

## Beloved clothing retailer passes



Greenfield's family decided to open the shop recently for residents who wanted to offer their condolences.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN GAMBON

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood icon Aron Greenfield, the owner of Brenner's Children's Shop for nearly half a century, and a Holocaust survivor, died on Sept. 26, leaving an indelible imprint on the lives of generations of Norwood's children.

The native of Poland turned his journey of survival in nine concentration camps into a teaching tool, sharing his story with students and scout troops in the hope that this type of hatred would never surface again.

Aron and Martha, his wife, were visiting with their daughter, Nadine Greenfield-Binstock, and her family last week in Maryland to celebrate Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, when he died. On Saturday, dozens of people gathered to pay their respects to the family at the store.

"I think he planned it,"



Greenfield and his wife Martha ran the Brenner's Children's Shop for almost 50 years.

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Martha said. "As horrible as it was, it was so perfect. It was peaceful, and he didn't suffer for a minute."

Aron and Martha had announced the impending closing of the store in July after being in business for 49 years. They had planned to retire with their family in Maryland once the

store closed. A few weeks later, Aron suffered a stroke.

In a July interview, Aron described the unfathomable discrimination he faced, first as one of a handful of boys in a Catholic school class of about 65 students. He said he would

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The Norwood School Committee discussed several items, including the need for additional bus drivers.

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## New turf and resources for parents and students

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

The School Committee focused on School Department and committee improvements at its 90-minute meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 28, including the installation of the new turf at the high school's athletic field.

Superintendent David Thomson announced the completion of the field's renovation, which had been delayed by one month because of supply chain issues. Recent rain also stalled the painting of the track lanes. The project was necessary because the field endured 12 years of wear and tear.

"We're really excited about this," he said. "This is, as you know, not only brand new turf but with that comes upgraded cushioning and all of that sort

of stuff."

The track, which Thomson described as "well worn," is now "fully functioning." Four poles have been installed for improved field lighting, which will allow for increased nighttime activities. Previously, residents expressed concerns about the lights impacting abutters, but Thomson explained that the new lights "are very focused on the field and do not bleed into the community."

"The intention is to have multiple different teams be able to play at night," he continued, noting that there will be more time and space for practices. "We will have to take turns."

Thomson thanked Town Meeting and the community for supporting the project. He expressed hope that families will

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## NHA working to better public housing

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Sean Barnicle has been working as the Norwood Housing Authority (NHA) Director for almost a year now, and he said the updates to the NHA's properties are going exactly as planned.

Barnicle said they've been able to accomplish a lot in his first year at the NHA. He said Maintenance Supervisor Brian Mohan was able to secure new boilers for the organization's McDonough Housing at Nahatan Village and the Willow Wood Terrace

housing on Adams Street.

"Rough guess, I'd say we got at least \$800,000 worth of boilers for free through the grants he was able to secure," he said. "That was huge. We were actually able to work on all those and finish them up this summer. We'll be testing them out for the first time this winter season."

Barnicle said they're higher efficiency machines and much smaller, which makes future maintenance a lot less of a headache because they're easier to access.

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The Norwood Housing Authority administration has said they have been hard at work improving the public housing in Town.

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The Norwood Senior Center is recommending residents prepare for the winter this year with heating assistance, which can be obtained if you own your home or rent it.

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## Senior Center warming up heating assistance, plus scam education

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Senior Center is helping to head up a new Senior Anti-Scam Task Force. Norwood Senior Center Director Kerri McCarthy said they had their first meeting in September and are looking to head out into the community for outreach campaigns soon.

McCarthy said she and

her staff went to Town officials to ask to create this task force because they have been seeing a real uptick in scams being perpetrated on seniors and others in Norwood.

“We went to the Board of Selectmen and asked if we could create this Board, and not just exclusively for seniors but for everybody in the Town really,” she said.

Selectman Amanda Grow, Norwood Police Department

(NPD) Sgt. and Elders Affairs Officer William Fundora, a representative from the Health Department and McCarthy and other staff from the Senior Center make up the task force.

“We’re trying to bring in people from local banks, the post office, anyone who is really seeing these scams firsthand, and we’re trying

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN** **DOCKET No. NO06P2856GI**

**RESPONDENT**  
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

**In the Interests of: Randy Postlethwait of Stoughton, MA** **Norfolk Probate and Family Court**  
35 Shawmut Road  
Canton, MA 02021

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Jessica Stephens-Burt of Stoughton, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent

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**Witness, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court**  
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Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

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Organizer Gerry Miller, right, said they're ready to bring the tradition back this Oct. 10.

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## Put on your thinking caps for the Scavenger Hunt this Monday

Mary Ellen Gambon  
Staff Reporter

Town history buffs, sports aficionados and adults who enjoy solving conundrums will be participating in the recently revived Norwood tradition of a scavenger hunt on Monday, Oct. 10, and organizers are urging more people to form teams and join in the fun.

The scavenger hunt, which is being run by the Norwood 150th Committee in conjunction with the Norwood High School Alumni Association, will begin at 4 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton Norwood hotel at 1125 Boston-Provi-

dence Tpk., explained organizer Gerry Miller, who has a long history of coordinating past scavenger hunts.

“There was a big meeting involving the Norwood 150th Committee as we were thinking about planning events to celebrate the Town’s anniversary,” Miller explained. “There were some people there who had participated in past scavenger hunts, and they really wanted to see it come back. We wanted to make it a viable, interesting and fun night.”

“These have been very successful in the past,” added committee member Ernie Paciorkowski at the last Board

of Selectmen’s meeting on Sept. 27. “People have a blast with them. Get a team together – it’s a lot of fun.”

