



Members of the Norwood Finance Commission discussed recent bond issuances to help finance the rebuild of the Coakley Middle School.

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## Coakley Middle School bond deal reached

### Positive S&P review of Town finances

**Matt MacDonald**  
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday, representatives of the Town's financial advisor – Hilltop Securities – appeared (remotely) before the Finance Commission to update it on the sale, earlier that week, of \$100 million of bonds to finance the Coakley Middle School project.

The project – planning for which began in 2017 – was approved at the Special Town Meeting in March and then passed on the April ballot, with 74 percent (2365) voting in favor of it. It will be partially financed by a grant of up to \$45 million that the Town was awarded, also this past March, by the Massachusetts School Building Author-

ity (MSBA).

As Hilltop Securities Managing Director Peter Frazier explained it, the choice to put the bond out to bid was based on the increase of interest rates over the majority of 2022, and the anticipated further increases to the federal funds rate as the year progresses.

The bond issue drew 12 bids, with Jefferies offering a fixed interest rate of 3.875 percent, \$96.165 million worth of bonds, a \$3.835 million premium payable to the Town, and a 25 year term with an annual payment of \$6.375 million that combines principal and interest.

The first debt payment will come due

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## Schools welcome back students to "rainbow year"

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

The School Committee at its Sept. 14 hybrid meeting welcomed students and professionals back to the new school year for what one department administrator termed the "rainbow year" after the tempest-like turmoil of COVID-19.

Lori Cimeno, the district's director of student services, coined the term for what she hoped would be the first time since 2019 that the school year would resemble the structure of the pre-pandemic era. To emphasize her optimism, she passed out bags of Skittles to School Committee and district administration members.

"This is our rainbow year, because after the storm comes the rainbow," she said.

The department has had some restructuring, she said, including a new assistant director of special education, assistant director of out-of-district programming. Over the summer, the department hired 23 new people.

"There were too many paraprofessional positions that turned over for us to count," Cimeno explained.

The team is focusing on consistency as it complies with state and federal mandates regarding special education so that parents and the public can better understand the process.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) provided a final department audit report on July 12. There were 29 categories of special education requirements and three categories in civil rights which have been implemented satisfactorily, while three more special education requirements have been partially implemented. She stressed that those three elements "had nothing to do with eligibility."



NPS Transportation Director Allen Bishop discussed issues around pick up and drop off of Norwood students beginning this new academic year.

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One issue that the audit brought up was that the department was "not consistently notifying parents" about the transfer of parental rights to a student who reaches legal age, both when the student turns 17 and 18 years old. There will be an internal record review and staff training.

Out-of-district placement was one issue Cimeno highlighted in her presentation. Currently there are 68 students who require out-of-district placement because the Norwood Public Schools cannot provide all of the services they need. The department originally budgeted for 69. The cost is about \$7.8 million. This includes students in collaborative, private day or residential placements as well as two students in other public school districts.

Committee member David Hiltz, who chaired the meeting, asked what factors would lead to a student being placed outside of the district. Cimeno said students whose medical or behavioral conditions "that are on the more severe end" of the

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## BOH reviews recent inspections

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Health (BOH) gathered for its monthly meeting and discussed several health and safety violations around Town.

First was a report from Environmental Health Agent Angelo De Luca on new restaurants and health code violations at existing restaurants.

De Luca said he first would like to follow up at Gyro and Kabob House on Route 1.

"There were a couple of things I do

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The Board of Health met with Town Environmental Health Agent (formerly Health Inspector) Angelo De Luca to review health code violations he discovered during his inspections.

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# Superintendent Thomson asks you to reach out if you have an issue

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Parents, students, teachers, staff, and even the administrators should reach out, according to Norwood Public Schools (NPS) Superintendent David Thomson. If there is an issue you are having, Thomson said the best thing you can do is reach out.

“If families are having a problem, I would encourage them to, instead of just posting on social media, call their school and speak to someone who can give the answer or fix the problem,” he said. “Talking about something on Facebook does not get a situation resolved. And honestly, a lot of times there are things being passed around on Facebook that are simply not true. The first thing parents can do if they have a classroom problem is call the teacher. If they have a building problem, call the principal. Leave a message, try to get it rectified and fixed. Make sure people know about it and we can go from there.”

Thomson stressed that the schools are there to serve the students and he wants to work with Norwood residents to make that happen whatever it takes.

“We are more than able and willing to make adjustments and try to help people out as much as possible, but we have to know about these problems, so please call,” he said.

If residents have the time and inclination the schools can always use more helping hands. Thomson said while they are not facing the staffing shortages of nearby districts, education is a tough job and there’s always room for volunteers.

“If people want to come and work for the schools, either part-time or full-time, they should check the website,” he said. “If someone wants to work for part of the day or even a full day, mom’s hours, we have everything from food service to driving a van for a couple of hours. There are all sorts of opportunities.”

Thomson said in terms of transportation, the district is defi-



NPS Superintendent Dave Thomson said the only positions they're still looking for are more bus drivers.

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nitely doing well compared to other school departments.

“We started early in all of these aspects. There are districts and other places missing tens to hundreds of people, but we’re in single digits,” he said. “We’re just missing a couple here and a couple there. We’d certainly like to have extra, but that’s kind of the employment workforce situation across the board now.”

Thomson said they are facing a few missing driver positions the most acutely.

“We’re missing a few yellow bus drivers. We have one of the bus coordinators driving a bus now, but we started hiring early and it’s paid off,” he said. “The bus coordinator was driving last year too. I don’t know if that’s a short-term thing or not, but across the United States, bus drivers are needed.”

Thomson added they are missing some other positions as well, but are still better off than many other districts in the state.

“We’re missing a few paras, but we’re in the process of hiring them right now,” he said. “We have a teacher who is leaving us this month who we are working on replacing and we have one other position opening. I think I’ll be meeting with someone on that soon – it’s not a direct classroom

position, all our classrooms are filled. You know you hear about other districts missing 70 or 80 people and Boston is missing hundreds of people, so we’re doing pretty well.”

Thomson did mention they have not had any serious delays from the road construction on Washington Street in South Norwood or on Route 1A on the Walpole Line.

“Most of that construction is in Walpole and I have not heard of any problems,” he said. “We have the new lights on Short Street coming in from Route 1 over there, and that’s a new

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# School Committee

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spectrum are considered for placement in programs outside of NPS.

“Burt we’ve exhausted everything we can do in district before we look for an out of district placement,” Cimeno explained. “These decisions are not made lightly either.”

