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Facilities Manager Paul Riccardi explained the ins and outs of a multi-year long process from the MSBA.

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The Norwood Trails Advisory Committee might finally have a Facebook page in the next few weeks.

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## Schools discuss new middle school study funding

**Jeff Sullivan**  
*Staff Reporter*

Norwood Schools Facilities Manager Paul Riccardi came before the Norwood School Committee on Wednesday, August 28 to discuss the possibility of constructing a new middle school to replace the existing Coakley Middle School. Riccardi explained the requirement of a feasibility study.

The feasibility study is part of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Capital Project Pipeline Process. Right now, the Town is still in the 270-day eligibility period, which will end by the end of January.

"We then need to be selected to move on to the feasibility stage. However, one of the mile markers we have to meet is the Town granting the approval of possibly spending money on

a feasibility study," Norwood Schools Superintendent David Thomson said.

Riccardi said the architectural firm Ai3 estimated the feasibility study to cost potentially \$1.5 million. Thomson stressed that figure is the ceiling of the estimate, and does not represent what the Town is likely to spend.

"They've seen the building and they've seen the site and they think this is a good number to put out there as a placeholder," he said.

Thomson also reviewed the costs of past middle school project feasibility studies conducted by other towns to see how those numbers compared, going back to 2012. He said the Town of Beverly was the closest to Norwood in comparison and that study cost was \$1.1 million.

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## Norwood Light heading south to help out

**Jeff Sullivan**  
*Staff Reporter*

The Norwood Light and Broadband Department has sent one truck to the Florida area to help out operations during and after Hurricane Dorian's visit to the northeast coast.

Norwood Light Superintendent Jim Collins said this operation is part of a call from the Northeast Public Power Association, which represents about 80 not-for-profit state and local community-owned electric utilities throughout New England.

"We sent one crew, which is one truck with two men," Collins said.

"There are actually a total of 24 trucks heading down from the Northeast. It's mostly from Massachusetts, but I think one crew was from Vermont, one from Connecticut and I believe one was from New York."

This year, Norwood Light is heading to the Orlando Utility Commission to aid in repairs. The Public Power Association helps out in municipalities which have public power utilities, like Norwood. Collins said the collective nature of the work between states is to ensure cooperation all around the eastern seaboard.

**Hurricane Dorian**  
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## Trails Committee fine tunes Internet outreach plans

**Will have presence at Norwood Day**

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
*Staff Reporter*

The Trails Advisory Committee met on Aug. 26 at Town Hall to finalize its plans for the upcoming celebration on Norwood Day, Sept. 7, as well as to announce its Internet outreach campaign and future events it is running this fall.

Chair Joseph Sheehan announced that the Trails Advisory Committee "now has an electronic presence." The brochures that member Craig Austin helped to create on Norwood's four trails are now available on the Town website at [norwoodma.gov/](http://norwoodma.gov/)

documents at the "Trails Advisory Committee" link. They highlight the unique features of Elis Pond, Endean Park, Hennessey Field and Shattuck Park.

"It's nice that they're on the website already," Austin said, noting the proximity of Norwood Day. He also added that the lower meadow area of the Endean Meadow has been mowed further south recently, extending and beautifying the area.

Sheehan said that the maps give a history of each park, general rules of

**Trails**

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A truck just like these will be working three weeks straight to help fix the electrical grid in Orlando Florida this week if Dorian turns out bad.

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN

# Town and Country

**HI GUYS,**  
**WEATHER NEWS** It seems as though our young weather reporters love to state that this summer was generally much hotter than usual. At my age, just thinking back, remembering is easy. We had consecutive 90-degree days with oppressive humidity, played tennis on our magnificent clay courts,

never knew what a water bottle was, gave up the game in an hours' time as the rules stated, and then went back for more. When the school year was winding down and the 90-degree humid days were upon us we opened the windows, swatted the bees and were not given a day off due to the heat. The climate is what it is. It has been

changing naturally for billions of years due to the fact that 'you know who' created this great world. HE obviously had a plan and we certainly cannot change it. We can help by cleaning up emissions, etc., but I think in general it is fair to say control of the world's climate is not in our hands. Just think of the power HE has, not only able to create the earth, but also to create the most intricate and important part of life on the earth, Mankind. Do you think HE thinks HE made a mistake?

## REMINDER

Norwood High Class of '61 has planned a reunion to celebrate the 58 years that have seemed to pass so quickly. If you have not received a notice,

please text, [ptracy59@comcast.net](mailto:ptracy59@comcast.net), or call, Patricia Flynn Tracy at 617-750-0712. The class will meet Friday, 10.18.19, at The Chateau Restaurant from 5 pm to 9 pm for Hors d'oeuvres. (\$30 per person)... Saturday, 10.19.19, a luncheon will be held at The Old Colonial Cafe from 12 pm to 4 pm. (\$50 per person)

## HELPING OUR CITIZENS FOR 94 YEARS

The Women's Community Committee, Inc., 1091 Wash. St., has been helping the community for the past 94 years and is still going strong. The WCC Thrift Shop is an all-volunteer, non-profit community service organization. They receive donated goods; unpack the bags and



**Jackie Saber**

boxes of items that are donated by our residents and prepare the shelves for sale for the many shoppers that come by. You may also get a receipt for your taxes. You never know what you might find! It's worth a stop. They outgrew their first location further down on Wash. St. and are now on Wash. St. at the corner of Oolah Ave. The women who DONATE their time, (many hours), can be seen lifting heavy bags, sorting items, stocking shelves, and waiting on customers with a smile. The cost of items is extremely affordable. The women who operate the store receive nothing monetarily. Each and every year WCC donates monies received from sales to Our Town's groups.

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:25 P.M. in Room 24, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept public comments on a proposed amendment to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw, section 3.0 Use Regulations, by establishing a new subsection 3.6 Conversion of Certain Residential Historic Structures. The proposed new subsection is intended to provide an opportunity for historic single family homes built before 1930 and having a minimum of 4,000 square feet of interior space to obtain special permit relief to allow conversion of the interior for multifamily use while preserving the building's historic exterior architecture. The draft Zoning By law amendment is on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Debbie Holmwood  
 Clerk

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# Selectmen review articles to be presented at Town Meeting

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen approved the warrant for the Oct. 7 Special Town Meeting at its Tuesday, September 3rd meeting.

Articles 7 through 11 have been removed from the warrant, as the Board decided to address them at a later date. They deal with whether or not the Town would want to adopt Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5, 5C ½, Section 5 Clause 41C, clause 17D and clause 17E regarding increases to tax exemption numbers for seniors, veterans and surviving spouses.

