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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## ***"Our Town," National Night Out, Norwood Day and Concerts, Concerts, Concerts***

On Saturday, August 13, at 6:00 pm, the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers will present Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," the 1938 Pulitzer Prize winning drama, at the Historic Old Parish Cemetery. The play will be directed by Tom Frye and is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. ([www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com)). Gates will open at 5:00 pm for free admission and open seating. The play is not suitable for children under age 12.

On Tuesday, August 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Town Common, Chief Brooks and the Norwood Police Department will lead Norwood's participation in National Night Out. The goal of the night is to have police meeting residents, with everybody getting to know each other and committing to the ongoing goal of "making communities safer, more caring places to live and work." Share your stories, your questions and any concerns. There will be kids' games, cruiser demos, a tent selling t-shirts, and some giveaways. There also will be hot dogs, pizza, popcorn and drinks.

Like several other events, the Sunday Concerts on the Common will be weekly.

- August 7: Anton Fleissner, carillon, 2:00 to 3:00 pm.
- August 7: Portrait in Jazz, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

- August 14: Jennifer Herrmann, carillon, 2:00 to 3:00 pm.
- August 14: Tom Nutile Big Band, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
- August 21: George Matthew, Jr., carillon, 2:00 to 3:00 pm.
- August 21: Oberleandler Hofbrau Band, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
- August 28: Margaret Pan, carillon, 2:00 to 3:00 pm.
- August 28: Dan Gabel and the Abletones, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

The Norwood Historical Society's History Walking Tours continue on Tuesday evenings between 6:00 and 7:30 pm.

- August 2: Guild Square tour will begin at the parking lot of the First Congregational Church at 100 Winter Street.
- August 9: Town Common tour will begin at the parking lot behind Town Hall at 566 Washington Street.

Norwood is also offering Summerfest concerts on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, at the Gazebo on the Town Common.

- August 3: Acoustic Fire from Maria and Leon, rock, country and blues; Maria has Norwood roots.
- August 10: Back Pages, a rockin' trio new to Norwood, with another Norwood resident, who will be revealed at showtime!
- August 17: Squeezebox Stompers doing Cajun and Zydeco music.
- August 24: David Tessier's Band of All-Stars, with music from the 1960s and 1970s.

September kicks off with the return of Norwood Day, on Saturday, September 10, centered on the Norwood Town Common. Norwood Day buttons will go on sale soon at a cost of \$3.00 (or \$5.00 on the day of the event). Your button entitles the wearer to free food tasting and also helps pay for free events like rock climbing.

Go to [http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/norwood\\_day.php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/recreation/norwood_day.php)

for more information.

This year's parade will start at the Morrill Memorial Library at 10:15 am and end at the gazebo in the Town Common. Thousands of people will attend and enjoy the events, including over 200 tables, between 10:30 and 2:30. One of those tables will be by the Norwood 150 Committee. Come by and learn what's coming for the big finish of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, including new memorabilia and merchandise.

The Norwood Day weekend will begin with fireworks at Coakley Middle School, 1315 Washington Street, at 6:30 pm on Friday, September 9, where there will also be an interactive DJ, a Roaming Railroad, inflatables, games, and refreshments.