There are annual Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings annually and eligibility reevaluations every three years, she added. There are also meetings to see if the student can return to schooling in the district.

“This isn’t something that’s unique to Norwood,” Hiltz added, noting that he teaches in a nearby school district.

Committee member Kate Sibbing-Dunn asked if there was “a tipping point” where the district could work toward providing more services in the district. Students are tracked, Cimeno said, so that services may be instituted down the line.

Teresa Stewart, the former committee chair, stressed that “we were not cited for over-identifying,” which can be a misconception when the amount of money spent on these placements is called into question.

“We’re talking about students,” she said. “We’re talking about meeting the needs that are developmentally and educationally appropriate and tailored to that student.”

In tandem with this conversation, the issue of transportation was the other major topic discussed. Although the search for drivers and vehicles has been ongoing for months, Director of Transportation Allen Bishop explained that there is a critical shortage of both, which has caused some delays and concerns as the number of students risen this year.

With the newly implemented school start times, preschool and elementary school students are transported first. The time it takes them to board and depart has been a bit longer than expected, Bishop said.

“It’s a domino effect,” he said. “If we don’t get out, we’re late for everybody else.”

While bus transportation has gone rather smoothly, an area of concern he pointed out was special education transportation, which is door to door. Some routes go as far out as Plymouth and Bridgewater.

“It’s proved very, very difficult to keep that on time,” he said. For example, arrivals to the high school have averaged between 12 and 15 minutes late. There are also four or five new routes for out of district travel, which takes up time. Sometimes, a parent is asked to drive a student out of the district.

“When I first got here, we had four small buses and a spare,” Bishop said. “Now we’re operating six buses and no spare.”

While replacements were ordered 18 months ago for aging vehicles, he said that Ford notified him on July 5 “that the order was arbitrarily canceled.” The seven vans that would have been used were purchased by Amazon because their fleet got worn out due to the drastic increase in delivery needs during COVID-19.

There is also a need for two replacement buses.

He added that supply chain issues and the need for 10-passenger van modifications have made the vehicle cost skyrocket from about \$38,000 when initially ordered to \$66,000 to \$68,000 if they have wheelchair lifts.

“We’ve made the decision that, if we order any more vehicles, we’ll order a wheelchair vehicle so we can use it either way,” Bishop said.

He called the combination of these issues “the perfect storm.” Spares and aging back-up vans have been placed into regular service, with no spare for an emergency situation. He hopes to get seven minivans in November because the parts on the old vehicles are failing.

The only subject that caused a split vote was having traveling School Committee meetings that could also be hybrid. There would be logistical issues trying to set up virtual broadcasting capacity at the elementary schools, while a need to shift back to the regular meeting site at the Savage Center without advanced notice would be a concern for the media.

Member Joan Giblin made a motion to approve the meetings with the understanding that there would not be hybrid capacity. Sibbing-Dunn seconded the motion but took several minutes to finalize her vote, eventually voting against it in a 3-2 decision to approve the motion.

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# Letters to the Editor

## New zoning is good long term planning

*To the Editor:*

In his letter of September 15, 2022, Henry Graham opines that zoning for additional multi-family housing near MBTA train stations would be a “mess” that would “devastate” Norwood. Mr. Graham proposes the drastic step of closing two of the three MBTA commuter rail stations in town to minimize the impact.

The new zoning requirements are not a “mess” but rather good long-term planning. The economy of the Boston area, of which Norwood is a part, requires more housing

and less traffic. The new zoning is part of keeping our economy healthy for years to come.

Closing train stations would be detrimental and ineffective. Those stations are heavily used by Norwood residents who moved to where they live because of where the train stations are located. Even if the Town had the authority to close stations, which it doesn’t, closing stations wouldn’t help because the amount of new housing is dependent only on having a station, not on the number of stations.

I also can’t see how additional housing units would “devastate” the town. As I under-

stand it zoning for about 2000 additional units would be required, but those new units would only occur over decades in the normal course of development, not overnight. At an average of say 3 people per unit, that could be 6000 additional residents in town eventually. The population of Norwood grew by 3000 in the last decade and has doubled since World War II. Did that growth “devastate” the Town? I don’t think so. Rather, as our 150th anniversary celebrations have demonstrated, it has made Norwood the thriving community it is today.

*Eric Fleming  
TMM District 9*

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on Sept. 15, 2023. According to Frazier, this was by design in order to put it into FY24 and allow for advance budgeting and planning.

The estimated household tax impact will be just under \$400 per year for the full term.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco – also present at the meeting – commented positively on the deal. “The projections that we showed to Town Meeting when we had the override vote, I think we used either 4 or 4.25 [percent] because we wanted to be very, very conservative knowing that rates would go up. So our numbers – when we balance against the estimated tax impact – should be right where we projected.”

As part of his presentation, Frazier spent some time speaking about how well the meeting – required prior to the bond issue – went between Town officials and Standard & Poor’s (S&P). The Town maintains an AA+ bond rating, one notch below the highest rating: AAA, and Frazier listed off a number of strong points noted by S&P in its report. These included the Town’s broad and diverse eco-

nomie activity; its growing tax base and higher than average residential incomes; its strong management and institutional framework; and its strong budgetary performance as to increasing reserves and liquidity, which, in turn, allows for increased flexibility in managing long term liability.

“It was absolutely clear,” Frazier said of the outcome of the Standard & Poor’s meeting, “that they’re very positive with respect to the way Norwood has been progressing.” He went on to add that the borrowing rate at AA+ is very close to the AAA interest rate, “so it’s not like you’re leaving a lot of money on the table by not being there at this point.”

The project is in the design phase and has not yet gone out to bid, which Mazzucco addressed, as well as inflated contracting prices. “The market is starting to ease a little bit, here or there, and I’m hopeful that, by the time that actually gets ready and actually goes out, some of the crazy problems we’re facing will have taken care of themselves.”

Mazzucco also updated the

Finance Commission on the capital improvement five year plan. He was joined by Tom McQuaid, chairman of the Capital Outlay Committee. The committee has been meeting regularly to determine how to prioritize its many proposed projects and finalize its plan – particularly for the current fiscal year – in time for the Finance Commission to review it before November’s Town Meeting.

“If you look at most of the capital we’re doing, it is still repairing existing things and catching up,” Mazzucco said of the considered proposals. Continuing, he built on the bemusedly optimistic responses that Frazier’s report had prompted from Haley and Judith Langone. “Another two or three years of this and we’ll be in a really good position.”