The last scavenger hunt was held in 2014 at Norwood High School, according to Miller. They started off being hosted by the Norwood Recreation Department for about 15 years and then transitioned to Norwood High School, which held them for another decade.

“It’s designed so you cannot finish it,” he said with a laugh. “We’ve been working on this event for months now. There are clues that are worth 100,

**Scavenger Hunt**  
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## Housing *continued from page 1*

"We're trying to do as many projects as we can in all our developments," he said. "For example, for our family housing at Washington Heights, we're going out to bid on a siding project. They're going to be removing all of the wood siding and put on vinyl siding and revitalize the neighborhood down there. We just did our kickoff meeting for our McDonough Housing for a new walk, which is always exciting. That's something we'll be working on this month and we just finished a balcony and patio project at our Kevin Maguire development, which is our federal public housing."

Barnicle said they removed and replaced all the second-floor balconies on the site and removed and re-poured all the concrete patios on the second floor.

"That's a nice visual project down there that adds a lot of bang to the property," he said. "We also did a window replacement project at our William Shyne/Frank Walsh complex. In our five outer buildings we went in and replaced all the windows, upgrading them to be more energy efficient and easier to open. They used to be tough because the windows were so old, and that will help our residents to access the fresh air coming into this fall."

He added he and the NHA are aware that heating prices may be going up this winter, as the war in Ukraine is putting a crimp in supply. Seniors are especially sensitive to extreme temperatures, hot or cold. He said he is glad the organization has completed all these efficiency improvements beforehand, and will be on the lookout for any other ways they can make residents more comfortable this winter.

"We're doing everything we can to keep costs down and have as high-efficiency systems as we can," he said.

Barnicle said coming back to Norwood was somewhat of a homecoming. He said he grew up here and got one of his first jobs working for the NHA.

"That's where I started my career," he said. "I actually started in 2005 with Norwood Housing working as summer-time help cutting lawns with the Maintenance Department, and on all my breaks from college I would come back, shovel snow and turnover apartments. When I graduated in 2009, I came back and started doing some work for the office. I was still in the maintenance department doing clerical stuff down there, but I eventually worked my way into the administrative office and took on more responsibilities."

Barnicle said in 2016 he left to become the director of the Methuen Housing Authority and then to Wellesley in 2018 before coming back to Norwood in 2021. He said that it was mere happenstance that he originally got to work at the NHA, and that he had originally signed up to work for the Town office. While he didn't make the list for the Town, he said Town Hall forwarded his application to the NHA – which Norwood still does – and he started working there.

"My family has always been service-oriented," he said. "My mother was a teacher and it's kind of one of those things about always trying to give back. Not even that you think about that it was just what you've seen and you kind of just replicate the experience of that growing up."

Barnicle said it was a formative experience for him, first helping to get apartments ready for seniors moving in and then working at the office to more generally help residents get the housing they need.

"Working in the office you look at it like, 'How many people can you help?'" he said. "It's a good feeling knowing you get to talk to everyone, hear everyone's stories and hopefully make an impact. If someone doesn't have housing, you're giving them an offer they might not get elsewhere. That kept me in the business."

Barnicle added that if you want to get involved, either to help out with seasonal work or volunteer, you should reach out. For more information on the NHA, go to <https://www.norwoodha.org/>.

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## Letters to the Editor

### IF SO GREAT, WHY THE THREATS?

To the Editor:

In his letter, M. A. Fleming feels DHCD Developments are wonderful for the town. If they are so great, why are towns such as Norwood being forced to build them under threats of severe financial penalties? If you really think these developments will take decades to be built, I have some land I would like to sell to you. Also my understanding is the more stations you have, the more apartments you have to have. I feel Norwood will be financially devastated by these developments because our schools are already packed and all of our other

public services, police, fire, etc. are already pressured to the max. What do you think will happen when you add thousands of new residents to a town such as Norwood? Also, unless M.A. Fleming is a lawyer I doubt if he knows if closing any stations is legal or not. Go to the stations during the week. Their use is way down. We would still have a station in Norwood even if we closed two of them. I would hope the Norwood Record would contact Senator Rush and Representative Rogers to get their feeling on this issue.

Henry Graham  
Norwood

## Senior Assistance *continued from page 2*

to figure out ways to educate folks," she said. "Unfortunately, it does happen too much, the focus being on the older population. In fact, it did happen to one of our seniors. So we're working on ways to get the word out, educate, ask questions and let people know easy ways to prevent getting taken in. For example, just not answering the phone if you don't recognize the number can prevent many of these from happening; just don't engage."

McCarthy said the police have told them that they are seeing an uptick in senior calls purporting to have kidnapped family members or of those impersonating lawyers asking to bail out family members.

"We're really trying to get messaging out right now because once scams like that happen it's very hard to get your money back."

McCarthy said the group meets monthly and is hoping to start an education campaign everywhere. The Board meets monthly on the third Wednesday of every

month at Norwood Town Hall at 9 a.m.

In other news, McCarthy said they are starting outreach to let people know that fuel assistance programs are starting up in again. She said this year will be particularly expensive and that anyone who thinks they might qualify should reach out.

"So if you are new to fuel assistance, the applications don't happen until the end of October but it is something everybody should look at and see if they qualify for," she said. "What a lot of people don't realize is that even if you don't pay for your heat, perhaps heat is included as part of your rent payment, you may still qualify to receive reimbursement. You can get a real check. So folks should really call us and find out if you qualify."

McCarthy said there is a bit of document gathering – you need your heating bill, electric bill, homeowner/tenant costs, income documents and more – but she

said if you do qualify get a renewal option each year.

