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Kick-Off the Holidays at Tree Lighting!

BY MICHELE TARANTO

It's a perfect long weekend. It launches Thursday with a lavish Thanksgiving meal, followed a Friday of bargain hunting, holiday decorating, or relaxing with leftovers. Maybe take part in Small Business Saturday and patronize some local stores and lunch at a local favorite small restaurant. What could possibly top that? How about closing out the weekend with a community kick-off of the holiday season on Sunday, Nov. 27 with the Norwood Tree Lighting Celebration!

Norwood hosts a festive afternoon free from the bustle of the crowds that has become a favored holiday tradition. The fun-filled (and FREE) family event will be held on Sunday, Nov. 27, 1:30-4 p.m., on the Town Common and the Norwood Civic Center. The celebration includes a reindeer dash, horse-drawn hayrides, festive entertainment, holiday readings, face painting, ornament decorating, barnyard animals, a parade, and music.



The afternoon concludes when Santa and Mrs. Clause make their dramatic entrance and light up the Norwood Town Common!

The Reindeer Dash returns as children race around the

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Norwood Farmers Market Thrived in 2022

BY BELLA CAGGIANO

The Norwood Farmers Market (NFM) filled a void left from Covid 19 for healthy eating choices. From the steady traffic and vendor participation throughout the season, the 2022 market experienced a welcoming salute to purchasing locally grown, fresh produce, bread, fish, baked goods, rubs, olive oil, and more.

The NFM ran for 18 weeks, June 21 through October 18, 2-6 p.m., on the Norwood Town Common. Every Tuesday afternoon, Norwood's central hub was

filled with tents, music, and residents roaming the aisles. But the market was even more than that. Throughout the day, neighbors were greeting neighbors, admiring babies and children, patting pets, kids playing with toys supplied by the market, and even residents making new friends. Norwood on Central added to that hometown vibe as some enjoyed lunch or even an ice cream at the picnic tables while shopping.

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Town Common and receive a set of antlers for participating. Face painting and holiday crafts will be offered on the common and barnyard animals will wait eagerly for visitors at the Civic Center. Horse-drawn hayrides will be also be available on the Town Common as local choirs ring in the season. The afternoon concludes with holiday readings, and a parade where Santa and Mrs. Clause arrive and light up the Norwood Town Common for the holiday lighting.

Plan that holiday shopping and decorating around the Holiday Tree Lighting for a community celebration the entire

family will enjoy and remember for years to come!

Sunday, November 27

1:30-2 p.m. Reindeer Dash Town Common

1:30-3:30 p.m. Face Painting Ornament Decorating Town Common

2-3:30 p.m. Horse Drawn Hayrides Town Common Barnyard Animals Civic Center Gym, Nahatan St.

2-3 p.m. Local musical choirs Walter J. Dempsey Bandstand

3 p.m. A reading of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Walter J. Dempsey Bandstand By Linda Rau

3:20 p.m. Reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" Walter J. Dempsey Bandstand By Selectwoman Helen Abdallah Donohue

3:35 p.m. Parade leaving Guild Square to the Town Common

3:45 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus turn on the Norwood's Holiday Tree Lights Town Common

This schedule is subject to change, depending on weather.

Norwood residents would agree that no town unites like Norwood, and this year's holiday celebration is a great opportunity to connect with friends and neighbors and kick off the holiday season!



FARMERS MARKET

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While fresh produce is the main draw of a farmers market, (Norwood had three stable vendors the entire season), the NFM offered many additional items to add to the menu: fish, bread, baked goods, olive oil, and rubs. Virtually an entire meal in one shopping trip! But Norwood offered much more. Vendor tables

included goods and information from many artisans, municipalities, local interest groups, sustainability organizations, non-profits, small businesses, pet nail clipping, and even music! Each week was virtually a different market with something new to discover. In total, over 30 different vendors/nonprofits set up a table or tent at the Norwood Farmers Market in 2022.

It takes months to set up a successful farmers market, especially when Norwood's was on hiatus for a few years. Planning began late winter of 2022 through the Norwood Sustainability Commission.

"The market was created through an initiative of the Norwood Sustainability Commission to get Norwood residents to eat healthy, buy local, and build community," Norwood Sustainability Commission Chairman Peter McFarland said.

It was through the committee's efforts that Norwood can now enjoy a market again. There were some obstacles, however. First, finding vendors. Many were already committed other town markets, and so recruiting began. And then, funding. The



Norwood Farmers Market ran as an independent entity and was completely sustained through business donations and vendor rentals. Sponsorships include:

- Steve Costello Society Platinum Level
Norwood Space Center Silver Level
Commonwealth Fireplace Dedham Savings
Pixel Artists Design Bronze Level
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Norwood Light & Broadband

- Friends of Norwood Center
Neponset River Regional Chamber
Norwood Sustainability Commission

- Norwood Cultural Council
Norwood Recreation Department
Norwood Department of Public Works

Thankfully by spring, donations and vendor commitments secured a 2022 market season, but how would it run, and would they come? Michele Taranto came on board early spring as the Market Manager and a total of 17 teenagers ensured a smooth season.

"This season went better than I thought," McFarland said. "Michele did a great job as manager and we had a great and very enthusiastic bunch of high school volunteers."

Feedback from shoppers and vendors was also incredibly positive. According to the vendors, no other market offers assistance through volunteers as Norwood, and Norwood residents welcomed all who worked the market, many traveling many miles to provide fresh produce and goods.

"The Norwood Farmers market was one of my favorites this season by far," Lindsay Tateo of Tateo Organics said. "The customers were super nice and supportive of small local business/farmers. The high school



students were so helpful, respectful throughout the whole season. I think this market differs from others in a few ways. One being the variety of vendors. Another being the warm welcoming as a newcomer. Michele and Peter made me feel like I have been doing this market for years. I can't wait for 2023!"

With the close of the 2022 season, it is now time to reflect and build on the market's success for 2023.

"This year was great but we have plenty of room for improvement; recruit more and different vendors, improve outreach and more fun things to do at the market," McFarland said.

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Kennedy-Donovan Center (KDC) provides help to children as they progress toward milestones, and adults as they find the most supportive, least restrictive ways to meet their goals, according to the KDC website www.kdc.org.

KDC was founded in 1969 by Luella Donovan, private duty nurse to the children of Joseph Patrick and Rose Kennedy. [See

services Division offers 5 programs: Intensive Foster Care (ages 0-22), Lives in Forward Transition AKA LIFT (ages 16-22), Independent Living (ages 0-18), Support & Stabilization (families of all ages) and Family Visitation Center (families of all ages).

KDC's Intensive Foster Care program provides support to children who are "in the custody of the Department of Children and

Kennedy-Donovan Center

The Kennedy-Donovan Center originated with the connection between Luella Hennessey Donovan and the family of Joseph Patrick and Rose Kennedy.

Luella joined the Kennedy family in 1936 as a private duty nurse and tended to the needs of the Kennedy children. Rosemary, the eldest daughter, had developmental disabilities and was institutionalized in 1941. When Rose confided to Luella that she wished her daughter could have attended a local school to remain with her family, Luella was inspired to embark on a new career. In 1969, after earning her degree in public health nursing from Boston College at the age of 59, Luella fulfilled

her dream: she opened one of the first community-based educational and therapeutic programs for young children.