Going further, he also offered his general recommendation regarding the Town’s improved finances. “It’s good to invest now, while we have the resources, because if we hit a really tough stretch and we have to really say, ‘Hey, We’ve just got to let things sort of go for awhile,’ it’s in a good position that you can do it, as opposed to getting to that point where you’ve almost hit a point of no return.”

Just prior to adjournment, Mazzucco made note of the fact that – with Slater’s absence – it marked the first time that a sitting Finance Commission had been comprised entirely of women. Langone also made mention of her status as the first woman elected to it, as well as her open-ended record as its longest serving member, with 32 years of service.

The Finance Commission will next meet on Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. in Room 24 of Town Hall. For more information, visit its page on the Town website or call 781-762-1240.

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wrinkle, but every year there's always a new wrinkle."

Thomson said the first few weeks of school have been going fairly smoothly. Or at least as smoothly as they usually go.

"There's always a certain amount of things that you need to tweak when you open, and certainly that's not changed," he said. "There's always tightening up bus routes, looking at some-

times construction starts where we didn't realize and that slows things down and those sorts of things but there has been nothing unusual about this year that wouldn't have been in any other school opening. It's actually been as smooth as it has been in the past."

Lastly, Thomson added that residents should go out and support the students where they can.

"The talent level in Norwood Public Schools, from our athletic fields to our drama to our bands and orchestras is amazing and always enjoyable to see," he said.

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•The Roxbury Latin School	West Roxbury	12-18 years (boys 7-12)	October 1, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and November 13, 12:30-4 p.m.	roxburylatin.org
•Boston University Academy	Boston	13-18 years (9-12)	October 2, 12:30-2:30 p.m. and November 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	buacademy.org
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•Jackson Walnut Park Schools	Newton	18 mo -12 years (T-6)	October 15, 11:30-1:30 p.m. & November 10, 9:30-11 a.m.	jwpschools.org
•The Newman School	Boston	12-19 years (7-12)	October 15, (IN PERSON) OCTOBER 18, 6-7p.m.	newmanboston.org
•Pingree School	S. Hamilton	14-18 years (9-12)	October 15, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and December 8, 6 p.m.	pingree.org
•Belmont Day School	Belmont	4-14 years (PK-8)	October 16, 9 -12 p.m. (IN PERSON), and Nov. 19, 9-10:30 a.m. (VIRTUAL)	belmontday.org
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•Park Street School	Boston	2-12 (Toddler-6)	October 19, 9-10:30 a.m. & November 7, 6-8 p.m.	parkstreetschool.org
•The Cambridge School of Weston	Weston	14-18 years (9-PG)	October 22, 9 a.m.-12 p.m (IN PERSON) and Nov. 9, 7-8:30 p.m. (VIRTUAL)	csww.org
•Falmouth Academy	Falmouth	12-18 years (7-12)	October 22 and January 21, 2023, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	falmouthacademy.org
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•Noble and Greenough School	Dedham	11-18 years (7-12)	October 22, & December 3, 6 - 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	nobles.edu
•Thayer Academy	Braintree	10-18 years (5-12)	October 22 and October 29, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	thayer.org
•Waring School	Beverly	11-18 (6-12)	October 22, 2-4:30 p.m.	waringsschool.org
•Brimmer and May School	Chestnut Hill	4-18 years (PK-12)	October 23, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (Lower School ) & 1-3 p.m. (Upper School)	brimmer.org
•Cambridge Montessori School	Cambridge	18 mos. to 14 years (T-8)	October 23, 1-3 p.m. and November 10, 9:30-11:00 a.m.	cambridgemontessori.org
•Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School	Waltham	13-18 years (9-PG)	October 23 and November 6, 1 p.m.	chch.org
•Shady Hill School	Cambridge	4-14 years (PK- 8)	October 23 1-3 p.m. (PreK-4) and 3-5 p.m. (Grade 5-8)	shs.org
•Meridian Academy	Boston	11-18 years (6-12)	October 24, 7 p.m. (VIRTUAL) and November 15, 9 a.m. (IN PERSON)	meridianacademy.org
•Dexter Southfield	Brookline	4-18 years (PK-12)	October 25, 7 p.m. (grades 6-12-VIRTUAL) & Oct. 29, 9 a.m. (PreK-Gr-5 IN PERSON)	dextersouthfield.org
•International School of Boston	Cambridge	2-18 years (PS-12)	October 25 - November 3rd (Check website for details)	isbos.org
•Concord Academy	Concord	14-18 years (9-12)	October 29, 9 a.m. -12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.	concordacademy.org
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•Dana Hall School	Wellesley	10-18 years (girls 5-12)	November 5, 9-11 a.m. (US) and 1-3 p.m. (MS)	danahall.org
•The Rivers School	Weston	11-18 years (6-12)	November 5, 9-11:30 a.m. (MS) and November 5, 1-3:30 p.m. (US)	rivers.org
•Riverbend School	S. Natick	15 mo-14 years (T-8)	November 5, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	riverbendschool.org
•Lesley Ellis School	Arlington	2.9-14 years (PS-8)	November 6, 1-3 p.m. (PS-8) and November 16, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. (MS)	lesleyellis.org
•The Chestnut Hill School	Chestnut Hill	3-12 years (Beginners-6)	November 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	tchs.org
•Fay School	Southborough	5-15 years (K-9)	November 6, 1-3 p.m.	fayschool.org
•Newton Country Day School	Newton	10-18 years (girls 5-12)	November 6, 1-3:30 p.m.	newtoncountryday.org
•The Park School	Brookline	4-14 years (PK-8)	November 6, Times: TBD	parkschool.org
•Tenacre Country Day School	Wellesley	4-12 years (PK-6)	November 6, 11 -1 p.m. and Nov. 15, 7-8:30 p.m.	tenacrecds.org
•Wellan Montessori School	Newton	15mo-14 years (T-8)	November 6, 2-4 p.m. & January 12, 9-11 a.m. (by appointment)	wellan.org
•Ursuline Academy	Dedham	12-18 (girls 7-12)	November 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	ursulineacademy.net
•The Fern School	Concord	9-15 years (boys 4-9)	November 20: 12-2 p.m.	whereboysthrive.org
•The Rashi School	Dedham	4-14 years (PK-8)	December 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. & January 22, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	rashi.org

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want to follow up on, nothing really major, but I would feel better if I went in there just for a follow up," he said.