Article 1 will deal with the Moderna Tax Incremental Funding (TIF) request the company says it needs to purchase the Universal Technical Institute on Upland Road to expand Moderna's operations.

Article 2 is to see if the Town will appropriate \$325,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to purchase what is known as the Saints Streets Lot (Saint Streets Land Acquisition in the warrant). The Saints Streets lot became an issue of contention last year when DCD Realty and Subaru of New England wanted to put in a 600-plus parking lot at 84 Morse Street, which included a parcel of land now known as the Saints Streets Lot, as it abuts St. Paul Avenue, Saint Joseph Avenue and St. John Avenue. The proponent would have had to build a bridge to get to that part of the property, and after strong opposition from residents, crossed the Saints Streets Lot off the parking lot map at a public meeting.

He then promised to give the Town 18 months to purchase the property following the final approvals of the parking lot. As those approvals and assessment

of the property took longer than expected, the issue that was supposed to be decided at the Regular Spring Town Meeting is being dealt with now.

Article 3 is somewhat of a strange item as it is requesting Town Meeting approve an expansion of the Central Business District (CBD) and the Mixed Use Overlay District (MUOD) to include the building at 145 Railroad Ave., which houses an insurance agency and a dentist. Basically, the owner of the property thought that it was already in the CBD, which would have entitled it to the MUOD, but due to an oversight decades ago, that didn't happen.

Article 4 deals with a zoning amendment for 289 Walpole St., The Dollhouse Museum, otherwise known as Oak View. The petition deals with allowing the large mansion to be zoned for two-family or multifamily, or two to four units depending on what happens at the Planning Board process before Town Meeting.

Article 5 deals with transferring \$509,290 from the School Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 to the Override Stabilization Fund. These funds were given to the school to be used in the event the override didn't happen and now, since it did, those funds need to come back to the general budget.

Article 6 is to approve \$1.5 million for a feasibility study for the Coakley Middle School. Read the Norwood Record's coverage of Wednesday's School Committee meeting on Pages 1 and 4 of this week's issue for more details on this.

As previously mentioned, articles 7 to 11 have been removed.

Article 12 will, if approved, allow volunteers to work in place of disabled seniors to mitigate their taxes as part of the Senior Tax Work-Off Program.

Article 13 is to borrow funds for water main improvements

near Sharon as part of necessary work to connect the Town of Sharon's water system to Norwood for emergency use. The debt service on those funds will be paid by Sharon, and deal specifically with water mains near Sumner and Union Streets.

Article 14 is to let Town Meeting decide whether or not to accept a gift of land from the owners of the East Walpole Cemetery. The gift includes the cemetery and up to \$150,000 of funds for maintenance to the cemetery. Selectman Hajjar asked if they could also change the name of the cemetery, as the portion being purchased is not in

Article 15 deals with about \$100,000 of extra funding leftover from capital projects. The funds would be used toward repairing the Town Hall elevator, which was first installed in the 1980s. Mazzucco said the elevator will be out of commission for about three to four weeks during the repair, during which time the Town will have to make certain accommodations for disabled persons wishing to access certain services.

Mazzucco also discussed Article 16, which is the appropriation of Transportation Network Funds. The funds come from state taxes on companies like Uber and Lyft that get distributed to every Massachusetts municipality, and Mazzucco said this year he felt the Town could use the \$14,862 from those companies to install bike racks at five schools in the Town.

Article 17 deals with additions the Town Meeting Rules Committee is looking to make. Article 18 is set as a placeholder for any unpaid bills that might crop up.

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# OPINION

## A little of this and that...

Selectmen, innocently enough, filed as information a note sent by Comcast, one of the three cable and internet providers in Town, stating they would be moving Turner Classic Movies (TCM) into a "sports" package. Selectman Paul Bishop did make an offhand comment to the effect of "Thank God for DirectTV", which is probably his way of stating what nonsense the notice from Comcast was (and by the way, how come he isn't a Norwood Cable customer?)

Comcast knows very well that the largest viewers of TCM are senior citizens, and this move by them will require that for seniors to continue watching TCM they will have to purchase an expensive sports package. A customer, like this writer's mother for example, has absolutely no desire to watch sports, but loves her TCM. Now, her cable bill has increased significantly because of this money grab Comcast made in Dedham. The same bill increases are heading for Norwood, and it is a shame. Remember seniors, you have options!...

As most are aware, this Saturday is Norwood's annual Norwood Day, rain or shine. This is a wonderful day to get out and catch up with neighbors, spend a few bucks with uptown stores sorely in need of the business, and get educated to many of Norwood's groups and volunteer opportunities. There is plenty of stuff for the kids to do too. So don't just hang around this weekend, get out and have some fun...

Why aren't we convinced that the issues down at the airport and the sale of the Forbes property will resolve themselves smoothly? A 60-day extension of a deal the size of Forbes Hill is typically nothing to be concerned about, and the airport, at least on paper, has caved in on all of the grievances filed by Boston Executive Helicopter (BEH), so there really isn't anything concrete indicating foul weather in the future except... regarding the airport there are still personality conflicts noticeable to anyone watching the meetings on local cable, and those alone can continually wreak havoc with business operations. Regarding the Forbes Hill Sale, Dr. Roberto Feliz is an established, highly-educated and well respected doctor, but he has zero real estate development experience, at least none that we discovered anywhere. Perhaps it's just our paranoia getting the better of us, but we'll just be glad when that deal closes on Forbes and BEH has its first open house with all airport commission members in attendance...

It's not paranoia that has some concerned about the number of homeless and intoxicated people showing up on the police logs weekly. The incidences of people hanging out or sleeping on both public and private properties are alarming, as are the numbers of people reportedly panhandling in parking lots. The number of calls Norwood Hospital makes weekly for police assistance jump off the police log pages too. The fact that Norwood has a hospital within its Town limits is both a blessing and a curse. The services it offers no doubt plays some part in homelessness and vagrancy here. Norwood Hospital is a for-profit entity. Is it unreasonable to think that, at a minimum, it should pay for a police presence, perhaps in the form of a daily detail to cut down on the continuous calls to police sapping the limited resources the department has within its budget?

A Norwood cop once told us (who shall remain nameless) that back in the day they would politely give rides to those without homes to places outside Town lines, perhaps with a few bucks to help them out. Of course, those days are long gone. Some will argue for the better, others not so much...