"You're in the system and it's definitely something people should call us and see if they qualify, whether they own their home or rent," she said. "The only people who wouldn't qualify are those in subsidized housing."

McCarthy added that you can get assistance for any heating source, fuel, electric or other.

McCarthy discussed the Senior Center Tappers, who have performed at Norwood Day this year as well as the Norwood 150th Arts and Culture Festival.

"A couple of years ago they started as just a small group and now I think there's almost 20 of them, dancing like little girls going to tap class," she said. "They performed last year too. They performed My Guy for Norwood Day, music they heard years ago on the radio I guess."

For more information on the Norwood Senior Center, go to <https://bit.ly/3qRfxoU>.



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# The ribbon is cut at Pezwick Park

**Ted Zayka**  
Staff Reporter

On a cool and crisp late September evening, Norwood town residents, town officials and Traphole Brook project staff gathered for the official ribbon cutting event for the “new” Pezwick Park on Sumner street in Norwood. The evening marked the culmination of years of planning and work to bring the proposed project to life. On Thursday, September 29th, all those in attendance were able to see the finished project. There were several brief speeches by project and town officials, followed by a tour and explanation of the work that was done.



Members of the Norwood Conservation Commission and the Neponset River Watershed Association officially opened Pezwick Park last week.

PHOTO BY TED ZAYKA

According to the Neponset River Watershed Association website, the goals of the project were to “Bolster Norwood’s climate resilience, provide a recreation spot for the community, and improve the water quality for eastern Massachusetts’ best brook trout stream.” Their major goal was to remove the dam that collected debris and sediment over the years, and restore the Traphole Brook to create a better and more consistent flow.

The project took several years to complete, the majority of which consisted of gathering the proper permits, conducting the correct research, and sourcing all the right supplies and

companies involved in bringing the project to life. According to Holly Jones, the conservation planner for the town of Norwood, the actual construction time only took six months.

One major hurdle for the Town was getting the right permission to move forward with the project. Half of the property is owned by the town of Norwood, but the other half abuts private property.

There are five families who own property directly abutting Traphole Brook, and each family had to agree to the project in order for it to move forward and gain access to the land. Luckily, each family embraced the project and it was able to

move forward.

Present at the ribbon cutting were several key members of the project, including Holly Jones as well as Ian Cooke, the executive director of the Neponset River Watershed Association. In addition, Norwood town manager Tony Mazzucco was also present. All of them said a few words to the gathered crowd. Mr. Mazzucco spoke on why Norwood residents should take an interest in the project, stating that we are obliged to “improve the ecological condition of the Town and its natural resources.”

Ian Cooke also explained

**Pezwick Park**

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that the brook is considered to be one of the greatest trout brooks in Massachusetts, and “removing the dam improves the flow of trout.” The dam removal would bring more stability to the ecological environment of the brook.

At the conclusion of the speeches, those present were treated to a tour of the newly finished project. The tour was run by Sean McCanty, the river restoration director. Mr. McCanty was very knowledgeable in the details of the project, and informed those present not only how the project was completed, but why it was important for the Town that it was done.

Mr. McCanty explained that the Mill Pond used to be a 1-acre pond, dating back to the late-18th century. At that time, there was a grist mill in that location. With the mill

long gone, there was no longer a need for the pond, or a dam. One of the main purposes of the project, McCanty explained, was to prevent flooding. With the completion of the project, McCanty stated that, “imminent risk of flooding is no longer there” due to the dam being removed. One major beneficiary of the new Traphole Brook project is the Norwood Garden apartments, McCanty explained. Being downstream, the apartments were under threat of flooding due to the dam, and with its removal, that threat was also removed.

In addition to the downstream flooding issues, the project also eliminated the threat to the culvert at the Sumner street intersection. McCanty explained that it will eliminate flooding and water backing up upstream. Furthermore, he explained that the in-

tense engineering that went into the project and design allowed the Traphole Brook project to “weather a 500-year storm.” He felt that the engineering was so well planned that it would be able to withstand even the heaviest of storms without flooding and creating issues.

In addition to the flood prevention, trees and vegetation were also added to provide shade and wood for the brook wildlife. McCanty explained that trout like a woody environment, so no detail was left out in the planning and execution of this project.

Pezwick park sits on over 400 feet of the newly designed Traphole Brook, and beyond its ecological benefits, it provides a beautiful and relaxing space for town residents to enjoy.

**Aron Greenfield** *continued from page 1*

sit near the door so he could run home, but he and his Jewish friends were routinely chased and beaten up after school.

“I ran for my life,” he said, noting he dropped out of school after fifth grade. “They knew I wasn’t Catholic.”

Aron was 16 in 1939 when German soldiers invaded his town. His mother told him to dress in larger clothes to look older and to lie about his age to avoid being killed at Auschwitz, the largest concentration camp.

“You were told to step to the left or to the right,” he explained. “I was told to step to the right so I wouldn’t be exterminated. I wouldn’t be put in the ovens, as they say.”

Seven of his eight siblings were killed during the Holocaust, including six brothers killed the day before liberation. Two things kept him alive during his confinement in nine concentration camps – his physical strength and his will to survive.

“I was lucky because I was strong and I could do the work no one wanted to do,” he explained.

Some of Aron’s tasks included lugging bricks up a ladder to build a gymnasium, while another was to haul fertilizer. He said his skin would turn black from loading gunpowder into bullets.

Upon coming to America, Aron first lived in Mattapan, which was primarily a Jewish neighborhood at that time. He graduated from night school while selling watches as a peddler.