BOH Chair Kathleen Bishop asked about residents reporting animals going into the dumpsters at Jake 'n Joe's restaurant on Route 1. De Luca said upon his inspection there were no issues with the dumpsters.

"Those dumpsters were compliant, the area was clean and the dumpsters were closed," he said.

The Board also discussed the ongoing inspections at Cedar Market. De Luca said there are some administrative issues that need to be taken care of before he can go back to inspect the site.

"They're in the process of changing ownership, so I'm just waiting to hear back from them regarding the list I sent them of all the items they need to comply with before I can go back for another inspection," he said.

The Board has had issues with Cedar Market in terms of cleanliness and rodent issues, and BOH Member Joan Jacobs said they'd like to make sure the newer owners don't fall into old bad habits.

"I just want to follow up on them to make sure they don't

slide down like they did previously," she said. "I just want a bit of peace of mind that this place is going to be cleaned all day, every day."

Jacobs also asked about the issues previously found at Launch Trampoline Park. De Luca said every issue he cited them on at his previous inspection was corrected on his follow up inspection.

Bishop asked about reported issues at the Fiesty Greek.

"They've had a pretty good history of compliance and so I don't think it will be an issue, but I will check up on these items on my next routine inspection," De Luca said.

Member Carolyn Riccardi asked about why Big Y was allowed to keep its bay doors open with food readily available to any potential insect or rodent that may happen by during operating hours. De Luca and Jacobs said there is a "mist barrier" that keeps flying insects and other pests away.

"You can feel it if you walk in," De Luca said.

De Luca added that they close the bay doors when they need to, like when they close or when the weather isn't cooperative.

"It's also more just for the summer and spring as well," he

said. "It's very common."

For the new food establishment report, De Luca said Crazy Taco is all set from his end, but added that they may not have opened yet because of permitting issues.

The Board also confirmed new Assistant Health Department Director Abigail Atkins, who said she came over from where former Health Department Director Sigalle Reiss went to: Brookline.

"Before coming to Norwood I was a senior public health inspector in the Town of Brookline for four years," she said. "Before that, I worked for the State Department of Public Health in the Food Protection Program as a food borne illness response analyst. And then I've had a couple of internships with towns like Lexington, but the bulk of my time has been spent with the state and Brookline."

"I'm glad you're here and I'm sure you'll have to hit the ground running," said Jacobs.

Health Department Director Stacey Lane said the Town has successfully applied for and received this year's round of the Drug-Free Communities grant.

"It was a competitive grant, so not many communities got it," she said. "This is a really big deal. I think only 10 in Mas-

sachusetts got it. It's a fair amount of money and it's a total of 10 years and we're in year six. This was for one year, but this was a big application and the rest are a little more simple."

Lane said this year's application was a renewal of the 10-year program the Town has been participating in, but added that this was the most stringent renewal so far in the process.

"It was quite the comprehensive application," she said.

In other news, Bishop brought up the Household Hazardous Waste Day taking place Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. this week.

"Just to make sure

everybody's aware," she said. "There is no brush or leaf disposal allowed that day. Also just so everyone's aware, if you are in line by 11 a.m., you will be taken. We do have to shut it off at some point in time and 11 is the end time, so try to get in early because we don't want to turn anybody away, but we have had to in the past."

For a full list of applicable materials, go to <https://bit.ly/3RJ8F8J>. Lane added that the event is rain or shine. Riccardi asked that participants be courteous to residents and to keep all driveways clear so residents aren't left stuck.

"It really creates havoc," she said.

**TOWN OF NORWOOD**  
**APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF RETAIL ALL ALCOHOLIC PACKAGE GOODS STORE, PLEDGE OF INVENTORY, AND PLEDGE OF LICENSE FOR ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for transfer of the All Alcoholic Beverages License, Pledge of Inventory, Pledge of License from The Compagnone Group, Inc. dba Rama Wine and Spirits., to Norwood Liquor Corporation, dba Rama Wine and Spirits, Manager or Record, Jwan Farhan, under Section 15, Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages not to be drunk on the premises of 898 Washington Street, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: consists of one floor, 4,400 square feet across five rooms. There are three entrances and three exits.

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 at 7:00PM** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

William J. Plasko, Chairman  
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\* Projects Focusing on Public Art

\* New applicants and/or for new projects and programming: nature and science, extracurricular art classes for teens, adults For a complete list of priorities and requirements, and to apply, go to <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/norwood/>

There will be an online workshop to help applicants learn how to complete the application on September 21st from 7-8 p.m. Please contact the NCC Chair Ieshia Karasik for instructions on how to join the workshop via the Council email [norwoodculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:norwoodculturalcouncil@gmail.com)

If you are unable to attend the workshop and have questions, please feel free to reach out to Council members.

Applications are due October 17th.

## Legal Notice

### TOWN OF NORWOOD APPLICATION FOR RETAIL ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES PUBLIC HEARING

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for All Alcoholic Beverages for Gyro and Kebab House Corporation, located at 1275 Boston Providence Highway, Norwood, Massachusetts. Valentina Akyol, Manager of Record, under Section 12, Chapter 138 and Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of 1275 Boston Providence Highway, Norwood, Massachusetts. Description of premises is as follows: One floor, one dining room, one outdoor seating area in front and to the right of the restaurant. Total square footage of the restaurant including kitchen

Public hearing on this application will be held on **Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 at 7:10PM** in the Harry B. Butters Chambers, Room 34, Norwood Town Hall.

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### REQUEST FOR BID SUPPLY AND INSTALL CARPETING ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS

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**BIDS REQUIRED BY: Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "CARPET BID - October 6, 2022" To 40 William Shyne circle, Norwood, MA, 02062.**

Bid Forms, Contract Documents & specification will be available for pick-up at Norwood Housing Authority 40 William Shyne Circle, Norwood, MA. 02062. Maximum two sets.

**Unit Inspections: Sample Units may be seen if desired on September 29, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. starting at 40 William Shyne Circle, Norwood, MA 02062.**

Any questions should be addressed to Todd Rego at (781) 762-8115, or [trego@norwoodha.org](mailto:trego@norwoodha.org).

