show a 17% decrease from July. Total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales is down, decreasing 5% from one year ago and decreasing 13% from last month."

Overall lending activity show a continued pronounced trend downward for the month of August. A total of 1,991 mortgages were recorded during the month, a significant decrease of 46% compared to a year ago but

slightly up 6% from July, 2022.

"It appears that the increase in the mortgage interest rates and the fact that many consumers have already refinanced continue to impact mortgage activity," 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 monitoring the foreclosure market. In August, there were seven foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County, one more than in August, 2021, and two fewer than in July. However, there were 33 Notices to Foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, recorded in August, up significantly from the 15 recorded in August, 2021.

"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 track 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 suggested.

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 August, 2022, compared to August, 2021.

"The reduction in recorded Declarations of Homestead is not too surprising where the sales of homes continue 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 explained. "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. Feel free to 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."

"August real estate activity in Norfolk County continues to show a decline from last year," Register O'Donnell concluded. "We still see the increase in sale prices from last year as indicating a continuing lack of available real

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# Real Estate Corner

## Register O'Donnell Promotes Foreclosure Assistance Programs

Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell recently reminded Norfolk County homeowners who are struggling to pay their mortgage or facing foreclosure that there are consumer programs available to help them out. There has been a noticeable increase in notices to foreclosure and foreclosure deeds recorded in 2022.

"The COVID-19 pandemic caused a great deal of upheaval in all our lives; some more than others," Register O'Donnell stated. "Some of our neighbors have been furloughed or lost their jobs all together due to the economic impact resulting from the pandemic. In the beginning of the pandemic, policy

makers at the state and federal levels recognized the impact the pandemic was having on the ability of many to pay their mortgages and rents. A moratorium was put in effect which suspended foreclosure. The moratorium expired in October, 2020, but unfortunately the number of recorded foreclosure notices continues to increase."

To help those facing issues paying their mortgage, the Registry of Deeds has partnered with several non-profit agencies by promoting their services when it comes to mortgage modification and foreclosure programs. Homeowners can contact Quincy Community Action Programs, 617-479-8181,

x376, or NeighborWorks Housing Solutions at 508-587-0950, x46. Another option available is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400. Making use of funds from the recent nationwide state-federal settlement over unlawful foreclosures, the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office implemented a statewide foreclosure prevention and borrower support initiative entitled the HomeCorps. If you are facing foreclosure, the HomeCorps program may be able to help. The HomeCorps Hotline at 617-573-5333.

"All of these agencies provide a range of assistance, from helping with the mortgage modification process, providing legal services, and offering credit counseling," Register O'Donnell stated. "For more information on these and other support options, go to the Registry's website [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org), click on the Support tab, and then click on the subtab that mentions Foreclosure Assistance. The state website also has a page devoted to foreclosure assistance at [mass.gov/service-details/preventing-foreclosure](http://mass.gov/service-details/preventing-foreclosure)."

Register O'Donnell also warned homeowners against falling prey to for-profit companies who offer loan modification and credit counseling services but charge an exorbitant fee.

"Even in these times, unscrupulous for-profit foreclosure relief and mortgage modification companies are in some cases preying on vulnerable homeowners," Register O'Donnell stated. "They make unrealistic promises and charge a lot of money for doing so. If one of these companies is telling you something that is too good to be true, it probably is. Please check out any for-profit foreclosure relief and mortgage modification company before entering into a contract with them.

With the foreclosure moratorium rescinded, many individuals and families are still faced with some very difficult decisions. It is truly tragic that so many are having issues paying their mortgages and facing foreclosure through no fault of their own. If you or a loved one are in this situation, it would be prudent to sit down with a reputable non-profit agency such as Quincy Community Action

Programs, NeighborWorks Housing Solutions or the Massachusetts Attorney General's office to discuss what options are available. The Registry is always glad to help those facing a mortgage delinquency or foreclosure crisis by directing them to one of these fine agencies. Each of these organizations are there to serve your needs in a professional and honorable manner."

To learn more about Registry of Deed's events and initiatives, like them at [facebook.com/NorfolkDeeds](https://facebook.com/NorfolkDeeds) or follow on [twitter.com/NorfolkDeeds](https://twitter.com/NorfolkDeeds) and [Instagram.com/NorfolkDeeds](https://Instagram.com/NorfolkDeeds).

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estate inventory but in comparing the numbers with last month's, it appears the market may be starting to cool off."


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