We hope everyone is taking note of the fine work being done by the Trails Advisory Committee. Norwood has limited open land for public use relative to other contiguous towns, but this committee is making the most of what is available to benefit residents here. They are developing a website and creating a brochure promoting the Endean Trail system, Ellis Pond, Shattuck Park and Hennessey Park and will have a location at Norwood Day to spread the good word. Please make it a point to stop by and let them know you appreciate their efforts. And pick a time and go for a walk within these fine, well-marked trails...

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## School Committee *continued from page 1*

Riccardi added that the \$1.5 million would be what is advertised for a request for proposal (RFP) produced by the Town and that if contractors wanted to be competitive, they would come in below that number.

Riccardi said it could be 2026 until students see a new building or renovation completed.

"So we'll have to hope the Coakley hangs in there for those six years," he said.

Riccardi said there would be a reimbursement for the feasibility study at the same rate as the MSBA reimburses municipalities for the actual building of the project. He said in the past it's been around 70 percent, but it has been falling and Norwood might expect to see reimbursement as low as 45 to 50 percent.

"It all depends on where they are in their full cycle and how much money is available," he said.

School Committee member Myev Bodenhofer wanted to remind residents that the feasibility study cost had been factored into the budget during the Override discussion earlier this year and 2018.

The committee voted to send the proposal to Selectmen to place the request on the fall Town Meeting Warrant.

Norwood School Business Official Karin Sheridan attended her first School Committee meeting since taking over from Ann Marie Ellis. She said her first issue of business has been

the Special Education Tuition and Transportation budget items for bookkeeping.

She said the schools currently estimate the costs of special education students for the full year, but those estimates do not take into account what the schools could be refunded through the state's special education circuit breaker. The circuit breaker is a reimbursement program from the state for high-needs special education students.

She said this means expenditures on these line items in the current budget will exceed their predetermined limits. The problem is the current way the MUNIS accounting system is set up does not allow over budget transactions to be paid by the school.

"What we're requesting is to allow those accounts to go over knowing that we would be making the circuit breaker adjustments," she said.

Thomson said the system will be modified so that in Special Education at least, the program would allow those numbers to go over the budgeted amounts.

"Special Ed and Special Ed transportation are traditionally allowed to be overspent because we balance them toward the end of the year or in spring when we can work with real numbers," he said. "Right now, the Town Accountant is asking for a letter from the School Committee giving him permission to remove those restrictions."

Thomson said this was not anticipated because the old accounting system had no restrictions on spending. The committee voted unanimously to write a letter to that effect.

Thomson also shared a correspondence from Norfolk County Sheriff Jerome McDermott for all School Committee members to participate in a sheriff's task force on juvenile substance abuse and mental health.

Thomson said the date of the meeting would depend on how many school committee members from several different municipalities he can have meet at one time.

School Committee Chair and Steering Committee Member of Impact Norwood – a community group aimed at lowering adolescent substance abuse – Teresa Stewart, said McDermott came to one of the recent Impact Norwood Meetings.

"He is putting together a task force and he said he wants to have at least one person from each school committee," she said.

Stewart said McDermott is requesting representatives from every school committee in Norfolk County.

"So it is a large task force he's putting together," she said. "But I was thinking two people might want to be appointed just for scheduling issues."

Members David Catania and Stewart agreed to attend the task force as representatives of Norwood, and a vote was passed unanimously.

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Council on Aging, ECOLOGY, Conservation, Recycling, Beautification, ARTS/CULTURAL, Carillon Concerts, Common Concerts, 4th Parade, Day House preservation. The above is a partial list of the generosity of the Committee. I was surprised to find that some of my own friends didn't know of its existence and of the donations that go to a wonderful cause, being given directly back to Our Town. It's a wonderful way for all of us to help our community. Next time you have items for donation, just drop them off, and we thank you! For the fall Hours, call 781.762.2991 or stop in and take a brochure. Quoting their brochure..."It is only with the continuing support of the community as a whole that the work of Women's Community Committee can accomplish our goal to extend a helping hand" Thank You to the ladies of the WCC...You are fantastic!

### BELATED HAPPY '70th' BIRTHDAY HAWES

It was a most joyous occasion in the month of June 1949 when the long-awaited construction of 'Hawes Pool' was completed and was open to all the residents of Our Town. The

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all, shamefully do not respect it!

Since most of the news we see on TV in the morning is not pleasant, please be assured wonderful people continue to do wonderful things in our country, but never make the news. If you want a little happiness, use your computer or cell and go to...Steve Hartman...On the Road.' What he shares with us is pure joy! EEE, Lyme disease, etc... bites from mosquitoes and ticks here this time of year are extremely dangerous and can kill humans and animals as has happened recently. Whatever is being used to spray isn't working. We are told to dress one way, don't go out at certain times, and spray this and that on our bodies. Why don't we use DDT that we used years ago that took care of the issue? Couldn't find anything stating with authority that thousands of birds died with the use of DDT but did find information today that hundreds of thousands of birds are being decapitated unmercifully every year since the installation of wind turbines, including the American Bald Eagle. Shameful!

BYE, Crickets are chirping...autumn is ready for her grand entrance. Remember Hurricane Carol, 65 years this past Aug. in Our Town? "God Bless America, Land that I Love" - Irving Berlin

# Hurricane Dorian

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"The whole idea is that if we ever get hit here with a bad hurricane and need help from the outside, we would hope and expect people would respond to help us too," he said.

Collins said the Light Department generally responds to two hurricanes a year.

"Last year was a particularly bad year for storms, we responded to one. However, some in the system sent people to the Virgin Islands," Collins said.

The system works by a central call for aid from a particular municipality.

"We then check with the manager and make sure we want to send somebody," he said. "We typically don't send more than one crew, just in case anything ever came up here. We want to

make sure we have the manpower to deal with it. Then the crew has a couple hours to get their stuff together and they head out."

Collins said it's not a light commitment, and that a crew is usually down in the affected area for about two to three weeks.

"They usually work the most amount of time they can, about 16 to 18 hours a day for seven days," he said. "It's real intense; I mean you're there to work, not for anything else. It's not a fun thing."

Collins added that any time a crew is sent out to help with a hurricane or storm, Norwood Light makes sure there's no drop in manpower locally.

"We make sure we keep enough people to be able to take care of Norwood, that's first and foremost," he said.

## Trails

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etiquette, information about parking, and pictures highlighting places of interest, as well as the street address.

"I think they are very accessible, and I invite people to download them," Sheehan said.