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**CARROLL**



Kathleen M. "Kathy" (Joy) of Norwood passed away at her home on Tuesday September 13, 2022 at age 73. Born in Brighton, she was the daughter of the late Maurice Joseph "Joe" and Elinor (Hughes) Joy. Kathy was a 1966 graduate of Norwood High School, and went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree from University of Massachusetts, Boston. She was a teacher at St. Catherine of Siena School for over 15 years. Kathy was a beautiful artist, whether she was quilting, gardening, interior designing or painting her watercolors. She loved spending summers on Cape Cod. One of her biggest joys was her three granddaughters. She felt so blessed to have them. Kathy's faith gave her great comfort throughout her life. She had a special love for the Blessed Mother. Kathy was the beloved wife of over 51 years of Dennis W. Carroll of Norwood, and the devoted mother of Anne Reynolds and her husband Karl of Schoharie NY, Joy Dinero and her husband Enzo of Albuquerque NM, and the late Daniel Carroll. She was the sister of Dennis Joy and his wife Phyllis of FL, David Joy and his wife Colleen of Philadelphia PA, and the proud grandmother of Hannah Joy Reynolds, Cara Joy Dinero, and Daniella Anne Dinero. Kathy was the granddaughter of Catherine Joy, late of Co. Kerry Ireland, and Brighton. She was the sister-in-law of Gay McCarthy and her husband James of Walpole, Barbara Carroll and her late husband, Peter Carroll of Foxboro, and Paul Carroll and his wife Sandy of Westport. She was the daughter in-law of Warren and C. Jean Carroll, late of Walpole. Kathy is survived by her cousin and matron of honor, Joan DaCruz of Wrentham; cousins Jackie, Donna, Kenneth, and Kevin; many nieces, nephews, second cousins, God-children, and many beautiful friends including her life-long friend of over 67 years, Priscilla Tilley. The family would like to thank Old Colony Hospice for their loving care. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood on Monday. Arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Catherine of Siena School, 249 Nahatan St, Norwood, MA 02062.

**COLAROSSO**



Barbara Beverly (Mellor) 86, passed away peacefully at home in Norwood, MA on September 13, 2022, surrounded by her family. Born January 31, 1936 in Boston to George and Barbara J. (Faherty) Mellor, Barbara was the oldest of eight children. She had her hands full trying to keep her younger siblings out of mischief, which turns out was a full-time job by age 10. Barbara graduated from Mount Saint Joseph Academy in 1954. After graduation, she attended business school and became a successful career woman working for the U.S. Government in many different positions before retiring as a Program Analyst for the Department of Labor. Barbara first and foremost, however, was a devoted mother to her four children. As a competitive swimmer and figure skater in her earlier years, Barbara always encouraged her own children to be actively involved in organized sports and they competed at the high school and college levels. She also led by example and instilled a work-ethic that is embraced by her children today. At the height of her career, Barbara found time to volunteer to teach Italian to young children in the North End of Boston for the Dante Alighieri Society. In 1968, Barbara married her best friend and the love of her life, Robert N. Colarossi. They celebrated 37 years together and enjoyed spending time at their second home in sunny Naples, FL, as well as numerous memorable trips to Italy. Barbara will be remembered for her steadfast loyalty to family, generosity and hospitality. Her greatest joy was spending time with family, including her ten grandchildren. She also enjoyed being a member of the Red Hat Society. Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, beloved husband Bob, and siblings George Mellor and Eileen Perry. She is survived by her loving children Lynda and husband Hal Klavsen of Walpole, MA, Denise of Norwood, MA, Bob and wife Ali of Lodi, CA, and Michael and wife Patricia of Stow, MA; grandchildren Adrian and wife Hanna, Tristan and wife Leah, Sean and partner Allie, Nick and partner Julie, Cameron and partner Alex, Michaela, Connor, Emma, Ryan and Chiara; two great grandchildren, Athena and Milo; many nieces and nephews; and treasured siblings Maureen Mellor, Thomas Mellor, Kathy Mellor, Ronnie Harrington and Steve Mellor. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., Norwood,

MA. A funeral service was held at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home on Monday, Sept. 1. Interment at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barbara's name to Kindred Hospice, 130 Rumford Ave., Ste 211, Auburndale, MA 02466.

**DUNPHY**

Janet M., of Norwood, Sept 13th. A former legal inspector for Boston Gas. Sister of the late James W. and Aunt of William G. of Altadena, CA, John M. of Waltham, and Karen M. Bielawski of Acton. Friend of Mary F. Creesy of Norwood. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery in West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations to ASPCA would be appreciated. GilloolyFuneralHome.com.

**DYER**



Frederick J., a lifelong resident of Norwood, passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at the age of 95. He was the beloved husband of the late Alice L. (Martin) Dyer, with whom he shared 59 years of marriage. Born in Norwood to the late James A. and Elizabeth (Brisette) Dyer. He worked as a custodian in the Norwood Schools and retired from the Prescott School after 26 years of service. He had a passion for waterskiing and boating. Frederick served as a past President of the Norwood Eagles, was a former Norwood Auxiliary Police Officer for 10 years, and a member of the Norwood Auxiliary Police Pistol Team. Frederick is survived by his loving children: Frederick J. Dyer, Jr. of Plainville, Sylvia Sullivan and her husband Bob of Walpole, Deborah Sperdigiozzi and her husband Tony of Walpole, and Kathleen Partridge and her husband Russell of Norwood; his cherished grandchildren: Brian Jones, Elizabeth Sullivan, Robert Sullivan, Michael Partridge, David Jones, Christopher Sullivan and Meghan Couture; and his great-grandchildren Alexa, Jason, Shayne, Max and Kyle Jones, Blake Jones, Cameron and Dylan Partridge and Madelyn Couture. In addition to his wife and parents, Frederick is predeceased by his sister Elizabeth Columbo. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street,

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF NORWOOD**

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendment to the Norwood Zoning Bylaws (Article 2) which were voted at the Special Town Meeting, March 14, 2022. These changes to amend the Zoning Bylaw were as follows:

**Article 2.** That the Town amend the Zoning Bylaws by establishing a new Life Sciences Development District, (LSDD).

(Complete copies of this By-Law have been posted in the different locations listed below throughout the Town and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

The above named article is posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32: District 1 & District 2, Municipal Building (Town Hall); District 3 & District 5, Morrill Memorial Library; Murph's Place; District 4, Walgreens Pharmacy, Walpole Street; District 6 & District 7, Nick's Package Store; Pam's Market Corner Pleasant & Rock Street; District 8, Shaws Market, CVS - Shaws Plaza; District 9, Gulf Gas Station, Neponset Street.