The program now known as the Kennedy-Donovan Center was launched with a three-year grant from the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation. In gratitude, Luella named her program the Kennedy Center for Handicapped Children. The Center began serving four children in a borrowed space; Luella was their teacher, and she worked with a physical therapist to serve the children.

In 1987, when Luella retired, the agency was renamed the Kennedy-Donovan Center.

Source: www.kdc.org/our-history/

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The stated mission of KDC is to empower and support people to realize their full potential. Their vision is to create "a world where every individual and family thrives, no matter the circumstances."

KDC delivers "life-changing outcomes" to people of all ages including children, adults, and families who experience developmental delays, disabilities, or challenges. KDC's "unique approach utilizes pioneering data-driven approaches, a wide breadth of family- and community-based services, and a passion for human empowerment."

KDC offers 15 different programs that support individuals and families of all ages, throughout the lifespan. The Family Ser-

vices Division offers 5 programs: Intensive Foster Care (ages 0-22), Lives in Forward Transition AKA LIFT (ages 16-22), Independent Living (ages 0-18), Support & Stabilization (families of all ages) and Family Visitation Center (families of all ages). Families. These children range in age from birth to 22 years. Historically, our Foster Care program served children with developmental disabilities, medical issues, or special needs of any kind. With the huge need for foster homes we have experienced recently, we now take referrals for all levels of function and care," says Adele Cabral, CFC Program Coordinator at KDC.

"Our Foster Care program works closely with each foster parent to match their abilities with the child's needs, and we help identify the age range they would be most comfortable fostering. We understand that fostering a child is an important decision to make. We come across people who are at different stages of wanting to become



a foster parent, and we know it is critical to meet them where they are at. Some people may be just starting to skim the surface of the foster world and are not 100% sure they want to commit to caring for a foster child, and just some need information on what to expect. We do all we can at the beginning stages of assessing a potential foster parent to equip them with the information and tools they need to be ready and comfortable to move forward with fostering," says Cabral.

KDC also offers more than 3,000 trainings to its clients.

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Foster parents indicate what age range they are comfortable with and KDC matches each child's needs to the abilities of the foster parent. KDC provides training to help foster parents better understand some of the challenges they face.

For more information, visit www.FosterWithKDC.org

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67 Cameron Rd	\$599,500	435 Neponset St. U:B	\$817,500
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On Oct. 1, the Norwood Space Center was converted into a mini Disneyworld Epcot Showcase. Norwood residents representing a wide variety of countries prepared and shared displays at the international festival so visitors could walk the aisles and learn about the many cultures that represent the diverse fabric of Norwood's community.

The arts and cultural celebration, sponsored by the Norwood 150th Committee, not only featured these fascinating displays, but 11 hours of music, dancing, international foods, Norwood history information, family activities, artist displays, and more!





Winter Accessories Needed!

WBN's 7th Annual Mitten Drive Begins November 1.

BY MICHELE TARANTO

Each year, the members of the Women's Business Network of Norwood (WBN) are both proud and amazed at the generosity of their neighbors through their Annual Mitten/Scarf Drive. Donations continue to grow each year, and WBN is again turning to the local community to fund another successful year of donations.

Residents are asked again this year to search through those piles and tubs of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarfs to donate and help their neighbors keep warm this winter.

Residual Covid economic effects and rising inflation rates have left many struggling even more to make ends meet this year. With priorities given to mortgages, rents, gas, heat, and stocking pantries, this year's event is more important than ever to provide warm accessories and holiday gifts.

The 7th WBN Annual Mitten/Scarf Drive will be held Nov. 1 through Nov. 30. Many thanks to the gracious owners of the following establishments who will host the donation boxes: Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood; Murph's Place, 58 Broadway, Norwood; As Good As It Gets Café, 1210 Prov.-Hwy. (next to Boston Tavern), Norwood; Brookside Café, 1260 Washington St., S. Norwood; Brickify, 15R Cottage St., Norwood; Clean Remodel LLC, 50 River St., Dedham; Passion Beauty Supply & Salon, 1257 River St., Hyde Park.

The first week in December, all items will be donated to the Norwood Food Pantry and the Home for Little Wanderers Thrift Shop, in Roslindale.

Since its inaugural year, this event has yielded a tremendous response from Norwood community. Many talented neigh-

bors knit and crochet year round in anticipation of the event and others even purchase new items to place in one of the seven bins in Norwood, Dedham, and Hyde Park. Donated items can be slightly worn, handmade, or brand new. According to the Norwood Food Pantry Donations Coordinator, these donations are greatly appreciated and helped many Norwood families keep warm throughout the winter.

WBN is a local women's networking group. It has developed a reputation not only as a referral and resource network, but also for contributing to the local community

For more information on WBN, email wbnofnorwood@gmail.com, or call 781-799-7068. You can also visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wbnnorwood//

Look for the decorated boxes in the locations listed above! All gently used, new, or handmade mittens, gloves, scarfs, and hats are graciously accepted.

Mitten Drive

Drop-Off Locations:

- Murph's Place
58 Broadway, Norwood
- Brookside Cafe
1260 Washington St., S. Norwood
- Norwood Senior Center
275 Prospect St., Norwood
- As Good As It Gets
1210 Prov. Hwy, Norwood (next to Boston Tavern)
- Brickify
15R Cottage St., Norwood
- Clean Remodel
46 River St., Dedham
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Meet Pumpkin

Pumpkin, who has lived with another cat for years, would always be the one to greet and rub against a visitor for some petting. However, be aware that she can get

some serious "cattitude" when she has had enough. Pumpkin would prefer a quiet home WITH NO OTHER PETS. Pumpkin is 10 years old.

If you still want to adopt [Pumpkin], you can complete a non-commitment application on our website: www.baystateanimals.org

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Gifts for Kids Needs Your Help

BY BELLA CAGGIANO

Local families need your help. For many local residents, the holidays can be financially challenging, especially for families with children. It doesn't take much to put a smile on a child's face during the holiday season, and Gifts for Kids is the perfect opportunity to make that happen. This non-profit organization sponsors gifts for children within all of Norfolk County.

To sponsor a child, you will be given their first name, id#, age, clothing size, gift preferences, or

needs of that child. A combined sponsorship suggestion is approximately \$125. New, unwrapped gifts are then placed in a securely sealed, sturdy, plastic bag, including a tag with the child's name and id# both inside and outside the bag. Donations of wrapping paper and tape is also appreciated.

There are two drop-off locations and dates:

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 VFW Post #5188 (off Rte. 27), next to Johnson Middle School, 33 Robbins Rd., Walpole. 617-201-4651 for day-of questions

Thursday, Dec. 15, 4-6 p.m.
 O'Connell Hall, next to Our Lady of sorrows Church, 59 Cottage St., Sharon. 617-710-5234 for day-of questions

Monetary donations are also welcome:

Visit www.giftsforkidsma.org, click donate

Visit www.facebook.com/giftsforkids, click donate

Venmo to @giftsforkidsma (phone last four digits: 8570)

Mail a check to Gifts for Kids, P.O. Box 464, Sharon, MA 02067

Text GFK to 53-555

Since 1990, this non-profit, all volunteer organization has reached out to the Norfolk County community to solicit donations for families who struggle to give holiday gifts for their children. Through their efforts and the generosity of neighbors, grants, organizational funding, and more than 100 classroom drives, Gifts for Kids provides support to more than 1,200 children annually. Families are identified by human service providers in the local area.