Member Ernie Paciorkowski asked if there would be brochures for distribution at Norwood Day. There will be a limited amount at their table, located next to the Progress Norwood table, Sheehan replied.

"Our goal is to drive people to the website," Sheehan said. "Not only is it better for the environment but also you can get the latest and the greatest information."

Paciorkowski added that he is willing to run a loop of pictures from the trails compiled by members at the table. There will be a billboard describing the Committee's history, the trails and upcoming events. One tent will be provided by the Conservation Commission, while others may be added as needed by committee members.

"This has turned into an intent discussion," joked member Marguerite Krupp.

The Endean Trails System markers recently were placed as part of a local Eagle Scout project. The next step, Sheehan explained, is for the committee to work on placing trail head markers and kiosks for information.

"Like the movie says, 'If you build it, they will come,'" Sheehan said. "Now we just have to get the markers and the information up."

"And the all-important poop bag receptacles," Krupp added.

"But we don't want to make it look like Westwood Center," Paciorkowski said, noting that barraging the trails with signs is not the goal.

Member Lee Leech added that markers showing which trails are accessible for people with disabilities and the elderly should be of high importance.

Halloween Hike on Sunday, Oct. 20. More information will be released at a later date. Last year's walk drew about 35 people, according to Sheehan.

The group will also participate in the first annual Pumpkin Float Event, which was announced at the meeting. It will be held by the Recreation Department on Thurs., Oct. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Hawes Pool area.

"It's a fun location," Sheehan said. "We will carve pumpkins, and they will be allowed to float on the pond. They will be carefully lit first."

The pumpkins will float on a buoyant pad, he explained. S'mores and other fall treats will be available.

"The fall season is a beautiful time to get out there and walk," Leech said. "Get out there and enjoy the outdoors."

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

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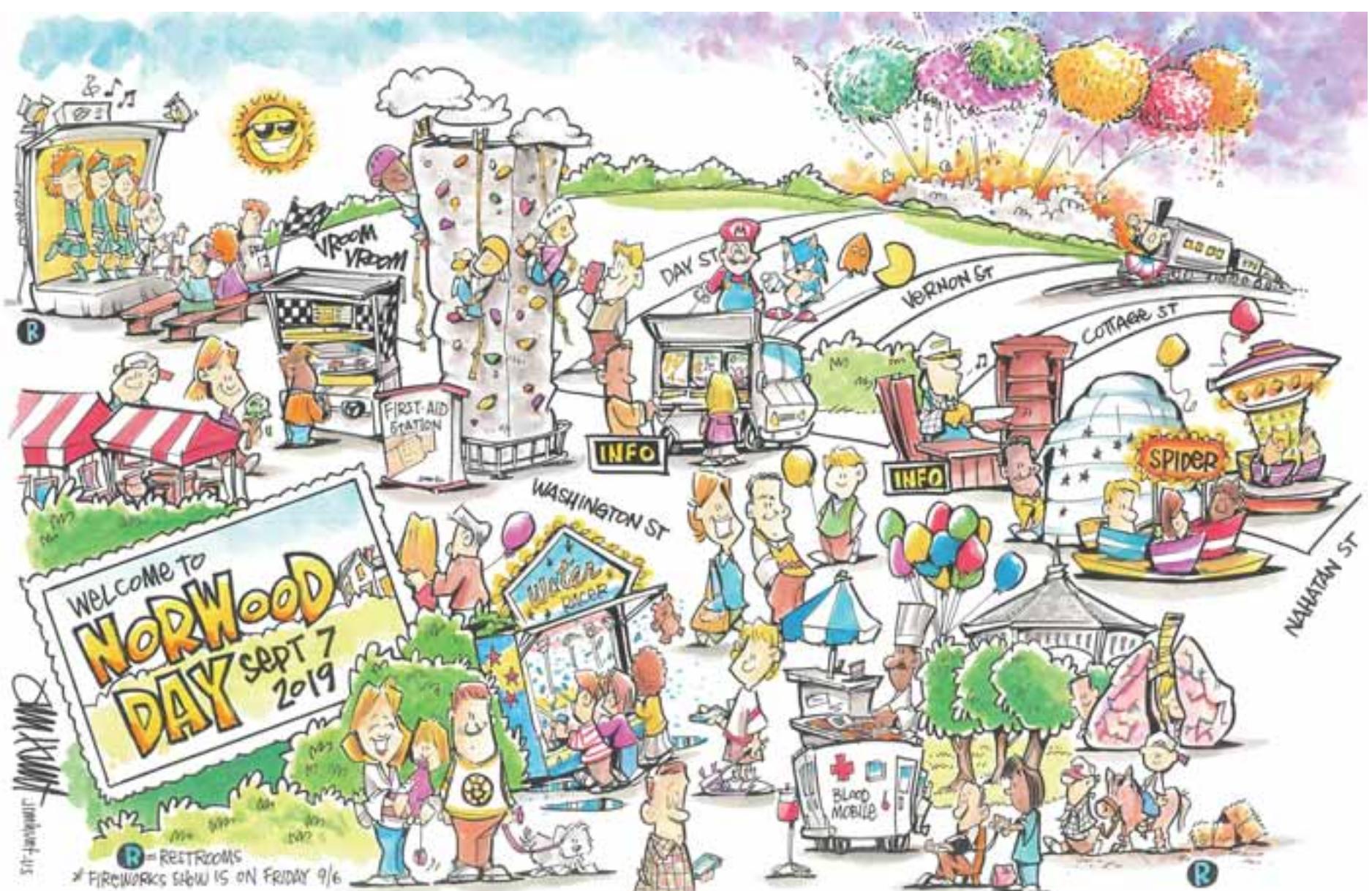
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This year, the Norwood Parks Department provided an illustrated map of activities residents can expect to enjoy. The event will happen rain or shine, but the location of certain booths or activities may change if it rains. However, the forecast as of Wednesday says it will just be cloudy. Go to page 8 for a full list and a more geographically-accurate map.