He met Martha at a Dorchester Polish club, an experience that forever changed their lives. But Martha said on Saturday that the relationship never would have happened if

she hadn’t taken the initiative.

“When I was leaving the club with the friends I had come with, I saw another girl sitting in Aron’s lap,” she said with a smile. “I went up to him and reminded him that he promised to call me. When he didn’t call in two days, I called him. And the rest is history.”

“She rules the roost,” Aron said of his wife in July.

Aron and Martha moved to Norwood and eventually bought the store and its contents for \$200 in 1973. Since that time, the couple has become part of the fabric of the community as they provided clothes and words of wisdom.

“He was a simple man,” Martha said. “He didn’t like all the fuss. He really had a great life.”

One person on whom Aron had a major impact is Christine Falcone, an eighth-grade history teacher at St. Catherine of Siena School. She said in an interview on Sept. 30 that he spoke to her class in the spring of 2019 and 2022, and he also inspired her to study the Holocaust more deeply.

“He was such a sweet man and a great person,” said the Readville resident. “It’s a huge loss for the St. Catherine’s community. It was amazing how he could engage a group of eighth graders, and they all wrote papers with reflections on his story. We want his memory to live on.”

Six students went with Falcone to Brenner’s before the end of the school year to give him a card, two framed photo collages from his visit, and gifts.

“Aron encouraged them all to be kind to one another and to always read the newspapers and multiple sources of information,” Falcone added. “And he

told the boys to always ask the girls to dance.”

At the store Saturday, several people recounted their stories and expressed their condolences, including Norwood Police Chief William Brooks.

“I was sad to hear of Aron’s passing,” he said. “He was an important member of our community, a real mensch.”

In Yiddish, a mensch is a term used to describe a person of honor and integrity.

“Aron told me of his adolescence, spent at nine concentration camps; the Nazis killed every member of his family except one sibling,” Brooks continued. “But you would never know that from his sunny disposition.”

“I met Martha about 25 years ago because my sons were involved with the Boy Scouts,” said Westwood resident Jayne Andonian. “Aron was always such a nice guy, and she is a hoot. They were both instrumental in my sons becoming Eagle Scouts.”

Aron went to several schools and troops in Norwood, Westwood and Walpole, sharing his experiences in the concentration camps.

“It wasn’t a lecture,” Andonian explained. “It was in a way that the kids could understand.”

Christina Stock of Norfolk said she first met the couple when she was a Brownie in Girl Scouts. Decades later, she remained tied to the store and the couple, buying scout uniforms for her sons. She described him as “the most mild-mannered man.”

“The store is like a time capsule,” she said. “It’s part of my childhood. Martha and Aron were there for me in the beginning, and then again for my sons.”

# Scavenger Hunt *continued from page 3*

200 and 300 points as the questions get harder, so some teams decide to spend more time going after the larger-point ones to rack up their scores.”

Miller offered one tip: “Teams that spend the most time developing strategies get better results.” This can include designating a team navigator to direct the drivers who may not be familiar with Norwood.

This year’s contest features trivia on Norwood sports. Participants are encouraged to dress up in athletic garb “to put some color to the event.”

Eight teams have signed up so far, Miller said, and he is encouraging more to join. The event includes an hour-long team strategy session, a two-hour limo ride to collect clues, and a buffet dinner back at the hotel’s Zachariah Room while the results are being tabulated. The cost per team member is \$100.

“It was designed for teams of eight to cover the cost of the limousine,” Miller explained. “But if someone has a team of six people, they can join as long as they have \$800.”

All proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund for Norwood High School graduating seniors, he added.

“If there’s a cause and the Town needs to come together to help out, there’s not a better town than Norwood,” he said.

The reason for the cost is because of the high price of limousines. Since the pandemic, this industry has been decimated, and the remaining companies are charging more for luxury transportation.

Drivers also are expected to join in the fun, Miller said, and some may be more enthusiastic about that than others.

“We are asking drivers to take pictures of the teams when they solve a clue,” he said. “Every team member has to be in the picture with the team number, or else it won’t count. So we asked drivers to be willing to snap a picture, and what they do will be reflected in their tips.”

This year, it is being held on Columbus Day (Oct. 10), which Miller called “both a blessing and a curse.”

“It’s great because we figured limo prices will be lower on a Monday than at the end of the week,” he said. “But because of the long weekend, we lost five or six teams that wouldn’t be able to make it.”

Miller thanked local sponsors that have helped to keep the cost down. He also gave a shout out to the Big Y grocery store, which recently celebrated the opening of its new building, for donating the bags that will be used to collect the clues.

The event has attracted a variety of participants in past

years, he said, ranging from young parents wanting to spend a night out to long-time residents who have fond memories from previous hunts. In the most recent years, it tended to be more of a “girls’ night out,” with about 90 percent of attendees being women. The age range varies, with the average between 25 and 50.

After the hunt, scores will be tabulated while teams enjoy their dinners. There will be specific counters for each level of clue, and the results will be put on a projection screen while people eat.

Some of the items to be found in the past “might be a bit risqué,” Miller joked.

“One year, we had people wear the bras and jock straps they collected,” he said. “Another time, we asked for teams to get a dirty magazine. One woman brought in a copy of Time magazine with mud on it.”

People from other towns have borrowed this idea, Miller noted. Most recently, one of the sports coaches in Medfield asked for help in replicating the event.

“All in all, people love it,” Miler said. “It’s a great time with a lot of laughs. I hope it continues.”

To register, go to [norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org](http://norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org).