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2nd Annual Norwood Fall Crawl

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Grab your friends to 'crawl' your way through four of Norwood's finest pubs. In honor of Norwood's 150th Birthday, there are 150 tickets available this year. Last year's event sold out! Cost is \$20 and includes an official Fall Crawl t-shirt!

"It is a true community effort," John Carbone, Friends of Norwood Center board President and crawl coordinator said. "Last year's crawl was a lot of fun and supported Center businesses. It's also a worthwhile effort for FNC to raise some necessary funds to continue our work in Norwood Center. Thanks to Adam Romanow and Castle Island Brewing for partnering with us."

The Second Annual Pub Crawl is sponsored by other Norwood businesses: The Juice Bar, Addie's, Maria C. Levin, P.C., Charles River Running, Rama Wine & Spirits, Dedham Savings, and Norwood Bank.

This is a 21 and over event. To purchase tickets, Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-crawl-in-norwood-center-with-castle-island-brewing-tickets-441269718607?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> or Eventbrite.com and search for Norwood Pub Crawl.

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John G visited the Holistic Center at Bristol Square office complaining of dizziness and loss of balance. This started after he had Covid and he had been sneezing and coughing. He had been to his primary care physi-



Dr. Rochelle Bien & Dr. Michael Goldstein

cian who told him his issues can happen after a virus like Covid and would resolve on its own. After suffering for over two weeks with these symptoms John decided on a second opinion at the Holistic Center. Upon his exam, it was discovered that John had benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV), and needed treatment. After being put on a regimen of chiropractic adjustments, supplements and specific

exercises, the dizziness and loss of balance started to resolve.

If you or a family member are suffering from BPPV or balance and /or dizziness problems contact The Holistic Center at Bristol Square, located at 1426 Main St. in Walpole. Call (508) 660-2722 to schedule an appointment with Dr Bien or Dr Goldstein.

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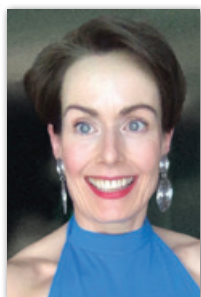
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Wonderful Women of Norwood

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

The Norwood Historical Society is honored to present Agnes Abigail Curtin as our Wonderful Woman for November.

During the 1800s and early 1900s, Norwood was fortunate that its industries and the railroad, along with its advantageous location between Boston and Providence, drew an influx of immigrants to grow and prosper within the town. Among these

many immigrants were the Irish. Before the Great Hunger (Irish Potato Famine) of 1845–1849, most of the Irish immigrants that came to America came from the north and east of Ireland, where English was spoken, and most were Protestant.

During and after the Famine, which affected the west and south of Ireland more greatly than other parts, the Irish that fled their country were Catholic and spoke Gaelic. Even after the worst of the Famine had subsided, great poverty was rampant in these sections and immigration to America was highly prevalent, mostly through Canada, Boston, and New York. In the 1890 census, it is reported that a half million Irish were in New York, while a quarter million had settled in Boston.

Sometime around 1870, Timothy Curtin and his wife Mary Ellen Shea Curtin, both Irish immigrants, settled in Pochague NY, where on December 7, 1882, the first of their six children, Agnes Abigail Curtin was born. Timothy worked on the railroad and lost his leg in an accident. Exactly when the family came to Norwood is unclear, but in 1887 the family was living in Norwood, and he was the gate crossing tender at the Railroad Ave. crossing until his death in 1898. The family lived at 79 Casey Street in the Dublin section of Norwood.

Agnes graduated from high school at 16 and attended Bridgewater Normal School, graduat-



In 1912, when she was 30 years old, Agnes was elected to the Board of Trustees at the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library, a lofty position for an immigrant at that time. This was a testament to her active presence in the community and her leadership in the organizations that improved the town. She served as a trustee until 1922. During the 1917-1918 Spanish Influenza Epidemic that ravaged the immigrant population of Norwood, Agnes served as a volunteer nurse in the temporary hospital that was set up in the Civic Association buildings.

ing in 1903. By 1904, Agnes was teaching first grade at the Balch School, in South Norwood. Her class consisted of mostly immigrant children of Polish, Lithuanian, Syrian, Italian, and American heritages. Agnes not only taught the children, she gave lessons to the immigrant parents in Americanization. Embracing her new town, she became involved in all aspects of community service. Besides teaching at the Balch School and giving adult classes, Agnes started and became a Girl Scout Leader, and a member of the Red Cross.

Agnes's interest and involvement was not confined to only local and town organizations. In 1908, she was awarded a certificate from the Lincoln Farm Association. This organization was formed by the Collier magazine owners and other notables, such as President Taft, and Samuel Clemens, to preserve the Sinking

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Spring Farm in Kentucky, where Abraham Lincoln was born, as a National Historic Park. Anyone that contributed as little as \$.25 to \$25 was given a finely rendered certificate acknowledging their contribution and listed as a contributor. Agnes's copy is kept at the Norwood Historical Society in addition to her nurse's uniform from her volunteering during the Spanish Flu Epidemic. After her father's death in 1898, Agnes and her brother John supported the family. John worked on the railroad while Agnes finished school, a circumstance not afforded to many young women in that age.

After Agnes completed her education and started teaching, she and brother John were the family's breadwinners. Sometime in 1919, Agnes bought a large house at 32 Everett Ave., in Norwood, and moved the family into this house. Agnes continued teaching children and their parents at the Balch School, her work with the Red Cross in Norwood, the Girls Scouts, and her duties as a Library Trustee. In 1922, Agnes,

at the age of 40, married widower Charles Joseph McDavitt. They had one daughter, Patricia, in 1925, and Agnes continued to live with her husband, daughter, mother, and siblings at the house she had bought for her family at 32 Everett Ave.

Agnes continued to be active in Norwood Community organizations and in 1945 was made a block leader in the town's Committee on Public Safety. This committee had been formed during WWI in 1917 and was basically established for civil defense. During World War II, this committee was instrumental in dividing Norwood into ten surveillance districts, or blocks, and even had plane spotters stationed in the clock tower of the Norwood High School on Winter St.

Agnes's husband Charles died in 1962 and Agnes continued to live at the house at 32 Everett Ave. until 1973 when she moved to her daughter Patricia's house. She died two months later in Simsbury CT. on December 8, 1973, at 91 years of age.

Agnes A. Curtin, American born daughter of Irish immigrants, embraced her country and her town with her enthusi-

asm, ideals of community, contributions to the betterment of the peoples she lived amongst, with tireless energy. She is truly a Wonderful Woman of Norwood.

Sources: Norwood Historical Society archives; Laurie Kearney, archivist; Norwood, a history, by P. Fanning; Keeping the Past: Norwood at 150, by P. Fanning

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Norfolk Probate and Family Court 35 Shawmut Road, Canton, MA 02021 - (781) 830-1200

Docket No. NO22P2818EA

Estate of: Christine E. Tavares Also known as: Christine E. Symonds Date of Death: 07/11/2022

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Antonio B. Tavares of Dedham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Antonio B. Tavares of Dedham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/23/2022.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of the Court.