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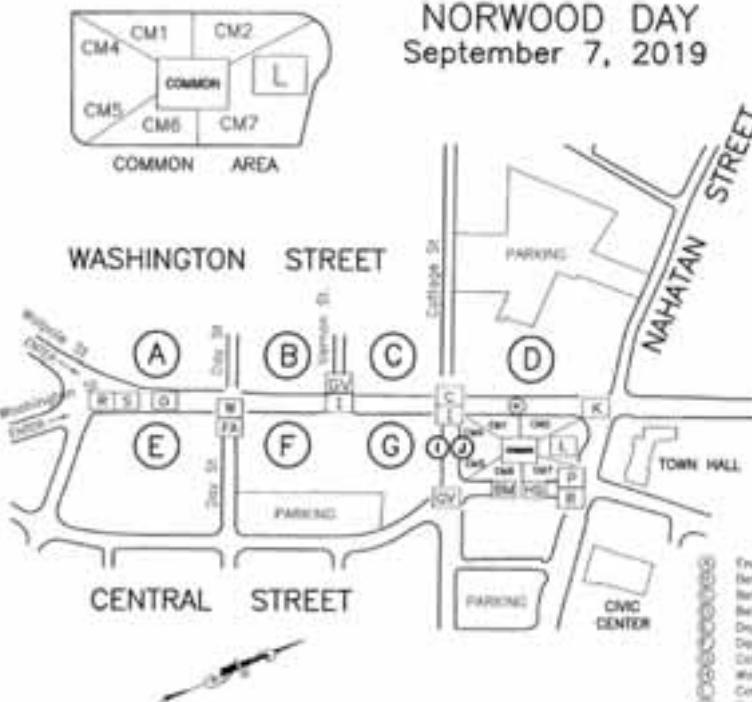


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Between Day and Vernon Streets (#1-24)  
Between Vernon and Cottage Streets (#17-23)  
Between Weston and Cottage (Inside side) (#1-15)  
Day and Washington Streets (#1-10)  
Day and Washington Streets (#1-12)  
Cottage and Washington Streets (#1-23)  
Weston and Cottage Street (Outside side #1-16)  
Cottage - Washington to Central (#1-12)  
Cottage - Washington to Central (Outside side #1-10)

Norwood Day is this weekend, so don't forget to buy buttons for the myriad of events featured this year. Fireworks are set for Sept. 6, according to the Norwood Recreation Department "as soon as it is dark enough." Sunset is at 7:11 p.m. according to the National Weather Service, but it never hurts to get there early to get a good spot. Activities for Sept. 7 include the 9:30 a.m. parade and the Anne Lydon Presentation to follow at the Gazebo at 10 a.m. Booths open at 10 a.m. as well, and include the activities above. Be sure to get a button to partake in any of said activities. The Norwood Parents Music Association is offering hot dogs, sweet Italian sausage and spicy Italian sausage from 11 a.m. to "until the food runs out."

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## SENIOR NEWS

**BASIC COMPUTER COURSE:** A four-part basic computer course is frequently offered to those who wish to learn how to use a computer. Sign-up at the front desk. New class starting on September 4th at 10:00 AM for 4 weeks. \$2.00 a class

**BINGO:** Every Wednesday, from 12:45 PM to 3:00 PM, \$5.00 to get started. For \$1.00, we have a game with a winner take all prize! You must be here by 12:45 PM to play this game!

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC:** Walpole VNA will be available for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month. Ellis Nursing Home will offer blood pressure screening on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The Walpole VNA will provide blood pressure screening on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM. Walpole VNA on the 5th.

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next book club meeting will be on Sept. 16, at the senior center.

**BRIDGE:** Our bridge club meets on Thursdays at 9:00 AM, in the Library.

**CAMERA CLUB:** Join the club to share your love of photography, and learn new skills. Group meets on Wednesdays 11am-noon Will return October 9th and 23rd.

**COMPUTER CLUB:** The computer club meets every Wednesday at 1:00 PM resumes on September 4.

**COUNCIL ON AGING:** COA Board Meeting will be held on September 5, 1:00 PM.

**CRIBBAGE:** Our seniors meet every Monday and Friday at 12:45 PM to play cribbage.

**DIGITAL PHOTO ORGANIZATION & EDITING:** will take place the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, at 11:30 AM.

**DRAWING WITH COLOR PENCILS:** Classes held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 11AM-12:15PM. \$3.00 a session, all materials included. Sept. 10 & Sept. 24.

**FRIENDS EVENING DANCE:** September 20, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM The DB Band.

**GLEE CLUB:** Will be on September 10 at 11:15 am-New members welcome.

**HANDCRAFTERS:** Handcrafters meet every Mon-

day from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

**HEARING SOLUTIONS:** Hearing Aide clinic will return in September 25.

**LEARN TO PLAY MAH JONG** -Thursdays and Fridays at 12:30 PM.

**LINE DANCE** Classes are held each Tuesday. Class will be held from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

**MAH JONG:** Mah Jong players meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 AM - Noon.

**MANICURES:** Friday Sept. 13 and Sept. 27, 2019 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST:** Karen is here on the first Monday of each month. Please sign up at front desk. Massages are \$30.00 for half an hour.

**NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB:** The Board of Directors meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM, at the Senior Center. The club membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge, at 10:00 AM.

**SCRABBLE:** Thursday afternoons at 1:00 PM. Come and join us for a game.

**SHINE:** We have two SHINE Counselors. Carole is here to help you with your medical insurance needs on Tuesdays from 10:00 AM. - 2:00 PM. Amy will be here on Fridays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Please call 781-762-1201 for an appointment.

**TAPDANCE:** Thursdays at 11:15 AM. All levels are welcome and encouraged to join the fun.

**TRIAD:** will return on September 16.

**WATER COLOR:** The next session is scheduled for

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# Library Events

## LIBRARY HENNA ART AT NORWOOD DAY

Norwood Day, our annual town wide celebration, is almost here! Norwood Day will be held in Norwood's town center on Saturday, September 7, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Remember to stop by the Morrill Memorial Library to pick up a Norwood Day Button before the event – buttons are \$3 in advance, \$5 if purchased on Norwood Day, and help support activities and allow for free food tasting, kiddie rides, trolleys, rock climbing and racing. Visit the library's Norwood Day booth on September 7 to learn more about our programs, services, and upcoming events, to buy a book from the Friends of the Library, or just to say hi. We're excited to announce that starting at around 10:00 am on Norwood Day, we'll once again be offering free henna hand art! Noureen Sultana Designs will be creating unique mendhi designs in henna for anyone who'd like to try it. Registration is not required; first come, first served. Please give us a call with any questions at 781-769-0200 x110.