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**BARRON**

Dolores Ann (Anzalone) of Norwood, passed away on September 26, 2022, at the age of 82. Beloved wife of George Barron. Daughter of the late Joseph and Ann Anzalone. Sister of Joseph Anzalone of Belmont, Fred Anzalone of Wareham, and Richard Anzalone of Norwood. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Dolores was a long-time Employee at the Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Fuenral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, MA 02062. Burial at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MA. [www.Kraw-Kornackfuneralhome.com](http://www.Kraw-Kornackfuneralhome.com) Norwood, MA 781-762-0482.

**CARPENTER**

Charles "Charley" Francis, age 36, passed away on September 24, 2022. He was a graduate of Norwood High School, class of 2004, and studied Criminal Justice at Johnson and Wales University. He went on to advance himself in the wastewater operating and metal finishing industries. He was excited to transition to his new job as Chief Operator at Absolute Metal Finishing. Charley's passion was in helping and inspiring others who had faced similar challenges in life. Charley will be remembered as a caring, loving, and loyal family member and friend, whose kindness and generosity had a lasting impact on everyone who truly knew him. Charley had a way of lighting up a room and touching hearts; he was always a veritable "sparkle boy!" He had a brilliant mind and varied interests. He had a love of American history and a deep connection to nature, and tended to his garden with his customary love for living things. He delighted in sharing his eggplant with Papa, "his favorite person in the world." He always felt at home in the mountains and at the beachside. His enthusiasm for chemistry turned him into a genuine al-

chemist who refined metals for fun. He is survived by his grandfather, Francis "Sonny" Prisco, his loving and supportive mother Pamela Prisco Carpenter, his father Charles (Debra), his brothers, Craig (Lauren) and Cameron (Molly), the woman of his dreams, fiancée Miranda Bolser; nephew, Christopher; niece, Lucy; his "cuzzy" Tyler Marie; his daughter, Cecilia, and his "mejor amigo" feline, Tiger. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Helene Prisco, Helen, and Albert Carpenter. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Interment in Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Charley's name to <https://www.skysthelimitfund.org/donate> and be sure to select "Summit Achievement" for "fund" when donating. Online guestbook at [gfdoherty.com](http://gfdoherty.com) George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.

Edward Kevin, age 80, of Norwood, passed away September 25, 2022. Born February 2, 1942 in Boston to Edward and Blandine (Dextrase) McSweeney. Kevin is survived by his beloved wife, Clare (Matthews); his loving children, Karen Mack (Bill) of Marshfield, Michelle McSweeney Knutson (Paul) of Chevy Chase, MD and Katie Parlon (Luke) of Walpole; and 7 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lorraine Rush. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A), NORWOOD. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Kevin's memory to St. Catherine of Siena Parish or Inspiring Hope at Sacred Heart Parish, 169 Cummins Hwy., Roslindale, MA 02131. For guestbook, see [www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gilloolyfuneralhome.com)

**McSWEENEY**

Marie T. Mirci (Shaw), 96 years old of Norwood, MA died peacefully in her sleep at her home on September 24, 2022. She was born to Gertrude (Cloonan) and Francis Shaw in Boston and grew up surrounded by a loving extended family in Dorchester. In 1955, Marie married Joseph Mirci, and in 1960, they moved to their new home in Norwood where they brought up their family and where they happily would spend the remainder of their lives. Marie spent over 20 years with the New Haven Railroad, worked for a local contracting firm in Norwood, sold real estate for several years, and finished out her career with over a decade at Bank of Boston. She was the eldest of five children, and is survived by her beloved siblings, brother Francis Shaw and his wife Annette, brother Robert Shaw, and her two sisters, Gertrude Tinney and Joan Monahan, as well as many wonderful nieces and nephews. Marie was a devoted wife to husband, Joseph, who predeceased her in 1999 and whom she lovingly remembered and missed every day since. A loving mother and mother-in-law to daughters Jean Mekkaoui and her husband, Amine Mekkaoui, Karen Mirci and her husband, Roland Silverio, and Joanne Palilunas

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and Michael Palilunas (deceased) and Karen's ex-husband Barry Jennings. She was also an exuberantly proud, involved and supportive grandmother to her six grandchildren who brought her so much joy: Nicholas and Robert Palilunas, Sumaya and Marielle Mekkaoui and Olivia and Christopher Jennings. All of whom she was crazy about and felt blessed to have visit her and "Papa Joe" almost every Sunday during their childhoods. Most recently, she was thrilled to meet the latest addition to her family, great-grandson Landon Palilunas, son of Nicholas Palilunas and Shirley He. Marie was kind, loving, thoughtful, caring and unfailingly polite - a gentlewoman and a lady. She will be sorely missed, never forgotten, and will live on in a million little ways in the people who will miss her the most. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: World Central Kitchen <https://wck.org> or Smile Train <https://www.smiletrain.org>

**PLUMER**

Stuart R. of Norwood, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 90 years of age. Son of the late Helen (Rand) and James Plumer. Loving husband of Barsha (Cohen) Plumer of 65 years. Beloved father of James of Williston, VT and Susan of Highland Park, IL. Cherished grandfather of Harrison and Amelie. Great-grandfather of Wilson. Stuart was born in New York City, NY and at the early age of 13, traveled to Panama, where he lived with his Mother until attending Boston University for his undergraduate degree. Following his degree, Stuart served in the army before graduating from BU law school. He had a very successful career as a corporate attorney before opening his own practice, during which time he turned his passion to his local library and other philanthropic organizations. He spent 33 years on the Board of Trustees of the Morrill Memorial Library. He was more than an avid reader and loved to travel with his wife. He was most happy spending time with his family. Relatives and friends attended a Graveside Service on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 11:45 AM at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, MA. Shiva followed the burial at Stuart's late residence. In lieu of flowers, donations in Stuart's name may be

made to Morrill Memorial Library, 33 Walpole Street, Norwood, MA 02062. [www.StanetskyCanton.com](http://www.StanetskyCanton.com) 781-821-4600.