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Luminary Night Shines for its 21th Season

BY MICHELE TARANTO

This heartwarming annual event is important enough to mark your calendars early. Saturday, Dec. 3, 4-6 p.m., on the Norwood Town Common, is the Circle of Hope Luminary Night.

All residents are invited to the Town Gazebo on this special evening, now in its 21st year, as a tribute to a family member or friend, or to simply join together to support Norwood's compassionate community. Luminaries are purchased in remembrance of a loved one with a brief message of life, hope, remembrance, or tribute to the season. They

are lined throughout the sidewalks surrounding and through the Walter Dempsey Bandstand; the scene is breathtaking and enlightening in no many ways.

Luminaries can only be purchased in advance. Luminaries are \$5, and can be purchased at Murph's Place, 58 Broadway, Norwood, or fill out the form below and follow mailing instructions.

The Circle of Hope foundation was established in 1998 in memory of Norwood resident Michelle Kennedy, who suffered from leukemia. Norwood residents united during her battle,

many who did not even know her personally. The Circle of Hope established in her memory preserves that community spirit by donating fundraising proceeds to Norwood families who need assistance due to a catastrophic medical illness. This year, the COH reached a milestone when the organization donated it one millionth dollar to a Norwood resident.

"The people of Norwood who support us are the actual Circle of Hope," Kennedy said. "We do the fundraising and the people who support us allow us to do what we do."

It is a magnificent sight to stroll through the heart of Nor-



wood as luminaries radiate the walkways. Even residents who did not purchase a luminary make a special trip to Norwood's Town Common this evening to view this spectacular site, read

the touching engravings, and take a moment to remember someone close to them. This is an evening of communal celebration that truly delivers the spirit of the holidays.

The Circle of Hope Foundation was established in memory of Michelle Kennedy in an effort to offer financial aid to the people of Norwood who are stricken with a catastrophic illness.

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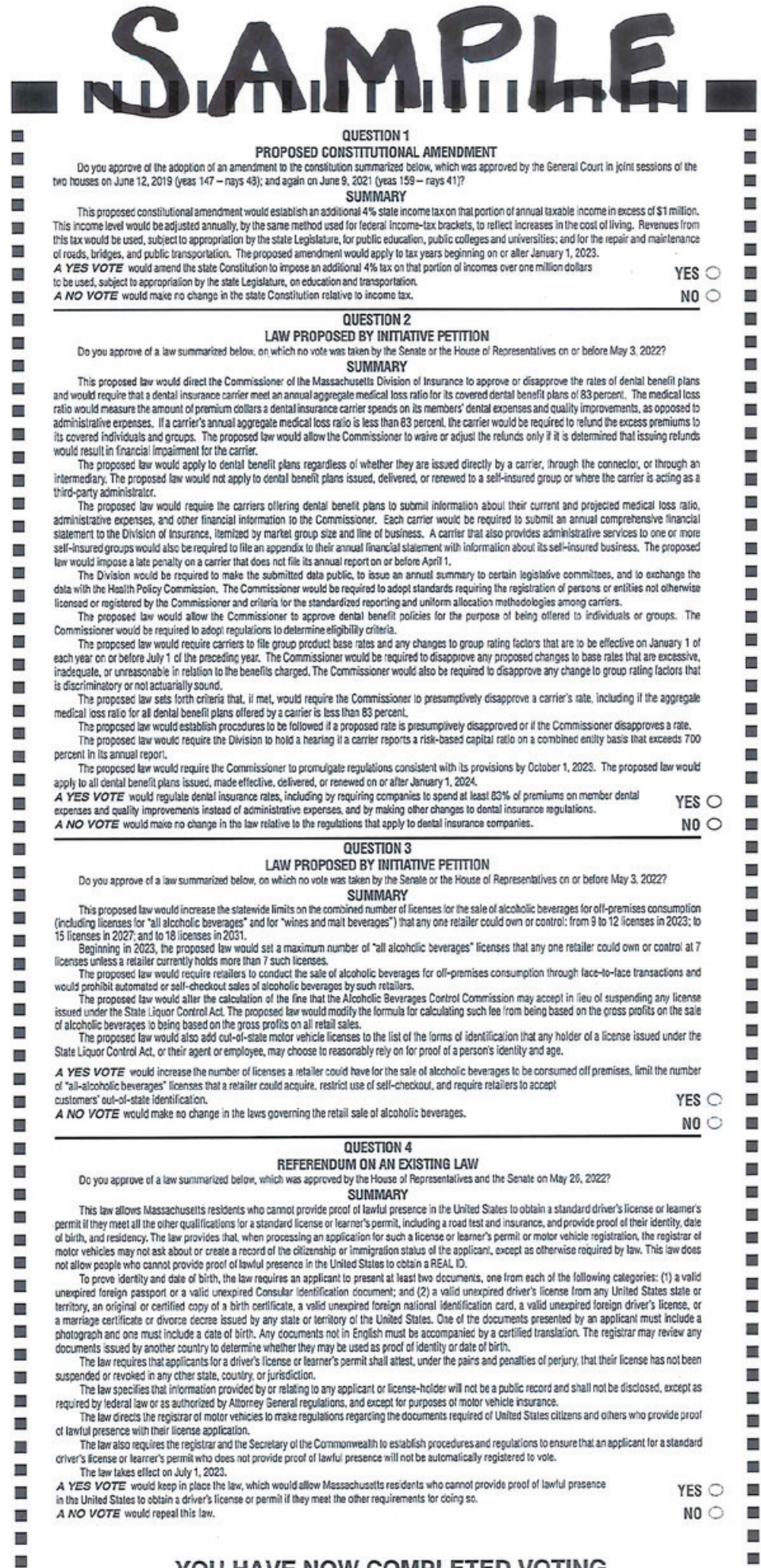
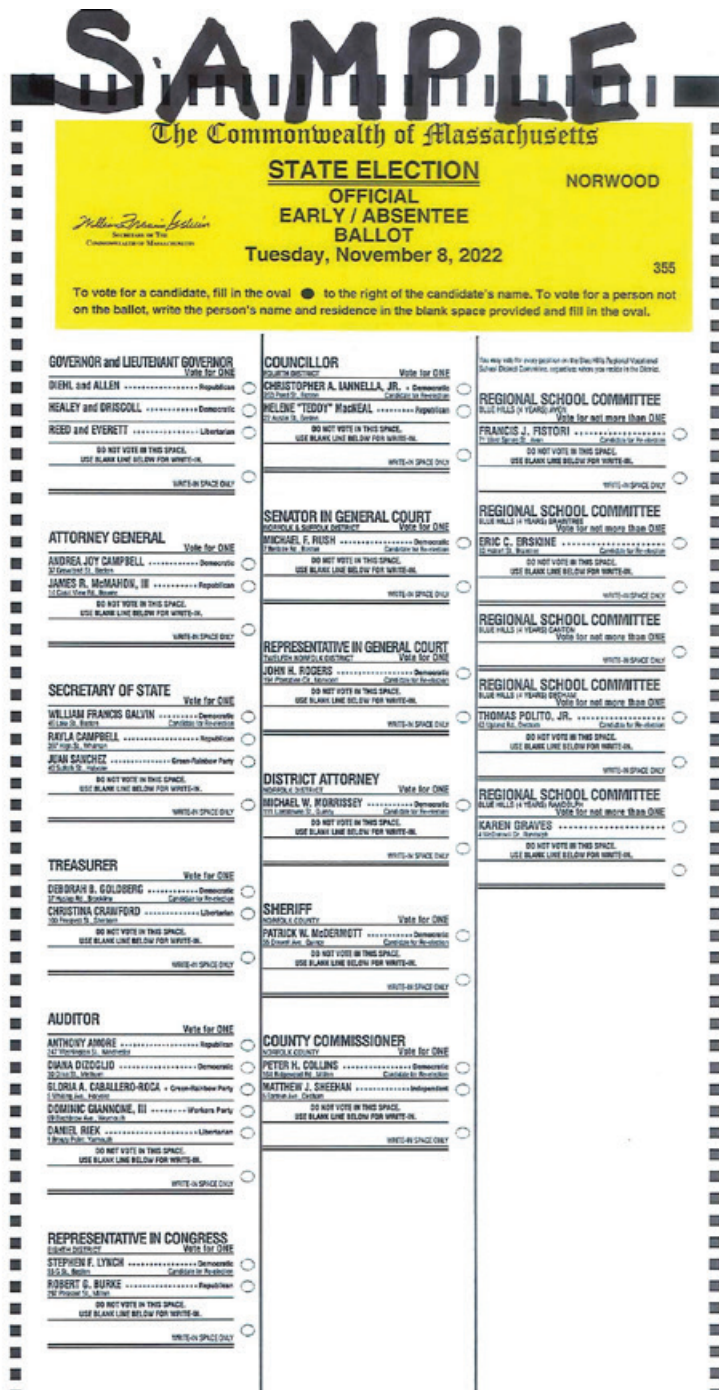
BY BELLA CAGGIANO