## OUR COMMUNITIES: COLLABORATIONS THAT WORK

The Fall Sustainability Series at the Morrill Memorial Library will begin on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. with the program, "Our Communities: Collaborations That Work." Take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn how to create purposeful communities, how to attract members, how to join a community without being overwhelmed, and how to keep a community strong. Guest panelists will include Michele Bagby Allan from First Congregational Church (Community Service Fair), Katie Neal-Rizzo and Kate Sibbing-Dunn from Progress Norwood (Earth Day events), Liz Reed from the Norwood Library (library as community resource), Susan Clare from Together Yes (Norwood Community Garden), and Aubrey Ciol from Impact Norwood (Addiction Prevention and Mental Health). To register for this event, presented by Together Yes and Progress Norwood, please go to [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

## MEDITATION FOR BEGINNERS

Come to an introductory meditation session at the Morrill Memorial Library on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. to find out about Isha Kriya, a simple practice to help you learn to meditate. No previous experience is necessary, and it can easily be done while sitting in a chair. This class will be taught by a volunteer from the Isha Foundation, an international non-profit dedicated to achieving well-being through yoga and meditation. The class is open to everyone age 12 and over and can accommodate up to 32 people. To register, go to the library's Events calendar at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

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## BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS "THE GOOD HOUSE"

The next meeting of the Turn the Page Book Group will meet at the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, September 18 at 10 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to talk about Ann Leary's "The Good House." This month's discussion will be led by Patty Bailey and guest host Kate Sheehan. Hildy Good, middle-aged and divorced, is an oddity in her small but privileged town, yet meets the world head-on with a wry smile, a dark wit, and a glass or two of Pinot Noir. When her adult children stage an intervention and pack her off to an addiction center, we start to see another side of Hildy. To register for either the morning or evening session, please go to our calendar of events page at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

## LUNCH & LEARN WORKSHOP: THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m. for another productive lunch break with Technology Librarian Brian DeFelice. The topic of this month's Lunch & Learn workshop is the Library of Things. Did you know that the library offers dozens of non-traditional items that you can check out with your Minuteman library card? Come explore some of the great tools, gadgets, and games we have to offer and learn how they work. We will have some of the "things" on display for you to try out as well. Refreshments and beverages will be provided. To register, go to our calendar of events page at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference Desk.

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## ANNUAL COMMUNITY STASHSHARE

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library's Simoni Room on Saturday, September 21, from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM for Sewstainability's annual ShashShare. At this event people share with one another rather than having to buy sewing/needlework and crafting materials and equipment. Come drop off materials from your personal Stash that don't seem to get used so others can enjoy them. While there, browse to find things you'd like to work with and take them home. Come even if you don't have anything to bring; this is a Share, not an even swap. If you come on the early side (11 AM-noon), others will get a chance to see your offerings. (If you are unable to come Saturday, you may drop things off at the Simoni Room on Friday afternoon). No registration required: drop in to the event, leave things, browse for yourself, and go home ready for productive and pleasant winter days. Community is how we work, and community works! No money needed, and NO businesses please.

## GENTLE FITNESS FRIDAYS ARE BACK

Popular fitness instructor Eileen Smith will return to the library to lead a series of four 45-minute, low-impact exercise classes on consecutive Fridays starting Friday, September 27 and ending Friday, October 18, from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. Designed to target all major muscle groups, these gentle exercises are done while seated and can also be performed at home. The class is open to those of all fitness levels and is limited to 25. Rubber-soled shoes or sneakers are recommended. Eileen has been teaching fitness for almost 30 years and promises to make these classes fun! Participants should be able to commit to attending all four Friday classes. To register for this four-part series, please go to the library's events calendar at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), call 781-769-0200, x110, or stop by the library Reference Desk.

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Thursday, Sept. 12th at 9:00 AM. Payment of \$20.00 must be made at time of sign up.

**WAXING** with Erin: September 16, Monday 9:00 AM – Noon.

**WHIST:** Whist players meet on Tuesdays at 12:45 PM, in the library. September Events COA Board Meeting, Thursday, September 5 at 1pm. Surviving Aging for Seniors, Bill Cleary. Oasis Homecare, Thursday, September 12 at 1PM. Gary Hylander, September, 13th at 1PM. TRIAD, AAA will be presenting September 16 at 1PM. Author Dan Zimmerman, Tuesday, September 17th at 1:00PM. Shredding Event sponsored by Norfolk County District Attorney's Office, September 26, 10am-1pm. Afternoon Line Dance, Friday, September 27th at 1PM, \$5.00.

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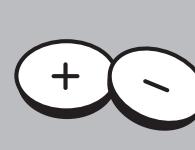
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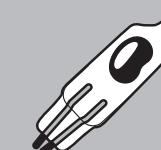
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# DEATHS

## AMBREFE

Brian Albert of Norwood, MA, formerly a resident of Wenham, Groveland and Boxford, MA, youngest child of the late Lillian (Anderson) and Albert Ambrefe, passed unexpectedly on August 23, 2019. Brian was one of four children raised in Wenham, MA. A graduate of St. Johns Prep, class of 1981 and Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, class of 1988. He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Mary Meade Ambrefe, son, Lyndon Brian Ambrefe, and daughter, Avery Ilai Ambrefe. Brother of Faye (John) Omasta, Robert (Shirley) Ambrefe, and Debra (John) Haraden. Son-in-law to Frederick P. Meade and the late Josephine T. Meade. Brother-in-law to Thomas Meade, Frederick Meade and Peter Meade. Uncle to Caitlyn Chevnov, Amy (Evan) Desmarais and Maxx Omasta. Great-uncle to Joshua and Samuel. Brian was raised working in the family pharmacy, and with his parents' guidance, assumed responsibility of the business in the early nineties. He was committed to continuing his parents tradition of individualized care for each and every patient, many of whom he regarded as friends. He served on the board of the Massachusetts Pharmacists Association for over a decade and was honored to assume the role of President from 2005-2006. He was a recipient of the organization's Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award, President's Pharmacist of the Year Award as well as the most prestigious Bowl of Hygeia, recognizing him for his outstanding record of civic leadership in his community. Additionally, Brian mentored dozens of pharmacy students over three decades and during that time was recognized as Northeastern University's Preceptor of the Year. He exemplified a servant leader, consistently putting the needs of others before his own, and taking the time to make each person that he encountered feel valued. When not at work, Brian was always spending time with family and friends. He was the ultimate family man, present for every game, performance and special moment in his children's lives. He loved to volunteer at their schools and was a familiar face on the St. John's Prep and Ursuline Academy campuses. He lived to be outdoors where he tended beautiful and abundant flower and vegetable gardens. Brian was an avid reader and loved his book exchange at the pharmacy. An enthusiastic Bruin's fan, historian, wonderful cook and curious astronomer. A true Renaissance man. His family is humbled by the outpouring of support. Arrangements provided by Bell O'Dea Funeral Home, BROOKLINE, MA. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date, and details posted to Village Pharmacy Lynnfield's Facebook Page. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Habitat for Humanity, an organization Brian loved and volunteered for. Please visit [www.habitat.org/](http://www.habitat.org/). Donate or call 1-800-HABITAT, donate in honor of Brian and indicate all donations to the Ambrefe Family, c/o 376 Washington St., Brookline, MA. 02445.