**WALSH**

Barbara Elizabeth (Healy) Ruggiero of Norwood and Dedham, passed away peacefully on September 27th at home surrounded by family. She was the loving wife of the late Matthew J. Ruggiero for 15 years. She was the devoted mother of Matthew W. Ruggiero of Oakland, CA, Claire Ruggiero Speros and her husband Charles of Atlanta, GA, Paul Ruggiero and his wife Nancy of Braintree, and David Ruggiero and his partner Nancy of Norwood. She was later the beloved wife of the late Henry F. Walsh also for 15 years and leaves behind three stepdaughters: Kathy, Patty and Eileen. Barbara enjoyed the love and companionship of 12 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends. Barbara was born and raised in Brighton and was a proud graduate of Mount St. Joseph Academy. She had two sisters who she remained close to throughout her life, the late Ruth Ann Hurley and the late Joan Logan. She worked at the Dedham Town Employees Credit Union for 25 years with her sister Ruth Ann. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High Street, DEDHAM. Interment at Highland Cemetery, 320 Winter Street, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Barbara's memory to Rosie's Place, 889 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118 ([www.rosiesplace.org](http://www.rosiesplace.org)). George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.

**WARD**

Diann (Jervis) Sulkala Ward, of Norwood, passed away on Friday September 30, 2022 at age 78. Born in Cambridge, she was the daughter of the late Mary (Harrington) and Edward Jervis. Diann was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Cambridge, and earned her Nursing Degree from the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing. Diann was the beloved wife of Paul F. Ward of Norwood and the devoted mother of Kristen Cannon and her husband Christopher of Norwood, Chad Sulkala of Grayslake IL, Douglas Sulkala

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**Ask The Doctor**

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

**Mazda 3**

This week was spent in a Mazda 3 2.5 liter turbo AWD 6 speed automatic with sport mode and paddle shifters. This Mazda had the premium plus package which includes leather interior front, rear parking sensors, and other driver assist features. Push button to start, heated seats and steering wheel, 8.8 inch touch screen, LED lights throughout, rear view camera, and a lot more. Fold down the rear seats and there's a lot of room for whatever you want to put in. Power is ample, engine is quiet even when pushed to the red line. Optional snowflake white paint pearl paint is bright and looks amazing! I am glad to see Mazda is building quality cars that have a lot of standard equipment and affordable options.

Junior Damato, the "Auto Doctor," has agreed to field auto repair questions from Bulletin and Record readers. Please send your questions to [news@bulletinnewspapers.com](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get them answered.



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of Kingston, Scott Ward and his wife Misty of Medway, and Matthew Sulkala and his wife Lea of McLean VA. She was the sister of Deborah Jervis of Somerville, and the proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Timothy's Church, Norwood on Wednesday October 5, 2022. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street, Norwood.

## WILSON

Audrey Margaret (Miner) of Norwood, formerly of Fort Myers, FL and Paramus, NJ, died peacefully on September 22, 2022, at the age of 90. Born January 29, 1932 in New York City, Audrey was born to the late Oscar Miner and Margaret (Whiteford), and raised in Garden City, NY, along with her two siblings, the late Richard Miner and the late Edna Sammis. After graduating from Garden City High School, Audrey attended the Katharine Gibbs School in New York City, where she studied to become a secretary, a role that she held at many companies in her pro-

fessional life. She married her lifelong love, Joseph Wilson in 1953, and settled in Paramus, NJ, where they raised their two children, Susan and Gary. Joe and Audrey later moved to Fort Myers in 1982, where they spent many happy years playing golf at Myerlee Country Club, volunteering at HealthPark Hospital, and attending church at Cypress Lake Presbyterian. After Joe died in 2005, Audrey spent 10 more years in Fort Myers, staying active playing bridge, knitting, and serving weekly as a volunteer secretary for her church. In 2015, Audrey moved to Massachusetts, first in Franklin and later to Norwood in 2021, where she made many friends at both of her new homes. Audrey is survived by her two children, her daughter Susan Holbrook and her husband Richard of Medfield, and her son Gary Wilson and his wife Karen of Fuquay Varina, NC. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren Kevin (Kerri), Scott (Chelsi), Katherine (Derek), and Kimberley (Sean), and five great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Callum, Connor, Emerson, and

Aidan. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and cousins, as well as the greater Holbrook family, whom she loved and who always welcomed and loved her as one of their own. Audrey was a wonderful person as a daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to all. Her wonderful sense of humor and selflessness, love of all things Western, and her devotion to her family are just a small part of what made Audrey truly special. The family would like to thank the people of Benchmark on Clapboardtree, Caring Hospice, and the medical staff at the Brigham for the great care they gave to Audrey over these last few years. A celebration of Audrey's life will take place at the United Church of Christ in Medfield, on Monday, October, 17 at 11 AM, with a private family burial to take place after. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Knitting for Others Ministry at UCC Medfield, for whom Audrey knit hundreds of items for those in need over many years.

# For The Record

## PARKWAY CONCERT ORCHESTRA PRESENTS 'HALLOWEEN AT THE SYMPHONY!'

Parkway Concert Orchestra begins its 2022-2023 season with 'Halloween at the Symphony!' on Sunday, October 30 at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street, Norwood. Music Director Thomas Kociela conducts the 50 piece non-profit orchestra in an exciting program including The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Danse Macabre, Highlights from Wicked, Highlights from Harry Potter and other spooky pieces. Costumes are encouraged; there will be a costume parade for children!