Mary Lou Folan  
Town Clerk

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF NORWOOD**

The Town of Norwood hereby notifies all residents that the State Attorney General's office has approved the following amendments to the Norwood Zoning Bylaws and Zoning Map (Article 11 & 12) which were voted at the Annual Town Meeting, May 9, 2022. These changes to amend the Zoning Bylaws and Map were as follows:

**Article 11.** That the Town amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding new zoning district called the Norwood Space Center Mixed Use Overlay District ("NSC-MUOD") 83 Morse Street.

**Article 12.** That the Town vote to amend the Official Zoning Map by adding proposed new Zoning District - Norwood Space Center Mixed Use Overlay District (NSC-MUOD) - 83 Morse Street.

(Complete copies of this Map and By-Law have been posted in the different locations listed below throughout the Town and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

The above named article is posted in the following public places throughout the Town, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32: District 1 & District 2, Municipal Building (Town Hall); District 3 & District 5, Morrill Memorial Library; Murph's Place; District 4, Walgreens Pharmacy, Walpole Street; District 6 & District 7, Nick's Package Store; Pam's Market Corner Pleasant & Rock Street; District 8, Shaws Market, CVS - Shaws Plaza; District 9, Gulf Gas Station, Neponset Street.

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**Public Hearing Notice  
Norwood Planning Board**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 3, 2022 at 7:05 PM** on the request of Level Design Group Civil Engineering for Home Market Foods, Inc. with respect to property located at **140 Morgan Drive, Norwood, MA 02062**, in the **Boston Providence Highway (BPH) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 as well as via remote participation:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/718185669>  
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The Applicant requests to amend a Special Permit previously granted by the Planning Board on September 14, 2010 under Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 6.1.12 [Parking] to relocate, modify and increase on-site parking as part of an expansion project on the existing commercial structure. The Planning Board will also be conducting review of a Site Plan Approval application that proposes a 6.1K sq. ft. addition.

Any zoning relief that may be required in adherence to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw shall be considered by the Board. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Planning Board and may be requested by emailing [cped@norwoodma.gov](mailto:cped@norwoodma.gov) or by calling 781-762-1240 ext. 6055, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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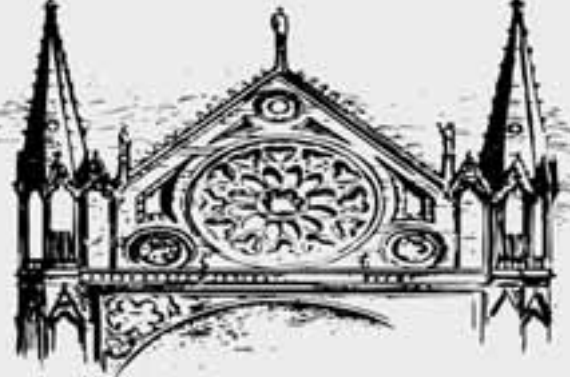
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**FLAHERTY**



Gail M. of Quincy, formerly of Norwood, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer, on Sunday, September 11, 2022, age 68. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph P. and Ann M. "Nancy" (Lydon) Flaherty. Cherished partner of the late William A. Barrett. Devoted sister of the late Jo-Ann P. Flaherty, Paul J. and his surviving wife Mary Pat Flaherty of W. Springfield. Treasured aunt of Bridget K. DeRose of Slatersville, RI, Brian P. Flaherty and his wife Kristen of W. Springfield, Kevin M. Flaherty and his partner Tina Butterfield of Danville, KY; and loving great-aunt of Hudson and Indigo. Gail was a graduate of

**Obituary policy**

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

Norwood High Class of 1972 and earned her bachelor's degree from Eastern Connecticut State University in 1976. She was retired after working many years as a receptionist at Fidelity Investments in Boston. Gail was a fun-loving, caring, thoughtful person with a great sense of humor who always saw the glass half full. She was devoted to family and a great friend. She was an active member of her H.S. class, including being a member of the 50th Reunion Committee for the Class of '72. Gail always enjoyed her annual Cape Cod vacations with Billy and the Flahertys, swimming in the ocean and people watching on the beach. She loved her Boston sports teams, especially the Patriots. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Timothy's Church, 650 Nichols Street, Norwood on Friday, interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Gail's memory to a charity of your choice. For obituary, guestbook, and directions, visit [www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com).

**LAVERY**



Andrea Ellen (Dixon), of Norwood, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at the age of 39. Born in Norwood to Christopher and Sheila (O'Neil) Dixon. Andrea had a personality that would fill up any room.

Growing up, Andrea excelled athletically. She played basketball at SNHU and later coached at the high school level. Andrea was a tireless worker with great compassion. In 2011, Andrea found her passion, and began her career as a nurse. Andrea worked at Norwood Hospital for over a decade, and was most recently working at Beth Israel Needham. In addition to her parents, Andrea is survived by her beloved husband, Bryan Lavery; her adored children, Ali Marie Lavery and Christopher Herbert Lavery, her loving siblings Ali (Dixon) Barnowski, Jack Dixon, and Emily (Dixon) English, her beloved in-laws, Herb Lavery and Tina Lavery, and the entire Lavery family. Also left to mourn are Andrea's twelve nieces and nephews, her O'Neil and Dixon aunts, uncles, and cousins, and her countless friends, especially Brianna (Donovan) Iessi who she loved like a sister. Andrea loved her local community, often referring to Norwood as "the center of the universe." In 2015, Andrea and Bryan purchased their current home in the exact location they were looking, two doors away from Andrea's parents, and walking distance to both of her sisters. Andrea had great love for music, concerts, and dancing. She could always be relied on to save a wedding or party! The family would like to thank the physicians at Massachusetts General Hospital, especially Dr. Zosia Piotrowska and Dr. Katie Keane, for their dedication and compassion. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Timothy Church on Wednesday September 21, 2022. Arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Andrea's name to CARING FOR A CURE and mail to: Mass General Hospital Development Office, Attn: Caring For A Cure, 125 Nashua Street, Boston MA 02114. For guestbook see [www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com).

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## OLD PARISH PRESERVATION VOLUNTEERS BEGIN A NEW SEASON

The non-profit organization, Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will be holding their first fall cemetery work day of 2022 on Saturday, October 1, from 8:30am to 10:30 am at Old Parish Cemetery, Norwood's original burial ground established in 1741, located off Washington Street near Railroad Avenue.

The aim of the OPPV is to properly clean stone grave markers, repair and reset broken stones, and document this historic site. With care and attention, the cemetery will continue to be a valuable historical and cultural resource for the town. Additional Saturday work days this fall include: October 8, October 15, October 29, and November 5.