The table is set, the candidates have voiced their views, now the people have the opportunity to be heard. Casting a vote can make a difference. The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, November 8. The polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Polling locations are listed below. To confirm your polling location, contact the Norwood Town Clerk office, at 781-762-1240, x152, or visit www.norwoodma.gov, click on Departments, Town Clerk, Voting & Elections, Voter Status & Location.

List of Norwood Polling Locations

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DISTRICT 4:	Cleveland School	33 George Willet Pkwy.
DISTRICT 5:	Civic Center	165 Nahatan St.
DISTRICT 6:	Balch School	1170 Washington St. South Norwood
DISTRICT 7:	Balch School	1170 Washington St. South Norwood
DISTRICT 8:	Callahan School	116 Garfield Ave.
DISTRICT 9:	Prescott School	66 Richland Rd.



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Norwood Actress Starring in "The Humans"

The Blake family is gathering for Thanksgiving dinner at the dilapidated New York apartment of daughter Brigid and her fiancé Richard. Brigid's parents Erik and Deirdre have driven in from Scranton with Erik's wheelchair-bound mother Momo for the occasion, and Brigid's sister Aimee will also be there. Everyone in the family has their own drama and is trying to decide whether and when to share. Even though they are surrounded by love,

real-life events can take control over emotions and test a family's strength. The 2016 Tony Award winner for Best Play, the family drama *The Humans*, by Stephen Karam, is now playing at the Walpole Footlighters 99th season. The production is directed by Cammerron Baits.

Walpole actress Ninette Cummings is the only Footlighters veteran in the cast. A recent transplant from Norwood, Ninette has worked in numerous

Footlighters productions both onstage and backstage over the last 25 years. She's playing the role of Momo, the Blake family matriarch, whom Ninette said, "holds the family together, and who is the recipient of the family's unconditional love." Ninette added that, "the audience may see a lot of themselves in this poignant drama."

The remaining performances of *The Humans* are at the Walpole Footlighters Playhouse at 2 Scout Rd., East Walpole. Performances will be on November 5, at 8 p.m., and a matinee November 6, 2 p.m. Patrons are not required to wear masks, but wearing of masks is strongly encouraged.



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Managed by dedicated site captains and community leaders, the

volunteers collected thousands of pounds of trash in a 3-hour period, including 160 bags of trash, 20+ hypodermic needles, 19 tires, 500 pounds of metal beams, numerous metal pipes and other construction debris, 7 tires, 1 break rotor, 1 car exhaust system, an F150 driver's side door, 1 car seat, 1 toilet seat, 1 street sign, 3 lawn chairs, 1 bed frame, 9 shopping carts, 1 TV, 3

couch cushions, 12 cans of paint, 1 Carousel horse — and lots of cigarette butts, nip bottles, masks, and plastic bottles!

The Neponset River Watershed Association's Environmental Science Fellow and event coordinator, Eleanor Yeomans, was thrilled by the day's events.

"Our volunteers are truly some of the best out there," Yeomans said. "I am impressed by the amount of effort they put into the cleanup, and it gives me hope that we can have a much cleaner River in the future!"

NepRWA is extremely grateful to all the volunteers who participated in the cleanup, including partners: MA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation (DCR), Deloitte, Belnel Neighborhood Association, Friends of the Blue Hills, City of Boston Parks and Recreation, Edgewater Neighborhood Association, Friends of the Boston Harbor Walk, Greater Boston Trout Unlimited, Quincy Asian Resources, Inc., Earthwatch, GZA, American Rivers, Canton DPW, Milton DPW, Norwood DPW, and photographer, Michael Sheridan.

"We are very fortunate to have volunteers that are willing to give up their Saturday morning to help clean up the Neponset River and surrounding areas," NepRWA River Restoration Director, Sean McCarty said. "I am humbled by the commitment of these volunteers and thankful for the work we are able to do with their help."

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Norwood Sports

Roller Coaster Season for the Norwood Field Hockey Team

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

The Norwood field hockey coaching staff has been pleasantly surprised thus far through the early stages of the season after graduating a rather big class from last year's team. According to Coach Alison Doliner, the girls have been working hard and coming together as a team.

The Mustangs have been playing .500 field hockey at press time, but it has been a roller coaster of a season. Doliner is looking for the squad to put things together and show some consistency. Norwood opened the fall with a tie to Hopkinton, then rattled off three quality wins against Ashland, Medfield, and Holliston, before dropping the next three to Westwood, Walpole, and Dover-Sherborn. The Mustangs then rebounded with a win over Medway. All the contests, with the exception to the Walpole loss, have been one or two-point games.

"It's been a real up and down season so far," Doliner said. "We are still awaiting a home game as our new turf has been delayed so all of our games have been on the road so far. With the second half of the season and a home schedule that favors us, I am hoping that we'll be more consistent as a team."

Although the Mustangs have been playing on the road game after game, the coach doesn't believe that it has really affected them.

"I don't think that it has hurt us," Doliner said. "Primarily it has just been tough for us to get into a groove, but it'll be nice to eventually play at home."

Entering the season, the coach was not too sure what to expect from this year's squad. Despite graduating a large number of seniors, the Mustangs did have six freshman on the varsity roster last fall; all of whom contributed one way or another.