The program is supported in part by a grant from the Norwood Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Donation is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students; and free for children under 12 years old. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. For ticket reservations please call 781-444-5041 or email [parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:parkwayconcertorchestra@gmail.com), and for more information, visit the orchestra's web site at [www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org](http://www.ParkwayConcertOrchestra.org).

## NORWOOD TOASTMASTERS CLUB TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

Want to improve on your Communication and Leadership 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 25, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30p.m., in the Simoni Room at the Morrill Memorial Library, 33 Walpole St., Norwood MA. Light refreshments will be served. This is a great opportu-

nity to meet future leaders and find your voice!

Friends October Monthly Ballroom Dance

The Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging will be sponsoring their October monthly dance, on Friday, October 21, at 7 p.m. at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St., Norwood. Music will be provided by Dave Valerio and the cost is \$10.00 per person for your Ballroom Dancing pleasure.

Coffee, tea & desserts are served & there are also door prizes. We look forward to welcoming newcomers. There is a Facebook page so you can check the status of events offered by the Friends: Friends Of The Norwood Council On Aging | Facebook

## 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 8, and then on 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://bit.ly/3V1LsAF>.

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

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### TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of the Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via GoToMeeting:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/464775693>  
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The Board proposes to adopt Rules and Regulations in accordance with Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 10.2.3. The Rules and Regulations describe conduct of the Board's business and provisions for compliance with those responsibilities set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 40A. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

A draft form of the Board Rules and Regulations are on file in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing [sbouchard@norwoodma.gov](mailto:sbouchard@norwoodma.gov) Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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#### Public Hearing Notice Norwood Planning Board

In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5, notice is hereby given that the Town of Norwood Planning Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on October 24, 2022 at 7:05 PM at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street or via remote participation on GoToMeeting. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept public comments on the draft Zoning Bylaw amendments to Section 3 Table of Use Regulations, subsection F. Service Establishments and Section 11 Definitions. The proposed amendments will prohibit commercial kennels in the residential Zoning Districts and provide new defined terms related to kennels. The draft Zoning Bylaw amendments are on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours. The draft Zoning Bylaw amendments can also be found on the Planning Board's webpage located at: <http://www.norwoodma.gov/>

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of Norwood Public Schools, represented by Andrew Street, P.E. of Vertex Companies LLC (**Case #22-23**) with respect to property located at **1315 Washington Street (Map/Block/Lot 8-1B-2, 8-1C-16, 8-1D-24), Norwood, MA 02062, in the General Residence(G) Zoning District**. The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via GoToMeeting:

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This Application requests a finding under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 40A Section 6 and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4 [Nonconforming Structures] to allow the reconstruction of the Coakley Middle School, which is preexisting nonconforming on building height, to further exceed the maximum allowable building height of 30'. The proposed new school building would measure 57' at its highest point.

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 Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing [sbouchard@norwoodma.gov](mailto:sbouchard@norwoodma.gov) Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 81-U and Section 4 of the Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:25 P.M. concerning a modification to the Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Upland Woods" dated September 4, 2004 and modified on January 28, 2009. The proposed modification was filed with the Town Clerk on September 16, 2022. The public hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via GoToMeeting:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/718185669>  
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The applicant is Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., represented by Phillip Macchi, Esq. of Macchi & Macchi, LLC. The location of the proposed subdivision modification is between Planting field Brook Road, Investors Way, Moderna Way and Tech Drive in Norwood. The properties are shown on the Assessor's Maps as Map/Block/Lot 14-2-7, 14-2-7a, 14-2-7b and 14-2-7c. The applicant proposes to reconfigure and consolidate 4 lots into 2 lots and change the status of a portion of roadway to a private driveway. The subdivision modification plan and supporting information are on file with the Planning Board and may be reviewed during normal business hours by emailing [cped@norwoodma.gov](mailto:cped@norwoodma.gov). Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board.

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# School Committee *continued from page 1*

be able to attend games at night due to the renovation.

He also told the committee that all teacher positions have been filled, a problem that school systems statewide have been experiencing. However, there is still a need for a school psychologist, a literacy specialist, and paraprofessionals.

Bus and van drivers are still in great demand, he said, as well as extended day program staff, as the demand for the program has increased since the summer. For more information, go to the website at [norwood.k12.ma.us](http://norwood.k12.ma.us).

To help improve communication with families, the district implemented the use of ParentSquare, an online platform that will centralize information about the schools into what Thomson called “a one-stop shop.” Parents and guardians can choose to receive updates as they come in or at a designated time of day via the app, email or text, and there is a translation feature. Alerts also come in during emergencies.

“I want to thank all the teachers who embraced this new thing,” he said. He noted

teachers already have used it to send classroom newsletters.

Additional information will be provided by members of the department’s information technology team at open houses and back-to-school nights, Thomson said.

Committee member Kate Sibbing-Dunn said she wanted to make sure parents were aware of the translation feature. She noted that, in her experience, she would receive emails in English with translation prompts, whereas she was expecting communications to flow in a person’s preferred language.

Thomson said that before ParentSquare, the district had “the good habit” of putting translation prompts for four additional languages in emails. Now, both strategies are being used simultaneously.

Chair Anne Marie Mazzola said she and Teresa Stewart, the former chair, on Sept. 26 attended a conference of the Norfolk County Sheriff’s Office Youth Substance Use and Mental Health Task Force. The task force, created in 2018, was created to help address these issues

with adolescents, their families and school systems.