The group will also host a tour of the cemetery titled "Our New Town: Norwood's First Town Officials" on Saturday, October 22, at 2:00 pm. (Rain date Sunday, October 23 at 2). The Cemetery will also be open on November 11, Veterans Day, from 1-3 pm.

Anyone interested in helping preserve this site can join the group working in the cemetery, or visit the group's web site: <https://www.oldparishpreservationvolunteers.com>

The cemetery is open to the public during the time volunteers are working.

## VFW MEAT RAFFLE

The Norwood V.F.W. Post 2452 on Dean Street in Norwood hosts a Meat Raffle every Saturday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The Meat Raffle is open to the Public and everyone is welcome. The price for each Drawing is only \$2.00. Ten Drawings are conducted each Saturday. A Pre-Buy for \$20.00 is available during the week at the Post. This Pre-Buy allows for entrance in all Ten Drawings conducted on Saturday. The winners of the Pre-Buys need not be present to win. The prizes are delectable, delicious, and generous portions of meat and chicken. An example of the sampling of the prizes include: Sirloin Steak Tips, Sausage, Ground Sirloin Burgers, Center Cut Pork Chops, Whole Chicken or Cut Chicken, Ground Sirloin Burgers, Chicken Wings, and many more offerings. The Drawings also include a 50/50 Money Raffle. A separate Winner Takes All Raffle is conducted at the end for an additional \$5.00.

The Norwood VFW is located at 193 Dean Street in Norwood. The Meat Raffle will continue every Saturday thru May. The Norwood VFW is looking for new members. Veterans of the Gulf War, and personnel who have served overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan are welcome to visit the post at any time or come to one of the Monthly Meetings which are held on the Fourth Wednesday of each Month from September thru May (Except December).

## WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will be meeting on Tuesday, October 11, at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St, Norwood Ma. Our program is Tea and Fine Chocolate. Kim Larkin will enlighten us on the benefits of tea and dark chocolate. A light lunch will be served. Dues are \$25, guests are welcomed. Any questions please call Trina at 781-762-8173. Hope to see you there.

## CULTURE AND ARTS FESTIVAL

The Norwood 150 Culture and Arts Festival will be held from on October 1 from 2:00 to 10:00 pm at the Norwood Space Center, 83 Morse Street." The festival will be a wonderful day for Norwood neighbors and friends to experience some of the artistic and cultural richness represented in our town. The hope is to involve as many cultural and artistic community members/groups as possible. Check the festival page on the Norwood 150 website ([www.norwoodma150.gov](http://www.norwoodma150.gov)) for updated information. For more information, please contact the event organizer, Katie Sibbing-Dunn, at [katie.sibbing@gmail.com](mailto:katie.sibbing@gmail.com).

Before 7:00 pm: There will be family activities including bocce courts, storytelling, and a workshop by Norwood author Scott SanGiacomo, to name a few; Take a look inside the Space Center tenants stores, including Luke Adams (Glass) Studio, Giving the Glam, Little Bird, Irish Brewing Boston, Morva Stone, Salvage Angel, and Alex Jones Photography Studio.

International food offerings will be available for sampling and noshing. Musical and dance performances will be in the outdoor courtyard "main stage" unless there is rain, when the main stage will be indoors. From 2:00 to 8:00 pm, performances will include: Triveni Indian Dance Company (4:00 to 4:30 pm); Los Sugar Kings (6:15 to 7:00 pm); Cristian Uribe Colombian Folk Dancers (7:15 to 8:00 pm) More announcements are coming soon. At 7:00 pm, vendors and information booths will close and all are invited to join DJ Prof, Norwood's own Willie Rodriguez, at the main stage for international music until 10:00 pm.

## ALUMNI ASSOC TO HOLD FUN-RAISER

On October 10, from 4:00 pm to midnight, the Norwood High School Alumni Association will sponsor its annual Scavenger Hunt fund-raiser. The event costs \$100, and you can register at <http://norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org>. Hunters will assemble at the Norwood Sheraton Four Points, 1125 Boston-Providence Turnpike, at 4:00 pm to pick up their limo and begin a two-hour scavenger hunt, after which they will return to the Sheraton for a buffet dinner.

## NORWOOD 150TH ANNOUNCES ROLLING TOUR OF NORWOOD CHURCHES

Rolling Church Tour. The Norwood 150th Evangelical Committee announces a seven-week rolling church tour event, from mid-September to the end of October. Here is the current schedule through mid-October. Two other churches are scheduled for late October. Check the Norwood 150 website periodically to see any changes in the program, including churches added or deleted and any changes in dates or times.

Churches that have announced their program details will offer opportunities to tour the facilities; information on the church, its building and its history; and refreshments. Some churches have provided more specific program details, which are shown below.

Visitors will also be given a brochure highlighting some of the historic and artistic aspects of the church and parish. Tours will begin at the main entrance to the church.

SAT, SEP 24: Trinity Community Church, 234 Walpole Street, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. SAT, SEP 24: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 24 Berwick Street; and Grace Episcopal Church, 150 Chapel Street, both from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The two churches, located on the same block, are coordinating so that visitors can start with either church, then take the 5-minute walk to the other church. SUN, SEP 25:

First Baptist Church and Anglican Church of the Redeemer, 71 Bond Street, 2 to 4pm. The two churches will jointly host an open house at the First Baptist Church, whose facilities are also used for services by the Anglican Church. A reception will be offered in the Carriage House (church hall), where coffee, tea and pastries will be provided, and each church will have information on its history on display in the Carriage House. Brief tours will be offered. SUN, SEP 25: First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, 12 to 2 pm. (Time corrected from a previous press release.) An Open House will include coffee, juice, water, cake, cookies, and "other things to eat." Visitors will be given a one-page summary of the history of the church and current activities. Church members will be available to give quick tours of the building. Visitors will be informed of the tour at the First Baptist Church, which is scheduled to run at the same time. SAT, OCT 1: Fulfilled Life Ministries, 661 Pleasant Street, 2:00 to 3:00 pm. The tour will include refreshments and church history, as well as a tour of various rooms used in church programs, including a free baby store, the kitchen, a clothing and bedding store, and spaces supporting the grocery program. SAT, OCT 8: Waters Church, 9:30 to 11:30 am. SAT, OCT 8: Heritage Baptist Church, 615 Washington Street, 1:30 to 3:00 pm, changed from the previously announced slot on September 24.