## AMIRIAULT

Barbara E. (Pollock) of East Walpole, formerly of Braintree passed away on August 26, 2019 at the age of 90. Beloved wife of the late Raymond E. Amirault. Devoted mother of Anne M. Foley of North Read-

### Deaths

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## TEMPLE ALIYAH HARVEST PICNIC

On Sunday, September 15 The Temple Aliyah Harvest Picnic will be held today, rain or shine, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Temple Aliyah, 1664 Central Ave, Needham. Current, new, and prospective members are invited. A buffet dairy lunch will be provided, along with activities for all ages, including get-to-know-you bingo, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, cornhole, music, and art projects. The cost is \$10 per adult for synagogue members (no charge for children and teens). Prospective and new members are welcome at no charge. To register: Temple members – <http://bit.ly/TApicnic2019>; Prospective and new members since 1/1/19 – RSVP to marla.simon@templealiyah.com

## TOASTMASTERS TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

Want to improve on your Leadership and Communication skills? Ignite your career or win that job interview? Meet supportive people and learn how to inspire and motivate? Norwood Toastmasters can help. The Norwood Toastmasters Club invites the public to its open house on October 8, from 7:00PM – 8:30PM at the Norwood Civic Center, 165 Nahatan St., Norwood MA. This is your golden opportunity to meet future leaders and find your voice!

## PROMOTING HEALTHY HABITS FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 18, Savage Educational Center – Room 219 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 6:30 - 8:30 PM Encouraging healthy habits can be simple and fun. Children love to run, jump, and play, and you can help channel their natural energy into activities that keep them fit and strong. This workshop is for families with children from toddler to early elementary years. To register contact Beverly Boudreau, Norwood Public Schools, CFCE Office at 781-440-5983 or e-mail

bboudreau@norwood.k12.ma.us. When registering please provide your name, e-mail address and phone number.

## NORWOOD CPC MEETING

The Norwood Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will be holding a pre-application meeting to assist anyone who is considering applying for funding for community preservation projects. This meeting will also offer an opportunity for the public to provide comments and feedback towards the update of the Community Preservation Plan. The meeting is open to the public and will take place on Wednesday September 25 at 7:00 P.M. in the Willett Room of the Civic Center, 165 Nahatan Street. The focus of the meeting will be to inform the public about the project application process that will start on October 1. The deadline for project applications is November 30. Any questions about the meeting or application process can be directed to the Norwood Planning Department at Town Hall during normal business hours; (781) 762-1240 or [cpa@norwoodma.gov](mailto:cpa@norwoodma.gov).

The Town voted to adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in November 2016. The CPA has established a dedicated local fund to protect, preserve, acquire or restore community housing, historic assets and open space / recreational uses of land.

## OPEN REHEARSALS FOR HOLIDAY CONCERT

Calling all adult singers, sopranos, altos, bass, tenors and baritones, to participate in "A Christmas Holiday Concert: A Celebration of the Season" to be held on Thursday, December 5, at The Norwood Theatre. Open Rehearsal will be held on Monday, September 9, at the Coakley Middle School, 1315 Washington Street in South Norwood, beginning at 7:00 pm. Catherine Connor-Moen, Director of Fine Arts, Norwood Public Schools, will direct. Rehearsals to be held each week, alternating Mondays and Tuesdays, until the concert. If you wish to participate and are truly committed to weekly rehearsals, please come. Christmas Holiday Concert Committee contact information: Toni Eosco, 781-769-7865.

## CONCERT ORCHESTRA SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Parkway Concert Orchestra is a 50 piece community orchestra under the musical direction of Thomas Kociela which performs classical and pops selections six times per year in multiple locations around the southwest suburbs of Boston. The orchestra rehearses on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 at First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood. The fall season begins on September 9, preparing for concerts on November 3 and December 8 and 15. Possibility of soloist opportunities for members who are so inclined. There are openings for all positions with emphasis on violin, viola, cello, string bass, oboe and bassoon. Experienced volunteer mu-

sicians are invited to contact us to attend open rehearsals on September 9 and 16. Please call 781-445-5041 or email [parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com).

For more information about the orchestra, visit the orchestra's web site at [www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org](http://www.parkwayconcertorchestra.org).

## PRAYER LAUNCH OF 40 DAYS OF LIFE CAMPAIGN

The Prayer Launch of the 40 Days for Life Campaign, (September 25 to November 3), will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St., Norwood, on Sunday, September 22, with Mass at 4 pm, followed by dynamic pro-life speaker, Terry Beatley at 5 pm. Author of the book, "What if We've Been Wrong?", she will reveal the fascinating story of abortion king Bernard Nathanson and his 8-point strategic marketing plan to deceive American women into accepting abortion and his political ploy called the "Catholic Strategy" — an intentional ploy to separate Catholic teaching from legislative judgment. In her exclusive interview with him as he was dying, Nathanson gave Terry instructions to reveal his former strategy of deceit and to deliver his personal parting message to America exposing all the lies the abortion industry is founded upon. We will conclude with a light meal. There is no charge for this event and all are welcome. For more information, call Rita Russo at 781-762-4391.

## BRIDGES BY EPOCH EVENTS

#ENDALZ Community Celebration: September 14 at 1:30 p.m. All are invited to Bridges® by EPOCH at Westwood, located at 140 University Avenue, for an end-of-summer gathering to support our efforts to END Alzheimer's. Enjoy refreshments and live music from Tappin' Ted Powers. Call 781-725-2046 to RSVP. Lunch & Learn: Downsizing – Creating a Plan: September 17 at 12 p.m. — Event will be held at the Westwood Council on Aging, located at 60 Nahatan Street in Westwood, on September 17. Downsizing can be a difficult and stressful experience. Get expert advice on how to create a plan, simplify the transition and find out what support services are available. This informative seminar will be presented by downsizing experts Dovetail Support Services. A light lunch will be served. Guests are invited to bring their loved ones with memory loss to join the Life Enrichment team for lunch and an activity during the session. Call 7781-725-2046 to RSVP. Ageless Grace®: September 26 at 1 p.m. — Ageless Grace® is a cutting-edge brain fitness program that activates all five functions of the brain and strengthens the physical skills needed for lifelong optimal function. Join Bridges® by EPOCH at Westwood for this interactive presentation and discover simple, organic exercise tools designed to help people of all ages and all abilities achieve healthy longevity of the body and mind. Call 7781-725-2046 to RSVP.