"So far we've been getting what we expected from the starters while the team has been getting use to one another," Doliner said. "Good things have hap-



pened over the first half of the season and the girls are working together in practice in addition to focusing on the area's needed."

Leading the Mustangs onto the field this fall are co-captains Meredith Cannon (center back) and Abby Lee (forward). Senior forward Leanne Saad and defender Jenna Burge have also made their presence known, but it has been senior Caroline Forest who has made the biggest impact playing on the forward line. The senior possesses so much athleticism on the field and doesn't back down to anyone.

Guarding the goal from the opposition is sophomore Ava O'Neil. Last fall she saw time sparingly, but this season the position is hers in a full time capacity. The second-year player has been absolutely lights out for the Mustangs so far, and without her, Norwood could possibly be in big trouble. During the Walpole loss,

she was still was able to turn aside 27 Rebel shots.

Another sophomore, Emily Stacorcia, has stepped up in the center forward position. Her hand and eye coordination along with her speed have truly taken off this season.

Junior Lindsay Rogers, a defensive player last year, has made the move to the center midfield position this year filling a vacancy that was left open.

"She [Rogers] did a ton of work in the off season to improve her game," Doliner said. "This year, we had a need and after seeing Lindsay in pre-season we figured that we'd move her up to the offense. She is one of those individuals that wants to do more, and she can control both the offensive and defensive end if needed."

Last season, the Mustangs were able to defeat Marblehead 2-0 in the first round of the tournament before falling 1-0 to Westwood, the eventual Division 2 State Champion. Norwood would like to find themselves in the upper echelon of the Tri-Valley League and once again venture into the State Tournament.

"We hope to be toward the top of the TVL; each game is up for grabs as there is no one dominant team in the league," the Norwood Coach said. "Seeing the teams for the second time around at home we should be able to secure some wins to get us where we want to be."

Not wanting to be a one and done in the tournament again, Norwood has continued to try and schedule tougher non-league games so that the girls get to see the type of competition they'd be up against in the playoffs.

NHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The Norwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame is pleased to announce its 2022 inductees. The student-athletes are: Tom Smelstor, 1965, Steve Salvatore, 1979, Kevin Keegan, 1986, Bob Goonan, 1986, Steve Grenham, 1991, Andy McNulty, 2003, Lauren Duggan, 2011, Ali Maloof, 2011, Cory Ryan, 2011 along with coaches: John "Duffy" Doherty, 1971-1982 and Jack Martinelli 1969-1982.

The induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26, Norwood High School auditorium. The event will start with a reception and refreshments at 12 Noon, followed by the ceremony 1-3 p.m.

The Class of 2022 will join last year's inductees: Chuck Hopkins, 1974, John Balerna, 1978, Mike Pedroli, 1995, Patty Robinson, 1997, Jackie Demling, 2000, Mike Young, 2006, and Coach Sharon Steih 1971-2005.

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Norwood Sports

Dittmeier Looking to Swing into the Tournament

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY

While growing up on the baseball fields of Norwood, Sean Dittmeier wasn't really interested in other sports right away. Around the age of 10, his Uncle began taking him to the golf range and within two years he found himself finally stepping on the golf course to a game he has come to love.

Playing on the Norwood High School varsity team as a freshman, Dittmeier only found himself in a few matches that year, and unfortunately he remembers his first match like it was yesterday.

"Oh yeah I remember that first match," Dittmeier said. "Not to mention it was the very first varsity sport in general that I took part in and it wasn't that good. I was really shaky and didn't shoot all that well; I shot a 49 (for nine holes); but I did have at least one other match that year and picked the game up quickly."

After that shaky start, the then freshman told himself just to slow down and play the type of game that he would if it were a practice; it's just another day.

The now senior co-captain ended up shooting a 41 in his next varsity match posting a much better result than that inaugural varsity outing. Playing in his final season with Norwood, Dittmeier is shooting in the high 30's and is looking to maintain that average



throughout the season.

Coach Chuck Allen likes what he has seen in terms of progress over the last four years.

"Sean was averaging 5 over par but has gotten much better over the years," Coach Allen said. "He puts the time and effort in prior to the season and has been able to show that he can handle the courses professionally. He's a class-act kid and is a good leader for us."

A few months after his sophomore golf season came to an end and near the tail end of the winter sports season, Dittmeier and all Norwood athletes were introduced to Covid. With the majority of things shut down, Dittmeier decided to use the down time to work on his golf game.

"During that time there really

wasn't too much you could do, so that summer I played a lot of golf with (then teammate) Erin Sullivan, who is now playing golf for Bryant University," Dittmeier said. "It was good playing with her because of the competition even though it was practice."

Once Covid protocol was lifted, Dittmeier, who is a three-sport athlete at Norwood (golf, hockey, and baseball), felt that he needed to spend more time focusing on his other sports and kind of put golf on the back burner. Needless to say, although he averaged a 39 last fall, he didn't feel his game was as good as the previous season.

As he began his final season with the Norwood golf team, the senior was hoping that he'd keep his average in the 30's and fight it

out for the top spot on the Mustang roster.

"I had a rough start to the beginning of the season as I didn't find myself practicing a lot," Dittmeier said. "I was playing a lot of summer baseball while holding down two jobs."

Right now, he is fighting it out with another golfer for that top spot; each athlete is currently averaging about 4 over par.

"Coming into the season I knew that he'd be battling for that top spot," Coach Allen said. "When he has played in the number one spot against the opposition's number one he has shown that he can hold his own. He's a natural athlete."

As a captain this fall, Dittmeier not only wants to play good on the course for the team, but he also wants to be able to help the younger golfers with advice if they need it.

"I just want to give the younger athletes the things that I learned from my captains through the years, just passing it down," he said. "I'm not looking to change their entire swing or anything like that, I didn't want my captains to do that to me so I'm not going to do that to them. If I see something, I just want to let them know about it and how they can fix it."

Having a team on the younger side, Norwood didn't get off to a great start, but as the younger golfers got their bearings the team began to take off.

"We started off slow, but recently have been on a five-game win streak bringing our record to 8-5," Dettmeier said. "At this point, we need one more win to make the tournament, and once we get there, if our top six golfers play to their ability, we'll have a good shot at moving on."

As Norwood continues its efforts to qualify for the tournament, Dittmeier is also turning his attention to college. While he does enjoy playing golf, baseball is where he excels and has begun talking to colleges to get onto the diamond.

As he looks to get into a Division 3 college where he can play baseball, Coach Allen admits he knew that golf was not Dittmeier's primary sport.

"I believe that he is looking to go to college and play one of his other sports," the Mustang Coach said. "That's OK, because golf is a sport that once you begin you play your whole life."

With golf something that Dittmeier will continue to do as he grows older, right now he is focused on his game for Norwood and getting the Mustangs into the tournament to make some noise.

Trot Before Turkey!

By MICHELE TARANTO

For Norwood runners, the Thanksgiving season takes on a different meaning: running!

While the ovens are gearing up for the biggest feast of the year, the Annual Norwood Turkey Trot gives an opportunity to tour

Norwood neighborhoods by foot just before they are stripped of their magnificent fall foliage. Each year, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, local athletes lace up their sneakers to take to the streets with Norwood's infamous pre-Thanksgiving tradition.