Stewart said she learned there that a bill was recently signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker that would call on the state’s Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to create a mental health and wellness curriculum, although specifics were not given about it. This curriculum will be required for all secondary schools.

“The bill is very vague on exactly what DESE is supposed to do,” Stewart said. “I am assuming and hoping that DESE is going to be seeking feedback from districts and not just creating something.

“We should be on the lookout for that,” she added. “I think it’s a wonderful idea, and we obviously know even internally, we need that curriculum.”

Stewart also learned of a new app called Hey Sam. It was created by Samaritans, an organization that works toward suicide prevention, to be a peer-to-peer counseling platform for young adults experiencing a crisis or seeking support.

“Hey Sam is meant for ado-

lescents ages 14-24 as an evidence-based, peer-to-peer texting service from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. where adolescents can text and say, ‘Hey, I’m feeling stressed, overwhelmed, I’m having these thoughts.’” she explained. The peers who provide counseling have been trained and can direct them to support services.

More information can be found at [samaritanshope.org/our-services/hey-sam](http://samaritanshope.org/our-services/hey-sam).

Another communication tool that Mazzola learned about at this meeting was the use of the phone number 988 for people who are experiencing mental health crises. It was implemented in recent months and is designed to be easy to remember like 911 for emergencies.

“A lot of people won’t call for help if they think the police and ambulance [are] going to show up and knock on their door about five minutes later,” she explained. “They are not going to call [911] unless they feel that you have a means, you have motive, you have a timeline and a plan.”

The introduction of these online tools may help students and teachers who are experiencing mental health issues, a concern

that has grown since the start of the pandemic, both Stewart and Mazzola noted.

“All the towns were saying that the mental health needs of students and staff have increased across the board,” Stewart said. “We really aren’t alone, which is validating but also really frustrating because so many people are struggling right now.”

Also of note is that the School Committee unanimously approved the update of its policy handbook, which now includes information about COVID-19, an anti-discrimination clause, and language about diversity, equity and inclusion. It was audited by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC).

“When we started, our policy manual was like 700 pages,” Stewart said, noting she has been involved in updating the policy manual for more than five years. Previously, it had not been modified since 2003. It has been whittled down to about 500 pages. Each of the 12 policy sections previously was approved by the School Committee. From now on, it will be updated every two years.

“We made a much more user-friendly document this time around,” Stewart said.

## GENEALOGY SERIES: GETTING STARTED IN POLISH GENEALOGY

The Morrill Memorial Library continues our fall genealogy series with an in-person presentation, “Getting Started in Polish Genealogy” by James Heffernan, genealogist at American Ancestors/NEHGS, on Tuesday, October 11 at 2:00pm in the Simoni Room.

In this lecture, genealogist James Heffernan will present tips for getting started researching your Polish ancestry. He will discuss how to locate your ancestral town or village from American sources, how to navigate shifting historical borders, and what types of records were produced in each region.

About the speaker: James Heffernan, Genealogist has been with American Ancestors/NEHGS since 2015. He is a graduate of Boston College, where he worked in the conservation department at the John

J. Burns Library. His previous work experience also includes an internship at Plimoth-Patuxet in Plymouth, Massachusetts. James is a frequent contributor to American Ancestors magazine, the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, and Vita-Brevis blog. His areas of expertise include Central and Eastern European genealogy, with a particular focus on the former Polish territories of the Austrian, Russian, and German Empires. Other specialties include Eastern Canada, Colonial New England, and American immigration from 1890 to 1920.

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 in-person event. Sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

## 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 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.

### EXPLORE THE 21ST CENTURY LIBRARY WITH THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The Norwood chapter of the League of Women Voters (LOWV) is pleased to host the Morrill Memorial Library’s own Director, Clayton Cheever,

for an in-person program on the landscape of today’s library on Monday, October 17 at 6:30pm in the Simoni Room.

Learn more about the history of Norwood’s own library and how libraries are supported by the Massachusetts legislature. How have we served our community historically, how do we meet our community’s needs today, and how do we anticipate serving our community in the future? Clayton will highlight some of our library’s most popular services and new initiatives in this fun, interactive evening. Discover how having an active library supports a vibrant community.

This event is open to everyone, regardless of LOWV membership. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required; to reserve your seat, sign up at [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar), or call the Reference Desk at 781-769-0200 x2.

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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.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 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 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, 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 [johnrhalljr48@gmail.com](mailto:johnrhalljr48@gmail.com).

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**TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on October 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM** on the request of David Hern, Jr., Esq., (Case #22-22) with respect to property located at **169R Railroad Ave (Map 1 Block 1 Lot 5), Norwood, MA 02062, in the Central Business(CB) Zoning District.** The hearing will be held at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA 02062 and will also be available for remote participation via GoToMeeting:

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This Application requests a Special Permit under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Norwood Zoning Bylaw Section 3.1.5.F.9 [Principal Uses] to allow the use of the property as a dog daycare and kennel.

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 Zoning Board of Appeals and may be requested by emailing [sbouhard@norwoodma.gov](mailto:sbouhard@norwoodma.gov) Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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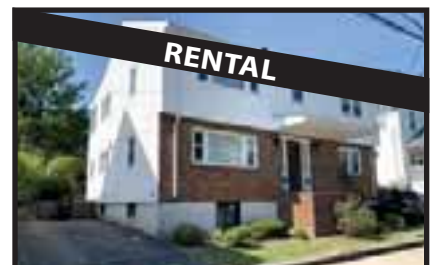
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