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

In accordance with the requirements of Norwood Local Bylaw Article 47 Section 2.1, the Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Willett Room of the Civic Center, 165 Nahatan St., Norwood, MA. The focus of this public hearing will be to accept comments on the potential CPA funded land acquisition of a 6+ acre parcel of land located off of 84 Morse Street as shown on Assessors Map 9, Sheet 7A, Lot 121. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Planning Department at Town Hall during normal business hours.

John Hall  
Chairman

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# Deaths

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ing, Susan J. Amirault and her husband John Keegan of Melrose, Lisa J. Figueiredo and her husband James of North Attleboro and Lauren B. Donovan and her husband Donald of Mansfield. Cherished grandmother of Brian, Mark, Sarah, Michael, Lilah and Eli. Sister of Robert Pollock and his wife Gail of North Dartmouth. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Barbara was very active at the Walpole Senior Center. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, MA. Burial at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Walpole Senior Center, 60 South St., Walpole, MA 02081. [kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com](http://kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com) Family Owned and Operated 781-762-0482.

## EPPICH

JOANNE M. (Rooney) of Norwood passed away on August 22, 2019 at the age of 82. Beloved wife of James A. Eppich. Devoted mother of Mary Ellen Ross and her husband Adam of E. Falmouth. Sister of the late Ruth, Lillian, Mary, Louise, Dixie, Hughey. Cherished grandmother of Samantha Bradley and Christopher Bradley. Daughter of the late Hugh and Nellie (O'Malley) Rooney. At the request of the family all services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. [www.KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM](http://www.KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM) FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED 781-762-0482.

## The Norwood Record

### O'CONNOR

Carmella C. (Luccio) "Mel" Age 96, passed away Saturday, August 24, 2019. Born on June 13, 1923, in Boston, she was the daughter of Angelo and Jenny (Rossetti) Luccio. Mrs. O'Connor was a longtime resident of Norwood; she was dedicated to her family and her faith. Beloved wife of the late George T. O'Connor; devoted mother of the late Bart A. O'Connor, George T. O'Connor Jr. and his wife Rosemary of Westwood, Maryann O'Connor of Millis, William O'Connor and his wife Marie of Norwood; cherished grandmother of William, Kathleen, Mark, Daniel, Janellen, Alex, and Catherine; proud great-grandmother of Kylee, Elizabeth, and Kelsey. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Route 1A), NORWOOD. In lieu of

flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to s Family Support, 11218 John Galt Boulevard Suite 103, Omaha, NE 68137. For additional information and guestbook, please visit: [GilloolyFuneralHome.com](http://GilloolyFuneralHome.com)

## Obituary policy

The Bulletin Newspaper publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to [news@norwoodrecord.com](mailto:news@norwoodrecord.com) by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.

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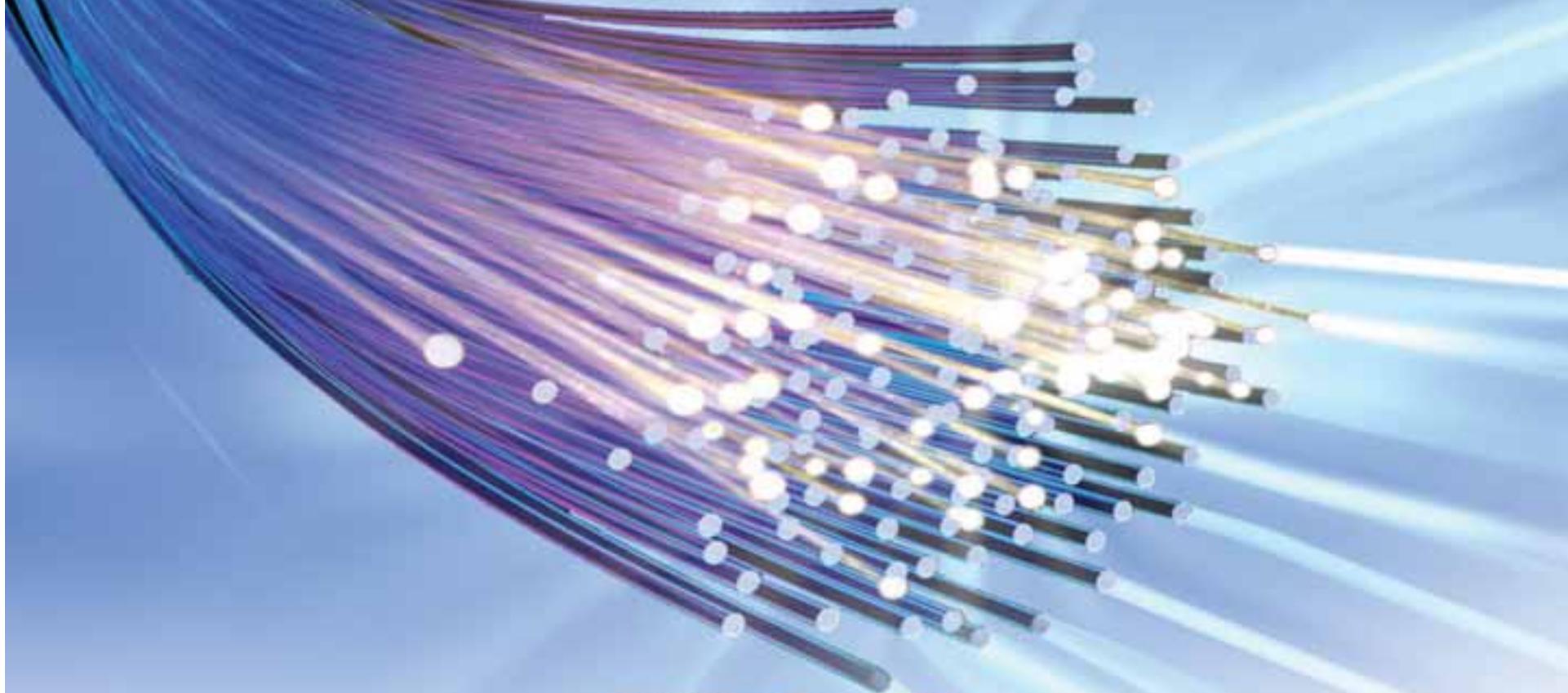
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