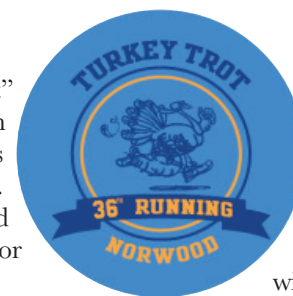
The 36th Annual Norwood Turkey Trot will be held on Sunday, November 20, 11 a.m., beginning and ending at Norwood High School, 245 Nichols St. Non-refundable pre-registration ends November 18, 11:59 p.m., with a \$30 race fee. Cost is \$35 the day of the event. Register at www.runsignup.com.

Once Halloween is over, the anticipation begins to build. For over three decades, Turkey Trot participants hold their Thanksgiving cravings and adults, teenagers,

and families "trot" their way through the familiar streets of their hometown. Athletes are invited to run individually or with a team.

The four-mile route is both challenging and charming as it leads runners down Nichols St., winding around the Willett Parkway neighborhood and finishing with cheering crowds at Norwood High School. In previous years, the race has included over 700 participants, many who call Norwood home, and some travel from as far as Cape Cod and northern Massachusetts. Computerized timing will be provided by Harrier Race Management.

Runners of all ages are welcome to participate in the race.



Medals will be presented to the overall top three male and female finishers in each age group. Long-sleeve t-shirts will also be given out to the first 200 pre-registered runners.

Not a runner? Join in the fun by grabbing a lawn chair and cheering on your local athletes, especially the homes along the race route! Who knows, you may be so motivated, you'll find yourself soon training for next year's trot!

For more information or to register for the Norwood Turkey Trot, call the race director at 617-610-0084, email wingedfootrunning@comcast.net, or visit www.runsignup.com.

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Happy 150th Norwood!

By BELLA CAGGIANO

Throughout the year Norwood residents have been celebrating the Town's 150th Anniversary. While the year is winding down for this 12-month celebration, the hard-working committee volunteers left some exciting events for the last few months of this special year.

Norwood Local Town Pages (LTP) will continue to publish this monthly series through 2022 to keep residents informed of all celebrations. To stay informed, visit www.norwoodma150.gov for all the latest information!



Friday, Nov. 11
Veteran's Day Parade
 1-3 p.m.
 Old Parish Cemetery

Tuesday, Nov. 15
Norwood Historical Society Book Group
 "The Children's Librarian," by A. Heppler
 F. Holland Day House,
 93 Day St.
 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 26
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
 Norwood High School
 1 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 27
Holiday Stroll
 All Day

Visit www.norwoodma150.gov for more information

New Waste Ban in Effect November 1

Effective November 1, 2022, mattresses, box springs, and textiles can no longer be disposed of in landfills, transfer stations or waste to energy facilities in Massachusetts. These items must be properly disposed of at facilities that promote their recycling. Fortunately, Norwood has had these facilities in place for many years so, the recycling of these items remains simple.

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Calendar of Events

Nov. 3

Warli Art Workshop
Morrill Memorial Library
6:30 p.m.

Morrill Memorial Library's first Artist-in-Residence, Sunanda Sahay, will present a unique art program exploring the traditional techniques and themes of Warli art, a style of folk painting originating from western India near Mumbai. Participants will have the opportunity to both learn about the history of this distinctive art form and create their own take on Warli paintings using paint on paper. For adults only. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/ or call 781-769-0200, x2.

Nov. 4

Parents 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.

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

60's and 70's music provided by DJ Joanne Mills. Cost is \$10 per person. Singles and couples are welcome to attend, as there will be lots of dancing to swing music, twisting, line dancing etc. Coffee, tea & desserts will be provided along with door prizes. To stay updated on events, like the Norwood COA Facebook page: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

Nov. 5

Dino Discovery
Norwood Civic Center
9:30 a.m.

Sign up for this interactive Dino Show! There will be dinosaur crafts for all visitors. Come explore the great dinosaur world with this interactive show! For all ages. Cost is \$5. 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.

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is available during the week at the Post. The 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 prizes are generous portions of meat and chicken. 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 is open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Nov. 6

Musical Sundays Concert Series:
Matt York plays The Highwaymen
Morrill Memorial Library
3 p.m.

The first concert in the season's line-up is local musician, Matt York. Longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform the songs of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson and Waylon Jennings and tell stories of their careers. The four songwriting legends joined forces in the 1980's to form the country supergroup The Highwaymen. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/ or call 781-769-0200, x2.

Nov. 7

Snack Attack! Fun Snacks for the Whole Family!
Norwood Civic Center
6 p.m.

This class will inspire kids to get in the kitchen and whip up some fun snacks that the whole family will love. All participants will learn about making healthy AND tasty snacks and prepare two fun snack recipes in our kitchen. For ages 10 and up. Cost is Res: \$45/ NR: \$55. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

How to Be an Ally to Indigenous Peoples
Morrill Memorial Library
7 p.m.

We cannot change what we cannot see. We cannot understand each other if we aren't speaking the same language. We cannot be friends if we do not tell the truth.

In this 1-hour, interactive course by educator Rosa Blumenfeld, she will provide a framework so that we can see the bigger picture of capitalism and white supremacy and how these systems set us up to interact with each other as human be-

ings on Turtle Island (the name for North America that is used by some Indigenous people). By providing a common language, we can start to see the roles that the system wants us to continue to play for its own profit and gain. Once we are able to see our roles, we can then make different choices based on our values and good hearts that lead us all towards truth and reconciliation. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/ or call 781-769-0200, x2.

Nov. 8



State Election
7 a.m.-8 p.m.

To confirm your polling location, contact the Norwood Town Clerk office, at 781-762-1240, x152, or visit www.norwoodma.gov, click on Departments, Town Clerk, Voting & Elections, Voter Status & Location.

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.

Nov. 9

Salad Art Decoration
Morrill Memorial Library
6 p.m.

Dazzle your friends and family by learning how to create beautiful art using fruits and vegetables. In this workshop, participants will peel, cut, and shape fruits and vegetables to create an intricate salad art piece. The techniques learned will enable

you to create your own salad art that will make an amazing centerpiece for your holiday table. For ages 18 and up. All materials will be provided. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/ or call 781-769-0200, x2.

Nov. 11



Veteran's Day Parade
Old Parish Cemetery
1-3 p.m.

Nov. 12

Kids Restaurant Takeover
Karuna Kitchen, Westwood
10 a.m.

Kids will "create their own restaurant," 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.

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

Shop for a wide array of clothes, and, the shop has been transformed into a Christmas wonderland - decorations, gifts, stocking stuffers, tableware, household items, books! Come early and get the first pick!

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is welcome.

Nov. 15

150th Book Group: Allison Heppler, The Children's Librarian: McCarthyism in the Suburbs
F. Holland Day House, 93 Day St.
7 p.m.

Join on the discussion on Mary Knowles, Children's Librarian, at the now-defunct South Norwood branch of Morrill Memorial Library, who was fired during the McCarthy purges for suspected communist ties. Contact info@norwoodhistoricalsociety.org for more information and to RSVP.

Nov. 16

Turn the Page Book Group: Janis Robinson Daly - "The Unlocked Path" (In Person)
Morrill Memorial Library
10 a.m.