For more information, please send your questions to Pastor Veronica Truell, Chair of the Norwood 150 Evangelical Committee, at [revveronicaxpa@gmail.com](mailto:revveronicaxpa@gmail.com), and to the committee at [johnhalljr48@gmail.com](mailto:johnhalljr48@gmail.com).

# Morrill Library Events

## STASHSHARE RETURNS!

Sewstainability's (semi!)annual StashShare will take place in the Morrill Memorial Library's Simoni Room on Saturday, September 24, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library's Simoni Room on Saturday, March 12, between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm for Sewstainability's (semi!)annual StashShare. 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.

No registration is 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. The Share is for people in Norwood and surrounding communities; NO businesses please.

NEW this year: For the things you bring to share, please deliver them during one of the following times: Thursday, September 22 between 7:00-8:30 PM; Friday, September 23 between 10:00 AM-4:00 PM; or Saturday, September 24 between 9-10 AM. We need time to set things out on the tables, grouping by categories, before the actual Share happens.

If you are able to help transport from our storage and help set up the tables in advance on the Friday drop-off date, let us know at: [sustain@tgryes.org](mailto:sustain@tgryes.org) Call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2 with questions or for more information.

## GENEALOGY SERIES: IRISH GENEALOGY DATABASES

The Morrill Memorial Library continues our fall genealogy series with a Zoom presentation, "Irish Genealogy Databases" by Michael Brophy, professional genealogical researcher, on Thursday, September 29 at 7:00pm.

Information about our Irish ancestors is exploding on the internet. During this presentation, Michael explores and analyzes the best websites for Irish research and presents on recent, landmark additions of Catholic Church records and vital records. Finding aids for further Irish research are also assessed and critiqued in this exciting lecture on all that has happened with Irish resources in cyberspace. Please note that this presentation will be most helpful for attendees who already know a place in Ireland where their immigrant ancestor came from.

This series is made possible through federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Registration is required for this virtual event. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2. Zoom access details will be sent to your email. Reminder emails will be sent prior to the program as well.

## MADHUBANI ART WORKSHOPS

The Morrill Memorial Library is thrilled to welcome our first-ever Artist-in-Residence, Sunanda Sahay, for a series of art workshops in September and October. The workshops will explore the traditional techniques and themes of Madhubani art, a popular style of folk painting from her native northern India. Participants will have the opportunity to both learn about the history of this distinctive art form and create their own take on Madhubani paintings using paint on paper. Supplies will be provided by the presenter. Dates and details include:

**Workshop for Seniors:** Thursday, September 29 at 1:00pm in-person at the Norwood Senior Center. Limited to senior citizens only; 25 spaces available. Register via the Norwood Senior Center.

**Workshop for Adults:** Thursday, October 6 at 6:30pm in-person in the Simoni Room at the Library. Intended for adult participants; 25 spaces available. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

**Workshop for Kids:** Thursday, October 13 at 4:00pm in-person in the Simoni Room at the Library. Intended for school-age kids and their caregivers; 25 spaces available. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Children's Desk at 781-769-0200 x3. Registration is required for each of these events.

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY FRIDAY MOVIE

Join us for our next Sensory-Friendly Friday Movie at the Library, a program specially designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program will be held in-person in the Simoni Room on Friday September 30, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Our September movie in the Sensory-friendly Friday series will be the DreamWorks's The Bad Guys, rated PG. The Morrill Memorial Library and Lifeworks Inc of Norwood are excited to bring this program series to the Norwood community. We will be showing a movie in a sensory-friendly and inclusive environment on the last Friday of the month for adults with developmental disabilities. This program requires registration, and is intended only for attendees over the age of 18. Please sign up by visiting the Morrill Memorial Library's website, [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar) or by calling 781-769-0200 x2



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**Oscar Hernandez — Brookline**

Oscar loves his job. He has so much empathy for the participants and is dedicated to making their lives as great as possible. He is always eager to take them out for activities in the community, for walks, to ball games or church.



**Marie Jocelyn — Watertown**

Marie is totally dedicated. She treats the participants like family. She has great skills and communicates well with all the guardians. The families rave about the incredible care Marie provides to their loved ones.

### \$5,000 Awards



**Mobalaji Akinleye (BJ) — Hyde Park**

BJ takes tremendous pride in his work. He's smart and very good with the participants. When they are short-staffed, he's always willing to come in and cover other shifts. He takes excellent care of everyone.



**Daniel Eastwood — Dedham**

Daniel is someone who's respected and derives satisfaction and meaning from his work. He makes extra efforts to make sure the participants spend time with their families and do other activities that they enjoy the most.



**Lucky Omorodion — Hyde Park**

Lucky is loved by all the staff and participants. He never complains and is great to work with. Lucky is happy to work with anyone. He makes the home a great place to live and work.



**Armetra Simmons — Dedham**

Armetra is very passionate about her work. When the home first experienced a COVID outbreak she was the only one not afraid to come in and work. Her willingness to take care of the participants despite the risks was so special.

### \$2,000 Awards



**Kimberly Allen — Dedham**

Kimberly is very attentive to the participants' needs. She encourages them to pursue their favorite activities. The family members love her. They are reassured hearing their loved ones speak fondly about Kimberly.



**Chertel Douglas — Belmont**

Chertel always goes above and beyond to enrich the lives of the participants, all of whom are older and intellectually disabled. She saw that one of the participants loved playing bingo and taught him how to play other games with numbers.



**Chigozie Daniel Iwuchukwu — Newton**

Daniel cares deeply about the well-being of the participants. He stayed at the hospital with a gentleman during the final 20 hours of his life to make sure he was surrounded by people he knew and loved.



**Mary Jacques — Roslindale**

Mary has a great sense of humor, works hard, and is a joy to work with. She is always willing to step up to provide leadership and work extra shifts when needed. She helps the team members get along when there's a difference in opinion. She is also friendly with the neighbors, helping to create good relationships.



**Osayomwanbor Kennedy Omoruyi — Canton**

Kennedy has wonderful relationships with the participants. He's the one they trust. During COVID, Kennedy went above and beyond to help coordinate telehealth sessions with occupational therapists and physical therapists through the VNA.

During the second annual Maxo Joseph Excellence in Direct Care Awards, MAB Community Services awarded \$50,000 to our direct care staff in recognition of their excellence and dedication. The award recognizes staff who work hard to support their co-workers and do their best to partner with family members, medical providers, and state agency coordinators. They go above and beyond to help participants live the life they want and strive for the highest quality in everything they do.



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