Morrill Memorial Library's Turn the Page Book Group, in partnership with Haley Booksellers, is proud to host debut New England novelist, Janis Robinson Daly, (in person). In "The Unlocked Path," meet a "New Woman of the early 20th century: educated, career-minded, independent Eliza Pearson Edwards. In 1897, Philadelphia, after witnessing her aunt's suicide, Eliza rejects her mother's wishes for a society debut, and enters medical college. With the support of a circle of women and determined to conquer curriculum demands, battle sexism, and overcome doubts, Eliza charts a new life course." To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/ or call 781-769-0200, x2.

Turn the Page Book Group: Janis Robinson Daly - "The Unlocked Path" (Virtual)
Morrill Memorial Library
6:30 p.m.

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**Minecraft Master Engineering
Norwood Civic Center
12:30 p.m.**

Bring your favorite Minecraft adventures to life with enthusiastic PlayWell instructors. In a Minecraft world powered by LEGO® resources, the group will build shelters to keep out Creepers, craft mystical items that only true masters can wield, and perfect our crossbow skills to stop the Wither from taking over! If you can imagine it, we can build it. For grades K-2. Cost is \$45. To register, visit <https://norwoodma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx> or the Civic Center in person.

Nov. 18

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

Join Sensory-Friendly Friday Movie at the Library, a program specially designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The November movie is the smash hit “Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian” To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/ or call 781-769-0200, x2.

**Parents 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.

Nov. 19

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

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clude a 50/50 money raffle. A separate Winner Takes All Raffle is conducted at the end for an additional \$5. The Meat Raffle is open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Nov. 20

**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.

**Musical Sundays Concert Series:
Marc Berger performs RIDE
Morrill Memorial Library
3 p.m.**

Marc’s life has been about pursuing twin passions: creating, recording and performing his original songs and exploring remote areas of the American West. He’s performed at Austin’s SXSW Music Festival and the Kerrville Folk Festival, opened for Bob Dylan and other national acts, and his song The Last One was a staple of Richie Havens’ concerts. Marc’s critically acclaimed album, RIDE, a collection of songs all having to do with the romance of the West has received national airplay and been licensed by STARBUCKS for worldwide in-store airplay. At this special concert, Marc will perform songs from the album and share some unforgettable stories about his experiences as an easterner in the mountain and desert West. To register, visit www.norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar/ or call 781-769-0200, x2.

Nov. 21

**Settler-Colonist Ties to
Thanksgiving & Columbus: Taking
Back the Narrative (Virtual)
Morrill Memorial Library
7 p.m.**

Missing information, inaccurate stories, and stereotypes perpetuate myths about Columbus and Thanksgiving. When we can’t describe an accurate First Nations perspective, it’s often because we have grown up in a system that has made hard truths invisible. This virtual will explore this colonial system through primary sources and examine how language perpetuates invisibility and how we can dismantle oppression to bring accurate counter-narratives to life. To register,

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Nov. 22

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

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**Titles on Tap Book Group
Nappy Tandy’s
7:30 p.m.**

Titles on Tap is a social book group for readers in their 20s and 30s and for the young at heart. We go in for stories that are shaken, not stirred, and we don’t mind taking our love of lit outside the library walls. Pick up a copy, read it, and join us on 11/22 @ 7:30 pm! The November book to be discussed is yet to be determined at press time.

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Nov. 26



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

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NHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
NHS Auditorium
12 noon

The event will start with a reception and refreshments at 12 Noon, followed by the ceremony 1-3 p.m. Any questions, contact Brian McDonough at bgmcdonough@gmail.com.

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ditional \$5. The Meat Raffle is open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Nov. 27

Holiday Stroll All Day
Visit www.norwoodma150.gov for more information

Holiday Tree Lighting
Town Common/Civic Center
1:30-4 p.m.

The celebration includes a reindeer dash, horse-drawn hayrides, festive entertainment, holiday readings, face painting, barnyard animals, a parade, and music. The afternoon concludes when Santa and Mrs. Clause make their dramatic entrance and light up the Norwood Town Common! FREE and open to the public.

Nov. 28

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

Overnight parking regulations in Norwood will take effect this month. Between November 15 and April 1, there a parking ban on street parking between the

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Real Estate Corner

September Real Estate Activity in Norfolk County Shows Slight Decline

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reported that the September, 2022, numbers relative to Norfolk County recordings indicate a continuing decrease in overall real estate activity, particularly mortgage activity, as compared to the September, 2021, numbers

"Our data indicates that the Norfolk County real estate numbers in September demonstrate a continued slowdown in the market compared to 2021, and for the first time it appears that the average sales price is leveling off," Register O'Donnell noted. "There were 9,972 documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in September, a 35% decrease from September, 2021, and a decrease of 14% from August, 2022.

The number of deeds for September, 2022, which reflect real estate sales and transfers, both commercial and residential, show a decrease of 23% from September, 2021, and a decrease of 16% from the previous month of August, 2022. Sale prices for September appear to have leveled off when compared to September, 2021. The average sale price in September was \$1,082,714, a decrease of 1% compared to September, 2021. Total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales is down, decreasing 24% from one year ago and decreasing 16% from last month."

Overall lending activity show a continued trend downward for the month of September. A total of 1,693 mortgages were recorded during the month, a

significant decrease of 55% compared to a year ago and down 15% from August, 2022.

"It appears that the sharp increase in the mortgage interest rates has significantly impacted mortgage activity," O'Donnell said.

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 September, there were six foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County, one less than in September, 2021. However, there were 37 Notices to Foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, recorded in September, up significantly from the 10 recorded in September 2021.

"The dramatic increase in the number of these notices is alarming," 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," O'Donnell said.

Homestead recordings by owners of homes and condominiums decreased again this month at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds. There was a 21% decrease in homestead recordings in September, 2022, compared to September, 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," 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 to get more information on homesteads and to make sure you have taken advantage of this protection.

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On Nov. 6, set clocks back and check smoke detectors

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By THERESA KNAPP

Daylight Saving Time will end on Nov. 6 (at 2:00 a.m.) so, before you go to bed on Nov. 5, be sure to set your clocks back, and also replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

How do I test my smoke detector?

On most smoke detectors, you press and hold the TEST but-

ton on the smoke detector. It can take a few seconds to begin, but you will hear a loud, ear-piercing siren while the button is pressed. If the sound is weak or nonexistent, replace your batteries. Visit <https://bit.ly/3TocGAg> for a video tutorial from the National Fire Protection Association, and www.firstalert.com for more information.

What is carbon monoxide?

According to the United States Fire Administration, carbon monoxide is called the "Invisible Killer" because it is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. More than 150 people in the United States die every year from accidental non fire-related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water

heaters and fireplaces. Beware of symptoms such as headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, mental confusion, vomiting, loss of muscular coordination, and loss of consciousness. [www.usfa.fema.gov/]

How do I test my carbon monoxide detector?

To test your carbon monoxide alarm, simply press the TEST/RESET button until the unit chirps, then release the test button. The unit will then emit 2 sets of three slow beeps followed by 2



sets of four quick beeps indicating that the alarm is operating normally. [www.kidde.com]

The National Fire Protection Association recommends testing alarms every month, and replacing any device that is more than 10 years old.

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